

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership
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NEW PRACTICE FACILITY:

Over the last three years, Leadgate Cricket Club has been working to make its clubhouse and ground as accessible as possible to all users and also to improve the playing and practice facilities available to its teams. The latest stage of this refurbishment, **new practice nets**, was officially opened on 2nd May, 2019.

In the past players had to use an artificial strip in the centre of the ground for net sessions but this could not be used during matches and didn't allow for different players to undertake different technical training sessions.



Two lane practice nets have now been officially opened by local councillors, Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELD, alongside Durham County Cricket Club players Stuart POYNTER and Josh COUGHLIN.

Leadgate Cricket Club was founded in 1904 and now runs two senior men's team, a ladies XI and a number of junior sides across five age groups, ranging from under nines to under 18's. The Club, whose members have been fundraising themselves, received a grant of £5,000 from the Banks Group's Bradley Community Fund, towards this new facility.

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

April, 2019 saw an increase in missed appointments, 169 patients did not attend appointments or cancel, this is equivalent to 43 appointments per week and a total of 41 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.

NURSERY PLACES:

Leadgate Primary School still has nursery places available for September, 2019. Give your child the best possible start to their learning career. The nursery is run by a highly skilled, fully qualified teacher and all support staff are Level 3 trained. It is fully integrated into school life with a great outdoor space and regular visits to the allotment and forest school activities. It also includes a healthy breakfast, fruit snack each day and dinners are provided by Taylor Shaw from the school kitchens. This gives your child the tools needed to make the transition from Nursery to Reception. The school also offers 30 hours provision on a first come first serve basis. For further information call into the school or ring **01207 610361**.





PARTNERSHIP NEWS: PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 17th May, 2019 and was the Annual General Meeting, the new elected committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Miss Linda PEARS

Secretary: Mr. Andy PLANT

Temporary Treasurer: Miss Linda PEARS

Committee members: Mrs. Rosemary MANN: Mrs. Vera PARNABY: Miss Brenda SURTEES:

Mr. George BAKER: Mrs. Margaret ABOMOUSA:

Mr. Mohammed ABOMOUSA

The Chair, Miss Linda PEARS in her report outlined everything that had taken place last year and stated it had been a very good and busy year. Mrs. Vera PARNABY informed the meeting that in 2018 the Poppy appeal had raised over £40,000 compared with £34,000 for 2017.

On 13th May, 2019 a meeting took place in the Community Centre concerning Leadgate becoming an 'Alzheimer Village'. Those people who attended felt it was a good idea and a training session was arranged for 20th May. Some of the things that cause problems to dementia/Alzheimer suffers are patterned floors - they think it's moving: a black floor - they think it is a hole: dark toilet seats - they think it is also a hole: mirrors can also cause problems. Normal every-day things which are taken for granted can cause anxiety to dementia/Alzheimer suffers.

Speeding was once again discussed and it was suggested that perhaps a meeting with representative from Durham County Council, the police and local councillors should be arranged. A pelican crossing was suggested for Front Street, in the vicinity of the 'bus stop and possibly traffic speed indicators at Bradley Cottages.

As you know the large planters at various locations in the village are all sponsored by local residents/businesses, however a sponsor is required for one of them, if anyone is interested please contact the **Partnership Chair, Miss Linda PEARS on 01207 505481.**



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

PLAY PARK (PONT/WATLING): Durham County Council (DCC) Assets/Estates and DCC Legal are still in discussion to extend the lease (e.g. 25 years) for this site and hopefully arrangements will be shortly concluded to allow the progress to develop/extend the play park.

A planning application to build nine (9) bungalows opposite the play park will be considered by North Durham Planning Committee in May/June, concerns have been registered by local residents and the local councillor of the area.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – Public engagements meetings have now been completed with good attendance by local residents outlining their needs/aspirations for the new Community Hospital to consider what type of health care services will be delivered. There will now be a period of consultation with various stakeholder organisations and a decision (including the proposed location of the new hospital) is expected thereafter, NHS services will continue at Shotley Bridge Hospital until the new Community Hospital is provided.

CHRISTMAS TREE - The living Christmas tree (funded by councillors) has been ordered and a delay in delivery has occurred, it is hopefully to be planted at the 'Gap Site' (within a protective steel enclosure) as soon as possible.

BRADLEY OPEN CAST – Operations to win and mine the coal on the existing Bradley site are ongoing with intermittent blasting occurring. Sampling and core testing in the West Bradley site are progressing and an application by the Banks Group to win/mine open cast coal on this West Bradley site may be submitted to DCC later this year. For information, when red flags are being displayed, this means that blasting is taking place.

PARKING (FRONT STREET) – Quotations are still awaited by DCC Highways Design Officers for the installation costs to create two separate (block paved) hard standing areas for up to eight (8) vehicles with reduced kerb height opposite some of the commercial outlets on Front Street.

SPEED MONITORING – Meetings are being arranged with DCC Highways Officers and Durham Traffic Police to consider deterrent measures to offset the ongoing issues with the speed of traffic entering and exiting the village.

