

Nor'Lye News

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

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North Leigh Cub Scout Packs

In North Leigh we have two thriving Cub Scout Packs, consisting of boys and girls from 8 to 10 ½ years old. Over the past year the Cubs have taken part in a wide range of activities such as night hikes, camping, outdoor cooking, making bivouacs, playing team building games, paper pioneering, making & testing boats out of recycled materials, first aid, having a go on a golf range, crate stacking, abseiling and tackling a climbing wall, and the list goes on and on.

Both Cub Packs meet on Monday evening and currently have vacancies for young people wanting to try something new. The Windmill Pack are based at North Leigh Primary School, 6pm to 7.45pm, Kestrel Pack are based at Hailey Village Hall, 6.15pm to 8pm.

The great thing about Cubs is that your child doesn't have to have come through Beaver Scouts in order to join in the fun, anyone who is between 8 and 10 ½ is welcome. If you have a young person who would like to start a new adventure this year, then please phone Alison on 01993 880425.

Alison Kennett Windmill Cub Scout Leader, 1st North Leigh Scout Group

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As we head towards spring, we are again suffering from erratic climatic conditions. We have had flooding, Australia has experienced wild fires. It wasn't always like this: *'In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ... God saw that it was good'*. (Genesis 1:1,18)

But what have we done to this beautiful world? We have certainly lost touch with the Earth, placed a strain on the limited resources, created huge amounts of waste, and also had a disproportionate impact on the Global South. Christians are called to 'love our neighbour' and look after the Earth. We cannot love others if we live beyond the planet's means, and expect the poorest to suffer the most.

Everything that we do, or make has an impact on our planet and leaves a carbon footprint; the food we eat, the form of transport we use, the products we buy all add to the amount of CO² that enters the atmosphere – adding to the greenhouse effect. The Earth has survived and will continue to do so – but at the moment we, as a species, are working towards our own extinction. Technological solutions may help but may not be enough and may be too late. We all want the best for ourselves but particularly for our children and grandchildren. Do we want to be the generation that condemns those future generations to extinction because we are determined to carry on polluting our world and making continued human existence impossible? We need to reduce our impact, reduce what we buy, reduce our waste. The average Briton produces the same amount of CO² in 10 days as the average Kenyan does in a year. We need to think about and change our own behaviour, if we want to **respond** to human need and **transform** society, while **safeguarding** the integrity of creation. "We need to be the change we want to see" in the world, not the cause of its destruction.

Following Christ means being prepared to change and be changed. We need to look at our lives and what is really important for us and our future generations and be an example for others to follow.

*Try off-setting but against ourselves rather than expecting someone else to take the burden; eg a flight to Malaga produces the equivalent Carbon emissions as the average meat-eater produces from their meat consumption of 3 months – give up meat for 3 months, then book the flight!

*Use buses, reduce car use and enable our village buses to continue.

*Think about what we buy, how local is it, how is it packaged, - is it really necessary? Can we buy 2nd hand from charity shops?

*Try reducing our Gas and electric consumption and change on to a green energy tariff

Whatever we do, we need to do it quickly, and without putting the burden on others, particularly those in the global South. I hope you can find something that you can do to reduce your effect on the world during this Lent. **God bless, Margaret**

Bell Ringing times during March: 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. 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. **Additional Ringing:** There will be ringing on Saturday 14th March following a 12:30pm wedding.

Services at St. Mary's Church

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

Sunday 8th March

10.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

Wednesday 11th March

12-4pm Seniors' Lunch & Tea Club Turner Hall

Sunday 15th March

10.00am Family Communion (CW) followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting*

6.00pm Lenten Reflective Service

Sunday 22nd March

10.00am Mothering Sunday Café Church at North Leigh School 6.00pm Holy Communion

Tuesday 24th March – Experience Easter with North Leigh School

Sunday 29th March

10.00am Holy Communion

6.00pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday

8am Holy Communion (BCP)* (note Earlier time)

10am Experience Palm Sunday Communion

6pm No Evening Service

Windmill Gospel Hall Weekly Services

Every Sunday in School Term 11.30 a.m. Sunday School
Sunday 1st, 8th 22nd & 29th March 4.00 p.m. Family Service
Sunday 15th March 4.00 p.m. Friends & Family Tea

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.

