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Coffee & Pancakes

Saturday 9 March 10am St Catherine's Church

Pancakes freshly made to order

Delicious Cakes
Lots of Easter Cards – don't wait for
Christmas to get in touch with friends
Books at discount prices



Pumba the micro pig: the adorable pet with his own Instagram account

Pumba can be seen, out and about in The Leigh, with his Dalmatian friends, Beau and Brody.

He lives a life of luxury with Callum and Abbie chomping on banana chips, cranberries, pig pellets and vegetables. He's fully house-trained and will go outside to the toilet for a reward – when he wants to come in he jumps up at the door.

Callum and Abbie describe him as a very sassy pig.



Nippers To Visit the Spring Lambs at The Leigh

When: Tuesday 5 March 10am – 11.30am Where: Banna Tra, Blacksmiths Lane (2nd house on the left off A38)

What: Meet at 10am, walk to see the lambs then head back for tea and biscuits

Bring Wellies! £1.50 p/family as usual with all proceeds going to Norton Play Space Project*

*The Norton Play Space is a project run by local volunteers to raise funds for a play space, with playground equipment, for families of Norton and surrounding villages on Norton Playing Field.





Very happy to announce the arrival of Ted to The Leigh at the end of January. As you can see he's already doing his bit for the village! We're out and about with him now so we look forward to introducing you all some time soon. Nicky & Rob W

Curry in the Nave at St Catherine's

Look closely at the photograph, can you spot yourself? Maybe you missed it – and there was a lot to miss. Five curries with a casserole option, plus puddings, coffee and tea – and a glass of wine if you didn't have a bottle with you. Sue produced a head-scratcher of quizzes which was taken very seriously, and quite naturally a raffle was held.

A really good village evening. Many thanks to Sue, Hazel, Karen and Mary for the curries. Interesting – during all the fun of the evening a small quantity of rice was spilt and quite wisely it was suggested it would be better to clear up in the morning when the rice had dried a little. By the morning the rice had disappeared – thanks to our resident furry creatures! Phil C



Mobile Library

Coombe Hill 3.10pm – 4.10pm

Friday 1 March Friday 29 March



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wed 13 March (Prov Planning) Wed 10 April (Prov Planning) Wed 8 June (Annual Meeting)

St Catherine's Church, The Leigh 7.30pm

Parish Magazines

Many thanks from the PCC to Janet G for sorting out the magazines, distributors for delivering every month and to all subscribers for their prompt payment. Sue & Hazel

A plea!

Some older residents of the local parishes no longer drive, but would love to carry on attending the Friendly Fridays on the first Friday of each month at Down Hatherley Village Hall (10.30am - noon).



If you could spare about 20 minutes once a month please contact Margaret 01452 730744 or Irene 01452 731910.



Bathed in Sound!

I recently had the experience of a 'Sound Bath'.

New to me but, in fact Sound Baths or Singing Bowls have been used for healing since ancient times. Their sound frequency can be used to re-tune the body physically and emotionally, bringing the body back into a state of vibrational alignment and harmony.

The facilitator creates the sounds by using a gong on various crystal bowls which are made of 99.9% pure quartz with added blends of gemstones, minerals and metals.

Their sound is pure and resonant and the idea is to try and meditate, relax or even go to sleep (and snore as one of the participants did on my course!).

Everyone takes away something different from it – some have been known to have an 'out-of-body' experience! Mine was much more straightforward – in this age of high tech multitasking, it was a refreshing and relaxing experience.

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show Annual General Meeting

Monday 8th April 2019 Norton Village Hall 7.30pm Everybody welcome DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Church Coffee Morning Saturday 13 April Venue: tbc



Please Watch Your Speed

To date we have a good safety record, long may this continue. Please don't exceed the 30 limit, it's not worth it.

Norton and The Leigh Local History Group Monday 25 March

The Royal Progress through Gloucestershire in 1535 (Henry VIII & Anne Boleyn) By Alan Pilbeam



Norton Village Hall Hall open from 7.00pm Talk starts 7.30pm Entrance £2 All Welcome

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON WI

Thursday 21 March 7.30pm Norton Village Hall



ASSOCIATED COUNTRY WOMEN OF THE WORLD

For further info contact: Margaret Edwards 01452 73121800

Annual Church Parochial Meeting 2019

Wednesday 10 April @ 7pm Nature in Art

At this meeting Revd Suzanne Skepper will report on the past year in the Benefice. The meeting also receives a financial report from Derek Wright (benefice treasurer). Following this part of the evening individual parishes hold their own AGM. Representatives are elected to serve on The Leigh PCC and at Deanery level. Reports are given on the previous year at St Catherine's including a detailed financial report. All persons on the electoral roll of the church may attend the AGM and vote for representatives to serve on the PCC. The electoral roll is revised every 6 years, 2019 being the year it is revised. Anyone over the age of 18, baptised and regularly attending St Catherine's during the last 6 months is entitled to be on this roll.

For a form, please contact Sue R (01242 680835) before 22 March 2019

St Catherine's Church Services:

- 3 March Evening Prayer, 6pm
- 6 March Ash Wednesday at Norton, 6pm
- 10 March Benefice All Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am
- 17 March Holy Communion, 8.30am
- 24 March Evening Prayer, 6pm
- 31 March Benefice Mothering Sunday at Down Hatherley, 10am



If anyone has any unwanted perennial plants in their garden, the Hortic Show Committee would be pleased to take them off your hands for the Plant Sale – please contact Jo R



