

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2018
To all parishioners of The Leigh, Evington, Coombe Hill
and all other readers in the wider community



St Catherine's Church Services:

3 December (no service) – Benefice Advent Carols
at Down Hatherley 6.30pm
10 December (no service) – Worship Together at
Twigworth 10am
17 December - Holy Communion 8.30am
24 December – Christmas Eve Carol Service 6pm
31 December – Benefice Communion 10am



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 17 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 Christmas cards 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 9
December. All cards **MUST** display a surname to
help the little elves - no need for addresses. The
last posting day will be Sunday 17 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 charity donations
from £3 would be gratefully
Received. This year we have
chosen Kidney Research UK
and Sue Ryder Home (Leckhampton) in fond
memory of Dan Theyer and Pete Walker. Please
place your contribution in a signed and sealed
envelope in the post box.



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

Local Development Meeting



The next important LDP meeting for The Leigh Parish is to be
held at St Catherine's Church on Wednesday 13th December at
7.30pm. Following the returns of the Housing and Business
Surveys completed in the summer - reports now available on our
web site www.theleighpc.org.uk - it is vital we determine what
sort of development we wish to see in our community. This
meeting will start to debate this vital topic along with some
other items needed in our final report. All parishioners are
welcome so if you are interested and concerned please come
along to the meeting.

Colin Withers: Leigh LDP Co-ordinator

Christmas Walk

Please join us by the pond at
1pm on Thursday 28th
December for our Christmas
walk. We have a few routes
to choose from but we will
decide on the day as some
parts could be under water!
It goes without saying that all
routes will include a
dog friendly pub so
don't forget your
wallets! Look
forward to
seeing you.

Nicky Walters
(07817 938411)



Norton Rugby Club
NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL
Norton Village Hall
Drinks Reception, Disco, Buffet
£15 Black Tie
hcooke@nortonrfc.co.uk

Peter Robson 1935 – 2017

Peter passed away on the morning of Sunday 12 November in Cheltenham Hospital. A
humanist service will take place on Friday 8 December at Cheltenham Crematorium
(South Chapel) @ 10.30am. Peter's wishes - no flowers.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards at the revised venue of Norton Village Hall
Committee Room – it will be a chance to exchange memories of this dear, private man.

Donations will go to the Amyloidosis Research Fund as Peter experienced this condition
of the heart. I've asked Chris Remfry to summarise the illness: "Amyloidosis is a
condition in which the body makes abnormal proteins which then infiltrate vital organs
including the heart, kidney and nerves. The underlying cause is still not understood, but it
can sometimes run in families, and is a progressive illness which can lead to organ failure.
Although not yet curable, many treatments are being developed to limit the effects of the
disease in affected individuals. Based at University College London, the Amyloidosis
Research Fund is an important charity which investigates the causes, diagnosis and
treatment of amyloidosis." (Thanks Chris)

Jo Robson

**COOMBE HILL
FARM SHOP**
(A38 TOWARDS TEWKESBURY)

TO CELEBRATE OUR
**3RD BIRTHDAY ON
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER
9AM – 1PM**

OPENING HOURS
THURS 10AM – 5.30PM
FRI/SAT 9AM – 5.30PM
SUN 10AM – 1PM
MON 10AM – 5PM

Browse our new ranges and
sample some delicious products.

Prepare for the festive season
with our range of charity
Christmas cards and gifts, and
order your home-reared turkey.

You can even pick up a
Christmas tree!

We sell home-grown lamb and pork
together with locally sourced beef,
chicken, honey and eggs. Our bread
and cakes are freshly baked and we
also have a variety of groceries as
well as fresh fruit and vegetables.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sam & Philippa Page

Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
3.10pm – 4.10pm
Friday 8 Dec
Friday 5 Jan
Friday 2 Feb
Friday 2 March
Friday 30 March



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 13 December (additional)
Wed 14 February 2018 (full)
Wed 9 May 2018 (Annual)

