

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Dog Bins for Village

As most of you will know, the Parish Council have been trialling two temporary dog waste bins since last December. The trial was reviewed at the last Parish Council meeting, where it was decided that the bins have been a success - they have been well utilised and there is less dog waste on the roads and verges.

The next stage would be to install permanent bins that will be emptied weekly by Tewkesbury Borough Council.

Input from yourselves is now needed to decide:

- A. The type of bins
- B. The preferred locations

A. There are two types of bins suggested by Tewkesbury Borough Council:

1. Standard Red Dog Bin

These bins will certainly stand out which is not what everyone may want. They also have to be opened which in the current times may not be ideal. They are however the smaller bin.

Supply of bin and post: £150.00 +VAT
Installation into ground: £90.00 + VAT
(post will be concreted in place)



2. Dual Waste Litter & Dog Waste Bin

This bin is larger
It is dual purpose
Drop in but protected from weather

More expensive as one off cost
Supply of bin : £200.00 +VAT
Installation onto concrete foundation: £130.00 + VAT



The footpath clearing and stile repairing fairies have been at it again! A very big thank you to Chris, Rob, Barry and Rich for their hard work.

Opening-up Leapgate Lane (between Blacksmith & Church Lanes across the fields)



B. Where to position the Bins?

They are currently at the junction on Church Lane and by the village pond.

Are these the best locations?

The land by the pond is owned by the Parish Council so land ownership is not a problem and it is close enough to the road for TBC to collect. Is there somewhere better?

There is a question around who owns the verge on Church Lane, TBC believe it is fine to locate there but there is a question if the verge belongs to the landowner of the field.

So we can either approach the owner or relocate. Ben Troughton was on the zoom meeting and very kindly offered to allow it to be located further along Church Lane on their verge/land (by Christmas tree field). Also means its not outside anyone's house. This position is also acceptable to TBC to collect from. What do you think?

We need your thoughts and comments on:

- A: Bin preference
- B: Location thoughts

These can be given in a number of ways:

- by email: Leighpc@hotmail.com
- by text: 07711 632256
- in writing: drop off at Prospect House
- via The Leigh Parish Council Website

The next zoom Parish Council Meeting is the 7th August so please have your comments to us by then. You are also welcome to join the meeting. Details and joining instructions will come out from Kate nearer to the date.

The Leigh Parish Council

Parish Council Issues:

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



THE SWAN AT COOMBE HILL IS OPEN....

- * Thursday lunch over 60s: 25% off total bill when 2 or more main courses are ordered.
- * Blue light/emergency services personnel: 10% off total bill.
- * Loyalty card: dine with us 5 times and on your 6th visit get the average of your 5 previous meals knocked off your bill.
- * Tuesday Steak Night: steak, chips, salad, peppercorn sauce and a pint of draught or 175ml glass of wine for just £12.

Open Tuesday - Sunday
(closed Sunday evening and all day Monday)



Fundraising Face Covers!

For the last few months, several members of the village have been part of a fundraising program. Three beneficiaries were chosen by a vote held on the community Facebook page, namely Maggie's Cancer Care, Gloucestershire Young Carers and Cheltenham Animal Shelter. The main reasons for choosing them has been due to their essential work carried out during Lockdown, coupled with the lack of funding or fundraising opportunities.

From the humble beginnings and the hope to raise £500 by making and selling face masks, volunteers helped in any way they could. From donating fabric and unpicking elastic out of old fitted sheets, to cutting patterns, sewing, modelling masks for social media, delivering and collecting from sewists and of course selling the finished items. With online and individual sales, plus 'pick your own' displays in Coombe Hill Farm Shop and Norton Garden Centre, the program took off and we more than quadrupled our original goal by raising £2410! As the deadline for compulsory mask wearing in retail shops has arrived, I feel it is now time for a well earned rest.



All there is left to do is split the funds equally between the three charities and send official fundraising certificates to Coombe Hill Farm Shop and Norton Garden Centre. Most of all I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has taken part.

Stella B

Cow Shed Garden & Antiques @cowshedgardenandantiques



Hayley and Chris have put together a lovely section of vintage garden and interior items in their outlet at Coombe Hill Farm Shop. Their opening hours, which currently coincide with those of the Farm Shop, are: Wed & Sun: 10am – 1pm; Thurs: 10am – 2pm; Fri & Sat: 9am – 2pm. New items each week!



@CoombeHillFarmShop



On Fridays and Saturdays, the Farm Shop is joined by **The Baking Bird** (@thebakingbirduk) - a vintage coffee van offering home baked cakes and beverages.



Stella!

I am taking it upon myself, on behalf of all those involved in the parish, scrub recipients, and the charities who have benefitted from her hard work and enthusiasm, to thank Stella for all her many hours of sterling work on the scrubs and face mask projects.

Well done to YOU!
Jo et al



Please be reminded that I am retiring from Newsletter Editorship next August (2021) – can honestly say I have not been swamped with parishioners wishing to take it on!!!! Please think about it. Thanks. Jo

Norton Little Learners Pre-School



To learn more – please read the attached flyer.

Free to a good home!

9 x 4.5m reinforced concrete floor beams.

Contact:

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Norton Little Learners Pre-school



Who are we?

We are a local preschool taking children from 2years 9months. We are passionate about Early years and love to build positive memories whilst also building a love of learning! We have a mix of child initiated and adult planned activities to ensure the children are well supported to develop and reach their goals.

Where are we?

We are part of Norton C of E Primary School in Norton just off the A38! We have a large room within the school which has free-flow into our own little playground and also into the main school playground.



Why Little Learners?

Don't just take our word for it - here are some 2019 parent testimonials:

"I particularly like the fact that my child is so happy, secure and thriving. I think that speaks volumes. But I also like that staff are so approachable, friendly, child centred and obviously love the job!"

"Oh Little Learners how we love you all! My child is happiest on a 'school day'. The activities you offer and the opportunities the children get to embrace being 3 years old is totally amazing!! Thank you."

"We are extremely pleased with how our child has fitted into LL and also how she has come out of her shell a lot more than she had at her previous nursery!"

How do I sign up?

Check out our school website www.norton.gloucs.sch.uk or call us on 01452730531 for more information. We can email you registration forms and our information booklet too!

We can't wait to meet you!