

Grapevine

February - March 2008

April/May Edition out: Early April

Independent Little Leigh Newspaper

Welcome to the first Grapevine of 2008! Thanks for sending your comments and articles. THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER GRAPEVINE. **Deadline for next edition: Friday 4th April.** Either email grapevine@littleleigh.net or call Louise on 891356

LITTLE LEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL VOLUNTARY ONE-WAY SYSTEM

The school have written to all parents asking that they observe a one-way system when dropping off and collecting their children between 8:45 and 9am and again between 2:45pm and 3:30pm. This is to alleviate traffic problems in and around Little Leigh.

Will drivers PLEASE SLOW DOWN when going past the school at these critical times. With the bend in the lane and parked cars, it's difficult to see any children who might run out into the lane.

Also, there is now a school bus every afternoon which will pick up Barnton children at 3:18pm and drop them off at the BeechTree and the Post Office and Barnton Library.

LITTLE LEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL IS OUTSTANDING!!

Congratulations to Mr Hetherington and all the staff and pupils for their outstanding OfSTED report. The school was visited on 20th November where the inspector graded **every** aspect of the school as **outstanding**.

LITTLE LEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Contact Lis Clarke - 01606 891653
Services each Sunday at 10:45 & 6pm
LLBC@llbc.org.uk <http://www.llbc.org.uk>
Everyone is very welcome to these events

Wednesday Fellowship: 2nd Wednesday of month 2:30pm
Youth Games Evenings: Sunday 17th Feb, 2nd, 16th & 30th March - 7:15pm
Bring & Buy: in aid of Baptist Missionary Society. 3pm Saturday 23rd February.
Good Friday Service: 10:45am on Friday 21st March.

SPRING FAIR - SATURDAY 26th APRIL
2:45pm at the Chapel.

Little Leigh Post Office to be Closed

Despite efforts all round, the decision has been made to close Little Leigh Post Office. The reasons given are:

We have considered all of the feedback received; including the discrepancy in opening hours listed for Little Leigh, and believe that, in the absence of local amenities, most residents would travel to Northwich which is approximately three miles away for general shopping and that alternative Post Office® branches offer reasonable access to Post Office® services.

More details are on the website if you'd like to complain to the regulator. Thanks to all who've helped so far to try and save the PO.

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

The Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council are pleased to announce the appointment of a new vicar. He is the Rev Richard Diggle. He will be joining our 4 parishes on the 7th April - so all looking forward to his arrival.

10th Feb 9:30am Holy Communion Rev'd C Rees
17th Feb 10am Family Service
24th Feb 9:30am Holy Communion Rev. E. Hall
2nd Mar 10am Mothering Sunday Family Service
4pm Service lead by Bishop of Birkenhead, the Rt Rev Keith Sinclair
9th Mar 9:30am Holy Communion Rev G Buchan
16th Mar 10am PALM SUNDAY.
All-age Service for Palm Sunday and Holy Week, followed by refreshments and Easter crafts in the Village Hall
21st Mar 10am GOOD FRIDAY. Service of reflection for adults.
23rd Mar 9:30am EASTER SUNDAY EUCHARIST
Rev'd C Rees
Saturday 29th Mar 10am-4pm Church Open Day
30th Mar We are planning an Eastertide Songs of Praise at 4pm - see noticeboards for confirmation.

Did you know Grapevine is also online @ www.littleleigh.net ???

Little Leigh Pre-School Playgroup

Proprietor: Mrs D.M. Kershaw
NNEB Diploma in Nursery Nursing

Opening times:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9:30AM TO 12PM

All enquiries call Debbie
Kershaw on 01928 733605
or 07752 354983

Little Leigh Parent & Toddler Group

We meet every Friday,
1:30pm to 3pm in the
Village Hall. Term time only.
Tel Vicki Marsden on
891647

School Term Dates

Spring Half Term

Finish Fri 8th Feb

Return Mon 18th Feb

Easter

Finish Thu 20th Mar

Return Mon 7th April

May Day Bank Holiday

Finish Thu 1st May

Return Tue 6th May

New school phonenumber:

01606 288 288

LITTLE LEIGH YOUTH CLUB

Each Friday in the Village Hall
(Term time)
6:45pm - 8:15pm
For more details contact
Jenny Jones on 891649

MAY FAIR NEWS

This year's date is Saturday 10th
May 2008. May Queen is to be
Isobel Dalby and the Princess
Charlotte Goward.

We hope to see everyone from last
year and lots of new faces. If
you'd like to take part in the reti-
nue, be a fairy or flowergirl, please
come to the Village Hall on **FRI-
DAY MARCH 7TH, 3:15pm**
straight from school.

All dresses are provided, but we
ask for £3 contribution towards
cost of material.

EVERYONE who would like to take
part is included but must be 3years
and willing to walk around. Boys
would also be welcome as page
boys.

Let Elsie know on 891291 if you
cannot attend on 7th March.

