

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Originally I had planned to quietly shave my hair off for my beautiful, brave, kind mum as moral support and give her a laugh. Then my other half and his mate suggested I should help other people and raise money at the same time for Macmillan. Can't say 'No' to that.

With the help of Norton Rugby Club I will brave the shave on 1st February. To be honest I am dreading it, and the dodgy hairstyle to come, but I can't make a fuss at least it is my choice - you do not get a choice with cancer. Norton Rugby Club have completely got behind me, they are a fantastic bunch of people who have arranged their Sponsors Day around this event.

Afternoon kick-off with a rugby match versus Widden at 2.30pm - anyone who would like to play is welcome to a run out, contact the club or me to arrange. There will be food available and a bar (from 1pm) in Norton Village Hall (who have also waived their fees). 'Brave The Shave' is planned for 5pm to be followed by a disco - please do come along if you can - any support would be fantastic. **Lucy C**

<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/lucy-chandler>



STEAK NIGHT

Tuesday 18 February

6.30 for 7pm

£12 p/person

The Swan @ Coombe Hill

Please contact Barry on thornton4ae@btinternet.com by 8 February with name/s, how you would like your steak cooked etc.

It just needs an ingenious scientist to attach a 'carbon capture' apparatus to the chimney and this set-up would seem near perfect!



Looking at the web site (www.ubbgloucestershire.co.uk), I notice that tours are offered (a maximum of 10 people at one go), so how about that for a village outing? A bit different from the theatre visits we used to have many years ago. Let me know of any interest. **Oliver H**

JAVELIN PARK Like many others I have been intrigued to watch the construction of the Javelin Park waste disposal centre just south of Gloucester. Crazy tilted boxes arose from the meadows, causing one to wonder about the collective sanity of the design team. It all looked as though it was going to fall over. Some of the boxes were painted green, and a chimney was added at one end for good measure.



Us passing motorists on the M5 held our breath. Then one day, the monster heaved and came to life. Steam issued from the chimney and other orifices. I decided to check the internet and see what was actually happening within this Behemoth.

It is not just any old incinerator. It is state of the art. It feeds on 210,000 tons of domestic waste (i.e. non-recyclable) a year, which is burnt at a temperature of 850 degC. The ash is processed to remove metals, both ferrous and non-ferrous, which can be recycled; what remains is passed on as industrial aggregate. The gases are 'scrubbed' using lime and activated carbon, and then passed through filters to remove particulates. What comes out of the chimney is mainly steam and carbon dioxide.

Although this carbon dioxide is a 'greenhouse gas', it must be remembered that the methane that otherwise would have been produced (in landfill) is a much more potent global warmer in the short term

And another gain. The furnace produces steam under great pressure which drives turbines to produce electricity: this is fed into the National Grid, and apparently is enough to power 25,000 homes.

FISH AND CHIPS IN THE NAVE

An eager gathering of hungry villagers welcomed the delivery of 40 delicious suppers to the Nave at St Catherine's Church on Saturday 18 January.

Although a fish and chip evening was advertised, other options were enjoyed - and then it was eyes down for the quiz! Congratulations to the Chandler family who came up trumps (ouch - can I say that word?!) and won the quiz - as to the booby prize, I had better not incriminate our table or myself.

Thanks to everyone for making it an enjoyable evening.

Phil C



The Summer Fete planning meeting will now take place on **Wednesday 19 February** at St Catherine's Church, 7.30pm. (please note revised date)

Please do come along with ideas, views etc - all welcome.

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

Coffee Morning

22 February 2020

10am - 12pm

St Catherine's Church

Fresh pancakes will be cooked to order but if you prefer cake, Carol and Kate will be selling their selection of delicious cake, sausage rolls etc.



Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wednesday 12 February (FULL)
Wednesday 11 March (Prov Planning)
Wednesday 8 April (Pro Planning)
Wednesday 13 May (Annual Parish Meeting)
St Catherine's Church,
The Leigh 7.30pm



Christmas 2019 Postbox
Just to say there is a copy of the acknowledgment/thank you letter from James Hopkins Trust for our donation on the village notice board. Karen B

Norton and The Leigh
Local History Group

Secret Gloucester

By Christine Jordan



Monday 24 February
Norton Village Hall
Hall open from 7.00pm
Talk starts 7.30pm
Entrance £2
All Welcome

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON WI

Thursday 20 February
12.30pm
Norton Village Hall

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Birthday Meeting
Lunch
Members Only

For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
01452 731218009

Norton, Leigh and District Horticultural Show - Dates for your Diary.....



