

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Deadline for September Newsletter articles: Friday 19 August

A big THANK YOU to Mike Brown for so many years of producing the Newsletter! A lot of effort in getting we readers to contribute and in finding, and often writing, interesting articles to keep us all informed, amused and entertained and always professionally put together.

A great job Mike, very much appreciated by us all.

Over to you Jo. Now there's a scary thought.... Jo chasing you for input!!

Colin & Cindy Wiltshire on behalf of the entire Parish



Village Fete raises a fantastic £2,723!!!!

**Well done to everyone who supported
All proceeds in aid of
St Catherine's Church, Winston's Wish,
Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court and Gloucestershire's
Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre**



The generous donations of bric-a-brac and books were enthusiastically sold by Martin and Sue R, the Chandler and the Smith families. They also took the left over items to local charity shops.



It was great to see so many villagers and visitors at the Fete on Sunday 17th July - the weather was extremely kind with only one small flurry of rain. The event was again held in the field adjacent to the church by kind permission on Ken Preece. There was a steady flow of cars which kept Brian B very busy running his own NCP in Troughton's field opposite (also kindly provided) and everyone was welcomed by the Churchwarden and Treasurer (Sue and Hazel) on the gate.

The Tombola was a sight to behold, 3 trestle tables full of goodies – thanks to Janet and Joan (and families) for organising.



The raffle was very well supported prior to and during the Fete. Thanks to Grahame T, Josie W and Coombe Hill Farm Shop for acting as raffle deposit points and Sue T / Jayne A/Richard & Viv T for dealing with/hosting the red postbox.

The winner of the 1st Prize was Joyce Annis – Congrats!

Thanks go to all donors: Grahame Tucker, Sue Ralph (Birdcage Crafts), Gloucester Rugby Club, The Gloucester Old Spot and many local tourist attractions.

Thanks to Cindy W, Karen & Jess B and the Robsons for running the BBQ, plant stall and raffle.



The refreshments team excelled themselves by providing teas, coffee, washing up facilities etc in the middle of a field – so many cakes! The team consisted of Carol, Kate, Josie, Lilian, Janine, Kim and Lynne – well done!

The positively hot afternoon meant that sales of ice creams were high keeping the Remfry family very busy.

Around the arena were a variety of side show competitions: Barry & Sue T organised a very successful crockery smashing activity and other activities such as horse shoe tossing, welly wanging, henny penny, guide the ball, quiots, splat the rat and the Phelps' skittles, were kept in order by Geoff S, Clive R, Pete H, Nicky W and Alison H.



As usual, the competitive side of fete goers came to the fore – Rob W and Harriet R ran the Arena/Tanoy with both adult and child competitions including tug-o-war, egg throwing, wheelbarrow and hoopla racing

Editor's Note: I appreciate naming helpers is a very risky thing to do – if I have forgotten anyone, please let me know and I will rectify in the next edition. Thanks to everyone who donated items, cooked cakes, bought raffle tickets, put up and took down marquees, volunteered (especially those who were volunteered by their partners!) and/or attended to make the event so successful for the 4 charities. Special thanks to those who stayed late to clear up and return items to the church or to their rightful owners plus Martin R for litter picking the field on the Monday.

Throughout the afternoon, there was a pleasant background sound provided by a traditional fayre organ kindly provided by Gareth Moseley.

Activities were not just limited to outside, inside the Church, Phil C took visitors on Tower Tours, Grahame T put on an impressive display of his woodworking skills and Margaret B and daughter Dawn H sold cards in aid of the Church.



Caption Competition: what is Keith telling these poor, unsuspecting ponies whilst he and Joyce organise horse racing in the Arena?



Just to let you know, I don't think I am able to do the Newsletter every month – therefore I have asked for the “Newsletter” to be placed on the forthcoming Parish Council meeting agenda (Wed 10 Aug, 7.30pm, The Leigh Church) for a full discussion regarding Editorship, printing, controversial articles policy etc etc – please come along if you have any views or are able to help in any way. The Newsletter is already supported by a silent band of 8 volunteers from The Leigh and Coombe Hill who deliver house-to-house every month – much appreciated.
Thanks – Jo Robson

DATES OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Wednesday 10th August 2016
Wednesday 9th November 2016
Wednesday 8th February 2017
Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 10th May 2017

The Leigh Church Services for August 2016:

14 th	6pm Evening Prayer
21 st	8.30am Communion
28 th	6pm Evening Prayer

St Catherine's Church, The Leigh, Loose Change Collection Boxes

Thank you for your contributions in these boxes and this half year it amounted to £143.56.
This goes towards the up keep of the church which as we know is also used as our community building.

