



Diary of Local Events 1915

Date	Event
Fri 01 January 1915	St. Joseph's Amateurs played "A Pair of Spectacles."
Sun 03 January 1915	Mayor attended intercession service at Leigh Parish Church.
Tue 05 January 1915	South Lancashire Tramways Co. entertained Pte. J. Boardman to supper at Atherton.
Tue 05 January 1915	Funeral of Mr. John Smith (64), of Leigh, a bellringer for 46 years.
Fri 08 January 1915	Leigh youth's description of how the Canadian contingent came to England appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 08 January 1915	"A Night with the Leigh Athletes' Volunteer Force" appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 08 January 1915	Adventures of Howe Bridge survivor of H.M.S. "Formidable" appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 08 January 1915	John Sanderson (32), an Earlestown farm labourer, found drowned at Leigh.
Sat 09 January 1915	Marriage at Barcelona, Spain, of Mr. Walter Birchall and Miss Alice A. Winstanley, both of Leigh.
Sun 10 January 1915	Mr. Jonathan Hadfield, of Droylsden, a native of Leigh, attained the age of 90.
Mon 11 January 1915	John Johnson (53), of Tyldesley, died from injuries in the Gin Pits.

Tue 12 January 1915	Leigh Town Council: The Distress Committee criticised.
Tue 12 January 1915	Tyldesley and District Feather Society's annual meeting.
Wed 13 January 1915	Soldiers and Belgians entertained to tea and concert at Formby Hall, Atherton.
Fri 15 January 1915	Funeral of Mr. Thomas Prescott (49), of Schofield-street, Leigh, warehouseman at Victoria mills.
Sat 16 January 1915	Mawdsley pension of 5s.a week awarded to Mr. Robert Radcliffe (76), a Bedford spinner.
Mon 18 January 1915	Bedford Wesley Guild festival: Rev. T. A. Turvey relates his experiences.
Tue 19 January 1915	Death of Mrs. Ralph Peters (67) of Astley.
Wed 20 January 1915	Atherton Salvation Army sale of work.
Thu 21 January 1915	Charge against a Leigh publican of entertaining people after licensed hours dismissed.
Thu 21 January 1915	Funeral of Sister Lincoln, lay worker for Bedford Church.
Fri 22 January 1915	Remarkable fatality at Plank Lane: Annie Leecey (8) killed on the canal swing bridge.
Sat 23 January 1915	Sergt. J. Grundy, D.C.M., of Atherton, returned home on furlough.
Sun 24 January 1915	Death of Mr. Ralph Peters (76), of Astley, ex-president of Manchester Coal Exchange.
Sun 24 January 1915	Death of Mrs. D. Marr (61), of Leigh.
Sun 24 January 1915	Mr. H. G. Parkinson (47), colliery contractor, of Plank Lane, died from blood poisoning following upon an accident.

Mon 25 January 1915 Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., addressed recruiting meeting at Lowton St. Mary's.

Mon 25 January 1915 Rev. L. B. Dalby spoke at the Leigh Wesley Guild festival.

Mon 25 January 1915 Atherton Liberal Club annual meeting.

Mon 25 January 1915 Death of Mr. Richd. Hunt (62), of Leigh, ex-goods agent for the L. and N. W. Railway Co.

Tue 26 January 1915 Motor accident at Salford to Alderman W. J. Smith, J.P.

Tue 26 January 1915 Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., attended Leigh Trades Council, and spoke on the allowance for soldiers' dependants.

Wed 27 January 1915 Presentation to Platt Fold mill operatives to Mr. W. H. Hulton, who retired after being 42 years a spinner.

Wed 27 January 1915 Westleigh annual old folks' treat.

Thu 28 January 1915 First of six lectures on the Chartist Movement given at Leigh by Mr. Mark Hovell.

Fri 29 January 1915 First batch (360) of German prisoners arrive at Leigh: Historic scene.

Fri 29 January 1915 Leigh billposter's claim for damages against an Astley doctor dismissed.

Fri 29 January 1915 Experiences in the trenches of Pte. Gerald Lomas, K.R.R., of Leigh, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 29 January 1915 Silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atherton celebrated at Tyldesley Chapel Schools.

Sat 30 January 1915 Leigh Co-operative Society's annual festival.

Sat 30 January 1915 Funeral of Mrs. W. J. Matthews (51), wife of the Clerk to Tyldesley Council.

Mon 01 February 1915	Death of Mr. Wm. Hindley (75), retired grocer, of Bedford.
Mon 01 February 1915	Leigh Friendly Collecting Society annual meeting.
Wed 03 February 1915	Death of Mr. John Calvert (59), auctioneer, of Leigh.
Thu 04 February 1915	360 German prisoners arrive at Leigh during the breakfast hour and marched through dense crowds to the Etherstone-street camp.
Thu 04 February 1915	The Mayor addressed meeting at Leigh re obtaining comforts for Leigh soldiers.
Fri 05 February 1915	Description and translation of writing on a cow's shoulder blade by German prisoner appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 05 February 1915	Thrilling war experiences of Sergt. J. Finnegan, D.C.M., of Plank Lane, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 06 February 1915	Leigh Golf Club annual meeting.
Sun 07 February 1915	Death of Mr. A. T. Holden (62), of Bolton, ex-registrar of Leigh County Court.
Mon 08 February 1915	Leigh County annual licencing sessions.
Mon 08 February 1915	House of Lords decide important point in local case re notice of mining accidents.
Mon 08 February 1915	Mr. J. Glover, M.A., of Lowton, lectured at Leigh on "Why this country should grow more wheat."
Tue 09 February 1915	Leigh Town Council discuss the electricity breakdown.
Tue 09 February 1915	Marriage at Cranham of the Rev. S. E. Dymott, vicar of Glazebury, and Miss Feather, eldest daughter of the late vicar.
Wed 10 February 1915	Third batch of German prisoners arrived at Leigh.