People say that children are fearless, but they aren't fearless really, they just don't understand the danger around them. As a father of four I teach my children to fear cars or falling from trees, or not to use the hosepipe as a bungee cord (I survived, just!), as this allows them to know where the danger lies, and therefore protects them.

The Bible tells us "The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death" (Proverbs 14:27). The Bible teaches us to fear the Lord because of who He is. God is not dangerous in the way that a car is, He is not cruel, spiteful, nor holds grudges. But God is Holy, and where He is, that too is holy. Sometimes we might try and deceive ourselves and pretend that we've done nothing really sinful but we couldn't pretend that we're holy, and if we're not holy then we cannot be where God is, in Heaven. We can only be made holy by God's Son; church and religion does not save us. The Bible says "we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ" (Heb. 10:10). Jesus was punished by His Father God, so that He could bear the price of our sin. He shed His blood as our sacrifice. "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God" (John 3:18).

As we teach our children to fear and respect danger so that they can avoid it, we should fear the outcome of meeting our Maker, of being found unholy and being removed from His presence for all eternity. "The wages of Sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 6:23). In unholiness and sin lies death, but Jesus Christ offers life in Heaven for all eternity. To hear more on these important matters, you are invited to join us on Sunday at 4.00pm.

History Society

At our last meeting Alistair Lack brightened our gloomy February day with a fascinating talk about Lords Cricket ground. It was a lovely taste of summers past and yet to come with memories of famous cricketers and the wonderful grounds of Lords.

On March 3rd we are going a lot further back in time as we learn about the excavations taking place at Silchester. I doubt very much that the Romans played cricket but the recent discoveries at the bathhouse there have reshaped our understanding of the early Roman occupation and are causing much interest in the world of archaeology. Rev. Margaret Dixon will be bringing us up to date with the latest findings of the archaeological dig in Silchester.

Looking further ahead, on April 7th Michael Heaney will be tracing the 600 year history of Morris dancing for us. No need to bring your bells, hankies and sticks, but it promises to be an entertaining evening. We meet in the Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh, OX29 6TX at 7.30 p.m. Visitors £4, Members free. Further details from Diana Power 01993 882301. If you want to go on our mailing list contact Robert Kyte at kyterobert@gmail.com

Angela Kyte

Geoff Cropper writes: Mike Gosford passed away peacefully on February 24th and his funeral will take place Oxford Crematorium on the 17th March at 11.30a.m. Mike had been involved with the Nor Lye News since 1992 and held the posts of Chairman, Secretary and Advertising co-ordinator for over 26 years. Even when he moved into the Nursing Home in Cassington, he liked to receive his monthly copy of the Nor Lye News. He will be greatly missed.

Gardening Society News

Well we've had a mixture of gale force winds (Ciara and Dennis) over the last few weeks battering our gardens and fences and preventing us from getting out into our gardens to tidy up for our forthcoming Spring. But we will persevere and hopefully come late spring and summer our gardens will be full of colourful flowers, scented plants and growing vegetables. The time is approaching for the Spring Show and members can enter their exhibits for this between 7-7.30pm. Residents who are interested in gardening can join us for the evening and see what the competition is like, then maybe consider entering produce for future shows over the year. We all love the competition and are happy to help new members in whatever way needed. We are a friendly bunch and love to welcome new members. Below is the entries list for the Spring Show.

