

Village Activities for December

- Popmobility/Keep fit - Every Monday 8pm in the Village Hall.
- WI - 1st Wed of each month 7.30pm in the Village Hall
2 Dec, 13 Jan
- Library Van - Alternate Thursdays 3.05-3.25pm top of Brakeley Lane **5,19,31 Dec, 14,28 Jan.**
- Baptist Chapel - Sunday Services at 2.30 and 6.00pm.
- Women's Fellowship - 2nd Wed. of each month in the Baptist Schoolroom
9 Dec, 13 Jan. 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.
Not 27 Jan, 3 Jan
- Parents & Toddlers - Every Wed. and Fri. 1.30-3.00pm in the Village Hall - contact 891477. **No Toddlers from week beginning 21st Dec; back Wed 13th Jan 1999**
- Playgroup - Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. mornings 9.30-12.00am; Tues. 1.00-3.30pm in the Village Hall. **No Playgroup from week beginning 21st Dec; back Wed 13th Jan 1999**
- 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
- Holly Bush Quiz Night - Every Sunday night 9.15pm
- Horn's Folk Evening - 1st Tuesday of the month

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Christmas Fair

Saturday 5th December
2.0 - 4.30 p.m. Village Hall

Visit Father Christmas,
raffle,
tombola,
refreshments,
stalls,
face painting etc.

December-January Diary

Dec 2 nd Wed	W.I. Meeting (Sugar Paste Icing)
Dec 5 th Sat	Christmas Fair & Father Christmas visit.
Dec 16 th Wed	Fireside Carol Evening
Dec 17 th Thur	Christingle service
Dec 18 th Fri	School/playgroup breaks up
Dec 18 th Fri	Carol Service (Bartington)
Dec 20 th Sun	Christmas Family Service
Dec 20 th Sun	Candle Light Carol Service
Dec 29 th Tue	W.I. Walk
Jan 2 nd Sat	Village Hall volunteers
Jan 4 th Mon	Village Hall closes for decorating
Jan 5 th Tues	School's back (hooray!!!)
Jan 13 th Wed	W.I. Meeting (Agenda 21)
Jan 14 th Thur	Parish Council Meeting (L.L.)
Jan 20 th Wed	W.I. meal at the Riverside
Feb 3 rd Wed	W.I. Meeting (Keep fit)

Little Leigh Village Sunday School

Christingle Service

Thursday 17th December 6.30pm at
St. Michael's Church.

Christmas Family Service

Sunday 20th December 2;30pm
at the Chapel in Ash House Lane

Christmas Holiday

There will be no Sunday School on 27th Dec & 3rd Jan.

We re-start in the New Year on 10th Jan. at 10:45am.

All children 3 & over are very welcome.

Happy December Birthdays to:

4 th	Philippa Probert	21 st	Adam Kueres
7 th	Kerry Scott	23 rd	Simon Rutter
7 th	Charlie Hensby	24 th	Huw Parry Jones
11 th	Nicholas Austin	24 th	Anthony Hallwood
14 th	Alex Dean	25 th	Jenny Scott
15 th	Timothy Clarke	27 th	Peter Davies
15 th	Robert Hoyle	27 th	Robert Horton
17 th	Nicola Jones		

Happy January Birthdays to:

1 st	Steven Kirkham	14 th	Neil Tonge
3 rd	Matthew Langton	14 th	Natalie Seddon
5 th	David Horton	17 th	Louise Shaw
7 th	Thomas Screen	19 th	David Harvey
7 th	William Buck	23 rd	Daniel Seddon
8 th	Stephen Bostock	26 th	Sarah Jones
9 th	Lorraine England	27 th	Nathaniel Hoyle
13 th	Sarah Rutter	28 th	Jonathan Clarke

Thank you

I would like to thank everybody who helps with the Grapevine, the contributors, the distributors, the school for the use of their photocopier, Vicki who gives it a professional look, Neil who helps me fold them, and especially to Eleanor Austin who did it for many years, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Maggie Pinfold

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Parish Council Meeting (L.L)

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All members of the public are welcome.

The Parish council has been given 25 trees to plant around the parish, many have been allocated, but there are at least a dozen left. If any one has any suggestions to where they could go, please let any of the parish councillors know.

Any body who has a listed building that used to be thatched, there are now £1000 grants available towards re-thatching. Ring D.M.Hayes Tel. 01606 862862 ext. 7721

Millennium Celebrations

Alas no exciting ideas for Millennium , were forthcoming, so how about some dull ones.

