

The Leigh & Coombe Hill Newsletter

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News from Coombe Hill and The Leigh residents is welcome by email, deadline for next issue is JUNE 14th, 2024

The Power to Recycle Electricals

Did you know that you can recycle small electrical items on BLUE Bin days? Anything that will fit into a carrier bag, just pop on TOP of your BLUE bin.

Accepted items include:



 Please remove batteries of all sizes from toys and devices and take to a battery recycling bin.
 Take lightbulbs and fluorescent tubes to the recycling centre (tip).

If your bag of items isn't collected, the most likely reason is that the crew have already filled their metal cage with electricals from previous houses, so please don't worry, they should have room next time!

If you're unsure what items can go in which bin, there is a great website called 'Waste Wizard' with the best recycling options. If you ever need a collection calendar, blue bags, or additional recycling/food bins, please call Tewkesbury Borough Council Customer Services on 01684 295010 **Harriet R**



How about a rubbish outing?



Fancy a trip to the Energy from Waste Facility at Javelin Park, nr Gloucester? See how our landfill is reduced whilst recovering electricity, metals and aggregates. All of 2024 is already booked, so I've reserved 12 spaces for **Tuesday 13 May 2025** for a presentation and tour of the Facility. Please let me know if you'd like to come along. **Jo R**



Thanks for Helping!

Nearly 3 years ago we had our Golden Wedding party. Through kind donations and monetary gifts we were able to donate to Sheldrick Wildlife Trust Elephant Sanctuary. At the time we were sponsoring two elephants in need named Suswa and Barslinga.

I thought it would be nice for you all to see Barslinga's progress, now he has recovered from his injury and been returned to the wild. The picture really shows the trust he has in the SWT staff's love and care.

Sue T



If you are interested in sponsoring an elephant in need you can find out more online sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

Bob's Wonderwall

Following the collapse of a 200 year old wall at Leigh Farm, it's fairly safe to say the entire village is in awe of Bob's hard work and craftsmanship that went into the three month rebuild. After demolishing the rest of the wall, he cleared the soil and stone away, sorted the reusable stone and planned the best way to tackle the job. In between torrential rain and flooding, new footings were dug, and then came the backbreaking task of selecting each stone to fit it into the gabions like a 3D jigsaw. The lower wall was secured with stainless steel ties, then the upper wall was built in concrete slabs, rendered, painted and topped it with coping stones.

**17 Gabions (wire cages)
20 Tons of stone
216 Concrete building blocks
200wt Cement**

Bob got stuck in the mud with his wheelbarrow on more than one occasion, but his determination paid off. For a seventy-six year old that's no mean feat.



"When the insurance wouldn't pay up, I had no choice but to build it myself. I'm pleased how it turned out, there's not many people who'd tackle this at my age," said Bob. "It was hard work, so I hope after all that, it stays up for another 200 years."





All Aboard the No. 71

As our community expands, there is a much-improved bus service. With buses every half hour or so, it is now possible to hop on board the number 71 that runs between Tewkesbury and Gloucester to hit the shops, attend a hospital appointment or enjoy a night out. The fare is £2 each way (Government price-capped until Dec '24) or free if you're pension age or have a pass.

For example an afternoon trip to Tewkesbury:

Depart	Arrive
Church Lane 13.27	Morrisons 13.44
Pancake Lane 13.29	Hospital 13.45
St Stephens 13.29	The Cross 13.46
The Swan Inn 13.30	Roses Theatre 13.50

Return times are approximately every half hour until 8pm, then every hour until 11pm. For example, in the afternoon and evening from The Cross, Tewkesbury, departure times are: 14.28, 14.59, 15.29, 16.01, 16.36, 17.01, 17.46, 18.16, 19.18, 19.57, 20.57, 22.57. Check all times at www.bustimes.org

Our Parish Church, St Catherine's

The Church is open daily for quiet contemplation and services are held twice a month, as follows:

1st Sunday in the month – 10am
Family Holy Communion

3rd Sunday in the month – 6pm
Evening Prayer (team led)

The Church is available for social events, such as coffee mornings, Fish and Chip Fridays, fundraisers and can be hired for private use. A reasonable fee is charged to help cover the heating bill and running costs.

Also, if you're keen to ring the bells, there is a bell ringer's group that meets at the church every Tuesday evening and would welcome new members.

**Next Coffee, Cake and Chat Morning
Saturday 1st June 10am - 12 noon.**



KIDS CORNER

In our growing community we would love to have your photos and junior news. For example, personal achievements, fund raisers and special events.

Simply send a good quality photo as a high resolution jpeg or PDF and tell us about the picture. Don't forget to include first name and just the initial for the surname (GDPR) and age, if you think it's appropriate.

Send to Jo for consideration at jorobsonmailbox@gmail.com

He's a winner!

William P, who's parents own the farm shop at Coombe Hill, is a member of Gloucester City Hockey Club (Under 8's). After scoring all of the team's goals throughout the hockey season, he won the Coaches **'Player of the Season'** What a brilliant result. **Well done William!**



Mary G, aged 3 from The Leigh, helping with Spring lambing at Daniels Orchard.



Enter the Horticultural Show, you might win a prize with your new pet
Adults can enter as well! **Class 78** - Make an animal out of fruit and vegetables



The Parish Council is here for you!

Parish Councillors are elected to improve their local area's quality of life and environment. Meetings are open for anyone to attend and are held at St Catherine's Church in The Leigh. Find out more on the Parish Council website theleighpc.org.uk.

