

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 04/18 – April

### BULB PLANTING:



In January's issue I reported on the planting, at the end of November, of spring bulbs donated by Consett Rotary Club. We did think there would be a wonderful display of spring bulbs, however, for some reason this did not materialise. There could be several reason for this, the lateness of the planting, the ground being saturated, the type of soil (or as appears to be case, clinker) or even the wildlife and birds having a field day. Whatever the reason, the work the three gentlemen did planting the bulbs appears to have been in vain, but our thanks go them for their valiant effort to improve the appearance of our village.

Whilst on this subject of appearance of the village, have you noticed the stonework surrounding the four planters in Front Street has been removed - two of these planters have been planted by the County Council and two have been left with what appears to be a Yuka plant in each, however one of these plants has been removed and the soil churned up, don't know if the plant was removed by the Council or by an unknown person.

### SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:



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Unfortunately March wasn't a very good month for missed appointments, 191 appointments were missed, compared with the previous month, February, when 150 were missed, however, compared with March, 2017, this was a slight decrease.

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.

### PUBLIC SPACE – DOG CONTROL:



From 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, 2014 and by order of a Public Space Protection Order, it is an offence in County Durham to:

- **Allow a dog to foul without picking it up**
- **Allow a dog to stray**  
– roam loose/wander/exercise without a responsible owner present
- **Fail to put a dog on a lead when asked by an authorised officer**  
– Council Officer or Durham Police
- **Allow dogs in designated fenced off play sites**

Enforcement of the above is by a **Fixed Penalty Notice of £100** (reduced to £60 if paid within 10 working days. The maximum, fine is £1,000



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

The problem of parking on grass verges during the recent bad weather was mentioned as this has caused damage to the verges, the main areas being Durham Road and Front Street. In the past it has been suggested that perhaps two lay-bys could be placed in Front Street but residents objected.

The celebrations to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of World War One are still ongoing and so far as a tea dance is concerned Beamish Museum's Music and Dance Team is to be contacted for any information they may have.

The Heritage Lottery Fund refused a recent application for funding to support our celebrations but will re-considered it if we can find a 'heritage' partner and to this end, Durham County Council's Heritage Team is to be contacted.

Poppy seeds have already been planted in various locations in the village, so we will have to wait and see where they appear. People have been asked to knit or crochet poppies which will be placed at the War Memorial and in other locations, if anyone has made some poppies, they can be left at the Community Centre.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

#### **VILLA REAL BRIDGE/NEW ROAD:**

The buffer 40 mph speed limit between Leadgate and Villa Real bungalows, allowing additional 30 mph roundel signs to be erected reminding motorists they are entering a 30 mph speed restriction into Leadgate Village, has been established. The 7.5 tonne weight restriction has also been removed allowing reasonably sized HGV wagons to enter and exit Leadgate without the necessity of carrying out three point turns: monitoring of vehicle speed and HGV wagon size will be ongoing.

#### **EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE HALL ('THE TUTE')**

Derwent Valley Allstars (a cheerleading/gymnastics group) have decided not to re-locate to the Eden Miners Centre and have gone elsewhere, however the Trustee Board are finalising arrangements with another dance group (Inspirer la Dance) who provide ballet, tap, modern and freestyle dance to young children, to enter into a fixed tenancy agreement using the top floor of the building.

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

Following the extensive discussions with NHS Officers regarding the operational set up of the hospital, we await their findings and recommendations to introduce a new Community Hospital facility off-site (probably within the Consett locality). The range of services it plans to provide at this facility is still be finalised.

#### **OPEN CASTING (BRADLEY SITE):**

The Bradley Open Cast site is being secured following the decision by Police and Durham County Council to remove the encampment manned by protestors of the "Save the Pont Valley Campaign". The A.692 roadway is to be widened to provide for a right hand turn (on the westbound carriageway) and a new roadway into the site to facilitate the movement of HGV vehicles (64 per day) into and off site. Concerns regarding the 'validity and public access' to the Ecology Report commissioned by Banks are still prevalent with some local residents as well as the protestors and contact with the Licensing Authority (Natural England) has been made.