Wed 10 February 1915	Leigh Literary Society's Amateurs played "The Younger Generation."
Thu 11 February 1915	Leigh Borough annual licensing sessions.
Fri 12 February 1915	Three columns description of the life of the German prisoners at Templemore appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sun 14 February 1915	Fourth batch (360) of German prisoners arrived at Leigh.
Tue 16 February 1915	Public welcome home and presentation at Glazebury to the Rev. S. E. and Mrs. Dymott.
Wed 17 February 1915	Mr. Herbert Hayes, in the afternoon, opened the new Bag Lane Wesleyan Chapel, Atherton: Rev. S. F. Collier spoke in the evening.
Wed 17 February 1915	Death near Nantwich of Mr. G. H. Bell (43), licensee, and formerly a footballer for Leigh and Tyldesley.
Fri 19 February 1915	Thrilling description of Gunner Gilbert Saville's experiences on H.M.S. "Lion" in the recent North Sea battle appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 19 February 1915	Fifth batch of German prisoners arrived at Leigh.
Sat 20 February 1915	Leigh Labour Club annual tea party and ball.
Sat 20 February 1915	Death of Mr. Albert Lees (45), a local Socialist leader.
Sun 21 February 1915	Death of Mr. James Murray (68), of Plank-lane, an ex-solider.
Mon 22 February 1915	Alderman Raffan, M.P., Mr. F. S. Hatchard and Mr. T. Greenall, J.P., addressed recruiting meeting at Atherton Volunteer Hall.
Tue 23 February 1915	Death of Mr. J. Hartley, J.P. (63), of Glazebury.
Wed 24 February 1915	Leigh Free Church Council annual demonstration: Rev. T. Nightingale, of Southport, on his visit to Germany.

Wed 24 February 1915	Lively scene at Leigh Guardians: Mr. G. Thompson assaulted Mr. Bradshaw.
Wed 24 February 1915	Annual police inspection at Leigh.
Fri 26 February 1915	Death of Mr. H. Rathbone (44), contractor, of Atherton.
Sat 27 February 1915	Presentation at Wigan to local men of medals and certificates for rescue work in mines.
Sat 27 February 1915	Presentation of badges to Howe Bridge Boy Scouts.
Mon 01 March 1915	Pte. H. Bilsbury, of Leigh, won the Grenadier Guards' boxing tournament in Surry.
Mon 01 March 1915	Death in Stoke of Mr. C. R. Pendock (50), formerly of Leigh, H.M. inspector of factories.
Wed 03 March 1915	Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Knox) conducted confirmation service at Leigh.
Thu 04 March 1915	Rev. J. N. Turney (Liverpool) lectured at Bedford Wesleyan Chapel on "The Romance of Home Mission Work."
Fri 05 March 1915	Report of lecture on "Leighth Feight" of 1839 appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 05 March 1915	Career of veteran porter at Tyldesley Station (Mr. Simeon Grundy) appeared in the "Chronicle," after 50 years' service.
Mon 08 March 1915	Leigh adjourned County licencing sessions.
Mon 08 March 1915	Death of Mr. John Taylor (65), managing director of Knotts' mill.
Tue 09 March 1915	Roll of honour for Bedford Wesleyan day school unveiled by the Mayor.
Thu 11 March 1915	Long inquest at Leigh re giving sedatives to a child: Two women severely censured.

Fri 12 March 1915	Another Canadian gift of flour, cheese and potatoes given to 2,100 people at Leigh.
Sat 13 March 1915	Atherton Literary Society dramatic evening.
Mon 15 March 1915	Death at Eccles of Mr. Walter W. Shirley (51), formerly chief clerk of Leigh Local Board.
Wed 17 March 1915	Dr. Jessel lectured at Leigh on "Consumption."
Wed 17 March 1915	Leigh Literary Society's concert: "John Gilpin" sung by the choir.
Thu 18 March 1915	Beautiful Leigh Society's annual meeting.
Fri 19 March 1915	Leigh League of Young Liberals' annual meeting.
Sat 20 March 1915	Atherton Literary Society annual meeting.
Sat 20 March 1915	Country costume party and ball at Chowbent Unitarian School.
Sun 21 March 1915	Presentation at Atherton to Miss Martin on leaving the town.
Mon 22 March 1915	Leigh and District Grocers' Association meeting.
Mon 22 March 1915	Funeral of Mr. James Hayes (73), licensee, of Plank-lane.
Thu 25 March 1915	Leigh Cricket Club annual meeting.
Thu 25 March 1915	British Israel lecture at Leigh by the Rev. L. Hills.
Thu 25 March 1915	Pte. Walter Critchley (30), of Lowton, who was in the Gordon Highlanders, died of wounds.

Thu 25 March 1915	Last of six lectures on the Chartist movement given at Leigh.
Fri 26 March 1915	Death of ex-Police Constable H. Pegg (70), of Leigh.
Sat 27 March 1915	Presentation of championship billiard shield to Leigh Labour Club.
Sat 27 March 1915	Presentation by Co-operative shop assistants to Mr. F. Hill.
Sun 28 March 1915	Death of Mr. James Bate (84), of Lowton.
Sun 28 March 1915	Military funeral at Croft of Rifleman H. Houghton (24), of 2nd Rifle Brigade, who had died of wounds received in France.
Mon 29 March 1915	Council elections at Atherton and Tyldesley.
Mon 29 March 1915	Lowton ratepayers' annual meeting.
Tue 30 March 1915	Death at Altrincham of the wife of the Rev. F. C. Lloyd (sister of Mrs. J. S. Burrows, of Atherton).
Wed 31 March 1915	Bedford New Mills of Messrs. Jones Bros., Ltd., ceased spinning, and went in solely for weaving.
Wed 31 March 1915	Leigh magistrates decide that club bars must close at the same time as public-houses.
Wed 31 March 1915	Leigh old folks' treat.
Wed 31 March 1915	Recruiting conference held at Leigh.
Wed 31 March 1915	Mrs. S. Brookes (56), of Lowton, died from burns.
Thu 01 April 1915	Death of Mrs. Latham (60), confectioner, of Leigh road, Leigh

