

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
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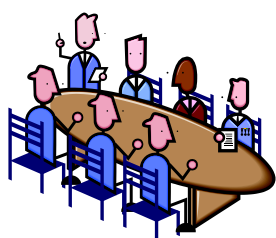
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150th ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 150th anniversary of the Salvation Army, Durham County Council wish to present an award. This will done at Durham Cathedral on **Sunday, 17th May, 2015 at 2 p.m.** and a significant Salvationist presence is desired. It is anticipated the ceremony will finish at 3 p.m. and this means there will be no evening meeting at Leadgate Corps. Each Corp is to parade their flag and there will be amalgamated bands and songsters.

For further information contact any member of the Salvation Army or Envoy Gwen HALL on 07803 452999.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre was held in the Community Centre on Monday, 30th March, 2015 at 6 p.m. Once again as there were no other nominations the existing committee were all re-elected and are as follows:

Chair: Mr. Malcolm D'NORTHWOOD
Secretary: Miss Brenda SURTEES
Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer WALKER
Committee Members: Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Miss Stephanie WALKER

PARTNERSHIP's AGM



The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Area Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre. Nomination Forms will be available from the Community Centre from Friday, 1st May, 2015 and should be returned to the Chair, Miss Linda PEARS, in a sealed envelope before 13th May, 2015.



SPONSOR FOUND:

In last month's issue I said as a result of a shortage of paper March's issue may be last one, well, since then I have received some good news, one of our readers, a young man, Mr. Ian HANRATTY, a village resident, has offered to buy the paper and to do the photocopying.

Each month approximately 2 ½ reams of A3 paper is required to print our newsletter and I have to tell you the cost of one ream is approximately £12 - £14, depending where it is purchased. I have already expressed my personal gratitude to Ian but thought I should let everyone know that there are still some people in the world who want to help their community. On behalf of our readers, many, many thanks Ian.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th April, 2015. One of the topics mentioned concerned the Doctors' surgery – you may not know it, but during the month of March there were 173 missed appointments, that is 43 missed appointments each week and 43 extra people who could have been seen by a doctor. If you book an appointment and for whatever reason can't keep it, please cancel.

The meeting was told that Mr. Ian HANRATTY, a resident of our village, had come forward to say he is willing to sponsor the newsletter, not only by supplying the paper, but also to do the photocopying. The Chair of the meeting, Miss Linda PEARS gave a hearty vote of thanks to Ian and will be writing to him in due course.

Another bit of good news was that someone has expressed an interest in becoming the Partnership's Secretary which became vacant last year following the untimely death of Mrs. Pat. PICKERSGILL, hopefully this person will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2015.

The Partnership is still looking for a sponsor for its last planter. The planters are planted up twice a year at a cost to the sponsor of £55. **If you are interested please contact the Chair person, Miss Linda PEARS on 01207 505481.**



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

BRADLEY OPEN CAST – the second Bradley Site Public Inquiry (held in Leadgate Workingmen's Club) has been concluded but the decision by the Independent Planning Inspector (originally scheduled for 6th April) has been delayed due to the impending general election where no political benefits should be gained by the inspector's decision.

VILLA REAL BRIDGE – following the cancellation of the previous contractor, Durham County Council has appointed another civil engineering company to remove the bridge structure and replace it with a through road. The work is scheduled to start mid- May and could take up to 6 months to complete.

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION – the garden waste collection (brown bins) for the 2015/16 years has now commenced and residents who have 'opted in' to the service are asked to make sure that their brown bin is put outside their property by 7 a.m. on the scheduled morning of collection – this allows Durham County Council's waste collection service to have a degree of flexibility until the schedules and pick up routes are finally established.

LEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL – the Junior and Infants/Nursery Schools have now been amalgamated to create **Leadgate Primary School** – the Junior School is to be known as the '**Upper School**' and the Infants/Nursery School is to be known as the '**Lower School**'. The head teacher is Mr. Mark WATSON reporting to the newly established board of governors.



