

## Village Activities for December/January

- 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  
**1 Dec, 5 Jan.**
- Library Van - Alternate Thursdays 3.05-3.25pm top of Brakeley Lane ,  
**2,16, 30 Nov, 13, 27 Jan.**
- Baptist Chapel - Sunday Services at 2.30 and 6.00pm.
- Friendly Club - 1<sup>st</sup> Tue of each month at 16 Orchard Drive,  
**7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.**
- Women's Fellowship - 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of each month in the Baptist Schoolroom  
**8 Dec, 12 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 9.45-10.45 in the Baptist Schoolroom  
in term time.
- Parents & Toddlers - Every Fri. 1.30-3.00pm in the Village Hall - contact  
891344, in term time.
- Playgroup - Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri. mornings 9.30-12.00am;  
Tues. 1.00-3.30pm in the Village Hall. Contact 891477  
**Christmas Holiday from 18<sup>th</sup> Dec,  
Spring term begins Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Jan**
- Youth Club - Fri. in Village Hall, in term time.  
6.45-8.00 Younger Youth Club.(8-11yrs)  
8.00-9.15 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 - For children from 5-11 years in the Village Hall  
Classes - 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

**December 1999/January 2000**

**Independent Little Leigh newspaper**

## **Christmas Fayre Village Hall**

**Vicki please can you add 20p admittance on  
the advert for the Church Fayre on Dec 4th**

## **School Christmas Fayre**

## December/January Diary

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec (Wed)	W.I. Meeting (The Equinox Choir)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec (Thurs)	Library Van
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sat)	Village Hall Christmas Fayre
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Tues)	Parish Council Meeting (Bartington)
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec (fri)	School Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sun)	Christmas Family Service with Sunday School
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Thurs)	Library Van
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Fri)	Carol Service
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Fri)	School breaks up
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sun)	Carols by Candle-light
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Mon)	Community Carols around the Fire-side
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec (Wed)	Mid-Week Christmas Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Thurs)	Library Van
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Wed)	W.I. Meeting (Barton Charity shop/Rumania)
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Thurs)	Back to School
13 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Thurs)	Library Van
?? Jan (Tues)	Parish Council Meeting (Bartington)
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Tue)	Parish Council Meeting (Little Leigh)
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Thurs)	Library Van
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan (Fri)	Organic and Wildlife Gardeners

### Are You Ashamed?

The new millennium will bring the end of 33 years of scouting in the village of Whitley. This, we believe, is indicative of today's lack of concern for what is loosely called old fashioned values. No one has the time or the inclination in Whitley or the surrounding area to help mould future generations of your children in the basics of the journey of life. In the future, when local children and parents say there is nothing to do, remember that you had a chance to help but you refused to take the opportunity.

Denis and Val

November 1999

## 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
Gymnastics (Hartford)	Mr Charles R Oakes	01606	782658
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
Parent and Toddlers	Vicki Wilcox	01606	891344
Parish Council (L.L.)			
Parish Council (Bart.) Secretary.	Janet Whalley	01606	871761
Play Group	Mrs Austin	01606	891477
Police		01606	48000
Popmobility	Margaret	01606	891709
	Dorothy Collins	01606	852070
School Friends of Little Leigh	Julie Rowton	01606	892463
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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 Miss Maggie Pinfold(editor), Wharf Cottage, Bartington - 853671  
 Mrs Val Hensby, 4 Orchard Drive - 891164  
 Mrs Stephanie Davies, Leigh Cottage, Runcorn Road - 891347

## Beware

With the dark nights, and lack of pavements around the village, it has been noted, that some dog walkers (dog not obligatory) are walking down the lanes with no or little reflexive clothing. It is not fair on drivers or your family if an accident were to occur. It is difficult for drivers to see you especially if a car is approaching from the opposite direction. Best if possible carry a torch. (it might also save you from stepping into something !!!).

### Little Leigh Baptist Church - Christmas Services

11a.m. Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Family Service with Sunday School.
6p.m. Sunday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols by Candle-light.
7p.m. Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	Community Carols around the Fire-side.
11a.m. Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Mid-Week Christmas Communion.

Everyone is most welcome. Please come and join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ 1,999 years ago.