Thu 01 April 1915	Death of Mrs. Molyneux (86), a Leigh Congregationalist.
Fri 02 April 1915	Photo of Mr. Jabez Tyldesley (93), of Leigh, and his sister Mrs. Morris (90), of Golborne, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 02 April 1915	Foundation stones laid of new Plank lane United Methodist Church.
Wed 07 April 1915	Tyldesley poor rate increased from 3s. 10d. to 4s.
Wed 07 April 1915	Calico costume ball at Formby Hall, Atherton.
Thu 08 April 1915	James Richards (73), of Bolton, killed on the line near Tyldesley.
Thu 08 April 1915	Sudden death of ex-Police Sergeant T. Simpson (60), of Leigh.
Thu 08 April 1915	Leigh Parish Church annual vestry meeting.
Fri 09 April 1915	escaped from the camp, but was recaptured at Manchester (London Road) station the same evening.
Sun 11 April 1915	Death of Mr. Alfred Roberts (62), a Leigh watchmaker.
Mon 12 April 1915	Death of Mrs. Joseph H. Wright (71), of Leigh.
Mon 12 April 1915	Leigh Literary Society annual meet-Leigh.
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Mon 12 April 1915	Death of Miss Grace E. Solomon (20), daughter of the Leigh Wesleyan superintendent minister.
Tue 13 April 1915	Leigh Town Council: Poor rate increased 8d. in the £, district rate (4s. 6d.) unaltered.

Tue 13 April 1915 Leigh Liberal Association's annual meeting: Mr. W. L. Green, J.P., re-elected president.

Thu 15 April 1915 Ernest Goldthorpe (28), of Leigh, killed in Priestner's pit.

Fri 16 April 1915 Career of Leigh Cricket Club's new groundsman, G. S. Massey, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 17 April 1915 Rev. Spencer H. Elliott commenced a mission at St. Peter's, Leigh.

Sat 17 April 1915 Flower day at Leigh: £120 realised.

Sat 17 April 1915 Marsh Gymnasium annual prize distribution.

Mon 19 April 1915 Atherton poor rate raised form 3s. 3d. to 4s. in the £. Culcheth poor rate raised from 2s. 2d. to 2s. 4d.

Mon 19 April 1915 Lowton Parish Council annual meeting.

Tue 20 April 1915 Rev. Fr. J. Rickaby, M.A., B.Sc., lectured at St. Joseph's on "Democracy True and False."

Wed 21 April 1915 Leigh Literary Society Amateurs played Pinero's comedy, "The Times."

Thu 22 April 1915 Marriage at Glazebury of Miss Esther Peters and Mr. E. Winder (Manchester).

Thu 22 April 1915 Atherton District Council annual meeting: Mr. Miles Bullough appointed chairman.

Fri 23 April 1915 Career of Mr. Paul Critchley, Leigh insurance superintendent, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 23 April 1915 Career of Mr. David Grundy, a rising Leigh tenor vocalist, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 24 April 1915 Flower day at Atherton.

Sun 25 April 1915	Death of Mr. James Ball (55), a Leigh licensee.
Sun 25 April 1915	Rev. D. Jarvis, after being seven years at Tyldesley Chapel, preached his farewell sermon before going to Bath.
Mon 26 April 1915	German prisoner court-marshalled at Leigh for escaping.
Mon 26 April 1915	Lowton poor rate raised from 4s. 4d. to 4s. 8d.
Mon 26 April 1915	Tyldesley Cricket Club annual meeting.
Wed 28 April 1915	A Leigh mother sent to prison for two months for neglecting her baby, which died.
Wed 28 April 1915	Tyldesley District Council annual meeting: Mr. T. L. Syms appointed chairman.
Thu 29 April 1915	radiographical department given by Mrs. T. R. and Mr. Tom R. Greenough, formally opened at Leigh Infirmary.
Fri 30 April 1915	Career of Inspector Morgan, of Tyldesley, appeared in the "Chronicle," on his retirement after 35 years' service.
Fri 30 April 1915	Presentation at Leigh Police Court to Inspector Morgan.
Fri 30 April 1915	New mission church at Crosby-street, Atherton dedicated by Archdeacon Allen.
Sat 01 May 1915	Ruri-decanal conference at Tyldesley.
Sat 01 May 1915	Death at Southport of Mr. P. Ranicar (79), monumental mason, of Leigh.
Mon 03 May 1915	Leigh pit boy systematically ill-treated: Three defendants heavily fined.
Tue 04 May 1915	British airship passed over Plank-lane and Lowton on its way from London to Barrow.

Wed 05 May 1915	Leigh Infirmary annual meeting.
Wed 05 May 1915	Leigh Grammar School parents' "At Home."
Thu 06 May 1915	Leigh Women's Guild of Service annual meeting.
Fri 07 May 1915	Photo of officers of Leigh Athletes' Volunteer Force appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 07 May 1915	Death of Mr. E. J. Lees (46), Leigh borough collector.
Fri 07 May 1915	lost. Fred Isherwood (29), of Tyldesley, who was returning home from South America, went down with the "Lusitania."
Sat 08 May 1915	Astley old folks' treat.
Sun 09 May 1915	Death of Mr. Guy Eckersley (46), licensee of the George and Dragon, Leigh.
Sun 09 May 1915	Death of Mr. Wm. Croft (85), tripe-dresser, of Leigh.
Mon 10 May 1915	Inspector Richard Clegg, of the Ormskirk Division, succeeded Inspector Morgan at Tyldesley.
Mon 10 May 1915	Lecture on "With Captain Scott in the Antarctic" given at Leigh Theatre Royal.
Tue 11 May 1915	Leigh Town Council: Councillor S. Crooke's resignation accepted.
Tue 11 May 1915	The Vice-Chancellor gives verdict against Hulton Colliery Co. for stream pollution.
Tue 11 May 1915	Joseph Mather (45), of Tyldesley, fatally injured in the Nelson pit.
Thu 13 May 1915	Leigh Workers' Educational Association annual meeting.

