

## Village Activities for October

- 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  
**6 Oct.**
- Library Van - Alternate Thursdays 3.05-3.25pm top of Brakeley Lane ,  
**7 21 Oct.**
- Baptist Chapel - Sunday Services at 2.30 and 6.00pm.
- Friendly Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of each month at 16 Orchard Drive, **5<sup>th</sup> Oct.**
- Women's Fellowship - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month in the Baptist Schoolroom  
**12 Oct.** 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  
in term time.
- Parents & Toddlers - Every Wed. and Fri. 1.30-3.00pm in the Village Hall -  
contact 891477, in term time.
- 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, in term time.  
6.45-8.00 Younger Youth Club.(8-11yrs)  
8.00-9.00 Older Youth Club.(11-upwards)
- 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.
- Line Dancing - Every Weds. Except 1<sup>st</sup> Wed in month 8.00-10.30pm Tel.  
Fran 01928 719315
- 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
- Holly Bush Quiz Night - Every Sunday night 9.15pm
- Horn's Folk Evening - 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month

# GRAPEVINE

**October 1999**

**Independent Little Leigh newspaper**

**Little Leigh Baptist Church**

**Harvest Services**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 11am & 6pm**

**led by Rev. Neil Jones (of Preston)**

*formerly our Associate Minister*

All produce will be auctioned in aid of Operation Agri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
World projects on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

Little Leigh Baptist Church, Ash House Lane, Little Leigh.

**Bartington Chapel**

**Harvest Services**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm & 6.30pm**

**speaker Rev. T Taylor**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

**Hot Pot and produce sale 7.00pm**

## August/September Diary

2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct (Sat)	The Horns Steam Party
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct (Sun)	The Horns Steam Party
6 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Weds)	W.I. Meeting (A Musical Travelogue of Scotland)
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Thur)	Library Van
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Sun)	Harvest Services
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Mon)	Harvest service produce auction
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct (Thur)	Library Van
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct (Fri)	School Breaks up
27 <sup>th</sup> Oct (Weds)	W.I. Birthday Party
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct (Sun)	Halloween / clocks go back
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov (Mon)	Back to school

### Thank You

Michelle, Ray Amy Louise Martin Jean and John Porter,

Would like to thank all those people, who gave them support and prayed for Michelle when she was so very ill in hospital, but sadly we lost two beautiful twin boys Scott and Bradley.

Thank you all once again for all the gifts, cards and kindness. It was so nice to have support of so many friends

God bless you all.

### Thank You

To everyone who attended Rebecca's Christening thank you all for presents you got Rebecca. But most of all thank you for coming. It was nice to see the Church so full. If you or your children enjoyed the service, please join us in Church most Sundays.

Again thank you all  
**N Poyton**

## Organisations and Contacts

Baptist Chapel	Lis Clarke	01606	891653
Bartington Chapel	Mary Gleave	01928	788030
County Councillor	Nora Stopford	01244	602744
Friendly Club	Mrs Jenny Jones	01606	891649
Library Van (Northwich Library)		01606	44221
Member of Parliament (Bartington)	Mike Hall	01928	735000
Member of Parliament (L.L.)	Martin Bell	01565	652882
Milkman	Andrew Barclay	01606	783172
Milkman	Philip Woods	01606	851240
Northwich Infirmary		01606	564000
Play Group / Mother and Toddlers	Mrs Austin	01606	891477
Police		01606	48000
Popmobility			
School Friends of Little Leigh	Kay Rutter	01606	784216
School Secretary	Mrs Val Campion	01606	891325
Scottish Dancing	Ann and Rob	01606	892230
Scouts, 1 <sup>st</sup> Whitley	Dennis Rowe	01606	781360
St Michael's Church	Jean Davies	01606	853161
	Anne Antrobus (warden)	01928	715999
Swimming Bath Moss Farm		01606	783835
Tree Warden	Joe Lawless	01606	891691
Tree Warden apprentice	Lawrence McCall	01606	891532
Village Sunday School	Lis Clarke	01606	891653
Village Hall Cleaner	Maggie	01606	853671
Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Porter	01606	891537
W.I. Secretary	Mrs Elsie Evans	01606	891291
Women's Fellowship			
Yoga Classes	Susan Rennie	01606	888324
Youth Club	Mrs Jenny Jones	01606	891649
100 Club	Mrs Stephanie Davies	01606	891347