#### **MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT (BRADLEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE):**

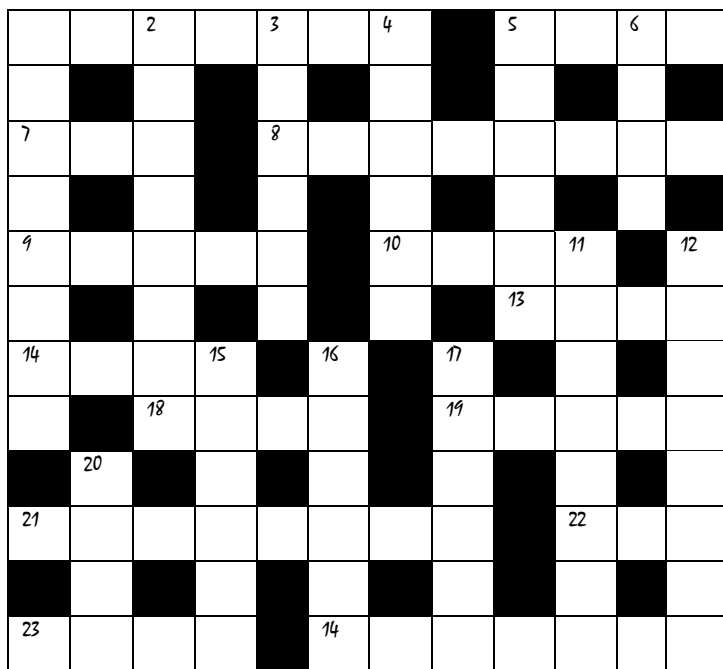
A manufacturing company SDS (producing re-cycled briquettes from wood base, which generates surplus electricity into the National Grid, as well as providing a commercial retail option) is planning to extend their development with a significant extension. This extension (if approved by Durham County Council Planning/Assets) will be at the top area of Werdohl Way with minimal incursion into Bradley Wood – elected members have registered concerns and objections regarding the actual location of this extension and the effect on the woodland.

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## CROSSWORD

## CLUES



### DOWN

1. Wash and iron (7)
5. Fifty per cent (4)
7. Signal agreement (3)
8. Regardless of (2,6)
9. Untrue (5)
10. Sound a horn (4)
13. Acquire (4)
14. Cribs (4)
18. Engrave (4)
19. Big (5)
21. Inborn intuitive power (8)
22. Sticky substance (3)
23. Unit of length (4)
24. Improve (7)

### ACROSS

1. A glum expression (4,4)
2. Move in waves (8)
3. Peril (6)
4. Distant (6)
5. Fast-food item (3,3)
6. Fibs (4)
11. Aromatic herb (8)
12. Eland, say (8)
15. Pain resulting from running (6)
16. Opportunity (6)
17. A firm grasp (6)
20. Soon (4)

/Answers overleaf

### OFSTED REPORT:

For the first time since the amalgamation of the Junior and Infants Schools, Leadgate Primary School had an Ofsted inspection which took place on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The inspectors judged the school to be GOOD. Some of the highlights of the report were:

- The Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher have established a 'no excuses' culture with a strong, dynamic vision for the school based on improving outcomes for all pupils
- Pupils enjoy their learning and find lessons interesting, enjoyable and engaging
- Outcomes in reading, writing and mathematics in key stage 2 were substantially above that seen nationally in 2017
- Teaching assistants know their subjects well and are skilled at providing support to a range of learners.
- Pupils' behaviour is a credit to the school
- The provision for the welfare, personal development and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils is strong.



The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Area Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and everyone is welcome.



### SEATED EXERCISING:

Leadgate Methodist Church holds a seated exercise class every Monday at 2.45 p.m., the cost is £1 and no booking is required. If you feel you want to keep everything moving why not go along, the address of the Church is Tyne Avenue, Leadgate, Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 6EL



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

The winning numbers for the month of April are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 53: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 115



### QUESTION:

How is that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?



## DIARY FOR MAY, 2018



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

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

7<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



12<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley Coffee morning, 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall

14<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall presentation 'Keeping Fit'



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

19<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
10.15 a.m. – St. Ives Church in the Community Centre  
10.30 a.m. – Salvation Army in the Army Hall



21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre presentation 'Silk in Fashion' and the competition is a scarf

28<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 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 the contact name and telephone number is s follows:**



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### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Launder: 5 Half: 7 Nod: 8 No matter: 9 False: 10 Toot: 13 Gain: 14 Cots: 18 Etch: 19 Large: 21 Instinct: 22 Goo: 23 Inch: 24 Enhance. **DOWN:** 1 Long face: 2 Undulate: 3 Danger: 4 Remote: 5 Hot dog: 6 Lies: 11 Tarragon: 12 Antelope: 15 Stitch: 16 Chance: 17 Clutch: 20 Anon