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The Church was full on the evening of the 31st May for a talk by Christopher Somerville (far left)

Christopher has written a book entitled *The January Man*, the first chapter of his book recounts his childhood as a resident of The Leigh. Christopher gave an entertaining and enlightening presentation about his book. He amused the audience with stories about his childhood in village and stirred nostalgic memories of times past and fond recollections of some well-loved village characters who are very sadly no longer with us. Christopher also writes as The Times Walking Correspondent. The evening raised £150.00 for the Church and £50.00 for the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. **Sally Topham**

St Catherine's Services:

2nd July Evening Prayer 6pm
9th July Worship Together 10am (Twigworth)
16th July Holy Communion 8.30am
23rd July Evening Prayer 6pm
30th July Benefice Service 10am (Boddington)

12th July Coffee at Josie and Frank's (Coombe Hill) from 10am. Free coffee for anyone helping with weeding the garden!!!




**Village Pond
Summer Tidy-Up**
Sunday 2nd July
10am - 12noon

Please join us if you can - bring your own tools and don't forget refreshments to enjoy once we've finished! **Nicky & Rob (Walters)**

BRAINS OF BRITAIN?

Amidst the subdued muttering you could nearly hear sixty brains hard at work at the quiz evening in St. Catherine's Church on Saturday 17th June.

The eleven teams, equipped with the necessary items for the night – paper, pencils, food and drink - listened carefully to Jo, after having organised themselves around their chosen table. Round One, “easy” Jo says, just to get you going, all answers start with 'B'.

Round followed round: history, geography, birds, people, cryptic. Meanwhile Karen was busily checking the answers and recording the scores. Every few rounds Jo gave the answers to much “ooing and aahing” and a few other comments!

The quiz progressed at a rapid rate, the 'mutterings' increased in volume, until after ten rounds and the answers had all been given it was time for the results and prizes.

Thanks go to Jess (B) who had been hard at work preparing some 'sad spoons' for the lowest scoring team and gold 'smiley spoons' for the winners – congratulations to them. The proceeds, £39, have been donated to St Catherine's Church for hosting.

2017 Winners:

Chris & Rita Remfry,
Alan Humphris & Claire
Bosley (Sandhurst),
Annalee Tidmarsh and
Martin Robson



Many people continued to stay and talk afterwards. It was great to see it so well appreciated by many in the village.

Brian Bramley

PALM COURT - what a spread.....

I walked into Leigh Church on Saturday 3rd June and was wowed by the scene before me. Many tables bedecked with pretty table cloths and fine bone china teacups and saucers with deliberately mixed designs. Countryside flowers and three tier cake stands, overflowing with scones and delicious homemade cakes of every description. Then large teapots arrived and parcels of hidden sandwiches, neatly cut with delicious fillings. Carol Swift and her sister Kate Schwan provided all the lovely refreshments, and must have worked many hours to do so! Well done to them! To provide the 'Palm Court' atmosphere Craig and Sarah Major really hit the spot with their music, a mixture of organ, flute, saxophone and Sarah's singing. Plenty of willing helpers for the washing up and plenty of plates brimming with leftovers were taken away. Around 50 people, dressed in their 'afternoon tea' Sunday-best, chatted and enjoyed a splendid occasion. £330 was raised for Church funds and so were our spirits. Watch this space for the next one!

Joyce Annis





Several members of The Leigh Art Club will be displaying and selling their artwork at the Exhibition detailed below:

Affordable ART
 at Forthampton

Come and enjoy an exhibition of paintings by local artists, all members of Kate's Art Club.

Refreshments
 Home made cakes, bacon or cheese rolls, tea, coffee, soft drinks and bar.

Forthampton Village Hall
 School Lane, Forthampton,
 GL19 4QB (Off A438/B4211)

Saturday & Sunday
8th & 9th
July
 11.00am - 5.30pm

Free Entry

Kate's Art Club meets throughout the week at Stanton and Corser, The Leigh, Chalfonts, Treleas, Forthampton and Eldersfield. For further information please contact Kate on 01452 840189 or email: kate@leighbelmont.co.uk. All proceeds towards Forthampton Village Hall Maintenance Funds.

Norton, Leigh and District 70th Horticultural Show.
Saturday 12th August 2017
Norton Village Hall
2.30pm

Why don't you have a go at entering? We have classes for the growers, cooks, art and crafts people, and you do not have to be at all professional! You may even win a small cash prize.

The show is a lot of fun, a place that you can make new friends and also learn skills along the way. Schedules and advice can be obtained from the following:

Chairman: Mrs Jean Smith 01452 730265
 Vice Chairman: Mrs Helen Smith 01452 730218
 Show Secretaries: Miss Jess Beeson 07894 037843;
 Mr Oliver Hidson 01242 680244
 Treasurer: Mrs Jo Robson 01242 680257



Helen Smith

Horticultural Show Schedule

Please check your gardens as you may have an entry for the Horticultural Show (12 August) – the vegetable section was detailed in the June Newsletter. Spare schedules are on Leigh Noticeboard or from a Committee Member named above.