Janine Bramley

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

To obtain an application form to enter the public ballot for tickets for The Championship 2017 (3 July – 16 July), send a stamped, self-addressed envelope from 1 September – 15 December 2016 to:

AELTCC, PO Box 98,
London SW19 5AE



Alternative Definitions from the Country

Bridle Way: how the groom has to do things once married

Five Bar Gate: how we walk home after a pub crawl

Barbed Wire: a pointed e-mail

Colin Wiltshire

Norton, Leigh & District 69th Horticultural Show



**Norton Village Hall
Saturday 13 August 2016**

SECTION A Vegetables and Fruit

- Collection of 6 kinds of vegetables
- Potatoes, coloured, 5 tuber, named
- Potatoes, white, 5 tuber, named
- Beet, 3, globe with approx 75mm of leaf stalk
- Carrots (one colour), 3, long pointed
- Carrots (one colour), 3, other than long pointed (eg stump rooted)
- “5-a-Day” Collection of 5 kinds of fruit and/or vegetables
- Onions, 5, 250g or under
- Onions, 5, grown from sets
- Onions, 3, globe
- Shallots, 5, size and shape to count
- Shallots, 9, pickling
- Cucumber, 1, grown under glass or outdoors
- Cucumber, 1, mini (named)
- Runner beans, 9 pods with stalks
- Longest Marrow
- French beans, 9 pods with stalks
- Celery, 2, green or blanched (tied)
- Courgettes, 3, 100-200mm in length or, for round cultivars approx 75mm in diameter
- Peas, 9 pods with stalks and bloom intact
- Selection of Micro-Vegetables and Salad Leaves displayed on side plate
- Cabbage, 1 head
- Parsnips, 3 with approx 75mm of leaf stalk
- Pair of Leeks
- Any vegetable not scheduled
- Tomatoes, 6, ripe
- Tomatoes, 1 truss, grown outdoors
- Tomatoes, 9, small fruited or cherry
- Novice Class – any Class above
- Dessert apples, 6, named, stalks intact
- Culinary apples, 6, named, stalks intact
- Dessert pears, 6, named, stalks intact
- Soft stone fruit, 6
- Dish of mixed fruit – nuts allowed
- Growing culinary herbs, 3 culinary varieties
- Misshapen vegetable

SECTION B

Cut Flowers and Pot Plants

- A bowl of mixed Roses (6 stems)
- 1 spike of Gladiolus
- 1 vase of perennial flowers – 1 variety
- Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed
- 3 stems of mixed Fuchsias
- Dahlias, 3 decorative or 3 cactus
- 1 rose stem – floribunda – any variety
- A jug of mixed flowers from your garden

Flower Arrangements

- Exhibit of flowers & foliage “South America 2016”
- A fresh flower oblong pillow depicting a national flag
- A miniature arrangement of flowers and foliage
- Container arrangement of flowers and foliage – (Novice Class)
- A pot plant, flowering
- A pot plant, foliage
- Succulent in a pot

SECTION C

- Bottle of homemade wine, red or rose, sweet, named
- Bottle of homemade wine, red or rose, dry, named
- Bottle of homemade wine, white, sweet, named
- Bottle of homemade wine, white, dry, named
- Bottle (min 35cl) of homemade Sloe Gin
- Bottle (min 35cl) of homemade Damson Gin with Orange
- Bottle (max 1 litre) of homemade Cider or Beer (homebrew or kit)
- Bottle (min 35cl) of Fruit Cordial (own recipe)

Cakes and Preserves

- Classes 60 – 63 there are to be no trade names on jars or lids*
- 1 jar of jam, soft or stone fruit
 - 1 jar of lemon curd
 - 1 jar of chutney, any kind
 - 1 jar of marmalade, any kind
- Classes 64 - 68 should be covered by cling film*
- Men Only: Loaf of Savoury Bread using British Flour (any recipe and not baked in a breadmaker)
 - 5 Lemon Curd Squares (recipe in Schedule)
 - Date, Apple and Walnut Loaf (recipe in Schedule)
 - Traditional Victoria Sandwich (own recipe, max 3 eggs, jam filled – no larger than 8”))
 - 4 Showstopper Cupcakes – any theme (judged on appearance only)

SECTION D

Children aged 16 years and under

- Decorate a pebble (any size)
- Homemade Board Game from recycled materials with a green/garden theme
- 5 Olympic fairy cakes

Children 12 years and under

- Chocolate brownie cake (recipe in Schedule)
- Decorate an egg box – Olympic theme
- Create a Scarecrow to sit on a chair

Children aged 7 years and under

- Picture of a snail, slug or frog (any medium)
- Decorated potato – Olympic theme
- Sock puppet

SECTION E

Miscellaneous Open Classes

- Courgette (not marrow) Baby – dressed!
- 1 photograph – “Fungi” (max 6” x 4”) - any subject
- 1 photograph depicting Water (max 6” x 4”))



The detail for each Class has been reduced in order to fit into the Newsletter.

For a FULL Schedule and Entry Form, please email joanna.robson@btinternet.com and one will be delivered!

Entry forms need to be at Daniels Orchard by Tuesday 9 August

The Show has been going for over 60 years and we need for it to continue – there must be something that you could enter??

Karen Beeson



Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic Lost and Found

Found in the Barn: 1 cream handled butter knife – owner, please contact Jo