

THE RYDER

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FESTIVE CELEBRATIONS IN RYDE

Join us at the old school on Tuesday **December 10th** at 7 pm for some special community events.

SANTA'S COMING...

Members of the community are invited to attend a get together with their children. Refreshments will be served free of charge and there will be gift bags for the children. To help Santa make sure that every child who attends gets a gift, please call **Liz Holder** at **687-8577** and let her know how many children are attending and their ages, **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 5th**.

BAKED GOODIES GALORE!!!

Last year we held our first Christmas Baking exchange. It was a big hit and wanted to bring it back this year. It was such a success that a lot of the goodies never made it home as community members enjoyed their treats and chatted over coffee.

You are requested to package up your baked goods in quantities of 6 and then exchange your baking for some other terrific baked treats. You are also invited to enclose your recipe..if you dare. The baking exchange is being co-ordinated by **Jane Braden**.

THE REAL REASON FOR THE SEASON

Community members are invited to attend the annual **Christmas Program** at **Ryde Free Methodist Church** on Sunday, **December 22, 2002** at 10:30 a.m.

STARTING THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2003 12-5

Having a real Christmas tree this year and don't know how to get rid of it?? Join us on Saturday, **January 4th** and bring your tree to the playing field at the old school and for a donation to the co-op (a buck or two), we'll take care of it for you. Bonfire to start at 5pm as a wrap up to the days' events. That's not all..

Stephanie Walker, a fairly new member of our community, is arranging some fun and games for people of all ages with the help of two local high school kids earning their community service credits.

Of course, we'll also have our fabulous chili, hot chocolate & cider and other interesting surprises for you. We are hoping for lots of snow to allow for snowman making and snow sculpture, but this will depend on the weather and snow (right now that doesn't look like a problem).

CHURCH YOUTH RETREAT

The Ryde Free Methodist Church is planning its **annual winter retreat** that draws a lot of kids into our area. The date for this event is **February 7, 8 and 9**. Guest speaker is **Jackie Ayer** from Guelph and the entertainment is by **Drogue** from the Smith's Falls Free Methodist Church for a return visit.

FITNESS CLASS REGISTRATION:

A pre-christmas mini session gets underway next week: **Yoga** on **Mondays** at 7 pm with **Robyn Hill** and runs until December 16. \$10

Aerobics with **Sarah North Harris** on Wednesdays at 7 pm December 4-18 (In January our own **Stephanie Walker** will be taking the lead instructor role for this class). \$20

Pilates with **Sarah North Harris** on **Thursdays** at 7 pm. \$15

These mini sessions give people a chance to try out the programs.

SPECIAL REGISTRATION NIGHT FOR WINTER SESSION: Dec 19 at 7:45.

Pot Luck Dinner following Pilates Class (bring your own cutlery and plates) and sign up for the winter session programs. Can't attend and want to register? Please call **Wendy** at **687-4575** or email her at twsml.pilger@sympatico.ca

FIRST AID COURSE: Saturday, **January 18** and Saturday, **January 25** (recert attend January 18th only) Cost is \$80 for members and \$85 for non members. A non-refundable deposit of \$40 required to hold your place in class and to order in the materials for the program. Must register no later than **December 19th**. Maximum class size is 10 for first aid and infant/child/adult cpr so don't delay, sign up today.

The **Ryde Business and Services Directory** is going to press, so watch your mailbox for it and support out local businesses.

**ALL THE BEST TO YOU AND YOURS
DURING THIS FESTIVE SEASON ...PLEASE
ARRIVE ALIVE, PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND
DRIVE!!**