

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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FROM ONE OF OUR OWN NHS FRONTLINE WORKERS:

Just to say, as a Community Midwife myself, I work as part of the Cheltenham and North Cotswold team - we are still seeing our highly anxious pregnant mums and doing home visits for newly delivered parents, as well as being on call for planned home births or unexpected/unplanned home births! These become high risk for us in terms of needing the full PPE kit as worn in ITU due to being in someone's home and bodily fluid splashes!!

No partners are allowed in for clinic or scan appointments now. Dads or birth partners are now only allowed to be with their partner during labour and for four hours following delivery, and cannot be present for inductions of labour. Partners are screened with a temperature check and if it's raised they can't come in. It's definitely challenging times - an event that is normally joyful becomes very stressful! But... we are a really good team! We have enough PPE and support each other brilliantly. I am very proud to work with my great colleagues continuing to support women and their families at this special but difficult time!

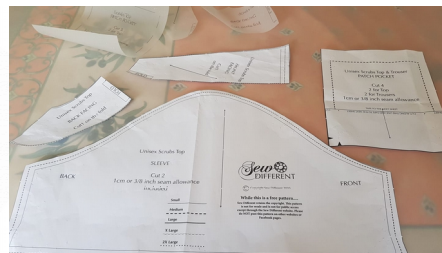
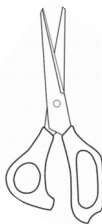
I would love to hear from any older local women who have stories of either their mothers birth stories or their own. Midwives back in the day were often also health visitors and did a bit of everything and births often at home of course..... it's all fascinating. **Alison H (Church Lane)**

Gloucestershire Sewing for the NHS

The village has been swamped in second hand duvet covers and sheets, to be made into scrubs for front line carers.



With several teams working on cutting patterns, sewing, delivery and administration, plus raiding airing cupboards for no longer needed bedding, virtually every household in the parish has been involved in one way or another.



The finished items are sent to HQ in Stroud and from there are supplied to doctors surgeries, hospitals and care homes around the county. This really has become a community project making a real difference in difficult times.



A huge thank you to everyone who so kindly gave to Tewkesbury foodbank. These donations will help quite a few people who now find themselves in need.

Viv Theyer



Well done everyone!

To make a donation or to find out more, please go to www.gloucestershiresewingforthenhs.co.uk

Editor's Note: Colin and Michael definitely have a change of career ahead of them – such pros



