

Diary of Local Events 1917

Date	Event
Mon 01 January 1917	Presentations at Leigh Labour Club to Councillor J. L. Prescott and Lance-Corporal Hodson.
Mon 01 January 1917	Mrs. Sarah Arnold (52), a Leigh widow, killed by falling downstairs.
Wed 03 January 1917	Leigh Allotments Committee hold their first meeting.
Thu 04 January 1917	Death at Southport of Mr. Atherton Johnson (46), formerly leather currier, of Leigh.
Sat 06 January 1917	Death of Mr. H. [W]oodward (48), saddler and tenor vocalist, of Leigh.
Sun 07 January 1917	Presentation by Tyldesley Church people to Mr. H. A. Wallwork, after 25 years' service in the Sunday School.
Sun 07 January 1917	Howebridge Church-people decide to start a memorial to the late Mr. L. R. Fletcher.
Wed 10 January 1917	Induction of the Rev. F. A. Bullock, Leigh Unitarian minister.
Wed 10 January 1917	"Casey" gave lecture-recital to Leigh Socialists at Co-operative Hall.
Sat 13 January 1917	Mr. T. Prescott elected president of Leigh Co-operative Society.
Sat 13 January 1917	Funeral of Mr. R. A. Balshaw (53), joiner and builder, of Leigh and Lowton.
Sat 13 January 1917	Alder House opened as headquarters of the Atherton Volunteers.
Mon 15 January 1917	Leigh Labour Party annual meeting.
Tue 16 January 1917	Report of Inspection Committee presented to Leigh Borough Allotments Committee.
Fri 19 January 1917	Death of Mr. John Gerrard (84), blacksmith, of Bedford.
Fri 19 January 1917	Presentation to Mr. W. Bibby, lay helper at St. Peter's for 14 years, on his leaving the district.
Sat 20 January 1917	Formation of Angling Association for Leigh district.

Mon 22 January 1917	Conference at Leigh Town Hall on War Saving; Certificates taken out at Leigh.
Mon 22 January 1917	Presentation of Royal Humane Society's certificate to Mr. John Shaw, of Astley, for saving life.
Thu 25 January 1917	Death of Mr. Robert Leather (87), a founder of Leigh Liberal Club, ex-president of Leigh Co-operative Society, &c.
Thu 25 January 1917	Rev. J. Davidson appointed president of the Leigh Free Church Council.
Sat 27 January 1917	Death of Mr. G. Hindley (77), road inspector for Leigh Corporation for 30 years, and a founder of Leigh Independent Methodist Church.
Mon 29 January 1917	Death at Tunbridge Wells of Mr. Alfred R. Thorp (78), cotton spinner, of Leigh, late of Hindley Green.
Mon 29 January 1917	Leigh Wesley Guild annual festival: Rev. H. Dawson, of Leicester, spoke.
Wed 31 January 1917	Fire in Brackley-street, Leigh: £60 damages; Mayor raised relief for the sufferers.
Wed 31 January 1917	Old folks' treat at Westleigh.
Fri 02 February 1917	The "Chronicle" reduced to four pages and to a 1/2d. owing to Government paper restrictions.
Sun 04 February 1917	Marble tablet to Pte. F. S. Prescott, of Leigh and Boothstow, dedicated in Mosley Common Church.
Mon 05 February 1917	Leigh Friendly Co-operative Society annual meeting.
Wed 07 February 1917	Death of Mr. Solomon Parr (79), "Blind Solomon," a noted Bedford Wesleyan worker.
Thu 08 February 1917	Leigh Ambulance Brigade made presentation to Dr. Beckett.
Mon 12 February 1917	Atherton Liberals make presentation to Mr. J. Hadfield on his leaving the district.
Tue 13 February 1917	Pte. J. Singleton, D.C.M., and Lance-Corpl. G. Russell, M.M., presented by the Mayor with framed illuminated address and £10 each.
Wed 14 February 1917	Rev. W. Younger, of Harrogate, spoke at Leigh Free Church Council annual demonstration.
Sat 17 February 1917	Edward Cox, a Leigh night watchman, died from burns.
Wed 21 February 1917	Mrs. Mary Evans (88), oldest Leigh, weaver, died.
Wed 21 February 1917	Death from fall in the mill of Ann Prescott (19), a Leigh tenter.
Thu 22 February 1917	Death of Mr. Albert Cross (41), clerk at the Albion, Leigh.