Nurtured Nails

TRACEY

"Laburnum Cottage"

Bio Sculpture: Ultimate Nail Care
International Health & Beauty Council
Qualified Advanced Nail Technician
Tracey Mellor-Savage
Enquiries Tel: 07931 582 939

Little Leigh Post Office

Monday to Thursday, 9am to 12:30pm

Rosemary Hoyle

BSc, MBAcC, ITEC

(Mid-Cheshire Complementary Medicine)
Practitioner of Complementary Medicine
Acupuncture Aromatherapy
Relexology Reiki
Therapeutic Massage
For Appointment
Tel: 01606 891 864

LITTLE LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

6th February - Arabic(belly) dancing
6th March - Handicraft Show with card-
making demonstration

2nd April - The History of Toys

7th May - Gardens of Cheshire slideshow

Why not come along for a visit at
7:30pm in the Village Hall

We always welcome new members.

Contact Elsie Evans - 891291

At our January meeting we enjoyed a
visit from Peter Evans from the Pettypool
Education and Outdoor Centre at Sandi-
way. Later in the month, members en-
joyed their New Year meal at Winnin-
ton Rec.

Mobile Library Van

Every fortnight on a Thursday
Between 15.05 - 15.25
on Brakeley Lane

Feb 14th	Feb 28th	Mar 13th
Mar 13th	Mar 27th	Apr 10th

IYENGAR YOGA

Every Thursday at 7:15pm until 8:45pm
at the Village Hall. Tel Susan Rennie on
888324

LITTLE LEIGH AEROBICS

Every Monday 8pm in Village Hall.
£2.00. Anyone Welcome.

BINS!!!

1 Feb	Green
8 Feb	Brown/Recycle
15 Feb	Green
22 Feb	Brown/Recycle
1 Mar	Green
8 Mar	Brown/Recycle
15 Mar	Green
22 Mar	Brown/Recycle
29 Mar	Green
5 Apr	Brown/Recycle

Many Thanks to Little Leigh Primary School for printing Grapevine

Parish Council Contacts

Parish Council Contact Details

Clerk: Ann Brazier, Woodlands, Hole House Lane
CW8 4RY - 891480

Chair: Matthew Veasey, School House, Church
Road, CW8 4RR - 891541

Vice Chair: Joe Lawless 891691

Bob Screen - 891441

Paul Dalby - 891670

Sue Griffiths - 891562

Jenny Jones - 891649

Councillor Vacancies. LLPC has 2 councillor vacancies. For more details, contact the Clerk or the Chair.

K i s s i n g G a t e s

New kissing gates along the River Weaver footpath are due to be installing in the next week. Thanks go to Cheshire County Council for the gates and Edward Horton giving permission for them to be installed.

D o g W a s t e B i n s

The Parish Council is installing some more dog waste bins to help with dog waste down the path to The Horns and in the village.

**FAMILY FILM NIGHT - Saturday 12th APRIL
in the Village Hall - More details soon!**

Village Hall Lead Theft - UPDATE.

Northwich Police Community Action Team have been in touch to say that they have arrested a local male who has admitted to stealing the Village Hall lead. **BUT there have been many other thefts of pickups, Land Rovers and tools in the local area.**

PLEASE STILL KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!!



If you wish to report a crime or see anyone acting suspiciously – call the POLICE
0845 458 0000

You can leave information for the Northwich Community Action Team

Little Leigh Homewatch

For more info, or to join the Little Leigh Homewatch scheme run by Cheshire Police, call co-ordinator Liz Biddle @ Cheshire Police on 01244 614291 or email her at the address below:

0845 458 6392

This is an answer phone

Or E Mail:

Northwich.cat@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Elizabeth.Biddle@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

ENVIRONMENT & PARISH PLAN MEETING

Wed 20th February - 7:30pm - The HollyBush

This is an opportunity to have your say about what the key activities are in the coming 12 months for Little Leigh. We will be reviewing the actions identified in the Parish Plan, and revisiting what the priorities for action are. Copies of the Parish Plan are available to download from www.littleleigh.net/parishplan/

Everybody is welcome and it's an informal social catch up to generate ideas that people think need to happen rather than a "boring committee meeting"! For example, HogRoast was dreamt up at an earlier one of these get togethers!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE THERE!

2008 Little Leigh Parish Council Precept

At its meeting in January, Little Leigh Parish Council voted to reduce its part of everyone's council tax bill. In the past year, LLPC has been able to significantly reduce the amount of money spent on administration. This has meant that as well as increasing the money available for grants to village groups, LLPC has been able to reduce the precept by £1,000. This means the amount paid to the parish by an average Band D home should reduce by about 11% to around £34.

Village Spring Walk Canal and River Weaver

Saturday 19th April

2pm outside the Village Hall

Come and open the new Kissing Gates!

OVERGROWN HEDGES

Now is a good time to cut back hedges so that overgrown branches do not impede pedestrians, drivers' sight lines are not blocked and traffic signs not hidden.

Cheshire County Council can notify landowners of any potential danger to the highway user from overgrown hedges or overhanging trees. It is the responsibility of the landowner to cut the hedges. If the landowner is not able, to carry out the work, the CCC can arrange for cutting to be done and the landowner charged for the work. Little Leigh Parish Council would like to reminding landowners of their responsibilities in cutting back any trees or hedges. The Cheshire County Council Area Highways Team can be contacted at any time (24 hours) on 0845 111 1145 to deal with emergencies - for example fallen trees and branches - or by email at engvr@cheshire.gov.uk

Little Leigh Parish Council Meeting - March 12th at 7pm - Village Hall.

Agenda available on www.littleleigh.net/parishcouncil 3 days before meeting date.