Thu 13 May 1915	Presentation to Mr. H. Tate after 16 years as mechanical engineer at the Astley and Tyldesley Collieries.
Fri 14 May 1915	Experience of Atherton people in Zeppelin raid in Essex appeared in the "Chronicle."
Mon 17 May 1915	Sir G. Toulmin, M.P., spoke at recruiting conference at Leigh.
Tue 18 May 1915	Death at Culcheth of Dr. Richard Sephton (80), after practising there 57 years.
Tue 18 May 1915	Rev. G. Joyce, S.J., of St. Beuno's, lectured at Leigh on "Miracles."
Tue 18 May 1915	Leigh Conservative Association's annual meeting: Dr. Lowe re-elected president.
Tue 18 May 1915	Leigh Joint Hospital Board annual meeting: Councillor T. G. Dobb re-elected chairman.
Tue 18 May 1915	Leigh Trades Council annual meeting: Councillor J. Gregory re-elected president.
Sun 23 May 1915	Gladys White (14) fatally burnt at Astley.
Mon 24 May 1915	Westleigh soldier, Shadrach Critchley (35), and his wife (45) commit suicide by inhaling gas.
Wed 26 May 1915	Leigh police bowled the Leigh military guard and won.
Fri 28 May 1915	Thomas T. Goddard (15) died from hoist accident at Mather Lane mills, Leigh.
Sat 29 May 1915	Leigh Oddfellows unveil portrait of late Bro. R. Hunt, who was secretary 26 years.
Sun 30 May 1915	Fire at Lightoaks Moss Farm, Glazebury; £500 damage.
Sun 30 May 1915	Friedrich W. K. Schmidt (25), of 35th German Infantry Regiment, shot dead at Leigh camp whilst trying to escape.

Tue 01 June 1915	Opening of St. George's Mission School, Atherton.
Tue 01 June 1915	Leigh and District Sunday school annual prize distribution.
Fri 04 June 1915	Local Territorials' famous (first) charge in the Dardanelles.
Fri 04 June 1915	James Fearnhead (24) and his wife, Mary Ellen, drowned in Liverpool Docks.
Sat 05 June 1915	Leigh charity bowling tournament commenced.
Sat 05 June 1915	General Bramwell Booth at Leigh.
Sat 05 June 1915	Leigh Park opened by the Mayor (Councillor J. Ashworth).
Sun 06 June 1915	German prisoner at Leigh camp attempted to escape in a swill-tub.
Mon 07 June 1915	Death of Mr. James Hilton (77), a well-known Leigh Liberal.
Tue 08 June 1915	Leigh Town Council increase price of gas.
Wed 09 June 1915	Death of Mr. S. Cryer (59), a former Leigh cricketer and fitter and temperance worker.
Sat 12 June 1915	David J. Lloyd (28), of Tyldesley, fell down pit shaft, and was killed.
Tue 15 June 1915	Sixty men from 16th Lancashire Fusiliers give gymnastic display in Leigh Market Place.
Wed 16 June 1915	Atherton Citizens' League raise £70 by garden party.
Wed 16 June 1915	Leigh F.C. balance sheet published; slight gain on year's working.

Fri 18 June 1915 News published in the "Chronicle" of eight local Territorials killed and many wounded in Dardanelles.

Fri 18 June 1915 Career of Mr. J. Bromilow, the Leigh bowling champion, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 19 June 1915 Death of Mr. T. Tinker, J.P. (70), local miners' leader.

Sat 19 June 1915 Leigh charity bowling tournament won by C. Baines, of Leigh Railway, out of 306 entries.

Sat 19 June 1915 Leigh Church of England schools annual processions.

Mon 21 June 1915 Fifty bales of guncotton destroyed by fire on motor engine near Leigh Workhouse; £800 damage.

Tue 22 June 1915 Supper given by South Lancashire Tramways Co. to Pte. Raftery, of the Irish Guards, on his return home to Atherton wounded.

Wed 23 June 1915 Presentation at Atherton to Rev. J. H. Cretney on leaving Atherton for Accrington.

Thu 24 June 1915 Leigh licensed victuallers' bowling championship won by Mr. T. Smith.

Thu 24 June 1915 Mr. H. R. Mangnall, of Leigh, appointed clerk to Gosport District Council.

Sat 26 June 1915 King Albert Day in Leigh: £100 realised.

Sat 26 June 1915 Death of Mr. T. Darwell (55), grocer, of Leigh.

Sun 27 June 1915 113 Leigh ironworkers marched to Leigh Labour Exchange, and enrolled as munition volunteers.

Mon 28 June 1915 Two boys rescued from drowning in the canal at Leigh.

Tue 29 June 1915 Presentation to Mr. W. Caldwell on retiring from the managership of Jones's mills, Leigh, after 25 years' service.

Tue 29 June 1915	Meeting re. munition volunteers held at Leigh.
Wed 30 June 1915	Death of Mr. T. T. Mackenzie (66), printer and ex-postmaster of Atherton.
Thu 01 July 1915	Wm. A. Baines (52), a colliery bricksetter, fell dead at his work at Plank-lane.
Fri 02 July 1915	Anchor Cable Co., Leigh, assist their workers re the War Loan.
Fri 02 July 1915	Local holidays commenced and continued until July 12th.
Sat 03 July 1915	Pte. J. T. Morris, R.A.M.C., welcomed at Tyldesley on his return home after being a prisoner in Germany.
Wed 07 July 1915	Military funeral at Leigh of Pte. Frank W. Hilton (20), of Leigh, Gordon Highlanders.
Wed 07 July 1915	Hugh Pemberton (13) drowned in the canal at Astley.
Wed 07 July 1915	Death at Southport of Mrs. H. E. Poole (55), wife of a Leigh draper.
Thu 08 July 1915	Death of Mr. Abraham Hayes (65), oldest workman, with one exception, at the Albion Ironworks, Leigh.
Fri 09 July 1915	Joseph C. Bowker, a Tyldesley mill operative, found drowned at Tonge Moor.
Sat 10 July 1915	Presentation to Miss C. G. Speakman after 22 years service at Leigh Telephone Exchange.
Sat 10 July 1915	Funeral at Rhos-on-Sea of Mr. C. E. Tunncliffe, a Leigh cotton spinner.
Sun 11 July 1915	Memorial service at Atherton Church for the fallen.
Sun 11 July 1915	Philip Flitcroft (8) drowned in a Westleigh pit.