Thu 22 February 1917	Presentation to Miss Williams, headmistress of Leigh Council infant school, by teachers and children, on leaving to be married.
Fri 23 February 1917	Leigh subscribed £585,000 to the War Loan Career of Inspector Callard appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 23 February 1917	Death of Mrs. W. Starkie (78), noted a worker at the Wigan Road U.M.C.
Sat 24 February 1917	Leigh Oddfellows made present to Bro. A. Westwell for 20 years' services.
Sun 25 February 1917	Bishop of Manchester held confirmation at Leigh.
Sun 25 February 1917	Death in Southport of Mr. John Cook (76) stationmaster at Leigh for 24 years.
Tue 27 February 1917	Inspector G. Callard, of Leigh, on retiring from the police force after 42 years' service, presented with a clock by the force.
Wed 28 February 1917	Presentation to Mr. T. Tickle by Leigh Druids, for 16 years work as secretary.
Wed 28 February 1917	£100 given to Inspector Calland, of Leigh, by the citizens, on his retirement.
Thu 01 March 1917	Joseph Sankey, licensee of the Woolpack Inn, Leigh, fined £5 for supplying liquor during prohibited hours.
Sat 03 March 1917	Church workers in Leigh district held conference at Howebridge.
Sat 03 March 1917	Leigh Engineers' Conference first annual ball: Speech by Councillor J. Williams, of Crewe.
Tue 06 March 1917	Leigh Allotment Committee report that over 250 allotments have been taken.
Wed 07 March 1917	Leigh Grocers' Association annual meeting.
Thu 08 March 1917	Death of Mrs. Rowntree (75), a prominent Tyldesley Wesleyan worker.
Fri 09 March 1917	Newchurch people decide to promote a memorial to the late Squire Withington.
Mon 12 March 1917	Leigh Farmers' Association annual meeting: Mr. T. D. Harrison, J.P., re-elected president.
Tue 13 March 1917	Dr. Butterworth, new County Medical Officer, lectured at Leigh on "Venereal Diseases."
Wed 14 March 1917	P. S. Johnstone, of Denton, made inspector and transferred to Atherton.
Wed 14 March 1917	Atherton Combined Choirs give their first concert at Formby Hall.
Wed 14 March 1917	Funeral of Mrs. W. Caldwell (71), of Vicarage Square, Leigh.

Thu 15 March 1917	A Leigh potato dealer fined for selling above maximum price.
Fri 16 March 1917	Jubilee of Brookside mill, Leigh, of Messrs. Gamble and Smith.
Fri 16 March 1917	Death of Mr. Francis Hunter (65), a great Leigh temperance worker.
Fri 16 March 1917	Leigh Tradesmen's Association inaugurate a shopping week for Leigh.
Fri 16 March 1917	Public meeting at Leigh re national service.
Sat 17 March 1917	Leigh chip potato shops close through shortage of potatoes.
Tue 20 March 1917	Bedford Church, the winners of the local League Shield and Billiard Cup, defeat the Rest of the League.
Wed 21 March 1917	Funeral at Lowton, of Mr. Simeon Talbot, a well-known joiner and member of Leigh Co-operative Committee.
Thu 22 March 1917	Leigh picture palace directors fined for allowing the gangway to be obstructed.
Fri 23 March 1917	Inquest re. murdered child found on dirt heap behind St. Peter's Vicarage, Leigh.
Sat 24 March 1917	Mr. J. Booth, stationmaster at Leigh, retired on pension, after 47 years with L. and N. W. Rly. Co.
Sat 24 March 1917	Death of Councillor F. Pickett (62), of Leigh
Sun 25 March 1917	Prohibition meeting at Leigh Wesleyan Church convened by the Free Church Council.
Sun 25 March 1917	Death of Mrs. Moses Prestwich (76), of Atherton.
Mon 26 March 1917	Lowton ratepayers' annual meeting.
Wed 28 March 1917	Four days' Bedford Wesleyan bazaar opened: £481 realised.
Thu 29 March 1917	Leigh Cricket Club annual meeting.
Sun 01 April 1917	Death of Mr. Anthony J. Merga (77), a noted Atherton character.
Mon 02 April 1917	Price of potatoes officially raised to 1 3/4d. per lb.
Mon 02 April 1917	Leigh Literary Society annual meeting: All the officials re-elected.
Tue 03 April 1917	The Mayor appointed National Service Sub-Commissioning.

Wed 04 April 1917 Marriage at Leigh of Miss Williams, Leigh Council infant mistress, to Mr. S. Metcalf, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Wed 04 April 1917 Military funeral at Leigh of E. W. Lundy (43), bandmaster of Leigh Ex-Naval and Military Band, in 18th Hussars 19 years.

Fri 06 April 1917 Bishop of Manchester dedicated a cross and a mural tablet to the late Mr. Ralph Fletcher, J.P., at Howebridge Church.

Tue 10 April 1917 Easter vestry meetings held.

Tue 10 April 1917 Leigh Infirmary subscribers decide to open the radiological department to private patients.

Tue 10 April 1917 Public meeting at Leigh re. the food supply.

Wed 11 April 1917 Rev. Wm. Unsworth (87), Wesleyan minister, a native of Leigh, died at Derby.

Sat 14 April 1917 Fine art needlework exhibition at Tyldesley Church House.

Mon 16 April 1917 Mr. R. J. Forbes, late of Leigh, began his duties as conductor to the O'Mara Opera Co. at Nottingham.

