

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2017
To all parishioners of The Leigh, Evington, Coombe Hill
and all other readers in the wider community



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 18 December between 2 & 4 pm (thanks Paul and Jane Austin) Denes Hollow will become "Santa's Sorting Office", where village children - and a few helping adults - will sort the post and then deliver within The Leigh/Evington. All children from The Leigh and Coombe Hill are most welcome.

For all of those interested, please post your cards into the Christmas post box situated outside Little Holborn, Church Lane from 10 December. All cards should display a surname to help the little elves - no need for addresses. The last posting day will be Sunday 18 December at noon.

With regard to households with dogs running loose and preventing delivery to your post box, post may be left on your gate etc.

Suggested donations from £3 would be gratefully received, in aid of the James Hopkins Trust, please also place in post box in a signed and sealed envelope.

The James Hopkins Trust is a charity which provides practical help for severely disabled, life threatened and life limited young children with nursing needs, aged 5 years and under, living in Gloucestershire.

Any enquires/details of participating elves to Jo Robson 680257 or Jane Austin 680691.



St Catherine's Church The Leigh

Services for December:

4 Dec – Evening Prayer 6pm

11 Dec – Worship Together 10am The Worship Together Service is a family service with hymns accompanied by band of keyboard, guitar and singers, includes acting out a story with "volunteers". There is a food collection for Tewkesbury Food Bank. If anyone wishes to give to the food bank but not attend the service, tins etc can be left in the church before that Sunday.

18 Dec – Holy Communion 8.30am

24 Dec – Christmas Eve Carol Service 6pm



Roger's "Special Request"

Having nearly completed the conversion of the Church Hall, I'm searching for photos to hang of life inside the school as it was in its day.

I have a copy of the book written by Margaret Morse which contains really memorable photos of the school. I'm aware some of them have come from Gloucester Records Office, but I wonder if anyone has any other prints of the school and would be willing for me to copy, enlarge and then hang!

You can call me on 680997 or just drop in for a coffee!

Roger Brown - The Church Hall

Hello To You All

I know it's a bit late, but thank you for your wonderful presence for us at Mike's funeral which turned into such a celebration for him.

I felt I must write to you all to say that I have just had a lovely letter from the Sue Ryder Hospice thanking us for the splendid donations totalling almost £1,300.00. This wonderful charity allowed us to look after Mike at home until he died; their support was fantastic, so I thank you all for your generosity. Thank you - so very much.

Please keep in touch - and I hope all is well with you.

With love, Marian

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Our last meeting saw several new members being involved in active discussions about the future of our Parish covering topics such as business, footpaths, road safety, schools and health provisions.

At our next meeting these topics will be reviewed further and we will begin our first look at seeing where future housing and business development may take place over the next twenty years.

If you are interested you are invited to the next meeting at The Swan on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm.



Weather permitting there will be a Village Walk on Friday 30 December at 1pm.

Meeting in the layby on A38 and walking to and from The Glos Old Spot for light refreshment!!

All welcome with or without dogs.

Nicky 680976 or Sue 681187



A lovely morning in The Leigh after hedge cutting (photo by Derek Brandon)

NORTON WI

Christmas Meeting

Thurs 8 December

7.30pm

Norton Village Hall

"Magic Lanterns"

Speaker: Patrick Furley



For further info contact: Madeleine Clifford 01452 730682

Church Magazine 2017

For those who subscribe to the Parish Church Magazine, the subscription for 2017 will remain at £6 and is due in January.

Creative Christmas 2016



Many thanks to everyone who supported the charity fundraiser at Daniels Orchard on 20 November – it was a fantastic turn-out.

Sales are still ongoing at Coombe Hill Farm Shop, Viv Theyer's Hair Salon, Vanilla Hair & Beauty Salon (Rachel Budd) and Norton School's Christmas Fayre (3 Dec).

A full report in next month's newsletter.

FESTIVE QUIZ

1. Which form of clean 'transport' do Norwegians hide away somewhere in the house on Christmas Eve as a precautionary measure?
2. What kind of animal delivers gifts at Christmas in Syria?
3. In which European country do malicious creatures called Kalikantzaroi get up to mischief around Christmas?
4. Who composed the music for the festive season ballet 'The Nutcracker'?
5. Which two figures deliver gifts in Russia during the festive season?
6. What does the word Christ mean?
7. Which plant did the Celts refer to as 'all healer'?

Answers
1. Brooms (in order to keep the witches away) 2. Camel (one of the wise men's camels) 3. Greece 4. Tchaikovsky 5. Little snowflake (Snegurochka) and Grandfather Frost (Dedushka Moroz) 6. 'Anointed' from the Greek Xristo 7. Mistletoe

Free Christmas Parking Date in Tewkesbury

TBC is working with local business networks to support Small Business Saturday, a national initiative that encourages consumers to 'shop local' and support small businesses in their communities. It will take place on Saturday, 3 December and free parking will be provided in Tewkesbury and Winchcombe council-run car parks on that day.

Bin collection day changes over Xmas and New Year:

Normal Collection Day

Monday 26 Dec

Tuesday 27 Dec

Wednesday 28 Dec

Thursday 29 Dec

Friday 30 Dec

Revised Collection Day

no collections

Wednesday 28 Dec

Thursday 29 Dec

Friday 30 Dec

Saturday 31 Dec

Monday 2 Jan

Tuesday 3 Jan

Wednesday 4 Jan

Thursday 5 Jan

Friday 6 Jan

Tuesday 3 Jan (catch up food collection from the 26.12.16)

Wednesday 4 Jan

Thursday 5 Jan

Friday 6 Jan

Saturday 7 Jan

Monday 9 January – collections back to normal



The Leigh Orchards

Apple Juice 2016

£2.50 p/bottle

Apples grown in The Leigh

Juice extraction & pasteurisation in Woodmancote

Available from Daniels Orchard:

joanna.robson@btinternet.com/680257

All proceeds to Riding for the Disabled (Hartpury)

Historic England - Local Historians wanted

Historic England is asking for local history groups and individuals to share their knowledge and pictures of listed sites, so that they can record important facts about them, and even unlock the secrets of some.

The National Heritage List for England has almost 400,000 entries, from palaces, piers and pigsties to cathedrals, windmills and rollercoasters. These are the most significant of England's buildings and places, ensuring that they can be protected for the future.

Can you help?

If you have stories to tell and pictures to share about a listed place, Historic England would love you to take part in their project.

You can share photos, whether old or new, add details of historical events or social history, record later changes since a building was listed, and add information about the architecture or archaeology

To find out more and to sign up as a contributor, please visit www.historicengland.org.uk

More contributions are needed for the Newsletter. Please contact me with your articles, news, photos or suggestions during 2017. Many thanks, Jo

