

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Happy Christmas and Prosperous 2019
To all parishioners of The Leigh, Evington, Coombe Hill
and all other readers in the wider community



St Catherine's Church Services:

2 December – Advent Sunday Worship Together at Sandhurst 10am
9 December – Mission Weekend Benefice Holy Community at Boddington 9.30am
9 December – Mission Weekend Service Longford Village Hall 11am
16 December – Holy Communion 8.30am
23 December – no service at St Catherine's
24 December – Christmas Eve Carols 6pm
24 December – Midnight Mass at Down Hatherley 11.15pm
25 December – no service at St Catherine's
30 December – Benefice Service at St Catherine's 10am



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 16 December between 2 & 4 pm (thanks Paul and Jane) 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 8 December. All cards MUST display a surname to help the little elves - no need for addresses. The last posting day will be Sunday 16 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 donations from £3 would be gratefully received, this year we have chosen Kidney Research UK and Sue Ryder Home (Leckhampton). Please place your donation in a sealed envelope in the post box.

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

Quiz 17 November



Thank you to all the teams that participated – the winners being: **'No Prospects'** (left) with 109.5 points
Close at their heels were:

Quizmas Special (only 1 point behind)
Without A Nerd
Hells Bells
Fool Hardy &
N71 – (pictured with their spoons)



Thanks to Harriet and Jess for scoring. A donation of £45 has gone to the Church towards the heating and lights used that evening. **Well done everyone!**

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING AT 3 TOWERS

The Leigh Ringers along with other towers throughout the nation commemorated the end of the Great War by ringing the bells at St Catherine's at 12.30pm on 11 November. This was followed by a hearty lunch at the Queens Head, before returning to St Catherine's to begin a trio of tower rings which also included Prior's Norton and Sandhurst.

Many thanks to all those who took part which created some of the best striking the band has produced. **Grahame T**



ANNUAL VILLAGE DOG WALK

If you fancy a bit of exercise this Christmas – join us for a walk from The Leigh to The Gloucester Old Spot. We are meeting in the lay-by, opposite Church Lane, at 12.30pm on Sunday 30 December.

The walk will take us across fields so welly boots recommended! Non dog owners welcome.

See you there, Dawn and Rog
(The Church Hall)

Polite Reminder

If you are planning New Year's fireworks, it would be courteous to make neighbours aware so that arrangements can be made for dogs, cats, horses etc (and sheep!)



Thank you from all pet and livestock owners.



COOMBE HILL FARM SHOP

(A38 TOWARDS TEWKESBURY)

**JOIN US FOR A TASTER MORNING
SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 9AM-1PM**

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 & Phillipa Page

Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
3.10pm – 4.10pm

Friday 7 December
Friday 4 January
Friday 1 February
Friday 1 March
Friday 29 March



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 12 Dec (Prov Planning)
Wed 9 January (Prov Planning)
Wed 20 February (Full)
Wed 13 March (Prov Planning)
Wed 10 April (Prov Planning)
Wed 8 June (Annual Meeting)

St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh 7.30pm

NORTON WI

Thursday 13 December
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall



HILARIOUS HATS

Speaker: Alexandra
Stanbrook

For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
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St Catherine's Church Loose Change Boxes



This half yearly collection of these boxes has amounted to £176.36.

Once again very many thanks for your contributions, it all helps to pay the Church expenses.

Janine B



As from the first week in December the petrol garage at Coombe Hill will become a Morrisons Daily.

To allow the changes to happen smoothly the garage will be closed for approximately one week from 25th November.

The car wash service will no longer remain.

Vivienne T



THE LEIGH WAR MEMORIAL

St Catherine's Church were presented with a folder entitled 'The Leigh War Memorial' which was researched and compiled, for the village, by the Norton & Leigh History Society in 2014.

The pages record the lives and photographs of the 7 villagers who died in WW I. It also documents those who served in WW II.

The folder has been available in St Catherine's for people to read and borrow. It is no longer there and we think the last person to borrow it has forgotten they have it. We would love it to be returned to the Memorial Shelf for others to read and appreciate the sacrifices made in WWI for us all.

Sue R and Ken P

STICKY COCKTAIL SAUSAGES

- Uncooked cocktail sausages
- 1 jar mango chutney

Empty jar onto sausages mix well together. Cook in oven for 30/34 mins on 180. Stir halfway through.

You are left with very sticky tin but flavour worth the pain. Sefton



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 2018. Also thanks to Anita for proof-reading each month and to the deliverers who go out in all weathers.



Thank you to everyone in the village who have welcomed Emme, so kindly and generously, into the village.

Hannah & James R



Homemade Christmas Puddings will be available for sale at Coombe Hill Farm Shop as part of the Creative Christmas charity fundraising from 1 December.



Are you aware of the Hermes Parcelshop drop-off at the Coombe Hill petrol station?

Christmas Wreath making in The Leigh

There are still a couple of places available for
Saturday 8 December
St Catherine's Church
11am – 2pm
£15

Please contact Ann-Marie asap
(Ann-marie@festivallaw.co.uk)



DRYING HERBS



Reading through an old American cookery magazine I came across an article for 'drying' herbs in the fridge. I tried this and was amazed at the results. Admittedly I have only used parsley and chives but others can be dried in the same way. I finely chopped the herb which must be freshly picked and not washed, then put into a bowl, uncovered, into the fridge and left for a week or two, maybe a little longer. It doesn't matter if you forget about it, it won't spoil. The finished product retains its bright colour and is crisp and fragrant. Put into jars and use during the coming year. I still have an abundant crop of parsley so will be chopping away for the next week or two! More culinary tips next month. Anne

Be Alert!



Machinery was taken from a garage in The Leigh on Saturday 24 November.

A grey Ford transit (containing driver and 2 passengers - part registration taken) was spotted cruising the village on Saturday 17 November @ 2pm, the same transit was caught on CCTV at 12.10am on 24 November.

Coincidence?
Please be vigilant!!!

Creative Christmas

GET INTO THE FESTIVE SPIRIT FOR CHARITY

From 1st December, Creative Christmas are delighted to offer you a beautiful selection of our handcrafted decorations, giftware, cards & more at Coombe Hill Farm Shop.

A perfect opportunity for a spot of festive shopping with 100% of each purchase being donated to our chosen charity Cheltenham Cancer Cobalt Unit.