

## Village Activities for May

- Popmobility/Keep fit - Every Monday 8pm in the Village Hall.
- WI - 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month 7.30pm in the Village Hall  
**5 May.**
- Library Van - Alternate Thursdays 3.05-3.25pm top of Brakeley Lane **6,20 May.**
- Baptist Chapel - Sunday Services at 2.30 and 6.00pm.
- Women's Fellowship - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month in the Baptist Schoolroom  
**12 May.** 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 16<sup>th</sup> , 30<sup>th</sup> May or 6<sup>th</sup> June.**
- Parents & Toddlers - Every Wed. and Fri. 1.30-3.00pm in the Village Hall - contact 891477.
- Playgroup - Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. mornings 9.30-12.00am;  
Tues. 1.00-3.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact 891477
- Youth Club - Fri. in Village Hall.  
6.45-8.00 Younger Youth Club.  
8.00-9.00 Older Youth Club.
- Scouts, 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- Yoga Classes - Every Thurs. 7.15-8.45pm Village Hall  
**Not 6<sup>th</sup> May**
- Holly Bush Quiz Night - Every Sunday night 9.15pm
- Horn's Folk Evening - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

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### May Fair

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May

The fair is to take place at the Village Hall after the procession from Ash Tree Farm beginning at 2.00pm. Our Queen Rachel Smith, is to be crowned by Mrs Clare Vernon of Barnton , who will also open the fair.

There are the usual stalls, Tombola, Market Stall, White Elephant, Plants and Flowers, Bran tub, Raffle and of course Refreshments.

A special service is to be held at St Michaels on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May** at 10.00am with the Queens and retinues attending.

## May Diary

May 5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	W.I. Meeting (Craft Taster Evening)
May 6 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Local Elections Village Hall
May 11 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Coffee Morning
May 11 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Parish Council Meeting (L.L.)
May 15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	May Fair and Rose Queen
May 16 <sup>th</sup> Sun	May Queen service at St Michaels
May 20 <sup>th</sup> Thur	Parish Council Meeting (Bartington)
May 28 <sup>th</sup> Fri	Organic Gardening Group

### Little Leigh Village Sunday School

We look forward to joining with our friends at St. Michael's for the May Queen Service at 10.00a.m. on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

There will be no Sunday School during the half-term break on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May or 6<sup>th</sup> June.

There will also be no Sunday School at the Chapel on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May as we are joining the May Queen service.

### Little Leigh Baptist Church

Thank you to everyone who supported our Spring Fair on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April. £71.26 was donated for the Kosovo Crisis Appeal and £362.60 was raised on the stalls for Church funds.

### St. Michaels Parochial Church Council

#### CAN YOU HELP?

After a successful Annual General Meeting of the St. Michaels P.C.C. chaired by the Archdeacon Christopher Hewetson, we found that we are in need of a Secretary and Treasurer as the present members, after doing a brilliant job over the past two years, need the time for other commitments. If you can help contact the church wardens Anne Antrobus 01928 715999 or Neil Musgrave 853938 or myself, Neil Poynton 891076 or any member of the P.C.C.

Thanks Neil Poynton

### Happy May Birthdays to:

9	Kirsty Rae	25	Ellen Tracey
9	Melanie Lancaster	29	Max Eves
16	Debbie Clarke	29	Daniel Large
21	Jane Pinfold	29	Francis Cowap
22	Andrew Davies	30	Tim Wilcox
23	Paul Acton		

### **“100” club March Winner**

No  
Mrs

Congratulations

**If you would like to join, ring Stephanie Davies 891347**

### **Grapevine Contacts**

Mrs Vicki Wilcox(**designer**), 10 Church Meadows - 891344,  
Miss Maggie Pinfold(**editor**), Wharf Cottage, Bartington - 853671  
Mrs Val Hensby, 4 Orchard Drive - 891164  
Mrs Stephanie Davies, Leigh Cottage, Runcorn Road - 891347  
Mrs Eleanor Austin. The Croft, Church Road - 891477

## Parish Council Meeting (L.L)

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council  
on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Kissing gates have now replaced the stiles on the foot path which runs along the field by Willow Green Farm down to the canal - a great improvement. Now all we need them to do is to give us some dry weather so the path in between them is not a bog!

