



Diary of Local Events 1918

Date	Event
Tue 01 January 1918	Leigh builders' labourers commence work on the new scale of 9 1/2d. per hour, a penny advance.
Tue 01 January 1918	Atherton old folks' treat.
Tue 01 January 1918	News reached Leigh that 2nd Lieut. Ward (19), Manchester Regiment, had been killed on Dec. 27th.
Tue 01 January 1918	Tyldesley Welsh United Choir won for second year in succession the Fisher Challenge Cup at Manchester Eisteddfod.
Fri 04 January 1918	Sergt. F. W. Harrison, of Leigh, presented with silver cigarette case by Anchor Cable Co. for winning the Military Medal.
Sat 05 January 1918	Anchor Cable Co. entertained 400 wives children and mothers of their employees serving with the forces.
Sat 05 January 1918	Military funeral at Tyldesley of Sergt. Robt. Southern, an old Volunteer.
Sun 06 January 1918	National Day of Prayer: Mayor and public bodies attended at Leigh Parish Church. The public-houses closed all day.
Sun 06 January 1918	Death of Mr T. Ralphs (87), an old Lowton handloom silk weaver.
Mon 07 January 1918	Funeral of Miss Jimpson (53), headmistress of Lowton St. Mary's Church Schools, who was found killed on the railway on Sunday night, Dec. 30th.
Wed 09 January 1918	Mr. E. Jackson, Leigh Food Controller, seized 1,400 lbs. and distributed it among 36 shops.

Thu 10 January 1918	Last day for reclaiming excess rents under the Rent Restrictions Act.
Thu 10 January 1918	Leigh Savings Bank 73rd annual meeting: A record year reported.
Sat 12 January 1918	Leigh Benevolent Concert Party gave concert at the Co-operative Hall for the benefit of British and Foreign Sailors' Society.
Sat 12 January 1918	Mr. T. Prescott re-elected president of Leigh Co-operative Society after contest with Mr. C. Aubrey.
Sun 13 January 1918	James W. Nall (47), of Leigh, died from injuries in the pit.
Sun 13 January 1918	Mrs. Mary Morgan (76), of Leigh, died from burns.
Mon 14 January 1918	Leigh Labour Party annual meeting.
Thu 17 January 1918	Leigh butchers decide to open only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Thu 17 January 1918	Mr. Ernest Prescott (48), retired provision merchant, died in the train between Westleigh and Bolton.
Thu 17 January 1918	Mr. W. T. Frost, of Leigh, received news that his sister and brother-in-law had perished in the Halifax (Nova Scotia) disaster).
Fri 18 January 1918	Death of Mrs. T. Smith (51), of the Pied Bull Hotel, Leigh.
Fri 18 January 1918	News reached Leigh that Mr. Wm. Boydell (71), otherwise "Copper," of Lowton, a famous skater, had died in America.
Sat 19 January 1918	Four German sailors escaped from Leigh Camp, but were re-captured-two at Grimsby on the following day, and two a few days later in Gloucestershire.
Sat 19 January 1918	Fred Greenough (30), a Leigh joiner, fatally injured at Chatham.

Sun 20 January 1918	Fr. Wiley, of Canada, addressed prohibition meeting at Leigh Congregational Church.
Mon 21 January 1918	Mr. S. Sandiford, of Westleigh Wesleyan school, appointed headmaster of Leigh Council School.
Mon 21 January 1918	Rationing scheme came into force at Leigh.
Wed 30 January 1918	Tyldesley Labour Club annual meeting.
Thu 31 January 1918	Gold watch presented by members of Westleigh Conservative Club to Sergt. F. Green for winning the Military Medal.
Sat 02 February 1918	Mr. David Clegg gave two organ recitals at Leigh Wesleyan Church.
Mon 04 February 1918	Leigh County Licensing Sessions: Drunken cases decreased in the year from 84 to 46.
Mon 04 February 1918	John Martin, a Leigh farmer, fined £20 for selling milk containing water.
Mon 04 February 1918	Leigh teachers' salaries revised by the Education Committee.
Tue 05 February 1918	Mr. J. Lewis, of Blackburn, lectured at Atherton on "The Squaring of Football Matches and Gambling."
Thu 07 February 1918	Leigh Borough Licensing Sessions: Drunkenness largely decreased.
Fri 08 February 1918	Leigh joiners' wages advanced from 1/- to 1/1 per hour, to start on Feb. 23rd.
Mon 11 February 1918	Culcheth licensee fined for his servants supplying drink during prohibited hours.
Tue 12 February 1918	Leigh Town Council appoint Councillor T. G. Dobb alderman vice the late Alderman Wilkinson, and raise teachers' salaries.
Tue 12 February 1918	Sir A. Stanley, president of the Board of Trade, Sir G. Calthorp, controller of mines, and others, visit the Atherton Collieries.

Tue 12 February 1918	Atherton Labour Club first annual meeting.
Wed 13 February 1918	Rev. F. H. Benson, of Birmingham, spoke at Leigh Wesley Guild annual festival.
Wed 13 February 1918	£60 realised for St. Dunstan's Hostel by b[?]d musicians' [concert]
Fri 15 February 1918	Mr. L. R. Fletcher's will, £71,481, mentioned in the "Chronicle."
Sat 16 February 1918	Rev. G. Stewart Hooson gave dramatic recital at Leigh.
Sat 16 February 1918	Clock presented to Mr. James Turner on completing 25 years' service as superintendent of Glazebury Church Sunday school.
Mon 18 February 1918	Employees at Atherton Collieries decide by ballot to pay 1d. per week to enable them to participate in all kinds of sport.
Mon 18 February 1918	Tom Mann advocated at Boothstown a six-hour working day.
Tue 19 February 1918	Presentation to Nurse Holmes by the Atherton Babies' Welcome Committee on her leaving to get married.
Wed 20 February 1918	Tom Mann addressed a big audience at the Leigh Co-operative Hall.
Wed 20 February 1918	Gold watch presented by members of Leigh Liberal Club to Lance-Corpl. N. Wilcock for winning the Military Medal.
Thu 21 February 1918	Wm. Armstrong (42), of Lowton, died from injuries in the pit.
Fri 22 February 1918	Article by Mr. M. F. Burrows, J.P., suggesting shorter cotton mill hours, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 23 February 1918	Presentation at Lowton St. Mary's to Sergt. T. Cayton, M.M.

