

Diary of Local Events 1916

Date	Event
Sat 01 January 1916	St. Joseph's Amateurs play "Our Boys."
Sat 01 January 1916	Atherton old folks' treat.
Sat 01 January 1916	New Plank Lane United Methodist Church opened: Seating accommodation for 450.
Sun 02 January 1916	Mayor and Corporation attended special intercession service at Leigh Parish Church.
Mon 03 January 1916	Mr. J. H. Holden, J.P., appointed military representative at Leigh Tribunal, and Mr. T. R. Dootson at Atherton.
Mon 03 January 1916	Funeral of Mr. John Simister (61), a prominent Leigh Wesleyan and Oddfellow.
Tue 04 January 1916	Marriage of the Rev. L. H. Nuttall, minister at Tyldesley Chapel, to Miss Nan Sutton, of Leigh.
Wed 05 January 1916	Death of Mr. J. Watson Raynor (79), a Leigh musician and clogger.
Fri 07 January 1916	Leigh despatch rider's experiences in France appeared in the "Chronicle".
Sat 08 January 1916	Flower day for soldiers' comforts: £140 realised
Sun 09 January 1916	Death of Miss Mary Jane Yates (47). of Pennington House, Leigh.
Sun 09 January 1916	Memorial service at Howebridge Church for three local soldiers (killed)
Sun 09 January 1916	Presentation at Leigh Wesleyan Sunday school to Mr. J. McCardell and Mr. J. J. Taylor.
Mon 10 January 1916	Slackers at Astley and Tyldesley Collieries fined for absenting themselves from work.
Tue 11 January 1916	Pte. G. Singleton, of Taylor-square, Westleigh, 11th Lancashire Fusiliers, awarded the D.C.M.
Fri 14 January 1916	Mr. James Glover, M.A., of Lowton, offered to become an Independent Conservative candidate for Leigh Division.
Fri 14 January 1916	Leigh Labour Party's annual meeting: Councillor W. Grundy, J.P. elected president.

Sat 15 January 1916	Tyldesley and District Feather Society's show.
Sun 16 January 1916	Meeting of Leigh and District Catholic Men's Societies at Tyldesley.
Tue 18 January 1916	Mr. John Booth appointed stationmaster at Leigh. Death of Mrs. G. Parker (55) for 31 years headmistress of the Howebridge Church infants' school.
Wed 19 January 1916	
Wed 19 January 1916	Pte. Matthew France, 1st Royal Welsh Fusiliers, Selwyn-street, Leigh, awarded the D.C.M.
Thu 20 January 1916	Funeral at Atherton of "Happy Bill" (Wm. Wilcox), a well-known reformed character.
Fri 21 January 1916	Leigh man's (Mr. Frank Eckersley's) account of 14 months in a German internment camp appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 21 January 1916	Mr. R. M. Gornall completed 31 years' service as headmaster of Leigh Parish Church Schools.
Sun 23 January 1916	New Pendlebury organ opened at Plank-lane United Methodist New Church.
Sun 23 January 1916	Death of Mr. W. Churton (46), licensee of the Hare and Hounds, Lowton.
Mon 24 January 1916	Presentation by St. Joseph's congregation, Leigh, to the Rev. Father Joseph Martin, S.J., rector of Stoneyhurst.
Mon 24 January 1916	Military funeral of Driver James Atherton (46), R.F.A., of China Court, Leigh.
Tue 25 January 1916	Lance-Corpl. Walter Handley, of Atherton, Army Cyclist Corps, awarded the D.C.M.
Wed 26 January 1916	Rd. Tinsley (45), electrician at Bickershaw Collieries, killed by falling down the shaft.
Wed 26 January 1916	Westleigh old folks' annual treat.
Sun 30 January 1916	Presentation to Mr. W. Green, after 22 years' service as custodian of Atherton Parish Church.
Mon 31 January 1916	Leigh Wesleyan Guild annual festival: Address by the Rev. W. H. Heap, of Hull.
Mon 31 January 1916	Funeral of Mr. W. Staton (72), mill overlooker, of Leigh.
Tue 01 February 1916	Leigh Trades Council discuss the overcrowding of picture palaces and churches.
Tue 01 February 1916	Major T. Hunter, V.D., inspected the Leigh Grammar School Cadet Corps.
Mon 07 February 1916	Leigh County Annual Licensing Sessions: Big decrease in drunkenness.