Please contact Joe Lawless, at 15 Church Meadows - 891691

Good News for Village Hall

A grant from “National Lotteries Charity Board” of £2,618 to the Village Hall for Decoration and New Curtains and fittings.

Will all patrons please note, the village hall will be closed from Monday 4th January to Monday 11th January for redecoration etc.

Wanted volunteers on Saturday 2nd Jan 10.00am to help prepare the hall ready for decoration i.e. take down the curtains, rails, clocks etc. Tall step ladders would be appreciated.

The Village Hall is to be made “draught proof”. An award has been granted by MANWEB, who are funding the cost of this work, through N.E.A. contractors “Heat Care Ltd”. Work will include draught proofing of doors, lagging of pipes, and insulation of all opening windows (not double glazed) work will begin shortly

Notice to all children. The village hall car park is not to be used for skate boards, or roller blades. Any one seen using them will be ordered “OFF”

Has anybody a piece of “Conti-board” about 4’ by 2’, sitting in their garage doing nothing.. Would you like to donate it to the Village Hall, as the piece that is used in serving hatch is looking decidedly grubby.

Bartington Chapel

Christmas Carol Service
Friday 18th December at 7.30 p.m.
Everyone welcome

Little Leigh Baptist Church

Fireside Carol Evening **Candle Light Carol Service**
Wed. 16th December 7pm Sun. 20th December 6pm
Everyone is very welcome
Ash House Lane, Little Leigh. Tel. 891653

Essential Maintenance To Acton Swing Bridge

Essential maintenance is to be carried out on the Acton Swing bridge . The bridge is owned and operated by British Waterways, who manage and care for more than 2,000 miles of canals and navigation's in England, Scotland and Wales.

The project is funded by the Highways Agency and is designed and managed by British waterways. Both parties have co-operated fully in the development of the scheme.

The work is due to commence early in January 1999 and will last for up to six months. The work includes repainting (surprise, surprise), resurfacing and a full refurbishment and repair of the mechanism that allows the bridge to swing open.

During the work the A49 is expected to be closed for occasional periods of two days or more, but totalling no more than three weeks in all. One lane will be open with temporary traffic lights for other periods.

British Waterways Manager Julie Sharman commented:

“Without this work, the bridge cannot be guaranteed to operate effectively in the future, with the potential for major delays to motorists and navigation users if the bridge ever jammed open whilst moving.

“Road closures are unavoidable because the repair to the mechanical equipment cannot be carried out with traffic on the bridge.”

Highways Agency Area Manager David Bogle said:

The work is expected to take up to six months, but has been carefully planned to keep disruption to road users to a minimum. The contract includes financial incentives for the work to be completed as soon as possible and to minimise road closures.”

When the A49 is closed at the bridge a clearly signed diversion route will operate via the M56/M6/A556. (thank god my kids don't got to school in Weaverham???) Vehicles prohibited from the motorway diversion route should use a local alternative route. A pedestrian footway over the bridge will be open at all times.

Information signs erected near the works will advise of the exact timings of restrictions as the work progresses. Details of the road works will also be available on the Highways Agency Information line, Tel 0345 50 40 30

Vale Royal Environment Network

Free trees, Once again free trees are on offer, you are able to pick them up from on Sat. 5th December at the Memorial Hall, Northwich.

An invite from Cheshire Wildlife Trust & The Cheshire Landscape, to all the family to celebrate National Tree Week. Activities will be taking place at Owley Wood Scout Hut, Weaverham. On Sat. 5th December.

The programme as follows:-

10a.m. - 6p.m.	Tree Dressing with Tim Pugh.
12.30p.m. - 1p.m.	Lunch. Please bring a packed lunch.
1p.m. - 3p.m.	Making Brushwood Beasties and seed planting for the millennium.
3p.m. - 6p.m.	Lantern making, hot food and stories of your favourite trees.

Only £1 for food, all activities free

For further information on this event please contact Dee ap Simon 01244 301080

“100” club October Winner

No 59 Margaret Howman

Congratulations

If you would like to join, ring Stephanie Davies 891347

Church Enquiries

Until we get a new vicar could anyone needing the Church's services (weddings, christenings, funerals etc.) or any general enquiries, please contact the Church wardens or a member of the P.C.C., instead of phoning the vicarage phone number. This will ensure immediate attention.

The Wardens are Neil Musgrave 01606 853938
Anne Antrobus 01928 715999

N.S.P.C.C.

