

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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## THE GREAT HORTIC SHOW OFF

Well, what a wonderful effort by all – increased number of competitors to 62, with an increased number of exhibits (502) – in fact the hall was not big enough so some classes were housed in the committee room.

Thank you to everyone in The Leigh and Coombe Hill who are on the Committee and to all those who competed.



With only 8 points separating 1st and 2nd places Jo Robson and Janet Broughton were triumphant, taking four trophies and two 'best exhibits' certificates between them.



Competing for the first time were: Sue Thornton who gained a 3rd for her sloe gin and 2nd for bottles of liqueur and wine; Jane Dearing achieved a 3rd also for liqueur; Abbie Strong was highly commended for her rose stem but puts it all down to being once the garden of Harry Wilks! and Bob Broughton was given highly commended for his rock cakes.



In The Leigh, past exhibitors did really well: Joan Walker came 1st in lemon cake, 2nd with culinary apples and 3rd with her pears; Nikki Walters gained a 2nd for lemon curd and 3rd for her pot plant, wine, lemon cake and gingerbread; Mary Chandler achieved 1st with her culinary apples and heaviest apple, 2nd for roses, dahlias, rose stem and flower arrangement and 3rd for a jug of garden flowers and flower arranging again; Anne Hidson got a 1st for her marmalade and courgettes, 2nd for jam and 3rd for a truss of tomatoes, and Lilian Western was awarded 3rd for her runner beans, jam, chutney and marmalade.

Pancake Lane was represented by the Tuckers: Graham gained 1st in rock cakes and 2nd for his courgette 'super hero' and flower arranging skills; Lynne came 2nd with her gladiolus, gin, lemon cake and sunrise/sunset photograph, 3rd with flower arranging, and highly commended for dahlias and foliage-only flower arrangement.



Not to be outdone by the adults, Melanie Healey came 3rd with her lemon cake and highly commended for her victoria sandwich. Harriet Robson won the under 16s competition, 1st with her swiss roll (best exhibit), u21s flower arranging and vegetable, 2nd in victoria sandwich, 3rd in black & white photography and highly commended for her lemon cake and gingerbread.



Although not placed, we were delighted that Martin Robson, Barry Thornton, Rob Walters, Oliver Hidson and Anthony Gill made the effort to compete. A lot of these entries were in the men-only competition which had sparked serious competition between certain villagers.

The prizes were awarded by Chris Evans of Dundry Nurseries, who explained the work of the Butterfly Garden project which helps people of all ages dealing with disablement of any kind. The auction of donated exhibits raised £120 towards their continuing work.



Henry Milner-Benham of The Leigh won the UK Schools Shooting Championship in July over two weeks at Bisley. At 14 years old, Henry was one of the youngest entrants and part of the Pates Grammar School CCF team. **Well Done!**



### Don't forget!!!

Weather permitting, the parish rounders match will take place during the afternoon of Sunday 3 September @ Daniels Orchard from 3pm – bring your picnic tea and the sunshine - **all welcome, including family/friends.**

Should anyone wish to suggest a class for next year or wish to become a Committee Member, please contact the Show Secretary, Jess Beeson ([beesonjess@gmail.com](mailto:beesonjess@gmail.com))  
(Thanks Jess for all the above statistics!)

### NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

For those residents who have not completed and returned their questionnaires, a reminder that they should be returned by August 31st. The more input we receive the greater weight it will have in influencing future policy. If you haven't already responded please do so urgently.

Thanks, Colin Wiltshire  
on behalf of Parish Council





## Mobile Library

Coombe Hill  
3.10pm – 4.10pm  
15 September  
13 October



### Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 13 September (additional)  
Wed 11 October (additional)  
Wed 8 November (full)

St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh 7.30pm

### Village Sweep

It's that time of year to start thinking of log fires and roasting chestnuts. It also means chimneys have to be swept. Mr Bird, who came last year will be in the village on Tuesday, 3rd October; it's the first date he could give us as he said the season started a month earlier this year. The cost has remained the same, £30 per fire, and a certificate is given as evidence for insurance purposes. As usual I will contact everyone on my list from last year, and any newcomers to the Village who wish to be included just give me a ring, Anne Hidson on 680244.



