

# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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## PARISH PLATINUM CELEBRATIONS



**Friday 3 June**

7pm – Midnight: **Platinum Party** – Stan's Meadow, The Leigh

**Sunday 5 June**

Pre-Service: **Ring of Church Bells**

2pm: **Service of Thanksgiving**, St Catherine's Church

3pm: **Afternoon Tea**, Stan's Meadow, The Leigh

3.30pm: **Toast to Her Majesty The Queen** during Tea



Please remember this event has been organised and manned by Parish volunteers. Please take all your rubbish home with you. Whilst enjoying yourselves, please ensure you stay safe and observe all safety advice and notices. Thank you. (fingers crossed for sunshine)

## Belated Congratulations!!



Mum (pictured with 3 of her grandchildren) celebrated her 90th Birthday at the beginning of April - she's settled well into the village and enjoys now being able to go to the 'Friendly Friday' group once a month. **Dawn Atkinson**

## Leigh Neighbourhood Development Plan Nears Adoption



Our NDP has now been approved by the Independent Examiner, a barrister, with only a few minor amendments.

The Examiner commented "I commend the Draft NDP for being clear, intelligible and well written, and for the considerable effort that has gone into its creation." Personally I would like to thank all those who have contributed to this very long project.

TBC expect, at a meeting early June, to approve the NDP being taken to a referendum at the end of July when all registered residents of The Leigh Parish will be able to vote. If more than 50% of the vote are in favour of the NDP it should be formally adopted in September.

Completion of the NDP will allow the Parish to receive much higher contributions from developments in the Parish as well as having an influence on future planning applications. In its already advanced state it is hoped that the NDP can influence house designs at the large development at Coombe Hill to be more sympathetic to its rural surroundings.

The Leigh website has the latest version of our NDP and will be updated in these final stages.  
**Colin W**

## THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE

At Treetops we were  
Phillip told me the news  
My father had passed  
While I'm admiring the views.

From that day onwards  
My life was to reign  
United Kingdom and Commonwealth  
The sovereignty to remain.

The wars that we've won  
As we went along  
Is proof in itself  
As a nation your strong.

I am very proud  
And honoured to say  
It's all been a privilege  
To represent you this way.



I would like to say thank you  
For the support that I've had  
It's been a lovely journey  
Through good times and bad.

After 70 years  
I think you'll agree  
Please join me to celebrate  
My **PLATINUM JUBILEE!** (By Sue T)



## Lee, the Postman!

Eventually tracked Lee down and he popped into the Farm Shop with his son and daughter.

They were all very touched by everyone's generosity.

His daughter told me that he really missed the people on the Leigh & Coombe Hill round.



Thanks to Sue W & Stella B for organising. **Jo R**

# Church News



**Revd Joe Knight** joins the benefice as Priest in Charge on June 22nd. His ministry begins with his installation at Sandhurst Church at 7pm.

Joe joins us with his wife and 4 daughters from his curacies at Newnham on Severn and Westbury on Severn. **Sue R**

## Churchyard Bench

The PCC has installed a bench in the churchyard.



Later in the year we will invite requests for anyone wishing to place a small memorial of a loved one on the bench, with guidance on detail, size etc

Thanks go to Chris W, Rich T and Clive R for the bench installation. **Sue R**

## The Bells of St Catherine, The Leigh – A Sensitive Subject

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, in conjunction with The Archbishops Council, have issued a recommended protocol to be followed in the event of the passing of our Monarch.

The protocol is suggesting /recommending church bells be rung at nominated times during the official mourning period, it also recommends bells be (at least) half muffled during this period

Unfortunately St Catherine's, The Leigh do not have bell muffles, apart from "homemade" carpet wraps which have a very short wear life.

A set of dedicated muffles will cost from £225.50 for half muffles to £471.50 for full muffles. St Catherine's finances are not in a good state and current expenditure is limited to essentials only, therefore we have a bit of a problem.

We have received offers of donations to help cover the cost of the muffles. Is there anyone else in the community who would also wish to donate especially as we approach the Jubilee celebrations?

If you are interested in donating to the bell muffles, please contact Phil Cotton on 01452 857180/07855054462 or p.cotton.pc37@gmail.com or a direct payment into The Leigh PCC, Lloyds Bank PLC, Sort Code 30-93-48, Account No 02369027 - ref Muffles Any help would be very much appreciated - thank you. **Phil C**



## The Leigh Village Fete 2022 – Saturday 3 September

Thank you to all those who have supported the Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show Plant Sales in May – all proceeds to the 2023 Annual Show.



## Cheltenham Community Choir - Summer Concert

Colin and I are founder members of the 70-strong Cheltenham Community Choir, part of Cheltenham Operatic and Dramatic Society. After more than two years of covid-induced inactivity, we are delighted to be putting on our summer show at Holy Apostles Church, London Road, Charlton Kings on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July beginning at 7.30pm

The choir specialises in performing numbers from stage and film. Our new programme includes Les Misérables, Jersey Boys, Mary Poppins Returns, Miss Saigon, Chicago and much more.

It would be lovely if some of our friends and neighbours are able to come and enjoy the show which includes a complimentary drink in the interval.

CODS presents the  
**Cheltenham Community Choir**  
**Summer Concert**  
**Saturday 9th July, 7.30pm**  
**Holy Apostles Church**  
London Road, Charlton Kings, GL52 6HW  
Featuring songs from Les Misérables, Miss Saigon, Jersey Boys, Lion King and Chicago  
Adult £12.50  
Child under 12 £6  
Interval drink included  
Tickets available from Cheltenham Playhouse  
www.cheltplayhouse.org.uk  
01242 522852

Tickets are available via the Cheltenham Playhouse box office on 01242 522852, priced at £12.50 (adult) and £6 (child under 12). Tickets may also be bought on the door but only subject to availability on the night.

**Julie B, Holborn Villa**

## Norton Village Fete

Come along and enter our 'just for fun' competition at the village's Platinum Jubilee Fete on Saturday 11 June.

Simply, bring your exhibits to the Village Hall between 10 and 11am.

- Class 1 (Open - any age): A jug of mixed flowers (flowers from shrubs allowed) from your garden or allotment, space allowed 40 x 40cms, height not limited
- Class 2 (Open - any age): 3 perennial flowers - 1 variety
- Class 3 (Under 11 years): Paint your favourite fruit or vegetable using poster paint, A4
- Class 4 (Under 16 years): A4 Portrait of the Queen, any medium

We look forward to seeing your exhibit/s on the 11th. Good Luck!

Certificates will be awarded to those placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Exhibits cannot be removed until 5.30pm