Mon 25 February 1918	The Mayor, Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., and Mr. W. T. Thornley spoke at a public meeting at Leigh Town Hall to organise a "submarine" week for Leigh.
Mon 25 February 1918	Mr. E. G. Temple, a Food Inspector, visited Leigh Allotment Committee, and urged that double the number of allotments should be taken.
Tue 26 February 1918	Inquest at Leigh on Miss Alice Powell (26), a mill girl, who died through slightly cutting her finger.
Thu 28 February 1918	Death of Mr. John Ball (77), a prominent Tyldesley Conservative.
Fri 01 March 1918	Jones's mills, land and cottages at Bedford sold to Messrs. Courtauld's.
Fri 01 March 1918	Presentation at Glazebury mill to Mr. John Boardman on his retiring after 37 years' service.
Sun 03 March 1918	Death of Mr. T. J. Bushell (55), architect, of Glazebury.
Mon 04 March 1918	Leigh's submarine week commenced.
Mon 04 March 1918	Unique licensing case heard at Leigh: Objection raised to renewal of Bear's Paw license by Mrs. Annie Kemp and Mr. George Bent.
Tue 05 March 1918	£85,000 raised for Leigh's submarine in two days.
Tue 05 March 1918	Death of Mrs. Smith, widow of the late Mr. T. Smith, of Kirk Hall, Leigh.
Wed 06 March 1918	Death of Mrs. Joseph Barlow (63), of Atherton.
Fri 08 March 1918	Messrs. Courtauld's present three new ordinary shares to every present holder of one share.
Fri 08 March 1918	Full report of Mr. J. C. Prestwich's lecture on "Town Planning" appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 08 March 1918	Article on the new Education Bill, by Father Moran, S.J., appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 09 March 1918	Anchor Cable Co. entertained wounded soldiers at Leigh Military Hospital to tea and entertainment.
Sat 09 March 1918	Leigh Engineers' Male Voice Choir concert.
Sat 09 March 1918	Conclusion of Leigh's war week: £256,407 raised. Atherton raised £59,000 in the war week.
Mon 11 March 1918	Anti-divorce meeting at Leigh: Speakers, Mrs. Elliott, of Manchester; Rev. Father Power, S.J., and Professor Humphries.
Tue 12 March 1918	Formation of Leigh and District Poultry Society.
Wed 13 March 1918	Siren for air raid day warning fixed by Leigh Corporation at the Cable Works.
Wed 13 March 1918	Alfred E. Watkins (53), of Howebridge, killed in the pit by fall of roof.
Sat 16 March 1918	£42 raised for Irish Women's Association at Leigh.
Mon 18 March 1918	National food kitchen opened at Leigh by the Mayor.
Mon 18 March 1918	"Rory O'More" played by St. Joseph's Amateur Dramatic Society.
Mon 18 March 1918	Death of Mr. P. Hodson (81), of Leigh, ex-president of the Leigh Co-operative Society.
Tue 19 March 1918	Presentation by Glazebury mill hands to Miss Hartley on her coming of age.
Tue 19 March 1918	Death of Mrs. Shorrocks, mother of the Leigh Assembly Rooms manager.
Wed 20 March 1918	Leigh Cricket Club annual meeting: Mr. W. Eckersley re-elected president: Adverse balance of £72 reported.

Wed 20 March 1918	Presentation of illuminated address by Howebridge Spinning Co.'s hands to Mr. M. F. Burrows, J.P.
Fri 22 March 1918	Death of Mrs. James Prescott (50), wife of Lowton organist.
Sat 23 March 1918	Richard Porter (32), a Leigh Collier, died through being knocked down by a motor on Feb. 16th.
Sat 23 March 1918	Death at Bolton of Mr. John Smith (53), a prominent Atherton Wesleyan.
Sun 24 March 1918	Reginald Perkins (11) drowned in the canal near Twist-lane turnbridge.
Sun 24 March 1918	1st Dragoon Guards band gave recital at Leigh Hippodrome.
Sun 24 March 1918	Death of Mr. Jabez Tyldesley (96), Leigh's oldest inhabitant.
Mon 25 March 1918	Big deputation of women waited upon the Mayor for more margarine.
Mon 25 March 1918	Maggie Handley (20 months), of Leigh, killed by tram-car.
Wed 27 March 1918	Leigh Grammar School annual prize distribution.
Fri 29 March 1918	Report appeared in the "Chronicle" of great operative successes in Italy of Mr. Tom Burke, of Leigh.
Sun 31 March 1918	Mrs. E. Ryder (78), of Marsland Green, fatally injured.
Tue 02 April 1918	Edward Lunn (38) killed in Mosley Common pit.
Tue 02 April 1918	Easter Vestry meetings.
Tue 02 April 1918	Death of Mr. J. T. Smith (55), builder and contractor, of Atherton.