Please feel free to add to this list

## Grapevine Contacts

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CLOSING PRESS DATE IS 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH - DEADLINE

## The Horns Steam Party October 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend

The annual “end of steaming season” gathering for traction engines, steam rollers, wagons, old tractors, cars, motorbikes and any other old or vintage machinery that happens to turn up. There should be a miniature railway for the kids. Guess what , ITS FREE. We have a party, you come and admire all the old vehicles, sit back and relax, enjoy a drink in the pub. There is a good bar snack menu or for the more discerning an excellent restaurant menu. A genuine fairground organ will be playing to soothe away the troubles of the day, (if you have any)

If you have any old or vintage vehicles bring them along and join in. Camping is available in the adjacent field if you want to make a weekend of it. And its still FREE.

For any further details ring Geoff Ashdown. 781461.

### Bartington Chapel Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> t	October (Sun)	spk. Rev. B Dodd	
10 <sup>th</sup>	October (Sun)	Harvest Festival spk. Rev T. Taylor	2.30pm & 6.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	October (Mon)	Hot Pot & Produce sale,	7.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	October (Sun)	spk. Mrs Coot	
24 <sup>nd</sup>	October (Sun)	spk. Mr Ken Massey	
31 <sup>st</sup>	October (Sun)	spk. Mr Douglas Neild	

## Happy October Birthdays to:

5	Andrew Jackson	11	Emma Horton
5	Lucy Jackson	12	Kay Faulkner
6	Andrew Kirkham	14	Ben Quinlivan
9	Nicholas Fox	16	Sandra Clarke
11	Matthew Clarke	27	Clare Poole
11	Joannah Champion	30	Rebecca Butcher

### **Little Leigh Village Sunday School**

There will be no Sunday School during the half-term break on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

We begin again at 9.45a.m. on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone over 3 is most welcome to come.

There will also be no Sunday School on 10<sup>th</sup> October as we are joining in the Harvest Family Service. Everyone, of all ages, is most welcome to this service. Please come.

### Going Bananas

Thank you to everyone who supported the Going Bananas! Children’s Holiday Club. Over fifty children enjoyed themselves going bananas for God. The leaders had a good time too, even though they were exhausted! The project was partly funded by the Cheshire Rural Parish Challenge Fund and together with the generous donations from parents and local Churches, we were able to pay all our bills.

### Gardeners Corner

Now is the time to take out all your old flowers from your tubs and containers. Begonia tubers can be cleaned and left to dry and die off, and left in a frost free dry place until spring. Containers can be potted up with Pansies, Polyanthus dwarf Sweet Willams, Wallflowers , you can under plant with Daffs and Tulips to give a good display in spring.

Plant up Hyacinth bulbs in containers water and place in a warm dark place until tips are growing well, bring out into light and they should be ready for Christmas. If you want them later leave them in the dark longer, keep checking them and don't let them dry out BUT DONOT OVER WATER.

Keep borders tidy by raking up debris but don't cut anything back just yet, the birds will forage for seeds and insects through the winter months.

Sow Sweet Peas in trays and over winter in your cold frame or under a cloche ready for planting out in spring.

Onion sets and Spring Cabbage should be planted now. Keep Parsnip and Leek beds weeded, they will over winter in the ground quite well.

Dig and prepare your land for a quick and early start in spring, you may cover with black plastic to keep weeds at bay and it will also warm up the soil quicker in spring.

