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CLEAN UP LEIGH
Tuesday, 11 December
Meet at 5pm
Leigh Central Carpark

Gloves and bags will be provided and safety vests (if you have your own, please bring them).

Leigh Library
End of Year Luncheon
The Leigh Library Committee warmly invite you to the end of year luncheon to be held in the Leigh Church hall.

12 noon Friday, 14 December 2018

Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be available for sale and drawn on the day. $2 each or 3 for $5.
LEIGH COMMUNITY BEACH PARTY AND CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS

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Leigh Community Club

Although it's not December yet, it's time to talk about Christmas parties! This year there are two parties happening for everyone to attend. See the notice for the Leigh Bowling Club's party in this issue. The Leigh Community Club is holding a Community Beach Party and Children’s Christmas at the beach. This is open to everyone in Leigh area and is a free event. Bring your own food and refreshments, there will be children's games and prizes and Santa will be there!

Friday 7 December 4.30-7pm at Matheson Bay
Bring your togs, have a swim, play games, have a picnic.
What a great end to the week.

There will be posters in the shop and other places with further details. The NZ Ocean Swim Series organise events throughout the country where enthusiastic ocean swimmers get together. On Saturday, 15 December it is going to be at Omaha. It's not too late to enter and there are distances for all abilities and for children from age 7 and there is the Banana Boat Ocean-Kids swims. Or you can go along and watch the action and enjoy the day.

Summer is nearly here, with the pohutukawa coming into flower already it's telling us it may be a long and dry one. Time to get out the cossies (swimming togs) and sunhats and mulch the vegetable patch. The club has one more meeting for the year on Sunday, 2 December. See you soon.

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On Guy Fawkes Day, when Charles Clarke called in to see Mr Archie Dunning, senior, to read the papers, he heard that Austria had surrendered unconditionally. Optimism and anxiety that the war would soon end promoted a spread of rumours that Germany had also done so.

Leigh residents had also been expecting the Kawau but received a wire on the 9 November to say that “the crew were laid up with influenza. It was very prevalent in Auckland” The next scheduled sailing four days later on the 13th was also cancelled. But there was reason for great jubilation on Tuesday 12th. It was a very fine day. Soon after breakfast we heard the church bell ring so we hurried down to the village and found William Harper ringing the bell on account of receiving news this morning that peace had been declared between Germany and the Allies.

So we gave a cheer for King George and the British Empire, as today had been declared a public holiday, we returned home and then all of us drove down to Goat Island Beach for a little picnic. Alec Matheson was shearing sheep so Charles had tea with the shearers. In the evening he played Five Hundred with the Dunnings.

The meeting of the [Leigh] Mutual Improvement Society and the bible class picnic were postponed that week because of the influenza epidemic. Although the locals still visited their friends, admired each other’s gardens, walked down to the wharf to take flowers to the captains and to pick up and deliver goods, there were no church services or large group gatherings for the rest of the month.

Charles Clarke’s Diaries: November 1918

Sheryl Corbett
Leigh Community Preschool
A fantastic day was had by all at the annual Leigh Preschool Gala, held Labour Weekend. The preschool raised $16,240 which will be used this year to purchase new indoor furniture and toys. We could not have done this without the support of our local community and the families of preschool. Many, many thanks to all who came out to enjoy the day!

Kate Shears

NZ Ocean Swim Series
Omaha Beach
Saturday 15 December
The Leigh Business Community, is organising the volunteers for this NZ-wide swim to be held at Omaha (approx 1000 swimmers.) We require eight people on Friday, 14 from 2.30-6pm (set up & registration) and eighteen (18) people for Saturday, 15 December, 9.15-4.30pm. The event organisers do all the really important stuff, so don’t worry!
If you haven’t been involved in such an event before, they can be inspiring, lots of fun and you often re-connect with people and/or meet new ones. A bonus gift of a T-shirt, cap and lunch.
If you can help on either or both of days, or even part of a day, we would really appreciate it.
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Wendy Brown

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The Leigh Community Club has applied for funds from the Auckland Council’s waste minimization project. Funding is for workshops across several months in 2019 to help raise awareness of the workable alternatives for the people in Leigh. If our grant application is successful we will hold practical workshops where participants leave with handouts and/or products they have helped make. The grants process is not yet completed, however we can all begin by following these 4 Rs.

1. **Refuse**: To refuse waste is often seen as a “radical” choice. As a consumer, the impact of refusing waste is a clear statement to the producer. This choice is a powerful one in that you refuse to take on the responsibility of waste and only wish to receive the wanted or needed product.

2. **Reduce**: As you gain a better understanding of what waste is and the impacts it has on our natural, economic and social environments, reducing becomes a choice of consciousness. Reducing waste allows you to participate at any level.