Tue 02 April 1918	Rev. F. B. Meyer spoke to a big audience at Leigh.
Fri 05 April 1918	The "Chronicle" increased to 2d. owing to Government paper restrictions.
Fri 05 April 1918	Rev. H. Dunnico spoke at Atherton.
Tue 09 April 1918	St. Helens man sentenced at Liverpool Assizes for robbery for which a Leigh man had been wrongfully convicted.
Tue 09 April 1918	Death of Mr. Peers Bent (76), retired watchmaker, of Leigh.
Wed 10 April 1918	£200 damage done by fire at Galvin's bakery, High-street, Leigh.
Fri 12 April 1918	German air raid at Wigan: Six killed.
Sun 14 April 1918	Intercession service held on Leigh Market Place: Mayor gave an address.
Mon 15 April 1918	Atherton poor rate raised from 4/- to 4/4.
Mon 15 April 1918	Councillor C. Owen, J.P. received a telegram that his only son, Lieut. G. C. Owen (25), had been killed in action in France the previous Tuesday.
Mon 15 April 1918	Leigh Literary Society presented silver table centre and illuminated address to the Treasurer, Mr. J. H. H. Smith, J.P., on completing 40 years' service for the Society.
Tue 16 April 1918	Leigh and District Poultry Society's first members' egg show.
Wed 17 April 1918	Leigh Board of Guardians appoint Mr. J. H. H. Smith, J.P., chairman, and Mr. W. Morgan vice-chairman.
Fri 19 April 1918	Tom Mann spoke at Leigh Co-operative Hall on "Industrial Organisation."

Sat 20 April 1918	Wm. T. Shuttleworth (58), of Leigh, died from injuries in the pit.
Sat 20 April 1918	£190 realised by Atherton Wesleyan sale of work.
Sun 21 April 1918	Mrs. John Gerrard (68), wife of a well-known Leigh Wesleyan local preacher, died at the Infirmary through being knocked down by motor ambulance.
Mon 22 April 1918	Mr. C. Walkden, J.P., of Leigh, and Mr. R. O. Jones, A.S.E., of Liverpool, nominated by Leigh Labour Party for Parliamentary candidate.
Tue 23 April 1918	Death of Mr. J. P. Welton, Tyldesley Irish leader and member of Leigh Board of Guardians.
Fri 26 April 1918	Long list of Leigh prisoners of war appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 27 April 1918	Thomas Lee (52), a Leigh stripper and grinder, dropped dead in Mather Lane mill.
Mon 29 April 1918	Anti-divorce meeting at Glazebury.
Wed 01 May 1918	New scale of building trade wages in Leigh district came into force: Labourers, 10d. per hour; bricklayers, 1/2; joiners, 1/3.
Thu 02 May 1918	Mr. C. Walkden, J.P., and Mr. R. O. Jones, the rival Leigh Labour candidates, addressed a public meeting at Leigh Primitive Methodist School.
Fri 03 May 1918	Account re 63rd anniversary of St. Joseph's Church, Leigh, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 03 May 1918	Description of Atherton Day Nursery appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 03 May 1918	Death of Mr. J. E. Barlow (59), grocer and Baptist, of Atherton.
Sat 04 May 1918	Girl Guides' rally at Formby Hall, Atherton.
Sun 05 May 1918	Death of Mrs. Owen Borsay (80), oldest Tyldesley Wesleyan.

Mon 06 May 1918	Lowton grocer heavily fined for false bacon return.
Mon 06 May 1918	Funeral of P. Dootson (28), a Leigh cricketer.
Thu 09 May 1918	Leigh Infirmary annual meeting: Miss Baker appointed matron.
Thu 09 May 1918	Wilfred Massey (15), of Warrington, killed by falling off a motor lorry at Leigh.
Fri 10 May 1918	Account of Leigh sailor's exciting experience with Hun submarine appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 11 May 1918	Council bowling green opened on Tyldesley old cricket field.
Sat 11 May 1918	Marriage of Miss Mather, matron of Leigh Infirmary, to Mr. C. H. Collier, J.P.
Mon 13 May 1918	Anchor Musical Society annual meeting.
Mon 13 May 1918	Rev. Fr. Cortie, S.J., of Stonyhurst, gave an illustrated astronomical lecture at Leigh.
Tue 14 May 1918	Leigh Town Council increase the general district rate from 4/4 to 4/6.
Tue 14 May 1918	£10 and illuminated address presented to seven Leigh winners of war distinctions.
Fri 17 May 1918	"From Pit to Grand Opera": Career of Mr. T. Burke appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 17 May 1918	"Burke" concert at Leigh Hippodrome: Prices ranged from 1/6 to 20/-.
Fri 17 May 1918	House at Culcheth struck and damaged by lightning.
Fri 17 May 1918	Lady Hulton opened the Atherton Day Nursery.

Sun 19 May 1918	"Burke" concert at Leigh Hippodrome: £1,000 raised by this and Friday's concert for Leigh Prisoners of War Fund.
Tue 21 May 1918	Death of Miss Pauline Wild (32), ex-instructress at Marsh Gymnasium, Leigh.
Tue 21 May 1918	Tremendous rainstorm at Leigh: Floods caused.
Fri 24 May 1918	Double military funeral at Leigh of Gunner R. H. Pegg (21) and Pte. J. Oswald (31), killed by hostile aircraft in London.
Fri 24 May 1918	Empire Day celebrated by scholars in the Leigh district.
Fri 24 May 1918	Boy Scouts' demonstration at Leigh.
Sat 25 May 1918	Leigh District defeated Lancashire County at Leigh at bowls for charity: £30 realised.
Mon 27 May 1918	Rev. C. E. Walters, of London, lectured at Bedford Wesleyan Church on "The London Nipper."
Tue 28 May 1918	Mr. R. Summer appointed stationmaster at Atherton Central.
Thu 30 May 1918	Mr. W. J. Smith, the Leigh postmaster, leaves Leigh for Ilkley.
Thu 30 May 1918	Death at Gathurst of Mr. T. Worthington (68), well-known in Leigh as speaker and Independent Methodist preacher.
Sat 01 June 1918	Atherton Poultry Society's egg show.
Mon 03 June 1918	Male voice choir for Atherton Collieries formed.
Tue 04 June 1918	Pte. D. E. Parkinson, of Tyldesley, arrived home after escaping from Germany.
Tue 04 June 1918	Leigh Trades Council denounce farmers and high milk prices.