Mon 07 February 1916	Tyldesley Labour Club annual meeting.
Tue 08 February 1916	Leigh Town Council gives warning re Zeppelins, and decide to have the Council meetings quarterly instead of monthly.
Tue 08 February 1916	Meeting at Newchurch re agricultural work for women.
Wed 09 February 1916	Mr Ben Tillett denounced at Leigh the Liquor Control Board.
Wed 09 February 1916	Funeral at Leigh Cemetery, of Pte. Henrich Schneider (27), of the 74th Hanoverian Regiment, a prisoner of war at Leigh.
Thu 10 February 1916	Leigh Borough Licencing Sessions.
Thu 10 February 1916	Leigh Free Church Council annual demonstration: Address by the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett. Presentation by the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett. Presentation to Mr. Edwards, late stationmaster at Tyldesley.
Thu 10 February 1916	Fire at Firs Mills: Hundreds of pounds damage.
Fri 11 February 1916	Particulars of anti-submarine shell appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 11 February 1916	Special article re the jubilee of the Rev. D. Solomon, the Leigh superintendent Wesleyan minister, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Mon 14 February 1916	Leigh After-Care Committee's first meeting.
Mon 14 February 1916	Death of Mr. Matthew Hampson (76), a Tyldesley grocer.
Wed 16 February 1916	Presentation of a wallet and cheque to the Rev. D. Solomon at Leigh, on the occasion of his jubilee.
Wed 16 February 1916	Fifty wounded soldiers from Winwick Hospital entertained at Leigh Co-operative Hall.
Fri 18 February 1916	Cycle article "In Lever Park and the Moorlands," appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 18 February 1916	Death of Mr. Charles Gornall (40), in South Africa, eldest son of Mr. R. M. Gornall, of Leigh, reported in the "Chronicle."
Sat 19 February 1916	Lance-Corpl. A. Hilton, D.C.M., of Howebridge, returned home.
Sun 20 February 1916	Owing to lighting restrictions against Zeppelins local churches hold earlier evening services.
Tue 22 February 1916	Leigh Trades Council hold special meeting to discuss female labour.
Tue 22 February 1916	Mothers and wives of soldiers and sailors belonging to Bedford Church parish entertained by the Vicar and Sewing Committee in the schools.
Tue 22 February 1916	Presentation by the Leigh Baths Committee to Mr. J. Ratcliffe upon retiring, after 23 years' service as baths superintendent.

Wed 23 February 1916	Sitting of Leigh Military Tribunal.
Wed 23 February 1916	Two days sale' of work at Tyldesley Wesleyan Church: Over £400 realised.
Thu 24 February 1916	Presentation to Councillor J. J. Darwell by the Leigh Licenced Victuallers' Association, after 30 years' service.
Fri 25 February 1916	Death of Mrs. T. Greenall (58) of Boothstown, wife of the Leigh Labour candidate.
Sun 27 February 1916	Death in a Manchester nursing home of Mr. Ralph Fletcher, J.P. (73) of Atherton.
Mon 28 February 1916	Leigh Town Council, at special meeting, sanction extensions at the electricity works to cost £18,300.
Mon 28 February 1916	Andrew Thompson (51), a Leigh dataller, killed by fall of roof at Bickershaw Collieries.
Mon 28 February 1916	Painters' primers and labourers strike at the Albion Ironworks, Leigh.
Tue 29 February 1916	Leigh Farmers' Association dinner.
Wed 01 March 1916	Rev. Dinsdale T. Young lectured at Leigh Wesleyan Church on Spurgeon.
Fri 03 March 1916	Group system ended.
Fri 03 March 1916	Funeral of Mr. Wm. Stevens (56), a well-known Leigh Liberal and manager of a clothing society.
Sun 05 March 1916	John Hy. Baker (50), a Leigh dataller, killed in the Astley Green pit.
Mon 06 March 1916	Leigh Adjourned Brewster Sessions.
Mon 06 March 1916	Wm. John Miller (79), a well-known Atherton character, known as "Toffee Billy," buried at Atherton Cemetery.
Tue 07 March 1916	Joseph Kilshaw, 6 of Howebridge, found drowned in a pit near Generating Station.
Wed 08 March 1916	Leigh Women's Guild of Service dramatic and musical evening.
Wed 08 March 1916	Sergt. Michael Vincent, D.C.M., of Leigh, killed in France.
Thu 09 March 1916	Leigh Borough Adjourned Licencing Sessions: Long pull condemned.
Fri 10 March 1916	Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., gives reports of cases of hardship in broken soldiers.
Fri 10 March 1916	Leigh soldier's terrible experiences in Gallipoli related in the "Chronicle."