Mon 16 April 1917 Astley Parish Council annual meeting.

Mon 16 April 1917 Lowton Parish Council annual meeting.

Mon 16 April 1917 Archdeacon Lloyd, of Canada, spoke at a liquor prohibition meeting at Bedford Wesleyan Church.

Wed 18 April 1917 John Gordon (72), lodging-house deputy, found drowned at Leigh.

Wed 18 April 1917 Death of Mr. Herbert Tyldesley (39), a Tyldesley Council clerk and Tyldesley Chapel chorister.

Thu 19 April 1917 Mr. J. Clare appointed chairman of the Leigh Rural District Council.

Thu 19 April 1917 Licensee of Live-and-Let-Live, Leigh, fined for supplying drink during prohibited hours.

Fri 20 April 1917 Richard Pendlebury (64), of Leigh, fatally injured in cage accident at Westleigh Collieries.

Fri 20 April 1917 Two days Catholic bazaar opened at Plank Lane: £300 realised.

Sat 21 April 1917 £125 realised for Tyldesley war comforts.

Sat 21 April 1917 Presentation to Mr. W. Hayes, foreman dyer at Glazebury mill, on retiring after 40 years service.

Mon 23 April 1917 Oak panelling to the late Pte. C. H. T. Guest placed in Lowton Parish Church.

Mon 23 April 1917	Death of Mr. W. Caldwell (74), manager of Jones Bros.' mills for 25 years, and a mill worker for 60 years.
Tue 24 April 1917	Blind and crippled girls' six days' artificial flowers exhibition at Leigh Co-operative Hall opened.
Wed 25 April 1917	Robert Robinson (42), a drayman, of Glazebury, died from injuries through his dray colliding with a tram-car near Knott's mill.
Thu 26 April 1917	Wm. Whiteside (53), a Leigh dataller, killed at an Astley pit.
Fri 27 April 1917	Alderman Raffan, M.P., addressed food campaign meeting at Atherton.
Sat 28 April 1917	Annual gymnastic display at Leigh.
Sat 28 April 1917	Unique event at Leigh Oddfellows meeting: A Past Grand Master initiates his grandson.
Mon 30 April 1917	Presentation by Leigh police to P.S. Rawlinson on retiring from the police force after 27 years' service.
Tue 01 May 1917	Rev. F. H. Adames, of Atherton, accepted the living of Newton-with Haceby, in Lincolnshire.
Tue 01 May 1917	Rev. S. E. Dymott, vicar of Glazebury, appointed hon. Canon of Liverpool Diocese.
Fri 04 May 1917	Theresan Cupitt (6), of Lowton, accidentally drowned.
Fri 04 May 1917	Archdeacon Aspinall gave the annual charge at Leigh to local wardens and sidesmen.
Sat 05 May 1917	Death of Mr. J. W. Burnell (53), foreign correspondent at the Albion Ironworks for 30 years.
Sat 05 May 1917	Frank Grundy, the Leigh three-quarter, broke his left arm in the pit.
Sun 06 May 1917	Death of Mr. T. Smith (72), farmer, of Platt Fold, Leigh.
Sun 06 May 1917	Bishop Welldon preached at Atherton.
Mon 07 May 1917	Leigh building workers' wages largely increased.
Tue 08 May 1917	Leigh engineers went on strike.
Tue 08 May 1917	Leigh Town Council raise electricity price 15 per cent.
Tue 08 May 1917	Discussion on the Fire Superintendent.
Tue 08 May 1917	A pike 31 inches long and 11 1/2 inches girth caught in Plank Lane Flash.

Wed 09 May 1917 Mr. C. Rawle (57), for 34 years traveller for Leigh Brewery, found drowned at Newburgh.

Wed 09 May 1917 Presentation of M.M. and D.C.M. medals to widow of Sergt. J. L. Worthington at Tyldesley.

Thu 10 May 1917 Mr. A. Parsons, K.C., appointed County Court judge for Leigh.

Sat 12 May 1917 James Beswick, of Tyldesley, killed by pit fall of roof.

Sun 13 May 1917 Death of Mr. G. Vernon (43), a Leigh chemist.

Tue 15 May 1917 Councillor T. G. Dobb, J.P., re-elected chairman of the Leigh Joint Hospital Board.

Thu 17 May 1917 Presentation at Eccles to Mr. J. Booth, late stationmaster at Leigh, after 43 years' service with the L. and N. W. Rly. Co.

Thu 17 May 1917 Disappointing public meeting to revive the Volunteer movement in Leigh.

Fri 18 May 1917 Death at Southport of Mr. J. S. Burrows, J.P. (62), colliery and mill proprietor.

Sun 20 May 1917 The Mayor attended intercession service at Leigh Church after imposing procession.

Sun 20 May 1917 Rev. Dr. Whiteside, R.C. Bishop of Liverpool, visited Leigh.

Tue 22 May 1917 Wm. J. Brazier (33), a Leigh collier, killed by fall of roof in Astley pit.