Councillor Alan SHIELD – 07500125327

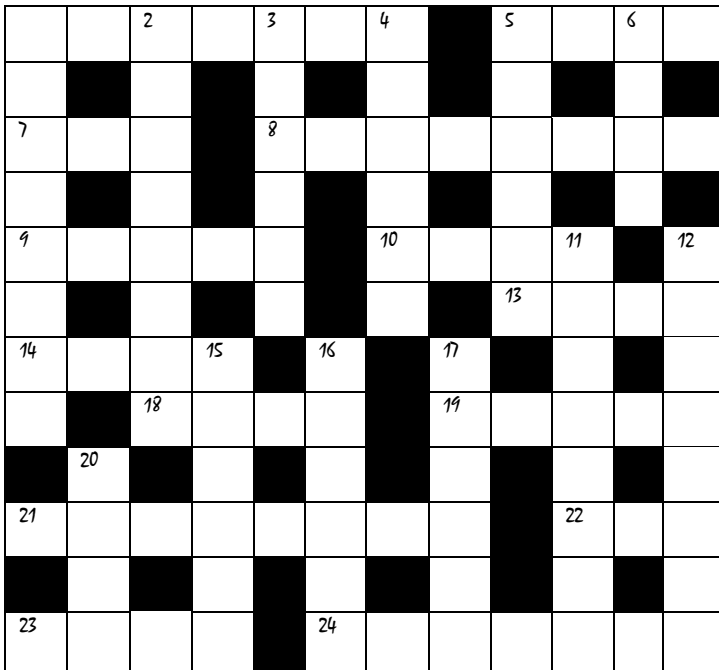
Councillor Watts STELLING - 07500125328

CROSSWORD

CLUES

ACROSS

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| 1. Plunge (7) | 1. Wide unbroken view (8) |
| 5. Unclothed (4) | 2. Lacking grace when moving (8) |
| 7. Find fault continually (3) | 3. Mumble (6) |
| 8. The day after today (8) | 4. Drum (3-3) |
| 9. Lift (5) | 5. Men's hairdresser (6) |
| 10. Cooker (4) | 6. Space (4) |
| 13. Damage or spoil completely (4) | 11. Pest (8) |
| 14. Gentle (4) | 12. Undefeated (8) |
| 19. Abominable snowman (4) | 15. Rubble (6) |
| 21. Dilapidated (8) | 16. Biographical film (6) |
| 22. Pistachio, say (3) | 17. Rank (6) |
| 23. Betting chances (4) | 20. Plant ovule (4) |
| 24. Water tank (7) | |

/Answers overleaf



BANKS COMMUNITY FUND:

As we all know the Banks Mining Group is at present mining open-cast coal at a site opposite Brooms Church known as the 'Bradley Surface Mine'. As a result of the open-casting a Community Fund has been set up to which local organisations in the Leadgate, Medomsley and Dipton area are eligible to apply. Application to this fund is to be done on line and further details can be obtained by accessing the following: <https://www.cdcf.org.uk/grants-for-groups/banks-renewables-surface-funds/> It may seem a long winded address, but I have tried it and it works, once you have Banks details on your computer, scroll down until you finds Banks Bradley (Surface) Community Fund and follow the links and hopefully you will find the application form.

LEADGATE LEGACY GYM:



Ever thought about joining a gym but felt the fees were too expensive, then why now become a volunteer. The Community Centre's Legacy Gym is looking for volunteers: as a volunteer you would be entitled to free membership and use of the equipment: you would be trained in the use of the equipment. If anyone is interested please contact Tracy WALKER either via Facebook or call in to the gym.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:



It is with great sadness I have to inform you that the Leadgate branch of the Women's Institute closed its doors in March 2019. Leadgate's branch has been in our village for the past 90 years and like all other organisations has seen many changes. A hearty thanks goes to all members, both past and present.



'TARGET 1000'

Leadgate Salvation Army has set itself a target of donating 1000 items to the local foodbank (Consett Food 4 U based at 'Glenroyd House'). In the first three months they have already donated almost 500 items. People in the village are getting involved too. Yvonne and Lynn at 'Salon 19', always great supporters of anything happening in the village, have donated two large bagfuls and the people at Leadgate Club now have a collection box in the club the Reception Class at Bishop Ian Ramsey C.E. Primary has also contributed a boxful of toiletries. If you'd like to contribute, then please pop along to the Salvation Army Hall, Green Street, Leadgate, with your items. The hall is open every other Saturday morning for a coffee morning, every Tuesday for 'NiceBites' lunches and various other times throughout the week.

Leadgate website: leadgatevillage.com



DIARY FOR JUNE, 2019



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3rd St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 p.m. in the Community Centre

7th Leadgate Methodist Church 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall



8th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



8th 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

8th Consett 'Demi' Club are holding a rock'n'roll evening with 'Buddy Silver and the Reverbz' in aid of Consett's Poppy Appeal and the Parachute Regiment Association, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of D-Day, tickets are £3 each



10th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall, presentation "How did you do that"

15th St. Ives' Church Fayre, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre (no coffee morning)



17th Salvation Army's 'Busy Bee' craft club, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall

19th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



22nd Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



24th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 p.m. in the Community Centre

28th Salvation Army's 'Film and Pudding' night



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 19th June, 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:

ACROSS: 1 Plummet: 5 Bare: 7 Nag: 8 Tomorrow: 9 Raise: 10 Oven: 13 Ruin: 14 Mild: 18 Yeti: 19 Taste: 21 Decrepit: 22 Nut: 23 Odds: 24 Cistern. **DOWN:** 1 Panorama: 2 Ungainly: 3 Mutter: 4 Tom-tom: 5 Barber: 6 Room: 11 Nuisance: 12 Unbeaten: 15 Debris: 16 Biopic: 17 Status: 20 Seed.