Fri 10 March 1916	Pte. Wm. Hayes, of the Connaught Rangers, a noted Leigh bandsman, who had been reported killed, discovered to be a prisoner in Bulgaria.
Sat 11 March 1916	Mr. James Gibson, the Leigh gas manager, promoted gas manager for Mansfield, Notts.
Sat 11 March 1916	Death at Blackpool of Mr. Wm. Green (73), a former Leigh butcher.
Sun 12 March 1916	Death at Southport of Miss Travers (85), aunt of Mr. T. W. Travers, J.P., of Leigh.
Mon 13 March 1916	Leigh Military Tribunal sat from 6-30 p.m. to 12-45 a.m. listening to conscientious objectors.
Mon 13 March 1916	Fire at W. H. Taylor's farm, Pennington; £130 damages.
Mon 13 March 1916	Leigh spinners passed vote of condolence with widow of Mr. W. H. Hulton (62), spinner, of Leigh, who died in December.
Tue 14 March 1916	Death of Mr. Alfred Spencer (41), a well known Leigh sporting man.
Tue 14 March 1916	Funeral at Leigh of Ernest H. Rabbon (21), a private in the 211th Reserve German Infantry Reserve, who died in the Leigh Interment Camp.
Fri 17 March 1916	Long article by a Leigh soldier on his impressions of Salonika appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 17 March 1916	Presentation by the police to Detective-Sergt. Walter McLennan on his retirement from the force after 30 years' service.
Sat 18 March 1916	Marriage of two local musicians, Mr. G. Crofts, organist, of Leigh, and Miss E. E. Green, a noted Atherton soprano.
Sat 18 March 1916	Atherton Literary Society annual meeting.
Sun 19 March 1916	Memorial service for the fallen at St. Peter's Church, Leigh.
Sun 19 March 1916	Death of Fred Short (25), a noted Glazebury bandsman.
Mon 20 March 1916	Death at Sale of Mr. Wm. Gerrard (71), a former noted Westleigh Wesleyan.
Wed 22 March 1916	Mr. L. R. Fletcher appointed by the Leigh Guardians to take his late father's seat.
Wed 22 March 1916	Presentations at Tyldesley Chapel to the Rev. L. H. and Mrs. Nuttall to celebrate their recent marriage.
Wed 22 March 1916	Local military appeals heard in Liverpool.
Thu 23 March 1916	Leigh Bowling Club annual meeting.
Fri 24 March 1916	History of Leigh Football Club appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 24 March 1916	Funeral of Mrs. J. Lomas (55), a Leigh draper.
Fri 24 March 1916	Fatal fall of Edward Dwyer (17), at Leigh.
Mon 27 March 1916	Two deliveries only of letters in Leigh commenced. Office only open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thu 30 March 1916	Leigh attested married men's protest meeting.
Thu 30 March 1916	Leigh Cricket Club annual meeting: Mr. Wm. Eckersley re-elected president.
Thu 30 March 1916	Beautiful Leigh Society's annual meeting.
Fri 31 March 1916	Motor crashes into fence in darkness near Pennington station: Rawtenstall lady injured.
Sat 01 April 1916	Sudden death at Wigan of Mr. J. W. Polding (57), a director of the Leigh Hippodrome.
Sat 01 April 1916	Presentation by the Firs Mills workpeople, Leigh, to Mr. Alfred Thorp, on his leaving after 31 years' service, chiefly as manager.
Sun 02 April 1916	Death of Mr. John Ashworth (75), of Leigh, ex-manager of Pennington Mill.
Sun 02 April 1916	Brass tablet memorial to Dr. Sephton unveiled at Newchurch Church.
Mon 03 April 1916	Smallpox outbreak at Hindley Green and Atherton.
Mon 03 April 1916	Marriage at Malta of Captain J. Sackville Martin, R.A.M.C., to Miss Florence A. L. Gladstone, a relative of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone.
Tue 04 April 1916	War savings meeting at Leigh: Strong appeal by the Mayor.
Tue 04 April 1916	Death at Atherton of Mr. Wm. Clift (83), a mission worker.
Thu 06 April 1916	Twenty-one Leigh tradesmen and licensees summoned for breach of lighting regulations.
Thu 06 April 1916	Appeals at Liverpool by Leigh conscientious objectors dismissed.
Thu 06 April 1916	Dr. Jessel lectured at Leigh on the ravages of consumption.
Fri 07 April 1916	Mothers' Club at Atherton closed owing to smallpox outbreak.
Fri 07 April 1916	Catherine McDonough (17) died at Leigh Infirmary from burns.
Fri 07 April 1916	Edward Tonge (61), a Bolton painter, fell 28 feet at Firs Mills, Leigh, and sustained fatal injuries.

Sat 08 April 1916	Case of smallpox discovered at Leigh.
Sat 08 April 1916	Sudden death of Wm. Collier (78), retired Leigh overlooker.
Sat 08 April 1916	Tyldesley Labour Club annual tea party.
Mon 10 April 1916	Leigh Literary Society annual meeting: Mr. J. Pygott re-elected president.
Mon 10 April 1916	Mr. George Bradley, son of G. Bradley, schoolmaster, of Lowton, became manager of Ebbw Vale Iron and Steel Works.
Tue 11 April 1916	Leigh Grammar School Cadet Corps reviewed by Colonel Blagrove, C.B.
Wed 12 April 1916	Atherton war baby's death: Mother given the benefit of the doubt by the Coroner's jury.
Wed 12 April 1916	Leigh County Court: A clogger obtains damages, the result of a fight in a Leigh clog shop.
Thu 13 April 1916	Funeral of Miss Sarah Brown (73), oldest member of Atherton Baptist Church.
Thu 13 April 1916	Death of Mrs. Aldred (72), caretaker at Howebridge Church for 33 years.
Fri 14 April 1916	Leigh Labour Party at quarterly meeting discuss question of women workers.
Sat 15 April 1916	Marsh Gymnasium gymnastic display.
Mon 17 April 1916	Lowton Parish Council annual meeting: Mr. James Prescott re-elected chairman.
Wed 19 April 1916	Mr. J. Sargent appointed chairman of the Leigh Board of Guardians.
Thu 20 April 1916	Second-Lieut. Reuben Wright, of Leigh, gazetted full lieutenant.
Thu 20 April 1916	Leigh Rural District Council discuss Culcheth sewage scheme: Resolutions passed to dismiss the Surveyor.
Thu 20 April 1916	Full report of death of Pte. Paddy Carroll's (22), of Leigh, near Aldershot by being thrown from a motor-car appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 21 April 1916	Presentation to Mr. J. Harrison, secretary of the Atherton Liberal Club for 21 years.
Sat 22 April 1916	Anchor Cable Works new bowling green opened.
Mon 24 April 1916	John O. Valentine (15), of Astley, killed in the Gin Pit.
Tue 25 April 1916	Local vestry meetings.