Wed 23 May 1917 The new County Court judge, Mr. A. Parsons, K.C., welcomed at Leigh.

Thu 24 May 1917 Empire Day celebrated in the various local schools.

Thu 24 May 1917 Public meeting re Women Wanted for the land.

Thu 24 May 1917 Leigh and District Boy Scouts inspected at the Grammar School field by Colonel Blagrove, C.B.

Fri 25 May 1917 Death of Mr. Robert Starkie (70), well-known Leigh furniture dealer

Sat 26 May 1917 Bro. Wallace Smith, Grand Master of Oddfellows, visited Leigh.

Tue 29 May 1917 Funeral of Mrs. Fred Broadhurst, of Newchurch, just a week after the death of her husband.

Thu 31 May 1917 National baby campaign opened by the Mayor and Dr. Webb.

Sat 02 June 1917 Death of Mr. Ralph Rates (44), pork butcher, of Leigh.

Sat 02 June 1917	Sixth Leigh charity bowling tournament commenced: 512 entries.
Sat 02 June 1917	Astley old folks' treat.
Mon 04 June 1917	Tyldesley potato dealer heavily fined for imposing a condition when selling potatoes.
Tue 05 June 1917	Henry Greenhalgh (17), of Westhoughton, electrician at Laburnum mill, Atherton, killed mysteriously.
Thu 07 June 1917	Rev. S. E. Dymott, vicar of Glazebury, installed hon. canon at Liverpool Cathedral.
Thu 07 June 1917	A war museum for Leigh decided upon at public meeting.
Tue 12 June 1917	Tyldesley Military Tribunal go on strike.
Tue 12 June 1917	Presentation to Mr. Roger Grimshaw on his retiring from being secretary to the Leigh and District Farmers' Association.
Tue 12 June 1917	Albert Hitchmough (2), of Leigh, died of scalds.
Thu 14 June 1917	Leigh Infirmary annual meeting.
Sat 16 June 1917	Garden party at Leigh Vicarage: £53 raised.
Sat 16 June 1917	Wilfrid Jones (3), of Culcheth, died from burns.
Sat 16 June 1917	Leigh charity tournament won by J. Collier, of the King's Head Club, Leigh.
Thu 21 June 1917	The wife of the Rev. W. Cooper (42) died through being knocked down by a motor on Sunday, June 10th, near the Leigh Primitive Methodist Chapel.
Thu 21 June 1917	Mary Hitchmough (11) drowned in Victoria mills lodge, Leigh.
Fri 22 June 1917	Striking sermon by Canon Dymott, of Glazebury, on "Why God does not Stop the War," published in the "Chronicle."
Sat 23 June 1917	Lowton St. Mary's garden party: £19 realised.
Sat 23 June 1917	Egg show at Atherton.
Thu 28 June 1917	At a public meeting called by requisition at Leigh Town Hall to consider the drink question a resolution was carried to prohibit the manufacture and sale of strong drink during the war.
Fri 29 June 1917	John Unsworth (3), of Leigh, killed by a steam motor.

