

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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## THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.30pm, Denes Hollow became a magical hive of activity as the village postbox was emptied and Christmas card sorting began.

Despite having a fewer complement of Elves than in previous years, due to illness, the team consisting of Harriet, Emma-Jane, Georgie and Sid Jnr made light of sorting the cards into alphabetical order. We also welcomed the Glazebrook family as new recruits to the activity.

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

We are delighted to announce that an incredible total of £169 was raised this year and has been donated to The James Hopkins Trust, a charity that do incredible work providing nursing respite care for Gloucestershire's life limited and life threatened young children. Huge thanks to all of the villagers who supported this annual charity event and made such generous donations again this year.

As always, our sincere thanks must go to the Austin family for hosting this annual event and for making us all so very welcome. Special thanks to Paul for keeping us entertained with his witty banter – mostly about Jane who unfortunately had a prior engagement! Our kind thanks also go to Viv and Richard for 'hosting' the postbox at Little Holborn and for emptying the contents of the box each evening.

Finally thanks to Jess, Jo, Paul and Karen for their assistance and expert raffia tying!

On behalf of the Postbox Team we wish you all a very happy New Year!

Karen B



## CHRISTMAS WALK

A restful end to a lovely sunny village walk to The Gloucester Old Spot on 29 December.

Attendees: Bob, Jan, Martin, Nicky, Rob, Hannah, Ed & Tinker (dog); Dan, Laura & Dex (dog); Callum, Abi, Barry, Buddy & Beau and Brodie (dogs); Alison & Ava (dog). Joined at the pub by James, Aimee, Ellie & Murphy (dog), Brian and Janine.

Nicky W

## Creative Christmas Pop-Up Event



A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our pop-up event at the Coombe Hill Farm Shop Taster Morning on 30 November.

Special thanks to our lovely friends Phillipa and Sam P for kindly allowing us to use their barn and also to The Swan, Coombe Hill for the use of their car park. An additional thanks goes to young Jack P who had made some decorated hanging pine cones as an extra fundraiser – a lovely surprise for us.

In preparation for 2020, we are looking for unwanted bottle and gift bags, decorations/baubles, small fir cones, ribbon, wool and wine bottle corks. Please check our Facebook (@creativechristmascrafts) and Instagram (creative\_christmas\_crafts) pages for updates throughout the year.

Karen, Jess & Jo



## Fish & Chips Supper

Saturday 18 January  
St Catherine's Church  
7pm £6.50 p/person

Please contact  
Sue (01242 680835) by  
Thursday 16 January to 'plaice'  
your order!

Wine and soft drinks will be  
available to buy or feel free to  
bring your own refreshments



Fancy helping to create the  
Summer Fete this year?

There will be a preliminary  
meeting on Wednesday 5  
February at St Catherine's  
Church at 7.30pm.

Ideas and thoughts  
welcome.

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

## A message of appreciation from Katie H:

"I just want to thank everyone for coming to my Dad's funeral and for the kind words, donations and flowers. The total raised for Alzheimer's Research UK was £535. A fantastic amount for a very worthwhile cause in my Dad's memory".





### Parish Council Meeting dates:

Wednesday 8 January (Prov Planning)  
Wednesday 12 February (FULL)  
Wednesday 11 March (Prov Planning)  
**St Catherine's Church,**  
**The Leigh** 7.30pm

### St Catherine's Church - Loose Change Boxes

This half-yearly collection of the Loose Change Boxes has amounted to £125.72.

Very many thanks for your contributions. It is much appreciated and it does help towards the expenses of the church.

Janine B



Just a reminder that there is a Hermes Parcelshop drop-off at the Coombe Hill petrol station.



Norton and The Leigh  
Local History Group  
Monday 27 January

### The Vikings of Gloucestershire

By Tony Roberts



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

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

### NORTON WI

Thursday 16 January  
7.30pm  
Norton Village Hall



Midwife, Herbalist,  
Surgeon, Witch

By  
Kirstie Bingham

For further info contact:  
Margaret Edwards  
01452 731218009



### STRAY CAT?

I am currently feeding this cat – does it belong to anyone? It has been suggested that it may have been Beryl W's cat. In any case I will continue to look after it until someone claims him/her – any information would be appreciated.

Harriet R

### St Catherine's Church Services:

5 January – Evening Prayer, 6pm  
12 January – Worship Together at Sandhurst, 10am  
19 January – Holy Communion, 8.30am  
26 January – Benefice Community at Boddington, 10am  
and Evening Prayer at The Leigh, 6pm

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Photograph  
taken by  
Martin R  
whilst out  
boating with  
Bob B.

So beautiful,  
yet so  
inconvenient.



As you will have realised, articles were very light this month, however it has given me the opportunity to highlight some local businesses.

I had reason to call in at Coombe Workshop and was very impressed by Alex who could not have been more helpful.

Also, curiosity got the better of me the other day and I popped into the Malt House and was pleased to find a shop brimming, on two floors, with a good range of giftware and more.  
Jo R



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