Sun 11 July 1915	Wm. Phoenix (13) rescues boy from drowning in the canal at Firs.
Mon 12 July 1915	Pte. Unsworth, of Lowton, recommended for the D.C.M.
Tue 13 July 1915	Three German prisoners left Leigh for Woking prison to serve three months for attempting to escape.
Tue 13 July 1915	Leigh Town Council decide to keep Marsh Gymnasium open.
Wed 14 July 1915	Death at Whitehaven of Mr. Percy H. Thorp (42), a famous mountaineer, of Leigh.
Wed 14 July 1915	Death of Mr. G. H. Hadfield, of Atherton.
Wed 14 July 1915	Death of Mrs. Winckley (80), a wealthy Leigh lady.
Thu 15 July 1915	Mrs. J. H. Holden, of Leigh, entertained soldiers' and sailors' wives to a garden party at the Firs.
Thu 15 July 1915	Fire at Victoria mills, Leigh.
Fri 16 July 1915	Special article on "Leigh and Tyldesley Home Defence Corps in camp at Bromley Cross" appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 16 July 1915	Leigh Athletes' Volunteer Force 50 yards rifle range on the Leigh football field opened by the Mayor..
Sat 17 July 1915	Death of Councillor W. Partington (55), of Leigh.
Sat 17 July 1915	Funeral at Adlington of Mrs. M. Walton (68), of Leigh, widow of the late Rev. J. Walton.
Sun 18 July 1915	Rev. F. W. Wilkinson, new Atherton Primitive Methodist minister, commenced his duties.
Sun 18 July 1915	Memorial service for the fallen at Lowton Independent Methodist Church.

Sun 18 July 1915 Peter Eden (42), of Atherton, died through fall of roof in the pit.

Mon 19 July 1915 Presentation to Mrs. J. M. Dickinson, the ex-Leigh school nurse.

Tue 20 July 1915 Death of Mr. W. Baxter (66), retired Atherton blacksmith.

Wed 21 July 1915 Miss Mary Downing (54), of Leigh, killed in motor collision at Euxton.

Wed 21 July 1915 Death of Mr. S. Partington (69), licensee, of Astley.

Wed 21 July 1915 Miss C. E. Dugdale, of London, spoke at Free Church garden party at Leigh.

Wed 21 July 1915 Death in London of Mr. H. E. Gurner (61), the Leigh County Court judge.

Thu 22 July 1915 Presentations at Wigan Road U.M.C. to Messrs. W. Houghton and P. Hodson, after 34 years' service at superintendent.

Thu 22 July 1915 Annual meeting of the Leigh branch of the N.S.P.C.C.

Fri 23 July 1915 Report of interview with Lieut. Basil Fletcher as to how the local Territorials fought in the Dardanelles appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 23 July 1915 Death in America of Mr. T. Norbury (71), formerly a Leigh builder.

Sat 24 July 1915 Coroner at Westleigh inquest severely criticised herbalists.

Sat 24 July 1915 Atherton Citizens' League garden party at Atherton Hall: £120 realised for Soldiers' Convalescent Home.

Sun 25 July 1915 Bishop Chavasse, of Liverpool, preached at Lowton St. Mary's Church.

Mon 26 July 1915 Edwin Rothwell (69), of Atherton, killed in the pit.

Mon 26 July 1915	Fifty more German prisoners arrived at Leigh, making 1,790.
Thu 29 July 1915	Samuel Butler (26), of Hindley, killed in the Sovereign pit, Leigh.
Thu 29 July 1915	Sudden death of Mr. Wm. Darlington (60), a Leigh insurance agent and Unitarian.
Thu 29 July 1915	Death of Mr. F. Sumpster (53), lay reader, of Astley.
Fri 30 July 1915	Presentations to Mrs. Parker, headmistress of Howe Bridge Church Schools, on her retirement after 31 years' service.
Fri 30 July 1915	Leigh's motor ambulance (600) for the front exhibited.
Sat 31 July 1915	Tyldesley Free Church Schools processions.
Sat 31 July 1915	Double funeral service at Bedford Wesleyan Church of Mrs. E. Spedding and Miss Hallard.
Sat 31 July 1915	French flag day in Leigh: £100 realised.
Sat 31 July 1915	Marriage in Ceylon of Miss C. F. B. Sephton, of Culcheth, to Mr. A. D. Carson, formerly of Winwick.
Sun 01 August 1915	Mr. F. A. Bullock commenced his duties as Leigh Unitarian minister.
Tue 03 August 1915	James Holt (31), of Atherton, killed by a coal wagon.
Wed 04 August 1915	Canon Smith conducted intercessory services at Leigh Parish Church.
Fri 06 August 1915	Report of Leigh soldier's thrilling experiences of 12 months' fighting appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 07 August 1915	Reception to Leigh's new Unitarian minister (Mr. F. A. Bullock).

Sat 07 August 1915	Beautiful Leigh Society's first annual show.
Sat 07 August 1915	Atherton C.E.M.S. annual festival.
Sun 08 August 1915	Electric Lights first used in Atherton Parish Church.
Mon 09 August 1915	Death of Mr. W.B. Callender (47), a Leigh newsagent.
Mon 09 August 1915	Thomas H. Hayes (29), a Leigh greengrocer found drowned in the canal.
Tue 10 August 1915	Harry Sampson (10), of Leigh, drowned in the canal.
Wed 11 August 1915	Military funeral at Tyldesley, of Martin Connor (80), a naval veteran.
Wed 11 August 1915	Death of Mr. William Horrobin (78), ex-Leigh colliery manager.
Thu 12 August 1915	Corpl. F. W. Holmes, V.C., M.M., of London had enthusiastic reception at Leigh.
Thu 12 August 1915	Opening of Y.M.C.A. hall at Leigh camp.
Fri 13 August 1915	Death of Leigh of M. Charles Trybon (55), an Ostend Belgian.
Sat 14 August 1915	Leigh Free Church House opened by the Mayor.
Sat 14 August 1915	Geranium day in Leigh for Red Cross: £140 realised.
Sat 14 August 1915	Military funeral at Leigh of Sapper H. Littlewood (33), of the Royal Engineers.
Sat 14 August 1915	Presentation at Irish National Club to the secretary, Mr. P. J. Burke.