Sat 30 June 1917	W. Brooks (Bedford Conservatives) won the Leigh section of the Lancashire Individual Merit bowling competition.
Sun 01 July 1917	Leigh electricity charges increased 15 per cent.
Tue 03 July 1917	Three Atherton youths sent to the Assizes for perjury.
Sat 07 July 1917	Carnival at Tyldesley: £56 realised.
Sat 07 July 1917	Leigh and District holidays commenced.
Wed 11 July 1917	Parliamentary Boundary Commission: Tyldesley expressed desire to remain in Leigh Division.
Wed 11 July 1917	Nicholas de Braunstein (17), a 6 ft. Russian mechanic, buried at Lowton.
Thu 12 July 1917	Death of Mr. Wm. Heaton (45), watchmaker and famous motor racing cyclist, of Atherton.
Fri 13 July 1917	Parliamentary Boundary Commission sat at Liverpool: Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley to form the Leigh Parliamentary Borough.
Sat 14 July 1917	Glazebury Brass Band won third prize at Belle Vue contest.
Mon 16 July 1917	Mills resumed work after nine days' summer holiday.
Mon 16 July 1917	Charles Mercer (18), of Tyldesley, killed by a fall of roof in a Tyldesley pit.
Mon 16 July 1917	Astley and Tyldesley Colliery Co. fined maximum for selling milk deficient in cream.
Mon 16 July 1917	Leigh Cricket Club new groundsman commenced his duties.
Mon 16 July 1917	Annual meeting of the Leigh branch of the N.S.P.C.C.
Tue 17 July 1917	Miss Wild, of Manchester, gave demonstrations at Leigh on bottling fruit without sugar.
Wed 18 July 1917	Mr. T. Smith, of Leigh, accepted position of Mathematical Master at Manchester Grammar School.
Wed 18 July 1917	Presentation to the Rev. W. Cooper on his leaving Leigh after four years' ministry.
Thu 19 July 1917	Death of Mr. T. Burton, of Boothstown, formerly of West Africa.
Thu 19 July 1917	A Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association formed at Leigh.
Fri 20 July 1917	Article on "Thoughts in a French village," by a Leigh officer, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Sat 21 July 1917	Death of Mr. Joseph Lomas (56), chief warehouseman at Brookside mill, Leigh.
Sat 21 July 1917	Atherton schools have field days, but no procession.
Sat 21 July 1917	Plank Lane rose queen festival: £140 realised..
Sun 22 July 1917	Death at Blackpool of Mrs. Emmanuel Shovelton (65), of Leigh.
Tue 24 July 1917	Death of Dr. Greenhalgh (66), of Atherton.
Tue 24 July 1917	Farm fire at Astley: £130 damages.
Tue 24 July 1917	Kenyon Hall College annual prize distribution.
Wed 25 July 1917	Judgement given at Leigh County Court against a gamekeeper for shooting a dog whilst chasing a hare: A great test case.
Wed 25 July 1917	£100 raised by bowling match on Leigh cricket ground between Police and Special Constables v. Magistrates and Gentlemen.
Thu 26 July 1917	Meeting of the Leigh Women for Moral Welfare.
Thu 26 July 1917	Death of Mr. T. Grundy, of Leigh, a well-known mining official.
Thu 26 July 1917	Death at Blackpool of Mrs. Joseph Lythgoe (44), of Morley's Hall Farm, Astley.
Sat 28 July 1917	St. Paul's Ward Allotments prizes given.
Sat 28 July 1917	Mrs. J. Nield (43) and Mrs. W. Andrews (46), of Culcheth, killed at Broseley Lane level railway crossing at Kenyon.
Sun 29 July 1917	Samuel Hague (30), of Leigh, died through being injured in the pit eight years ago. He had not worked since.
Fri 03 August 1917	List of killed in Leigh Division during the three years of the war appeared in the "Chronicle": 750 killed.
Sat 04 August 1917	Leigh and District Angling Association first annual championship contest.
Sat 04 August 1917	War anniversary meeting at Leigh: The Mayor, the Rev. F. H. Campion and the Rev. J. England spoke.
Sat 04 August 1917	Leigh Cage Bird Society's annual show.
Sun 05 August 1917	Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald, S.J., new rector of St. Joseph's, Leigh, late of Grahamstown, South Africa, commenced his duties.
Sun 05 August 1917	Memorial service for Leigh heroes at Leigh Parish Church attended by Mayor and Corporation.

Tue 07 August 1917	Death at Lytham of P.S. Wm. Bent, late of Leigh.
Tue 07 August 1917	Leigh Town Council: Messrs. W. Crusham (C) and J. Collier (Soc.) elected members; Presentation of £10 and medal to the relatives of Sergt. M. Vincent, D.C.M. (killed), Corpl. J. Seddon (killed), M. M.
Tue 07 August 1917	Summer fair on Leigh cricket ground: £430 raised, despite wet weather.
Thu 09 August 1917	Death of Mrs. Wright Hill, a Bedford Wesleyan worker.
Fri 10 August 1917	Experiences of Leigh lady in the Russian revolution appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 10 August 1917	Result of judging of the Leigh allotments appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 11 August 1917	Atherton Coffee Pot given to the Y.M.C.A.
Sat 11 August 1917	Harold Jones (19 months) drowned at Lowton.
Mon 13 August 1917	Meetings to promote Christian social reconstruction held at Leigh.
Thu 16 August 1917	Anchor Cable Works Hospital and Distress Fund annual meeting.
Fri 17 August 1917	Captain Reuben Wright, D.S.O., died of wounds in France.
Sat 18 August 1917	Messrs. Jones Bros. presented Mr. Wright Hill (71), after 61 years' service, with 10s. 6d. for each year, and Mr. P. Ratcliffe, inside manager, with £105.
Sat 18 August 1917	Lord Leverhulme, the High Sheriff, opened Old English Fair in the grounds of the Firs, Leigh: £150 realised.
Sat 18 August 1917	Charity Bowling match on the Anchor Cable green for blinded soldiers: £26 raised.
Sun 19 August 1917	Leigh Labour Party hold peace meeting at Leigh Co-operative Hall.
Sun 19 August 1917	Rev. S. G. Delafield, new Leigh Primitive Methodist Circuit minister, late chaplain in Mesopotamia, began his duties.
Wed 22 August 1917	Presentation by Leigh Parish Church Mothers' Meeting to Mrs. Harold Thorp on her leaving the district.
Thu 23 August 1917	Leigh Christian Social Service League formed: Rev. J. Davidson appointed chairman.
Sat 25 August 1917	St. John Ambulance parade at Leigh.
Sat 25 August 1917	Atherton Horticultural Society's annual show.