Spring Show Classes

1. 3 traditional long trumpet daffodils (*Cup as long as petals, 1 flower per stem*)
2. 3 large cup daffodils (*Cup less than length of petals but more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of petal length, 1 flower per stem*)
3. 3 small cup daffodils (*Cup less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of petal length, 1 flower per stem*)
4. 3 multi headed daffodils
5. 3 miniature daffodils
6. Polyanthus - 5 cut stems
7. Hellebores - 3 cut stems
8. Arrangement of spring flowers not exceeding 460mm any direction. Height unlimited
9. A single spray of spring blossom
10. Pot plant flowering. Pot not to exceed 260mm diameter inside rim
11. Pot plant foliage. Pot not to exceed 260mm diameter inside rim
12. 6 homemade hot cross buns. To be judged on taste and appearance

Susie Cusick

North Leigh Youth Project



Thursday 2nd April 2020

Eyes down at **7pm** in the **Turner Hall**

£2 per book of 8 games

£10 for 6 books of 8 games

Raffle tickets £1 per strip

Dabbers provided

Prizes



Refreshments

Street Party!

Bertie Zimmerman is proposing an outdoor village gathering, at Shepherds Walk, themed (or not??) with activities including his Art Table.

Would like minded volunteers please contact him to develop the idea further?

If you want to help please email

bertiezimmerman@gmail.com

The Art of World War II Exhibition at *The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum*, in the grounds of the *Oxfordshire Museum*, Park Street, Woodstock

A new exhibition of artwork, both produced during and depicting scenes from the Second World War, will go on display from 5th March to 7th May 2020

The Museum is open from Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm Sunday 2pm-5pm.

North Leigh Parish Council

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Parish Council Budget for 2020/2021

The council has raised the precept for 2019/2020 as there are several new things the council will be rolling out in 2020/2021. Some of these are:

A new village website
A moveable speed camera with ability to record data
Grass cutting opposite Eynsham Hall
New bin by the Park Road bus stop
Oxfordshire County Council traffic surveys
Village Questionnaire

We will keep you updated as these exciting new things progress!

Cuckamus Green

It has been brought to the attention of the Council that there have been dogs fouling on Cuckamus Green. The council notes that many dog owners are cleaning up after their dogs and using the waste bins provided. However, the issue of Toxocariasis has been raised, as even if excrement is cleaned up some residue can still remain. As you may be aware, Toxocariasis is a disease that humans can catch from handling soil or sand contaminated with infected animal faeces. Roundworm parasites are most commonly found in cats, dogs and foxes, and usually affect young children. This is because children are more likely to come into contact with contaminated soil when they play and put their hands in their mouths.

However, cases have been reported in people of all ages.

This disease can be quite serious, potentially resulting in permanent vision loss. Dogs should be wormed regularly to keep them free of the parasite, but as many children play on Cuckamus Green, we would ask that people refrain from letting their dogs foul on the green. We appreciate that other animals may roam there, but if we can prevent one cause, that would be helpful. We ask that people please be considerate and avoid this risk becoming reality.

Thank you in advance for your understanding on this matter.

Photographs for New Website

The council is looking for submissions of existing photos of the village and/or a photographer to take some new ones to put on the developing website.

If you are a keen photographer and interested, please contact the clerk at the above.

VE Day Celebrations 2020

The 8th May was the day peace emerged after nearly six years of war, so the 75th anniversary on 8th 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.

Garden Waste Bins

From Friday 7 February, residents have been able to sign up for this year's garden waste collection service. The service will run from 1 April to 31 March 2021.

The price remains at £30 per bin per year.

The Parish Council has responded with no comments to the following Planning Applications:

20/00029/HHD, 22B Perrott Close, North Leigh, The addition of two velux windows to the front elevation of the property.

20/00189/HHD, 30 Bridewell Close, North Leigh, Two storey side extension

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Thursday 12th March 2020 at 7:30pm in The North Leigh Youth Centre of the Memorial Hall.

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

Full minutes will be available on northleigh.org.

Councillor Harry St. John writes

WODC cabinet have approved a budget which will mean a slight increase in Council tax equating to about £5 for a Band D property which will now pay £104.38 per annum for WODCs services - I believe that OCC have agreed theirs as well. The final combined figures will be known later in March. In a recent survey many people said they were prepared to pay a bit more if it meant having good services delivered. WODCs Council tax will I am told be the second lowest in England and the budget for 2020/21 will be almost balanced. Parking in all West Oxon towns will remain free for 3 hours. Hopefully the Budget will be ratified by Full Council on 26th February. It includes provision for electric charging points being installed in Witney, Woodstock and Burford with more to follow in subsequent years.

