

Grapevine

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Independent Little Leigh Newspaper

Welcome to the Grapevine .Thanks for sending your comments and articles. THANKS TO ALL THE PEOPLE WHO DELIVER GRAPEVINE. Deadline for next edition: Friday 27 March. Either email grapevine@litttleigh.net or call Louise on 891356 or Matthew on 891541.

SCHOOL PICK-UP/DROP OFF ONE WAY SYSTEM

Between 8:45am and 9am
and
3pm and 3:15pm

Where possible, please observe the voluntary one-way system to ease congestion outside the school at these short times.

LADIES PAMPER EVENING

Body Shop & Cabouchon Jewellery

Wednesday March 11th, 8-10pm
Village Hall

Tickets £2 - Includes glass of wine.

Contact Elsie Evans for
more information and tickets.

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 Evenings: 7:15pm Sunday 22nd Feb, 8th & 22nd Mar

Supersquad (for children in years 3 to 6): 5th March,
19th March and 2nd April. 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Bring & Buy Sale in aid of Baptist Missionary Society:
3pm on Saturday 28th February

ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHURCH

Church Services

Feb 15th 10am	Family Service
Feb 22nd 9:30am	Holy Communion
March 1st 10am	Morning Worship
March 8th 9:30am	Holy Communion
March 15th 10am	Family Service
March 22nd 9:30	Holy Communion for Mothering Sunday
March 29th 11am	United Service of Holy Communion

Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Service at St Peter's Church Aston on Easter Sunday at 11am. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Rev.d Richard Diggle 01925 730 158 for details of confirmation classes.

Lent Course

A Lent Course based on the question "Where is God...?" will be held at the Vicarage, Lower Whitley, at 7:30pm on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th, 31st March. Please contact Richard if you would like to join this course, or an alternative ecumenical Lent Course to be held in the day-time.

ATTENTION

DOG WALKERS + JOGGERS!

While the mornings and evenings are still dark, please try to wear hi-visibility clothing or carry a torch so that cars can see you!!

Dark clothing is not a good idea on the lanes!!

**LITTLE LEIGH
YOUTH CLUB**

Each Friday
in the Village Hall

6:45pm - 7:45pm
8:00pm - 9:10pm

PLACES AVAILABLE
Contact Jenny Jones on
891649 to register

*Little Leigh
Pre-School
Playgroup*

Opening times:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9:15AM TO 12PM

All enquiries call Janine
Tours on 07525 236122

*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 13th Feb

Return Mon 23rd Feb

Easter

Finish Fri 3rd April

Return Mon 20th April

May Bank Holiday

Finish Thurs 30th April

Return Tues 5th May

LITTLE LEIGH WI NEWS

Members enjoyed their New Year
Meal at Hartford Hall during Janu-
ary.

Programme:

4th March - Fund Raising speaker
from the Christie Hospital

1st April - Judy Popley talking
about Arley Hall and its Gardens.

6th May - Helen Phips - Cakes and
Buns.

May Fair News

Our May Fair this year will be held
on Saturday 9th May when our
Queen Maddie Carter and Princess
Nina Lea, both pupils of the Pri-
mary School will be crowned at the
village hall after the procession
through the village.

We are looking for children 3
years or over to take part in the
retinues of the Queen and Prin-
cess. The event is open to anyone
who would like to take part -
everyone is given a position.

NOW SEWING - all dresses etc
are provided, but we do ask for a
donation of £3 towards costs.

A get-together of those wishing to
take part will be held in the village
hall on Monday 2nd March straight
from school.

Rehearsals will be held on
MONDAYS straight from school
up until Easter at least to avoid
after-school activities.

We hope to see all last years faces
and lots of new ones.

Contact Elsie on 891 291

TRACEY

"Laburnum Cottage"

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

Rosemary Hoyle

BSc, MBAC, ITEC

(Mid-Cheshire Complementary Medicine)

Practitioner of Complementary Medicine

Acupuncture Aromatherapy

Relexology Reiki

Therapeutic Massage

For Appointment

Tel: 01606 891 864

Mobile Library Van

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

26th February

12th March

26th March

9th April

KEEP MICE OUT!!!

Don't let mice spend winter holidays
with you. Place a few mothballs
around the garage and the mice will
seek alternative accommodation.

LITTLE LEIGH AEROBICS

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

BINS!

Green 13 February

Recycling 20 February

Green 27 February

Recycling 6 March

Green 13 March

Recycling 20 March

Green 27 March

Recycling 3 April

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

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There are currently vacancies on Little Leigh Parish Council. No particular experience is needed, just a willingness to contribute to the Village. You need to be over 18, live or work in, or within 3 miles, of Little Leigh.

For more details, contact either Ann Brazier or Matthew Veasey - details above.

There will be **no increase** this year in the **Little Leigh Parish Council Precept** - the amount of council tax bill that goes directly to the Parish Council. This follows an 11% decrease last year due to administrative savings, applying for grants where possible, and despite an increase in insurance costs.