Thu 27 April 1916	Presentation at Leigh to P.S. D. Clarke on retiring after 28 years' service.
Thu 27 April 1916	Death of Mr. T. Hampson (58), a noted Atherton Baptist.
Fri 28 April 1916	Leigh Rural District annual medical report appeared in the "Chronicle".
Sat 29 April 1916	Arthur Heywood (39), of Bolton, an ex-soldier, found drowned at Leigh
Sat 29 April 1916	Death of Mrs. John Hayes (91), of The Limes, Leigh, the oldest lady in Leigh.
Mon 01 May 1916	Mr. Ed. Williams, woodwork teacher at Leigh Technical School, commenced his new duties at Yeovil, under Somersetshire County Council.
Mon 01 May 1916	Presentations to Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., and Mrs. Raffan, on leaving Newbridge (Mon.) to go and reside in London.
Tue 02 May 1916	Meeting of the new Leigh Independent Labour Party (pacifists).
Wed 03 May 1916	Rev. W. Ira Brown, curate of Pennington Church, Leigh, married at Chapel-en-le-Frith to Miss Ruth Capper.
Thu 04 May 1916	Leigh Infirmary subscribers' annual meeting.
Sat 06 May 1916	Leigh Wesleyan Sunday School centenary celebrations commenced: £300 realised.
Sat 06 May 1916	Death in Canada of Mr. Thomas Rothwell, grandson of Mr. Halliwell, founded of the "Leigh Chronicle."
Tue 09 May 1916	Leigh Town Council rates reduced 4d in the £.
Tue 09 May 1916	Death of Mr. T. Prescott (67), milliner, of Leigh.
Fri 12 May 1916	Death of Mr. G. Brown (52), ex-chairman of the Tyldesley District Council, and ex-secretary of the Leigh Trades Council.
Sat 13 May 1916	Edward Bellis (58), of Atherton, killed at the Nook Pit, Astley.
Sun 14 May 1916	Bishop of Liverpool at Glazebury preached on "Self-Sacrifice."
Sun 14 May 1916	Stephen Latchford (4), of Westleigh, died from burns.
Mon 15 May 1916	Death of Mrs. Threlfall, wife of the manager of the Laburnum Spinning Co., and member of the Atherton Citizens' League.
Tue 16 May 1916	Pte. Paul S. Krieger (19), German 241st Reserve Infantry Regiment, died from illness at Leigh camp.
Thu 18 May 1916	Presentation at Atherton to the Rev. L. Argyle prior to going to Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Fri 19 May 1916	Sale of work at Twelve Apostles' School, Westleigh: £200 realised.
Sat 20 May 1916	Flower day for disabled soldiers and sailors: £400 realised.
Sun 21 May 1916	Memorial window to Dr. Richard Sephton dedicated at Newchurch Church.
Mon 22 May 1916	Leigh Liberal Association annual meeting.
Wed 24 May 1916	Empire Day celebrations at local schools.
Thu 25 May 1916	Death of Mr. Lawrence E. Whittaker (47), director of Gamble and Smith's mill, Leigh.
Fri 26 May 1916	Frederick G. Robbins, aged nearly three, killed by a tram-car in Leigh Market Place.
Mon 29 May 1916	Rev. R. M. Pope, of Kenwick, lectured at Bedford Wesleyan Church on "How the war will re-make England."
Mon 29 May 1916	Fire at Firs Mills: £300 damage.
Tue 30 May 1916	Death of Mr. J. Wilcock, an ex-Boothstown newsagent, a member of the Leigh Co-operative Committee.
Tue 30 May 1916	James Richie (12) fell dead in Platt-street, Leigh.
Wed 31 May 1916	Death of Mr. Wm. Burton (50), schoolmaster of Lowton Independent Methodist School for nearly 30 years.
Wed 31 May 1916	Greatest naval battle in history between the British and German Fleets in the North Sea.
Thu 01 June 1916	Lieut. and Quartermaster J. Barrow, of Culcheth, killed in action (first local officer to be killed).
Thu 01 June 1916	Rev. P. Dodd, curate of Leigh, left to take up his duties as Vicar of Birstwith, Yorkshire
Thu 01 June 1916	Death of Mr. B. Blakemore, an Atherton licensee.
Sat 03 June 1916	Astley Old folks' treat.
Sat 03 June 1916	Driver D. Holland, R.F.A., of Oak-street, Tyldesley, buried with military honours at Tyldesley Cemetery
Sat 03 June 1916	Flag day for army horses at Leigh: £140 collected during the street procession.
Sun 04 June 1916	Rev. S. C. Rutherford, of Kendal, commenced his duties as pastor of Tyldesley and Howebridge Congregational Churches.
Sun 04 June 1916	Motor car belonging to Mr. J. S. Darwell, of Leigh, collided with the Hon. J. E. Cross's motor car.

Mon 05 June 1916	Death of Mrs. S. Oldham (63), formerly of the Leigh Baths.
Tue 06 June 1916	Lord Kitchener drowned off the Orkneys.
Tue 06 June 1916	Presentation to the Rev. P. Dodd, curate of Leigh, on his departure for Yorkshire.
Wed 07 June 1916	Thomas Shovelton (58), farmer, of Leigh, found drowned.
Wed 07 June 1916	Death of Mr. E. Barnes, of Werneth, formerly manager of the Alder Mill, Leigh.
Wed 07 June 1916	Pte. J. Kennedy, R.F.A., of Oxford-street, Leigh, buried with military honours at Leigh.
Wed 07 June 1916	Meeting of Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley people convened by the Mayor decide to postpone the summer holidays until August.
Fri 09 June 1916	Photos of Leigh men who took part in the naval battle appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 09 June 1916	Exhibition of trenches in Heaton Park, Manchester, opened.
Sat 10 June 1916	Death of Mrs. T. Mather (29), wife of a Leigh assistant overseer.
Sun 11 June 1916	Matthew Boardman, an unemployed collier, found drowned at Leigh.
Sun 11 June 1916	Albert E. Owen (29), of Tyldesley, fatally injured in the Cleworth Hall Pit, Tyldesley.
Mon 12 June 1916	Leigh spinners decide to have summer holidays as usual.
Tue 13 June 1916	Special memorial service for Lord Kitchener held at Leigh Church.
Thu 15 June 1916	Death of Mr. Walter Bower (61), grocer, of Leigh.
Fri 16 June 1916	Death of Mr. James Latham (65), secretary of Atherton miners for 34 years.
Fri 16 June 1916	Atherton Church sale of work: £280 realised.
Sat 17 June 1916	W. H. Winstanley won the Leigh charity bowling handicap.
Sat 17 June 1916	Conference of Independent Methodist Churches in Leigh commenced.
Sat 17 June 1916	Death of Mr. D. Smith (60), spinner, and sidesman at Tyldesley Church.
Sat 17 June 1916	Lance-Corpl. M. S. France, D.C.M., had great welcome on returning home.

