

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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## THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

At 3pm on Sunday 17th December, Denes Hollow was transformed (courtesy of Georgie Austin) into a truly magical Christmas sorting office. The 'little' Elves, Georgie together with William and Lara Tidmarsh (and a few 'big' Elves were very keen to set to work emptying the village post box to sort the mountain of Christmas cards inside).

Despite less Elves this year (due to prior commitments and illness), Georgie, William and Lara efficiently sorted the post into respective surnames, ready to be tied into neat bundles with raffia for delivery.

Our sincere thanks go to all the villagers who, once again, supported this annual charity event and made such generous donations. We are delighted to announce that an incredible total of £155.00 was raised and will be divided between Kidney Research UK and Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Court, in fond memory of Dan Theyer and Pete Walker.

As always, huge thanks must go to Jane and Paul Austin for hosting this event and for providing a generous assortment of tasty refreshments. Special thanks also go to Viv and Richard Theyer for kindly 'hosting' the post box at Little Holborn and for emptying the contents of the box each evening.

Finally, thanks to Jess Beeson, Annalee Tidmarsh, Jo Robson and Karen Beeson for their assistance!

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year! **Karen Beeson**



*Sue Ryder*

## Thank You.....

*Several parishioners have commented how lucky we are with our Parish Council, which has been particularly highlighted during the recent mains water burst and inclement weather.*

Thanks to Aidan Hawksworth, Richard Theyer, John Arkell and Alistair Hawksworth for giving up their time to ensure parishioners received bottled water during the recent water disruption.



Thanks also to all those who manually or mechanically cleared roads.

Councillor Wiltshire co-ordinating salt spreading in The Leigh with the assistance of Colin Withers and Josh Norris.



"Georgina" created by Harriet and Jessica



**CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE CHOIR** Brian Bramley arranged for a small group to sing an African song called 'Mayenziwe Ntando Yakho', translated as 'You will be done on earth, Oh Lord'. Brian and Janine came across it at one of their African reunions after they left Zambia. Rehearsals took place at five different homes – thanks for all hospitality shown.



Sam and Phillippa Page would like to thank everyone who attended the Coombe Hill Farm Shop Taster Morning on 9 December – other such events are planned for 2018.

Karen, Jess and Jo would like to thank Coombe Hill Farm Shop for selling charity Creative Christmas gifts (Cobalt Cancer Unit) and bottles of Leigh Orchards apple juice (Riding for the Disabled) – total monies raised £287. Fabulous!





## Mobile Library

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



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 14 February 2018 (full)  
Wed 9 May 2018 (Annual)

St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh 7.30pm

## NORTON WI

Thursday 18 January  
7.30pm

Norton Village Hall

"Colour Me Beautiful"  
Speaker: Sue Trevaskis



For further info contact:  
Margaret Edwards  
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Norton and The Leigh Local  
History Group  
Monday 22nd January

**TUDOR SWEARING, SEX  
AND LOOS:  
THE NAUGHTY BITS NOT  
SHOWN IN HISTORICAL  
DRAMAS**

Talk by Jemma Fowkes

Norton Village Hall  
Talk starts 7.30pm  
Entrance £2

There is no membership, just  
turn up and enjoy the talk

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

## MOVING AHEAD WITH NDP

Following several constructive comments at the last meeting, it was agreed we needed to move on quickly with the Neighbourhood Development Plan, especially in view of impending proposals for development at Coombe Hill.

It was agreed that we would use a local NDP plan at the next meeting as the basis of our discussion and concentrate on housing proposals for the future. All interested parties are therefore invited to the next meeting, to be held at Norton Village Hall on **Wednesday 3rd January** at 7.30pm- where it will be warm!!

Look forward to seeing you all then.

Colin Withers

# Quiz Night

(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

## Calling All Quiz Teams

I do hope you are getting your teams together – if not, we will sort out on the night. It would be helpful if a team representative could give me a heads up, so that enough quiz sheets are available. Please remember this is just a bit of fun!!

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 please let me know. Karen (Beeson) has already volunteered to be the answer-checker – I suppose I had better sit down and write some questions. Many thanks.

**Quiz Master**  
(joanna.robson@btinternet.com)



The Swan looked after 16 of us really well on 20th December. Thank you Chris Healey for organising! Think we'll make it a regular thing and will let you know next year's date in the October newsletter.

Nicky Walters

## St Catherine's Church Services:

7 January – Evening Prayer 6pm

14 January – Worship Together at Down Hatherley  
10am

21 January - Holy Communion 8.30am

28 January – Evening Prayer 6pm



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



**Creative  
Christmas  
2018**

In preparation for the 2018 charity fundraiser, please could you take any of the following unwanted items to Daniels Orchard:

- used bottle bags.
- wool (full or part ball), fabric, buttons, ribbon etc.
- baubles, cones etc.
- old/vintage china crockery, e.g. cups/saucers, plates, kitchenaria, shopping/display/hamper baskets etc.
- any dried pieces of wood which could be converted into candleholders etc.

Karen, Jess and Jo

## CHURCH MAGAZINE 2018

For those who subscribe to the Parish Church Magazine, the £8 subscription for 2018 is due in January.

A fantastic turnout for the Christmas walk to The Red Lion. A little soggy in places but we made the most of a bright and sunny afternoon. Thank you to everyone who joined in, we will do it again in the summer and arrange food on arrival. Watch this space! Nicky Walters

