

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

PLANT SALE

Sunday 9 May
Daniels Orchard's Yard
10am – 3pm (or whilst stocks last!)

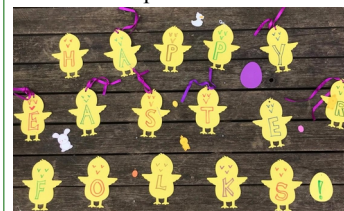
Honesty Box – cash only
Social Distancing MUST be observed and Covid safety measures will be in place

Open to Parishioners – their family and friends



**Hope you
all had an
Egg-cellent
Easter
Folks!**

Stella and I thoroughly enjoyed creating this year's Easter word search, and although the jokes might have only achieved small chuckles, we were pretty pleased with our Easter-based puns.



I, for one, hope that the phrase 'Happy Easter' didn't throw too many people, but we were entertained by how many people were puzzled by the 'new' letters F, K and L.

Although I didn't welcome the 6.30am alarm, I think it was all worth it in the end. Throughout the various lockdowns and personal isolations experienced this last year, these village activities, I think, have given us all much-needed entertainment.



Can't wait for the next big idea! Harriet R

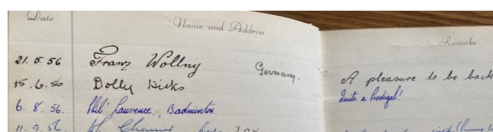


Arkell Family Albums

I recently came across an old photo album that belonged to Jack (1892-1965) and Lena (1893-1973) Arkell, John's grandparents. In it are two photos which I thought might be of interest.



I found a photo taken outside the old British Legion Hall, Coombe Hill. The children featured are Henry Arkell, Beryl Weston, Lottie Leach, David Arkell (John's father 1926-2007) Eunice Phelps, Ken P and Clive Arkell. All the Arkell boys are now gone. (Editor's Note: Ken P looking very mischievous!)



During World War II there were a lot of POWs housed at Ashchurch. Staplins Farm was issued a German POW called Franz Wollny. He became a good friend of Jack and Lena, and in May 1956 he returned as a guest and signed the visitors book.

Sadly, Lena did not always mark photos with names and dates. It is a job I keep meaning to do to my own albums. Yvonne A

Should you have any plant donations etc towards the Plant Sale – please drop around to Daniels Orchard on 7 & 8 May.
Many thanks.



CHURCH NEWS



Open each Thursday from 10am – 3pm for private prayer



GENTLE PAWS

Dog Walking and care for your Pooch.

For further details, ring Sally 01242680249 or 07974303426

Date of the next Parish Council Meeting:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 4 May @ 7.30PM

Zoom meeting details circulated


**COOMBE HILL
FARM SHOP**



Open for drinks and homemade
cakes on
Fridays, Saturdays
& Sundays

Open:
Wed & Sun 10am – 1pm
Thurs 10am – 2pm
Fri & Sat 9am – 2pm



**Cow Shed
Garden &
Antiques**

Thursdays, Fridays,
Saturdays & Sundays



The Farmers Arms, Apperley,
has reopened after closing suddenly last year.
There new landlords, who live in Apperley
village, who have renewed the Wadworth's
tied licence so will hopefully make a 'go of it'
and have a vested interest in doing so.

There is a garden menu with one outdoor
seating area uncovered and two outdoor areas
under cover (marquees). The Farmers Arms
has had an extensive refit in the kitchens too
in readiness for 17th May and have plans for
extended opening hours. Karen and I have
tried it out for a couple of meals already!

Cheers **Laurence**



Pic: Julie B

Just a reminder that the Newsletter
will be requiring a new Editor
from September 2021!



Job Description:

- going forward it could be a single Editor or a Job Share
- basically gather stories and photos: some are offered, others need creating
- create Newsletter (currently use Star Office)
- recommend newsletter needs proof-reading - someone else in the Parish could do this?
- currently 95 printed (Parish Council do have a budget), deliver to volunteer deliverers in The Leigh, Pancake Lane and Coombe Hill
- upload onto Leigh Parish website

Obviously the Newsletter format etc is not set in stone – you would make it your own.

Happy to talk through with any interested parties. **Jo (680257)**



The Leigh Apple Orchards Juice

Thank you to everyone who purchased this
year's brew – we have raised £200 for the
Riding for the Disabled (Maisemore).



Having experienced the recent worry
of a dog being missing for 24 hours –
all dog owners should be mindful
that dog thefts are on the rise and dog
ownership microchips are removed
very quickly, so act fast should you
suspect foul play!

Thankfully, our dog had just gone on
a long walk and all is well. **Sal C**