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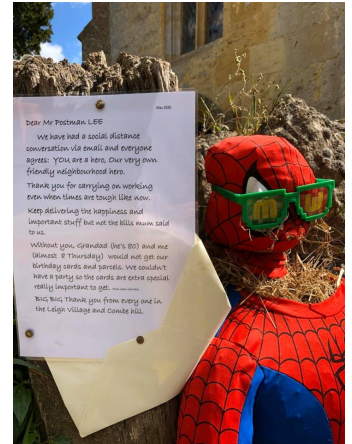
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Gloucestershire Sewing for the NHS

As part of the Gloucestershire Sewing for the NHS initiative, our team of 21 sewists plus washers, drivers, cutters, packers and many more have produced 265 scrub sets, plus over 100 hats and laundry bags. Plain scrubs went to the Covid 19 ward at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, and the colourful scrubs made from donated duvet covers have gone to Paediatric and Geriatric Carers. Here are just some of the fabulous volunteers photographed socially distanced and then photoshopped together by Colin D.



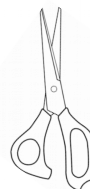
The Austins putting the scrubs through rigorous quality control test



A big 'Thank You' to the Chandler boys for incorporating a letter of thanks to Lee (Postman) as part of their spiderman scarecrow creation. Lee loved it – thanks. **Jo R**



We have also produced over 350 face masks to help protect the general public while also raising funds with our 'pick one and donate' idea. Funds are going to local heroes, (chosen by our community) whose work has been affected by the pandemic, namely Cheltenham Animal Shelter, Maggie's Cancer Help Centre, Young Carers Gloucestershire and NHS Charities Together. Masks will continue to be available at Coombe Hill Farm Shop. Min suggested donation is £5. **Stella B**



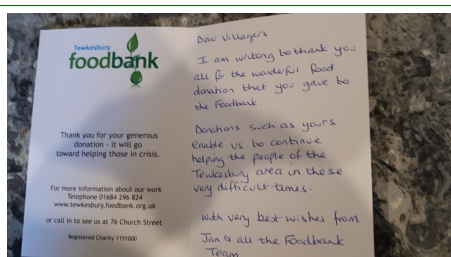
Scrubs Couture!

Big thanks to Stella and her team of sewing Stars for all the scrubs they have made.

Special thanks, from me, to Cindy W who kindly made mine - beautifully stitched, super comfy and cool to wear in hot weather! Thanks Cindy - much appreciated. **Rita R**



My mum and dad are in Tipperary, Ireland and so are isolating or cocooning as they call it over there. My dad needed a mask for a hospital appointment and so I was able to get him one from the Coombe Hill Farm Shop that was made by the ladies in The Leigh and beyond. My dad (who is 83 years young as he says) wanted me to pass on this thanks. I am not sure whether you might have predicted that your masks would be going as far as Tipperary but they have! **Ann-Marie W**



Viv T wishes to share a letter of appreciation to all those who have left items on her doorstep. **Thank you.**

Thanks to everyone who supported the Horticultural Show Plant Sale kindly hosted by Bob and Janet.

All proceeds will go to the Annual Show 2021!



Grainne & Rosie G planting seed paper hearts pinned to Jodie and Martyn's hedge in Church Lane. (I understand they were expecting flowers the next day!)

Scarecrow Fest

When I posted on The Leigh Community Facebook page the idea of having a Scarecrow Weekend I hoped for about ten responses. The outcome, however, was fantastic as more people joined in and we ended with 40 throughout the Parish.

