

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The festivities are once again over for another year, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and I should like wish all our readers a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2018.



Before I move from the subject of festivities, the Community Centre's Sewing Club had a couple of welcome guests at their Christmas Party, namely 'Mrs. Brown and Dolly Parton'. The party was held in December and here is a photograph to prove it. The Club had a raffle and one of the winners was 'Mrs Brown'

Leadgate, on 9th December, 2017 had a visit from the big man in the red suit, unfortunately his sledge wasn't available, but someone kindly provided a tractor and he was able to travel around our village giving out early Christmas presents. It may interest you to know, Santa started his visit on our new road as it was a year to the day that it was officially opened. To all those involved in this visit, many thanks.



BULB PLANTING:

In November last year, Consett Rotary Club gave our village a large quantity of crocus bulbs which had to be planted as soon as possible. The photograph on the left shows our County Councillor Watts STELLING, Mr. Jimmy DONAGHY, unfortunately I am unable to recognise the rear of the third person, all helping to plant these bulbs. As you can see it wasn't a very nice day to be gardening, but these hardy people persevered and all but 100 bulbs were planted, these remaining bulbs have been given to Leadgate Primary School.

On behalf of the village I should like to thank the Rotary Club for donating the bulbs and also to thank the people who volunteered on a dreadful day to plant them, let's just hope we have a beautiful display in the Spring.



SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Every month the same thing is reported, "Waiting times for appointments can be long but this can be overcome with patients' help, if you are unable to keep your appointment please cancel it and allow someone else the chance to have it".

In December, 2017 152 were missed, equivalent to 38 per week and 34 hours of wasted time.

In December, 2016 246 were missed - equivalent to 62 per week:

In November, 2017 218 were missed, equivalent to 55 per week and 44 hours wasted time

In November, 2016 240 appointments were missed – equivalent to 60 per week

Let's see, if in 2018 I can report each month there has been a decrease in the number of missed appointments. If you are unable to cancel the appointment yourself, perhaps someone can do it for you.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

The first partnership of the New Year took place on 17th January, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

The meeting was informed Groundwork have now completed the work in Watling Wood, the only thing which needs to be completed is an extension of a dipping platform.

Durham County Council have been contacted and have no objections to the location proposed for the siting of two 'Silent Soldiers' to be purchased by the Partnership and the Community Centre to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War One. The sites are the Jolly Drivers roundabout and the roundabout at the bottom of Durham Road. Leadgate Task Force propose purchasing two further 'Silent Soldiers' and to this end they are holding a 'Quiz Night' in the 'Golden Lion' public house on Thursday, 25th January, 2018 (posters advertising this event have been placed around the village). A suggestion made was a social evening with community singing, which could perhaps be held in Leadgate Workingmen's Club. It was thought that perhaps the CBS Choir and the Glendale Singers could be contacted and asked if they wished to participate, also the local schools to be contacted and asked if the school children would be interested, nothing as yet has been finalised. It was agreed that all further discussions concerning the village's plans to mark this anniversary will be held at the normal Partnership meetings, which, for those who do not know, are held on the third Wednesday of the month, at 6.30 p.m., in the Community Centre.

As was reported in the last edition of the newsletter, a pattern for knitted poppies was available from the Community Centre. If you are unable to knit and would like to make your contribution by knitting poppies, but don't know how to knit, why not go along to the Community Centre's Sewing Club, held every Thursday afternoon, between 1 – 3 pm where the members will be only too happy to show you how to knit. A grant application has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Project Genesis for funding to help with the costs of the activities.

The meeting was also informed that funding by our Councillors is hopefully to be made available to provide a living Christmas tree this year in the 'Gap Site' in Front Street.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

NEW ROAD/VILLA REAL BRIDGE: Durham County Council (DCC) Highways have approved the introduction of a buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit between Leadgate and Villa Real bungalows, this will enable additional 30 mph roundel signs to be erected (approximately 5 metres west of the island crossing) reminding motorists they are entering Leadgate Village and that a 30 m.p.h. speed restriction is in place. Speed monitoring by Traffic Patrols and Community Speed Watch is to be ongoing to determine the effectiveness of the new signage.

EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE (The 'Tute'): Leadgate Youth Centre has established seven (7) new members to supplement the current Trustee Board and are still progressing the introduction of new organisations/groups to ensure the full utilization and development of the building. Derwent Valley Allstars, a Cheerleading/Gymnastics Group have proposed exclusive access to the upper hall on weekday evenings (6pm – 9pm), however some modifications (upgrading of toilets) are to be progressed before any organisational access is allowed.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: The review on the operational set up of the hospital is progressing to determine whether to introduce a new Community Hospital facility on-site or off-site (within the Consett locality) and the range of services it plans to provide, monthly meetings with NHS/DCC officers are ongoing. Local elected members are attending these meetings to ensure the proper evaluation of the information and options being considered, which is expected to be finalised in March, 2018.

