

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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## FIREWORKS!

If you are planning to set off fireworks, it would be courteous to make your immediate neighbours aware in case extra arrangements need to be made for dogs, cats, horses etc (and sheep!). Thanks. Jo

**HARVEST SUPPER** Nearly 40 locals descended on St Catherine's Church for a Harvest Supper on Saturday 19th October. A number of hearty casseroles, vegetables, baked potatoes followed by a choice of puddings were enjoyed by all. A raffle and quiz followed, and an enjoyable time was had. Thanks to the PCC for all the hard work organising the event and raising funds for a good cause. Looking forward to the curry evening on 16th November.

Laurence M



## Curry Evening & Quiz

Saturday 16 November

7.30pm

£8.50 p/person

To book, please contact Hazel

01452857180 or Sue

01242680835 by 14 November



**Wandering Guinea Fowl!!!** I have spent the summer rearing a flock of 16 Guinea Fowl from egg to bird ranging from 3 - 5 months old. They have done their time being in the outdoor runs and now they are enjoying their free range life. Unlike chickens they know no boundaries and are happy to explore. So much so Joan W and I spent nearly 2 hours looking for them the other day! They are friendly and keep together. I will do my best to keep them close to home but should you see them out and about in the village I'd be eternally grateful if you could call me on 07891883132 or give me a shout at Bishops Cottage so I can round them up. Many thanks! Hayley

**Norton WI – will they make it??** Norton WI, which should be celebrating their 96th birthday in February next year is threatened with closure unless a new president can be found by November. The current president following a house move is now living outside the area and a successor is being sought. Norton WI, serving both Norton and The Leigh, has been a valuable and very active part of the community for many years.

It would be extremely sad to see its demise but unfortunately, numbers are declining. Any new members would be welcomed by this friendly group of ladies.

The WI is open to ladies of all ages – you are never too young! And 'No' you don't have to be a whizz at cooking or know the words to Jerusalem! It provides the opportunity to meet other like minded people and make new friends. Monthly meetings give the chance to hear a variety of speakers or participate in practical activities. Members also enjoy seasonal lunches and afternoon teas!

If you are interested and would like to be involved please contact Margaret Edwards 01452 731218 **Lynne T**

## COFFEE MORNING AT ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Saturday 2 November, 10am – 12pm

Please don't forget any donations to the ShoeBox Appeal.

## Creative Christmas 2019

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

- \* 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**

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



## Parish Council Meeting dates:

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

St Catherine's Church,  
The Leigh 7.30pm

## Sandhurst Cobalt Card Group

A huge "Thank you!" to everyone who supported our annual Cobalt Card Sale. £447 was raised on the day through the sale of cards and gift bags, as well as many generous donations. This money will be paid to Cobalt through The Big Give Christmas Challenge in December, when the amount will be doubled by a generous benefactor, and it will go to Cobalt's latest appeal to fund 2 Breast Cancer Research Nurses. [Yvette M](#)



Now that the darker nights are coming can we all be mindful of walkers, dogs and horses whilst we drive around the village.

We don't want any accidents. Thanks.

Norton and The Leigh Local  
History Group  
Monday 25 November

Cheltenham's Men of Mystery,  
Maskelyne and Cooke  
By Sue Rowbottom



It is a Bring and Share Supper  
with a Bring and Buy Table

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

## NORTON WI

Thursday 21 November  
7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall



Humorous Readings  
and  
Annual General  
Meeting

For further info contact:  
Margaret Edwards  
01452 731218009



## THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

will be in service again  
this year – full details next  
month.

## St Catherine's Church Services:

2 November – All Souls Day Service at Staverton 7pm.  
To remember those we have lost.

3 November - Evening Prayer, 6pm

10 November - All Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am

11 November – Remembrance Day 10.45 Services at  
Sandhurst, Norton and Boddington

17 November – Holy Communion 8.30am

24 November - Evening Prayer 6pm



## Christmas Wreath Workshop

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



Contact Harriet to book a place  
- full details attached.

This is confirmation from Macmillan Cancer Support  
of the fabulous amount raised at the recent Coffee  
Morning – well done Hannah, family and friends!

Thank you for everything you did to  
help make Coffee Morning a huge  
success. Together we raised

**£1,120**

Every single item baked and every coin dropped in a  
box has helped change lives.



WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING

Fundraising for  
**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

## Coombe Hill Farm Shop

(A38 towards Tewkesbury)

Join us for a **TASTER MORNING**  
Saturday 30 November 9am – 12pm

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 and wreath!

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 and Phillipa Page

**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:** At the last Parish Council  
meeting there were a couple of items that the PC would like to bring to  
the attention of parishioners. Please remember, the full minutes of all  
meetings are always available on the website.

**Bollard request on the verge near Stonehouse Cottage.** A request  
had been put forward to the Highways Agency, who had visited the  
property and noticed over-ride from large vehicles on the narrow verge.  
They then put to the PC for consideration. As these bollards are not  
being requested just to protect the grass on the verge but the property,  
the PC also agreed, with the property being so close to the road some  
protection is now needed. The highways agency have been informed of  
the PC considerations.

**Dog Waste Bins in the village.** It is with disappointment that the PC  
have agreed to a trail of dog waste bins in the village, it was hoped that  
after articles in previous newsletters that all owners would clear up after  
their pets. The majority of villagers do but we also have visitors to the  
village. Before we spend the Parish funds on official dog bins (£500 per  
bin), it was agreed a trial of 2 temporary bins (provided by a member of  
the parish) would be placed, one by the village pond and one on the  
verge at the junction of A38 and Church Lane. John Arkell has agreed to  
empty them for the trial (until Jan 2020). The level of success will be  
discussed at the first PC meeting in the new year when a decision will be  
made. A reminder that dog waste is allowed in everyone's normal green  
bin that goes to landfill. **Parish Council**

## PARISH WEBSITE

(still no takers!)

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 ([withers@todpool.com](mailto:withers@todpool.com)) and I will be happy to help with  
any handover. **Colin W**





# THE FLOWER SHED

## THORNBURY

### Christmas Wreath Workshop

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm to 9.30pm approx.**

**St Catherine's Church, The Leigh, Gloucester.**

Come along and have a go at The Flower Shed's Christmas Wreath Workshop!

It is £40.00 per person and you will create your own wreath each and take it home.

All wreaths will be made with mixed foliages. Keep them plain or add Christmas accessories and bows which will be provided.

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

Please contact Harriet on the details below to book a place or for more information. Booking is essential, limited spaces available.

**The Flower Shed**  
**Harriet Gill, Qualified Florist.**

Morton Farm, Old Gloucester Rd, The  
Knapp,  
Thornbury, BS35 3UF.

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enquiries@theflowershedthornbury.co.uk  
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