Wed 18 August 1915	Albion Ironworks, Leigh, taken over by the Government.
Sat 21 August 1915	Capt. Walkley inspected the Leigh Athletes' Volunteer Force.
Sat 21 August 1915	Barnardo flag day in Leigh; £46 realised.
Sun 22 August 1915	Memorial service for the fallen at Leigh Parish Church.
Tue 24 August 1915	Presentation at Tyldesley to Rev. Father McAuley on his leaving for France to become Army chaplain.
Wed 25 August 1915	Patriotic fete on Leigh cricket ground.
Wed 25 August 1915	Canard about the Dardanelles being forced caused premature celebrations in the district.
Wed 25 August 1915	Presentations at Tyldesley to Rev. T. N. Roscoe and Mr. P. Bowker.
Fri 27 August 1915	Beautiful Leigh Society awards appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 27 August 1915	Jubilee career of Mr. James Boydell, a Leigh organist, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 28 August 1915	Howe Bridge Congregational Church garden party.
Sat 28 August 1915	Lowton, Kenyon and Golborne Horticultural Society's show.
Sat 28 August 1915	Howe Bridge Gardeners' Association annual show.
Sun 29 August 1915	Photo drama of "Creation" shown at Leigh.
Sat 04 September 1915	Croft Horticultural Society's annual show.

Sat 04 September 1915	Leigh Sunday School Union garden party.
Sat 04 September 1915	Tyldesley Cricket Club Red Cross fete: £20 realised.
Sat 04 September 1915	Russian flag day in Leigh: £114 realised.
Sat 04 September 1915	Dr. Hall, Mr. Ellis Howarth and Mr. C. H. Collier, of Leigh, made borough magistrates.
Sun 05 September 1915	Sergt. Michael Vincent, D.C.M., arrived at Leigh, and had a great reception.
Sun 05 September 1915	Memorial tablet in Tyldesley Parish Church to Mr. H. Kirkpatrick, J.P., unveiled.
Mon 06 September 1915	Rev. J. Prestwich (77) lectured at Leigh on "America, the Land of Wonders."
Tue 07 September 1915	Military funeral at Leigh of Pte. J. C. C. S. M. Ritchie (23), R.A.M.C.
Tue 07 September 1915	John Milward, of Atherton, killed in the Nook Pit, Astley.
Wed 08 September 1915	Leigh Angling Society's annual meeting.
Thu 09 September 1915	Presentations at Sacred Heart Schools to Sergeant Vincent, D.C.M.
Thu 09 September 1915	Presentation by Royal Humane Society to Wm. Phoenix (13), of Leigh, for saving life.
Thu 09 September 1915	Leigh camp athletic sports.
Fri 10 September 1915	List of Leigh and district special constables appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 10 September 1915	Career of Pte. W. C. Matthewson (75), of the Leigh camp, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 11 September 1915	Local September holidays commenced.
Sat 11 September 1915	Mr. W. Heaton, Atherton motor cyclist, won a challenge shield in Staffordshire.
Sun 12 September 1915	Rev. W. L. Brown, now Pennington Church curate, commenced his duties.
Sun 12 September 1915	Death of Mr. John Mather (62), assistant overseer of Leigh.
Tue 14 September 1915	Death of Pte. Charles Smith, of Walkden, a soldier of the guard in the Leigh prisoners of war camp.
Sat 18 September 1915	New Bedford Liberal Club opened.
Sat 18 September 1915	Military funeral at Leigh of Pte. M. McDonough (32), 5th Connaught Rangers.
Sat 18 September 1915	Fortnight's special recruiting campaign in Leigh district began.
Sun 19 September 1915	Dr. Bury, Bishop of Northern and Central Europe, preached at Leigh Parish Church on his visits to the Front.
Mon 20 September 1915	Death of Mr. T. Ball (38), draper, of Atherton.
Mon 20 September 1915	Soldiers' babies' show.
Mon 20 September 1915	James Hamilton (31), of Plank-lane, found drowned in the canal.
Wed 22 September 1915	5th Leigh Boy Scouts gave display.
Wed 22 September 1915	Marriage at St. Annes-on-Sea of Miss Bertha Gray, late of Leigh, and Lieut. T. M. Sparkes, 6th Cheshire Regiment, of Heaton Chapel.
Wed 22 September 1915	Welcome at Leigh to His Honour J. Scott-Fox, K.C., the new County Court judge.

Thu 23 September 1915	Mr. H. Burrows, ex-deputy superintendent of Leigh fire brigade, appointed superintendent of Newcastle-on-Tyne city fire brigade.
Fri 24 September 1915	Career of Lieut. Kerfoot, of Leigh, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 24 September 1915	Mrs. Mary Knight (45), of Mosley Common, died from burns.
Sat 25 September 1915	Great battle at Loos, in France: Pte. Robinson, of Leigh, captured by the Germans, but rescued after six hours.
Sat 25 September 1915	Leigh Evening Continuation Schools prize distribution.
Sat 25 September 1915	Funeral of Daniel O'Brien (24), a St. Joseph's bandsman.
Sat 25 September 1915	Tyldesley Wakes held.
Mon 27 September 1915	Rev. W. H. Heap, of Hull, spoke on "The War and Its Lessons" at Leigh Wesley Guild Council meeting.
Tue 28 September 1915	Bridget Hynes (5), of Leigh, died through playing with Bengal matches.
Wed 29 September 1915	Bishop of Whalley dedicated the new Marsh side chapel at Leigh Parish Church.
Thu 30 September 1915	Benjamin Banks (67), of Howe Bridge, found drowned in a pond.
Fri 01 October 1915	History of Leigh obelisk appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 02 October 1915	Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., addressed recruiting meeting at Leigh.
Sun 03 October 1915	Rev. John Davidson, of Newton, commenced as Leigh Congregational minister.
Sun 03 October 1915	Drumhead service at Leigh.

