

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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**Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show**

## Annual Plant Sale

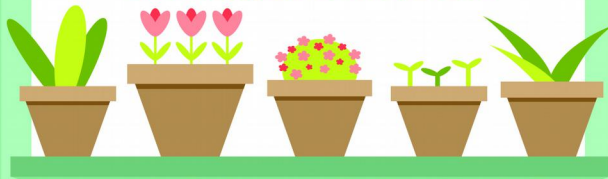
**Friday 5 May 2017**

Norton Village Hall \* 7.00 – 8.00pm

**Annuals \* Bedding \* Herbs  
Hardy Perennials \* Vegetable Plants  
Everyone Welcome, Free Admission**

*All proceeds to help stage the Horticultural Show  
on Saturday 12 August 2017.*

**Over 90% of plants are less than £2.00**



Should anyone have plants to donate, please drop off to Daniels Orchard from 2 May – look forward to seeing you all on 5 May, green fingers or not!

So much going on in May and June – hope your social diaries can accommodate!

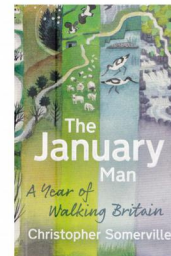
### Christopher Somerville

The Times Walking Correspondent

Talks about his latest book featuring his childhood spent in The Leigh and around Apperley, Norton and Wainlodes

"Britain's favourite walker. A truly wonderful, uplifting book, bursting with life."

Nicholas Crane  
BBC TV 'Coast'



"Somerville is a great wordsmith and could write about mud and make it interesting."

Patrick Hosking  
The Times

**book signings & sales**



**Wednesday 31 May**

7.00 pm for 7.30pm

St. Catherine's Church, The Leigh GL19 4AF

£5 including refreshments

Proceeds to Coombe Hill Nature Reserve and St Catherine's Church, The Leigh

**Reservations Recommended**

email [sophie.hanby@happerley.co.uk](mailto:sophie.hanby@happerley.co.uk) or call Sally Topham on 01242 222 848

### St Catherine's Services:

May 7th Evening Prayer 6pm

May 14th Worship Together 'Christian Aid' Service 10am preceded by breakfast at 9am in St Catherine's

May 21st No service

May 28th Evening Prayer 6pm

**Messy Church** at The Leigh on June 4<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to those who put flowers in the Church at Easter.

### Palm Court

You are invited to partake of

### AFTERNOON TEA

within St Catherine's Church, The Leigh from 2.30pm until 4.30pm on Saturday 3rd June 2017



Musical accompaniment will be provided by The Majors

Cost: £7.50 for over 16's,

£5.00 for under 16's and free for under 5's

Please reserve your tea by telephoning before May 31<sup>st</sup>

Hazel 01452 857180/ Sue 01242680835



One of the many trees we drive past, which reminds us of the work of village volunteers, led by Mike Brown, to enhance the beauty of our village.

Photo: Derek Brandon

### Norton Village Hall

If you have any views about Norton Village Hall or wish to learn more about this volunteer-led community building, why not nip along to:

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 9 May**

**7.30pm**

**Coffee and Homemade Cakes**

**Parish Newsletter** There are 3 ways to receive this newsletter: a) delivery by village volunteer; b) via email or c) via the parish website. If anyone wishes to move away from hand-delivery to email or website, please let me know. Thanks. Jo



## Why "The Leigh"?

Whilst outside working the other day, I bumped into a gentleman taking photographs near the village pond. It turns out that he's a history academic, and he was doing some background research for a talk he's giving at Deerhurst Church in September. I chatted to him for about half an hour, and learned about how the village might have got its name, how it might have earned a living, and why it's laid out the way it is. It was all most interesting, and I recommend anyone keen on local history to attend the talk:

**"The Deer of Deerhurst: Landscape, Lordship, Custom and Ritual"**

Dr Graham Jones (University of Oxford)

16th September 2017 at 7:30pm  
Tickets including a glass of Wine and Cheese  
£5 (Students £3)

Martin Robson

## Norton and The Leigh Local History Group

### BRING AND SHARE SUPPER

Yew Tree Farm, Norton  
Wednesday 24th May at 7pm  
£4.00 donation to our chosen charity

### 'Send a Cow'

Complimentary glass of Pimms

Everybody welcome

Please contact Sue Phelps: 07754 668898 / 01452 731280



## NORTON WI

Thurs 18 May  
7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall  
"Resolution & Members' Collections"

All welcome



For further info contact: Margaret Edwards 01452 731218

## Newsletter Articles

Thank you to everyone who produced articles for this month's publication – most appreciated. Jo



Many thanks to everyone who purchased Easter goodies from Coombe Hill Farm Shop in aid of the Cheltenham Cobalt Unit (part of Creative Christmas 2018) which raised £65.50. Thanks also to Sam and the Farm Shop team. Karen, Jess & Jo

This Quiz Evening has evolved as a result of everyone's enjoyment of the Bingo Evening in March.

It has not been done as a fundraiser but just a bit of fun – however, I would imagine it will become very competitive!! I hope you are able to get a team together – if not, we will sort out on the night. It would be helpful if a team representative could give me a head's up so that enough quiz sheets are available.

After purchasing Winners and Losers prizes, any monies left over will be donated to St Catherine's Church as we will be running up their electricity bill.

If anyone is able to help with the setting-up of tables and chairs or acting as quiz answer checker, please let me know. Many thanks. [Jo Robson](#)

## Norton, Leigh & District 70th Horticultural Show

VEGETABLES, FRUIT, FLOWERS, WINE,  
PRESERVES & CAKES



To be held at  
**NORTON VILLAGE HALL**  
**SATURDAY 12 AUGUST 2017**

Doors open at 2.30pm  
Prizes will be presented by  
Mr Chris Evans: Dundry Nurseries  
at 3.30pm including an auction of donated class exhibits  
in aid of the The Butterfly Garden  
(A project for people of all ages dealing with disablment of any kind)  
Admission 50p (Children Free)

## Mobile Library

The Swan, Coombe Hill  
15:10 – 16:10

26 May 2017  
23 June 2017

## Next Full Parish Council Meeting/AGM:

10 May 2017  
@ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh

The schedule for the Horticultural Show is now available from the following: Janet (Broughton), Oliver (Hidson), Mary (Chandler) and Jo (Robson).

# Quiz Night

(Informal – it's just a bit of fun!)

**Saturday 17th June 2017**  
**St Catherine's Church,**  
**The Leigh**

**7.30pm start**

**£5 per team**  
**(maximum of 6 persons)**

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles  
Any profits to St Catherine's Church for kindly hosting

Norton Rugby Club

## Dinner and Dance

Saturday 13 May  
7pm – Midnight  
Norton Village Hall



3 course meal  
Music all night

Tickets: Jeremy Chandler 07979483324  
James Maher 07500919196