

# Nor'Lye News

The monthly newsletter serving North Leigh,  
New Yatt, East End and Wilcote



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## The Children's Society

All year round, there are teams of workers in action across England and Wales making contact with young people who need help. Through direct support and advice, over 10,000 young people were helped in 2019. So, it was encouraging to see St Mary's Church full for this year's Christingle service on December 24th, when the collection totalled £247. Thank you to everyone involved in this service. If you have any ideas for fundraising, do contact me.

**Margaret Lupton** at 5 Perrott Close Tel: 881620

## North Leigh History Society

A reminder that we don't meet in January and that our next talk is on Tuesday February 4th, when Alistair Lack will be telling us about the history of Lords, the home of Cricket. This is a talk for all fans of cricket and not just those who regularly read their copy of Wisden. Polish up your knowledge of cricket history with us. Even if you are not a cricket fan, I can guarantee you will pick up some unsuspected snippets of history so do come and join us.

We meet in the Turner Hall, Church Road, OX29 6TX at 7.30 p.m. Visitors £4, Members free.

Further details from Diana Power 01993 882301.

**Angela Kyte**

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Firstly, let me wish you a very Happy New Year. But not only is it a new year but the beginning of a new decade. I hope that we can make a fresh start in which we can rebuild a different and more cohesive way of being community, of being a nation; and way of dealing with people that expresses much more positive messages. 2019 has rather highlighted some of the negative aspects of human lives – through expressing hurtful comments to others across social media, in public life and in our dealings with others.

We have had a somewhat strange few years and we need to really begin to take stock of some important decisions for our nation and internationally. We need to think about what we see as important about being a country – what makes us distinctly British. In schools, across the country all children are taught the 5 'British Values'. The Government decided that what was distinctive about the UK were: democracy – the rule of law – mutual respect – individual liberty and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. All good values to have and live under that have helped to shape our lives; although I'm not certain that they are distinctly British, and many other countries would be able to agree that they shared the same values.

The problem arises when part of our society, whether individuals, groups or even the institutions of state break these rules for their own ends. When the lives of the many are shaped and threatened by the few. Whether that is as victims of crime, terrorism, politicians or state employees at all levels bending rules for their own ends. We need to begin this decade with a sense of hope for the future. Whether that is a desire to do something about the threat to our own lives and future generations on Earth, to live more cohesive lives shaped by a willingness to be kinder to others, to be willing to work for the good of others across our communities.

I was heartened by the theme of the school Christmas Service – the children worked on different aspects of thinking of those who are usually forgotten – the old, bereaved, homeless, lonely, sick, the refugees and the poor. Christ came into the world to show us a different way of behaving that involved serving others particularly those who were outsiders. If we could all just undertake one additional act of kindness every week then just think of the impact this would have within the area and the great difference it would make in uniting this country after the last few years of division. Now as we celebrate the beginning of the New Year let us be open and willing to live new lives that make a real difference. I hope that 2020 will be a peaceful year for you all.

***God Bless, Margaret***

### **Services at St. Mary's Church**

If you require more information about any of our services or events, please contact Margaret.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

12-4pm Seniors' Lunch and Tea Club

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Family Communion (CW)

6.00pm Reflective Worship

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

7pm **Environment Group** meets at the Vicarage – all welcome

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00pm Evening Prayer (CW)

#### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Café Church in the Turner Hall

6.00pm Holy Communion (CW)

#### **Bell Ringing:**

Service Ringing: The bells will ring for up to an hour prior to the regular 10:00 and 6pm services.

Practice Ringing: The bells will ring as usual on Friday evenings, 7:30-9pm. Additional Ringing:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan for up to 90 minutes TBC

The Vicar and Wardens have approved an additional half hour 1:1 teaching slot beginning at 7pm on Fridays before our usual practice. Please contact Alison (07527 398557) if you're interested in learning to ring.

## **Windmill Gospel Hall**

Weekly Services for January

Every Sunday in School Term 11.30 a.m. Sunday School (Back 12th January 2020)

5<sup>th</sup> January 4.00 p.m. Family Service                      19th January 4.00 p.m. Friends & Family Tea

12<sup>th</sup> January 4.00 p.m. Family Service                      26th January 4.00 p.m. Family Service

**All are welcome and if you would like to come but need transport, please let us know by calling our free phone number 0800 026 3000.**

Happy New Year to you all from all at Windmill Gospel Hall! After the festivities of Christmas with it's sparkles and lights it is often felt to be a dull and hollow time of year as the decorations are boxed up for another year and the walls of our houses look bare in comparison. Maybe as well the nights are long too, but another year has dawned and there should be renewed hope and renewed efforts that we will be different this new year, it's a fresh start!