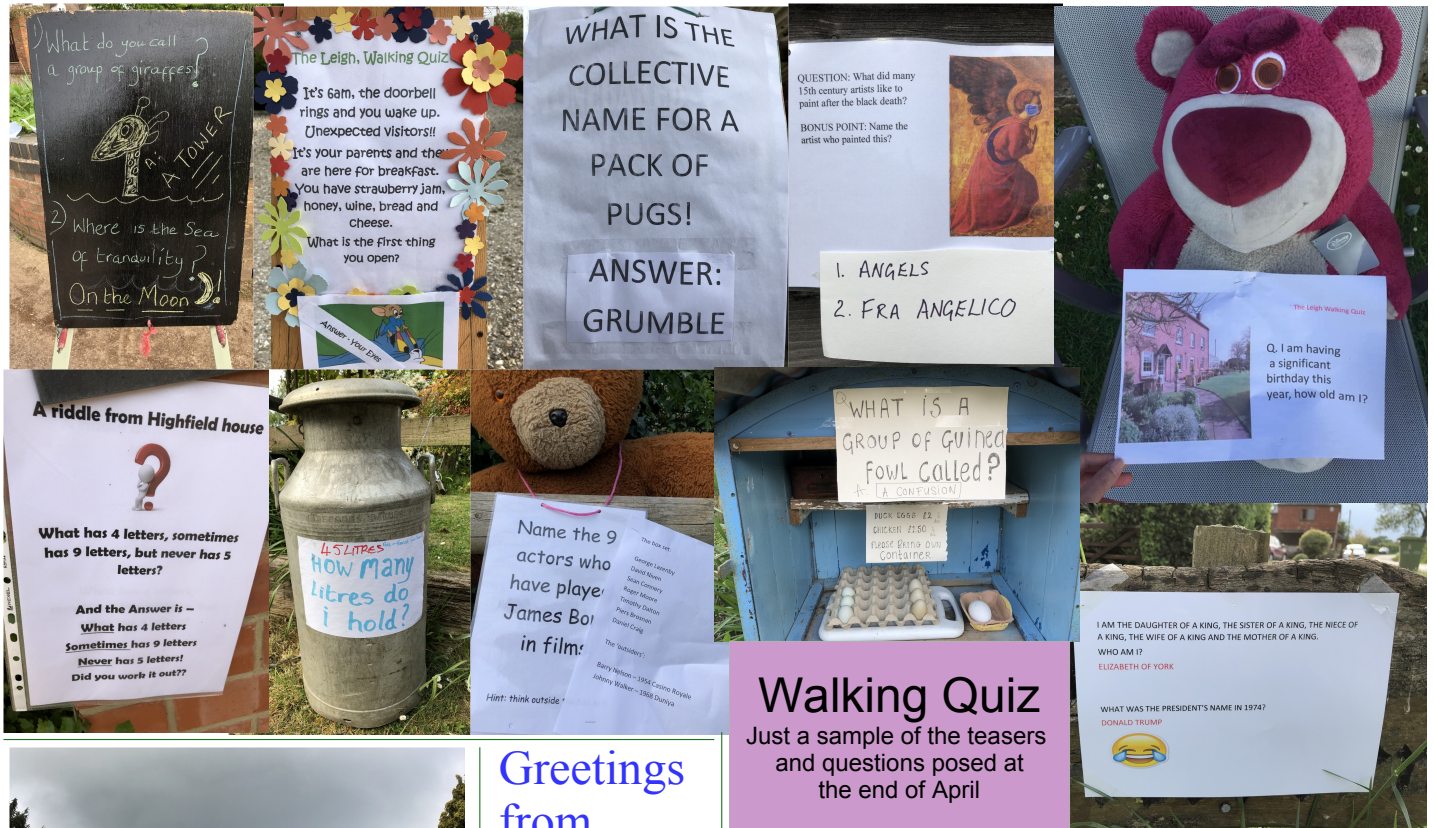
Every scarecrow was different and every one was so creative and often amusingly reflected their maker's characters!!! So many people kept saying how great it was to walk around our lovely village and be entertained. Over the following week we also met many visitors who all enjoyed the event.

I was so pleased that I contacted Cotswold Life who immediately sent a photographer who spent the morning photographing over twenty of the scarecrows. He thinks there will be a spread in either the July or August edition and I will let everyone know when that is.

Meanwhile thanks to everyone who joined in and gave a smile to so many at this difficult time. And who knows we may do it again next year!!!! Sue W



A BIG thank you to Sue W for this great idea. The thought and imagination which has gone into EVERYONE's displays is truly outstanding. A total triumph for the village. Marian B



Very many thanks to Barry T, Chris W and Richard T who have, between them, mowed the entire churchyard and kept it generally tidy during these lockdown times.

It has put Clive's mind at ease as he thought it must have been almost at hay stage. Sue R



Greetings from above! 😊

Did anyone else see this happy face? – taken on Bank Holiday Monday from the Remfry's garden.

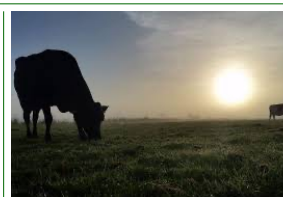


Instead of 'spot the differences' please see which one thing is actually the same? (Farmers should spot straight away!)



The Benefice is holding services most Sundays using "Zoom" - Hazel and I are sent password details each week – please let us know if you would like to participate. (01242 680835)

Suzanne and Philippa read the morning prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays via the Seven Towers Facebook page (@SevenTowersBenefice)



SHOUT-OUT TO ALL FARMERS

As a farming community, we would like to recognise what a fantastic job you are all doing in these unusual times.

Martin R (Church Lane)





VE Day in The Leigh

(Dan T (boy on wall), Lilian W (little girl far right) and Grahame P (left of Lilian, middle row))

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) 8 May 1945

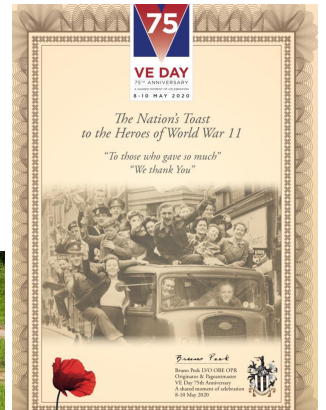
75 years have passed since the guns fell silent at the end of the war in Europe. This anniversary provided us all with an opportunity to reflect on the enormous sacrifice, courage and determination of people from all walks of life.

They all went forth with no PPE and secured our freedom which we all enjoy today.

It was a real shame that this day could not have been honoured and celebrated in the manner it deserved. However, some villagers were able to raise a glass and toast "To those who gave so much, we thank you".



Anne's mother at 95 (pictured above) was actually in Trafalgar Square on VE Day. She couldn't get down The Mall as the crowds were too dense. She recalls lots of dancing!!



Barry & Sue's scarecrow was a tribute to VE Day (took Sue an hour to take this picture with both flags flying!)



I wonder what Bonnie and James' memories will be of Lockdown in 75 years?



Very excited to announce the imminent opening of
Cow Shed Garden & Antiques
at Coombe Hill Farm Shop.

An eclectic mix of carefully selected quality gems by Hayley and Chris

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Thank you to Catherine G for organising the ice-cream van to come to the village – never seen so many excited villagers (young and old)!!

