

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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Leadgate Area Partnership
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MANY HAPPY RETURNS:

I am sure nearly everyone in our village and surrounding areas remembers the cobbler who used to have a shop in Front Street, for those who don't know him, his name is Ernie JEFFREY. Ernie gave up this shop and retired when he reached 70 years of years, but as many of you know, he is still working, helping out at the cobbler's in Consett, but what you will not know, is that Ernie celebrates his 90th birthday on 23rd May and as I have said is still working. Ernie left school at 14 and started training to be a cobbler. I have known Ernie all my life and as a young girl remember Ernie and his partner Andy ROWLAND, working in the little shop in Front Street. Andy left and set up his own business in Consett but Ernie stayed in Leadgate.

On behalf of everyone who knows Ernie I should like to wish him many happy returns and hope he enjoys his birthday, which, no doubt, he will be celebrating with his family and friends.

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:



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SURGERY

April was a better month than March as there was a reduction in the number of missed appointments, April had 161 missed appointments: March had 191, however April, 2017 had only 141

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.

Our surgery had introduced a new service to help the increasing demand from patients who need **urgent, on the day, medical attention**. If there are no face to face appointments available patients will be offered a telephone appointment and the duty doctor will ring to assess your need and may ask you to attend the surgery. The surgery does not have the capacity to offer a truly **walk-in service** and hope the service they do offer goes some way to improve patient's experience. If you do call into the surgery on the day for an urgent appointment you may be asked to return home and wait for a telephone call.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 16th May, 2018 and was the Annual General Meeting, the new elected committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Miss Linda PEARS:

Secretary: Mr. Andy PLANT:

Treasurer: Mrs. Jessica THOMAS

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

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1918 -2018 Celebrations: A meeting was held at Leadgate Methodist Church on 15th May, 2018 to work out how many people the Church's hall could accommodate for a tea dance to be held on Saturday, 7th July, 2018 from 2 p.m., to cover the cost of catering tickets will cost £2.50 each and admission will be by ticket only, when available they can be obtained from Forster's, Davison's, Miss Linda PEARS, telephone 01207 505481 or Miss Brenda SURTEES, telephone 01207 507506. Mr. Daniel DICKINSON, who works at Beamish Museum and has a great interest in old records, has been contacted and is very enthusiastic about our dance and has found a couple who are prepared to come and dance. Leadgate Methodist Church is also hoping to create a Garden of Remembrance.

Papier-mache poppies have been made by Leadgate Scouts and members of 'Open Arms' are also making some: schools in the area are to be visited in an effort to involve children in the celebrations, i.e. making papier-mache poppies.

The Task Force is hosting an exhibition of World War One memorabilia, in the Community Centre, on Sunday, 1st July, 2018 between 11 am – 3 pm

It has been noticed that this year, the beautiful display of daffodils down Durham Road, doesn't appear to have been vandalised, well done, everyone.

The next Partnership meeting will be Wednesday, 20th June, 2018 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

OPEN CASTING (BRADLEY SITE): Work on the Bradley Open Cast site is progressing with the A.692 roadway being widened to provide for a right hand turn (on the westbound carriageway) and a new roadway into the site to facilitate the movement of heavy goods vehicles (64 per day) into and off site – this has necessitated the closure of the north side footpath which has caused access issues to pedestrians using wheelchairs/pushchairs. Police have reported that ongoing requirement for frequent Police presence (at the Open Caste site) regarding protestors incidents is having an impact on Neighbourhood Police availability to address local issues.

EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE HALL ('THE TUTE'): The Trustee Board have met with the organisers of the other interested dance group (Inspire la Dance) who provide ballet, tap, modern and freestyle dance options and further discussions are to be scheduled to hopefully finalise arrangements to commence this provision.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: The next meeting with N.H.S. Officers concerning the operational set up of a hospital, regarding their findings and recommendations to introduce a new Community Hospital facility off-site (probably within the Conssett locality) is scheduled for Tuesday, 29th May, when the proposal on the proposed location and the range of services it plans to provide at this facility will be explained.

WATLING WOOD AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT (BRADLEY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE)

Watling Wood has now been designated as a **community asset** – this may impact on a planning application of a local company who want to extend their development with a significant extension, as it would include an incursion into Watling Wood.

ROUNDABOUTS: The planned development of the roundabout at the bottom of Durham Road (A691/A692 Interchange) has commenced, replacing the grassed surface with low maintenance shrubbery. The planned development of the Jolly Drivers roundabout is scheduled between November, 2018 – January/February, 2019.

LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB (BIG BASH 2): Following the huge success of the 1st Big Bash (a free/fun organised community activity) in 2016 which attracted nearly 3,000 visitors, another organised community free/fun activity is being support by local Councillors and is scheduled for 21st and 22nd July. Local community organisations are to be invited to participate and have an opportunity to present/display their wares/activities.

PARKING (WEST STREET): Concerns have been raised about recent incidents of serious parking issues at Leadgate Primary (Lower/Infants) School which may contribute to safeguarding issues affecting the school children – Neighbourhood Police are to exercise close monitoring and action any 'illegal' parking incidents.

Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500125327)

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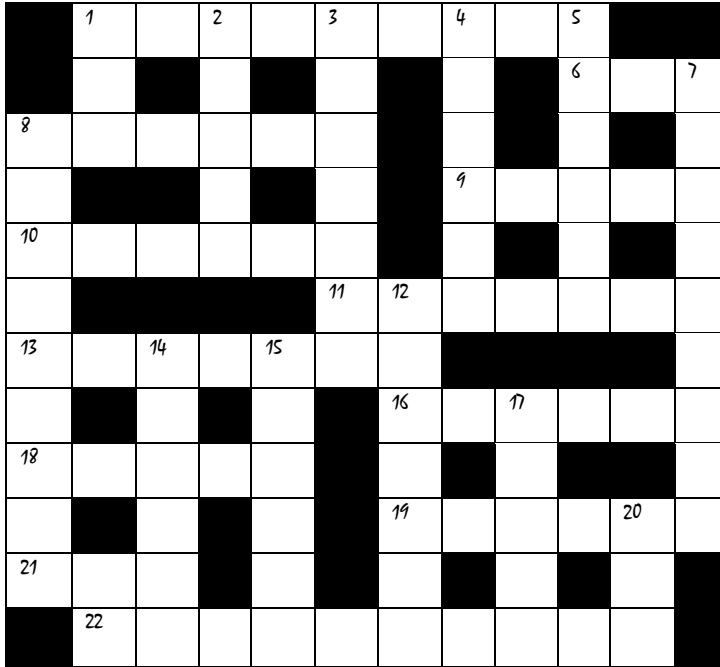


POLICE REPORT

Durham Constabulary has been targeting the Consett area to tackle the issue of speeding, during this period officers visited Watling Street on a number of occasions and as a result seven (7) drivers were verbally warned regarding their anti-social tendencies to speed and five (5) drivers were issued with a Traffic Offence Report (fine and points). It is hoped that residents noted the presence of officers.

PCSO 8707 Alex CAVE, e mail: Alexander.Cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

- 1. Revolving mechanical gate (9)
- 6. Gave food to (3)
- 8. Unroll or unfold (6)
- 9. Minute particles (5)
- 10. Inn (6)
- 11. Originator (7)
- 13. Large tent (7)
- 16. Humour (6)
- 18. Military surcoat (5)
- 19. Winner (6)
- 21. A low (3)
- 22. Wrongdoer or villain (9)

- 1. Metallic element(3)
- 2. Chosen way (5)
- 3. Stillness (7)
- 4. Breathe in (6)
- 5. Physical or mental exertion (6)
- 7. Warship (9)
- 8. Final demand (9)
- 12. Recoup (7)
- 14. Haphazard (6)
- 15. Male relatives (6)
- 17. Holiest city of Islam (5)
- 20. Choose (3)

/Answers overleaf



GIRL OF THE MATCH:

Lucy, a nine year old member of Leadgate Cubs is a keen football player and recently her team won the league and Lucy was named ‘man/girl of the match’. Well done Lucy and to your team.

LEADGATE CHILD CENTRE:

Leadgate Child Centre is a nursery in the village, attached to Leadgate Primary Lower School on West Street. The nursery offers places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, both government funded and non-funded. The nursery is currently accepting children for a September intake, if you have received a golden ticket in the post, think you may be eligible for 15 free hours for your 2 year old or are just interested in a place for your child, please call in or ring **DANIELLE ON 01207 583583** and she will give you an application form or some further information.



GRANT FOR CELEBRATIONS:

Recently a representative from ‘Project Genesis’ visited the Community Centre and handed over to Mr. Andy PLANT, Secretary of Leadgate Area Partnership, a cheque for £500 to help with the Partnership’s celebrations to mark 100 years since the ending of World War One: also present were the ladies of the Community Centre’s Knit and Natter Club.



FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

On Friday, 15th June, 2018 at Consett Football Club, Miss Debbie, a Teaching Assistant at Leadgate Primary School is organising a 'Family Fun Night' to raise money for the infants to have a day trip to the seaside. There will be a disco, games, tombola, raffles and live entertainment from X Factor contestant Melissa PEDRO. Tickets are £4 and are available from the school offices.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for May, 2018 are as follows: 1st prize – No. 24: 2nd prize – No. 34



DIARY FOR JUNE, 2018

- 1st Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m.
- 2nd Salvation Army Summer Fayre, in the Army Hall from 11 a.m.
- 4th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
- 9th Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall
- 11th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 7 p.m. in the Army Hall, presentation 'A Mile in my Shoes'
- 16th 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
- 18th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre
an outing to be arranged, competition - a small handbag
- 20th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
- 25th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
- 30th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
- 30th St. Ives Church Summer Fayre, in the Community Centre at 1 p.m.



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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 20th June, 2018

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If you wish to contact either of our County Councillors their details are as follows:

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Turnstile: 6 Fed: 8 Unfurl: 9 Atoms: 10 Tavern: 11 Creator: 13 Marquee: 16 Comedy: 18 Tunic: 19 Victor: 21 Moo: 22 Miscreant. **DOWN:** 1 Tin: 2 Route: 3 Silence: 4 Inhale: 5 Effort: 7 Destroyer: 8 Ultimatum: 12 Recover: 14 Random: 15 Uncles: 17 Mecca: 20 Opt

