

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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The big news is the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Over the extended Bank Holiday period in June, Leigh Parish Council is funding and hosting two events to which everyone residing in the Parish is invited. Full details can be found on page 2. Please send any articles for May's newsletter to me by 24th April (to above email).



Supporting Ukraine



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously (especially the many parishioners who'd taken the time to go and buy specific items) to the Parish's donation to Gloucester's Ukrainian Church of the Good Shepherd.



Sarah R and I took many boxes and bags containing toiletries, first aid supplies, sleeping bags, batteries, torches and foodstuffs. The Gloucester church was busy with people arriving with car-loads of items while other groups were sorting and stacking in readiness for the next HGV departure. [Lucy C](#), [Sarah R](#)

Parish Quiz Champions

On Saturday 12th March, seven teams battled over ten rounds of cryptic clues and questions ranging from animals, food & drink and general knowledge to become 2022's Parish quiz champions.



One particularly amusing answer stood out in the 'cryptic kitchen items' round:

Question: Persuade the man to keep out of the kitchen.
Correct answer: Detergent. Answer given: Stopcock !

The top three placing teams were:

1st - Sir Quiz Witty (pictured)

2nd - No Prospects

3rd - Big 6

Wooden spoons (last) were awarded to the Keg Heads team.



Most importantly, the evening raised £101, split between St Catherine's and Maggie's, Cheltenham. [Jo R](#)

Goodbye To The Leigh's 'Other Pond'

Thanks to the efforts of Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department, the 'other village pond' outside Prospect House is no more. As the work was unscheduled, there was no advance warning of the temporary road closure. Apologies to anyone affected.

Making The Most Of Our Countryside

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Gloucestershire

(www.walkinginengland.co.uk/glos) has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own, or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the website's custodian) said: "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Gloucestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place, so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you."

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles or more, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. [John H](#)

Wainlode Walkers

Local walks take place every Friday and last anywhere from 3 to 5 hours at a nice, easy pace. There's lots of conversation, laughter and always something different. You'll learn about the local countryside and communities and see places that you won't from the car.

Don't forget you'll need to bring a packed lunch / drink.

For details and timings, contact [Sue P](#). 07754 668898.

Sandhurst Cobalt Card Group

Sandhurst branch were delighted to raise over £1,600 (despite limited opportunities to sell cards last year).



The money will contribute to the Charity purchasing a £2 million state-of-the-art digital PET/CT scanner (1 of only 6 in the country). Enabling early, fast and accurate diagnosis of cancer and dementia; it will also help plan effective treatment and monitor the response to treatment. 6,000 local NHS patients annually will benefit.

Thank you to everyone who bought cards or gave generous donations. [Yvette](#)



St. Catherine's Church

Easter Service — Sunday 17th April at 10:30am
Communion service.



Anyone is welcome to put flowers in St Catherine's church for Easter.

Flowers can be placed on windowsills, fonts or in the porch on Easter Saturday or during Easter week (w/c 18th April). If you wish to leave a dedication to a loved one with the flowers please do so.

Gel Printing Workshop—30th April (09:30am - 12:30pm)

Gel printing is an excitingly easy way to make unique prints. Come and try out this wonderful technique in a relaxed 3-hour workshop. You will make lots of prints to use on greetings cards and other decorative objects. The session costs £25 and includes: tuition; a goody bag to take away; use of equipment; and all materials & light refreshments.

Your tutor is Lesley, a passionate crafter and qualified teacher, committed to lifelong learning and opportunities for all. Please book your workshop place by contacting her on: 07920 260468 or email lesley.hirons@hotmail.co.uk

2022 Village Fête



After a three-year absence, this popular event will be taking place on **Saturday 3rd September** (to avoid clashing with Jubilee celebrations). We would welcome all offers of support; from anyone willing to share ideas for the day, to helping with its organisation. **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:

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

23rd May (Monday) - The history and plants of Westbury Court Garden - Jerry Green

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 13th April** 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 Celebrations



Two meetings have been held to discuss and agree the type of events the Parish Council should hold to celebrate the Jubilee weekend. Next meeting is Wednesday 20th April, 7:00pm at The Swan Inn.

Detailed flyers will be delivered to every household in the Parish over the next week with all the information you'll need but here's the key dates for your diaries:

Sunday 4th June (2:30pm) — Platinum Jubilee Celebration (thanksgiving service at St Catherine's Church).

Friday 2nd June (7:30pm to midnight) — Disco with hog roast.

Sunday 4th June (3:00pm to 5:00pm) — Afternoon tea with toast to the Queen.

The venue will be the marquee in Stans Meadow (field near Prospect House, Wellcroft and Woodbine Cottage).

Price – Free to all on The Leigh and Coombe Hill Parish electoral roll. Tickets for non-residents will be available to purchase and the Parish Council would welcome all offers of help. **Karen M**

Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show

Annual Plant Sale

Sunday 8 May 2022

Daniels Orchard, Blacksmiths Lane,
The Leigh, GL19 4AG
10am – 1pm

Everyone Welcome,
Free Admission
Cash Only



Thursday 10:00am - 2:00pm
Friday & Saturday 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday 10:00am - 1:00pm

