

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

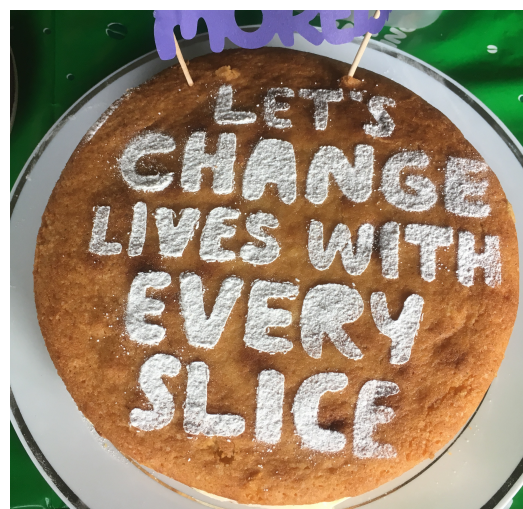
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## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING Holborn Farm



Our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 28th September could not have gone any better!

The weather stayed fine and a great number of friends and neighbours came and supported this very worthwhile cause.

I want to say huge thank you's to everyone who made beautiful cakes for us to eat on the day and to sell.

We had some great support from the businesses in Tewkesbury who donated wine, cream teas, theatre tickets, supermarket/restaurant gift vouchers and many more.

It was a bit of a 'family affair' so a big thank you to my family, especially Grace (gorgeous cakes!), Sarah and mum for all their help and support.

We raised a wonderful £500 and Npower have said they will double this!

Hannah G

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**



## Village Walk

Sunday 13 October  
11am  
(meeting at church gates  
– weather permitting)



Brian B and Barry T are putting together a route approximately 1 – 1.5 hours. 2-legs and 4-legs welcome. **Laurence M**



**Harvest Supper (2 courses)  
Saturday 19 October  
St Catherine's Church, 7pm  
Adults £8.50/Children £5**

To book your meal, please call Hazel (01452857810) or Sue (01242680835) by Wednesday 16 October



(Informal – it's just a bit of fun!)

**Friday 11 October  
2019**

**Norton Village Hall  
7.30pm start**

£10 per team  
(maximum of 5 persons)

Please bring your own drinks and nibbles

All proceeds to new Play Space on Norton Playing Field

To reserve a table, please email [jorobsonmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:jorobsonmailbox@gmail.com), or just turn up on the night!

## PARISH WEBSITE

It is now nearly three years since we created our Parish website and although certain parts are regularly updated I am afraid recently I have been unable to find the time to look after it all. I am, therefore, looking for someone in the Parish who would be happy to look after the site for the future. All it takes is about 2-3 hours a month and you do not need to be a computer expert - it is really easy. If interested, please contact me by email ([witthers@todpool.com](mailto:witthers@todpool.com)) and I will be happy to help with any handover. **Colin W**

### Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wednesday 9 October (Prov Planning)  
Wednesday 13 November (Full)  
Wednesday 11 December (Prov Planning)

St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh 7.30pm

## COBALT

Supporting patients with cancer, dementia and other conditions

### Christmas and Greetings

#### Cards Sale

Friday 11 October

10.30am – 6.30pm

at

The Dovecote

Sandhurst Lane, Sandhurst GL2 9NR

(past church and follow signs)

Complimentary coffee and cake

Please come and bring your friends



It is approaching that time of year again when I would like to invite you to my house to drink tea and coffee, eat cake and buy your Christmas cards nice and early so that you can get that job out of the way in plenty of time.

My helpers and I have been working hard to make up an exciting collection of Cobalt Christmas and greetings cards for you to look at and (hopefully) buy. As a result of that, the inside of my house is already covered in glitter and is sparkling festively!

I also have a large selection of Gift Bags (both Christmas and general use) for sale.

Yvette M

### ADVANCED NOTICE:

## Christmas Wreath Workshop



Tuesday 3 December  
7pm – 9.30pm  
St Catherine's Church  
£40 p/person

Create your own wreath by using mixed foliage and decorate with Christmas accessories and bows which will be provided.

Light refreshments will be available and all equipment will be provided on the night.

Contact Harriet to book a place on:  
enquiries@theflowershedthornbury.co.uk  
or 07879285728.



### CHIMNEY SWEEP

Mr Bird will be coming to the village on Friday 11 October and charges £35 per/flue. Everyone on my list will be contacted and all those who wish to be included please ring me on 680244 as soon as possible.

