

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023

To all parishioners of The Leigh, Evington, Coombe Hill and all other readers in the wider community



Cindy 1943 - 2022



I'd like to thank everyone who has offered and provided support to Cindy and me over the last four and half years, starting in 2018 with her time in hospital, then through her numerous chemo sessions and since her death in July. Also for the ongoing assistance I have received since then.

We also had great counselling and help from Maggie's Cheltenham and the Sue Ryder Hospice, Leckhampton during the difficult times. To show her appreciation, Cindy had nominated these charities for the collection at her 'Celebration of Life' Service, and I have recently been informed by Alexander Burn, the Funeral Directors, that a total of £880 was collected and has been split and sent to them. I know that other donations were also made directly from far and wide.

Thank you so much, Cindy would really have appreciated it, as do I. [Colin Wiltshire](#)

Christmas Greetings from....

(many thanks for the generous donations)

A very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year to all friends and neighbours in The Leigh.

Andrew B (Island Cottage)



Happy Christmas to all of our friends in The Leigh
Nicky, Rob, Hannah and Ted xx

Wishing all my friends and neighbours in The Leigh, a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful 2023.

Stella (Cyderpress Farm)



Happy Xmas to all
Love Sefton



Best wishes to all for a very merry Christmas & a happy and healthy New Year
Chris, Rita & Jessica xxx



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all our friends and neighbours.
Have a brilliant time
Sue, Barry & Bentley



SEASON'S GREETING from everyone on the Parish Council. We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy Christmas and 2023



THE LEIGH CHRISTMAS POST BOX

On Sunday 18 December from 12noon, Denes Hollow (thanks Jane & Paul) will become "Santa's Sorting Office", where Elves will sort Christmas cards and then deliver within The Leigh/Evington. All children/Elves from The Leigh are welcome.

For all of those interested, please post your cards into the Christmas post box situated outside Little Holborn, Church Lane from 10 December. All cards MUST display a surname to help the elves - no need for addresses. The last posting day will be Sunday 18 December at 11.30am.

Suggested charity donations from £3 would be gratefully received, this year we have chosen The James Hopkins Trust and St Catherine's Church, The Leigh. Please place your donation in a sealed envelope in the post box - should you wish your donation to go only to one charity, please indicate on the envelope otherwise it will be split equally.

The James Hopkins Trust is a charity which provides practical help for severely disabled, life-threatened and life limited young children with nursing needs, aged 5 years and under, living in Gloucestershire.

Any enquiries/details of participating Elves to Jo 680257 or Jane 680691.



Church News



Recycled and new Christmas cards are on sale in St Catherine's Church, a donation from each card, and book sale, is given to the Butterfly Garden charity at Dundry Nursery.



Xmas Eve Carols at St Catherine's at 6pm followed by

Mince pies, biscuits and mulled wine

Appreciate help with church decorations on Wednesday 21 December from 10am

St Catherine's needs a Christmas tree, any spares?



Memorial plaques, with appropriate inscriptions to loved ones, can now be placed on the bench in the churchyard. Brass plaques should be no bigger than 10cm by 5cm (available from Timpsons). As we have to abide by churchyard regulations please contact Sue Roberts or Phil Cotton for details. Anyone can have a plaque on the bench at no cost, however a donation to the church would be appreciated – box in church.



The flower and cleaning rota for 2023 is being prepared, if you wish to continue/join this invaluable group please contact Sue Roberts: 01242680835

St Catherine's is a country church and although we love the beautiful professional flower arrangements that appear, any flowers in the church are welcome, you don't have to be on the rota - if I can plonk something in a vase, anyone can!

The Leigh PCC would like to thank everyone who has supported our parish church this year, quietly giving of their skills and friendship. **Sue Roberts**



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Newsletter in 2022.

Also, thanks to the team behind the Newsletter – Editors, proof-reader, printer, deliver-to-the-deliverers and to the deliverers themselves who go out in all weathers!! Good Job **Jo R**

**Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:
Wednesday 14 December**

GAMES WITH PRIZES TO WIN!

RAFFLE

NORTON'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE @ COOMBE HILL FARM SHOP SUNDAY 4TH DEC 11AM-1PM ALL WELCOME!!

SCHOOL CHOIR

TOMBOLA

FACE PAINTING

CRAFT SELLERS

AND MUCH MORE...

Thankyou FONS

Please join us for an afternoon of festive family fun!



Polite Reminder

If you are planning New Year's fireworks, it would be courteous to make neighbours aware so that arrangements can be made for dogs, cats, horses etc (and sheep!).

Thank you from all pet and livestock owners.



CODS presents the
Cheltenham Community Choir
Christmas Concert
Saturday 17th December 2022
7.30pm
Holy Apostles Church
London Road, Charlton Kings,
GL52 6HW
A variety of Christmas songs, carols and musical numbers to celebrate the festive season!
Interval drink & mince pie included.
Adult £12.50
Child under 12 £6.00

Tickets available from Cheltenham Playhouse
www.cheltenhamplayhouse.org.uk
01242 522852

The Cheltenham Community Choir has been asked to sing at The Leigh village fete next summer so if you would like a little taster, please come along to our Christmas Concert on 17 December. Tickets available via The Playhouse, Cheltenham or on the door. **Julie and Colin B**

Tewkesbury Winter Ales Festival 2023 The annual Winter Ale Festival (including ciders and perrys) will be held at the Watson Memorial Hall in Barton Street between Thursday 26 January and Saturday 28 January. If anyone is interested in joining a few of us that are planning on visiting the festival on Friday 27 January, then please let me know. **Laurence M**