Often we can wallow in self pity or not be too optimistic at this time but the Christ of Christmas came to be the Saviour of the whole world and I'm personally buoyed that, although I go into a new year with all it's unknowns, Christ is mine and He not only knows what will happen for me this year but He will be with me through it all whether good or bad. I wonder do you have this wonderful help, friendship and hope in your life?

Jesus said these words that are found in the Gospel of Matthew 28:20 *"I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* Dear reader He is someone I recommend that you get to know and trust – Read His Word the Bible and you will see that God's love includes you and by trusting in Him and His work for you at the cross you too can have a blessed 2020 and not look just at the here and now with it's long cold days but look upward to the future delight of Heaven itself. We wish you all again a wonderful 2020!

## **OCC Winter Warmth campaign**

A campaign to help vulnerable Oxfordshire residents to stay independent, safe and well in their homes and will be launched from the middle of January and running indefinitely. Housing can affect your physical and mental health, especially if people can't find the help they need. After speaking with numerous services, OCC "have identified and have developed a much easier way to get in touch via a single point of contact where residents (or carers) can make a referral to the most appropriate organisation to get the help they need".

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes. The type of help that can be provided includes services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers; loft or cavity wall insulation; access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

For more information do visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs)

## **January News from North Leigh Library**

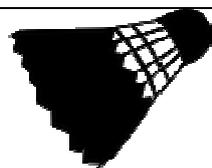
We hope that readers noticed that the Library opened on Wednesday mornings in November and early December, manned by volunteers. This experiment will be reviewed by the Library Service, but it does seem to have been a success. If you would like to volunteer for this, then please email [libraryfriendsnl@outlook.com](mailto:libraryfriendsnl@outlook.com), or leave your name and contact details with Carol.

Our usual events for both adults and children continue in the New Year. Our next author evening planned for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7 pm is with **Nicola Cornick**, who will talk on "*Writing History, Romance and Crime*". She did this talk recently at Wantage Library and it went down well. She will talk about becoming an author, her writing influences, how her writing has developed over time (and turned from romance to crime) and tips and hints for aspiring authors. Sounds good!

In the half-term break on 19<sup>th</sup> February, from 10am to 1 pm, we will have a brilliant presentation and activities with people and dogs from ***Guide Dogs for the Blind***. More details in the next edition.

Pop in and see Carol for details. We would like to start up a Creative Writing group for the Friends. Is there anyone who would be interested in joining the group and perhaps tutoring us on a voluntary basis? Please contact the Friends or Carol, as above.

***Phil Bloomfield, Friends of North Leigh Library.***



### **North Leigh Badminton Club**

Fridays 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Memorial Hall

£4 per evening of doubles play, no equipment needed.

We'd love to see new regular players in 2020, as well as occasional drop-in players. Come along one evening or email [badminton@nealtodd.com](mailto:badminton@nealtodd.com) to find out more.

## **Masons Arms Charity Pub Quiz - thank you!**

Congratulations to all the Quiz teams, regular and occasional, on raising the record sum of £505 in 2019! Your monthly donations of £1 per person are gratefully received by the local 'Maggie's Centre' at the Churchill Hospital. Thank you, everyone for your continued support of this fun community event. Thanks are also due to Matt for proving the prize of a bottle of wine to the lucky ticket holder, and to Simon (the Hat) for ably filling in as quiz master if I am unavailable. Why not join us on the last Sunday of each month? Kick-off is at 8.00. You are welcome to bring a team, or join a ready-made team.

***Candy Kerpache***

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### VE Day Celebrations 2020

8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 represents an important milestone in our history. To commemorate this important occasion, there will be parish celebrations and we are looking for a few volunteers to help organise and co-ordinate the events. Anyone interested, please contact the Clerk.

### Bus Shelters

Two new bus shelters have been placed on Park Road near the Masons and users have been very pleased with them.

### The Parish Council has objected to the following Planning Application:

P19/03136/HHD, Meadowbank  
Chapel Lane, North Leigh  
Erection of single storey extension

### The next Parish Council Meeting will be

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7:30pm North Leigh Youth Centre, Memorial Hall.

