

Grapevine

Sept/Oct 2007

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Independent Little Leigh Newspaper

Welcome to the autumn Grapevine. Thanks for sending your comments and articles. THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER GRAPEVINE. **Deadline for next edition: Friday 23rd Nov.** Either email grapevine@littleleigh.net or call Louise on 891356 or Matthew on 891541.

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 or the Post Office.

LITTLE LEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Contact Lis Clarke - 01606 891653

Services each Sunday at 10:45 & 6pm

Everyone is very welcome to these events

There will be no evening service on Sun 23rd Sept as we are joining Milton Baptist for their Harvest Service, 6:30pm
Wednesday Fellowship: 2nd Wednesday of month 2:30pm
Youth Games Evenings: 9th, 23rd Sept, 7th Oct - 7:15pm
Harvest Services - 10:45am & 6pm on Sunday 14th Oct lead by Rev Tom Stobart and Rev Bill Eugster.
Harvest Auction - 7pm on Monday 15th October in aid of Operation Agri - 3rd World Farming projects

Basketball Hoop

A basketball hoop has been found and will be attached to the wall of the Village Hall furthest from the kitchen in the near future.

LITTLE LEIGH WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

3rd October - Operation Christmas Child

24th October at The Moorings, Anderton

7th November - AGM & supper

5th December - Cheshire Chocolates

Why not come along for a visit

7:30pm in the Village Hall

Contact Elsie Evans - 891291

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Sept 23rd - 9:30am Morning Worship

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sept 28th - 7:00pm Harvest Songs of Praise

7:30pm - Village Hall Harvest Supper

Contact Jean Porter for tickets - 891537 by 20th Sept

Sept 29th - 10:00am Said Morning Prayer for St Micheal's Day - Church open -> 4pm

Sept 30th - 9:30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Holy Communion

Oct 7th - 10:00am Morning Worship

Oct 14th - 9:30am Holy Communion

Oct 21st - 10:00am Family Service

- 6:30pm Evensong

Oct 28th - 9:30am Morning Service

Nov 4th - 10:00am All Saints Celebration

Nov 11th - 10:30am Service of Remembrance

Little Leigh Village Hall Roof is Leaking

The lead on the hall roof was **stolen** over two nights in early Sept and **the roof is now leaking**. The police say it's organised. Keep a look out.

If you know a roofer who could replace it please arrange for them to come out and give a quote ASAP!

The hall now has a cleaner, giving the floor, toilets & kitchen a once-over every fortnight.

Hall Bookings: Jean Porter 891537.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Fri 28th Sept 10am onwards in St Michael's Church

Support this worthy cause and in addition, see the church decorated for the Harvest Festival

All Welcome.

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

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

Autumn Half-term

Finish Fri 19th.

Back Mon 29th

Christmas

Finish Fri 21st

Return 8th January

Spring Half Term

Finish 8th Feb

Return 18th Feb

LITTLE LEIGH YOUTH CLUB

Each Friday in the Village Hall
(Term time)

6:45pm - 8:15pm

For more details contact Jenny
Jones on 891649

St Michaels Ladies Circle invite
you to an
AUTUMN TEA PARTY
Saturday 3rd November
2pm to 4pm in Village Hall
Adults £2 Children 50p
includes refreshments
Autumn Flowers demonstration,
craft activities for all, raffle,
bring & buy, mini tombola

Litter Picking Equipment

Given the success of the regular litter
picks around the village, and the
need to keep on top of any litter, the
village now has it's own set of litter
pick sticks, bags and gloves!

If you'd like to pick them up and do
a spot of Wombling along Leigh
Lane you can pick them up from
Bob Screen at the Old Parsonage.
For more information, contact Bob
on 891441

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 AEROBICS

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

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 WI

Our speaker for September was
Peter Cummings, better known as
the Swan Man. Wonderful slide
show showing beautiful birds in
wonderful locations in Cheshire.
Our Produce Show winners were:
Savouries
Best of Class - Anne Antrobus
Cup for most points - Janet Whalley
Best Preserves
Best of Class - Elsie Evans
Cup for most points - Sylvia Watkin
Baking
Best of Class - Janet Whalley
Cup for most points - Joint Margaret
Jones & Anne Antrobus
Special Cake Competition
Best of Class - Janet Whalley
Overall Winner
Receiving the W.I. Cup
Janet Whalley