Thanks Anne H

Norton and The Leigh Local  
History Group  
Monday 28 October

The History of Witches and Tales  
of Gloucestershire's Witches  
By John Putley



Norton Village Hall  
Hall open from 7.00pm  
Talk starts 7.30pm  
Entrance £2  
All Welcome  
Sue Phelps 07754 668898

## NORTON WI

Thursday 17 October  
7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall



FLOWER ARRANGING  
Demonstrators/Instructors:  
Lynne & Suzanne

Open Meeting so please  
book your place so there is  
enough foliage etc  
For further info contact:  
Margaret Edwards  
01452 731218009

## St Catherine's Church Services:

6 October - Confirmation, 10am at Sandhurst

6 October - Evening Prayer, 6pm

13 October - All Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am (donations to Food Bank)

20 October – Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion 8.30am

27 October - Evening Prayer 6pm - this is a Healing Service about Prayer (not physical healing)

19 October – from 10am, decorating the church for Harvest Festival. Donations of produce, flowers, foliage or arrangements will be gratefully received.

## What else is happening at St Catherine's Church.....



### Coffee Morning

Saturday 2 November  
10am



### Curry Evening

Saturday 16 November

## ShoeBox Appeal

The Church is supporting the work of one of Twigworth's congregation that sends boxes each year through this project.

If you are able to help, please could you leave your donations in St Catherine's Church before 2 November – here are just a few ideas: empty shoeboxes, cheerful wrapping paper and small items such as toys (not war), school supplies, hygiene products (not toothpaste), hats, caps, jewellery sets etc. Further ideas can be found on their website: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

Sue R

## Creative Christmas

We would appreciate any donations of wool, also used bottle and gift bags – please leave in the back porch of Daniels Orchard.

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Thanks Jo, Karen  
& Jess



[www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk)

Happy retirement to Maira (the dog) who has been working as a brood bitch for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and has had 4 litters (37 puppies). In 2014 she came to Leigh End Farm as a 1 year old to live with the Chandlers. Happy to say she is allowed to stay and see her retirement out on the farm with one of her daughters who qualified as a guide dogs brood bitch. If interested in learning more about being a brood bitch holder, stud dog holder or puppy walker there is lots of information on [www.guidedogs.org.uk](http://www.guidedogs.org.uk) Lucy C



## CREATIVE CHRISTMAS – helping others stitch by stitch

Here at Creative Christmas Jo and Jess and I have been no strangers to raising money for charities such as Cobalt Cancer Care, Dementia UK and Riding for the Disabled (Hartpury) over the past 10 years, either through our very popular bi-annual barn sales or various pop-up events throughout the year.

However, together with fund raising we are also involved in sewing bees for two very worthwhile charities. The first is Siblings Together; a charity that aim to help young people in care initiate and continue to have contact with their siblings and avoid the trauma of separation. Through our sewing bee we have helped to make over 20 quilts in the past 12 months that are then gifted to young people in the care system. Our quilts really do make a difference to the lives of the young people that receive them, not only because they know we care but because the quilts can offer comfort in times of need.

The second is Post Pals; a charity that helps to 'post a smile on a sick child's face' by the sending of cards, letters, emails and little gifts to seriously ill children and their siblings in the UK. Our Post Pals sewing bee was set up in January this year; each month a 'Host Mama' sends a block requirement for each of the 11 bee members to make and send back to them to assemble into a quilt. I was the 'Host Mama' in July and I am currently busy assembling the blocks ready for quilting. To date we have contributed to over 30 quilts, made and sent with love.



More recently our charity work has enabled us to create 16 syringe driver bags (8 double and 8 single) for Macmillan Cancer Care following their appeal. Our colourful bags will be winging their way to palliative care units and hopefully bringing a little cheer to an otherwise dark corner. We would like to say a heartfelt thank you especially to Lynne T and my friend Jane for generously donating vast amounts of fabric and other haberdashery, making it possible for us to contribute to these three additional charities.



Jo, Jess and I freely give our time to support all of these charities, but without your continuous loyalty it would not be possible to raise such tremendous amounts of money at our barn events.

Our next big fund-raising event is on 24th November at The Barn, Daniel's Orchard to which you are all warmly invited - please tell your friends and family. Everyone welcome; entry is free and remember that 100% of the value of every item sold will be donated to charity.

We look forward to seeing you there! Karen B

## Creative Christmas 2019

**Date** Sunday 24 November  
**Time** 11am – 1pm  
**Location**  
The Barn, Daniels Orchard  
The Leigh GL19 4AG

All proceeds to Cheltenham Cobalt Cancer Unit, Dementia UK and Riding for the Disabled (Hartpury)

- \* Homecrafted festive and other occasional giftware
- \* Wreaths \* Christmas decorations
- \* Homemade Christmas cakes and puddings
- \* Preserves \* Leigh Orchards' apple juice
- \* Knitted and crocheted accessories
- \* Upcycled painted homewares
- \* An extensive Vintage section and much, much more.

**Please do come along**