Tue 04 June 1918	Leigh, Atherton and Tyldesley bakers decide to deliver no bread between July 6th and 12th.
Wed 05 June 1918	Presentation by local butchers to Councillor W. Hindley, after being secretary for 10 years.
Thu 06 June 1918	Harold Barrett (17), of Earlestown, drowned whilst bathing in Highfield Moss pond, Lowton.
Fri 07 June 1918	Report appeared in the "Chronicle" that up to date there were 193 local prisoners in Germany, and 1,050 killed, besides 114 missing.
Fri 07 June 1918	Article on German agents in Italy, by Mr. T. Burke, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 07 June 1918	Death of Mr. T. Hope (76), a Leigh overlooker and senior Buffalo.
Sat 08 June 1918	Leigh section of Lancashire Individual Merit bowling competition commenced.
Mon 10 June 1918	Death of Mr. Joseph Henn (45), a noted Leigh Primitive Methodist worker.
Mon 10 June 1918	Michael Donoghue (65), a Leigh mill operative, died from injuries received in the mill in May of last year.
Mon 10 June 1918	James Jones, a boy, killed in street accident in Tyldesley.
Wed 12 June 1918	Death of Mrs. T. Coe (66), wife of a Leigh school attendance officer.
Wed 12 June 1918	Choral Union formed for Leigh, with the Mayor as president, and Mr. James Hudson conductor.
Thu 13 June 1918	Mr. W. D. Pink, J.P., married at Lowton, to Miss Fitton.
Thu 20 June 1918	Two bookmakers fined for betting on Leigh Athletic Ground stand.

Thu 20 June 1918	Memorial stained glass window to Lieut. J. K. Hunter, R.E., of Leigh, unveiled at Christ Church, Leigh: Mr. J. L. Paton, High Master of Manchester Grammar School, spoke.
Sat 22 June 1918	Death at Southport of Mr. G. Shaw, J.P. (58), of Pennington Hall, Leigh.
Sat 22 June 1918	Mr. T. Burke, the Leigh tenor, sang at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, and had great reception.
Sat 22 June 1918	James Humphries (Leigh Catholics) won the Leigh Charity bowling handicap.
Sat 22 June 1918	T. Hall (Anchor) won the Leigh section of the Lancashire Individual Merit bowling competition.
Sat 22 June 1918	Plank Lane Rose Queen festival: £100 raised.
Mon 24 June 1918	Great success at Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, of Mr. T. Burke, the famous Leigh tenor, in a war charity concert.
Mon 24 June 1918	Fred Williams (61), railway carter, of Plank-lane, killed in accident in railway yard.
Mon 24 June 1918	Leigh Food Control Committee open their meetings to the Press.
Tue 25 June 1918	Funeral at Leigh of Mr. G. Shaw, J.P.
Tue 25 June 1918	Leigh Cricket Club "Wooley" bowling handicap won by F. K. Prescott.
Wed 26 June 1918	Four days' united missionary exhibition opened at Leigh Parish Church Schools by Lord Lilford.
Wed 26 June 1918	Ezra Greenhalgh (9) drowned in the canal near Barton's Bridge.
Thu 27 June 1918	Influenza epidemic raging in the district.

Thu 27 June 1918	Death of Mr. J. Lowe (68), licensee at Westleigh for 35 years.
Fri 28 June 1918	Thomas Henshaw (35), Atherton colliery fireman, killed by fall of roof.
Fri 28 June 1918	Death of Mr. W. Vaughan (63), postman at Leigh for nearly 40 years.
Sat 29 June 1918	Bishop of Liverpool consecrated Glazebury graveyard extension.
Mon 01 July 1918	Leigh Grammar School closed owing to influenza outbreak.
Tue 02 July 1918	Newly-formed Atherton Collieries Joint Association Male Voice Choir gave their first concert.
Tue 02 July 1918	Prizes presented to bowling and fishing winners.
Fri 05 July 1918	Sudden death of Mr. T. Leigh (65), farmer, of Old Hall Mill Lane.
Sat 06 July 1918	Leigh summer holidays commenced: No cheap trips.
Tue 09 July 1918	Two Leigh cyclists who climbed Moel Famau saw wonderful panorama of 40 miles radius.
Fri 12 July 1918	Death of Mr. T. Hayes (40), South Lancashire Co.'s resident electrical engineer.
Fri 12 July 1918	Robert Currie (58), a Tyldesley carter, died at Leigh Infirmary through being crushed by his horse bolting.
Sat 13 July 1918	Leigh Angling Society's "B" team won the Lancashire championship at Broadheath.
Sat 13 July 1918	Funeral at Leigh of Mr. W. E. Munroe (69), of Blackpool, a notable Bedford Wesleyan.
Mon 15 July 1918	Imposing military and Oddfellow's funeral at Leigh Cemetery of 2nd Air Mechanic Wm. Prescott (24), of the Forester's Arms, Glazebury.