## NORTON WI

Thurs 21 Sept  
7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall

"Gloucester  
Telecare"

Speaker: David  
Reynolds

All welcome  
For further info contact:  
Margaret Edwards  
01452 731218

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## Don't forget to get your tickets.....

### The Deerhurst Lecture 2017

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

by Dr Graham Jones (University of Oxford)



Earl Harold and his men ride to Bosham as a hunting party (from the Bayeux Tapestry)

16th September 2017  
at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Deerhurst

Admission on the door from 7pm

Tickets £5 Students £3

(includes a glass of wine and cheese)

Visit [www.deerhurstfriends.co.uk](http://www.deerhurstfriends.co.uk)

AGM of the Friends in the Church at 6.15pm

### Norton and The Leigh Local History Group

Monday 25th September  
Our speaker: John Putley  
and his subject is  
De-Animalibus - Medieval  
pets



Norton Village Hall  
Doors open 7pm for coffee  
Talk starts 7.30pm  
Contact Sue Phelps  
07754 668898

### COBALT CHRISTMAS AND GREETINGS CARDS SALE

10.30 am - 6.30 pm  
Thursday 12th October



at

The Dovecote  
Sandhurst Lane  
Sandhurst GL2 9NR  
(past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake  
Please come and bring your  
friends



### The Tour of Britain Vintage Jolly - Come join in the fun! Stage Seven - 9th September 2017

The 'OVO Energy Tour of Britain' (<http://www.tourofbrtain.co.uk>) is visiting the beautiful Cotswolds in September. Cotswolds Tourism believes this is a fantastic opportunity to show the rest of the world what the Cotswolds has to offer and promote cycling at the same time; the emphasis being on the traditional bicycle & leisure cyclist enjoying the rural countryside.

Great British Bike Build (GBBB) and the Tyndale 1891 Vintage Cycling Club, both of Gloucester, were approached by Cotswold Tourism to organise a 'traditional' bicycle ride that will visit Moreton-in-Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold and finish in Bourton-on-the-Water about an hour ahead of the main race. The idea being to provide entertainment for the spectators lining the route at key locations.

It is requested that ladies and gentlemen choosing to ride on the day will be dressed in their finest waistcoats, plus frocks, frocks and hats, wool and tweed.

Bicycles will be of a traditional style, old and new, authentic classics or vintage and if appropriate, fitted with baskets and bells.

The ride is fourteen miles long but those of you who are perhaps not endowed with the strength or the will to ride the full fourteen miles can join the event at the half way point at Stow-on-the-Wold. The second half of the ride is less strenuous and more akin to a Picnic ride.

The ride ends at Bourton-on-the-Water and participants are invited to take well earned light refreshment at the Great British Bike Build marquee prior to and after watching the Tour of Britain riders compete for points in the Sprint competition and the coveted 'Green Jersey' as previously won by Mark Cavendish.

Should you wish to join us on this most magnificent jolly and would like more information please email us with your contact details and a brief description of your bicycle at [info@greatbritishbikebuild.co.uk](mailto:info@greatbritishbikebuild.co.uk). There is a £10.00 per Rider Administration Fee (cheques payable to Great British Bike Build)

If you don't have a traditional style bicycle but would like to join in the fun you may hire from GBBB lovely Pashley bicycles made in Stratford-upon-Avon.

<http://www.greatbritishbikebuild.co.uk/index.asp?pageid=672852>

Yvonne Arkell

## Please Watch Your Speed



After a recent near miss with an animal, The Leigh Parish Council have been asked to remind drivers in the village that excessive vehicle speeds are inappropriate in what, in the absence of pavements, is a shared space.

In places even the speed limit of 30mph may not be safe. In perfect conditions with an alert driver even at 30mph stopping distance will be not less than 6 car lengths.

Also the time saved by travelling at 40mph is only 15 seconds to reach the furthest point in the village from the main road, that's less than the time taken to read this paragraph.

Due to the nature of our road network, it is as well to expect the unexpected, varying from large agricultural tractors and trailers, milk tankers and the like, through to cyclists and dog walkers.

To date we have a good safety record, long may this continue, so please don't exceed the 30 limit, it's not worth it.

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## St Catherine's Services:

3 September - Evening Prayer 6pm  
10 September - Worship Together 10am (Boddington)  
17 September - Holy Communion 8.30am  
24 September - No service