

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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As this is the first newsletter of 2022, it's hopefully not too late to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. This is your newsletter so please do send me any articles that you'd like to share which would be of interest to the residents of The Leigh and Coombe Hill. Please send any articles for April's newsletter to me by 20th March (to above email).

Brrrrrr....ave Ladies

Myself, Lynn, Carmen, Viv and Richard braved the water on New Year's day to enjoy a dip in the river Avon. We were joined by Libby from Gloucestershire's Bluetits Chill Swimmers. I'm told the water was a chilly 5-7 degrees!

There're numerous health benefits to cold water swimming — the main consideration is to feel safe in the water and never swim alone. Thanks also to all who came along to provide moral support. [Dawn A](#)



The Leigh Christmas Post Box

Thank you to everyone who used the Christmas Post-box or inserted their Christmas greetings in December's Newsletter - a fantastic total of £295 was raised!!



The money was split (according to donor wishes) between James Hopkins Trust (£173.50) and St Catherine's Church, The Leigh (£121.50).

Thanks to the Austins for installing / storing the post-box, Viv & Richard for hosting and to the card-delivering elves: Sue W, Nicky W, Stella B, Marian B and the Austin family. [Jo R](#)

Tewkesbury Winter Ale Festival



Sadly this event scheduled for 3rd to 6th February, which a number of villagers were going to attend, has been (Covid) cancelled (as it was 2021). Hopefully third time lucky for 2023! [Laurence M](#)

Local Event Roundup



The first time we've held a 'switch on' at the church and it was well attended with a lovely carol singalong. Thanks to Chris W and Richard T for the great angel and star and to Ange S and Karen M for the Christmas tree. Plans are already afoot for a more elaborate light display for 2022.



The Christmas wreathmaking was a sell-out. Some amazing creations adorned homes all over the Parish and beyond. Over £600 was raised over two very busy days. Thanks to Ange S and Karen M for arranging. As spaces will be more limited this year, please book your place early.



Despite the latest Covid variant, a family-orientated Christingle service was enjoyed by a near full church. A rousing rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas got everyone singing.



The cold, foggy weather couldn't stop over 20 people braving the elements to sample a variety of homemade curries. Over £300 was raised for the church funds during the evening. [St.Catherine's PCC](#)

Please Don't Feed the Pigs!



We've put our three pigs (Frank, Bruno and Polly) out in Long Meadow field. You're more than welcome to visit them but please can you not feed them. Pigs can easily gain weight and I need keep an eye on what they're eating. Plus, there are some foods that they mustn't eat, as it will upset them.

They are friendly but please mind your fingers! Many thanks, [Hayley W](#)





St. Catherine's Church

Village Fête Meeting — Tuesday 1st March at 6:30pm

See details below.

Coffee Morning — Saturday 5th March (10:00 – 12:00)

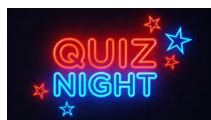
Drop by and join your friends and neighbours for a chat over hot drinks and cakes. Other refreshments also served.

Quiz Night — Saturday 12th March 8:00pm

See details below.



Calling All Quiz Teams



Please start getting your team sorted – over the past two years you must have accrued so much more knowledge! As usual, we'll be in St Catherine's Church.

Please do let me know by 28th February if you'll be participating as enough quiz sheets need to be printed in advance. Please contact Quiz Master via email to (jorobsonmailbox@gmail.com)Must remember to order the wooden spoons!

2022 Village Fête



After a three year absence, we're hoping this popular event will once again be on the

Parish calendar (date to be announced soon).

Anyone who's willing to share some ideas for inclusion or help with its organisation will be very welcome to attend. [St. Catherine's PCC](#)

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:



28th February (Monday) - Invincible faith triumpheth - Malcolm Watkins
The story of the siege of Gloucester, based on the diary of the town crier of the time.

28th March (Monday) - Medieval builders and building techniques - John Putley

25th April (Monday) - The landscape legacy of the Normans - Alan Pilbeam
Learn about churches, deer parks, establishment of the Forest of Dean etc.

Everyone welcome. Entrance £3. Due to Covid-19 precautions, please wear a face mask.
Hand sanitiser is provided. [Sue Phelps](#) 07754 668898 / 01452 731280



Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th February at 7:30pm
Venue: St Catherine's church, The Leigh.

All residents of the parish are welcome to attend and the agenda can be viewed in advance on the noticeboard and website.

Keep informed via The Leigh Parish Council website theleighpc.org.uk, the village noticeboard, or contact the Parish directly on leighpc@hotmail.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee Celebration



The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who submitted ideas as to how we should honour the Queen's 70 year reign.

These are being reviewed and an announcement as to how we'll celebrate this and leave a lasting legacy will be made in due course.

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Don't forget the **Plant Sale** on Sunday 8th May at Daniels Orchard's Yard from 10:00am to 1:00pm (or whilst stocks last!).



Thursday 10am - 2pm
Friday & Saturday 9am - 2pm
Sunday 10am - 1pm

Goodbye to...Brian & Janine Bramley



Au revoir to Brian and Janine who're leaving The Leigh at the end of January. After more than 40 years they're making the move along the A38 to a new apartment in the Gloucester Quays.

Having completely transformed their home, Villa Farm House, to the beautiful home we all know today and raising

their now, three grown children (Christopher, Peter and Annalea), they've always managed to find the time to be very active members of the Parish. They've given their time tirelessly over the years to raise money for the church and many other village activities, so a big thank you.

Always the first to offer a helping hand and a kind word, you'll be very much missed by all. We all hope they'll will return to see us from time to time and our very best wishes as you embark on the next stage of your adventure together. [Karen M](#)