Tue 16 July 1918	Dr. J. C. Beckitt, C.C., fractured his collarbone by being thrown off his motor bicycle.
Tue 16 July 1918	A criminal, of no fixed abode, committed for trial for sacrilege at Twelve Apostles' Church, Leigh.
Wed 17 July 1918	Many deaths during this week from influenza.
Thu 18 July 1918	John Henry Howarth (38), a Leigh collier, killed by fall of roof.
Thu 18 July 1918	Ernest Waterworth (21), a Leigh miner, killed by fall of roof.
Fri 19 July 1918	Howebridge Spinning Co. decide to give old age and sickness pensions.
Fri 19 July 1918	Three Wigan miners entombed many hours at Westleigh Collieries: One killed and two injured.
Sat 20 July 1918	Lowton Rose Queen carnival: £77 raised for Lowton soldiers.
Mon 22 July 1918	Leigh special constables commenced doing point duty at the "Turnpike."
Wed 24 July 1918	Death from the "flu" of Mr. Ernest Darlington (37), the leading Leigh Unitarian tenor.
Thu 25 July 1918	Capt. Wm. Cross, Royal Marines, of Leigh, promoted to the rank of major from this date.
Thu 25 July 1918	Leigh Football Club report loss on last season's worping.
Thu 25 July 1918	£1,000, proceeds of the Tom Burke concerts at Leigh, sent to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Leigh.
Sat 27 July 1918	Death of Mr. F. Green (60), furniture dealer, of Tyldesley.
Sat 27 July 1918	Leigh Labour Club second annual sports and gala.

Mon 29 July 1918	Mr. J. W. Bibby appointed secretary of Leigh Labour Party vice Mr. C. Walkden, J.P.
Tue 30 July 1918	Meeting of Leigh and District One-Man Business Association.
Wed 31 July 1918	Summer fair on Leigh cricket ground for war charity: £1,051 realised.
Fri 02 August 1918	Death at Colwyn Bay of Mr. J. R. McGregor (40), formerly of Leigh.
Sat 03 August 1918	Mather Lane Spinning Co. make up their £4 shares to £5 fully paid.
Sun 04 August 1918	Big mayoral procession and special war anniversary service at Leigh Parish Church.
Sun 04 August 1918	Open-air war meeting at Leigh addressed by the Mayor, the Rev. F. H. Campion and the Rev. Fr. Fitzgerald.
Sun 04 August 1918	Chowbent Unitarians boycotted at Atherton united service: Public indignation aroused.
Wed 07 August 1918	Lieut. P. S. Dixon (35), younger brother of Mr. F. I. Dixon, of Leigh, killed in action.
Fri 09 August 1918	2nd Lieut. James Gibson (19), formerly of Leigh, and late of Mansfield, killed in action.
Sat 10 August 1918	Retirement, after over 20 years' service of Mr. James Wilcock, custodian of Leigh Liberal Club.
Sun 11 August 1918	Rev. I. Earnshaw concluded his six years' ministry as curate of Tyldesley.
Sun 11 August 1918	Sudden death in his garden of Mr. J. W. Clegg, J.P., of Lowton Grange.
Sun 11 August 1918	Rev. J. J. Wright preached a striking sermon at Atherton Unitarian Chapel on "Prussianism in Religion and Kaiserism in Atherton."
Mon 12 August 1918	John Unsworth (43), of, Leigh, died from injuries received by fall of roof in the pit.

Mon 12 August 1918	Leigh Food Control Committee decide to keep August milk price at 6d. per quart, and 7d. per quart for September.
Tue 13 August 1918	Nine Leigh war heroes honoured at Leigh Town Council meeting by presentation of £10 and illuminated address each.
Tue 13 August 1918	Meeting of occupiers of land abutting on streams in Leigh district.
Tue 13 August 1918	Telegram reached Leigh that 2nd Lieut. H. Seddon (22), Tank Corps, of Leigh, had been killed.
Fri 16 August 1918	Poem on "Those Noble Gas-bags, the 41-59 Men," appeared in the "Chronicle.."
Sat 17 August 1918	Atherton second allotment show.
Sat 17 August 1918	Marriage at Plank Lane of Miss A. D. Clark, of Plank Lane, and Lieut. H. A. Thomas, of Birkdale.
Sat 17 August 1918	Funeral of Miss Grundy (79), last of a noted Tyldesley family.
Sat 17 August 1918	P. T. Eckersley, the 14 year-old son of Mr. W. Eckersley, scored 58 for Leigh cricket club-an unique feat for such a young boy..
Sun 18 August 1918	Death at Tyldesley of Mrs. E. Hamer (82), the oldest local Unitarian.
Mon 19 August 1918	Death of Mr. H. N. Spencer (53), a Glazebury worthy.
Mon 19 August 1918	Farewell benefit at Leigh Theatre Royal to Mr. O. Trench, the manager.
Mon 19 August 1918	Leigh Liberal Association annual meeting: Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., again adopted as candidate.
Tue 20 August 1918	Death of Mr. John Boydell (81), of Lowton, Sunday school teacher, choirmaster and trustee.
Tue 20 August 1918	News arrived that Lieut. W. E. Hill (24), of Tyldesley, had been killed in action.

Wed 21 August 1918	Harry Brown (9), of Manchester, drowned in Mill-lane lodge whilst on a holiday visit to his father.
Wed 21 August 1918	Leigh Theatre Royal transferred to the Leigh Hippodrome Co.
Thu 22 August 1918	Leigh Summer Fair Committee meeting: Total gross receipts, £1,117; net, £1,086.
Sat 24 August 1918	Death of Mr. A. H. Clarkson (40), schoolmaster, of Risley.
Sat 24 August 1918	Anchor Cable Works first ladies' bowling match.
Sat 24 August 1918	Death of Mr. Michael Joyce (70), a prominent Hindsford Catholic.
Sat 24 August 1918	Atherton and District Horticultural Society's third final show.
Sun 25 August 1918	Suicide by poison of James Fairhurst (49), a Hindsford carter.
Mon 26 August 1918	Tyldesley aeroplane week commenced to raise £75,000 in War Bonds.
Mon 26 August 1918	Astley licensee fined £10 for supplying drink after hours.
Thu 29 August 1918	Death of Nurse N. Thorp (39), of Leigh.
Fri 30 August 1918	Wm. Aspinall (26), a Leigh labourer, drowned himself in the canal.
Sat 31 August 1918	Tyldesley aeroplane week realised £94,950.
Sat 31 August 1918	Leigh borough allotments first annual show.
Sat 31 August 1918	Astley Botanical and Gardening Society's first annual show.