Sun 18 June 1916	Death of Mr. T. H. Halsall (59), a well known Leigh elocutionist.
Mon 19 June 1916	Independent Methodist Churches' conference at Leigh; Alderman Raffan, M.P., spoke.
Tue 20 June 1916	Independent Methodist conference at Leigh concluded.
Wed 21 June 1916	Seventh church choral festival held at Leigh Parish Church.
Wed 21 June 1916	Cafe chantant at Leigh cricket field for Queen Mary's Guild: £28 realised.
Thu 22 June 1916	Death of Mr. Simon Boydell (88), a great Lowton worthy.
Sat 24 June 1916	Conscientious objectors tried at Leigh Police Court.
Sun 25 June 1916	Portrait of the late Mr. T. Hampson unveiled at the Atherton Baptist School.
Sun 25 June 1916	Death of Mrs. Mather (89), of Tyldesley.
Sun 25 June 1916	Memorial service at Atherton Parish Church for the 16 lads who had been killed.
Mon 26 June 1916	Joseph Dickinson (7), of Leigh, drowned in the canal.
Wed 28 June 1916	Presentation to Mr. J. W. Cowburn after 30 years' service as organist at Leigh Congregational Church.
Thu 29 June 1916	Death of Mr. Timothy Walshaw (74), butcher, of Tyldesley.
Fri 30 June 1916	Photo of a diary that saved a Leigh soldier's life appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 30 June 1916	Local mills stopped until Monday week for the annual summer holidays.
Sat 01 July 1916	The Great British "Push" started in France: Lieut T. Kemp (27), of Leigh, killed.
Mon 03 July 1916	Death of Mr. T. Smith (87), of Tyldesley, sidesman at Tyldesley Church 22 years.
Tue 04 July 1916	Three Leigh cyclists climbed Snowdon by the famous Crib Goch ridge.
Wed 05 July 1916	Death of Mr. T. Bigland (65), ex-foreman of the "Leigh Chronicle" printing works.
Wed 05 July 1916	Funeral of Mr. Wm. Hollows (73), monumental mason, of Leigh.
Thu 06 July 1916	Military funeral of Gottlieb G. Nockziol (26), prisoner in Leigh Camp.

