

Village Activities for September

- Popmobility/Keep fit - Every Monday 8pm in the Village Hall.
- WI - 1st Wed of each month 7.30pm in the Village Hall
2 Sept.; 7 Oct.
- Library Van - Alternate Thursdays 3.05-3.25pm top of Brakeley Lane **10,24 Sept.**
- Baptist Chapel - Sunday Services at 2.30 and 6.00pm.
- Women's Fellowship - 2nd Wed. of each month in the Baptist Schoolroom
9 Sept. at 2.30pm - All Welcome.
- Bartington Chapel - Family Service every Sunday 2.30pm.
- St Michael's Church - Please check the Church Magazine to confirm times.
- Village Sunday School - Every Sunday 10.45-11.45 in the Baptist Schoolroom, **starting 13th Sept.**
- Parents & Toddlers - Every Wed. and Fri. 1.30-3.00pm in the Village Hall - contact 891477, **starting 2nd Sept.**
- Playgroup - Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. mornings 9.30-12.00am;
Tues. 1.00-3.30pm in the Village Hall, **starting 8th Sept.**
- Youth Club - Fri. in Village Hall.
6.45-8.00 Younger Youth Club.
8.00-9.00 Older Youth Club.
- Scouts, 1st Whitley - Every Thurs. 3.45-5.30pm Cub Scouts.
Every Monday 7.00-9.00pm Scouts.
in the Scout HQ Whitley.
- Scottish Country Dancing Classes - For children from 5-11 years in the Village Hall every Tues. in term-time:
6.00-6.45pm Younger group;
6.45-7.30 Older Group. Tel 01606 892230
starting 8th Sept.

GRAPEVINE

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Independent Little Leigh newspaper

Tuesday 15th September 8.00 p.m.

Smart Rags

Fashion Show and sale

at

Little Leigh School

all welcome

Catalogue & chain store fashions, for teenage and adults, at unbelievable prices. Many at 75% less than retail prices

Tickets £2.50 includes free glass of wine

See school notice board for details

Chattabox Holiday Club

50+ Children from Little Leigh, Whitley & surrounding villages had a whale of a time at the club. It was great fun in a Christian setting.

Many thanks to the many people who helped and supported the event and all the organisations that provided resources.

The leaders enjoyed the fun too, though we were quite exhausted by the end of the week!

Little Leigh Village Sunday School Makes a new start on 13th Sept. at 10.45am, after its summer break.

All children (over 3yrs) are very welcome

Cheap Home Composter

Everybody should have received a brochure about Vale Royal's initiative to reduce domestic waste, so don't forget the sale of cheap compost bin is on Sunday 13th September 10am -3pm at Barons Quay Car Park, Northwich (behind Marks & Spencers).

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm in the village Hall. All members of the public are welcome.

Happy September Birthdays to:

1	Richard Norton	18	Joanne Hayes
7	Andrew Green	24	Alec Butcher
9	Sara Clarke	25	Grant Barnett
15	Oliver Hayes	26	Rachel Clarke
15	Mark Tonge	30	Lily Rowton

Vale Royal Crime Prevention Panel

From Phil Wood, Crime Prevention Officer:

There have been a high number of shed and garage burglaries, especially in the rural areas.

To help protect yourself, make sure all your property is either marked with an ultra violet marker pen or painted with your post code and house number/name.

Also consider buying a shed alarm - none of the premises burgled had a shed alarm fitted. Keep the shed/ garage locked.

Grapevine Contacts

Mrs Eleanor Austin. The Croft, Church Road - 891477

Mrs Val Hensby, 4 Orchard Drive - 891477

Mrs Stephanie Davies, Leigh Cottage, Runcorn Road - 891347

Miss Maggie Pinfold, Wharf Cottage, Bartington - 853671

Mrs Vicki Wilcox, ?? Church Meadows - 891344,

Readers Comments

Dear Grapevine,

Perhaps the lady and friend who had to navigate around a pile of horse muck may find the following suggestions helpful!

All horses and ponies to be fitted with the correct sized corks, failing that all horses and ponies must wear nappies (we already live in a nanny state). All horses and ponies to be trained to "poo" on command at "comfort stops".

I'm joking - I hope she is, but if not and I don't mean to be too offensive - Please - "get a life" - in a town - but there you will have to circumvent a lot more than horse muck.

The idea of a horse "Pooper Scooper" and a bin liner came to mind - but was quickly rejected as it was not practical, due to the size of the shovel and how could you carry it? Better still you could throw the shovel at some of the cars that refuse to slow down to horses. I wonder if these are "townies?" That gives me another idea ??????!!!!!!

A horse owner, rider and village resident

Linda Harper

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Regarding the horse droppings outside the gate at St. Micheal's. Horses being what they are (barring the invention of VERY large pampers!!) I am at church on Sundays and in future should the need arise, I will procure a shovel and move it probably to the village hall gardens to aid the growth of the flowers, in fact could any further horse manure be looked on as Heaven sent fertiliser??

On a sweeter smelling note wasn't the CHATTERBOX club wonderful for those of us blessed?!! With children. The timing was superb, just when Rebecca my daughter was getting really bored. It came as a welcome respite from the familiar line that most parents will no doubt recognise "what can we do now Mum/Dad, I'm bored" Thanks and well done to all concerned, it would be nice if more of the club also came to Sunday school and also the family service.

Neil Poynton

## W.I. Dates

*September 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday* The speaker will be a well known local Mr Brian Hensby on "Motorway Driving"

*September 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday* Dutton and Little Leigh W.I. are organising a joint 4 mile walk around Lymm Dam and surrounding area. (weather permitting). Meet on the Dam at 2.00pm. All are welcome, you don't need to be a member or female. Organisers Sheila 01928 71003, Maggie 01606 853671

*October 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday* The speaker will be a Mrs Corner on "Naughty but Nice", well I hope there are going to be a lot of samples!!!!

## Nevett

Annie Porter and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expression of sympathy in the recent sad loss of her father Bertram Alfred Nevett in June at the age of 88, and also the sudden loss of her brother Alfred John Nevett in August at the age of 54.

With special thanks to Margaret Neville, Margaret Howman, and Christine Stockton for their support, and Val Hensby for the gift of her case study on Dad from 1995.

Thank you all

## Advanced Notice The decoration of Village Hall

The village hall committee have agree to have the village hall decorated in the near future.

## Recipe of the month

Autumn is just around the corner, and it's time to start thinking of Christmas, so how about this simple recipe, which made now will be just about ready for Christmas. September is the time when *Prunus insititia* fruit are ripe (damson). A small dark-purple plum. there are many of these fruits to be found around Little Leigh and Bartington.

### Ingredients

1 demijohn

1 cork

1 needle

3lbs of damson

3lbs of sugar

3 bottles of gin

1. place all the sugar and gin in the demijohn.
2. gently prick the damsons skins and also place in the bottle.
3. insert the cork and gently shake the bottle.
4. store in dark place' occasionally shake the bottle till all the sugar has dissolved.
5. by Christmas this drink should be ready, gently decant off the rich damson coloured liquor.

Off course you can make smaller or larger quantities of this heart warming tippie, and use any bottle whose neck is large enough for the damsons. Some also eat the shrivelled gin soaked damsons that are left??!. And remember this is quite a potent concoction, so drink it in moderation?

Maggie Pinfold

Wanted for next issue simple recipe for Halloween

