

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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As the new editor, my first duty must be to thank Jo on the Parish's behalf for her hard work on the newsletter over many years. You're a marvel, thank you! My second duty is to ask you to send me any articles that will be of interest to our readers.

## Great Time had by All

Can we say a big THANK YOU to everyone for joining us to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary.

We thoroughly enjoyed the evening and judging from the comments received, we know you did as well.

Another big thank you for the gifts and cards received but, more importantly, for the donations made to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust which we've supported for the past 10 years. The amount raised on the night was £520, plus online donations. Also, a baby elephant Esoit was adopted the day after the party, so thank you again.

Started in Kenya over 44 years ago, the Trust reacts swiftly to many existing and new challenges facing wildlife. They've established long-term field projects including: rescue and reintegration of elephants, rhinos and other wildlife; provision of veterinary services to animals in need; anti-poaching and aerial surveillance; and habitat protection and preservation. **Sue & Barry T**



## Our Pond's had a Facelift!

Many of you have commented over the last few years that the village pond has been in need of a clear out. This week it's had just that with over 200 tonnes of silt and reeds moved to Leigh Court Farm.

A big thank you from the villagers to all that helped and gave up their time over two days go to: John A, PJ, Richard T for the actual clearing, Martin R for strimming the banks and especially Ben T for allowing the 'muddy sludge' to be given a new home on his fields. A great job. **Karen M**



## It's that Time of Year Again

The Swan Inn at Coombe Hill will be hosting our annual Christmas evening meal on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

**Chris H.** is kindly co-ordinating the event. Any readers wishing to attend are asked to make their selections in advance from the Xmas menu available from the pub or found on their website and drop payment in full, together with your names and meal choices by 31<sup>st</sup> October to Chris at The Old School, Church Lane.

2 courses are £18.95 and 3 courses are £24.95.



## Norton and The Leigh — Local History Group

Future events for your diary at Norton Village Hall (doors open at 7pm and talks start promptly at 7:15pm) are:

### 25<sup>th</sup> October (Monday)

Lt. Col. Bernard Barton-Ancliffe  
— The History of Imjin Barracks and the British Army

### 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Monday)

Richard Chatham —  
Tewkesbury in Bygone Days

Please wear a face mask and use hand sanitiser provided.

**Sue Phelps** 07754 668898

  
**Cotswold Male Voice Choir**

**St. Catherine, Leigh**

7.30pm

Saturday 16th October

**"Around Britain  
in Song"**

Supporting Church Funds

**Free Entry**

Raffle & Retiring Collection

To reserve a seat:  
01242 680835 by 14th October

Book | Join | Listen  
[www.cotswoldmvc.org](http://www.cotswoldmvc.org)

**THE LEIGH PARISH**  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

## Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm  
Venue: St Catherine's Church, The Leigh

Keep informed via The Leigh Parish Council website  
[theleighpc.org.uk](http://theleighpc.org.uk) or contact the Parish directly on  
[leighpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leighpc@hotmail.co.uk)



## Diary Dates for St Catherine's Church



### Harvest Supper — Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (7pm)

Join us for a hot supper with a scrummy dessert.

Refreshments will be available to purchase but please feel free to bring your own.

To reserve a space please contact:  
**Hazel C** 01452 857180 or **Sue R** 01242 680835

### Coffee Morning with Bells 13<sup>th</sup> November (10am to 12 noon)

Homemade cakes and crafts with a raffle and an opportunity to buy your Christmas cards.

Ever wanted to ring the bells? Now's your chance to give it a go. Anyone 13 or over is welcome to drop in and give them a 'dong' — under **Phil C's** supervision!

### Wreath Making and Afternoon Tea (1pm to 3:30pm) Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Cost for this workshop is **£15.00** per person with all proceeds going to the Church.

Included in the price is the wreath base, fairy lights and foliage and a glass of Prosecco. Small and stylish, or make a big impact — the choice is yours!

For full details and to reserve your place contact:  
**Karen M** 07711 632256



### Gentle Paws

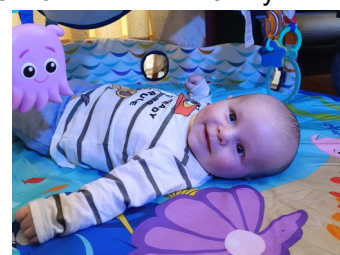
Dog walking and holiday pet sitting for your pooches.



Please call **Sally C**  
01242 680249 or  
07974 303426

### Welcome to...

Thomas Michael Peter who made his entrance into the world on 20<sup>th</sup> July. He weighed 8lb 6oz and was 15 days late!



Katie and Ryan thank everyone for their best wishes, cards and gifts and look forward to seeing those in the village who've yet to meet him.

**And... Carmen W** and Ralph (dog) at Old School Cottage. Carmen's a registered nurse and trained aesthetician practitioner. She has her own business offering services such as anti-wrinkle treatments, dermal fillers and many more.

Contact Carmen by email  
carmensmedical  
@yahoo.com or *Carmen's Medical Aesthetics*  
07458 985008

### Good Luck to...

We're saying goodbye (for now) to some of our younger residents this month as they head off to University.

**Harriet R** who's off to Royal Holloway, London to study Economics, Politics and International Relations

**Jess R** who's off to Birmingham to study Medicine

**Will K** who's off to Swansea to study Mechanical Engineering.

## Recycle Small Electricals at the Kerbside



Did you know that Tewkesbury Borough has introduced a new service for residents? You can now recycle small electricals such as irons, hair dryers, laptops and mobile phones by putting them out in a carrier bag next to their blue recycling bins.

Any items less than 25cm in length that require a plug or a battery to perform their main function - referred to as Small Waste Electronic and Electrical equipment (WEEE) - can now be recycled at the kerbside. Residents should place the item(s) in one standard-sized carrier bag, tie the handles, and put the bag alongside their blue bin by 7am on recycling collection day. **Kate T**



### COOMBE HILL FARM SHOP

Despite the ongoing roadworks, they're still open for business.  
Wed & Sun 10am – 1pm  
Thurs 10am – 2pm  
Fri & Sat 9am – 2pm

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



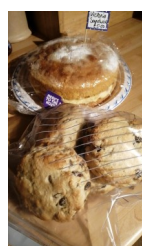
### Cow Shed Garden & Antiques

Open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays

## Over £500 Raised for Cancer Charities!

**Hannah G** would like to thank everyone who took the time to come and support The Leigh's contribution to the World's Largest Coffee morning which she very generously hosted at Holborn Farm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

A fantastic total of £333 was raised by the coffee morning. £200 raised by the raffle will be donated to Cancer Research UK once Grace and Hannah complete the 'mud run' at Cheltenham Racecourse in October.



"I was genuinely touched by the many offers of raffle prizes; the donations given by local ladies of lovingly homemade cakes and shortbread; Harriet and Phil & Hazel C for bringing their respective flower and book stalls; and to see so many people getting behind this worthwhile cause."

WORLD'S BIGGEST  
**COFFEE  
MORNING**  
MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