Fruit

29. Dessert apples, 6, named, stalks intact
30. Culinary apples, 6, named, stalks intact
31. Dessert pears, 6, named, stalks intact
32. Soft stone fruit, 6
33. Dish of mixed fruit – nuts allowed
34. Cut herbs in a vase (with no more than 15cm neck diameter*) named
35. Heaviest apple – any variety

Cut Flowers and Pot Plants

From your own garden/allotment:

36. A bowl (not vase) of mixed Roses (6 stems)
 37. 1 beautiful bloom – single stem (flower or shrub)
 38. 1 spike of Gladiolus
 39. 1 vase of perennial flowers – 1 variety
 40. Sweet Pea, 9 stems, mixed
 41. 3 stems of mixed Fuchsias
 42. Dahlias, 3 decorative or 3 cactus
 43. 1 rose stem – floribunda – any variety
 44. A jug of mixed flowers (not flowers from shrubs) from your garden, space allowed 40 x 40cms, height not limited
 45. A pot plant, flowering, pot not to exceed 25cms*
 46. A pot plant, scented foliage, pot not to exceed 25cms*
 47. Cactus in a pot, not to exceed 25cms*
- *diameter from outside edge to outside edge at the widest part of the pot



Last month we featured this nest of caterpillars. Well, knowledgeable parishioners: Yvonne Arkell and Frank Wragg responded to offer up the **Spindle Ermine Moth!** (below)



However, whilst researching this piece – may I suggest that it could be the work of the Brown-Tail moth?

Lynn, can you remember if the caterpillars were black/hairy or creamy white with black spots? Thanks. Jo

Horticultural Show Plant Sale at Coombe Hill on 10 June

Many thanks to all those who purchased plants – it raised a further £137 towards putting on the Annual Show. Thanks also to the Farm Shop for hosting.



Full Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 9 August
 Wed 8 November

7.30pm
 St Catherine's
 Church, The Leigh

NORTON WI

Thurs 20 July
 7.30pm
 Norton Village Hall
 "Florida Everglades"
 Speaker: Ged Cassell
 All welcome



For further info contact: Margaret Edwards 01452 731218



Further to our 'Village Christmas Postbox' activity with donations to the Trust, I've been sent 10 raff b tickets and wondered if you we could try and sell them to raise a bit more money for them?

Prizes include:

Hampers
Restaurant & Attraction Vouchers
Gift Vouchers
Cinema Tickets
Household Items
Bottles plus many, many more!
Tickets: £1 each

Draw to take place at the Summer Fete at JHT, Kite's Corner, North Upton Lane, Gloucester on the 9th July 2017 at 4.30pm

Draw profits to the James Hopkins Trust.

If you wish to purchase, please contact me by 4th July on 0778 990 7270 or karenbeeson@gmail.com Karen Beeson

Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
 3.10pm – 4.10pm

21 July
 18 August
 15 September
 13 October



Don't forget the 'Last Friday of the Month' get together in the Church. All welcome - BYO nibbles and drinks.

Learn more from:
 Janine and Brian Bramley
 680336

Flower Arranging

48. Exhibit of flowers & foliage etc, front view effect, space allowed 61 x 61cms, height unlimited "Retail Therapy"
49. An arrangement – foliage only (no flowers or accessories) space allowed 46 x 46 x 46cms
50. "Time for Tea" arrangement in a cup and saucer (no accessories)
51. 21 years and under: arrangement in any vegetable using flowers and foliage (no accessories) – space allowed 46 x 46 x 46cms

Homebrew

52. Bottle (min 35cl) of homemade Sloe Gin – sponsored by Jeremy Phelps
53. Bottle (min 35cl) of homemade Liqueur – any flavour
54. Bottle (max 1 litre) of homemade Cider, Beer or Wine (homebrew or kit) - in memory of Dennis King

Cakes and Preserves

- Classes 55 – 59 there are to be no trade names on jars or lids
55. 1 jar of jam, soft or stone fruit (wax disk and cellophane top or a new twist top)
56. 1 jar of lemon curd (wax disk and cellophane top)
57. 1 jar of chutney, any kind (lids: vinegar-proof not cellophane)
58. 1 jar of marmalade, any kind (wax disk and cellophane top)
59. 1 jar of pickles/piccaililli (min 2 months old)
- Classes 60 - 65 should be covered by cling film
60. Men Only: Rock Cakes (any flavour) using British Flour –
61. Over 21's: Lemon Loaf Cake (recipe provided)
62. Swiss Roll – any flavour (buttercream filling, no decoration) (own recipe)
63. Moist Gingerbread (recipe provided)
64. Traditional Victoria Sandwich (own recipe, max 3 eggs, jam filled – no larger than 8")
65. 21 years and under: Lemon Loaf Cake (recipe provided)

Children aged 13 - 16 years only

66. Garden Mood Board (A3 max)
67. Box of 1 type of homemade sweets in homemade box
68. Design a CD case for your favourite singer

Children 8 - 12 years only

69. 'The Owl and The Pussy-Cat' Poem by Edward Lear – Handwrite first two verses with illustrations (max A4)
70. Garden in a Seed Tray
71. A4 Drawing of a Vegetable or Fruit – any medium

Children aged 0 - 7 years only

72. Animal made out of vegetables/fruit
73. A4 Collage – 'Pond Life'
74. A5 'Happy Birthday' Greetings Card

Miscellaneous Open Classes

75. Courgette (not marrow) dressed as a Super Hero! - max 15" x 15"
76. 1 photograph – "Spider's Web" (max 6"x4")
77. 1 photograph depicting Sunrise or Sunset (max 6"x4")
78. 1 black & white photograph "Churchyard" (max 6"x4")
79. Tallest Sunflower – in memory of Harry Wilks (measured in your garden within a radius of 20 miles of Norton)