- Mon 04 October 1915 James Leigh (42), of Leigh, fatally kicked by a horse at an auction sale at Hindley's Farm, Atherton.
- Tue 05 October 1915 Death of Mr. James Hampson (59), a well-known Leigh bowler, insurance agent and Freemason.
- Wed 06 October 1915 Leigh Free Church Council "At Home" at the Co-operative Hall.
- Wed 06 October 1915 Leigh Guardians pay tribute to Major E. Fletcher and Mr. C. Caulfield, two of their members.
- Thu 07 October 1915 Mr. H. F. Beale, M.A., of Manchester University, lectured at Leigh on "Russia" to the Workers' Educational Association.
- Thu 07 October 1915 Harold Smith (21), of Atherton, died from fall of roof in the pit.
- Fri 08 October 1915 30th, 1915, appeared in the "Chronicle." List of 77 killed in Leigh, Lowton and Culcheth; 60 killed in Atherton, Tyldesley and Astley; 15 missing, 15
- Fri 08 October 1915 Bishop Chavasse, of Liverpool, spoke at Lowton St. Mary's.
- Fri 08 October 1915 Funeral at Leigh of Mr. James Gerrard (60), retired engineer, of Southport, formerly of Leigh.
- Fri 08 October 1915 Account of Leigh soldier's thrilling experiences in France with an armoured car appeared in the "Chronicle."
- Fri 08 October 1915 Pte. Wilcock gives vivid account in the "Chronicle" of his experiences in the great Loos battle.
- Sat 09 October 1915 Military funeral of Pte. T. Kelly (29), of Tyldesley, and the King's Own Scottish Borderers.
- Sat 09 October 1915 French flag day at Atherton: £91 realised.
- Sat 09 October 1915 Lancashire county bowling team play a Leigh team at Leigh for a military charity.
- Sat 09 October 1915 Military funeral at Leigh of Pte. Morris Neale (41), of the Leigh Territorials.

Sat 09 October 1915	Presentation to Mr. W. H. Grundy, on his leaving Atherton Church choir for Whalley Bridge, after 20 years' service.
Mon 11 October 1915	Rev. H. E. Anderson, 14 years Chinese missionary, lectured at Leigh on the Chinese revolution.
Tue 12 October 1915	Atherton Technical School prize distribution.
Wed 13 October 1915	Eleven wounded soldiers brought to Leigh Infirmary.
Fri 15 October 1915	Death of Mr. Wm. Smith, J.P. (72), of Astley, secretary of Leigh Brewery for 45 years.
Fri 15 October 1915	Henry Battersby (56), of Lowton, fatally injured by falling off a plank at the Maypole Colliery.
Sat 16 October 1915	Lancashire county bowling team played return match with Leigh district at Newton.
Sat 16 October 1915	Mrs. Alice Cunliffe (66), of Leigh, killed through falling downstairs.
Sat 16 October 1915	Leigh Co-operative Society's members give power to the Committee to close the corn mill.
Sat 16 October 1915	Death of Mr. W. Bunney Williams (67), a Leigh painter.
Mon 18 October 1915	Death of Mr. Robert Butler (72), one of the oldest Atherton Oddfellows.
Thu 21 October 1915	Peter Taylor (46), of Leigh, killed at Bedford Colliery.
Fri 22 October 1915	Leigh Public Library: Annual report published.
Fri 22 October 1915	Rev. G. E. T. Body, of Bury, accepted the vicarage of Hindsford, vacant by the Rev. J. Preston going to Ramsbottom.
Fri 22 October 1915	Death at Morecambe of Mrs. W. H. Pennington (70), wife of ex-Alderman W. H. Pennington, of Leigh.

Sat 23 October 1915	Presentation of prizes to Leigh Railway bowling club.
Mon 25 October 1915	Leigh Conservative Club annual meeting.
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Tue 26 October 1915	Leigh Town Council discuss potato-picking for school children, and motor 'buses.
Wed 27 October 1915	Leigh perjury case at Liverpool Assizes.
Wed 27 October 1915	Leigh Liberal Club annual meeting.
Wed 27 October 1915	Presentation to Mr. S. L. Naylor, Leigh Independent Methodist organist, on his leaving for Pendlebury.
Thu 28 October 1915	Military funeral at Leigh Cemetery of Corporal W. Hopschild (28), of Colberg, a German prisoner who died suddenly on Tuesday morning.
Thu 28 October 1915	Thirty-nine German prisoners captured at Loos arrived at Pennington station for Leigh camp.
Thu 28 October 1915	Leigh Catholic Association's annual meeting.
Fri 29 October 1915	Death of Mr. Robert Rathbone (66), builder and contractor, of Atherton.
Sat 30 October 1915	Death of Mr. Walter Stott (55), Leigh Liberal registration agent.
Sun 31 October 1915	Wesleyan intercession day.
Mon 01 November 1915	Driver Fred Hayes, R.F.A., of Atherton, awarded the D.C.M.
Tue 02 November 1915	Leigh Butchers' Association annual meeting.

Thu 04 November 1915 Lord Lilford gave his tenant farmers 5s. each instead of holding a rent dinner.

Thu 04 November 1915 Lieut. M. K. Burrows, of Atherton, awarded the Military Cross.

Fri 05 November 1915 News of Pte. A. E. Jackson, of Leigh, capturing 60 Turks appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 06 November 1915 Opening at Cook-street Church, Leigh, of the new organ by Mr. T. Pendlebury, of Leigh.

Sat 06 November 1915 "The Globe," a London newspaper, seized by the police.

Sat 06 November 1915 Celebration of jubilee of Glazebury Wesleyan Church.

Sun 07 November 1915 Rev. L. H. Nuttall, of Bolton, commenced his ministry at Tyldesley Chapel.

Sun 07 November 1915 Second memorial service at Atherton Parish Church.

Mon 08 November 1915 Fire at Mr. G. Moss's joinery works, Leigh: £80 damage.

Tue 09 November 1915 Councillor J. Ashworth, J.P., re-elected mayor for third year in succession-a record.

Wed 10 November 1915 Hezekiah Lester (35), of Astley, died from fall of roof in the pit.

Wed 10 November 1915 Mr. E. Graham Wood, High Sheriff of Lancashire, addressed meeting at Leigh Town Hall in aid of work for maimed soldiers and sailors.