POLICE REPORT

The Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting preceded the Partnership meeting on Wednesday, 15th April, 2015. As a result of the current PACT Priority being parking/speeding outside Leadgate Infants and Brooms Junior Schools, volunteers were asked to conduct surveys. These surveys occurred on two occasions and a total of 82 vehicles were observed, however only three were travelling at more than 35 m.p.h., these drivers will be receiving warning letters.

The Police are now using a Domestic Violence Protection Order and there are two such orders in force within the village.

There have been only **SIX** calls this month concerning anti-social behaviour.

A known male has been seen riding his quad bike around the fields near Park Villas and action has been taken.

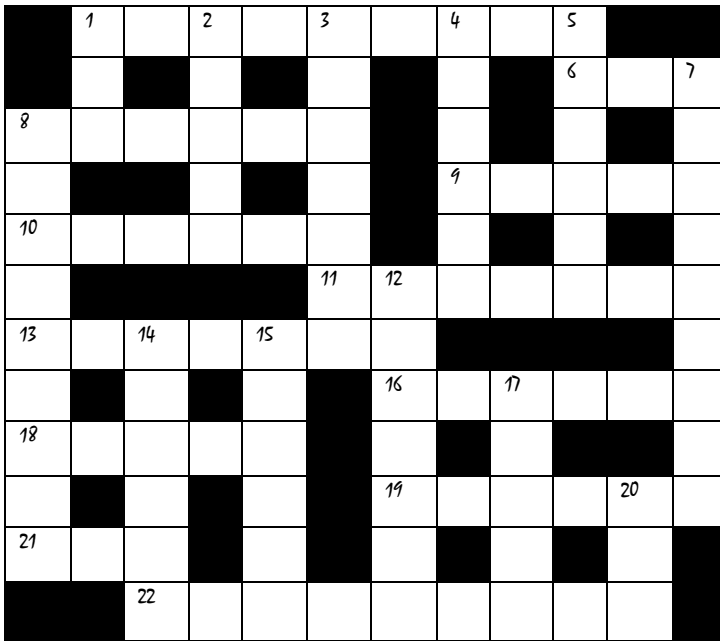
Police in Durham became possibly the first force in the country to use a change in the drink/driving laws which came into effect on 9th April, 2015. At 12.45 a.m. on the morning of 10th April, 2015 the driver of a Rover 75 car was stopped travelling in Willington. After providing a positive roadside breath test, the driver gave an evidential reading at the police station of 44 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath – the legal limit being 35. Previously, drivers giving a positive reading such as this would have had the statutory option of providing a blood or urine sample, which would have to be taken by a recognised health care professional, at police expense. The sample would then be sent to a laboratory for analysis, a process which could take several weeks, during which time the suspect would be on bail and still allowed to drive. However at one minute passed midnight this option was removed, allowing police to bring charges based on the readings from the evidential test. The driver who was stopped, a 42 year old man from Willington, was charged within 90 minutes of his arrest and bailed to appear before court at Newton Aycliffe on Wednesday, 29th April, 2015. Inspector Ed. TURNER of Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (formerly known as Traffic Dept.) said, "We believe this to be first arrest and charge following the change to the legislation. The new procedures will save a considerable amount of time and money and ensure suspected drink-drivers will go to court far quicker than before".

On Thursday, 26th March, 2015 a magistrates' search warrant was executed at an address in the Consett area. During the search officers recovered a large quantity of substances that are believed to be controlled drugs, including Heroin and Cannabis. A 31 year male and a 72 year female have been charged with offences relating to the possession and supply of Class A, B and C drugs. A street value of £80,000 was placed on the drugs seized.

POLICE REPORT continued:

Have you **IMMOBLISED CRIME?** **IMMOBLISE** helps Police identify the owners of recovered property. It is a FREE online service which allows you to update information regarding your property with information immediately available to the Police nationally, this may include a flagged item which you have reported lost or stolen. The website helps combat the sale of stolen gadgets and valuables and helps local police identify stolen property and increases the chances of your property being returned to you and also simplifies insurance claims and police reports by having a comprehensive record of identifiable features. Visit www.immobilise.com today. Don't forget to property mark items with your postcode and house numbers too!

