

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 01/19 (March)

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Centre will be held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, in the Community Centre at 6 p.m.

To be considered for election to the committee you have to have been a member of the Community Centre for at least one year. Nomination forms will be available at the Centre from 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and should be returned to the Secretary, in a sealed envelope before 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

If anyone would like to become a member of the Centre, please contact the Secretary, Brenda SURTEES, who is in the Centre every Thursday afternoon between 1 pm – 3.30 pm, telephone number 01207 507506.

### SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

In December, 2018 a total of 208 appointments were not cancelled, this was equivalent to 52 per week, however, 2019 started on a brighter note, 180 were not cancelled, equivalent to 45 per week and in February this was down again to 135 not cancelled, equivalent to 34 per week.

If you are unable to keep your appointment please **call 01207 583555 to cancel or you can text on 07918911181** but please note this mobile number is only to be used to cancel appointments.

Don't forget, 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.

### CO-OP SUPERMARKET:

For those people who don't know, the Co-op Supermarket in Front Street, will close on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 for approximately three (3) weeks for refurbishment.

### LEADGATE TASK FORCE:

As a result of the growing popularity of Leadgate Task Force Community History Group, a decision has been made to give it a website presence. As and when material and articles become available, the site will be regularly updated.

The website can be accessed by clicking on the following link:  
<http://leadgatecommunityhistoryclub.co.uk>

Leadgate Village's website: [leadgatevillage.com](http://leadgatevillage.com)



## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership's meeting was held in the Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

Under 'Matters Arising' Brenda SURTEES, Secretary of the Community Centre, informed the meeting as a result of concerns about the lighting outside the main entrance of the Centre, a new light had been installed which should help to alleviate the problem of people not being able to see the kerb.

Ms Rebecca HAYNES from the Alzheimer's Friendly Village gave a brief outline of how we could make Leadgate a 'Dementia Friendly Village'. The first step is to set up a steering group which, to start with, would set up two actions. If anyone is interested in joining this group, Rebecca's details are as follows:

**Rebecca HAYNES, Dementia Friendly Communities Co-Ordinator, Alzheimer's Society, South Approach, Bullion Lane, Chester-le-Street, DH2 2DW, telephone 0191 389 0400 mobile 0770851 0082, E mail [rebecca.haynes@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:rebecca.haynes@alzheimers.org.uk).**

Rebecca said she is available for advice, etc. to anyone with dementia or if you know any with dementia who needs help. She also informed the meeting Medomsley Village has now become a 'Dementia Friendly Village'.

**PLAY AREA:** The land problem for this area which is situated at the bottom of Watling Street, is still to be sorted out. A sub group of the Partnership has been set up and with the first of any monies obtained, it is proposed to replace some of the present equipment. The Banks Mining Community Fund is now available - one of the requirements is three (3) estimates.

It has been suggested that directional signs should be obtained for the village which would inform visitors and also those passing through, what amenities are available. Two sites were proposed one at the Doctors' Surgery and the other on what has become known as 'the Gap Site'. Before anything is done, the question of planning permission has to be considered, will it be required from Durham County Council and Sustrans? The next consideration would be cost.

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**



**PLAY PARK (PONT/WATLING):** The project to re-develop/extend the current play park requires an extended lease (e.g. 25 years) to be agreed between Durham County Council (DCC) and the current landowner before any extension could be considered. DCC Estates/DCC Legal are to have discussions with the landowner's representative to progress this issue – landowner is sympathetic to the needs of the community to develop the play park: various aspects of funding support need to be accessed to implement the equipment for this extension.

**SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:** Public engagement meetings are to be scheduled in the next eight (8) weeks (in and around the Derwentside area) to consider and review the proposals, options and extent of service delivery for the new community hospital, e.g. number of rehabilitation (step down beds): urgent care: diagnosis (Ultra Sound/X ray): chemotherapy. The options to provide an operating theatre and Endoscopy service are not being recommended for the new Community Hospital, mainly because of the lack of clinical specialists who will be based at Acute Hospitals (University Hospital North Durham and Darlington). The location for the new Community Hospital has yet to be determined.

**CHRISTMAS TREE:** A permanent living Christmas tree (funded by Councillors) is to be planted at the 'Gap Site' (within a protective steel enclosure) in the few weeks.

**EDEN MINERS' CENTRE:** A new 'tenant/hirer' (Kerry Kirkwood School of Dance) is to commence using the upper part of the building (main hall), commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2019. New and additional trustees have been appointed to the Trustee Board: the refurbishment work (financed by local councillors) is almost complete.

**BRADLEY OPEN CAST:** A proposal for an extension (to mine an additional 100,000 tons of prime coal) to the current open cast site at West Bradley (the fields opposite the 'Jolly Drivers') is to be submitted by the Banks Group – this will require a full planning application heard by DCC Strategic Planning Committee.

/Banks propose

Banks propose that the extension (if granted) could be completed within the current given timescales (completion before August,2021) and they state that they are willing to enter into a legally binding agreement not to open cast to the north or east of the existing site and an additional £48,000.00 will be added to the Community Fund.