### Little Leigh Village Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>. December as we are taking part in the Christmas Family Service at 11a.m. or during the Christmas break on 19<sup>th</sup>. December 26<sup>th</sup>. December or 2<sup>nd</sup>. January. We start again at 9.45a.m. on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>. January 2000.

### Bartington Chapel Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> Sun (December)	spk. Mr John Davies	
12 <sup>th</sup> Sun (December)	spk. Mr John Bell	
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri (December)	<b>Bartington Carol Concert</b>	<b>7.30p.m</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> Sun (December)	spk. Rev. B. Dodd	
26 <sup>th</sup> Sun (December)	to be determined	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun (January)	spk. Rev. Paul Saunders	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sun (January)	spk. Rev. B. Dodd	
16 <sup>th</sup> Sun (January)	spk. Mr Wilson	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun (January)	spk. Mr Roger Wale	
30 <sup>th</sup> Sun (January)	spk. Mrs K Saunders	

### Happy December Birthdays to:

4 <sup>th</sup> Philippa Probert	21 <sup>st</sup> Adam Kueres
7 <sup>th</sup> Charlie Hensby (2)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Simon Rutter
11 <sup>th</sup> Nicholas Austin	24 <sup>th</sup> Huw Parry Jones
14 <sup>th</sup> Alex Dean (7)	24 <sup>th</sup> Anthony Hallwood
15 <sup>th</sup> Robert Hoyle	25 <sup>th</sup> Jenny Scott (6)
17 <sup>th</sup> Nicola Jones	27 <sup>th</sup> Peter Davies

### Happy January Birthdays to:

1 <sup>st</sup> Steven Kirkham (9)	14 <sup>th</sup> Neil Tonge (11)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Matthew Langton (11)	14 <sup>th</sup> Natalie Seddon
5 <sup>th</sup> David Horton	17 <sup>th</sup> Louise Shaw
7 <sup>th</sup> Thomas Screen	19 <sup>th</sup> David Harvey
7 <sup>th</sup> William Buck	23 <sup>rd</sup> Daniel Seddon
8 <sup>th</sup> Stephen Bostock	26 <sup>th</sup> Sarah Jones
9 <sup>th</sup> Lorraine England	27 <sup>th</sup> Nathaniel Hoyle
13 <sup>th</sup> Sarah Rutter	

### **Hartford School of Gymnastics**

73 School Lane, Hartford. Tel 01606 782658

#### **Recreational Classes (£2.80 per hour),**

Monday to Friday		Saturday	
4 - 7/8 yrs	4pm-5pm	4 - 7/8 yrs	9.30am-0.30am
7/8 -10 yrs	5pm-6pm	7/8 - 10 yrs	10.30am-11.30am
10+ yrs	6pm-7pm	10+ yrs	11.30am-12.30pm

**Trampoline (£2.80 per hour),**

Tuesday	6pm-7.15pm	&	7.15pm-8.30pm
Wednesday	5.45pm-7pm	&	7pm-8.15pm
Thursday	7.15pm-8.30pm		
Saturday	12noon-1.15pm		

#### **Mums & Tots (£2.00 per hour)**

Children 0-4 years, parental supervision required Monday & Tuesday 12.00-1pm

#### **Tots Gym (£2.80 per hour)**

Pre School children 3-5yrs

Monday & Tuesday 12.00-1pm

#### **Adults Gymfir (£2.50 per hour)**

Friday 7.30pm-8.30pm

#### **Childrens Party's (£40.00 per party)**

Three girls go every

Saturday

to the 10.30 - 11.30 session, there are two places in our car if anybody would like to go. I can pick them up on the way, Ring Maggie 853671

Saturday or Sunday times to be arranged

## W.I. Dates

*October 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* The Birthday Party was another successful and satisfying event, the food was as usualy delicious, and there was plenty for seconds and in my case thirds. The surprising event was a short exciting play written and produced by members of the W.I. The image of Elsie Evans and what she did with a rubber glove will stay with me to my dying days.

