

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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NORTON NIPPERS' annual visit to Jo's lovely lambs is definitely our favourite! The floods have made visiting a bit tricky but we finally made it. Rosie, Dylan, Ivy & Daisy along with their grown-ups loved learning all about lambing season and loved stroking 'fluffy' who was our favourite!! Then we were all treated to tea and biscuits. Thank you Jo - we loved our visit! [Catherine G](#)

Editor's comments – they were a delight and how lovely to have an actual beaming smile in this particular edition of the Newsletter - thanks Rosie G!

Can I also suggest that any parents with children (or without) who need to go for a bike ride or walk please aim for the village green to see the lambs.

Parish Communication: listening to people around the Parish, I get the impression everyone wants to look out for everyone else. There are various ways to give help and be helped:

- become part of a village email list which will act as SOS support (eg shopping, posting a letter or even just a chat on the phone) or simply passing on relevant information.
- join "Leigh Parish Community" Facebook page – thanks Jez and Lucy for sorting
- check parish website for updates etc www.theleighpc.org.uk

Please also see Vulnerable Person List article below.

Keep Safe Everyone

Jo R

“AT GREATER RISK” PARISHIONERS

We are surrounded by news relating to the Coronavirus and trying to sift through it all is not an easy task. The Coronavirus is a type of virus. As a group, coronaviruses are common across the World. Generally, Coronavirus can cause more severe symptoms in people with weakened immune systems, older people and those with long term conditions including diabetes, cancer and chronic lung disease.

The Parish Council is taking steps to be pro-active in the need to collate and disseminate information. It is believed that at some point in the future we will be asked by a Government Department to supply a list of vulnerable people within the Parish. As all the Parish Councillors are very local we can have a good guess at compiling a list of our 'at greater risk' parishioners. There is still the chance that we might accidentally miss someone. There are also those that may not wish to be included in this.

If you know of or think someone should be on our list of 'at greater risk' please text or email the Parish Clerk. All the information obtained will be kept secure at all times. Ideally a name with contact details (phone, email or both). If, at a later date, we require more detail at least we can contact those people directly.

The Parish Council has also been advised to encourage people to check on information using the Government websites:

SOURCES OF ADVICE

The Coronavirus situation is fast-moving and there is an increasing amount of misinformation online. We should be using government advice to inform decisions and be checking that advice regularly.

- Public Health England has FAQs that will be updated regularly.
- This guidance, developed with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, aims to assist employers and businesses in providing advice to their staff
- You may find the advice from ACAS useful in considering any employment-related matters that may impact your local council.
- For further reading, the Local Government Association has published a very useful list of different government advice source.

Please send your information in asap so that we respond to any Government directive in a speedy manner.

Many thanks, Kate Tilling - Clerk to the Leigh Parish Council
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Don't forget Hayley's fresh eggs available at Bishops Cottage (Blacksmiths Lane).

Who is open locally to help?

Morrisons will be open as long as they have staff!

Please don't forget to protect your hands when filling up with fuel



The farm shop is now doing a Home Delivery Service – 5 miles radius and minimum £20. For further details/order form please contact Sam/Phillipa on coombehillfarmshop@gmail.com

The Gloucester OLD SPOT

The takeaway service has now ceased – please check website: www.thegloucesteroldspot.co.uk

Swan Inn, Coombe Hill

– please check their website



Apparently business as usual at Coombe Workshop – thanks Alex and James

Parish Council Meeting dates:

Please check the website before departing for the meetings!!!

Wednesday 8 April (Pro Planning)

Wednesday 13 May (Annual Parish Meeting)

St Catherine's Church,

The Leigh

7.30pm

Norton, Leigh and District Horticultural Show

Thursday 2 April:
Annual General Meeting
- Postponed



Vegetable Plant Sale

1, 2 & 3 May

Leigh Farm
(outside verge)

Janet has already potted up the vegetable plants for the annual Plant Sale, so to avoid her composting many healthy plants, she will be providing an unmanned stall, on the verge, with a honesty box – we still all need veggie plants!!!

Norton and The Leigh
Local History Group

Closed until further
notice

Sue Phelps 07754 668898

NORTON WI

Closed until further notice

For further info contact:
Margaret Edwards
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St Catherine's Church Services:

All public worship and gatherings are currently suspended. Weddings and funerals will be able to take place with a small congregation. However, the church will be kept open for prayer.



It goes without saying that the Village Fete is postponed until 2021.

IMPORTANT PLANNING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

On Thursday 12th March, the Parish Council received details from Tewkesbury Borough Council which relate to the parcel of land situated behind the petrol station at Coombe Hill. The Developers (Bovis and Hitchins) have submitted an Outline application for up to 150 dwellings, associated infrastructure, ancillary facilities, open space and landscaping. Construction of a new vehicular and pedestrian access to the A4019. The planning application reference is 20/00140/OUT. A meeting was planned for Wednesday 15th April 2020 where Parishioners comments were to be captured and then used to form a response to this application. Following Government advice earlier this week, community gatherings are not possible due to the current Covid-19 situation. The Parish Council are in the process of seeking clarification from TBC on how public consultations can be conducted to comply with existing statutory duties. It may be that planning applications are suspended for the immediate future but we have not been advised of this as yet. In the meantime, the Parish Council would actively encourage individuals to submit their own comments direct to TBC and to forward a copy of their views to us at the Parish Council so we can incorporate these views into our response to highlight any local knowledge that has not been included in the many and various reports submitted by the applicants.

You can find the relevant application via the following link:
<https://publicaccess.tewkesbury.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=Q5LFWMQD0IA00>. Comments relating to this planning application can be made in several ways. Via the TBC website www.tewkesbury.gov.uk or submitted by email to developmentapplications@tewkesbury.gov.uk. Alternatively you can write to the Planning Department quoting the above application number.

Also the Parish Council need to consider what support we can offer to any parishioners who may have to self isolate, ie offering to organise shopping etc for those who cannot venture into town. The aim would be to host a community effort because we do not know if any Parish Councillors will contract covid 19 or have to self isolate themselves. The Parish Council welcomes ideas and suggestions from the parishioners, and maybe some spare time. Many thanks

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West Country Plate Pie



A recipe given to me by my late Mother-in-Law.

8oz shortcrust pastry for an 8 inch pie plate
8oz sausagemeat
4oz bacon
2 beaten eggs
1 large chopped onion
Few mushrooms
2 tbsp chopped parsley

Fry sausagemeat, bacon and onion. Add mushrooms, parsley and seasoning. Add eggs and spread mixture onto pastry base using approximately half the pastry, cover with remaining pastry. Brush with a little egg and cook for 30 mins at 375°F or equivalent. **Anne H**



Despite everything, a lovely Spring morning in Coombe Hill
(thanks Phillippa P - Jo)