Thu 06 July 1916	Funeral at Lowton of Mr. J. M. Hurst (50), a famous ex-Leigh cyclist and a Buffalo.
Fri 07 July 1916	Cycling article on Leigh man lost on the Westmorland moors appeared in the "Chronicle."
Mon 10 July 1916	Leigh Town Council at special meeting elected a War Pensions Committee.
Mon 10 July 1916	Death of Mr. Wm. Houghton (74), of Firs, Leigh, superintendent of the Wigan-road U. M. School for 34 years.
Fri 14 July 1916	First article on "Notes on Old Leigh," by "T. B.," appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 14 July 1916	Photos of four Leigh D.C.M. winners and one Military Medal winner appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 14 July 1916	The famous gold snuffbox presented in 1825 to Mr. D. Hodgkinson, of Platt Fold, presented to the town of Leigh.
Sat 15 July 1916	Atherton united Nonconformist schools' procession.
Sun 16 July 1916	256 German prisoners arrived at Leigh at 1-30 a.m., and were marched to the Leigh Camp.
Thu 20 July 1916	Death of "Comical Chris" Matthews (54), a noted Tyldesley ventriloquist.
Fri 21 July 1916	Second article on old Leigh, by T. B., appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 22 July 1916	Leigh and District Cage Bird Society's show.
Sat 22 July 1916	Presentation to Mrs. Dr. Robertson by her Sunday school class at Leigh Wesleyan School.
Mon 24 July 1916	Pte. Michael Sheeley (47), of Leigh, who had been 22 years in the army, buried with military honours.
Tue 25 July 1916	Rev. F. H. Campion, rector of West Grinstead, Sussex, and chaplain at Suvla Bay, exchanges livings with Canon Irton Smith, vicar of Leigh.
Wed 26 July 1916	Leigh Union Assessment Committee made a presentation to their chairman, the Rev. J. A. M. Johnstone, after 10 years' service.
Wed 26 July 1916	Death of Mr. W. D. Stones (57), ex-headmaster of Tyldesley Primitive Methodist School.
Wed 26 July 1916	Death of Mr. Wm. Gore (68), grocer and butcher, of Plank-lane, ex member of Leigh Town Council.
Thu 27 July 1916	Presentation to the Rev. [B]. Crosby, of the Wigan-road U.M.C., after five years' service.
Fri 28 July 1916	News reached Leigh that Lieut. J. A. Caldwell was missing. Later news came that he was a prisoner in Germany.
Fri 28 July 1916	Article on the Hodgkinson family, by J. W., appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 28 July 1916	Article on Leigh Camp appeared. Leigh Division roll of honour (Leigh killed 209, Atherton killed 87, Tyldesley killed 57, Lowton, Culcheth and Glazebury 23) appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 28 July 1916	
Fri 28 July 1916	Third article on old Leigh inns, by T. B., appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 28 July 1916	Marriage of Mr. F. K. Holt, M.A., late of Astley, to Miss S. F. Flaxman, L.R.A.M., at Sheerness.
Sat 29 July 1916	Pte. A. Henney, of Leigh, buried at Leigh with military honours.
Sat 29 July 1916	Leigh Labour party's annual rally: Speech by Mr. J. E. Sutton, M.P.
Sat 29 July 1916	Baptist garden party at the Woodlands, Atherton.
Sun 30 July 1916	Memorial service at Leigh Parish Church for the 300 Leigh soldiers who have been killed in the war. The Mayor presented at St. Peter's Schools Royal Humane Society's certificates for saving life to James Leather and James Battersby, two of the scholars.
Tue 01 August 1916	
Wed 02 August 1916	Leigh Free Church first open-air carnival in Hand-lane.
Wed 02 August 1916	Funeral of Mr. Samuel Smith (89), a great Bedford Wesleyan worker.
Wed 02 August 1916	John Hilton (60), of Howebridge, killed in the pit.
Fri 04 August 1916	Meeting at Leigh and Tyldesley on the occasion of the second anniversary of the war.
Sat 05 August 1916	Death of Mr. Richard Wilson (80), a prominent Wesleyan, formerly a draper, of Leigh.
Sat 05 August 1916	Hindsford Co-operative gala. Mr. John Blane (72), oldest member of Leigh Cricket Club, won the Woolley silver bowling cup in the first handicap for the cup.
Sat 05 August 1916	Tyldesley Co-operative gala.
Mon 07 August 1916	Rev. H. Dunnico, secretary of the National Peace Negotiations Committee, addressed private meeting at the Friends' Meeting House, Leigh.
Tue 08 August 1916	Leigh Town Council at their quarterly meeting decide that bands playing in the park must pay.
Tue 08 August 1916	Great meeting at Atherton re. pensions: Mr. R. A. Burrows' scheme adopted.
Thu 10 August 1916	News reached Leigh that Lieut. J. R. Holden (32), of Leigh had been killed.

Thu 10 August 1916 Death at Alderley Edge of Miss Esther Clegg, formerly of Hindsford House.

Sun 13 August 1916 Rev. D. Solomon preached his farewell address at Leigh Wesleyan Church at the close of 50 years ministry, and prior to going to live at Stockport.

Tue 15 August 1916 Wm. Hodgkinson (12), a scavenger at Mather Lane Mill fatally injured.

Wed 16 August 1916 Death of Mr. Wilmot Halsall (44), wholesale bread baker and confectioner, of Atherton.

Thu 17 August 1916 Presentation at the Albion Ironworks to Mr. Jacob R. Holt on retiring after 34 years' service.

Sat 19 August 1916 Death of the Rev. F. W. Clayton (32), of Blackpool, son of the Rev. W. R. Clayton, ex-vicar of Howebridge.

Sat 19 August 1916 Death of Mr. Harry Swan (54), a well-known Leigh character, formerly an assistant schoolmaster.

Sat 19 August 1916 Death of Mr. T. Roberts (70), formerly of Astley.

Sun 20 August 1916 James Leytham, the famous Wigan footballer, drowned in Morecambe Bay with six others.

Sun 20 August 1916 Death of Mr. John Hilton (74), late of Windybank Farm, Leigh.

Mon 21 August 1916 Presentation to Miss Smith, sister of the Vicar of Leigh, on leaving for Sussex.

Tue 22 August 1916 Death near Warrington of Mr. Hy. Isherwood (51), a former Tyldesley reporter.

Wed 23 August 1916 Allies' fair on Leigh Cricket Club field: Over £500 realised to help local pension fund.

Wed 23 August 1916 Lieut. E. Kerfoot, of Leigh, gazetted captain.

Thu 24 August 1916 Death of Mrs. T. Dean, of the Avenue, Leigh.

Fri 25 August 1916 Second-Lieut. E. V. Speakman, son of Alderman H. Speakman, J.P., awarded the Military Cross.

Fri 25 August 1916 Railway smash between Leigh and Pennington: 18 coal wagons derailed; line blocked for 18 hours.

Sat 26 August 1916 Howebridge Congregational garden party at Parkfield.

Sat 26 August 1916 Plank-lane rose queen festival: £120 realised for wounded soldiers.

Sat 26 August 1916 Lowton annual flower show.

Sat 26 August 1916 Gala at Atherton Hall for Atherton war charities: £125 realised.

Sat 02 September 1916 J. Massey (141) and H. Anthony (151 not out) scored 280 runs for the first wicket against Flixton at Leigh, and broke previous cricketing records.

Mon 04 September 1916 Rev. J. Prestwich, the veteran Primitive Methodist, lectured at Leigh on "Queer folks I have met".

Tue 05 September 1916 Funeral at Padgate of Mr. G. Sudlow (65), an Atherton farmer.