Thu 11 November 1915 Herbert Acton (11), a Tyldesley boy, killed by falling on the iron spike of a fence.

Fri 12 November 1915 History of Tyldesley Chapel appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 12 November 1915 Miss Jane Ann Cleworth (56), a Glazebury weaver, drowned in the canal at Leigh.

Fri 12 November 1915	Death of Mr. T. Widdows (60), a Leigh grocer.
Sat 13 November 1915	Leigh Irish Club's annual meeting.
Sat 13 November 1915	Military funeral at Leigh of Lance-Corporal H. Culshaw (37), of the K.O. Royal Lancasters.
Sun 14 November 1915	Mayor and Corporation attended Bedford Wesleyan Church: Rev. D. Solomon preached.
Sun 14 November 1915	First annual conference of the Leigh and District Catholic Men's and Young Men's Societies.
Tue 16 November 1915	Welcome to the Rev. Fr. Wm. Minealis, of Preston, the new rector of St. Joseph's, Leigh.
Tue 16 November 1915	Death of Mr. Richard Roberts (67), of Astley, retired Atherton grocer.
Thu 18 November 1915	Mr. J. L. Paton lectured on "Germany" to the Leigh Workers' Educational Association.
Fri 19 November 1915	Career of Mr. W. Vaughan (60), Leigh's oldest postman, on his retirement after nearly 39 years' service, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 19 November 1915	Edward Williams (67), of Abram, killed in Westleigh Collieries.
Fri 19 November 1915	Death of Mr. J. Gibbard (67), retired licensee, of Leigh.
Sun 21 November 1915	Death of Mr. John Dixon (69), confectioner, of Leigh.
Mon 22 November 1915	Leigh milkman fined £23 for his milk containing 27 per cent of added water.
Tue 23 November 1915	Mrs. Lucy Bent (80), a Leigh independent lady, who lived alone, found dead in her chair.
Wed 24 November 1915	Three days' bazaar at Astley Church Schools opened by Mr. C. Pilkington: £524 realised.

Wed 24 November 1915	Leigh and district farmers' agricultural sale for the Red Cross fund: £1,200 realised.
Wed 24 November 1915	Sunday School Union's conference at Atherton.
Sat 27 November 1915	Leigh Cage Birds' Society's annual show.
Sat 27 November 1915	Presentation by local enginemen to Mr. J. Mills on his going to North Wales.
Tue 30 November 1915	Rev. A. T. Guttery preached at Leigh, and lectured on "Britain and Her Allies."
Wed 01 December 1915	Public welcome to the Rev. J. Davidson, new Leigh Congregational Church minister.
Wed 01 December 1915	Three days' sale of work at Bag Lane Wesleyan Church: £126 realised.
Fri 03 December 1915	Atherton Independent Methodist two days' bazaar: £104 realised.
Sat 04 December 1915	Westleigh Wesleyan sale of work: £120 realised.
Sat 04 December 1915	Leigh Fur and Feather Society's annual show.
Sun 05 December 1915	Chowbent Unitarian choir sang the oratorio, "Twelfth Mass."
Sun 05 December 1915	Leigh Wesleyan Church centenary celebration.
Wed 08 December 1915	Leigh soldier sent to gaol for six months for contemptible thefts and base ingratitude to friends.
Fri 10 December 1915	Long account of the experience of Sapper George Daintith, Royal Engineers, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 10 December 1915	Two days' sale of work at Christ Church Schools, Leigh: £250 realised.

Sat 11 December 1915	Piper D. Laidlaw, V.C., played bagpipe selection at a "Tommy's" tea at Lowton, at which £80 was realised.
Sun 12 December 1915	"The Messiah," given by the Wigan-road United Methodist choir.
Mon 13 December 1915	Bolton Musical Guild give orchestral concert to Leigh Literary Society.
Mon 13 December 1915	Lancashire Association of Change Ringers rang muffled peal on Leigh Church bells for three hours, in memory of the fallen soldiers.
Wed 15 December 1915	Leigh Literary Society's Amateurs played "The Cap and Bells."
Wed 15 December 1915	Mayor opened three days' bazaar at Wigan-road School: £120 realised.
Wed 15 December 1915	Leigh Guardians consider about making provision for wounded soldiers.
Thu 16 December 1915	Mr. H. E. Pratten (Sydney) and Mr. Timothy Davies, M.P., addressed munitions meeting at the Albion Ironworks.
Thu 16 December 1915	Big discussion at Leigh Rural District Council meeting on proposed new road at Astley.
Thu 16 December 1915	Leigh Grammar School (private) annual prize distribution.
Fri 17 December 1915	Great rush of recruits at Leigh under Lord Derby's scheme: Co-operative Hall engaged.
Fri 17 December 1915	Annual report of the Leigh Guild of Help published.
Fri 17 December 1915	Death of Captain T. E. Withington, J.P. (84), squire of Culcheth.
Sat 18 December 1915	Edna Ridley (6), of Leigh, fatally burned.
Sat 18 December 1915	Presentation to P.P.G.M. John Simister by Leigh Oddfellows.

Sun 19 December 1915	Final rush of recruits at the Leigh Co-operative Hall: Over 3,000 attested in the last three days.
Sun 19 December 1915	"The Messiah" performed at Leigh Primitive Methodist Church.
Sun 19 December 1915	"Buffalo" ambulance car reviewed by Mayor of Leigh.
Sun 19 December 1915	Four miners' ambulance cars visited Leigh, and Hon. G. Stanley, M.P., spoke
Mon 20 December 1915	Price of milk in Leigh district raised from 4d. to 5d. per quart, but subsequently dropped to 4 B26 d.
Mon 20 December 1915	Fire at Rindle Farm, Astley: £700 damages.
Mon 20 December 1915	John Houghton (4), of Howe Bridge, fatally injured by motor car near Howe Bridge Church.
Tue 21 December 1915	Impressive funeral at Newchurch of Squire Withington. Mourners included Sir Lees Knowles and Sir J. E. Johnson-Ferguson.
Sat 25 December 1915	Christmas charities distributed in Leigh district.
Sun 26 December 1915	"The Messiah" performed at Leigh Wesleyan Church.