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.* A.G.M. and supper, the AGM was not too long and painful and the hot pot was delicious. The winners of the competition "a small Autumn Table decoration". 1<sup>st</sup> Maureen Eves, 2<sup>nd</sup> Heather Ashley, 3<sup>rd</sup> Margaret Jones.

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*December 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.* The Equinox Choir, Christmas and other Songs. The competition is a home Made Christmas Tree Decoration

*January 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.* A talk about the local work of the Barton Charity Shop and its connection with Rumania by Max Keelty

## Gardener's Corner December & January

These two months are relatively quiet, however there are a few 'pottering jobs' we can do.

If you over winter Fuchsias or Chrysanthemums or other none hardy plants, make sure they are will protected from the frost. All my plants are in the greenhouse which is protected will bubble wrap and a thermostatic electric radiator set to protect form that hard frost that the weather man cannot predict.

If you have or are about to purchase a tree or shrubs, plant with plenty of good compost beneath the root structure and do not forget a strong stake if required. Make sure you plant away from buildings, walls, drains & all other services to the house.

If we get snow this winter remember it's weight can cause damage to sheds, greenhouses, trees & shrubs so clean them off before the damage cost you money. 'A good job for kiddies'??

Wash and check all plant pots and seed trays for damage, clean and oil all tools and take your lawn mower for it's annual service before the rush in spring.

DON'T forget the birds this winter, they require feeding with nuts, apples and seeds and yes water too, without food they will die in a bad winter.

If you have a cold green house, use it to plant early new potatoes. This month put your seed potatoes in a warm place so they start growing splits (shoots). By the end of January plant them. Care must be taken as a late and sharp frost can still catch them. With a little love and attention you should have potatoes when they cost mega bucks in the shops. By the time you have harvested them the green house will be clear for your tomatoes.

### **Tip of the month**

Fill glass with favourite tipple, but a big log on the fire, put your feet up with next years seed catalogue and imagine your garden when the sun is shining.

### **Christmas present ideas.**

Gardening gloves, small hand tools, subscription to a weekly or monthly magazine, gardening tokens or a book of gardening.

**Have a happy Christmas and a Happy new Year.**

**Mrs Spade.**  
**Vale Royal Organic and Wildlife Gardeners Group**

Meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. “Barks, Seeds and Pods” a closer look at some aspects that we don’t often see, with Sally Cole, at Northwich Council Office, CVS Building, Church rd. Northwich. Any one wishing to go, I can give them a lift. Give me a ring Maggie 01606 853671

**The Cheshire Rural Transport Partnership**

Within Cheshire there is now a new and exciting way for you and other members of your Parish to improve public transport and your links to other areas. The partnership members, are constructing an action plan which will set out the direction and purpose of the partnership over the next three years. It is hoped that this action plan will provide a framework and give guidance for the improvement of rural transport provision in Cheshire’s rural areas for all individual’s in communities excluded from essential services.

Over the next six months it is essential that the Partnership Officer receives as much information As possible regarding the transport situation within Cheshire. Any assistance with the production of the action plan is most welcome. It is an opportunity for the people of Cheshire to highlight their concerns relating to transport and wishes for the future.

If you or your organisation would like further information on the Cheshire Rural Transport Partnership, please contact **Chris Hardwick, Cheshire Rural Transport Partnership Officer, Cheshire Rural Community Council. 96 Lower Bridge Street, Chester, CH1 1RU**, or telephone either Chris Hardwick or Vivian Ellis on 01244 323602

(extracts from a letter receive by the parish council)

**New Years Eve**

As this a special year (If you haven’t noticed) it has been proposed that the village meet together just after midnight for a chorus of “Auld Lang Sang”. Triangle at Brakley Lane or outside school, as a proposed meeting place. Lanterns + candles a must.

Any views ring Maureen Eves 892091 or Maggie 853671

**Delias Last Minute Christmas Mincemeat Cake**

1lb mincemeat  
8oz wholemeal flour  
3 level teaspoons baking powder  
5oz dark brown sugar  
5oz sift butter or margarine  
6oz mixed dried fruit  
2oz walnuts chopped - optional  
grated zest of 1 small orange  
grated zest of 1 small lemon  
3 eggs  
4oz whole blanched almonds - optional for top if you don’t want icing.