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Orchestra leader (9) | 1. Snooker rod (3) |
| 6. Stretch (3) | 2. Simplistic (5) |
| 8. Credit (6) | 3. Bold and frank (7) |
| 9. A play (5) | 4. Sinew (6) |
| 10. Spanish dance (6) | 5. A meal (6) |
| 11. Not very (4,3) | 7. Complicated in design (9) |
| 15. Surgical knives (7) | 8. Racing sledge (9) |
| 16. Emotional shock (6) | 12. Fast-running bird (7) |
| 18. _____ Cara, singer (5) | 14. Required (6) |
| 19. To drink (6) | 15. Happenings (6) |
| 21. Gardening tool (3) | 17. Traffic light colour (5) |
| 22. Release or allow to go (9) | 20. Cricket extra (3) |

/Answers overleaf

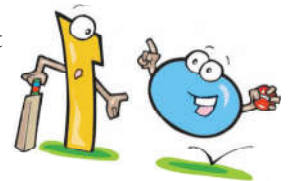
FUN DOG SHOW:

On Sunday, 3rd May, 2015 at Consett Park, Prince Bishop Vets are hosting another Fun Dog Show. Entries are from 10 a.m. and judging starts at 11 a.m. There are over 20 classes to choose from so there is something for everyone to enjoy. The entry fee is £1 per class and the money raised will go towards supporting 'Pets as Therapy (Pat)'. More information can be found on Facebook.



THE BIGGEST SIX EVER?

It has been revealed the biggest six ever hit in cricket was carried almost 25 miles on a train. The feat was achieved by Jack CARR, a 14 year old English amateur, who had only played for a year. He was representing Leadgate Cricket Club when he slammed a ball out of the ground and it landed on a passing railway truck, which then carried it to Tyne Dock, 23.1 miles away. Details of Jack's freak shot, recorded in 1926, have been unearthed for the first time in more 90 years and posted online.



GRAND OPENING:

Tuesday, 5th May, 2015 at 11 a.m. sees the grand opening of Willow Burn's Community Shop which is situated at 3 John Street, Consett. The shop has been open since 24th March, 2015, but on 5th May it is to be officially opened by Ms Sue SWEENEY from Radio Newcastle.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for April are as follows:
1st prize – No. 99: 2nd prize – No. 86:



STOP PRESS



The rumours you may have heard concerning the closure of Bradley Chapel are unfortunately true. No further information is available at the moment, hopefully more will follow in next month's issue.



DIARY FOR MAY, 2015



4th St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

6th Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

7th **Today is ELECTION DAY and the Community Centre is closed to everyone except those people casting their votes**



9th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley at 10 a.m., in Bradley Church Hall
Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



11th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall



14th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting at 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church hall, presentation by Chris. Lloyd of the 'Northern Echo' entitled 'W. STEAD and the Titanic'

15th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' at 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall



16th St. Ives' Church coffee morning at 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre

17th Presentation at 2 p.m. in Durham Cathedral to mark the 150th anniversary of the Salvation Army



18th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation by Ms Ingrid KILMER entitled 'A Year Behind the Veil'



20th Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



20th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre

Followed at 7 p.m. by the Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Area Partnership



23rd Salvation Army coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



25th St. Ives' Church bingo at 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.



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 - 11.30 am, it's just £1 per child, for further information contact Envoy Gwen HALL on 07803 452999



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 21st January, 2015, the contact names and telephone numbers are as follows:

Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES, 01207 506326.

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 Conductor: 6 Eke: 8 Belief: 9 Drama: 10 Bolero: 11 None too: 15 Lancets: 16 Trauma: 18 Irene: 19 Imbibe: 21 Hoe: 22 Discharge. **DOWN:** 1 Cue: Naïve: 3 Upfront: 4 Tendon: 5 Repast: 7 Elaborate: 8 Bobsleigh: 12 Ostrich: 14 Needed: 15 Events: 17 Amber: 20 Bye