The recent house to house collection in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. raised a total of £150. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Correction

Yet another correction. The date "December 28th" in the W.I. Dates section should have been "December 2nd". Does anybody fancy doing any proof reading.

The Vale Royal Crime Prevention Panel

The December message from the Vale Royal Crime Prevention Panel concerns sneak-in thefts. There are still a lot of people who leave their back doors unlocked when they are in the house, allowing criminals to sneak in. Please get into the habit of keeping your doors locked even when you are in. Now that the dark nights are with us please leave lights on in the house if you go out. There is nothing more obvious or inviting to a criminal than a house in complete darkness. **Don't make it easy for the Criminal**

W.I. DATES

December 2nd Wednesday This month's talk is by Jane Gleave on Sugar Paste Icing. Having both seen and sampled her creations I can vouch that they are superb. **Competition** Christmas Gift Bag.

December 29th Tuesday The Dutton and Little Leigh W.I. joint walk, will start from Dutton Lodge farm, Lodge lane, where we will proceed along the canal to the A49 to Wharf cottage, where we will stop for mince pies and a hot drink, we will return via the River Weaver, through Dutton locks back to Lodge Lane, for Christmas cake and another hot drink. All welcome. Organisers Sheila 01928 710003, Maggie 01606 853671

January 13th Wednesday Agenda 21 revisited, as we really enjoyed last year's talk on this subject, so we have invited Mac Carding back again. I wonder if in the preceding year any of us have changed our life styles, to improve our environment. **Competition** Conservation tip.

February 3rd Wednesday This month's meeting is Keep Fit, with Mrs Owen, I am told that you will be able to do it from the comfort of your chair, and for the more energetic the floor **Competition** a low calorie sweet.

For Sale

Large wooden cot, complete with mattress, bumper, quilt and blankets.
Good condition £60 o.n.o. Tel 892138

New 3 months old **Delongie Portable Gas Heater** with bottle,
bought for £98 Sell for £60 o.n.o. **Altal Chipco Drill** 240v
6 months old £20. Tel 891537

Swinging Crib in white, excellent condition £20 o.n.o.
Also **pond pump** (2,800 gallons per hour) v.g.c. £70
Tel 891147

Men's "FALCON" **racing bike**, 5 speed, 23" frame
7 yrs old - but hardly used!! £20 ono
Contact Karen or Simon on 892396

2 single divan beds (storage space in base) with mattresses
unused still in original packaging, cost £109 each will sell for £45 each.
Tel 892422

Girls mountain bike Age 5-7yrs, very good cond. £15 Tel 891958

Grange Brook Farm Pork

Buy Top quality local Cheshire free range pork, for Christmas

Direct from your local farm, guaranteed fresh
steaks Joints legs chops sausages etc.
20lb Mixed selection at £20 with free delivery

Grange Brook Farm Tel Phil or Rose 854566 or Barabara 891256

Wanted

Child carer required for "Before and After" school, in children's or carer's
home. To be negotiated. For 2 children (5 & 7), £4 per hour, approx. ring
Lorriane Tel 85332

Readers Letters

My wife and I were very interested in the article in last months
Grapevine, re the Lindsey Family. We both started to attend
Little Leigh Church in the mid 1930's when the Rev. Lindsey
was the

Vicar. Many years later, during my time as organist at Little
Leigh Church, we took a holiday to Turkey which included 4
days in Istanbul. While out one evening at a Restaurant on the
Bosphorus we started chatting to the couple next to us, soon
found out they also came from Cheshire - they lived at Mere, Nr
Knutsford. Saying that we came from Northwich they asked if
we knew Little Leigh. The lady said she had spent some very
happy times there during school holidays, staying at the
vicarage with the Rev. & Mrs Lindsey and their daughter (who
was her school friend). She told us that Miss Lindsey married a
doctor and lived in America and that earlier that year (1976) the
two had met up again and had visited Little Leigh to look at the
vicarage and the Church. By then Mr & Mrs Aspinall were
living in the vicarage, where Mrs Aspinall showed them round
and then took them into Church where our new found friend
said she played the organ - my question to her then was "did you
get permission from the organist to play the organ". Having said
'no' my reply was "you had better ask him now". We thought a
rather incredible story.

Harry F Davenport

Welcome to the Village

Welcome back to Phyllis, Gary, Harry, Graham and Sian Clarke,
who have just moved back into the village after a few years

absence.