Sat 25 August 1917	Tyldesley Boy Scouts' rally and tournament.
Sat 25 August 1917	Lowton, Kenyon and Culcheth Horticultural Society's annual show.
Sun 26 August 1917	Edward Fearick (43), of Tyldesley, died through falling from a ladder.
Wed 29 August 1917	First Baby Day at Leigh: Great demonstration in Leigh Park.
Wed 29 August 1917	Leigh and District Association Football League formed.
Wed 29 August 1917	The Mayor appointed chairman of the Leigh Food Control Committee.
Thu 30 August 1917	Burglary at a Leigh jeweller's shop: Policeman chases bicycle-mounted burglar.
Fri 31 August 1917	List of 10 soldiers killed out of 19 from Jury-street appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 31 August 1917	Mr. Harry Twist, J.P., invited as Parliamentary Labour candidate for Leigh.
Fri 31 August 1917	"Gie me mi Clogs," a Lancashire dialect poem, by a Leigh soldier, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 01 September 1917	Atherton, Westleigh and Tyldesley Allotments first annual shows.
Sat 01 September 1917	Glazebury Band, at Belle Vue, won the fourth prize (£10) in competition with the big northern bands.
Sat 01 September 1917	Howebridge Cotton Spinning gala and sports.
Sat 01 September 1917	Presentation by Leigh munition workers to the Rev. E. W. W. Kaye, of Newchurch.
Sun 02 September 1917	Sudden death of Mr. Harry Sims, B.A. (43), headmaster of Leigh Council School.
Sun 02 September 1917	Presentations for 60 years' service as Sunday school workers to Messrs. W. Lythgoe and J. Grundy, of Astley.
Mon 03 September 1917	Leigh Rural Food Control Committee fix prices of meat.
Mon 03 September 1917	Leigh master painters give their men 1 1/2d. an hour advance.
Mon 03 September 1917	Death at Southport of Mr. John Middleton (80), late cab proprietor, of Leigh.
Mon 03 September 1917	Lieut. R. L. Clegg (30), R.F.C., of Tyldesley, killed in France.
Tue 04 September 1917	Presentations to Miss Luck, headmistress of Sacred Heart School, on leaving Leigh for Hove.

Wed 05 September 1917	The King presented Co.-Sergt.-Major Lever, K.P.R., of Leigh with Military Cross.
Thu 06 September 1917	Lieut. J. K. Hunter (26), R.E., of Leigh, killed in France.
Fri 07 September 1917	James Unsworth, a notorious criminal, committed at Leigh for trial for burglary: He got 12 months at the ensuing Assizes.
Sat 08 September 1917	Leigh Church Boys' Brigade camped out at Atherton Wood for four days.
Tue 11 September 1917	St. Joseph's congregation presented clock to Driver E. Costillow, R.F.A., for winning the Military Medal.
Thu 13 September 1917	Professor W. Stirling gave the first of six Combe Trust health lectures at Leigh.
Fri 14 September 1917	The Mayor's article on "Sugar Distribution Scheme" appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 22 September 1917	Thomas Wright (35), of Leigh, fatally injured in the pit.
Sun 23 September 1917	Death of Mr. J. Potter (63), a well-known Tyldesley tradesman.
Mon 24 September 1917	Death in Chester Infirmary of Mr. James Wilkinson (45), a noted Leigh vocalist and picture hall proprietor.
Thu 27 September 1917	A Manchester boat boy, aged 16, sent to gaol for a month for giving cigarettes to German prisoner at Leigh.
Thu 27 September 1917	Gunner Paddy O'Neill (35), the famous Leigh footballer, killed in France.
Thu 27 September 1917	James Rogers (25), of Tyldesley, fatally injured in a Mosley Common pit.
Fri 28 September 1917	Will of Mr. J. S. Burrows, J.P., appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 28 September 1917	Experiences of a Leigh prisoner of war in Germany for two years appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 28 September 1917	Bishop Welldon spoke on "Purity" at Atherton.
Fri 28 September 1917	Presentation by Tyldesley Catholics to Sergt.-Major Fleming for winning the D.C.M.
Sat 29 September 1917	Leigh and district trade union printers receive further war bonus of 6s. 6d., making 12s. 6d. since the war began.
Sat 29 September 1917	Tyldesley Wakes.
Sun 30 September 1917	Rev. V. Pugh, Tyldesley Welsh Baptists, bids farewell prior to going to South Wales.
Sun 30 September 1917	Death of Mr. James Fullerton (71), of Leigh, formerly schoolmaster at Seacombe for 42 years.

Wed 03 October 1917 Leigh Guardians discuss milk charges.

Thu 04 October 1917 Christian Social reconstruction meeting at Co-operative Hall, Leigh.

Sat 06 October 1917 Lieut. H. G. Holt, M.C. (R.F.C.), of Astley, killed in France.

Sun 07 October 1917 Rev. F. Knattrees, of London, the new curate of St. Peters, Leigh, commenced his duties.

Mon 08 October 1917 Food prosecutions at Leigh: Cases occupied until 5-30.