Thursday 2 April: Annual General Meeting
Friday 1 May: Plant Sale
Saturday 8 August: Annual Show

All happening in Norton Village Hall and all welcome.

Date for your diary:

Charity Wine Bluff

Saturday 14 March
7 – 10.30pm
Norton Village Hall
Hosted by: Martin Griffiths

In aid of the new Norton Playing
Field Play Space and a school in
Ghana (supported by Martin)

THANK YOU AND REMINDER:

Many thanks for all the cards which have appeared already – they will be recycled by ourselves, any excess will be passed on to other recyclers for their charities. A big thank you to all who bought cards from us in 2019.

Reminder: There is a box in St Catherine's Church for ink cartridge recycling.
Sue R and Hazel C

St Catherine's Church Services:

2 February – Evening Prayer, 6pm
9 February – Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am
16 February – Holy Communion, 8.30am
23 February – Benefice Community at Boddington, 10am
and Evening Prayer at The Leigh, 6pm
26 February – Ash Wednesday, Sandhurst, 7pm

Arthur Underhay

At the end of 2019 we lost a dear friend, Arthur Underhay at the age of 95. Arthur was brought up in Coombe Hill where his parents ran the local garage and shop. Arthur and his sister were destined to play the piano following in the footsteps of their mother and grandfather who all played the piano and organ.



Arthur became organist at St Stephen's Church, Coombe Hill from about 9 years old until he was 12 then he also became deputy organist at St Catherine's, The Leigh. Arthur was also organist at Bushley until he joined the Marines in 1943. Arthur served in Europe in the war. On his return he played the organ at Twynning for several years. Arthur's sister, another talented Underhay, emigrated to Canada and played the organ for 50 years in her local church. To add to his CV, Arthur played the organ at St Luke's Church in Toronto for the weddings of his nieces. Arthur was a staunch supporter of The British Legion and spent many hours with his Granddaughter Jenny putting the poppies together each year for Remembrance Day.

Arthur had many interests including cruising, steam trains, dancing and spending time with his family. Until about 6 years ago he regularly attended the gym.

It was Arthur who persuaded the PCC that the pipe organ was on its last legs and should be replaced by something a bit more up to date. On the day it was installed Arthur was at the church until 11.00pm so that he could check it before Cathedral Organs left!

We all have our own memories of Arthur and there are very few local families who have not shared a special event in St Catherine's Church, from christenings, weddings and funerals.

The church was full as we gathered to say farewell to Arthur. Organised as he was, Arthur had everything in place for his funeral service and the music was especially "Arthur". **Sue R**



Tewkesbury Borough Council

Press release

23 January 2020

Garden Town makes progress as Ashchurch bridge project begins



Tewkesbury Borough Council and Gloucestershire County Council are making progress with Tewkesbury's Garden Town as the project for a new bridge over the railway at Ashchurch begins.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) awarded Tewkesbury Borough Council £8.1m of funding to deliver a bridge that will unlock parcels of land to the east of the railway line which are highlighted in the Garden Town Concept Masterplan as development opportunities. The bridge will include a new road, cycle path and walkway.

A considerable amount of research into the location and design is underway and so the councils are now in a position to move the project forward. Gloucestershire County Council's cabinet meeting next week and will be asked to agree that it will, as the Highways Authority, provide technical expertise to Tewkesbury Borough Council to facilitate the delivery of the Ashchurch 'Bridge Over Rail' project.

Community drop-in sessions are planned in the area for early spring.

Leader of Tewkesbury Borough Council, Rob Bird, said: "The Tewkesbury Garden Town gives us a golden opportunity to create a special place for people to live - a proper community with homes fit for the future. The bridge is a crucial element in the infrastructure needed to support the Garden Town and it's exciting to get the project off the ground.

"We are absolutely committed to working with the existing communities to fulfil the area's future needs, so please do get involved with the drop in sessions in the spring and keep an eye on the Garden Town website for the latest news and updates. For more information, visit www.tewkesburygardentown.co.uk ENDS