I have been chasing Thames Water to complete the sewer repair work near the Masons Arms and they tell me they might be finished by the end of the February so by time readers read this it might be finished and Park Road reopened. Fingers crossed!!

Bellway tell me that the traffic lights in New Yatt Road are likely to be there till the end of March when for a week the road will be closed completely to enable a section to be completely resurfaced, permanent speed cushions installed and road markings completed. I am trying to persuade Bellway to put in a more user friendly arrangement on the path between the smaller site of 40 to Green Lane - at the moment there some steep steps in the path - quite unsuitable for disabled/ elderly access but especially difficult for mothers with push chairs. There are a number of other outstanding issues they need to address- particularly the safety of the traffic lights layout and how it affects residents with drives onto New Yatt Road and Green Lane in between the lights

North Leigh Common report for February 2020

Another wet month and little frost so ground conditions are very soggy. We have had two working parties helped both times by volunteers from Cotswold Wardens, so we have managed to get quite a lot done - opening out a clearing round a large oak, having two bonfires and then planting about fifty hazel plants and a few oak and beech trees where we had created some space previously by clearing elder scrub. In due course our hope is that will form a hazel coppice which can grow walking sticks, pea sticks and stakes for hedge laying and various other uses...! Also another level of canopy for wildlife. We have protected the new plants with tubes to try and reduce damage by deer present on the common. At the bird feeding station, I can report good numbers of chaffinches now feeding on the ground, blue, great, coal and long-tailed tits in quantity on the feeders, with a pair of bullfinches, goldfinches, blackcaps, nuthatches, hedge sparrows and ravens – so the variety is expanding and numbers increasing which is really rewarding. As to other wild life I have seen mistle and song thrushes singing in the tree tops - the former is known as the stormcock and sure enough we had two big storms in the last fortnight! I also spotted a weasel running amongst some bracken scrub- it has a shorter tail than a stoat who's tail also has a black tip – that's why its "stoatally" different! In Scotland, stoats turn white in winter apart from the tail tip and are called ermine.

DOG OWNERS - a Special Plea People are not picking up their dogs' poo especially on the open space in front of the car park - since this the area most popular for users please clean up the mess otherwise the area will become badly contaminated - it is **UTTERLY SELFISH** and **INCONSIDERATE** of other peoples enjoyment of what should be a pristine area of open space and natural habitat for all to enjoy and appreciate. **NOT bagging and binning it is actually an offence and the very worst is leaving it in bags on the ground, which I am seeing more and more - put them in the bin provided by the car park.**

We have two more Working Parties- Friday 6th and 20th March – do come a join us for a couple of hours or so 10am till 1pm. Meet at car park. Suitable clothes and heavy gloves essential.

Harry St. John

March News from North Leigh Library

Our **Creative Writing Group** launches on Tuesday 17th March at 3.30 pm. This is not a creative writing class, rather an opportunity to share things we have written, stories, poems, etc. - and to explore ideas together that might help us develop our writing. A sort of 'bring and share' approach. We hope that people will also bring along things that they have found in books, magazines or newspapers that they found interesting or quirky or that might inspire us. This might be as brief as a few really good words of descriptive writing, or something that creates a sense of atmosphere or character, or a snappy piece of dialogue, or it could be a longer passage that someone has enjoyed. This group is a way to meet fellow aspiring writers and it is up to us all to make of it what we want. If you have any questions, then please email kyterobert@gmail.com

We have another **Author Visit**, on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm by **Merilyn Davies**, a former Crime Analyst with the Metropolitan Police who worked as part of the Violent and Hate Crime unit for 8 years. She was inspired to write about strong women working in the police force thanks to the incredible women she encountered on the force, and was fascinated to explore the relationship between civilians working in the force and police officers, drawing on her own experiences being married to a serving MET officer. She decided to set her debut thriller, **When I Lost You**, in Oxford, but the action all takes place away from the dreaming spires in parts tourists visit. Merilyn, a Sociology graduate is fascinated with the manner in which society leads people down criminal paths.

