

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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This is your newsletter so please do send me any articles that you'd like to share which would be of interest to the residents of The Leigh and Coombe Hill. Please send any articles for June's newsletter to me by **20 May** (to above email). I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter .

Landslide at The Wharf

Friday 17 March 7:30am, the first WhatsApp message comes through....."Have we got the number for highways? We've had a landslide."

Residents of The Wharf quickly descend on scene, soil and trees all over the road barely passable by foot let alone vehicles.

There was initial optimism that highways would be quickly on scene with their emergency resources to free the residents quickly. Thankfully they do arrive but after surveying the area the news isn't good and they advise this isn't a simple job and will require some serious planning and machinery.

As if the landslide wasn't enough, National Grid had supplied a generator due to the damaged electricity supply—except that the generator was slowing running out of fuel with no way to get a tanker down the road to refill it.

Highways continued to scratch their heads, having never seen anything like this before. The decision was made there was nothing they could do over the weekend and only Monday could work begin when they could get hold of the necessary machinery to do it safely.

This still left the excitement of having to refill the generator. Losing power was not an option, so with the help from the power contactor and fellow "Wharfies" a plan was hatched to fill the tank.

After 4 hours of perseverance the tank was finally full, we would have enough power for 6 more days. A week later, and another full tank of generator fuel, highways are ready to start work.

A humongous excavator has now arrived.

They will now dig out around 70 metres of bank taking all the spoil to be disposed of safely.

This work will take about a week to complete but when it's done the lane should be protected from this ever happening again.

Fingers crossed.

Adam S





Italian Evening at St. Catherine's

There was a fantastic turnout for Saturday night's (26th March) Italian evening. All tickets having been sold in advance meant 45 guests enjoyed a varied menu of homemade Lasagne, Bolognese and Carbonara but the highlight of the evening was the 'build your own pizza'. Many thanks to the Dale clan and chef Rob in particular who spent the evening outside (in the drizzle) cooking everyone's pizza. A lively atmosphere and an Italian themed quiz rounded off a great evening with all funds raised donated to St Catherine's Church. **Karen M**



THE LEIGH PARISH GLOUCESTERSHIRE Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: **Wednesday 12th April** at 7:30pm
Venue: St Catherine's church, The Leigh.

Norton and The Leigh - Local History Group



Future events for your diary at Norton Village Hall (doors open at 7.15pm and talks start promptly at 7:30pm) are:

- 27th March** (Monday) Detecting and finds in our local area - Andrew Hawkins of the Cotswold Heritage and Detecting Society
 - 24th April** (Monday) The History of Markets in Gloucester - Humphrey Chamberlayne
- Everyone welcome. Entrance £3. Please contact **Sue Phelps** 07754 668898 / 01452 731280

Living in The Leigh

We're pestered by potholes we pushchairs and scooters
On wrong-siding blind corners we cannot blow hooters
Blocked drains and ditches cause waterlogged lanes
We pay Council taxes to have them maintained.

But they're now causing puddles to break up poor patching

So making our lanes stay even more lacking
Unless ditches are cleared we'll soon be back
To nothing more than the medieval track. **Ken P 2023**

Country Living

Thanks to Julie B. for these lovely photos of The Leigh. Colin B's granddaughter Darcy was lucky enough to hold one of Jo R's new born lambs.



Norton, Leigh & District Horticultural Show
Plant Sale
Friday 12 May 2023
7pm - 7.45pm
NORTON VILLAGE HALL
Everyone Welcome
Free Admission
Cash Only

VILLAGE FETE MEETING
Tuesday 28 March
@ 7pm
St Catherine's Church
All Welcome

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

