

No. 4/15 (May)

OFFICIAL HAND OVER:



Ladies of the Community Centre's Craft and Chat Club

On Thursday, 23rd April, 2015 a hand worked patch work quilt, made by the ladies of the Community Centre's Craft and Chat club was handed over to a representative of Willow Burn Hospice, Ms Crystal BOOTH who said the quilt would be raffled in the near future

Crystal, Willow Burns' Income Generation Admin. & Marketing Assistant, said, "AS ONLY 33% OF OUR INCOME COMES FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES THIS MEANS EVERY DONATION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO US AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THE MONEY RAISED FROM THE RAFFLE WILL REALLY MAKE DIFFERENCE".

The ladies in the above photograph are as follows: left hand side - Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Mrs. Jan BURLINSON
Top row, left to right – Ms Crystal BOOTH (Willow Burn representative, Mrs. Jennifer WALKER, group leader, Mrs. Wilma LISTER: right hand side, top to bottom – Mrs. Hazel WALKER and Mrs. Betty LENNON.

Mrs. WALKER, who is also Treasurer of the Community Centre said it had taken the ladies approximately six months to the make the quilt and is made up of hexagonal shapes which are all hand stitched together. She also said the Craft Club meets every Thursday afternoon in the Community Centre between 1 – 3 p.m. and people can come along and do whatever craft they enjoy, whether it's sewing, knitting or crochet, if they are not into handicraft, they can come and just enjoy the very social atmosphere.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Area Partnership was held on Wednesday, 20th May, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre. The existing committee with the exception of the Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected and are as follows:

Chairperson: Miss Linda PEARS

Treasurer: Vacant - Mrs. Rosemary MANN having retired

Committee members: Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Mr. Carl SOUTHERN:

Miss Brenda SURTEES: Mr. Andrew WHITTON

Mr. Andrew PLANT was elected to the position of Secretary

The meeting was informed a letter of thanks had been sent to Mr. Ian HANRATTY for his greatly appreciated offer of sponsorship of the newsletter, i.e. supply of paper and printing each issue and to show their thanks the Partnership will pay for the planting of one of the planters in Watling Street which will bear Mr. HANRATTY's name. Whilst on the subject of the village's planters, two still require sponsorship. The planters are planted twice a year at a cost of £55, and monies can be paid in one go or in two payments, if you are interested please contact the Partnership's chair person, Miss Linda PEARS on 01207 505481.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

See over leaf for item concerning Leadgate Bridge.

BRADLEY OPEN CAST APPEAL – the outcome of the public inquiry and the decision by the Independent Planning Inspectorate, originally schedule for 6th April, 2015, has been delayed as a result of the County Durham Plan being submitted for a judicial review because of a comparative difference in the accuracy and validity between the Planning Inspectorate and Durham County Council.



POLICE REPORT

This month's Police and Communities Together meeting took place prior to the Partnership meeting on 20th May, 2015 and it seems our village has had another relatively quiet month. However one male from the village has appeared at court recently for the cultivation of cannabis and was fined and ordered to pay court costs. Another local man, identified via C.C.T.V. situated in the Co-op Supermarket attended Consett Police Office and was given a caution for an offence of theft. An unknown person appears to have damaged the skylights at the entrance of the Methodist Church.

As a result of intelligence concerning drugs, a vehicle was stopped in Front Street and drugs were found. The occupants of the vehicle went into a nearby house and they together with the occupants of the house are likely to go to court.

On 7th May, 2015 the Community Speed Watch team were outside Kerbside Motors for 25 minutes and observed 61 vehicles, 11 of which were speeding: on 15th May they were there for 35 minutes and observed 40 vehicles, 3 of which were speeding.

If you wish to contact our PCSO Michael CRAINE you can do so by emailing him on michael.craine@durham.pnn.police.uk or by ringing the local police on **101**.



FREE FAMILY DAY:

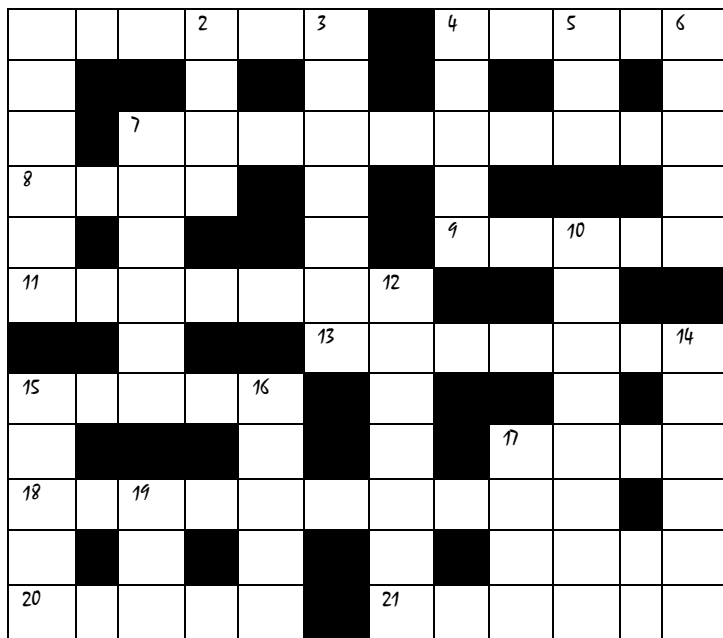
On Saturday, 6th June, 2015 our Uniform Services are hosting a **FREE FAMILY DAY** between 10 – 5 p.m. at Consett Community Fire Station, Villa Real, Consett (parking will be available on the Number One Industrial Estate). There will be lots to see including the Fire Service, the Police, DCC, Young Firefighters, Police Cadets, North East Ambulance, Army, Navy, RAF, Jet and Benn police dogs, face painting, a climbing wall, farm bus (full of animals) scouts, RAF cadets, PAWS and also 'Scrappy the fire dog'. At a loose end that day, why not go along, it sounds as though there will be something for everyone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Citizens' Advice County Durham are looking to recruit volunteers for the following positions – reception, admin. Gateway, campaigns, advice, trustees. If anyone feels they would like to be considered for any of these positions, why not get in touch with them on 0300 3231000.



CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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| 1. Equine mammals (6) | 1. Food item (3,3) |
| 4. Summons (5) | 2. Ride on waves (4) |
| 7. Missile fired or thrown (10) | 3. Temporary stay (7) |
| 8. Unable to hear (4) | 4. Bedtime drink (5) |
| 9. Body part (5) | 5. Hawaiian garland (3) |
| 11. Assembles (7) | 6. Strainer (5) |
| 13. Male relative e (7) | 7. Insignificant or meagre (6) |
| 15. Chasm (5) | 10. Persevere or persist in (4,2) |
| 17. Go by boat (4) | 12. Relating to earthquakes (7) |
| 18. Politely congratulate or praise (10) | 14. Silver tray (6) |
| 20. Television informally (5) | 15. English town (5) |
| 21. Metallic element (6) | 16. A sortie (5) |
| | 17. Break suddenly (4) |
| | 19. ___ Gibson, actor (3) |
- (Answers overleaf)

AT LAST IT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN:

Well, the day many of us thought would never arrive, is finally here and it is Tuesday, 26th May, 2015. On this day, essential roadworks to improve the layout of Leadgate Road, which connects Villa Real to Front Street, Leadgate will begin and will consist of three phases.

PHASE ONE - the roadworks will close Leadgate Road, from Leadgate Bypass to West Street (except for local access) from 26th May, 2015 to the beginning of August, 2015. The road will be shut as the bridge supports need to be removed to allow new cabling to be installed.

PHASE TWO –following further inspections, the bridge will re-open to traffic from the beginning of August, 2015 until the autumn/winter 2015. The new cabling will then be installed.

PHASE THREE – this will involve the demolition and removal of the bridge and a new highway layout will be completed. These roadworks will continue until spring/summer 2016.

ALTERNATIVE ROUTES – Leadgate Bypass is an alternative diversion route for general traffic. Buses will be diverted via Werdohl Way and New Watling Street with temporary bus stops in place.

WHY IS THE WORK BEING CARRIED OUT?

The improvements will involve removing the old bridge, which was previously used by the railways and currently causes a bottleneck for users of the road: removing the traffic lights, which only allow the flow of traffic in one direction at any one time and replacing them with a straight road, allowing the continuous flow of two way traffic: providing crossing islands for both pedestrians and cyclists, including part of the C to C cycle route: replacing the path that runs under the bridge: landscaping to reshape and improve the existing embankments: providing bus laybys. Once the bridge is removed any future maintenance will be not be necessary.

If you have any concerns/queries about this project Durham County Council's Highways and Streetscene can be contacted by telephone on 03000 261000 or by e mail to help@durham.gov.uk



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for May are as follows:
1st prize – No. 75: 2nd prize – No. 91

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TEASER:

What is the only word in the English language with three consecutive sets of two letters

(Answer



DIARY FOR JUNE, 2015



1st St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



3rd Leadgate and District Carers meeting, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



6th Uniform Services' **FREE FUN DAY** between 10 – 5 p.m. at Consett Community Fire Station

8th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship Summer Outing



11th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Mr. Geoff HUGHES entitled 'Strange Tales and Ghostly Happenings in Northumberland'



13th Pont and Bradley coffee morning, 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall

15th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



17th Leadgate and District Carers meeting, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

17th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, 6 p.m. followed by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting 7 p.m., both held in the Community Centre



19th Redwell Hills Care Home is having an 'Open Day' today, which will last all Day and begins at 10.30 a.m. with a coffee morning



19th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church', 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall

20th Two Summer Fayres today:
Salvation Army's at 11 a.m. in the Army Hall and
St. Ives' Church at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



27th St. Ives Church is hosting a concert at 6.30 p.m., given by the Citizens' Choir



29th 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.



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 17th June, 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 Horses: 4 Calls: 7 Projectile: 8 Deaf: 9 Ankle: 11 Gathers: 13 Nephews: 15 Abyss: 17 Sail: 18 Compliment: 20 Telly: 21 Copper. **DOWN:** 1 Hot Dog: 2 Surf: 3 Sojourn: 4 Cocoa: 5 Lei: 6 Sieve: 7 Paltry: 10 Keep at: 12 Seismic: 14 Salver: 15 Ascot: 16 Sally: 17 Snap: 18 Mel.

TEASER ANSWER: Bookkeeper