Sun 01 September 1918	Elizabeth Parkinson (45), Abram, a single woman, found drowned at Leigh.
Sun 01 September 1918	Lieut. G. W. Glover, D.S.O., of Leigh and Croft, died of wounds in France.
Mon 02 September 1918	Death of Mr. James Westhead (69), under-manager at Chanter's pit, Hindsford, for many years.
Mon 02 September 1918	Mr. T. S. Cockayne, of Stockport, appointed postmaster at Leigh.
Tue 03 September 1918	Joseph Andrews (78), Leigh's oldest cabby, died.
Tue 03 September 1918	Anchor Hospital and Distress Fund seventh annual meeting.
Fri 06 September 1918	Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burke, Miss Una Austin and Mr. Kingsley Lark sang at Mr. Burke's second concert at the Leigh Hippodrome.
Sat 07 September 1918	Leigh September holidays commenced.
Sat 07 September 1918	Tyldesley Allotment and Smallholders' Association second annual show.
Sun 08 September 1918	Rev. R. Greenwood, vicar of St. Paul's, Westleigh, received official news that his only son, Lieut. C. C. Greenwood, had been killed in action. Ten days later it was stated a mistake had been made, and that the lieutenant was alive.
Mon 09 September 1918	Leigh Theatre Royal re-opened after purchase by the Leigh Hippodrome Co.
Mon 09 September 1918	Death at Wigan of Mr. James E. Horrocks (61), a famous Leigh athlete and footballer.
Thu 12 September 1918	Leigh milk dealer fined £20 for selling milk containing 36 per cent. of water.
Fri 13 September 1918	Report of the will of Mr. G. Shaw, J.P. (£200,000) appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 13 September 1918	Wm. France (31), iron girder erector, of Leigh, and an Oddfellows' Grand Master, killed at Wigan by falling from a roof.
Fri 13 September 1918	Mary A. Booth (14) rescued a little girl from drowning at Glazebury.
Sat 14 September 1918	Death of Mr. Alfred Hewlett (87), a native of Astley, managing director of the Wigan Coal and Iron Co.
Mon 16 September 1918	Lancashire spinners, including those in the Leigh district, went on strike,.
Mon 16 September 1918	Great floods in Leigh and district through the continuous rain.
Mon 16 September 1918	Mr. Chris Holding appointed president of the Leigh Labour party.
Tue 17 September 1918	Death in Shropshire of Mrs. Alexander McGregor (59), of Leigh.
Thu 19 September 1918	Funeral at Deane of Miss Phillips (43), head dressmaker of the Leigh Co-operative Society.
Thu 19 September 1918	Mr. W. M. Edwards, of Horwich, appointed surveyor to Leigh Rural District Council.
Fri 20 September 1918	Leigh and Hindsford soldiers' accounts of their bad treatment whilst in Germany appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sun 22 September 1918	Bishop of Liverpool (Dr. Chavasse) preached impressive sermons at Lowton St. Luke's, Newchurch and Lowton St. Mary's.
Mon 23 September 1918	Telegram received that 2nd Lieut. T. W. Darwell (26), R.W.F., of Leigh, had been killed on Sept. 18th.
Mon 23 September 1918	Rev. F. L. Wiseman, B.A., of London, visited Leigh, and preached and spoke for Leigh Free Church Council.
Tue 24 September 1918	Inquest at Tyldesley on Pte. Peter Yates (32), of Darwen, a deserter, killed in a fight with Thomas Roberts (24), of Tyldesley: Verdict of manslaughter against Roberts.

Tue 24 September 1918	Death of Miss Jackson (86), a noted Leigh Wesleyan worker.
Wed 25 September 1918	Printers' wages advanced another 8s. 6d. a week.
Thu 26 September 1918	Thomas Roberts, of Tyldesley, committed for trial for the manslaughter of Peter Yates, of Darwen.
Sat 28 September 1918	Death at Blackpool of Mr. Peter Bowker (83), a Tyldesley Wesleyan worker.
Mon 30 September 1918	Summer time ceased, normal time recommenced.
Mon 30 September 1918	Leigh Food Control Committee fixed price of milk at 9d. per quart until end of April.
Mon 30 September 1918	Eli Yates (65), an Atherton gravedigger, won the Blackpool bowling tournament.
Mon 30 September 1918	Meeting at Leigh for the King's Fund for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors; £636 raised.
Tue 01 October 1918	Death of Mrs. T. R. Greenough (70), widow of Alderman T. R. Greenough, J.P., C.C.
Tue 01 October 1918	Lieut. Joseph Lever, M.C. (34), of Leigh, died of wounds.
Tue 01 October 1918	Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., spoke at Atherton.
Wed 02 October 1918	Atherton day schools closed for a fortnight through influenza.
Sat 05 October 1918	Mr. David Clegg, the famous organist, gave two recitals at Leigh Wesleyan Church.
Sun 06 October 1918	Rev. R. D. Darby, after 19 years' service at Leigh, announced his decision to go to Wigan Baptist Church.
Sun 06 October 1918	Rev. Ivor H. James, after 14 years at Atherton, decided to remove near Swansea.

