

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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On behalf of all residents, a heartfelt thanks goes to all the Leigh ringers who tolled the bells at St Catherine's Church (and at Norton) to commemorate the passing of her Majesty. In line with a centuries-old tradition the bells were fully muffled (sound is dulled) on the passing of the monarch.

Please send any articles for December's newsletter to me by 18th November (to above email).

Fête Back with a Bang(er)!

On Saturday 11th September the Leigh and Coombe Hill village fête (the first since 2019 due to Covid) was held in the grounds of St Catherine's Church. As a result of the Jubilee celebrations, the organising committee took a conscious decision to hold the fête later in the year while making the event smaller than previously.

There was a great turnout on the day with **over £1,600** raised for good causes. Nearly **£500** was donated to Maggie's Cheltenham (cancer support) with the rest benefitting St Catherine's Church.



Face painting was a first for the fête and proved very popular with the children. Tea and homemade cakes (the boiled fruit cake was highly praised) were served in the church which was beautifully decorated by Mary C.



The name picked at random at Colin B's 'Guess the Bear' stall was Pooh — who'd have ever guessed!



There were some fantastic donations of bric-à-brac, jams, preserves and plants. Many local businesses generously supported too with raffle prizes. A passing guest who was lucky enough to win the cash prize of £100 generously gave back some of their winnings.



Martin R's hot dogs were such a success that the onions in red wine ran out before the hardworking parking attendant was able to visit the stall!



It was also lovely to meet some of the Parish's new residents from Coombe Hill.

Many thanks to all who gave their time to help — whether donating items or making produce; setting up or running stalls; clearing up and to Ken P for the use of his field. Thank you to all who came. **Karen M / Jo R**



Bell Ringing at Toddington

The bell ringers from St.Catherine's Church enjoyed a fabulous day out on Saturday 17th September. The day was bright and sunny as nine bell ringers and their partners took the steam train from Cheltenham Racecourse to Toddington.



Although the Church was only a short walk away some of the partners found the local hostelry too much of a distraction! After 40 minutes ringing everyone made their way to The Pheasant Inn by Toddington Station for a well-earned lunch and drink while waiting for the next train back to Cheltenham. **Karen M**

Sunset Spectacular

How lucky are we to live here and witness such stunning sunsets?

Laurence M



Village Trip to Bredon Cider and Sausage Festival

16 hardy(!) festival-goers descended on the Croft Farm Water Park in Bredons Hardwick on Saturday evening (10th September) for a fun night of drinks, food and music. Thankfully the weather was kind to us and we were treated to some great tribute band acts and to some table dancing by a few villagers (who shall remain nameless. Thanks to **Chris H** for organising our attendance.

Cobalt Annual Card Sale

Sadly (for the third year running) we don't feel it is yet safe to hold our usual sociable Christmas card sale day in Sandhurst this year. However, we've still made lots of lovely greeting cards which we hope you will buy in aid of Cobalt.

Please phone 01452 731519[leave a clear answerphone message if your call is not answered] to arrange an individual appointment to come and choose your cards at a time to suit you from mid-October onward. (**name withheld on request**)

Christmas Wreath Making

There are only two places remaining for this event on Sunday 11th December from 2pm to 5pm. The £25 per person fee will be donated to St.Catherine's Church. For full details and to reserve your place please contact **Karen M** on 07711 632256



THE LEIGH PARISH GLOUCESTERSHIRE Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: **Wednesday 12th October** 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 website.

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

Harvest Supper

Saturday 15 October at 7pm
St Catherine's Church, The Leigh

Two Course Meal at £10 p/person

To book, please contact
Sue (01242 680835) or Hazel (01452857180)
by 13 October

CRAFT EVENT & PUMPKINS

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER
9AM - 2PM

Coombe Hill Farm Shop
GL19 4BH
Free Admission

Gentle Paws

Dog walking and holiday pet sitting for your pooches.

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



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



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