Don't forget to higher your lawn mower blades and keep cutting the grass until the bad weather arrives, rake out all the moss and dead grass and aerate if your soil is compact or to hard.

#### **TIP OF THE MONTH.**

Collect seeds from dried flower heads and place into labeled envelopes, keep in a dry place and away from mice. You may be to late to take soft or semi hard wood cuttings but try just the same you never know your luck.

**BY MRS SPADE**

#### **Cheshire Police Alarm Policy**

You may not be aware, that the policy regarding audible only alarms is that if you call to report an alarm going off, the police will only attend if there is actually evidence to support the possibility of a break-in. i.e. broken glass etc. False activation's of audible only alarms are the responsibility of the Borough Councils. If there is a report of an alarm ringing continuously after the 20 minute shut off, or persistently re activating it is down to the Borough Council to deal with the matter. If you have an audible only alarm you can register with the council and they will keep on file all details of your contact numbers and key holders. If they do not have key holder details then they may obtain a warrant to enter your property, disarm the alarm and leave you with the bill.

For audible only alarms remember, Genuine Activation's - The Police need to have Key holder details and for False Activation's The Borough Council require Key holder details.

#### **W.I. Dates**

*August 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* Members night. It was a lovely evening for the cruise down the Trent and Mersey canal. We went from Anderton and turned around between Barton Tunnel and Saltersford Tunnel, where a dozen of us took a stroll down to Saltersford Locks. The food was plentiful and the on board bar well attended. The most exciting part of the evening was when all our cars were locked into the car park. Mind you we were probably all walking distance from our homes.

*September 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.* The speaker was Kathy Simms on Top Notch Hats.

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*October 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* A Musical Travelogue of Scotland. The competition is A Scottish Souvenir.

*October 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* The Birthday Party in the Village Hall

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.* A.G.M. and supper The competition is a small Autumn Table decoration.

#### **Wanted for next Issue**

Ideas for Christmas / presents for under a fiver

## Parish Council

1. The highways department has inspected the speed limit signs in Little Leigh and is considering renewing them. There may even be the potential for a traffic calming scheme. In the meantime they have said that many signs have become obstructed by overgrown hedges and trees. Hedges and trees need cutting back so pedestrians are not obstructed, drivers sight lines are not blocked and signs can be seen. If your hedges or trees are causing a problem please cut them. If you cannot do so, or do not want to do so, the Joint Highways team can arrange for the work to be done and the landowner charged.

Little leigh Parish Council meetings are to be held in the village hall on 16 Nov, 18 Jan, 14 March, and 16 May.

## Orchard Trees for Free

Orchards were once an important part of the Cheshire landscape. Unfortunately, for many years the numbers and variety of the orchards has been declining.

However, help is now at hand. Vale Royal Borough Council are now offering a limited number of free trees for orchards. The only condition is that 'You own a private amenity orchard which is visible to the public'.

Vale Royal will help you rejuvenate the orchard with trees from traditional varieties of apples, pears, damsons, greengages and plums.

If you wish to participate in this scheme please contact either of Little Leigh Tree Wardens.

