

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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"Pink Flamingo": Jeremy & Lucy Chandler, Tom & Laura Iveson and Mr Mead



Finally a new village quiz team was declared the winner and "Pink Flamingo" was duly presented with winner's medals. The losing team "2 Drunks & A Driver" was presented with wooden spoons.

A great village evening, requiring lots of work to organise. So very many thanks to Jo and Karen. **Brian Bramley**

Saturday 13th January saw St Catherine's Church transformed into a hot-spot of cerebral activity – a quiz evening, again organised and compèred by Jo Robson, ably assisted by Karen Beeson.

Nine teams battled it out as the questions came thick and fast – the answers not quite so readily. The contestants revived themselves frequently with the food and drink they had brought with them. In between each round Jo provided the previous round's correct answers to the accompanying cheers or groans.



CAN THERE BE ANYTHING GOOD TO COME OUT OF THIS? Well yes, a day after the Fire Brigade came with 4 appliances and miraculously saved our thatch, oil tank and a year's supply of wood, they returned and highlighted all the fire hydrants in the village (now painted yellow), so it might be an idea for residents to find out where their nearest one is. Two elderly homeowners have also decided to replace their fridges and freezers and some have looked again at their home insurance and chimney sweep certificates, which are necessary in the event of a claim.

Our thanks go to the Fire and Rescue service who arrived within minutes of our phone call and although possessions were lost there was no injury to any person or animal.

Oliver & Anne Hidson

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH?

1. GLOUCESTER FOODBANK: the second Sunday in the month is a Benefice Service during which donations of food are collected for the Foodbank.

If you would like to donate to this, but are unable to go to the service, please put your donations (in date and non perishable) at the back of the Church.

2. COFFEE MORNING:

Saturday 10th March,
10am to noon.
Easter cards will be on sale.



3. FLOWER FESTIVAL: is planned for 28/29 April. We would like to call on all gifted flower arrangers or anyone who can put a flower in a vase, and growers in The Leigh/Coombe Hill, and their friends, to help. There will be a meeting on 6 March at 6.30pm, any ideas of a theme are very welcome now.



Also, thank you to all the quiz-goers who raised £75 for church funds – this kind of donation keeps the Church open for all. **Hazel Cotton and Sue Roberts**

THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX 2017

Copies of the thank you letters from both Kidney Research UK and Sue Ryder Hospice - Leckhampton Court will be displayed on the village notice board from the 1st February for anyone who wishes to peruse.

Thank you again to all the villagers who helped to raise a grand total of £155 which was divided between these two worthwhile causes. **Karen Beeson**

Save The Date:
Après Royal Wedding
Picnic and Rounders
Sunday 20 May
2.30pm
Daniels Orchard
(weather permitting)



Lambs in the Parish

Children and grandchildren are most welcome to come and see:

- Daniels Orchard
from 7 February

- Coombe Hill
Farm Shop Car
Park from 15 February



Spring must be just around the corner!

NORTON, LEIGH AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Diary Dates:

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 5 April, 7.30pm, Norton Village Hall - all welcome, come and meet people and make friends, we have a lot of fun (we also eat a lot of cake!).

Plant Sale - Friday 4 May, 7pm-8pm, Norton Village Hall. Come and buy very reasonably priced herbs, perennials, vegetable and fruit plants plus bedding. Free entry.

Plant Sale - Saturday 9 June, 10am-1pm, Coombe Hill Farm Shop by kind permission of Sam and Phillippa Page.

Annual Horticultural Show - Saturday 11 August, Norton Village Hall. More to unfold at a later date.....
Helen Smith (nee Chandler)

Valentine's Day

Creative Christmas has a range of gifts and cards on sale at Coombe Hill Farm Shop from 1st Feb – all in aid of Cheltenham Cobalt Cancer Unit



Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
3.10pm – 4.10pm

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 15 February
12.30pm
(please note time)
Norton Village Hall

Birthday Meeting
"Songs from the
Shows"

Carole & Malcolm



For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
01452 731218

Norton and The Leigh Local
History Group
Monday 26 February

Gloucester Cathedral's Great East Window:

Let's Forget Crecy

Talk by Richard Cann



Norton Village Hall
Talk starts 7.30pm
Entrance £2

There is no membership, just
turn up and enjoy the talk
Sue Phelps 07754 668898

St Catherine's Church Services:

4 February – Evening Prayer 6pm
11 February – Worship Together at Sandhurst
10am
18 February – Holy Communion 8.30am
25 February – Evening Prayer 6pm
(14 February – Ash Wednesday Service at
Boddington 7pm)



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

Following my plea for more articles, two villagers have kindly written
about their work and hobby – thanks Catherine and Colin. If anyone
else wishes to write about their interests, business or hobby please let
me have details and I will use when I have space. Jo

Cambridge
Weight Plan
Independent Cambridge Consultant

Many of you will remember me from years ago riding my various ponies and then horses around the village, as life goes on so did I. When I
grew up I moved to the Cotswolds, met and married Leigh, then we had Grainne!

I came across the Cambridge Weight Plan when Grainne was 7 months old and had decided it was time to get on and lose the baby weight.... in
1 week I'd lost 7lbs and in 2 months an incredible 2 stone! I was delighted! I then discovered that I was pregnant again....! Pregnant women are
not allowed to follow the plan so I stopped and then decided I would like to help others in the same way and so went about training up to
become a Consultant myself.

I became accredited in January 2017, around
the same time that we moved back to the
village. I worked predominantly from home
with 1 day a week visiting people in their
homes.... my client base built up quickly as
word spread! Rosie came along in April and I
barely paused to have her. At two weeks old
she was out visiting clients with me and has
become quite the CWP mascot! Grainne is
happier staying with Nana but I tend to mainly
work around the 2 days she is at nursery.



I have recently taken on a premises in Cheltenham, it's on the
High Street where Sue's Crafts used to be (next door to The
Strand!). I have a Facebook page C.G Independent Cambridge
Weight Plan Consultant and all the details about the plan are
there.

I'm so passionate about my business - it's so fulfilling and I feel
so lucky to be able to make a massive difference to people's lives
as well as building a future for my children - feel free to stop me
and ask about it all when you see me out walking in the village
with Grainne and Rosie... obviously I offer a villagers discount!

Catherine Glazebrook (nee Mayer)

I restore old photos as a part-time hobby/income and I've been doing
this since 1995.

The one thing I do have over the mobile phone and places like
'Snappy Shots' on the high street is I offer a more personalised service
so people bring the photos along to me or they can scan them if they
have the facility and upload the images to my website.

From there I keep in constant communication with the customer
sending them images to review by email so that they get exactly what
they want as a final image.

I can provide printed images up to A3 on glossy, satin or matt paper
and canvas if required. I am also able to provide even bigger pictures
by using outsourced suppliers but the one thing I can guarantee is that
the original photo/image people give me never leaves my possession
so you won't find it ending up on some obscure website.

My specialism is restoring really old (1900)
photos and I pride myself on what I have been
able to achieve with time and patience. This
typically involves removing scratches and creases,
replacing body parts (without the aid of a scalpel
or anaesthetic) and improving the tone of a photo
reproducing it in either black and white or sepia
depending on the period the photo was taken. I
can even colourise a black and white photo!



Have a look at the website www.cdimaging.net and explore the
various possibilities of what can be achieved with both old and more
recent photographs. For every photo restored a donation of 20% of the
complete restoration cost (repair and print) will be given to St
Catherine's Church.

Colin Dearing, Old Well Cottage

TABLE TOP SALE

7th April 2018
11am - 1.00pm
Norton Village Hall
In aid of Norton Church Funds

Tables to book:
£10 for large table, £5 for small.
Bookings to Jean Smith
01452 730265
or Lark Briggs 01684 540470



Enjoy your Pancakes on
Shrove Tuesday. For a
change, why not mix some
marmalade into your batter
before cooking?

COOMBE HILL FARM SHOP

INVITES YOU TO BACON BUTTY BRUNCH

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2018
10AM - 11.30AM

Whilst considering your meat, fruit and
vegetables for the week, why not sample our
home produced bacon, fresh rolls and British
sauces in a complimentary bacon butty?

f Coombe Hill Farm Shop @coombehillFS



Find Us:
Tewkesbury Road
Coombe Hill GL19 4BH

Opening Time:
Thurs 10:00am - 5:30pm
Fri/Sat 9:00am - 5:30pm
Sun 10:00am - 1:00pm
Mon 10:00am - 5:00pm