## Parish Council Meeting (Bartington)

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council  
on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
at Bartington Chapel at 7.30pm

Application No 4/34243/0 erection of one bungalow - land adjacent Bartington Hall caravan Park, Acton Bridge Development was refused

There are plans to have a 40 mile limit leading up to Acton Bridge, from Bartington Forge to the Riverside Inn on the A49. This is due to erection of motorway style barriers on the bridge to protect it from impact from vehicles.

## IYENGAR YOGA CLASSES

Due to Local elections there will be no class on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## W.I. DATES

*April 7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* Last months meeting once again was an interesting, amusing and informative members road show given by Mrs Schofield. It was an opportunity for members to take along family keepsakes, to find out their uses, and history. Competition A small family heirloom was won by Elsie Evans 1<sup>st</sup>, Maureen Eves 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Jenny Burton 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*April 9<sup>th</sup> Friday* A bit of a 'Royal' do' a fund raiser by the May Queen's mum was a enjoyable success, thanks to all those who attended.

*April 21<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.* Our annual farm house meal at Byley, was once again a success. It was my first visit, and it was as good as it's reputation.

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*May 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* This months meeting is by our own members, a craft taster evening and resolutions. **Competition** Best effort on the night

*May 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday.* We have a major date for the calendar - our May Fair and crowning of our May Queen, who will be Rachel Smith.

*May 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday.* St. Michael's for the May Queen Service at 10.00a.m.

*July 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.* A special event this summer will be an evening of music and fireworks at Arley Hall. Contact Jenny or Carol for more details, they are circulating a list of members, please mark if you can come or not. as they need to make the book this month.

## **Vale Royal Organic and Wildlife Gardeners' Group**

Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> *The Fragrant Garden through the Year*

Speaker: Sally Cole.

For more information or transport, ring Maggie 853671

All meetings start at 7.45pm in the CVS Building, Church road Northwich. All welcome. There is no admission fee, but if you would like to come regularly there is a membership fee of five pounds (four if you are already a member of the HDRA)

## **St Michaels and All Angels Church**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 10am-12noon

Coffee morning

17 Valley Lane, Weaverham.

Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>

Strawberry Evening

Licensed Bar, Entertainment, Geoff Ashley Country & Western  
Beech Haven, Church Road, if wet in Village Hall.

## **Christian Aid Week**

There will be a Christian Aid envelope delivered with each Magazine. We hope to collect them early evening in the week commencing May 9<sup>th</sup>. If we miss you, please drop them in at Little Leigh Post Office the following week. Our Village contribution will be much appreciated.

## **Wanted For Little Leigh a Parish Tree Warden**

A job that entails as little or as much as you wish to put into it. (so I am told!!!) suitable for a dog walker or anybody who regularly walks around Little Leigh Parish, and cares about our environment.

For more information please contact John Gittens,  
Cheshire Landscape Trust. Tel. 01244 376333

## **Always fancied a go.....?**

Handspinning lessons in your own home, wheel and wool/fibres supplied. 20years experienced spinner and 10 years National Trust Spinning demonstrator. Also basic cross stitch for beginners, and other crafts, plus fleeces for sale to spinners/feltnakers. Price on application Tel Carol on 781461

## **For Sale**

**Shopping Bike**, folds to go in boot or caravan £20 Tel 891936

## **Wanted**

Tumble drier, fridge freezer, shed, pine bedroom furniture, nest of tables, telephone, television, side board, video, cabinet, kettle  
Tel Sharon 07977 300 262 or 351137 after 7pm

## **Pork Stew with Apricots and Raisins**

A stew for those with a sweet tooth or, people like me that have had dried apricots in their cupboards for longer than they would like to admit.

1.51lb (750g) diced pork, belly pork is quite nice, but any cut will do

1 level tbsp flour

1 Oxo cube or equivalent

2oz (50g) dripping or equivalent

2 medium garlic cloves

8oz (225g) cooking/dried apricots, stoned and sliced

0.5pint (275ml) water (increase slightly if using dried apricots)

1oz (25g) raisins

Salt and pepper to taste

1. Coat meat cubes in flour. Fry in the dripping until well-sealed and brown.
2. Add garlic, apricots, water, oxo cube and raisins. Cook stirring, until mixture comes to boil and thickens. Season.
3. Lower heat. Cover. Simmer about 1.5 hours or until pork is tender, stirring occasionally.

This recipe is great done in a slow cooker. And served with anything you fancy.