John Arkell - Councillor & Chair, Anthony Bowness - Councillor, Leigh Glazebrook - Councillor & Vice Chair, Karen Morton - Councillor & Finance Officer, Richard Theyer - Councillor, Kate Tilling - Parish Clerk

Parish councils have powers to provide some facilities themselves, or they can contribute towards their provision by others, for example:

- Support and encouragement of arts and crafts
- Cleaning and drainage of ponds, watercourses and ditches
- Control of litter
- Creation and maintenance of footpaths and bridleways
- Acquisition and maintenance of rights of way
- Provision, maintenance and protection of roadside verges



Bee friends need your help

Pollinators need 3 things to thrive, food, shelter and water. By growing trees, vegetables, herbs and flowers we can offer a valuable source of nectar and pollen all year round. Experiment with different-shaped flowers - the tongues of bees, hoverflies, moths, and other pollinators vary in size.

One Week Trial Diet Special Offer



Catherine G is offering a generous 20% off the 1:1 Diet. Professional, tailor-made plans. Discreet and confidential. Low calorie nutritionally balanced meal replacements
Call her on 07931944419

Special Events at the Farm Shop

Saturday **18 May** Craft Event and Plant Sale
Jewellery, homewares, crochet, vintage china, garden items
Saturday **8 June** Dog Portrait Photography
£10 mini shoot book at sammiepalmerphotography
Sunday **2 June** Willow Workshop
'Poppies & Alliums' book at dovecotewillow.co.uk
Sunday **7 July** Willow Workshop
'Dragonflies & Hearts' book at dovecotewillow.co.uk



AT COOMBE HILL

Coombe Hill Service Station

Open everyday, 6am - 10pm
Petrol, newspapers, basic groceries, frozen foods, alcohol, BBQ charcoal, firewood. Evri ParcelShop.

Coombe Workshop

Monday - Friday: 8am - 6pm
Saturday: Appointment Only
Highly qualified vehicle technicians. Honest, trusted, friendly and skilled MOTs, services and repairs. Specialists in classic and performance vehicles, tailored to our customers' needs. **01242 896333**
info@coombeworkshop.co.uk

Coombe Hill Kitchen

Catering for all party and event needs. Hot or cold. Delivered dinner parties. Afternoon tea. Try before you buy. Call Kate on **07971 064872** or email kate@coombehillkitchen.co.uk

The Swan Inn

Tuesday - Saturday 12 - 10pm
Sunday 12 - 6pm
Monday - closed

Specials and discounts!

Tuesdays - Steak Night Special
Thursdays - Burger night Special AND over 60's 25% discount. Loyalty cards. Blue Light 10% off for NHS, emergency services and members of armed forces.

Coombe Hill Farm Shop

Thursday 10am - 2pm

With Cow Shed Garden & Antiques

Friday & Saturday 9am - 2pm

With Cow Shed Garden & Antiques and The Baking Bird

Sunday 10am - 1pm

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Farm Shop sells fresh fruit, vegetables and locally reared meat. Free-range eggs. Chiller/freezer selection. Baked goods.
Cow Shed Garden and Antiques sells a fascinating collection of decorative pieces, garden antiques and collector's items. A treasure trove of gift ideas.
The Baking Bird serves delicious homemade cakes, artisan coffees, speciality teas, hot chocolate (try a Bobby Dazzler!) and refreshing cold drinks.

Calling all Cooks, Gardeners and Arty Folk!

Show off your skills at our district Horticultural Show on Saturday 10th August at Norton Village Hall. Anyone can enter and there are plenty of classes for all ages. No need to wait until August; get your schedule now and start creating a prize-winning entry!

Examples of classes include:

Photography

No manipulation to be used. Max 6" x 4"

79. 1 colour photograph - 'Landscape'

80. 1 colour photograph - 'Transport'

81. 1 B&W 'Portrait', head and shoulders.



From the Garden

Keen vegetable growers could attempt to win Class 16 for the Longest Runner Bean. If you prefer flowers, how about Class 37 - 1 Beautiful Bloom - single stem (flower or shrub). Alternatively, give Class 49 a try - An Arrangement of foliage only (no flowers/accessories), space allowed 46x46x46cms

Children's Classes

Children aged 13 -16 years only

69. Coloured pencil drawing 'A Vegetable'

Children aged 8-12 years only

73. As many different items in a Matchbox (maximum size 5cm x 3.5cm x 1.5cm)

Children aged 5-7 years only

76. Plant growing in an unusual container

Children aged 4 years & under

77. A4 - Any design using leaves



Get your show schedules NOW from:

Jo R, Oliver H, Mary C, Harriet R, Lucy C and Coombe Hill Farm Shop

Sultana Slab Cake - practice in advance

Under 21 - class 67

Over 21 - class 63

Ingredients:

1lb sultanas

8oz butter

3 eggs

12oz plain flour

12oz caster sugar

2 tsp baking powder

2 tsp almond essence



Method

Pre-heat oven to 160°C and grease a roasting tin (approx 8" x 11" size). Place sultanas in a saucepan, cover with water, bring to boil and cook for 15 mins. In a large bowl mix eggs, sugar and almond essence. Drain sultanas and return to saucepan with butter. Stir occasionally over low heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat and add to egg mixture. Add flour, baking powder and mix well. Pour into prepared tin and bake for approx 1hr 15 mins until golden brown.



Your local newsletter

This newsletter is written, edited designed, printed and distributed by a network of volunteers.

With all the new houses in our parish, we hope that the newsletter will help everyone to feel part of the wider community.

Please feel free to contribute in any way, especially welcome are stories and information that might be of interest to other residents, including, but not limited to, wildlife and country living, interesting hobbies, clubs or groups, upcoming events, accomplishments and achievements, (especially from local children). Group outings, special events and milestone occasions are all newsworthy as well.

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The newsletter is bi-monthly. Your news features are always welcome for consideration. Please note the deadline for the July/August edition is **JUNE 14th**.

Another way to stay in touch is to join the local Facebook page, which is a private group for residents only.