3. **Reuse**: Using conventional waste to divert it from the waste stream offers a broad spectrum of savings. From plastic containers to shipping containers, the reuse of a product introduces a second life cycle.

4. **Recycle**: Though recycling is the last “R” in this thought process, it has become the most commonly used element. Recycling is absolutely important in eliminating waste and will always be part of the ongoing process. Separating out recyclables from other waste is a responsibility that often lies with the end consumer. The problems that arise with recycling are usually the lack of knowledge and accessibility.

We all need to practice waste management and the 4 Rs are a process for us to reach the goal of eliminating waste.
Leigh Historic Stories Wanted

Many thanks go to Sheryl Corbett who has written history columns for the Leigh Rag taking us back 100 years to the lives of the people who lived here then. We also learned of locals who headed off to the battlefields of Europe and the terrible days of WWI. Sheryl has now decided to take a break. The history column has created a lot of interest and the Leigh Rag is keen to include more historic items. We are now looking for other anecdotes of early Leigh and its people and would welcome any stories (up to about 200 words) from the Leigh, Pakiri, Ti Point and Whangateau areas. Do you have a little story to share or information about a past resident who is no longer with us? Any photographs to go with the story would be good too but are not necessary. Please either email us your story or idea or drop it off at the Leigh General Store. Many thanks, Leigh Rag.

Nominate a Local Good Sort

Our Good Sorts column has run for a number of years, sponsored by Leigh Community Church. Many fantastic locals have been the Good Sort of the month over the years but there are others out there who also deserve the award.

If you know someone like this who has not yet been nominated, please write in a few words their good deed or thoughtfulness, including their name, address and phone number and drop it into the Leigh General Store in an envelope marked “Good Sort” or email the Editor at enderbys@xtra.co.nz.

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Another year gone by so quickly with our Christmas social function for all our members on Wednesday, 5 December at Matheson Bay. This will be 5.30pm onwards and barbecues will be provided. Thank you to Leigh Central for providing a WET WEATHER venue if we need it. All members will be sent full information regarding what to bring and we hope to see many there.

We mentioned last month about forming a TRADE SERVICES section on our website and I can now let you know this has been done and is up and running. **The cost to each business is $75** so very good value and I have already had requests as secretary through the website needing services.

Networking together and keeping services within Leigh is our goal. This creates a greater income for us, for locals and a stronger voice for Leigh as a community. These can be trades people, professionals, massage therapists, home-help, cleaning etc. There are many talented people out there who can provide services within our local area. We hope this section will eventually become a reference centre for locals and visitors to Leigh - a very exciting new venture for us.

We encourage you all to pass this information on and feel free to contact myself so I can help you get started. For any further information or to list your trade or service please contact Jan Scott on 09 422 6681 or please email LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com

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A Well Behaved Woman by Therese Anne Fowler
Diary Of A Wimpy Kid – The Meltdown by Jeff Kinney
The Ice Monster by David Walliams
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On Friday, 14 December, the library will have its end of year celebration at the Church Hall at midday. It’s a shared lunch and all members of the community are invited. Hope to see you there.

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Matt Lennan

Armistice Day 2018
Ninety one year old New Zealand Army veteran and ex serviceman Ray (Dusty) Millar (service #s 820822 & 349668) at the Leigh Cemetery flag-staff at 11.00am 11.11.2018, Armistice Day, for the commemoration of 100 years since the guns fell silent after 4 terrible years, ending the First World War. A minutes silence was observed with the flag at half mast to remember those lives lost and then raised to celebrate the signing of the treaty between Germany and the Allied forces. This observation was organised by the Leigh Community Club.

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As I write this we are enjoying lovely spring weather, just the thing to get stuck into the garden without working up too much of a sweat. Already the ground is drying out and the paddock is again available for campervans. It has suffered from the wet with deep ruts being made from the lawn mowing contractors which may cause problems once the grass grows over them. Best to take care when walking towards the track which is now complete and looking amazing thanks to volunteers, community grants and ITM Matakana for a great deal on materials.

The air is filled with the calls of grey warblers, tui and shining cuckoo along with blackbirds and thrush, so there is much going on undercover in nature at the moment. The sea is warming up and more brave souls (sans wetsuits) are entering.

Just a reminder that old style septic tanks should be cleaned every two years so now’s a good time to get that done before the Christmas influx. Also keep in mind that it helps the fire brigade if you have your house number clearly visible. There have been quite a number of houses up for sale so you may have new neighbours soon to invite for that summer BBQ.