USEFUL NUMBERS :

SCOTTISH POWER (ELECTRICITY)	0845 2727111
UNITED UTILITIES (Water)	08457462200
NHS DIRECT (HEALTH ADVICE)	08 45 46 47
VALE ROYAL HIGHWAYS DEPT	0845 111 1145
VALE ROYAL - FLY TIPPING	0800 435 199



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

IYENGAR YOGA

Thursdays 7.15 - 8.45pm.

Little Leigh Village Hall

In Iyengar Yoga the focus is very much on correct alignment of the body.

By working with care and attention to alignment, the body takes the most benefit from the postures.

Practising yoga helps overcome stresses and strains.

It brings vitality, flexibility, strength, concentration, self-confidence and mental and promotes a firm foundation for health and wellbeing.

Why not come along and give yoga a try. Learn how to stand correctly, become more supple and last but definitely not least, how to relax.

If you would like any further info., contact **Sue Rennie** on **01606 888324**

LITTLE LEIGH **OIL BUYER'S INITIATIVE**

There are currently over 30 people who've signed up to get a discount on their heating oil. This is an additional 10 from just 2 months ago.

There are now regular (every month or so) orders going in. For the last order in January, 11 households requested 7550 litres in total, giving a saving of around £175 in total.

The next order will be placed when there are sufficient people who need a delivery - but anyone can add their name to the list, and the more people there are, the better the saving.

If you would like more details, either fill in the form on www.littleleigh.net/oil/ email Peter Ford at pete.ford@virgin.net, or call Peter on 07957 148647

Uses for Potatoes Number 1:

Hard-to-remove carrot or pumpkin stains on your hands will come straight off if you rub your hands with a potato!

POLICE UPDATE

Little Leigh Parish Councillor Bob Screen attended Cheshire Police's update meeting in Weaverham. In general the impression given was a favourably one with the Police's report on progress made in the past 12 months.

Apparently, the public supported a 17% increase in the Policing council tax budget in order to: Tackle serious and organised crime; tackle economic and electronic crime; increase the number of sex offender liaison officers; prevent violent extremism, police the roads and provide witness protection and care.

A victim's code has been established to feed-back to everyone reporting a crime.

For 2009, the Government has increased the grant for policing by 2.5% and limited our council tax increase to 3%. They have made savings of £2m but there is still a budget deficit of £1m.

The priorities for 2009 will be to protect front line services, improve neighbourhood policing and tackle serious and organised crime. Officer numbers will be maintained but more savings will be found by cuts in support services and redesigning admin and business services.

Crime has fallen in Vale Royal by 10% between Dec 07 to Nov 08 (880 fewer crimes).

- Domestic burglary by 6%
- Violent crime by 7%
- Vehicle crime by 39%
- Criminal damage by 11%

The detection rate has increased from 26.3% to 27.2% as follows;:

- Domestic burglary 27.2%
- Violent crime 47.3%
- Vehicle crime 11.8%
- Criminal damage 12.9%.

The Police contact number for all reports other than life or death matters is 0845 4580000.

They welcome any reports of suspicious activity.

Uses for Potatoes Number 2:

If old shoes are just too scuffed to take a shine anymore, before you get rid of them, cut a potato in half and rub your old shoes with the raw potato. After that, polish them and they should come out night and shiny.

TREE PRUNING

It is best to prune deciduous trees in late autumn or early winter, before spring growth. Avoid pruning in frosty weather. Evergreens need little or no pruning except to remove dead branches. This should be done in late summer. Birch, Chestnut, Walnut, Maple and Cherry trees should be pruned in midsummer after new growth has matured.

HEDGEROW TREES

Intensive farming has resulted in the loss of thousands of miles of hedgerows and millions of hedge trees. Fewer than one per cent of hedge trees are less than four years old, too few to replace existing mature trees when they reach the end of their lives.

The Parish Council would like to encourage land-owners to grow new hedge trees by identifying existing saplings or planting trees in existing gaps. Promising saplings can be marked by coloured tags so that hedge cutters can avoid them. With land-owners support and permission we can help restore hedgerow trees.

Information from The Tree Council.

BULB PLANTING - THE GREEN SHOOTS OF SUCCESS

Around the village the efforts of the Little Leigh Bulb Planters are beginning to show. Around the Leigh Arms/Horns entrances to the Village, as well as under the Oak on the Cogshall Lane/Hall Lane junction.

Hopefully the flowers will be out by next edition of Grapevine for a photo or two and we add some brightness to this cold weather!

A REMINDER TO CUT BACK ANY OVERGROWN HEDGES

Before spring gets underway, it's a good time to cut back any overgrown hedges that might be obstructing footpaths or lanes. It is the owner's responsibility to cut them back, otherwise Cheshire County Council may do it and charge the property owner.

Keep your computer keyboard clean

Put some clingfilm over your computer keyboard if you're going on holiday to stop the dust getting between the keys!