Tue 09 October 1917 Death of Mr. John Walshaw (70), for 46 years manager of the Astley and Tyldesley Collieries.

Tue 09 October 1917 Captain A. D. Bleakley, M.C., of Tyldesley, married to Miss Ida Barnes, of Lowton.

Wed 10 October 1917 Leigh District Cotton Control Board formed.

Fri 12 October 1917 Article on "Education of Canal-boat and Caravan Children," by Mr. F. W. Barnes, appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 12 October 1917 Two German prisoners escaped from Leigh Camp, but were recaptured at Manchester the following Monday.

Fri 12 October 1917 Presentation by weavers at Bedford New Mills to Mr. John Clegg after 20 years' service.

Sat 13 October 1917 Ruri-decanal Conference at Tyldesley.

Mon 15 October 1917 Rev. J. C. Sowerbutts, returned missionary, gave eloquent address at Leigh on "India."

Mon 15 October 1917 Mrs. J. S. Burrows gave the Higher Grade School at Atherton, to the Howebridge Spinning Co.'s employees for a dining hall, to be called Seacmbe Hall.

Tue 16 October 1917 Pte. T. Woodcock, of Hindley Green, a miner, awarded the Victoria Cross.

Wed 17 October 1917 Funeral of Mr. Joseph Merrer (39), chief draughtsman at Sutcliffe and Speakman's, Leigh.

Wed 17 October 1917 Rev. T. Nightingale, of Southport, lectured at Leigh for the Free Church Council.

Thu 18 October 1917 Captain W. G. E. Johnson (24), Leigh Territorials, of Eccles, died of wounds.

Thu 18 October 1917 Presentation by Leigh townsmen to Mr. Richard Eckersley, on retiring after 35 years' service at Leigh County Court.

Thu 18 October 1917 Sixth and last Combe Trust health lecture given at Leigh by Professor W. Stirling.

Fri 19 October 1917 Presentation by Newchurch people to Cadet C. E. Overton, D.C.M.

Fri 19 October 1917	Colliery surface workers receive war bonus of 1s. 6d. a day.
Tue 23 October 1917	Leigh Town Council grant big increase in salaries to officials, and discuss the milk supply.
Wed 24 October 1917	Three German sailors escaped from Leigh Camp, but were recaptured near Ormskirk two days later.
Thu 25 October 1917	Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Leigh branch, annual meeting.
Thu 25 October 1917	Josiah T. Roberts (20), a clever Leigh mining student and Speakman gold medallist, killed in the Plank Lane pit.
Sat 27 October 1917	Gerard Hart, in bowling match with J. Ward, had a record run for the year of 22.
Sat 27 October 1917	Leigh and District Discharged Soldiers' and Sailors' Association first annual meeting.
Sun 28 October 1917	Performance of "Judas Maccabaeus" at the Leigh Primitive Methodist Church.
Sun 28 October 1917	Leigh Church Brotherhood inaugurated.
Mon 29 October 1917	Leigh Conservative Club annual meeting.
Tue 30 October 1917	Resignation of Mr. A. T. Smith, electrical engineer at Leigh.
Wed 31 October 1917	Leigh Liberal Club annual meeting.
Wed 31 October 1917	Presentations to Mr. E. Bullough after 53 years' service at the Victoria mills, Leigh, and Mr. E. Pemberton after 45 years' service.
Thu 01 November 1917	Leigh Tradesmen's Association's first annual meeting.
Thu 01 November 1917	Three days' teachers' exhibition at Leigh Council school.
Thu 01 November 1917	Death of Nurse L. F. Stafford (47), of Leigh.
Thu 01 November 1917	Three days' missionary exhibition opened at Atherton.
Fri 02 November 1917	Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Knox) spoke at Atherton missionary exhibition.
Sat 03 November 1917	Death of Mr. C. Bowen (60), of Leigh, headmaster of Hindley Common U.M.C. School.
Sat 03 November 1917	Professor H. Bompas Smith, M.A., made an eloquent speerh on "Education" at the teachers' exhibition at Leigh.
Mon 05 November 1917	Death of Miss J. D. Calvert, of Leigh.