Louise van Campfort

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LEIGH SCHOOL

Have you been onto the school field lately? Andy Turner of Leigh donated his time and painted a mural on the back side of the school pool shed. It is a very colourful artistic addition to the school grounds and the marine theme could not be more perfect for Leigh School. Thanks Andy!

The school held its five year Community Consultation in October. Parents and a few members of the community met in the House of Learning to review the school direction and to set a path for the future. The school is doing a fantastic job and lots of good ideas were proposed to further encourage and support their achievement.

Families of Leigh and out-of-towners enjoyed a night out at the Sawmill Cafe for our annual Black and White Disco. The food was delicious and the music and dancing kept the children on their toes! Thank you to Hazel for Dee-Jaying and to the parents who cooked and served dinner.

We earned $123.00 toward sports gear from Yummy Apples. Rachel Waterhouse has purchased new elastics for the children to use on the school courts. This was a community effort and much appreciated by the school.

We are so lucky to have the Auckland University Marine Discovery Centre in our backyard and Dr Tim Haggitt in our neighbourhood. The school got to spend a day at the centre and Tim, Claudio and Moria from NIWA talked to the children about salps, a unicellular marine organism. Tim has set up an experiment and each 'house' (Whales, Sharks, Kingfish and Dolphins) is racing to grow the most phytoplankton to feed the salps.

Summer is on the way and the children are spending more time outdoors. Please encourage your child to apply sunscreen before school.

Kate Shears

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In time I grew so tall and they say that pride comes before a fall.

My worry is the mould that your dirt brings in will sap my strength from within.
Tread lightly when you visit me if I’m to be a strong old tree.

My strength is mainly in my feet but they are delicate and feel the heat.

My skin will fester from this blight and I will grow dizzy from the height.
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Tattletale Saints. 7:30pm. $20. This tour marks a return to the acoustic duo sound that first introduced the Saints’ music to New Zealanders in 2012, earning them the Tui for Folk Album of The Year in 2014.


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The brigade’s honours night was held recently in the newly refurbished fire station. Awards went to almost all brigade members with Tony Borich, who recently moved to Warkworth receiving the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal for 14 years service.

Other awards were:

- Steve Paddison, gold bar to his 25-year medal for 41 years service and also won the cup for best attendance.
- Kevin Lawton, silver bar for 13 years service.
- Mark Borich, silver bar for 21 years service.
- Nick Torkington, silver bar for 19 years service.
- Tony Enderby, silver bar for 13 years service.
- Alan Borich, silver bar for 11 years service.
- Errol Murray, silver bar for 9 years service.
- Martin Lefley, silver bar for 9 years service.
- Malcolm Allen, silver bar for 9 years service.
- Mark Simmonds, 5-year service medal and Most Improved Trophy.
- Carmel Simmonds, 5-year service medal.
- Dave Johnson, 5-year service medal and 3-year service certificate.

The trophy for the most valuable service to the brigade went to Life Member Phil Torkington who for many years attended calls at all hours and manned the radio.

The weather has definitely warmed up a little making training for brigade members a little more pleasant. If you think you might be interested in becoming a firefighter you're welcome to come down to the fire station at 7pm on a Tuesday and see if what we do suits you – no obligation to join.

Tony Enderby
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Leigh Badminton Club – anyone interested in re-starting this club please call Dennis Humphrey 09 422 6625

Leigh Bowling Club - to foster fellowship and the game of bowls. New members welcome. President Biscuit McLean 027 590 4829 or sec. Dave Johnson 09 422 6560

Leigh Business Community - meets 3rd Wednesday of month Jan Scott 09 422 6681 www.leighbythesea.co.nz or email LeighbytheseaNZ@gmail.com

Leigh Cards 500 - 1pm - 3.30pm Tuesday, Leigh Bowling Club, all welcome, $3.00

Leigh Cemetery Trust - Secretary Joyce McCormick 09 422 6893

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Leigh Harbour Valley Society - 09 422 6880 www.leighharbourvalleysociety.org.nz

Leigh Historic Group currently being formed email historyleighnz@gmail.com

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Leigh Tennis Club – enquiries at Leigh Eats or Marie Dominique 021 490 039

Leigh Walking Group - meets Mondays at 9.30am for interesting walks throughout the Rodney, Kaipara and Auckland regions. Hugh McKergow 09 422 6219

Leigh Women’s Bowling Club - meet Tues, Oct-April, for friendly bowls. New members very welcome. Olive Gravatt 09 422 6273 or Wendy Brooks 09 422 7963

Matheson Bay Neighbourhood Assn - Secretary Peter Spence 021 404 529 or mathesonbayassn@gmail.com

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Pakiri Tennis Club Contact Linda Taylor (Secretary) on 021 242 7459

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