**PARKING – FRONT STREET:** The creation of laybys (opposite some of the businesses in Front Street) will necessitate the re-location of a BT cable and BT has quoted the re-location cost to be circa. £55,000 – this cost cannot be considered on top of the layby’s cost at £19,000. Therefore an alternative option of creating a reduced kerb height and installing a hard standing area (tarmac or block paving) will be considered once the costs have been provided.

The next meeting of the Partnership will be on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at 6.30 p.m., in the Community Centre and those people who are interested in having Leadgate become a ‘Dementia Friendly Village’ are asked to attend.



**POLICE REPORT**

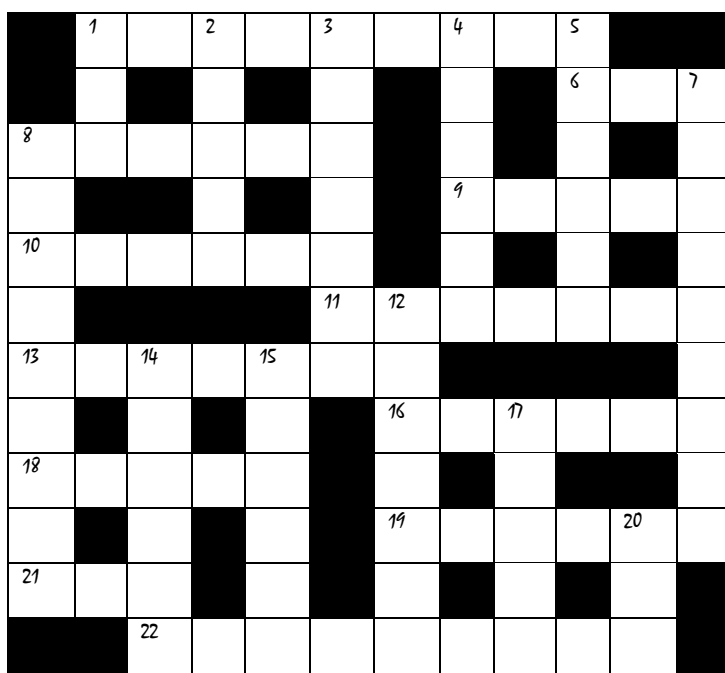
PCSO 8107 CAVE has been conducting routine foot patrol in the Leadgate area, attending local shops and Leadgate Primary School. Members of the public have continued to raise concerns about parking on the ‘Keep Clear’ lines at the school. Officers will continue to patrol the school to discourage parking on these lines. Over the past month concerns have been raised about youths in Watling Woods. This area will also receive attention.

PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE, Safeguarding Neighbourhoods,

E mail [Alexander.Cave2@durham.pnn./police.uk](mailto:Alexander.Cave2@durham.pnn./police.uk) telephone number - 101

**CROSSWORD**

**CLUES**



**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

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| 1. Lacking some<br>some essential (9) | 1. Lair (3)                          |
| 6. Snake-like fish (3)                | 2. Hurl or toss (5)                  |
| 8. Medical condition (6)              | 3. Church part (7)                   |
| 9. Greek letter (5)                   | 4. _____ Woodward<br>actor (6)       |
| 10. Having to do with<br>tragedy (6)  | 5. Frame of mind (6)                 |
| 11. Tolerates (7)                     | 7. Unscrupulous<br>moneylender (4,5) |
| 13. Mobile (7)                        | 8. Robot (9)                         |
| 16. African country (6)               | 12. Uncommitted (7)                  |
| 18. Faith (5)                         | 14. Crypts (6)                       |
| 19. Comment (6)                       | 15. Lowest part (6)                  |
| 21. Mesh (3)                          | 17. Let in (5)                       |
| 22. Foolish or gullible<br>person (9) | 20. Move quickly (3)                 |

/Answers overleaf

**POPPY APPEAL:**



Consett and District’s 2018 Poppy Appeal has raised the magnificent sum of £40,766.00 which is up by £7,000.00 on 2017. Congratulations to everyone who made a contribution and to all the volunteers who helped.



## DIARY FOR APRIL, 2019



1<sup>st</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 p.m. in the Community Centre



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5<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. held in the Church Hall



8<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies' Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall, presentation 'Easter Theme'



13<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Community Centre's Annual General Meeting, 6.30 p.m., in the Community Centre.



15<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's 'Busy Bee' craft club, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall, £1.00 per session and includes tea/coffee



15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m., in the Community Centre

17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



20<sup>th</sup> **No St. Ives' Church coffee morning today**

27<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



29<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 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**

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

**Gentle Exercise classes are held everyone Monday between 2.45pm – 3.15pm at Leadgate Methodist Church**

**Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every Tuesday 9.15 am – 11 am, it's just £1 per child**



**If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let me know before 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019**

**the contact name and telephone number is: Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506**

**If you wish to contact either of our County Councillors their details are as follows:**

**Councillor Watts STELLING – 01207 501674, mobile 07500125328:**

**Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327**

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

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