Mon 07 October 1918	Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., spoke at Tyldesley.
Mon 07 October 1918	Mr. W. M. Fielding, formerly foreman of the "Leigh Chronicle" printing works, selected as official Labour candidate for the Evesham Division.
Tue 08 October 1918	Alderman P. W. Raffan, M.P., addressed the Leigh Women's Liberal Association.
Tue 08 October 1918	Special meeting of Leigh Board of Guardians re milk supply.
Mon 14 October 1918	Sir Edgar Jones, M.P. (Merthyr) addressed the Leigh Literary Society on his war experiences.
Mon 14 October 1918	Rev. H. Killinder, formerly of Leigh, now chaplain with American forces, addressed Leigh Wesleyan foreign missionary meeting, along with the Rev. James Goudie, of Ceylon.
Mon 14 October 1918	Aaron Prendergrast (44), an Atherton spinner, died at Bolton Infirmary from injuries sustained in the Ena mill.
Wed 16 October 1918	Mr. R. O. Jones, Leigh Labour candidate, held his first public meeting (at St. Peter's Schools, Leigh).
Thu 17 October 1918	Leigh Choral Union's first grand concert: Vocalists, Hamilton Harris (bass), Edna Thornton (contralto), Desiree Ellinger (Soprano), Webster Millar (tenor), and E. Thorley ('cellist).
Sat 19 October 1918	Leigh Co-operative Society raise Committee's salary 50 per cent., and decided to keep the present officials till after the war.
Sat 19 October 1918	Death of Mr. J. O. Callender (55), near Bournemouth, joint manager of Anchor Cable Works, Leigh, &c.
Sun 20 October 1918	Death of Mr. G. Bradley (53), schoolmaster at Lowton St. Mary's schools for 24 years.
Mon 21 October 1918	Councillor W. Grundy, J.P., of Leigh, appointed Labour registration agent for Chorley.
Tue 22 October 1918	Leigh Cemetery staff reinforced by men from Surveyor's Department to cope with great number of funerals through influenza.

Tue 22 October 1918	Sir Joseph Cooke, ex-Premier of Australia, addressed Leigh Grammar School students.
Wed 23 October 1918	Earl of Denbigh, C.V.O., made a great speech at Leigh on "Germany's War Aims."
Wed 23 October 1918	Leigh Wesleyan three days' Bazaar: £1,275 realised.
Fri 25 October 1918	Death of Mrs. W. L. Green (42), of Lowton.
Sat 26 October 1918	Sudden death of Mr. Joseph Shaw (46), decorator, of Atherton.
Mon 28 October 1918	Leigh and Atherton Conservative Clubs' annual meetings.
Tue 29 October 1918	At Leigh Town Council meeting the Mayor announced the gift of £10,000 to the town by Mr. R. T. Marsh, J.P., for public baths, &c.
Wed 30 October 1918	Earl of Wilton's Lowton and Kenyon estate sold privately at Manchester.
Wed 30 October 1918	Leigh Liberal Club annual meeting: Mr. J. H. H. Smith, J.P., re-elected president.
Thu 31 October 1918	Leigh Free Library and reading rooms closed for nearly a fortnight through the influenza epidemic.
Thu 31 October 1918	Culcheth Hall estate sold in 27 lots at Leigh; about £18,000 realised.
Thu 31 October 1918	Wm. Henry Rothwell, a Leigh one-armed bobbin carrier, publicly presented with the Royal Humane Society's certificate for attempting to save a boy from drowning in Mill Lane lodge.
Sat 02 November 1918	2nd Lieut. Joseph Flitcroft (26), R.G.A., of Leigh, died at Devonport from pneumonia following influenza.
Sun 03 November 1918	Death of Miss Nellie Ashcroft (23), of Leigh, headmistress of Stamford day school.

Wed 06 November 1918	Henry Gunning (12), a Leigh boy, saves from drowning in the canal at Butts a three year old boy.
Fri 08 November 1918	Leigh Conservatives again decided to contest Leigh.
Sat 09 November 1918	Mayor's day: Councillor J. Ashworth, J.P., re-appointed Mayor of Leigh for the sixth successive time.
Sat 09 November 1918	Presentation of Tyldesley Theatre of £5 and the Military Medal to Sergt. Bellis.
Sat 09 November 1918	Funeral at Leigh of Mr. Henry Forshaw (77), of the "Golden Boot," Leigh, who died at Heywood.
Sun 10 November 1918	Mayor's Sunday: Councillor J. Ashworth and Corporation attended Leigh Wesleyan Church. Armistice signed at 5 a.m. by Germany: Fighting finished at 11 a.m. News reached Leigh about 11 o'clock. Mills and works stopped, church bells rang, shops closed, and people took general holiday. Leigh employers displayed great generosity financially.
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Mon 11 November 1918	Mr. T. Wing, M.P., and Mr. P. W. Raffan, M.P., addressed a meeting at Leigh Liberal Club.
Tue 12 November 1918	Armistice celebrations continued at Leigh. All mills and pits remained closed.
Wed 13 November 1918	Armistice celebrations still continued: Many mills and works still closed.
Wed 13 November 1918	Death of Miss Annie Ashcroft (31), of Leigh, a school teacher and noted vocalist.
Wed 13 November 1918	Presentation of illuminated address and £22 by Leigh Liberal Club members to Mr. James Wilcock, steward of the club for 22 years.
Wed 13 November 1918	Captain P. S. Green (33), R.A.M.C., of Lowton, died in France from influenza.
Fri 15 November 1918	Special account of army demobilisation and the work of the Leigh Local Committee appeared in the "Chronicle."

