

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership
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AN OLD CHESTNUT:

Once again I have been asked to highlight the deplorable state of our footpaths, highway verges and rural walkways not only by dog excrement but with litter.



Litter and dog poo bins are provided in various locations in the village and I know many people do use the provided bins but if everyone could use them, Leadgate would become a much cleaner village. We as humans would never dream of not flushing the toilet after use, but unfortunately animals are not like us, so we have to clean up after them.



LIVING CHRISTMAS TREE:

Some people in the village may not know, but our village now has a 'living Christmas tree', which was planted earlier this month. It has its own metal fence, which hopefully will stop people vandalising it (this was what happened to the previous one). The electrics were installed last Christmas and a tree was purchased from a local nursery.

The installation of the electrics and the purchase of the new living tree have come courtesy of our local councillors, Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELDS. On behalf of everyone in the village I say 'Thank you so much'.

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Last month I reported there was an increase in missed appointments, this month, May, I can report there has been a slight decrease: 151 patients did not attend or cancel, which is equivalent to 38 appointments per week and a total of 35 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.

Leadgate Village's website: leadgatevillage.com





PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th June, 2019, at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Once again parking and speeding through the village was discussed but before anything can be done, data must be obtained and as we all know this takes time. One big problem seems to be outside the Co-op Supermarket where there is a lay-by, but often as not when the delivery van arrives, vehicles are parked there which means the delivery vehicle, which is a very large vehicle has to double park. It was suggested perhaps the management of the Co-op, when a delivery is to take place, could place bollards in the lay-by thus allowing the delivery vehicle to park without causing an obstruction.

The question of a zebra crossing in Front Street was also mentioned but there was nothing to report, except to say a toucan/pelican crossing is very expensive and again data would be required.



COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

PLAY PARK (PONT/WATLING): Durham County Council (DCC) Corporate Land and Property are trying to formalise the leasing arrangements for this site to allow the progress to develop/extend the play park. A planning application to build nine (9) bungalows opposite the play park was approved by North Durham Planning Committee in May, the impact/effect on the play park development will be monitored.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: Public engagement meetings have now been completed, a period of consultation with various stakeholder organisations is ongoing 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 delivered and has been planted at the 'Gap Site' (within a protective steel enclosure) – this will be decorated before the Christmas festivities.

BRADLEY OPEN CAST: Operations to win and mine the coal on the existing Bradley site are ongoing with intermittent blasting occurring – no reported effects by local residents. Sampling and core testing in the West Bradley site are progressing and an application by Banks Group to win/mine open cast coal on this West Bradley site has yet to be submitted to DCC.

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

SPEED MONITORING: Meetings with DCC Highways Officers and Durham Traffic Police have been undertaken to review the ongoing issues with the speed of traffic: speed monitoring data is to be collected and collated to evaluate the volume and speed of traffic entering and leaving the village. The previous report of speed deterrents at Bradley Cottages is to be reconsidered to determine whether speed visors can be repositioned in another strategic location.

LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB (BIG BASH 3): This free community facility supported by local councillors is scheduled for Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st July, 2019 – we hope for good weather and good attendance so that everyone can enjoy and appreciate this local event.

EDEN MINERS CENTRE: There is to be an Open Day on Saturday 20th and Sunday, 21st July, 2019 to allow local residents and the community to access the building and see the progress made so far to develop a community hub – local displays, including colliery banners, tombola, raffles, and art-e-factory displays will be available.

Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125 327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)



POLICE REPORT:

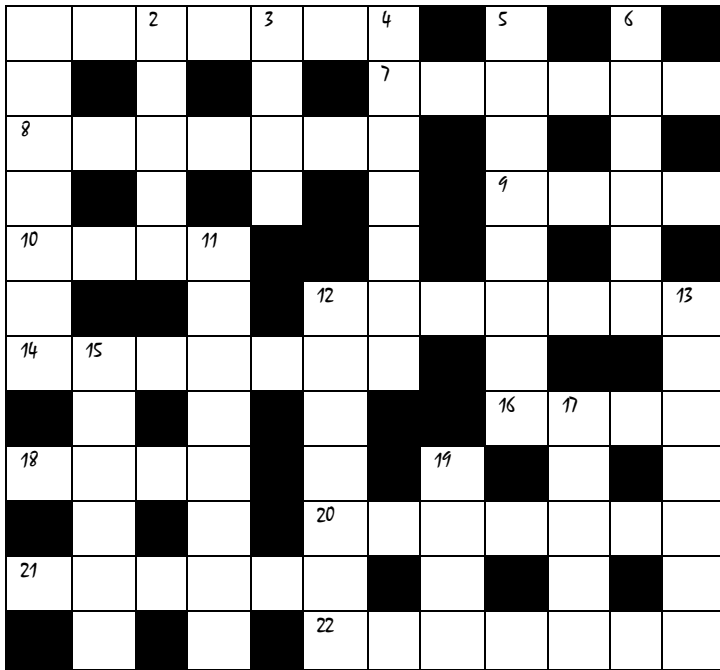
Leadgate has been targeted by the Roads Policing Unit, resulting in nine (9) drivers being issued with a Traffic Offence Report (fine/points) and two (2) drivers reported for court action regarding their speed. In addition, one driver was arrested for suspected drug driving and one driver was dealt with for no test certificate.

