

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Deadline for October Newsletter articles: Friday 23 September

Sad news that lovely Mike Brown passed away peacefully at home at Stonehouse Cottage on Tuesday evening, 23 August. Marian, Jay and Lou were with him and he was happy. He is so loved.

Michael's funeral will be a Humanist Ceremony to be held at Cheltenham Crematorium, Bouncers Lane, Cheltenham, GL52 5JT on Thursday 8 September at 11.15am in the South Chapel. He wanted people to wear colour if they so wish. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to 'Sue Ryder Hospice @ Home' to be sent to Alexander Burn, Funeral Directors, 22 Church Road, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 8LR. Thank you. Marian, Justine, Louise, Rex and Ella

## Yet again The Leigh competitors triumphed at the Horticultural Show on Saturday 13th August

The overall winner was Jo Robson being awarded 5 trophies and gaining Best Exhibit in both flower arranging and Section C: fruit cordial.



It was great to welcome a debutant couple to the Show, namely Nicky Walters who was placed with her mini cucumber and came second in the novice vegetable class with runner beans; and Rob Walters who was placed second for his cider – being runner-up to first-placed Martin Robson.

The younger competitors also did the village proud. Harriet Robson was winner of the under 16's section and awarded Best Exhibit. She also won the Best Overall (under 21's) cookery exhibit by winning the open Victoria Sandwich class. Emma-Jane Austin came first with her decorated egg box and highly commended for her chocolate brownie cake. Georgina Austin was placed with her Olympic-themed egg box and decorated pebble.



Sue Withers was highly commended for her Sloe Gin which she kindly donated to the charity auction, held during prize giving, which helped raise £107 for the Great Western Air Ambulance.



The Committee meet on the 12th September to review the Show – ideas for next year's show classes would be most welcome.

Hours of preparation: tying leeks and root vegetables, measuring shallots, arranging flowers, mounting photographs, matching apples, following recipes, decanting homemade wine and creating courgette babies made for another successful Annual Show. Despite a fall in the number of exhibits, mainly due to the weather, the number of competitors was static and everyone enjoyed the thrill of neighbourly competition.



Mary Chandler was awarded first prize for her courgettes, apples and floral arrangement entitled 'South America 2016' and gained second prizes for roses and gladioli. Jane Austin came first with her cucumber and third with apples and pears.



The team competition was jointly won by two teams this year, with 11 out of a maximum 12 points in nominated classes - one team came from The Leigh: Jo, Martin & Harriet Robson (junior) and Rob Walters (new entrant) and will proudly hold and display the Harry Wilks Challenge Shield for 6 months.



**Karen Beeson  
Chairman**

# OUR VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

At the August Parish Council meeting various Newsletter issues were discussed.

The cost of externally printing the 110 copies across 12 months would exceed the parish budget of £100 p/annum – (Mike had produced/printed in-house).

Various options were explored:

- all parishioners would be encouraged to opt to receive the Newsletter by email, thus reducing the printing costs;
- the Newsletter could be produced every other month;
- Parish businesses could insert an advert for £5 per/edition
- increase yearly Parish precept (within TBC Council Tax) by £2-£3 p/annum

It was agreed to try to reduce the number of printed copies delivered before taking the step to produce the Newsletter bi-monthly.

The new Editor explained that she would not include any 'controversial' articles and asked that any such parish issues be addressed through the Parish Council. She also disclosed that a newsletter reader had highlighted a grammatical error in the August edition (how kind!!!), therefore if someone could volunteer to proof-read, prior to printing, that would be appreciated!!!

Following the request for guest editors – Stella Barnes has volunteered to create the November edition. Anybody else?

Therefore, if you are able to receive the Newsletter electronically, instead of in paper form, please send email details to [joanna.robson@btinternet.com](mailto:joanna.robson@btinternet.com)

Very many thanks Jo



Mr Bird will be visiting The Leigh on Friday, 16th September. His charges are the same as last year - £30 per flue and a certificate will be given as evidence for insurance companies.

Everyone on my list will be contacted but any newcomers to the village who would like their chimneys swept please ring me - Anne Hidson on 680244

## COBALT

### CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE

10.30am – 6.30pm  
Thursday 13 October  
at  
The Dovecote  
Sandhurst Lane  
Sandhurst GL2 9NR  
(past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake  
Please come and bring your friends

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who gave prizes for the Fete tombola, a magnificent sum of £197.40 was made.  
Thank you all.  
Joan and Jan



## Norton and The Leigh Local History Group



### UGLY MUGS - GREAT GLOUCESTERSHIRE GARGOYLES

with our speaker John Putley

Norton Village Hall  
Monday 26 September  
Doors open 7pm for coffee, biscuits and a chat  
Speaker 7.30pm

Everyone welcome  
Entrance £2.00  
Contact Sue Phelps 01452 831280

## NORTON WI

September Meeting  
Norton Village Hall  
7.30pm  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Pam Slater will be speaking to members on  
"Garden Lore"  
Followed by refreshments and judging of  
small flower arrangements.

Come and join us on the night or phone  
Madeleine Clifford on 01452 730682 for  
further information.

### The Leigh Church Services for September:

4 Sept - Evening prayer 6pm  
(11 Sept Benefice service at Sandhurst 10am)  
18 Sept - Holy Communion 8.30 am  
25 Sept - Evening Prayer 6 pm

Diary Note: Harvest Festival and Lunch - 16  
Oct, 11am, team-led



Diary date:

## Creative Christmas

Sunday 20 November 2016  
The Barn  
Daniels Orchard  
11am – 1pm

All proceeds to: Cheltenham Cobalt Cancer Unit, Dementia UK and Riding for the Disabled.

Many thanks to all those who have already donated buttons, fabric, bottle bags, ribbons etc. Special thanks to Sue Ralph for her HUGE donation of craft items. The sewing machines, knitting and crochet needles are currently all very busy.

Jo, Karen & Jess

## Last Friday in the Month

This month we have celebrated 4 years of our enjoyable Last Friday of the Month evening, using St Catherine's Church as a community building in which to meet.

We (a group of adult and children villagers) just turn up with something to drink – its BYO plus nibbles and other goodies that we feel like bringing.

It is a great way to catch up and say "hello" to those of us who live in our local area, very low key and casual. Everyone is welcome.

A sign goes up in the village at the top of Church Lane and Blacksmith Lane as a reminder a few days beforehand. If you would like to know more, have a word with Brian & Janine on 680336, Sue & Barry 681187 Jane & Paul on 680691 or Peter Hawkins 680486, a few of those who have been going along right from the very beginning.

Janine and Brian