

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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After

It's done!! Thank you to everyone for the work beforehand and on the day - the support has been phenomenal. Thank you to those who were able to join me on the day, it was lots of fun. Norton Rugby Club, especially Chairman Gary Edgecombe, must take a good part of the credit for helping achieve the amount raised. The charity match was a true grass roots game played in the true spirit of rugby. Stars of yester years rolled out to play for NRFC along with a smattering of current players. Opposition was provided by Widden Older Boys 2nds. I hear some of the players are still feeling the bruises.

Over the weeks beforehand, while talking to people about 'Braving the Shave', I found people were very open about their experiences with Macmillan, the support they had or were receiving - it undoubtedly makes a big difference. Macmillan is one of many amazing charities which can only continue with the kindness and generosity from people like you. I am grateful for living in such a caring community. Thank You - we raised **£2,427** Lucy C
<https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/lucy-chandler>



STEAK NIGHT at The Swan

Twenty four diners enjoyed their steaks and each others company on Tuesday 18 February. A big 'thank you' to Simon and his staff - we will have to do it again sometime. It's nice for The Leigh and Coombe Hill to get together.
Barry T



Coffee and Pancakes Morning - 22 February

A warm church and wonderful aroma from freshly cooked pancakes welcomed all to St Catherine's Church.

All thoughts of rain and floods soon disappeared in a wonderful buzz of chat and coffee, with pancakes made to order by Hazel and delicious cakes by Carol and Kate. Sue and Clive supplied spring flowers and an interesting display of goodies to peruse. As ever, recycled cards and books were also very popular.

Many thanks to all who supported.
Phil C



SATURDAY 20 JUNE

We are looking at fresh ideas and hopefully some of you will volunteer to man a stall for an hour or so. Next meeting is Wednesday 15 April between 6.30 - 7.30pm (immediately before the Parish Council Meeting) - please come along.

All proceeds to St Catherine's Church and Maggie's Cheltenham.

More details to follow next month. Any questions: Sue R & Hazel C (clivesueroberts@gmail.com)

From Leigh End Organic Farm This time last year our cows were out during the day enjoying a spot of good weather and, of course, the fresh grass.



For the time being they will have to be patient and stay indoors in the dry. Anyone interested in watching the cows being turned out may have to wait until April or learn how to hold their breath while eating. Lucy C

GEL PRINTING WORKSHOPS

4 April, 2 May & 6 June
St Catherine's Church between 10am and 12pm
£20 per session

Includes light refreshments, tuition, all materials and a goody bag
Max 10 participants per session

Book places on lesley.hirons@hotmail.co.uk



Flood No 4! (2019 - 2020)

The flooding has brought with it anxiety, frustration and inconvenience over the past 4 months, however it has brought out the best in people. There have been many 'unsung heroes' undertaking acts of support and kindness throughout eg putting out flood signs, moving furniture from ground floors, offers to do shopping, washing etc, shelter and drier land for animals and general offers of help - this is why we live in a community like this - long may it continue. Jo R

Parish Council Meeting dates:

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



Norton and The Leigh Local History Group

The History of Imjin Barracks and the British Army

By Lt Col Bernard Barton-
Ancliffe, ret



ARMY

Monday 23 March
Norton Village Hall
Hall open from 7.00pm
Talk starts 7.30pm
Entrance £2
All Welcome
Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON WI

Thursday 19 March
7.30pm
Norton Village Hall



Butterflies & Dragonflies of Gloucestershire By Ged Cassell

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.

The Committee are on the look
out for unwanted garden plants
– they are willing to come
along in March to dig up, repot
and sell at the Plant Sale in
May.
Please contact Jo R (680 257)



The Great Wine Bluff

Saturday 14 March
7 – 10.30pm, Norton Village Hall
£12.50 p/person or £48 (table of 4)



- * 7 small glasses of mystery wine
- * three descriptions of each wine by resident 'expert' sommeliers
- * supper of bread, cheese and nibbles included

Contact: Martin 01452 731051 for tickets (before 8 March please)
Proceeds: Norton Playing Field Play Space & New Kofridua School, Ghana



Date for your Diary:

Line Dance Social
Saturday 16 May
Norton Village Hall

More details to follow



Tipperary Irish Apple Cake

In anticipation of my family arriving for the
Cheltenham Race Festival, I have been
practising my cake baking and have reverted to
a family favourite with the help of lovely juicy
apples from the Coombe Hill Farm Shop.

If you would like to have a go, you will need:

- 4 tablespoons of room temperature butter
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 beaten egg
- 4 tasty apples (cooking or granny smiths)
peeled/sliced/diced
- ¼ cup of chopped walnuts (optional)
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- ½ teaspoon each of baking powder, baking
soda, salt, ground cinnamon and ground
nutmeg
- 1 cup of plain flour

Method: Pre-heat oven to 350°F and grease an
8-inch square cake tin. Cream butter and sugar
until fluffy. Add eggs, apples, nuts, vanilla
extract and mix well. Add in dry ingredients
and mix well. Pour into cake tin and bake for
45 mins. (Have a lovely cup of tea and put your
feet up for a rest!). Remove cake from oven,
leave to rest for 5 mins or so. It is quite a dry
cake so you may need lovely custard or lashings
of cream to go with it. Enjoy. **Ann-Marie W**



Twoo We are very
pleased to tell you that,
after 4 years of
waiting, a Tawny Owl
has moved into our
owl box! Martin and
Rob got straight to
work fitting a fancy
camera so we can keep
an eye on proceedings!

He has been busy
calling his mate for the
last few weeks and
although she has made
an appearance on
camera we will have to
wait and see what
happens next. Progress
report in next edition!

Nicky & Rob Walters



**Creative
Christmas** is
looking for used
corks – please
drop around to
Daniels Orchard.
Thanks. Jo R

Parish Church AGMs The AGMs of all parishes will be
held at Wallsworth Hall on 21 April. All parishes give a report on the
previous year in their Parish Churches and the PCC is elected for the
following year. There are also reports from all Benefice groups and
the clergy. Everyone is welcome to this meeting. Sue R

Easter cards are now in the church.
Don't wait until Christmas to send
good wishes to the friends you don't
see very often. Sue R



25th Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival Tempted
by the opportunity to sample over 80 real ales and 15 local
ciders & perries, a few thirsty souls from The Leigh attended
CAMRA's (Campaign for Real Ale) Winter Ales Festival at
Watson Hall on Friday 7th February. To say Watson Hall was
bursting at the seams was an understatement.

With the event's beer tasting guide notes duly studied, common
sense prevailed (halves are the way to go for sampling) as we
tasted imaginatively named local beers such as 'Figgy Pudding',
'Mint Spy', 'Towering Inferno' (from Tewkesbury's own
Inferno brewery), 'Winter Lightning', 'Dark Matter' and the
aptly named (post storms Ciara and Dennis) 'Severn Surge'.
Ciders and perries sampled included: 'Pioneer', 'Blakeney Red',
'Oxbreath' and 'Roddy's Revenge' from our very own Roddy
Gilder of Pancake Lane.

An enjoyable evening concluded (at closing time) with a trip to
Crystal Rivers with souvenir glass in hand.

If anyone is interested in joining us (all would be very
welcome) at CAMRA's Summer Beer Festival in the grounds
of Tewkesbury Abbey, on Saturday 6th June, please drop a
note round to Prospect House. **Laurence M**