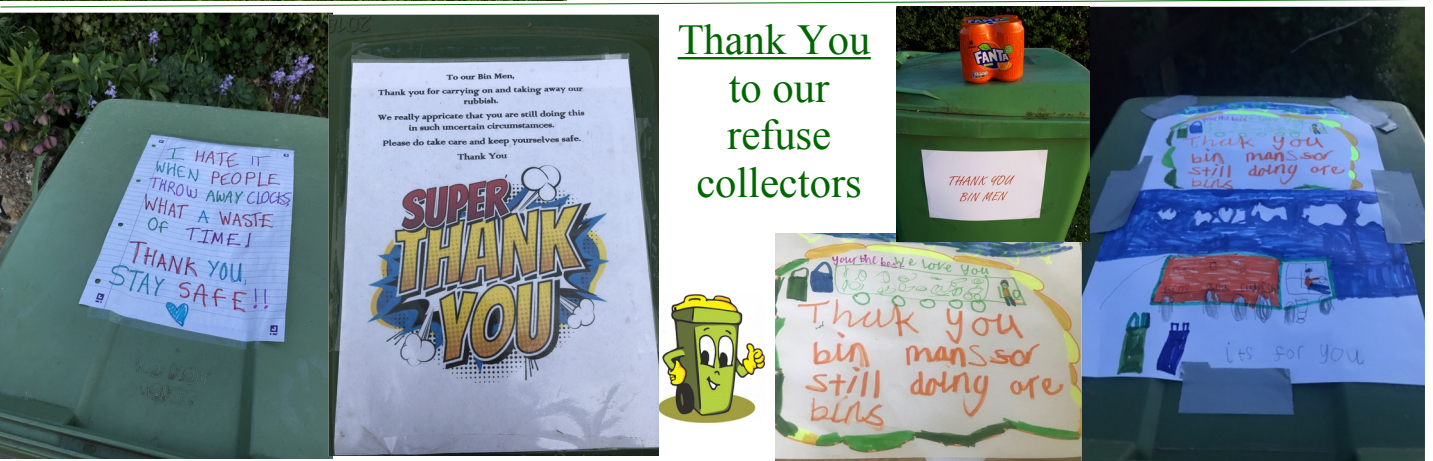
A ROUND OF APPLAUSE AROUND THE COUNTRY

I'M JOINING THE NATION IN SAYING
THANKS TO OUR KEY WORKERS
THIS THURSDAY AT 8PM





I would like thank Stella B, Harriet R and anyone else who was involved in making Easter in the Village a special and uplifting experience during lockdown. The village looked beautiful and the sunshine on the colourful Easter displays are unforgettable.... even though we thought the letters read Stay Fat at Easter! too many Easter Eggs!
Rita R



Thank You
to our
refuse
collectors



Parish Council Issues:

Please check the Parish Council website for latest news and updates:
<http://theleighpc.org.uk>

Vegetable Plant Sale

1, 2 & 3 May

Leigh Farm

(outside verge)

From 10am Friday – 5pm Sunday

To avoid buyers fumbling for change, all prices will work around 50p, £1, £2 etc – please use the honesty box.



THANK YOU Lilian and John wish to thank Jo, Rob and Nicky for keeping them in food supplies and Anne H for the delivery of the Saturday paper. So good to see smiling faces passing by with young families and especially their four legged friends. Ted in particular brings us great joy on his visits to our back door. Bless the postie and the bin men. Keep safe everyone we so appreciate your friendship at this time.

DRY SPARKLING PERRY for sale at Farm Gate

Suggested Donation £3 p/bottle
all proceeds to the Cheltenham
and Gloucester Hospitals Charity
(COVID-19 Rapid Response Appeal)
Order via jorobsonmailbox@gmail.co.



CHUCK NEWS!!

We purchased 8 chickens in November 2008. All were named and had a good life. Unfortunately 7 have since passed, luckily to natural causes and not the dreaded fox. We now have 1 left and her name is Sage, she is absolutely thriving and still laying eggs for us. As she will be 12 years old in November we were wondering if there was any others in the village that had lived to a ripe old age. One we do know of was owned by Pete H, who lived until she was 13 years old. Maybe Sage is thriving on the half of tin of sweetcorn she has per day? **Sue & Barry T**



Fresh eggs are now available from:

- Bishops Cottage
- Staplins Farm
- 4 Forge Cottages
- Coombe Hill Farm Shop



Many thanks to all of our customers, old and new for your support of our shop. We really appreciate it and appreciate your patience whilst we have improved the orders (thank you Jo) and the changes to the shop. We want to be able to provide you with fresh food, safely and efficiently.

As a reminder, the email to place an order for collection or delivery is coombehillorders@gmail.com

If you are able to collect that would be great, otherwise we are happy to deliver when needed.

Opening times Wed, Thurs & Sunday 10am-1pm and Friday & Saturday 9am-1pm.

We hope you are all keeping safe and well.
Sam and Phillipa



Coombe Hill Canal Car Park
(taken by Pippa H)



(Photo by Sue W at Easter)

The Church is currently closed, however books have been moved to the porch so please feel free to swap or make a donation in the honesty box.

The Benefice have undertaken a food bank collection receiving four times as much as usual and £250 in cash as well.

Sue R

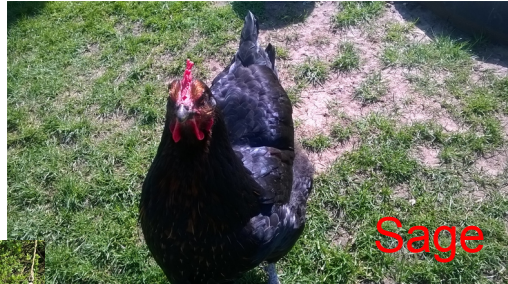


Celebrating St George's Day on 23 April



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Sage



LUDO AND DOLLY

THE FOSTER FRUGS.



We recently had the chance to foster Ludo and Dolly from muffinpug dog rescue. They are both French bulldog/pug cross though they have more of a pug temperament. Sadly, their owner is temporarily unable to take care of them but hopes to be reunited with them at some time.

Viv Theyer