Joe Lawless 891691  
Lawrence Mc Call 891532

Extracts from the Minutes of a Meeting of Little Leigh Parish Council,

20 July 1999 (full copy on Village Hall notice board)

## 2. Matters Arising

- a) **Highways Department** Little Leigh traffic signs had been reviewed and were due for renewal. Some were obscured by overhanging vegetation. Cllrs agreed to place an article in Grapevine & to ask that a traffic calming scheme be discussed at the Highways Committee.
- b) **Parish Paths Initiative** Cllr Clarke had ordered the wooden map board.
- c) **Closure of Marbury Lane** A safety audit had been performed and repairs costed. A report was imminent.
- d) **Playground inspection report** The chairman's inspections showed the playground surfaces to be in a fair condition. Wicksteed Leisure's suggestion that they be replaced at a cost of £5,343.55 plus VAT would therefore not be pursued. Cllr Clarke and the chairman would continue to carry out inspections. Ms Brazier would obtain a quotation for repairing the wooden seat, repainting the seat adjacent to the school playground and laying a slab for the picnic bench. In the interim Cllr Duffield would remove the broken seat.
- e) **Charities donations** Ms Brazier had written to the Brain injuries rehabilitation unit, the Neuromuscular centre and the Vale Royal Pensioners Association.
- f) **Essex Twinning** The school was likely to take up Mr Oultrams's suggestion of twinning. Ms Brazier would write to him & Cllr Cockbain could provide him with further news.
- g) **Complaint re youths using the playground** Ms Brazier had written to the complainants and an article had appeared in Grapevine. Ms Brazier would write asking the police to check the playground when passing and would also request a named police contact.

## 5. Millennium Update

Wooden map boards had been ordered, clocks were under repair, bulb planting was likely to be funded, native trees would be planted at Hilltop farm and a design had been provided for the 'village green'. Millennium footpath signs were a further possibility.

## 8. Any other Business

- Cllr Duffield would ask the management committee to investigate why the village hall car park drains were flooding Mrs Littler's garage & would report back.
- Ms Brazier had photographed the vandalised bus shelter at Shutley Lane & would write again to the County Council with a copy to Cllr Stopford.
- Anyone wishing to participate in the September Manchester airport visit should contact Cllr Wright. Concern was expressed over aircraft noise.
- There were plans to computerise the local post office. Mr Ripley had been advised to contact the parish hall management committee once further details were known as structural alterations might be necessary.

Friends of Little Leigh School : "100 Club"

Its a new year for the Friends of Little Leigh School “100” club”, so if you would like to join/rejoin your local School “lottery” : and have the chance to win up to **£50** in the monthly draw.

Please fill in the attached slip and return to:  
Mrs Campion in the School office, or any of the Friends of the School Committee outside school each afternoon.

### Friends of Little Leigh School: 100 Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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I would like to pay yearly/termly/Monthly\* and enclose £12 /£4 /1\*

\* Cash or Cheque made payable to “FOLLS”

● delete as appropriate

**“100” club winners**

**July no ??  
August no ??**

### Recipe of the month (*Christmas is coming*)

#### **Yule Cake (1858)**

1lb Fresh Butter,  
1lb sugar,  
1 ½ lb flour,  
2lb currants,  
Glass sherry,  
1lb sweet meats,  
2oz sweet almonds,  
10 eggs,  
¼ oz allspice,  
¼ oz cinnamon

*This recipe was take from a “Enquire Within” book issue September 1858*

*A Yule log is a large log burnt in the hearth on Christmas Eve, So does a Yule cake mean a large cake burnt in a oven for Christmas ?!!!!*

*No responsibility will be taken for this recipe, or apologies for the vagueness of the cooking instructions*

Melt butter to cream and put in the sugar, stir till quite light, adding allspice and pounded cinnamon, in ¼ hr take yolks of eggs work in 2 or 3 at a time, and white of the same must be beaten into a strong snow (quite ready to work in as the paste must not stand to chill the butter or it will be heavy), work in the white gradually. Then add the orange peel, lemon, citron cut in fine strips , and the currants must be mixed in well with the sweet almonds, then add the sifted flour and glass of brandy. Bake this cake in a tin hoop in a hot oven for 3hrs. Put 12 sheets of paper under it to keep it from burning.

#### Tips for baking Christmas Cakes

- Place a dish of water at the bottom of the oven as this helps keeps the cake moist.
- When baked, wrap cake in silver foil and periodically skewer the base of the cake and dribble in extra sherry to keep it moist.
- Soak the currants in the sherry over night
- Drink a large sherry before proceeding
- Wrap a double layer of brown paper around the outside of the tin, at least 2 inches higher than the top of the tin, as this helps stop the top of the cake burning. N.B. occasionally check the paper to see that it does not burn itself.