

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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St Catherine's Church was transformed into a happy hub of friendliness and creativity.

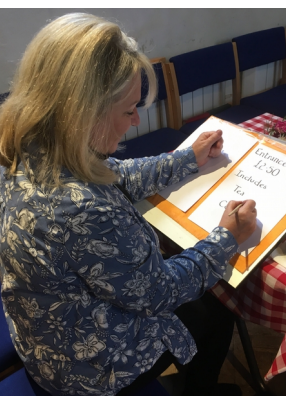
## CELEBRATING CREATIVITY

In the porch Karen M invited us all to write a message and attach it to her calligraphy tree.

St Catherine's Church, The Leigh  
Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 April

Entering the church and turning left we came upon Creative Christmas' lovely vintage wares for sale in aid of Dementia UK and handmade crafts in aid of the Cheltenham Cobalt Cancer Unit. In the window above was Jo R's incredibly clever arrangement celebrating Vegetables. Could you turn a pepper into a flower?

Next came Geoff S's table selling a variety of plants, he began planting seeds as soon as a flower festival was announced.



The choir stalls were home to several crafts, from painting to cross stitch and lots more. Grahame T had displayed two beautiful carvings by the altar, tulips and an aspidistra which were crying out to be touched. Josie W, Harriet R and helpers were successfully persuading visitors to add to funds with a tombola. Next to this Sue R had a celebration of childhood with toys from several eras and a fairy garden in its midst.



Entering St Stephen's chapel we came upon The Royal Wedding. So many lovely arrangements in a small space and all worthy of Windsor Castle! Prince Harry and Meghan could, quite rightly, only be viewed from the back. The couple were surrounded by flowers of all sizes and displayed at varying heights, it was difficult to know where to look. Mary C and Helen S had done the royal couple proud.



Love was in the air on the font with Lynne T's two half rose hearts becoming one in celebration of Valentine's Day. Lynne's celebrations continued into the next window, New Year's Eve. The flowers and artefacts and colours took you back to December 31st. Celebrating Music from Josie, instruments and music scores were hidden amongst the flowers just hitting the right notes. The last display was a commemoration of the end of WW1. Short histories of the fallen of The Leigh were displayed amongst poppies by Margaret B.



Lastly magnificent cakes appeared, as if by magic, from the bakers of the village and beyond to be enjoyed by all, with the refreshments arranged by Hazel C and manned by hardworking friends. Frances Y provided popular organ music to add to the day. Thanks goes to those who manned the door, donated additional flowers/foliage and especially those who came along to support.

Thank you is not really enough reward for all the work resulting in over £600 being raised for Sue Ryder, Leckhampton and St Catherine's screen fund.

Sue R & Joyce A

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

## Annual Plant SALE

Saturday 9 June 2018  
Coombe Hill Farm Shop  
10am - 1pm

Everyone Welcome, Free Admission

All proceeds to help stage the Horticultural Show  
on Saturday 11 August 2018

Over 90% of plants are less than £2.00





## Mobile Library

Coombe Hill  
3.10pm – 4.10pm

Friday 22 June  
Friday 20 July  
Friday 17 August



## Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 13 June (Prov Planning)  
Wed 11 July (Prov Planning)  
Wed 8 August (Full)  
Wed 12 Sept (Prov Planning)  
St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh 7.30pm

HA, HA, HA .. HEE, HEE, HEE .. HO, HO, HO

Come along and join Norton W.I on Thursday 21 June

at 7.30 pm (at Norton Village Hall), when Sharon Branagh will talk about 'Laughter Yoga' and demonstrate some simple exercises for everyone to try!



This is an 'open meeting' (you do not need to be a member) so do join us for a fun-filled evening!

Cost: £3 to include refreshments

## St Catherine's Church Services:

3 June – Evening Prayer 6pm  
10 June – Worship Together 10am (Sandhurst)  
17 June – Holy Communion 8.30am  
24 June – Evening Prayer 6pm

### WAINLODE WALKERS



We meet every Friday at 9.30am for a walk of about 4 hours, exploring local landscape and history.  
Sue Phelps 07754 668898



## CONGRATULATIONS CHARLOTTE!

Charlotte collected her Gold Duke of Edinburgh award at Buckingham Palace last week from The Duke of York, Prince Andrew. A fantastic day for daughter and very proud Mum. Having just completed her first year at university Charlotte and her little black Peugeot are back in the village until October, currently looking for a summer Job, if anyone knows of any opportunities please do let us know. **Karen M (Prospect)**



A heartfelt 'thank you' to all my friends and neighbours in The Leigh for all the good wishes, cards and visits. I am likely to remain in hospital for some time and it gives me a real boost to hear from you all.

**Cindy W**



Colin and Jane have a few small straw bales for sale – used as seating for their daughter's recent wedding. £2 p/bale (must be able to collect). Please contact Jane (jane.dearing@btinternet.com)



## Official Scorecard

Match 1 (everyone out):  
Team A 11.5 rounders  
Team B 15 rounders

Match 2 (best of 20 balls):  
Team A 3 rounders all out  
Team B 5.5 rounders

## A RIGHT ROYAL ROUNDERS MATCH!

On the gloriously sunny Sunday following the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, a handful of villagers got together to celebrate the event.....in a Rounders Match!

The Robson Family kindly organised and hosted this jolly event – the field had been mown, the pitch marked out and there was even pizza and cake for the hungry players. Those with 4-wheel drive cars took the opportunity to drive off road into the field and up the Bund to park and get a great view of the match. Following picnics and fizz for dutch courage, we were split into teams and the game began.

Under the strict (but fair) instruction of Ref Jo Robson, we had a competitive and closely fought match. There were no sending offs (although some came close!), no injuries (well, not serious ones anyway!), lots of rounders and half-rounders, a few spectacular catches and plenty of lost tennis balls!

It was a really fun event – many thanks to Jo, Martin and Harriet for organising and hosting the event and to everyone who turned up to play and support. **Rita R**



## General Data Protection Regulation

As a result of a recent change in legislation, I will now only use abbreviated names on reports. However if you use your own name and contact details within a submitted article, I will assume you are happy for me to include these in the newsletter. **Jo R**

**Hortic Show Schedules** – don't forget to get yours from either Jo R, Oliver H, Mary C or Janet B. There are also a few on The Leigh Noticeboard (by postbox)