**All Council meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.**

Full minutes will be available on [northleigh.org](http://northleigh.org).

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## North Leigh Youth Project

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

**Club re-opens Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

*For all the latest news follow us on the NLYP Facebook page*

**NLYP 100Club : Winning numbers November 2019.**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	£ 65	Winning number :	05
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	£ 39	Winning number :	37
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	£ 26	Winning number :	60

If you would like to join, £4 per month for each number, and have a chance to win a monthly cash prize, please phone Pat on 01993 703029

## **North Leigh W.I.**

The last meeting of 2019 was on the 10th December when the business of the evening was concluded as quickly as possible and the evening continued with several quizzes, in one the difficulty for some of us was actually putting names to pictures of pop singers of the 50s and 60s. we swore we knew ! There were 2 other quizzes slightly easier, altogether causing much laughter. Refreshments followed of Christmas cake and mince pies, wine and punch.

The competition was for a knitted christmas tree decoration which was won by Coleen Smith with the prettiest little angel mouse, no more than a couple of inches high in very pale pink and white with wings and a wand, any little girl would have loved that little mouse Coleen ! The flower of the month was won by Sue Stevens with a lovely maroon penstemon. An enjoyable evening in the run up to Christmas.

The Carol Service which was held on December 17th at St. Mary's Church was enjoyed by members of our WI and also members from WIs in our local group.

To start the New Year the meeting on January 14th resolutions will be put to members which will be taken to the Annual meeting of the N.F.W.I. discussed and voted on. Entertainment will be "Desert Island Discs", members are asked to choose their favourite disc and give a reason why it is their favourite song or music. The competition will be to " Design an alternative cover for your favourite disc ".

Why not start the New Year by coming along as a guest, find out what it's like and maybe become a member? A Happy New Year to all.

***Brenda Timms***

## **Gardening Society News**

I hope you have all had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year and have browsed through your seed catalogues to order all the seeds and tubers etc. you want to plant this year.

There is no meeting in January, but we look forward to all our members joining us for the February meeting on the 25th – "Bulbs, corms and tubers" by Tony Clear at 7.30pm.

Don't forget to put in in your diary or on your calendars so you don't miss it.

***Susie Cusick***

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## **Challenge the Winter Greys**

Friendly Art and Drawing Classes in:

**Stonesfield**, St James' Centre, from Monday, 6 Jan, 1.30 to 4 pm

**Finstock**, Village Hall, from Tuesday, 7 Jan, 2 to 4.30 pm

**Combe**, Reading Room, from Friday, 10 Jan, 10 am to 12.30 pm

Cost for 6 weeks is £95.

To find out more, please contact Gabriele at **[gabrielekern31@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielekern31@gmail.com)**

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## **Nor Lye Call to Action for the Environment**

Just before Christmas I was contacted by New Yatt resident Heather Lonsdale who asks how NLN readers are responding individually and collectively to the increasingly alarming reports and forecasts about climate crisis. In 2019, (officially **Year of Green Action** [www.yearofgreenaction.org](http://www.yearofgreenaction.org)) Heather created a wildflower meadow and also planted a native British hedge in her garden, to attract more insects, bees and butterflies and she is looking forward to their return this Spring. Heather sourced her seeds from the **MeadowMania** catalogue, [www.meadowmania.co.uk](http://www.meadowmania.co.uk).

Olivia Norfolk, Lecturer in Conservation Ecology, Anglia Ruskin University writes about the need and opportunity to increase biodiversity “there are solutions sitting right on our doorsteps. Simple changes to how our gardens, parks and public spaces are managed could give pollinators a brighter future”. If space is an issue then according to **Butterfly Conservation** even a pot of butterfly and moth food such as lavender, marjoram and perennial wallflowers will make a difference. They also recommend avoiding the use of pesticides and allowing some nettles, dandelions and some weeds to flourish! [www.butterfly-conservation.org](http://www.butterfly-conservation.org). Similarly, British conservation charity **Plantlife**, [www.plantlife.org.uk](http://www.plantlife.org.uk), is calling on councils to turn their road verges into wildflower meadows by cutting just once in late summer, between mid-July and September and urging residents to lobby their councils for “verge biodiversity”.