1. Pre heat oven Gas Mark 3, 325° 170°
2. Place all ingredients (except almonds) in large mixing bowl. Whisk or beat everything together thoroughly.
3. Spoon mixture evenly into the tin level off and if using arrange almonds on top.
4. Bake cake for 1hr 30mins or until centre springs back when lightly touched.
5. Let it cool in tin for 30 mins, then turn out on wire rack to finish cooling.
6. If you want to and you have time you can soak the cake with Brandy.

Note. it is important to use good quality mincemeat as some of the cheap ones contain too much liquid.

Cooking times may vary according to your oven, do test with your finger gently pressing centre. If it is firm and springy with no impression left it is ready.

## Extracts of the minutes of Little Leigh Parish Council, 7 September 1999

### 2. Matters Arising

- a) Highways Department An article has been written for Grapevine asking that vegetation be cleared from signs and road junctions. The letter regarding the traffic calming scheme had been held pending discussions on drains near the village hall.
- b) Parish Paths initiative The wooden map board had been erected outside the village hall. The heading would be Little Leigh Parish Council 1999.
- c) Playground inspection report Ms Brazier had obtained a quotation for £784.90 for repairs. Cllrs asked for a third quotation and the chairman agreed to meet builders on site. Cllr Clark offered to repair the fence and bench.
- d) Essex twinning Ms Brazier had written to Oultram re the school input.
- e) Contact with the Police Ms Brazier had written to the police Community Liaison programme.
- f) Bus Shelters Both the Shutley Lane and Hole House Lane shelters were to be demolished and replaced, but this would take up to 3 months.
- g) Village Hall Car Park drains Cllr Duffield had visited with a builder and estimates had been prepared. Cllrs decided to defer decisions to the November meeting. Ms Brazier would write to the Highways department seeking advice and a site meeting with cllr Duffield re-improvements to drains near the village hall. Ms Brazier would write to Mrs Littler.

### 3. Finance

Cllrs decided not to fund Christies Hospital or Shopmobility.  
The Cheshire Rural Parish Challenge fund had offered to provide £150 to the Holiday Play club. This would replace the funds advanced by the Parish Council. Cllr Clarke would provide a project assessment by the end of September.

### 5. Millenium Update

The Green Action grant had offered £120 for bulb planting, native trees would be planted at Hilltop farm 50% funded by VRBC and the school was preparing a map. Cllr Swallow would inform Mr Casey that funds for the village green' would not be available until the next financial year. The village hall railings had been repainted and the WI had purchased a portable maypole. Discussions on parking on the 'village green' were deferred to the November meeting. Councillors thanked the working group, in particular the chairman.

### 6. Correspondance

- CPRE traffic speed survey.
- Change of licensee at Leigh Arms.
- Sustainable transport grants - 50% part funding offered.

### 7. Any Other Business

- The BUT field had been leased to Mr Shaw for 5 years.
- The Orchard Trees for Free initiative would be publicised in Grapevine.
- Quotations would be obtained for repairing the notice board near the school

### 8. Future Meetings

18 January, 14 March, 16 May at 7.30pm.

### Recommended Last Dates For Christmas

*First Class*

**21<sup>st</sup> December**

*Second Class*

**18<sup>th</sup> December**

*Europe*

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

*Outside Europe*

**6<sup>th</sup> December**

### For Sale

**Greenhouse 8'x6' good cond. £50**

**Nordic Ski Aerobic exerciser still in box cost £400 will accept £150**

**Aviary Hexagonal shape very good cond. Cost £300 will sell £150**

**Tel 01606 891147**

## LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Many thanks to all the villagers, local scouts and parish councillors who helped to plant almost 2,000 spring bulbs on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October and 13<sup>th</sup> November in the village.

Although we were relatively small in numbers the planting was completed. We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labour in spring 2000.

Next year, the Parish Council will again apply for funding for additional bulbs to ensure more widespread planting around Little Leigh.

### Parish Council Meeting (Bartington)

There will be a special meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, venue to be arranged.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday ??? January at 7.30pm in the Bartington Chapel. All members of the public are welcome.

### Friends of Little Leigh School

## “100” club winners for November

**No 31 Ted Davies**