Local officers will be the 'Deli Counter' in Leadgate at 9.30a.m. on 1st July, 2019. Everyone is welcome to attend this drop in sessions. It will be opportunity for residents to meet with their officers and talk about any issues in the area.

PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE, Safeguarding Neighbourhoods, Consett Police Office:

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CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

- Support or strengthen (7)
- American whiskey (7)
- _____ Letwin, MP (6)
- Boors (5)
- On average (7)
- Story (4)
- Friend (4)
- Rank or position of a monarch (7)
- Superlative of good (4)
- Unequal sporting contest (8)
- Stammer (7)
- Middle (6)
- Posy (7)
- Hurt (4)
- Go illegally onto land (8)
- Slightly wet (4)
- Mythical creature (7)
- Chucks (6)
- Glazed currant bun (7)
- Particles of cut wood (7)
- A love affair (7)
- Public speaker (6)
- Pleasant smell (5)
- Prima donna (4)

/Answers overleaf



LEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The British Council has awarded Leadgate Primary School the International School Award until 2021. The assessors commented that their evidence and application was particularly impressive including collaboration with schools worldwide, the teaching of French as their modern foreign language, their up to date website and picture gallery, in addition, it was noted that they have positive ambassadorial links with the local schools and good plans for the future.

The independent assessors finished their report by saying that “Consett and its youngsters are lucky to have Leadgate Primary School, with its commitment to the international dimension and citizenship, in their community” - Bravo!



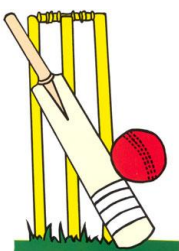
FOREST SCHOOL YOUTH CLUB:

On Tuesdays, between 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm Watling Woods hosts Leadgate’s Forest School Youth Club.



For 5 – 18 year olds, living in Leadgate and the surrounding area, this is an exciting opportunity to come along to a Forest School on the doorstep. Hang out with other young people, experience the outdoors, create their own meeting place and generally have lots of fun, some of the activities are building shelters: cooking on campfires: learn to use hand tools safely and basic survival skills and woodland craft. The cost is £2 per child and booking is essential

Further information is available by either telephoning 07540 754955: facebook.com/forestschoolortheast: sophien@stomping-grounds.org: stomping-grounds.org



On Saturday, 20th and Sunday, 21st July, 2019 Leadgate Cricket Club is holding its annual ‘Big Bash’. As in previous years entry to this event is free. Last year it was estimated over 4,000 people attended, let’s hope this year is as well attended and that weather is better than it was in June.

Also this weekend, the building formerly known as ‘The Tute’ and now known as the ‘Eden Miners Centre’ is holding an ‘Open Day’ to enable people to visit and see how it has been improved and what facilities are available.





DIARY FOR JULY, 2019



- 1st St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 pm in the Community Centre
- 3rd 'Suubi Africa Night' in the Salvation Army hall at 7 pm: if you are wondering what this is about, then come along and meet Christine and Neville STEPTOE's friend Esther, Ugandan Co-ordinator. There will be a film presentation, with questions and answers, followed by refreshments.



- 5th Coffee morning and cake stall in Leadgate Cricket Club at 10.30 am hosted by Leadgate Dementia Friendly Communities Steering Group. Everyone is welcome, providing you like a mid morning drink, snack and natter. We want to help make Leadgate a place that is more welcoming for people with dementia, so if you have dementia, are a carer, want to help, want to know more, want a cup of tea/coffee, fancy a cake – why not come along.



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- 5th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12.15 pm in the church hall

- 6th Salvation Army's Summer Fayre, 11 am in the Army Hall



- 6th 'Nuts' Hair Saloon in St. Ives Road is hosting a 'Tarot' reading with Petrise Bestford, a Physic Clairvoyant, for further information please text 07939 189616



- 8th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 7 pm in the Army Hall, it will be a 'strawberry tea and bring and buy'



- 10th Redwell Hills Care Home coffee morning, 10.15 am at the Home



- 15th Salvation Army's 'Busy Bee Craft Club', 7pm in the Army Hall



- 17th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 pm in the Community Centre



- 20th St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10 am in the Community Centre

- 29th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7 pm 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 17th July, 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:

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Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Bolster: 7 Oliver: 8 Usually: 9 Mate: 10 Best: 12 Stutter: 14 Nosegay: 16 Harm: 18 Damp: 20 Unicorn
21 Tosses: 22 Teacake. **DOWN:** 1 Bourbon: 2 Louts: 3 Tale: 4 Royalty: 5 Mismatch: 6 Centre: 11 Trespass:
12 Sawdust: 13 Romance: 15 Orator: 17 Aroma: 19 Diva.