Christmas Carol Concert

Barnton Silver Band
7th December
7pm in the Church

Mobile Library Van

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

IYENGAR YOGA

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

Brown Bin	21 Sep
Green Bin	28 Sep
Brown Bin	05 Oct
Green Bin	12 Oct
Brown Bin	19 Oct
Green Bin	26 Oct
Brown Bin	02 Nov
Green Bin	09 Nov
Brown Bin	16 Nov
Green Bin	23 Nov
Brown Bin	30 Nov

Many Thanks to Little Leigh Primary School for printing Grapevine

LITTLE LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT GROUP

The Village Design Statement is in the early stages of preparation and was one of the actions of the Parish Plan. It is intended to manage change and provide a context for any new development within the village based on local character. It will ensure that any development, however small, fits into the setting of the village.

Members of the Village Environment Group have been seeking views from residents and businesses and many have already commented following the display at the Hog Roast. We need your views on the future of Little Leigh and want to know what you think is important in the village today - it could be particular buildings, roads, open spaces and distinctive features. Also what change or development you would think could occur without changing Little Leigh's special character.

If you haven't yet commented or would be interested in improving the environment of the village, please contact Ross McCormick on 891626 or Sue Griffiths on 891562 as soon as possible..

The Parish Landscape Statement is now being finalised following help from the Cheshire Landscape Trust. This has taken account of the valuable feedback from villagers at the Potato Fest and is a statement of the existing character of Little Leigh and what make's it special. Comments from Vale Royal Borough Council are now awaited. This document will form supplementary planning guidance and be used to assist planning applications or grant applications.

The Village Design Statement will have a short section on the history of the village and there is an opportunity here to include any old pictures people may have. The final copy will also have a selection of illustrations, so if you have any photographs or sketches of the Little Leigh landscape that you would like including, please contact Sue Griffiths on 01606 891562.

NEW KISSING GATES FOR VILLAGE PATHS

The Parish Council have an allocation of 5 kissing gates free from Cheshire County Council. Discussions with landowners for where to put them are taking place - expect to see them installed soon.

ROADS, TRAFFIC & ENVIRONMENT PUBLIC MEETING

This will still happen! The Parish Council has been trying to co-ordinate the diaries of Cllr Norman Wright and Richard Flood of Cheshire CC Highways. LLPC have a meeting arranged with members of Barnton PC to discuss the issue of speed on Runcorn Road. The public meeting date will be put in the papers, noticeboards + website. Any questions call Matthew on 891541 or Ross on 891626.

LITTLE LEIGH YOUTH CLUB REUNION

By any standards, the Youth Club Reunion was a huge success! Young people across the older age group came to chat, enjoy refreshments and most importantly, in their eyes, indulge in an old-style tuck shop!

Not only was the occasion a celebration of what has been but an opportunity to explore and plan for the future. Judging by the reunion night these young people are more than worthy of our efforts.

The prize draw of £50 was won by Becky Butcher - congratulations! We'll get the prize to you soon!

Editor's note: well done and thanks go to Jenny Jones and all the other people who helped organise and run the reunion. Here's to many more successes.

Rural Bus Service

When issues were raised on the loss of bus services to Little Leigh the following service was identified which might help some people in the village.

The Rural Bus Service offers door to door travel for all – buses are fully accessible and have baby seats. The bus services are as follows - times are approx:-
Tues 10.30am from Little Leigh, returns 1.30pm from Northwich
Thursday 12.45pm from Little Leigh, returns 3.30pm from Northwich

Telephone 871990 between 10am and 2 pm the day before you want to travel to book a journey- the phone line may be busy. Leaflet shows fares £2.30 single £1.15 concession and free if you have a bus pass but these fares are under review.

Sport & Arts Directory 2007

Produced by Vale Royal, a copy is available in the Post Office on the Parish Council table.

CRACKLING HOG ROAST SUCCESS!

It may have been raining, blowing a gale and not-very-summer, but that didn't stop everyone who came enjoying succulent pig, local beer, music and dancing! Great to see old and new faces at the event which took over £800. The organiser is having a break from these for a bit - but if anyone would like info on how to organise another one, call Matthew on 891541