Wed 06 September 1916 The Rev. S. C. Rutherford, of Kendal, new Congregational minister, welcomed at Tyldesley.

Thu 07 September 1916 Leigh tradesmen decide to go in for early closing and for a compulsory order.

Fri 08 September 1916 Harry Lowe (39), of Leigh, killed by fall of roof at Bedford Colliery.

Sat 09 September 1916 Leigh Angling Society won the Warrington Shield Competition at Stockton Heath.

Sat 09 September 1916 Presentation of illuminated address to Canon [Local September] holidays started, and lasted until Thursday morning.

Sat 16 September 1916 Canon Ir[ton]... finished his ministry at Leigh Church.

Sat 16 September 1916 Pte. Aaron Smith (25), 10th Lancashire Fusiliers, buried at Atherton, with military honours.

Mon 18 September 1916 Leigh local preachers form a Fraternal Society.

Tue 19 September 1916 Public welcome at Leigh to the Rev. J. England, of Accrington, new Wesleyan superintendant minister.

Fri 22 September 1916 Photo of Mr. J.W. Clegg, J.P., newly appointed County magistrate, appeared in the "Chronicle." Leigh Circuit Wesley Guild Council annual meeting.

Sat 23 September 1916 Death of Mr. Robert McGregor (78), ex-manager of the Albion Ironworks, Leigh.

Tue 26 September 1916 Messrs. C.R. Burton, of London and Mr. J.H. Hudson, M.A., Labour candidate for Eccles, addressed a "peace" meeting in Leigh Market Place. Death of Mr. G. Berry (71), ex-publican, of Leigh.

Wed 27 September 1916 Death of Mr. A.W. Cleworth (63), cabinet maker, of Leigh. Farewell to Mr. J. Scott Fox, K.C., judge, Leigh County Court, on leaving for the Wakefield Circuit. Marriage at Glazebrook of Mr. J. Hindley, J.P., to Miss Mary Bridge.

Fri 29 September 1916 Leigh Labour Party held public meeting to protest against war pensions.

Sat 30 September 1916 Sergt.-Major Quick, of Leigh, promoted lieutenant in Royal Defence Corps.

Sun 01 October 1916	Induction of the Rev. F.H. Campion as vicar of Leigh. Memorial service at Chowbent Chapel for the late Mr. Frank Eckersley, son of Mr. C. Eckersley, J.P., of Tyldesley.
Mon 02 October 1916	Mr. H. Wing, M.P., lectured at Leigh Literary Society on "Stirring Stories of the War."
Wed 04 October 1916	Leigh Guardians protest against pauperising insane soldiers.
Thu 05 October 1916	Alderman P.W. Raffan, M.P., and the Mayor explained war pensions at public meeting at the Co-operative Hall, Leigh.
Sat 07 October 1916	Mr. Josiah Nix, the noted missionary, commenced three days' mission at Bedford Wesleyan Church.
Sun 08 October 1916	Death of Dr. R.W. Pickup (36) of Leigh. John Middlehurst (64), of Tyldesley, died from injuries in the pit. Presentation to Nurse Annie Wood, health visitor for Leigh Corporation, on leaving for Westhoughton. Pte. Otto Gunther (21) of the 212th German Reserve Infantry Regiment, prisoner at Leigh Camp, buried with military honours at Leigh Cemetery.
Mon 09 October 1916	
Tue 10 October 1916	Tyldesley Schools swimming gala.
Wed 11 October 1916	Wm. Johnson, an ex-marine (62), buried with military honours at Tyldesley.
Thu 12 October 1916	Leigh Labour Club annual meeting.
Sat 14 October 1916	Funeral near Warrington, of Mr. R.B. Woods (72), the well-known Independent Methodist evangelist.
Sun 15 October 1916	Bishop Chavasse preached at Lowton St. Luke's Church on the National Mission.
Mon 16 October 1916	Funeral at Middlewich of Mr. W. Page (69), formerly headmaster of Lowton St Mary's Church Schools for 20 years. Presentation to Mr. W.E. Allan, after 25 years' service at the Leigh Co-operative Society, on leaving to become secretary of the Stafford Co-operative Society.
Tue 17 October 1916	Joseph B. Sofe (76), an Indian Mutiny veteran, buried with military honours at Leigh Cemetery.
Wed 18 October 1916	The new Leigh County Court Judge, Mr. B. Lailey, K.C., sat for the first time at Leigh.
Thu 19 October 1916	Tyldesley Parish Church House annual meeting.
Fri 20 October 1916	Formby Hall, Atherton, presented to the Atherton Council for public purposes by Mrs. Miles F. Burrows.
Sun 22 October 1916	Memorial service at Tyldesley Parish Church for over 80 fallen soldiers: Imposing procession.
Wed 25 October 1916	Leigh Catholic Association annual meeting. Leigh Liberal Club annual meeting. Death at Southport of Mrs T. E. Withington (84), of Culcheth Hall.