Tue 06 November 1917	Leigh Trades Council denounce the milk scandal.
Tue 06 November 1917	Leigh Catholic Association's annual meeting.
Wed 07 November 1917	Leigh Wesleyan Circuit memorial service for the 94 fallen Wesleyans.
Wed 07 November 1917	Funeral of Mrs. C. J. Brearley (75), a prominent Atherton Wesleyan worker.
Fri 09 November 1917	Death of Mrs. J. Hartley (68), of Glazebury.
Fri 09 November 1917	Councillor J. Ashworth, J.P., re-elected mayor for the fifth time.
Sat 10 November 1917	Gold albert and medal presented to Councillor J. Gregory by Leigh Trades Council, and necklet to Mrs. Gregory.
Sun 11 November 1917	Tyldesley Girl Guides and Tyldesley Boy Scouts held their first church parade.
Sun 11 November 1917	Mayor's Sunday at Leigh.
Sun 11 November 1917	1,932 changes rung on the Leigh Parish Church bells by Leigh and Tyldesley ringers.
Sun 11 November 1917	Open air meeting at Leigh re. milk and increased rents.
Mon 12 November 1917	German prisoner escaped from working party at Abram Collieries, but was recaptured at Rufford on Tuesday evening.
Tue 13 November 1917	Mr. J. Hall, Leigh Wesleyan organist, appointed organist of Chapel-street Congregational Church, Southport.
Wed 14 November 1917	Unknown man found drowned at Leigh.
Thu 15 November 1917	Second-Lieut. D. Mather, of Hindley, formerly assistant manager at the Sovereign pits, Leigh, killed in France.
Fri 16 November 1917	Leigh and District Master Builders' Association annual meeting. Ladies' football match at Leigh between Sutcliffe and Speakman's workers and the Bolton, Bury and Leigh District Death and Dumb Society, the latter winning.
Sat 17 November 1917	Leigh Cage Bird Society's 13th annual old bird show.
Sat 17 November 1917	Leading Stoker Sidney Jackson, of Newchurch, presented with silver cigarette case by the Newchurch people for gaining the D.S.M. in the battle of Jutland.
Tue 20 November 1917	Leigh Christian Social Service League held public meeting on Town Planning, and formed a Sub-Committee to forward the movement.
Wed 21 November 1917	Atherton Food Control Committee made arrangements for greater co-ordination of transport to save labour.

Wed 21 November 1917	Judge Parsons, K.C., made strong pronouncement against cases being adjourned without his consent.
Wed 21 November 1917	Leigh Independent Methodist sale of work: £75 realised.
Fri 23 November 1917	Article by the Rev. Father Moran, S.J., of Leigh, on "Praying for the Dead," appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 23 November 1917	Leigh Education Committee annual meeting: Alderman W. J. Smith re-elected chairman.
Fri 23 November 1917	Death at Rugby of Mr. Henry Brown (76), formerly bank manager of Leigh, and organiser of the Leigh Grand Concerts for 20 years.
Sat 24 November 1917	Gale blows down an Astley wall: Two boys killed and three injured.
Sat 24 November 1917	Tyldesley and District Feather Society's annual open show.
Mon 26 November 1917	Rev. J. H. Hope, of Leigh, accepted a chaplaincy in the army.
Tue 27 November 1917	Ethel Stevenson (3 1/2), of Leigh, died from burns.
Tue 27 November 1917	Butts Angling Society formed.
Thu 29 November 1917	£1,000 given to Leigh Infirmary by Mrs. Bythway (nee Miss Hayes, of Leigh), of Hale, in memory of her son, who died whilst on active service.
Fri 30 November 1917	Three scholarships at Leigh Grammar School for Atherton scholars founded as a memorial to the late Mr. L. R. Fletcher.
Fri 30 November 1917	Death of Mrs. P. Yates (76), of Leigh (Alderman Greenough's sister).
Sat 01 December 1917	Cyclops Stamping Co., Leigh, first tea party and ball.
Sun 02 December 1917	Mr. R. Roper, a Leigh organist, commenced as organist at Daisy Hill Church.
Mon 03 December 1917	Rev. E. Aldom French, of London, lectured at Leigh Wesleyan Church on "The Book of Revelation and the War."
Mon 03 December 1917	Culcheth motor cyclist fined at Leigh for joy riding.
Mon 03 December 1917	A Leigh Norwegian fined £3 12s. at Leigh for falsely posing as a Government official to get sugar.
Mon 03 December 1917	Glazebury licensee fined at Leigh for supplying drink after hours.
Mon 03 December 1917	Mr. Baptista, an Indian, lectured at Leigh Labour Club on "Home Rule for India."
Thu 06 December 1917	Mr. J. B. Hudson, of Botle, appointed electrical engineer for Leigh.

Fri 07 December 1917	Local casualties up to date: 944 killed.
Sat 08 December 1917	Leigh and District Angling Association first annual meeting.
Sun 09 December 1917	Lowton Primitive Methodist roll of honour unveiled.
Mon 10 December 1917	Inman, the British billiard champion, at Leigh Conservative Club, for soldiers' comforts, gave J. Pass, of Leigh, 400 in 600, and beat him by 118. Inman's highest brake was 213.
Mon 10 December 1917	Death of Mr. D. Hilton (74), colliery contractor, of Howebridge.
Tue 11 December 1917	Leigh Town Council special meeting: Labour Party's resolution for a Labour majority on the Food Control Committee defeated by 17 votes to 7.
Fri 14 December 1917	Boy fatally injured in Leigh-road.
Fri 14 December 1917	Death of Alderman H. Wilkinson (67).
Mon 17 December 1917	Seacombe Hall canteen opened for Howebridge Spinning Co.'s workpeople.