

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 02/18 – February



### **SAD NEW TO REPORT:**

Many of you will know the lady in the photograph, either by sight or by name, if you don't know her name, it is Mrs. JEAN HUGHES. Jean was a well-known figure in the village, but sadly on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 passed away at home.

Jean was one of the founding members of Leadgate Area Partnership and it was through Jean that I became involved with the Partnership. Jean was also a committee member of Leadgate Community Centre: she was also a trustee of Rosedale Residential Home at Consett and was also involved with 'Open Arms', another charity which meets every Tuesday at Leadgate Methodist Church. Jean was involved in many village activities and will be greatly missed not only by her family but by her many friends and the organisation she was involved in.

The above photograph was taken at one of the Fun Days held by Leadgate Primary School and I can tell you it took some persuading to get Jean climb onto the Police motor cycle and don the high viz jacket and police hat.

On behalf of everyone who knew Jean I would like to offer her family and many friends our most sincere condolences.



### **SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:**

The New Year has started with a slight decrease in missed appointments. January, 2017 had 181 missed appointments - 45 per week and January this year had 176 - 44 per week.

This decrease isn't much but if we could keep this up, it would make a huge difference by the end of the year. 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.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Before the meeting started, Ms Linda PEARS, the Partnership Chairperson informed everyone the sad news of the passing of one the Partnership's founding members, Mrs. Jean HUGHES, who died on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 aged 80 years. Jean's funeral is on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, at 2 p.m. at Mountsett Crematorium. One of the many things Linda said she would remember Jean for was telling her (Linda) it was time to close the meeting as she (Jean) wanted to be home to watch the football. After this a minutes silence was held.

**100 years since World War One ended:** One of the suggestions to mark this anniversary was perhaps a wooden cross could be made. Leadgate Methodist Chapel has indicated perhaps it could be placed on their land as some of the ladies are busy knitting poppies. Another suggestion is a musical evening, but at the moment the two choirs suggested are unable to confirm their availability: the suggested dates are either Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. The Chairperson, Linda, has been busy trying to make papier-mache poppies, similar to those placed around the Tower of London last year, but of course not of china. When Linda is confident with her poppy, she hopes to take it to local schools and show the children how to make them. The Community Centre Committee has agreed to purchase one of the £250.00 'Silent Soldiers' which will be placed on the War Memorial. It is hoped to have a parade, starting at the 'Old Co-op Building', walking along the footpath (walking on the footpath means a road closure will not be necessary) and finally arriving at the War Memorial in Durham Road, where the Remembrance Day service will be held. It is hoped to obtain poppies seeds to scatter around the village and finally wouldn't it be great if everyone in the village could make a poppy. A pattern for a knitted poppy can be obtained from the Community Centre.

A 'Big Spring Clean' weekend is taking place from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. On 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 Leadgate Primary School will be out between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon and on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March the Taskforce and volunteers will be out between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Anyone wishing to volunteer should be at the Community Centre for 10 a.m., all equipment will be provided.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**VILLA REAL BRIDGE/NEW ROAD:** The introduction of the buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit between Leadgate and Villa Real bungalows is awaited, which will allow additional 30 m.p.h. roundel signs to be erected (approximately 5 metres west at the island crossing) reminding motorists that they are entering Leadgate Village and that a 30 m.p.h. speed restriction is in place.

**EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE HALL (THE TUTE):** Agreement with the Derwent Valley Allstars (a cheerleading/gymnastic group) to enter into a fixed tenancy agreement is still to be finalised. Disposal of the redundant gym equipment to generate some much needed income is progressing to ensure the upkeep of the building.

**SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL:** Discussions regarding the operational set up of the hospital are progressing with a preliminary commitment by the NHS to introduce a new Community Hospital facility off-site (within the Consett locality). The range of services it plans to provide at this facility is still to be finalised.

**OPEN CASTING (BRADLEY SITE):** The Bradley Open Cast site is to be managed by Banks Mining Group who intend to start operational duties in March, 2018 with the installation of the access road, with actual mining in the Pont Valley north of the A.692/693 road junction expected to commence June/July, 2018. A liaison committee made up of local stakeholders/residents from the surrounding localities (Leadgate, Medomsley and Dipton) has been created to monitor the whole operational process, highlighting issues that Banks will address, the Chair for the committee is Councillor Alan SHIELD.

**MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT (BRADLEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE):** A manufacturing company, SDS (production of recycled briquettes, generating surplus electricity into the National Grid) is planning to extend their development following a loan via Business Durham, with a significant extension. This extension (if approved by Durham County Council Planning) will be at the top area of Werdohl Way with minimal incursion into Bradley Wood – elected members have registered concerns/objections regarding the actual location of this extension