Finally, we are launching the **Oxfordshire Bloomin' Good Reads**, which is the adult reading challenge, with a social gathering, with wine and nibbles, on Monday 2nd March, starting at 5pm and the challenge continues to 11th April. All are welcome to these events, which take place in the Library. Do come along!

Phil Bloomfield

North Leigh W.I.

The meeting on the 11th February was a very lively meeting. President Wendy Goddard quickly went through the business of the meeting to allow as much time as possible for the entertainment! We spent the next hour with the Eynsham Ukulele Players, a group of a dozen men and women each playing a ukulele and singing a number of popular songs from the 60s and 70s including, "Mary Lou", Lonnie Donegan's "Putting on the style" and "When I'm 64". Members joined in the singing, some even remembered "The Hand Jive", we laughed at their jokes and generally had a good time. They meet at the Swan Public House at Eynsham every Wednesday at 7. 30. and would welcome anyone who plays the ukulele or who would like to learn. The competition was an acrostic poem using the word, Telephone the winner was Jackie Blake with a poem entitled The Sounds of War. Flower of the month was won by Sue Stevens with a burgundy coloured Hellebore.

The WI lunch group will be going to the Hand and Shears at Church Hanborough on Thursday 12th March. The next WI meeting will be Tuesday 10th March at the Memorial Hall 7. 30. It will be the Annual Meeting with a Mini Show. The theme of which will be " Spring "
Categories will be :-

- A spring photo taken by yourself.
- A spring flower display in a cup and saucer.
- A 6 - 8 inch cake with spring decorations.
- A hand made spring flower.
- A poem you have written illustrated/decorated.

We welcome anyone who would like come, as a guest if you wish, find out if the WI is for you and maybe decide to join. **Brenda Timms.**

North Leigh Youth Project

**Date for your diary:
Easter Bingo Thursday 2nd April in the Turner Hall
Eyes down at 7pm.**

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

NLYP 100Club : Winning numbers February 2020.

1 st Prize: £ 61	Winning number : 80
2 nd Prize: £ 36.60	Winning number : 82
3 rd Prize: £ 24.40	Winning number : 22

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 Football Report

Saturday February 1st: North Leigh travelled to the Peterborough area to play Yaxley, and after last weeks 5-4 win, they were hoping for another good away result, but they suffered a 3-1 defeat. Despite Yaxley being reduced to 10 men with a sending off, the Millers could not force a result, with only a Harry Grant goal to show for their efforts.

Tuesday February 4th: North Leigh lost their second away game in succession, when they travelled to Bedfordshire to play Biggleswade and lost 3-0.

Saturday February 8th: North Leigh played their first home game at Eynsham Park since January 4th, and beat visitors Kempston Rovers 2-1. The visitors belied their lowly second from bottom league position, by putting up a spirited display. The Millers burly defender Andy Gunn stabbed the ball home to open the scoring, but was later judged to have given a penalty away by the referee. The winning goal came from Henry Landers, with the Kempston goalie falling backwards into his own net while clutching the ball.

Saturday February 22nd: After two postponed matches, North Leigh bounced back to beat play-off hopefuls Aylesbury United 2-1 at Eynsham Park. In a pulsating match, goals from Lance Williams and Aaron Woodley secured the three points for the Millers, who had to weather a second half onslaught from Aylesbury, thanks to a superb display from goal keeper Adam North and the rest of the defence.

MARCH FIXTURES

Sat. 7 th	Welwyn Garden City	Away	Tues.10 th	Coleshill	HOME
Sat. 14 th	Biggleswade	HOME	Wed. 18 th	Oxon Senior Cup v Thame at Banbury Utd	
Sat. 21 st	Barton Rovers	Away	Sat. 28th	St. Neots Town	HOME

Come on you Millers. Peter and Pat Dix

Nor'Lye News Production Contacts

Nor'Lye News is seeking a new Advertising Co-ordinator responsible for managing all the paid adverts in the Nor'Lye News. Would you be interested? For more information, **please call Geoff Cropper**. And, we urgently need help from a reader/s with website experience to migrate our current defunct site to an active one. **Please contact Kay**.