St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh 7.30pm

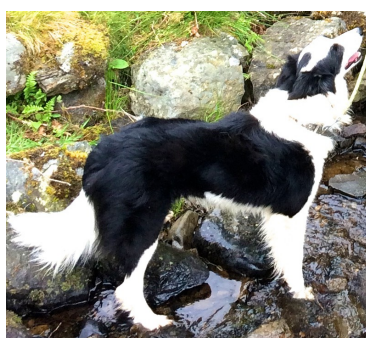


RNLI Fish Supper

The RNLI maintain rescue services not only at sea but also on beaches and, as we know, inland when floods occur. The organisation receives no formal government funding and relies on voluntary contributions to cover its £170m annual costs. All rescuers are volunteers and to raise funds they recently launched a Fish Supper event which Colin and Sue Withers supported by inviting some close friends to their own evening. A good night was had by all and the sum of over £200 was raised by generous donations.

If the event is promoted again next year Colin has promised to let others know through the Newsletter so maybe even more funds can be raised for this worthy cause.

Jo Robson



LAD NEEDS A HOME

Lad was born on a farm in Wales and was destined to be a champion sheepdog, working on the farm and entering competitions in his free time, just like all his brothers and sisters. Unfortunately Lad was born with a fear of SHEEP! He is now 3 years old and is unable to live on a working farm without earning his keep, so he'd like to find a nice home where he can be a family pet. If you'd like to give Lad a second chance call Stella on 681360.

Creative Christmas



Christmas cards, tags, garlands and other gifts are now on sale at
Coombe Hill Farm Shop
– all proceeds to charity



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 2017. Also thanks to Anita for proof-reading each month and to the deliverers who go out in all weathers.

Please remember if you do not wish to receive a paper copy of the Newsletter, please register on the parish website and receive it electronically. Please make Jo aware.



Please don't forget all kinds of books are on sale in the church. Donations of books are also always welcome.

GLASSES FOR ALL! Stella from Cyder Press Farm works in Cambodia on preventing the occurrence of street children. This often means helping parents to keep their family together under extremely difficult circumstances. One of her initiatives is to supply these amazing adjustable glasses which can be simply 'dialed' to focus. No need for an optician! And best of all one pair can be shared between several people by simply turning the dial. Stella is now selling the glasses in the UK and with every pair sold she donates another pair to a family in need. Glasses For All come in a range of colours and a carrying case and are £25 each. They make perfect Christmas presents! To find out more see stellaincambodia.com or if you'd like to try a pair or buy a pair call her on 681360.

NORTON WI

Thursday 14 December
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall

"Punch & Judy"

Speaker: Phil Collins



For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
01452 731218

FREE THERAPY OFFER:

To advance my diagnostic skills, I have recently enjoyed training to foundation level in Kinesiology, also known as muscle testing, which can reveal foods you are intolerant to or the vitamins or supplements you currently need, among other things.

So I can develop my kinesiology skills I am looking for 3 local individuals who would appreciate four free 1hour kinesiology sessions, one per month, at my clinic at Coombe Hill. If you are interested please ring me on 01242 680832 to discuss your interest.

Peace and love,
Lyne Shrubbs, Homeopath

The Spitfire Engine

Further to the article last month, Ken has furnished more details:

In February 1945 (during World War II) Spitfire EN 915 crashed unmanned just north of Leigh church. The pilot had baled out and it nosedived into the field "Dadworth" behind the church. The RAF removed the surface debris immediately (local lads still found some in hedges) but they left the deeply buried engine.

Attempts by research groups to locate the engine were made over the years without success. However, around 1995 Steve Troughton – two generations on – eventually managed to locate it and successfully exhumed it in a mass of clay.

The Spitfire had taken off from Defford airfield, and its damaged Rolls Royce "Merlin" engine is now back there, on display at Croome Court in the "Radar" museum together with a video of its recovery.

Ken Poulton

St Catherine's Church

Christmas Cards are currently on sale.

Anyone wishing to put a flower display in church for Christmas (oasis can be supplied), please contact Sue Roberts (clivesueroberts@gmail.com).

Thank you to all who have cleaned, arranged flowers, mowed/tidied the churchyard in 2017.



(Informal – it's just a bit of fun!)

Saturday 13th January 2018

**St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh**

7.30pm start

**£10 per team
(maximum of 6 persons)**

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