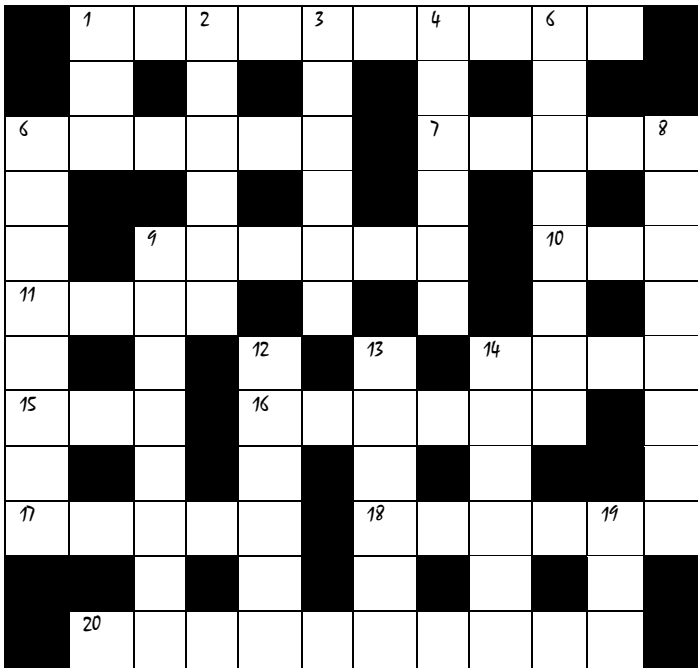
OPEN CASTING – BRADLEY SITE: The mining company 'Banks' have acquired access to the Bradley Open Casting site and intend to start operational duties in March, 2018 (installing of an access road) with actual open casting in the Pont Valley north of the A92/A693 road junction expected to commence June/July, 2018. A liaison committee made up of local stakeholders, from the surrounding localities is to be created to monitor the whole process.

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CROSSWORD

CLUES



ACROSS

DOWN

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| 1. Political strategist (4,6) | 1. Habitual drunkard (3) |
| 6. Artist's workroom (6) | 2. Certainly (6) |
| 7. Skinflint (5) | 3. Half asleep (6) |
| 9. Stoat-like mammal (6) | 4. Be obedient (6) |
| 10. Floor covering (3) | 5. Watches carefully (8) |
| 11. Mimicked (4) | 6. Shell fragments (8) |
| 14. Hairstyle (4) | 8. Military formation (8) |
| 15. Nothing (3) | 9. Moderately wealthy (4-2-2) |
| 16. Difficult questions (6) | 12. Maintenance (6) |
| 17. Slack (5) | 13. Help (6) |
| 18. Put money in (6) | 14. Known from experience to work (6) |
| 20. Ability (10) | 19. Prosecute (3) |

/Answers overleaf

LEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



MOSQUE VISIT:

In November, 2017 the school's 'Mini Police' paid a visit to a mosque and spent time learning about the ritual daily prayers. The prayer ritual, which is over 1400 years old, is repeated five times a day by hundreds of millions of people all round the world.



SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS:

In November, 2017, Year 5 and 6 children took part in 'Sports Hall Athletics' as part of Sainsbury's School Games Level 2. Out of the 8 schools that participated, Leadgate achieved second place. Well done to everyone for their sporting achievement and outstanding behaviour and thank you to Mr. BAKER for his additional training and time with the children.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported the school's non-uniform day. The school raised a fantastic £167.86 and the children of the Lower School were treated to a surprise visit from Pudsey Bear himself. Thanks also to Miss Sharon and Miss Gemma at the Upper School for providing a special 'Pudsey Bear dinner'

PRIMARY SCHOOL RESULTS:

In December, 2017 the Government published last year's key stage 2 Sats results of the best performing Primary schools in the North East and believe it or not, the two top schools were in our area. The top School, with 100% result was Ebchester Church of England Primary School and in second place was Leadgate Primary School with 95%. Congratulations to the children and teachers of both schools for the hard work they have all put in to gain such excellent marks.



LEADGATE CO-OP:

In November last year Leadgate Co-op distributed £7,371.27 to three groups in our area. This money was raised by members of the Co-op and by the charging for plastic carrier bags, the money was distributed as follows: £2,242.56 to Thorneyhome Woodcraft Folk: £2,492.92 to Leadgate Scouts Group and £2,635.89 to Rosemount Care Home, Consett



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for December, 2017 are as follows: 1st prize – No. 3: 2nd prize – No. 67: Numbers for January, 2018 are as follows: 1st prize – No. 64: 2nd prize – No. 36



UNANSWERABLE QUESTION:

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck for eternity, wearing the clothes you were buried in?



DIARY FOR FEBRUARY, 2018



2nd Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 pm

5th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



10th **Two coffee mornings today:**

Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall
Salvation Army, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



12th Salvation Army's Ladies' Fellowship, 7.30 pm in the Army Hall



17th St. Ives Church coffee morning, 10.15 am in the Community Centre

19th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre
presentation on Aromatherapy and the competition is a perfume spray



21st Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

24th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



26th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Leadgate Workingmen's Club.



The Centre's Legacy Gym is open every morning except

Sunday between 9 am - 12 noon and Monday to Friday between 5 pm – 7 pm

Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every

Tuesday 9.15 am – 11 am, it's just £1 per child

Leadgate Village website: <https://www.leadgatevillage.com>



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 21st February, 2018,

the contact names and telephone numbers are as follows:

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Spin doctor: 6 Studio: 7 Miser: 9 Weasel: 10 Rug: 11 Aped: 14 Perm: 15 Nil: 16 Posers: 17 Loose: 18 Invest: 20 Competence. **DOWN:** 1 Sot: 2 Indeed: 3 Drowsy: 4 Comply: 5 Observes: 6 Shrapnel: 8 Regiment: 9 Well to do: 12 Upkeep: 13 Assist: 14 Proven: 19 Sue.