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Friends of St Mary's Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's will be in The Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh, OX29 6TX, at **7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st April 2020**. You are very welcome to come along whether or not you are one of the many local people who have supported the Friends so generously over the years.

The Friends of St Mary's exists to help maintain and improve our beautiful Grade I Listed parish church. We are financially independent of the church PCC but work closely with them to identify the priorities for the maintenance and improvement works that are required. Because the church is a Grade I Listed building containing some wonderful architectural features, it has become well known both nationally and internationally. Consequently, the Friends have been successful in raising funds over the years from within the community as well as from outside organisations when the need arose for repairs and improvements. The church receives no financial help to maintain the building from Government or from the Church of England, so it is entirely down to the local residents to keep it in good condition.

We ended 2019 with a slightly increased end of year bank balance on the previous year, despite having provided support exceeding £9,000 in relation to a number of projects. In the last few months the Friends have financed the following work on the church building:

- Replaced the kitchen water boiler
- Filled in a disused and unsafe basement
- Repaired the porch roof
- Replaced the noticeboards in the porch

None of these jobs is particularly "glamorous", but it is all essential maintenance to keep the church in good condition and running order. The five-yearly church inspection was carried out in July 2016, and this identified quite a few pieces of work, several of which remain to be done over the next year.

Please make an effort to attend the AGM – there will be tea or coffee and nibbles available, and this will help us to come up with creative ways to use the funds to carry out essential maintenance and fabric improvements at the church. Your views are vital to this discussion.

Steve Legg, Chair of the Friends of St Mary, (RSVP to sandj.legg@gmail.com)



New Yatt RDA "200 CLUB" launches April 1st 2020

A fun and affordable way for riders, helpers and friends to support NYRDA.

Under the rules of our "200 Club" 50% of all money raised from sale of tickets will be put into the prize fund and the remainder goes direct to pay for horse care and site improvements etc.

Tickets **cost £12** each for automatic entry into 12 monthly draws (April 2020 to March 2021)
There will be **5 winners each month**, prizes ranging from £45 to £7* (*if 200 tickets sold)

"200 Club" application forms are now available to download from the NYRDA website
www.newyattrda.org.uk

or please email Sally Allum-Smith sallyrda200@outlook.com

Thanks for your support



CHARITY DATES COMPETITION

SINGLES & BLIND PAIRS

Kindly sponsored by Witney Trophy Centre

MASONS ARMS, NORTH LEIGH

SUNDAY MARCH 15TH 2020

2PM START

£5 per player

Nibbles provided

100% of entry fees and donations will go towards Children with Cancer UK

Organised by Dean Harris 07805 844947

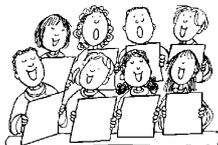
The Witney Colour Run, Sunday May 3rd organised by the Rotary Club of Witney celebrates health, happiness and friendship. Start the day in a white T shirt and get covered, head to toe in a rainbow of colours at 3 Colour Stations. Best of all you don't even need to run. You can choose to run, walk, skip or even dance your way round the course. It is all about having fun. For more information go to: www.entrycentral.com/witneycolour2020

COMING SOON! AFTERNOON TEA? ORCOFFEE/TEA AND CAKE?

Come and join us soon
To be held in the Masons Arms on Friday afternoons 1 – 5pm

Please ring **07500 500735**
for further information

North Leigh Community Choir



Come and join our first session as a new choir
Everyone welcome, all you need is enthusiasm....



Once a month on the following Mondays:
23rd March; 20th April; 18th May; 15th June at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

St Mary's Church, North Leigh



All sorts of music, from show songs to folk and pop songs to classical pieces...



Bring your friends and neighbours!



£5 per session

For more information contact either Carol Crow (carolacrow@btinternet.com)
Carol Glanville (carolglanville@btinternet.com);
Camilla Stephenson (millastephenon@gmail.com) Or, simply turn up on the night