Fri 15 November 1918	United thanksgiving service held at the Co-operative Hall, Leigh.
Sat 16 November 1918	Rev. B. Webster, vicar of Lowton, on health grounds, accepts the living of St. Benedict's, Liverpool
Sat 16 November 1918	Atherton poultry show.
Sat 16 November 1918	Presentation to Rev. R. D. Darby, on leaving Leigh Baptist Church after 20 years' work, of £56 and umbrella.
Sun 17 November 1918	Mr. R. O. Jones, district organiser, A.S.E., adopted as Labour candidate for Leigh.
Tue 19 November 1918	Leigh Conservative Association meeting adjourned owing to the announcement that Mr. Raffan would not be supported by the Coalition.
Wed 20 November 1918	Welsh concert at Leigh in aid of Welsh Heroes' Memorial fund: Over £61 realised.
Thu 21 November 1918	Leigh Liberals at special meeting denounce headquarters' tactics, pass resolution of protest, and express their continued confidence in Mr. Raffan.
Fri 22 November 1918	Leigh Conservatives adopt Captain Frank Hatchard, of Pontefract, as their candidate.
Fri 22 November 1918	Five days' sale of Pennington Hall furniture and effects completed: Heavy prices realised.
Fri 22 November 1918	Special article, "My First Flight," by a Leigh airman, appeared in "Chronicle."
Sun 24 November 1918	Rev. E. Aldom French, of London, lectured at Leigh on "League of Nations."
Fri 29 November 1918	Two German prisoners at Leigh died from influenza.
Fri 29 November 1918	Leigh and district police and special constables present Supt. Ross, on his retirement, with £30.

Sat 30 November 1918	Supt. Samuel Ross (70), after 46 years' service in the police force, and 11 as superintendent at Leigh, retired on pension: £250 and sporting gun presented to him.
Sat 30 November 1918	A fourth German prisoner died at Leigh Camp from influenza.
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Tue 03 December 1918	Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, D.S.O., M.P., spoke for Mr. Raffan at Leigh.
Tue 03 December 1918	Mr. Robert A. Burrows takes the chair at the Co-operative Hall, Leigh, for the Labour party, and Mr. Miles F. Burrows, J.P., sent a letter supporting the Labour candidate.
Wed 04 December 1918	Mr. P. W. Raffan (Liberal and Coalition) and Mr. R. O. Jones (Labour) nominated as candidates for Leigh.
Thu 05 December 1918	A Leigh boatman fined £14 for gross cruelty to a lad in his employ.
Fri 06 December 1918	Report of a Leigh soldier murdered by Germans appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 06 December 1918	Names of Leigh Juvenile Advisory Committee appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 07 December 1918	George Harrison (15), of Leigh, a haulage hand at Westleigh Collieries, died from injuries in the pit.
Sun 08 December 1918	Engineers concert at Leigh in aid of A.S.E. Distress Committee.
Mon 09 December 1918	Record fall of roof (hundreds of tons) at No. 3 Sovereign pit, Leigh. John Lee (33) killed: It took 10 hours to rescue him. Another man rescued after being buried three hours.
Thu 12 December 1918	Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seddon (each aged 33), of Leigh, who died at Aberystwyth from influenza within two hours of each other, interred at Leigh.

Thu 12 December 1918	Death of Mr. James Kerfoot (39), of Leigh, secretary of the Electric Supply Co., Liverpool, a well-known Bedford Wesleyan.
Fri 13 December 1918	Account of Leigh sergeant's awful experiences in the "Black Hole of Lille" appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 13 December 1918	Annual meeting of the Leigh Teachers' Association: Mr. J. B. Parkinson appointed president.
Fri 13 December 1918	Last of the trees in the Beech Walk felled by a well known local woodman.
Sat 14 December 1918	Leigh election: over 35,000 electors; women voted heavily; old blind lady of 87 voted at Tyldesley; Mr. Charles Eckersley (85) and his wife (84) both voted.
Sat 14 December 1918	Mr. Joseph Heaton (79), a Leigh joiner, fatally injured by being knocked down by a tram-car in Leigh Market Place.
Sat 14 December 1918	Local special constables on duty at the polling booths.
Sat 14 December 1918	Leigh Football Club, after resting many months, played their first match this season (against Wigan).
Sun 15 December 1918	Leigh Choral Union performance of the "Messiah" at Leigh Hippodrome: Madame Agnes Nicholls leading soprano.
Mon 16 December 1918	Mr. R. S. Honderwood, of Golborne, a soldier, appointed headmaster of Lowton St. Mary's schools vice the late Mr. G. Bradley.
Mon 16 December 1918	Rev. Dr. Guest, of Blundellsands, appointed vicar of Lowton St. Mary's.
Tue 17 December 1918	Presentation to Mr. John Naylor, after 28 years' service at the Albion Ironworks.
Wed 18 December 1918	Death of Mr. Peter Yates (74), grocer, of Queen-street, Leigh.
Sat 21 December 1918	A sixth German prisoner died at Leigh Camp from influenza.

Sat 21 December 1918	Leigh and District Poultry Society's first show.
Mon 23 December 1918	Mr. H. Hinchcliffe, headmaster of Christ Church schools, Leigh, completed 25 years' service without missing once.
Tue 24 December 1918	Christmas charities given.
Wed 25 December 1918	Annual distribution of two noted Leigh charities.
Fri 27 December 1918	Long list of returned prisoners of war appeared in the "Chronicle."
Fri 27 December 1918	Full list of successes gained by the Ellesmere Bowling Club, Leigh, the champion club of Lancashire, appeared in the "Chronicle."
Sat 28 December 1918	Leigh election votes counted: Result declared at 12-36 as follow:-*P. W. Raffan (Liberal and Coalition), 12,892; R. O. Jones (Labour), 11,146, majority, 1,746.