



# The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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Christmas is just around the corner and with all the kind donations made for Christmas wishes, a number of articles have been lightly edited for inclusion. Thanks to all for their timely articles and best wishes for a fantastic Christmas and a prosperous 2024.

Articles for February's edition are required by 21 January (to above email address).

## Locally Grown Christmas Trees



Ben T is selling Christmas trees from his field in Church Lane on Saturday 9 December. Choose yours and it will be cut down while you wait. He'll be there between 10 - 2. **Ben T**

## Post-Christmas Walk



Come and join us for a village walk on Saturday 30 December (weather permitting). Starting at 11am from the layby opposite Church Lane, we'll be heading for the Gloucester Old Spot. **Nicky W**

## The Leigh Christmas Post Box



On Sunday 17 December, Daniels Orchard will become 'Santa's Sorting Office', where big elves (Harriet & Jo R and Jane A) will sort Christmas cards and then deliver within The Leigh / Evington. Any delivery elves who wish to volunteer would be most welcome.

For those interested, please post your cards into the Christmas post box situated outside Little Holborn, Church Lane from Saturday 9 December. All cards MUST display a SURNAME to help the little elves — no need for addresses. The last posting day will be noon on 17 December 2023.

Any households with dogs running loose, which prevent delivery to your post box, may result in post being left by your gate etc.

Suggested charity donations (from £3 — made via the post box) would be gratefully received. This year we've chosen the James Hopkins Trust and St Catherine's church, The Leigh. Should you wish your donation to only go to one charity, please indicate on the envelope, otherwise it will be split equally.

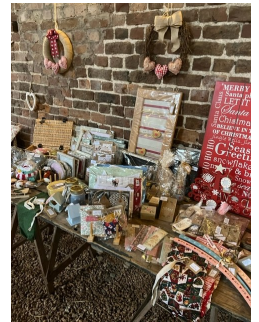
The James Hopkins Trust is a charity which provides practical help for severely disabled, life-threatened and life-limited young children with nursing needs, aged 5 years and under, living in Gloucestershire.

## Creative Christmas

A big thank you to everyone who came along to Coombe Hill Farm Shop on Saturday 18 November.

A significant sum was raised by selling locally-made gifts and vintage items.

All proceeds will be shared between the Cheltenham Cobalt Cancer Unit and Dementia UK. **Jo R**



## Cheltenham Christmas Concert

If you enjoyed listening to the Cheltenham Community Choir at the Leigh Village fete back in the summer why not come along to our Christmas show at Holy Apostles, Charlton Kings on Saturday 16 December. Tickets available from The Cheltenham Playhouse or on the door on the night. Everyone welcome. **Julie B**



## Welcome To Our Village

The Parish Council arranged for two new signs that will hopefully also slow down all vehicles entering the village. Signs will be erected in Coombe Hill once planned road layout changes have been completed. Thanks to Richard T for assisting with the design and liaison with Highways over installation. **Leigh PC**





## St. Catherine's Church



### Christmas Wreath Making — Sunday 10 December

A couple of places now available due to cancellations. To book contact **Karen M.** 07711 632256

### Christmas Eve Family Carol Service — Sunday 24 December at 6pm

A service with full participation including carols, blessing of the crib and Christingle celebrations.

It's rumoured that a 'certain' busy gentleman may be making a guest appearance

Everyone from our parish, including visiting friends and families, are very welcome to attend and celebrate Christmas together.

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### Parish Council Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 13 December 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 [theleighpc.org.uk](http://theleighpc.org.uk), the village noticeboard, or contact the Parish directly on [leighpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:leighpc@hotmail.co.uk)

### Degree Congratulations



Many congratulations to Olivia (The Lodge) who recently graduated from Durham University with a LLB (Hons) law degree.

She's now busy training to be a Chartered Accountant in London.  
**Catherine B**

### Tewkesbury Winter Ale Festival

On Friday 2 February, around 7pm, a few villagers plan to head to the George Watson Memorial Hall in Tewkesbury for a few pints of real ale and cider. If you'd like details or wish to join us please contact **Laurence M**



Thanks to all who made a donation to our nominated causes.



Season's Greetings from everyone on the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors are looking forward to new challenges that await them in 2024 and the chance to welcome the new Parishioners from the growing development at Coombe Hill.

**John, Leigh, Karen, Richard and Anthony**



Best wishes to all our friends for a happy Christmas and 2024.

**Brian & Janine**



Wishing all my friends and neighbours in The Leigh, a Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024.

**Stella** (Cyderpress Farm)



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

**Andrew B** (Island Cottage)



Happy Christmas to The Leigh & Coombe Hill.

**Sefton**



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all neighbours and friends. Have a great time.

Love **Sue, Barry & Bentley x**



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

**Bob, Janet & Bobby** (Leigh Farm)



Seasons Greetings and very best wishes for the New Year.

**Chris, Rita & Jess**



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2024

**Tom, Katie, Henry and Hugo**  
(Todpool House)



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a healthy and prosperous 2024.

**Karen, Laurence, Charlotte & Pebbles** (Prospect House)