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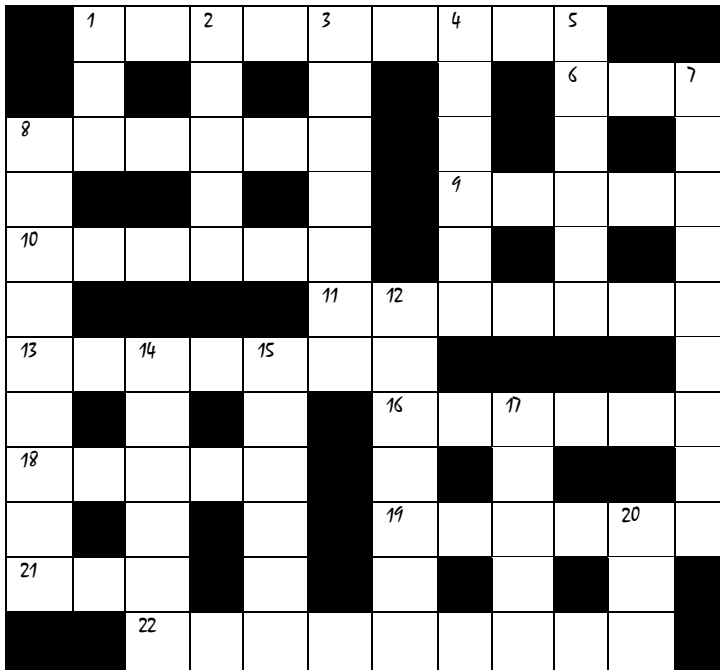
### **POLICE REPORT:**

Durham Constabulary is happy to say that local officers are conducting more foot patrols in the Leadgate Village and they will stop and speak to anyone who wishes to talk to them. P.C.542 MADDICK has joined the Leadgate Community Beat Team and is looking forward to meeting residents

With summer coming, it is believed there will be an increase in shed burglaries and theft of garden equipment. Durham Constabulary would like to remind people that small measures can prevent these crimes occurring – physically check your car is locked – sometimes central locking can fail: do not keep valuables in your vehicle: do not keep work equipment such as tools and electrical items in the vehicle. Take reasonable steps to secure all out buildings and sheds and remove valuable items if possible: a shed alarm may be an option.

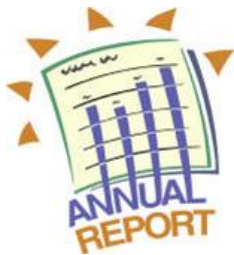
If anyone has any concerns or would like further crime prevention advice, you can contact a local officer on 101 or email [alexander.cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alexander.cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk)

**PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE**

**CROSSWORD****ACROSS****DOWN****CLUES**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. The furthest point or limit (9) | 1. Epoch (3)                     |
| 6. Bird type (3)                   | 2. Use one's mind (5)            |
| 8. Salty (6)                       | 3. Everlasting (7)               |
| 9. Inert gas (5)                   | 4. He flew too near the sun (6)  |
| 10. Serviette (6)                  | 5. Over there (6)                |
| 11. Promises or guarantees (7)     | 7. Huge election win (9)         |
| 13. A small grain (7)              | 8. Jewish building (9)           |
| 16. Place in Italy (6)             | 12. Submissive (7)               |
| 18. Pig sound (5)                  | 14. Charm (6)                    |
| 19. Frozen spike (6)               | 15. Unfastens (6)                |
| 21. Viewing organ (3)              | 17. Indian corn (5)              |
| 22. Insipid (9)                    | 20. _____ Dawson, late comic (3) |

/Answers overleaf

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre will be held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 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 from the Centre from 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and should be returned to the Secretary, in a sealed envelope before 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017.

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 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

**SCHOOL PARKING:**

Concerns have been raised about parking outside all our village schools, during drop off and pick up time. Parents and teachers are increasingly concerned about child safety and the needs of local residents. It is an offence to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside schools between 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Please be aware registrations numbers will be taken and passed to the relevant authorities and this may incur a fine. Safeguarding our children is a priority and we ask that you have due respect for our neighbours when parking.

Parents may also register complaints over parking by e mailing on [parkingservices@durham.gov.uk](mailto:parkingservices@durham.gov.uk)

**LEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 Leadgate Primary School's indoor cricket team won their heat and have now qualified for Finals Night after half term

**ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:**

The winning numbers for February, 2018 are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 77: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 43

**UNANSWERABLE QUESTION:**

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?





# DIARY FOR MARCH, 2018



2<sup>ND</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup>

Lent Lunch, 12 noon at Leadgate Methodist Church  
Women's World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m. at Leadgate Methodist Church



5<sup>th</sup>

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

9<sup>th</sup>

Lent Lunch, 12 noon at the Salvation Army



10<sup>th</sup>

Two coffee mornings today:  
10 a.m. - Pont & Bradley Chapel, in the Church Hall  
10.30 a.m. - Salvation Army, in the Army Hall

12<sup>th</sup>

Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall, there will be a jewellery demonstration and also making an item



16<sup>th</sup>

Lent Lunch, 12 noon at the Salvation Army



17<sup>th</sup>

St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre



19<sup>th</sup>

Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation by Julie YORK on 'Open Water Swimming' and the competition is a 'shower cap'



21<sup>st</sup>

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

23<sup>rd</sup>

Lent Lunch, 12 noon at the Salvation Army



24<sup>th</sup>

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



25<sup>th</sup>

Salvation Army 'Messy Church, 4 p.m. in the Army Hall

26<sup>th</sup>

Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Centre, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



26<sup>th</sup>

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**



**If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let me know before 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 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:**

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## CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Extremity: 6 Owl: 8 Saline: 9 Radon: 10 Napkin: 11 Assures: 13 Granule: 16 Rimini: 18 Grunt: 19 Icicle: 21 Eye: 22 Tasteless. **DOWN:** 1 Era: 2 Think: 3 Eternal: 4 Icarus: 5 Yonder: 7 Landslide: 8 Synagogue: 12 Servile: 14 Amulet: 15 Unties: 17 Maize: 20 Les.