

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Christmas Eve Carol Service



Thank you to all the readers, hand bell-ringers, organist, refreshment providers and the Christmas Choir (led by Brian B) for their contribution to the Carol Service on Christmas Eve – well done!



WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



You may have noticed some fabulous Christmas door wreaths around the village and Coombe Hill over the festive season. We had a great time making them at the wreath making event at the Church on the 8th December.

Thank you to Lynne T and Jo R for organising the materials and for the invaluable guidance on the day.

It was brilliant event and I learnt so much in such a short space of time. I was really pleased it was so well supported thank you to everyone who came along.

It was great to see everyone coming in with buckets full of foliage and varying arrays of Christmas decorations and then a couple of hours later leaving with lovely wreaths, no two the same. It might not be clear from the photographs but we had a feather wreath, shotgun cartridge wreath, traditional wreaths and every variation in between!

We were kept very well hydrated and nourished with an endless amount of tea and mince pies so thank you to the two splendid helpers Sophie and Connor who helped out with that.

It was great to be able to hand over the sum of £168 as a donation to the church from the money raised from this event.

It would be lovely if this could be a regular event.

Ann-Marie W



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 16th December at 2pm, Santa's Little Elves started to arrive for their most important shift of the festive season.

Denes Hollow was transformed into a magical hive of activity as the village post box was emptied and Christmas card sorting began. New members of the team; Sid Jnr, George and Isaac quickly got to grips with organising the bundles into their respective surnames ably assisted by the more experienced Elves; Emma-Jane, Georgie, Harriet and Lara.



The 'big' Elves were ensconced in the kitchen equipped with raffia to ensure the bundles were neatly tied ready for delivery.

As always our sincere thanks goes to all the villagers who supported this annual charity event and made such generous donations.

We are delighted to announce that an incredible total of £140.00 was raised and will be divided between Kidney Research UK and Sue Ryder – Leckhampton Court.

Many thanks must go to Jane for hosting this event and for providing a generous assortment of tasty and healthy refreshments. Special thanks also go to Viv and Richard for 'hosting' the post box at Little Holborn and for emptying the contents of the box each evening and also to Barry for collecting the box on the 16th and delivering to Denes Hollow.

Finally thanks to Jess, Annalee, Jo, Jane, Lucy and Karen for their assistance! Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Karen B



Ready for the off..... Dog walkers and non-dog walkers preparing for their hike across the fields to The Gloucester Old Spot on 30 December. When's the next one???

Jo R



Mobile Library

Coombe Hill
3.10pm – 4.10pm

Friday 4 January
Friday 1 February
Friday 1 March
Friday 29 March



Parish Council Meeting dates:

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 17 January
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall



MINDFULNESS
Speaker: Sharon Branagh

For further info contact:
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Norton and The Leigh
Local History Group
Monday 28 January

Birch, Beer & Bibles
With Kirsty Bingham
The John Moore Museum

*"Kirstie will be
bringing her
birchstick so you'd
better behave!"*

Norton Village Hall
Hall open from 7.00pm
Entrance £2

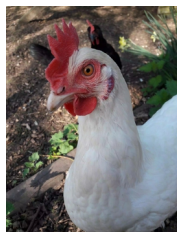
Sue Phelps 07754 668898



THE LEIGH WAR MEMORIAL Thank
you for the return of 'The Leigh War
Memorial' file to the Church – please
take a look when next in St
Catherine's Church. Sue R

HAYLEY'S HENS

For the past year I have been selling my chicken's eggs
outside Bishops Cottage down Blacksmiths Lane. I
started off with 6 chickens in October 2017 and a year
later I have 20! I thought I would introduce you to the
flock that have provided some of you with tasty breakfasts
and scrumptious cakes.



My first 6 girls were point of lay hybrids, a cross between two pure breeds
which are expected to lay approx. 280 eggs per year. So far the winter daylight
hours hasn't seen a reduction in egg supply but last summer the flock struggled
in the heat and went on strike for a while. Perhaps they decided to have a
summer break! The first day they arrived I kept the chickens in their coop and
let them out into their large enclosure the following morning. Expecting the
girls to start exploring their new home two took flight over the 6ft fencing and
landed on top of the green house! After a lot of panic and arm waving we
coaxed them back in...I realised then I had a lot to learn about these feathered
creatures! Once the hens knew where they belonged they very much enjoy the
free range life! Before keeping poultry I thought, like many, they were bird
brains but chickens are very intelligent, have unique personalities and a
complex social hierarchy. They can even recognise 100 different faces.

'River' as pictured is a Cotswold White Star and is one of the top hens in my
flock. She was never that interested in my company until I started turning the
soil in the lavender garden. 'River' soon figured out that this is where the best
bugs live...bribe a chicken with food and you'll have a friend for life!
To be continued...

Hayley S

CANINE PARVOVIRUS



You may already know that we very sadly lost our puppy Bert
at 14 weeks old. The post mortem report has confirmed he
contracted the very rare form of Parvovirus that has no visible
symptoms but it destroys the muscles in the heart and causes
heart failure. He had been fully vaccinated.

We wanted to make all dog owners aware that Parvovirus is
therefore in The Leigh and would strongly urge you to check
your dogs' vaccinations are up to date. It is a highly contagious
viral disease that is spread from dog to dog or by direct or
indirect contact with their faeces. It is usually fatal.

Nicky & Rob W

St Catherine's Church Services:

6 January – Epiphany Carols at 6pm
13 January – Benefice All Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am
20 January – Holy Communion at 8.30am
27 January – Benefice Holy Communion at Boddington, 8.30am

February 2019 – Parochial Church Council are planning a food-
based evening as a Village Get-Together – details to follow.



'Last Friday in the Month' Get-Together

We had the pleasure of
helping Janine and Brian
celebrate their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on 30
November at the "Last
Friday of the Month" Get-
Together at St Catherine's
Church.

There will be a short break
from the Get-Togethers over
Christmas and the New Year.

However we will resume in
2019. All welcome. Dawn A



CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

26 villagers enjoyed the
annual Get-Together on 13
December at The Swan,
Coombe Hill.

Many thanks to Chris H for
organising.

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Fancy creating a Summer
Fete this year?

There will be a preliminary
meeting on Wednesday 27
February at St Catherine's
Church at 7.30pm.

Ideas and thoughts
welcome.

Any questions:
Sue R & Hazel C
(clivesueroberts@gmail.com)

FISH & CHIP SUPPER

Villagers enjoying a Fish & Chip Supper in St Catherine's Church on
24 November to celebrate the installation of the new heating system.

