

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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MASK SALES REPORT

As a total of £2,400 has now been collected from mask sales, I have been able to send cheques for £800 each to the charities as nominated by the following villagers:

Cindy W - Maggie's Cancer Care
Sue W - Cheltenham Animal Shelter
Jane D - Gloucestershire Young Carers



I have also presented 'certificates of thanks' to Coombe Hill Farm Shop who raised a total of £897 and to Norton Garden Centre, who raised £459. Thank you again to everyone who has taken part in some way, and to those who have bought masks as well. I have donated a large proportion of the residual donated fabric, (mainly in the form of pillowcases and duvet covers) to Sue Ryder Charity Shop and to Morsbags, a national sewing group that makes bags for life out of recycled material. The rest is stored in my garage, in case we decide to make some more!

Stella B



Village Sweep

Mr Bird will be visiting the village on 16 September. His price this year is £40 per flue. Everyone on my list from 2019 will be contacted, probably the week before, but any newcomers to the village who would like their chimneys swept, please ring Anne on 680244.



PARISH ROAD SAFETY



When parking on verges please bear in mind other road users as the lanes are only wide enough for single traffic - tractors and lorries sometimes find it difficult to get through. If you have guests please be aware of where and how they have parked.

A reminder that the village speed limit is 30mph, however a slower speed outside properties would be appreciated as small children and animals may be out and about. Thank you.



VJ DAY REMEMBERED: A BOY OF THE PARISH

Lilian and John W tend the grave of William Charles "Bill" Freeman in St Catherine's churchyard, The Leigh. He was an army medic captured at Singapore in February 1942, luckily surviving the horrors of his captivity. Sometime after VJ Day he returned to the village weighing approximately six stones, a shadow of his former self. He died on the 12th May 2006.

LEST WE FORGET

A verse from a poem brought back by Bill "One afternoon when expecting it least We found on all fronts that firing had ceased But it was not the silence that made us all stare T'was the white flag flying that gave us despair"

Lilian W



Please let it be known how much I appreciate the immaculate state of the churchyard. My grateful thanks to all concerned. Lilian W

Norton Village Hall

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 28 October 2020
7pm
Everyone Welcome

Church Magazines will be printed for September and also still available online on Seven Towers website (seventowers.org.uk).



We still don't know when services will start at St Catherine's. **Holy**

Communion is happening at Sandhurst every Sunday at 8.30 am. Anyone wishing to attend needs to pre-book by ringing the Benefice office (01452 731450). Sue R

Covid-safe COBALT Christmas and Greetings Cards Sale in Sandhurst



Sadly we won't be able to hold our usual sociable card sale day this year. However, we have still made lots of lovely cards which we hope you will buy in aid of Cobalt. Please phone 01452 731519 to arrange an individual appointment to come and choose your cards at a time to suit you from mid-October onwards.

The cards will have been "quarantined" for a couple of weeks before being made available for sale, and you are requested to wear a face covering and a new pair of disposable gloves while looking through the boxes of cards. Yvette M

Damson & Orange Gin



Ingredients: 500gms damsons, 125gms caster sugar, 1 orange and 1 litre gin



Sterilise preserving jars (capacity 1.2 litres). Wash/dry damsons and prick each one several times. Layer in jars with the sugar. Wash/dry orange and pare 4 long strips of peel, free from white pith and add to damsons. Cover with gin. Seal and leave in a cool, dark place for around 3 months, shaking occasionally. After 3 months, strain and rebottle. Drink within a year!

FREE TO ANYONE

Mostly forest ironstone, bit of local mudstone and other stones both large and small. Suitable for rockeries, repairs to walls etc – please pick through and take what you want before the lorry comes to take it away!

Martin & Jo R (680257)

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