Harry St. John, WODC Rural Ambassador is the Volunteer Coordinator for **North Leigh Common** continuing the pioneering work started by Ian Anderson and others of 20 years ago. This 50 acre site “with a variety of important wildlife habitats and popular with walkers and nature lovers ... is being carefully managed to restore and maintain a wide range of wildlife whilst also providing a highly valued open access facility for all-year-round public enjoyment” [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk)

The next working parties are scheduled for **Friday 10th and 24th Jan; Friday 7th and 28th Feb; Friday 6th and 20th March** all 9.30am to 1pm depending on weather! Please meet at car park.

### **Did you know that your household waste is needed by the North Leigh School Recycling Project?**

Meaning that we can all help to raise funds for school and reduce the amount of rubbish that goes to landfill. The scheme now accepts:

*Standard size batteries (AA, AAA, C & D only); Clean, empty crisp packets (any brand) & Pringle pots; Toothpaste tubes, pumps, old toothbrushes; Biscuit, cracker and cake bar wrappers (not sweet wrappers); Clean pet food packaging; Cleaning product packaging, including pump sprayers, trigger heads and air freshener parts; Beauty product packaging; wet wipe packets, sprays and trigger heads; Pens (any sort) & Tippex bottles; 2ltr plastic bottle (pop/water) filled with clean and dry non-recyclable plastic. (these will be squashed and use as Eco bricks to build a recycling shelter)*

All these items can be delivered to school or placed in the box in church, under the table. Source: [www.northleighchurch.org/ecoandrecyclingnews.htm](http://www.northleighchurch.org/ecoandrecyclingnews.htm)

So, inspired by Heather’s timely call to action I urge readers and organisations to email me their environmental news, suggestions, resources and outcomes. In addition to publication I will collate them into a Factsheet for the website. Let’s make that difference!

**Kay Alty, editor@norlyenews.org.uk**

## **The Friends of St. Mary's North Leigh**

In his 2019 Overview Chairman Steve Legg reports a successful fundraising year with the Auction Valuation and Concert netting over £800 to funds. A Bridge afternoon is planned for May 13<sup>th</sup>. The Friend thank everyone for the support received to secure and improve the fabric of our beautiful Grade 1 listed church”.

## **North Leigh Art Group - a Great Fundraising Effort!**

Well done to the enthusiastic and talented members of my Art Group, who submitted a fantastic range of postcard-sized paintings to the ‘My Lovely Postcards’ initiative. They were duly put on public display and put up for auction, raising the magnificent sum of £938.00 for Sobell House! A great and very satisfying achievement!

Thank you to everyone who took part in this fun and enjoyable activity.

***Candy Kerpache***

## **North Leigh Football Club**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30th

North Leigh won their first home league match since August Bank Holiday Monday, when they defeated visitors Barton Rovers, 4-2 at Eynsham Park. The Millers goals came from skipper Callum McNish, Adam Ledrayd, and a brace from super sub George Seacole.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>

On a cold December evening, North Leigh entertained Peterborough area side Yaxley at Eynsham Park, and the match ended all square at 1-1. In a dour encounter, chances went begging by both sides, and so a Henry Landers penalty was all the Millers could show for their efforts on the night.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

North Leigh put in a disappointing performance when they lost 3-0 at local rivals Kidlington. After Kidlington scored in the very first minute, the Millers could find no way back into the game.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>

North Leigh bounced back from their week-end defeat at Kidlington, by winning 1-0 against Welwyn Garden City under the Eynsham Park floodlights. In an end to end game the visitors had numerous chances

which they did not take, and the Millers scored through Noah Alabi, who had returned to the club from Thame Utd.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

North Leigh got no Xmas cheer on their first visit to Daventry Town, when they were beaten 2-0 by the home team.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>

Then again, North Leigh did not show any Festive cheer or goodwill to Didcot Town, when they defeated them 3-0 in a Boxing Day local derby at Eynsham Park. The Millers goals came from skipper Callum McNish, George Seacole and Lance Williams, and send the Millers into the New Year and Decade in good spirit.

### **JANUARY FIXTURES**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	v	Wantage Town	Away
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	v	Thame United	HOME
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	v	Berkhamsted	Away
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	v	Coleshill Town	HOME
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	v	Bedford Town	Away

Everyone at North Leigh F.C. wishes all Nor'Lye readers, and supporters a Healthy and Happy New Year. **Peter and Pat Dix**