Fri 27 October 1916	Death at Prescot of Mr H. Brooks (56), an ex-Leigh cricketer and tenor singer.
Sun 29 October 1916	Westhoughton motor collided with fence near Pennington railway station. Death of Mr. John Higson (73), merchant of Atherton. Death at Glasgow Infirmary of Mr. T.A. Millington (44), a noted Leigh ironworker, Conservative and bowler.
Mon 30 October 1916	Leigh Rural Military Tribunal sat from 2.30 to 11.30pm
Tue 31 October 1916	Rev. T.C. Williams, the great Welsh preacher, preached at Leigh. Leigh Town Council quarterly meeting. Death of Mrs Ellen Baxter (92), Leigh's oldest lady.
Wed 01 November 1916	Second-Lieut. A.D. Bleakley, of Tyldesley, awarded the Military Cross.
Sat 04 November 1916	Death of Mr. Abel Charnock (59), ex-Leigh schoolmaster.
Sun 05 November 1916	Leigh Trades Council held protest meeting ... [Grand Cinema against]...
[...] November 1916	...[committee give...] Leigh for Belgian wounded soldiers. Thomas Birchall (59), of Leigh died from fall of roof in [mine].
[...] November 1916	Anchor Cable Works canteen opened. Sir F. Flannery, M.P., presiding: 1,100 workpeople entertained to tea, coffee and dance.
Wed 08 November 1916	Atherton Wesleyan bazaar.
Thu 09 November 1916	Councillor J. Ashworth re-elected Mayor of Leigh for the fourth time. News reached that Leigh that Captain Reuben Wright had been awarded the D.S.O.
Sun 12 November 1916	Mayor and Corporation attended Bedford Wesleyan Church.
Mon 13 November 1916	At special general meeting Tyldesley Cricket Club dissolved. Captain Davies, formerly of Tyldesley, awarded the Military Cross. Rev. W. Goudie, the brilliant missionary advocate, of London, spoke at Leigh.
Wed 15 November 1916	Atherton Guild of Help annual meeting.
Thu 16 November 1916	Death of Mr. E.V. Roberts (61), a Leigh photographer.
Fri 17 November 1916	Local police raided billiard halls at Leigh and Atherton for recruits. Mr W.T. Thornley lectured to Leigh farmers on food prices from the farmers' point of view.
Sat 18 November 1916	Pte. T. McCabe (Shropshire Regiment), aged 55, of Leigh camp, buried at Leigh with military honours. Manchester R.F.A. band headed the procession. Presentations to Mr. T. Lowe, secretary of the Leigh Engineers, and his wife.
Tue 21 November 1916	Death of Mr. John Stringer (63), a Leigh local preacher for 40 years.

Wed 22 November 1916 Lieut. H.G. Holt, of Astley, awarded the son [(60)], noted Atherton Wesleyan. Death of Putney of Mrs. Ralph Fletcher (86), formerly of Atherton and step-mother of the late Mr Ralph Fletcher, J.P.

Thu 23 November 1916 Tradesmen's Association for Leigh (dry goods trade) formed.
Leigh Cage Birds Society's annual show. Tyldesley and District Feather Society's annual show.

Sat 25 November 1916 Presentation at Cardiff by Land Values League to Alderman P.W. Raffan, M.P.

Tue 28 November 1916 Presentation to the Rev. W.H. Bass at Atherton on going out to the front.

Wed 29 November 1916 Death of Mr. H. Duddle (74), grocery manager for Leigh Co-operative Society for 27 years.

Fri 01 December 1916 Mr. Frank Cox (28), of Leigh, died from injuries in the pit.

Sat 02 December 1916 Pte. T. Grundy (19), 18th Manchesters, of Tyldesley, buried at Tyldesley with military honours. Leigh Fur and Feather Society's annual show.

Wed 06 December 1916 Death at Leigh of Sergt-Major J. Foster (52), R.S.P.C.C. inspector at Leigh.

Thu 07 December 1916 Mr. Ellis Jones (25), of Howebridge, died from injuries in the pit.

Fri 08 December 1916 Atherton 19 months old child fatally injured by tram-car.
Presentation, after 25 years' service, to Mr. James Bulcock, headmaster of St. Peter's Schools, Leigh. Death of Mr. John Blane (72), a Leigh Builder and bowler. South Lancashire Tramways Co. open new turbine.

Sat 09 December 1916

Sun 10 December 1916 The Mayor unveiled roll of honour at Leigh Independent Methodist Church.

Tue 12 December 1916 Jubilee presentations at Westleigh to the Rev. Father Dobson.

Wed 13 December 1916 Rev. F.A. Bullock concluded his series of war lectures at Leigh Unitarian Church.

Thu 14 December 1916 Death at Birmingham of Mr. Isaac Matts (86), one of the founders of the Tyldesley Liberal Club.

Fri 15 December 1916 Golden wedding celebration at Tyldesley of Mr. and Mrs. John Edge, formerly of Boothstown.

Sat 16 December 1916 Worst fog for 60 years prevailed in the Leigh district and throughout the country, and lasted from Friday night to Sunday afternoon: Many accidents caused.

Sun 17 December 1916 Alder House, Atherton, purchased by Messrs. Fletcher, burrows and Co., Ltd., for public purposes.

Mon 18 December 1916 Return railway fares at Leigh and other places increased to double the single fares.

Wed 20 December 1916 Lieut. E.V. Speakman, of Leigh, received Military Cross from the King at Buckingham Palace. Pound Day at Leigh for sailors and prisoners of war: £75 realised.

Thu 21 December 1916 Death of Mrs. Nancy Kay (83), cab proprietor, of Leigh.

Fri 22 December 1916 Death of Mr. Leonard R. Fletcher (44) colliery proprietor, Orchard-lane, Leigh.

Sun 24 December 1916 Funeral at Atherton Cemetery of Mr. L.R. Fletcher.

Tue 26 December 1916 Three Leigh boys drowned in ice accident near Firs Mills.

Suicides and Police Court Cases are purposely left out of this record.-Ed.