

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 02/19 – April



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre took place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. at 6 p.m. As there were no other nominations, the existing committee were all re-elected and are as follows:

Chairperson:	Mr. Malcolm D’NORTHWOOD
Secretary:	Miss Brenda SURTEES
Treasurer:	Mrs. Jennifer WALKER
Committee members:	Miss Stephanie Walker: Miss Tracy WALKER and Mrs. Margaret HILLARY who was elected for the first time

The Annual General Meeting of the Leadgate Area Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

### SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

In March, 2019, 138 patients did not attend appointments the equivalent of 35 appointments per week and a total of 28 hours wasted.



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

On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 the Co-op Supermarket re-opened its doors for business after its three weeks closure for refurbishment.



Also now open for business is the Eden Miners Welfare Centre, generally known as 'The Tute'.

The 'Tute' has been closed for some considerable time and has been re-named the 'Eden Miners' Centre'. It now has the 'Kerry Kirkwood's School of Dance' open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and using the upper floor. The lower floor is now available for hiring, and further information re costs, etc. can be obtained by E mailing [edenminerscentre@hotmail.com](mailto:edenminerscentre@hotmail.com)



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

The question of Leadgate becoming an 'Alzheimer's Friendly Community' was discussed at length and a working party is to be set up, local organisation are to be contacted to ascertain whether or not anyone is interested.

The question of a defibrillator for the village was also discussed and it appears a few people are interested. The cost of this piece equipment is in the region of £3,000 and would be housed in a secure box. When required, the operator would ring 999 and would then be given a code number to open the box and the 999 operator would talk the person through the appropriate procedure. Anyone can be trained to use the defibrillator.

A suggestion was made the local Councillors and Police investigate the possibility of pedestrian traffic lights being installed at Front Street 'bus stop.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

#### **PLAY PARK (PONT/WATLING)**

Discussions between Durham County Council (DCC) Estates/Legal and the landowners representatives to progress an extended lease (e.g. 25 years) is ongoing, the landowner is sympathetic to the needs of the community to develop/extend the play park: various aspects of funding support needs to be accessed to implement the range of play equipment for both young children and teenagers – involvement of parents views will be encouraged and welcomed.

#### **SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**

Public engagement meetings are ongoing with an additional evening session scheduled at Bishop Ian Ramsey Primary School in Medomsley on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, 6 pm – 8 p.m. These public meetings provide the opportunity for residents to explain their needs/aspirations for the new Community Hospital and to consider the proposed options and extent of what type of healthcare services will be delivered.

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE**

A permanent living Christmas tree (funded by Councillors) is scheduled to be planted at the 'Gap Site' (within a protective steel enclosure) before the end of April.

#### **EDEN MINERS' CENTRE**

The refurbishment work (improved toilets facilities) funded by Councillors has now been completed and a structural survey has also been undertaken with the building being considered structurally sound but with some recommended remedial work required and additional grant funding will be sourced to cover the cost of this work. The 'Kerry Kirkwood School of Dance' has now commenced using the upper part of the building (main hall), the opportunity for other users is to be encouraged.

#### **PARKING (FRONT STREET)**

Quotations are awaited for the design and installation costs to create a hard standing area (tarmac or block paving) with reduced kerb height opposite to some of the commercial outlets on Front Street.

#### **SPEED MONITORING (BRADLEY COTTAGES)**

Traffic Police are continuing to monitor the speed of traffic using this known 'blackspot'. Numerous motorists have been caught breaking the speed limit and a range of enforcement proceedings (fines/penalty points: Magistrates' Court attendance: impounding of vehicles) have and will continue to be implemented and hopefully 'rolled out' across other areas where speeding is identified as a social blight on our local communities.

**Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125327)**

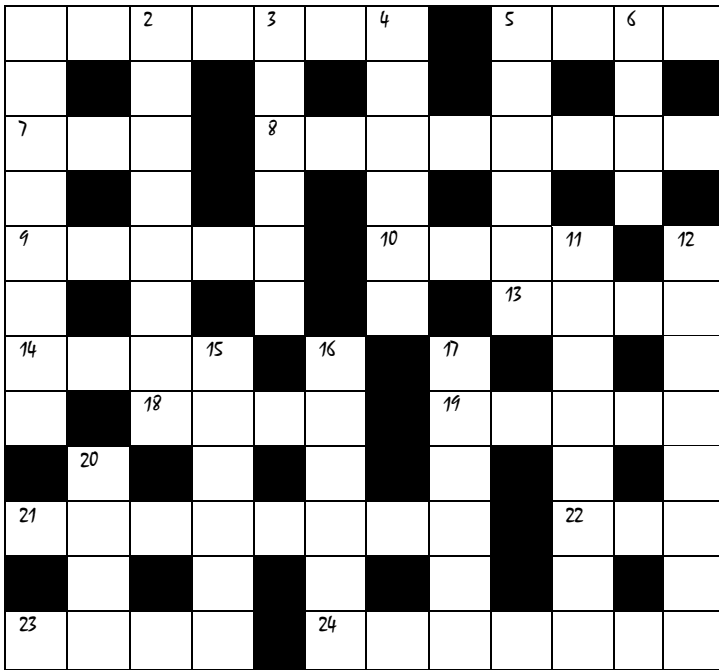
**Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125328)**

**CROSSWORD**

**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**



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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Hoodlum or villain (7)   | 1. Of late (8)                    |
| 5. Pleasantly cold (4)      | 2. Leave of absence from duty (8) |
| 7. Vehicle (3)              | 3. Pressed clothes (6)            |
| 8. Hurdle (8)               | 4. Snuggle (6)                    |
| 9. Hangman's halter (5)     | 5. Colouring stick (6)            |
| 10. Plunder (4)             | 6. Lubricates (4)                 |
| 13. Perceive (4)            | 11. Sleigh (8)                    |
| 14. Lower limbs (4)         | 12. Perseveres (8)                |
| 18. Gargantuan (4)          | 15. Late meal (6)                 |
| 19. Sounds a horn (5)       | 17. Small river (6)               |
| 21. Entire (8)              | 20. A layer of paint (4)]         |
| 23. Celestial object (4)    |                                   |
| 24. Requests forcefully (7) |                                   |

/Answers overleaf

**FIFTY YEARS OF WEDDED BLISS:**

Congratulations to Liz and Ray HENDERSON, who in March celebrated their Golden Wedding (50 years)

Liz and Ray met in 1968 whilst they were both working for a local firm Ransome & Marles (this firm closed several years ago) and on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 1969, at St. Pius Church, Moorside, they 'tied the knot'. They have three grown up sons and seven grandchildren.

They had a celebration night at Leadgate Workingmen's Club for family and friends and some of the entertainment was provided by the family (two of the three sons are music teachers).



**Ray and Liz HENDERSON**

On behalf of everyone who knows Liz and Ray, I should like to offer them our heartiest congratulations and hope they have many more years together



I am sure everyone knows this is the North East Air Ambulance but did you know on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 it landed on the Community Centre's car park - there had been an accident in Front Street which necessitated it being called and from what I have been told, it was not required, the injured person was taken to hospital by ambulance. Unfortunately the injured person has died and to his family and friends, I offer our sincere condolences.



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# DIARY FOR MAY, 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall

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



9<sup>th</sup> ) Leadgate Community History Club will be at Consett and District

10<sup>th</sup> ) Heritage Initiative Spring Exhibition to be held at Consett

11<sup>th</sup> ) Methodist Church



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



12<sup>th</sup> SUPDSA Dog Show, 12.30 p.m. at the Community Centre

13<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall presentation will be 'Diabetes UK'



15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership's Annual General Meeting, 6.30 pm in the Community Centre

18<sup>th</sup> Task Force event - 'R.H.S. in your Neighbourhood Planting Day', everyone to meet opposite the Co-op at the three tier planer at 9.30 a.m., all are welcome no matter the age



18<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church coffee morning, **10 a.m.** in the Community Centre  
**NOTE THE NEW TIME**



19<sup>th</sup> Multiple Sclerosis Research and Relief are holding a coffee afternoon in the Community Centre from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.



20<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's 'Busy Bee' craft club, 7 p.m. in the Army Hal

20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Community History Club meeting 7 p.m. at Consett Fire Station, talk will be on the 'Bill Costello Collection'



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

27<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 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**

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**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:

**ACROSS:** 1 Ruffian: 5 Cool: 7 Car: 8 Obstacle: 9 Noose: 10 Loot: 13 Note: 14 Legs: 18 Huge: 19 Toots: 21 Complete: 22 Gas: 23 Star: 24 Demands. **DOWN:** 1 Recently: 2 Furlough: 3 Ironed: 4 Nestle: 5 Crayon: 6 Oils: 11 Toboggan: 12 Persists: 15 Supper: 16 Behead: 17 Stream: 20 Coat.