

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 06/14 (September)

### CONGRATULATIONS, HALEM

Mrs. Halem WARD, pictured, born four days after the start of the First World War, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 and has joined her sister Mary, who is now 102 years of age, in the '100 Club'

Halem, was the second eldest of ten children, was born in Consett and when her father returned home after serving in the Medical Corp in France from the start of the conflict, the family moved to the Stanley area and lived in 'Reservoir House'.

Halem married her husband Thomas WARD in 1942 and has lived in Leadgate since 1953. They had a son, Thomas and now has three grandchildren and six great grandchildren

Mrs. WARD's unusual Christian name was given when her father wrote to say he liked the French name **Helene** but this was interpreted as Halem. I expect she is the only woman in the world with this name, she is not only unique because of her Christian name but also she is the third member of her family to become a centenarian, her mother May lived until she was 104 years of age. On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to wish Halem many happy returns and hope she enjoyed her birthday party.

The small photograph is of Halem as a baby, with her sister Mary and her mother May.



### LEADGATE COMMUNITY FUN DAY:

Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2014 saw a Community Fun Day, opened by Agony Aunt, Denise ROBERTSON, pictured left, once again held in Leadgate. This time it was held at Leadgate Junior School in Alder Grove. The day started off lovely sunshine, but by lunch time the rain had arrived, however, this didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended and by afternoon, the sun once again appeared. Outside there were birds of prey, a bouncy castle, a dog show and the police were there with various types of vehicles.

Here are some of the photographs taken.



This little girl won the balloon for guessing it was a rocking horse



This little boy is holding one of the birds of prey – a kestrel



This little boy perhaps has decided early in his life, he wants to be a policeman – he is sitting astride the police quad bike

It wasn't just the youngsters who enjoyed themselves and here are the photographs to prove it:



This is yours truly sitting astride the police quad bike



Mrs. Jean HUGHES, Deputy Editor, holding a bird of prey – a kestrel



This is Councillor Alan SHIELD, who was persuaded into the stocks, provided we didn't throw wet sponges at him

Well done to everyone who took part and helped to organise the event, Jean and I both know from past experience it's not easy to organise an event such as this. Let's hope we can look forward to another event in 2015.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's meeting took place on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and under Matters Arising the meeting was informed the four extra planters had now been moved to their new locations, i.e., outside the former Roxy Cinema, in St. Ives Road and two outside the Community Centre (in case you are wondering why two have been placed at the Community Centre, the Centre is sponsoring them). These planters would normally have been 'planted up' by the County Council, but as a result of a misunderstanding, this was not done, however, the Chairperson of the Partnership, Miss Linda PEARS, a keen gardener, took it upon herself to do the planting and if I may say so, she has done a splendid job. A vote of thanks was given to Linda and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers for her efforts. Linda said it took from 9 o'clock in the morning until about 10 p.m. to do all ten planters. The sponsors' names have been placed on the planters, however one more sponsor is required, if you are interested please contact either Miss Linda PEARS on 01207 505481 or Mrs. Pat. PICKERSGILL on 01207 507606.

The meeting was reminded the Scarecrow Festival starts on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014. Owing the high cost of having a Christmas tree on the 'Gap Site' in Front Street, the question was asked if perhaps something else could be placed, nothing was decided, but if anyone has any ideas, the Partnership would love to hear about them.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**WATLING LINK ROAD:** This road, from Bradley Industrial Estate to New Watling Street has been resurfaced in preparation for the temporary Go NE bus route when Villa Real Bridge is actually being demolished – the condition of this road has been a constant source of aggravation to all motorists for numerous years and our local councillors,

Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING are pleased that their persistent lobbying has at long last had the desired effect with its eventual refurbishment. The Go NE bus route down the Watling Street link road can start as early as 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 and if there is a need to do so, temporary bus stops will be duly arranged on the 'new route'.

**VILLA REAL BRIDGE:** Plans to remove the bridge structure and replace it with a through road **are in place** with the 'Tendering Process' to appoint the successful contractor now completed. As we go to press, work is now beginning on the utilities for the new road.

**BRADLEY OPEN CAST:** Following UK Coal's successful challenge in the High Court in London to the decision by the Independent Planning Inspector in dismissing their appeal following a public meeting held in March, 2012, a second Public Inquiry is scheduled to commence on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 in Leadgate Workingmen's Club.

**C2C (Sea to Sea, not Coast to Coast):** A project to clean up the 8 mile route between Leadgate and Beamish is planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014 between 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., with different sections being addressed by different teams of DCC Officers (Civic Pride, Safer Communities), Sustrans and volunteers.

**SPEEDING:** The community speed watch programme has been progressed into Leadgate (Pont Lane and Watling Street) and is being led by local volunteers (supported by neighbourhood police) as part of the educational process in progressing a reduction in traffic speed. As part of the enforcement of speed control, the police are to commence speed checks in local 'hot spots' using the recently acquired speed guns

**GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION:** DCC are to charge a fee for garden waste collections (brown bin) for the 2015-16 year (March/April to October/November). The fee is to be £20 per year or £50 for 3 years and will require residents to 'opt in' to the new system – more communication on how this will be introduced/managed will be published near to the implementation time.

**LEADGATE SCOUTS:** The scouts are celebrating their centenary this year and significant repairs to their building have been completed – a new roof installed: internal refurbishment to toilets, kitchen and a secure external door, as a result of funding from our local councillors' Neighbourhood Budget.



**LEADGATE SCHOOL's AMALGAMATION:** The Junior and Infants/Nursery Schools are proposed to amalgamate to create a primary school (their actual locations will remain exactly the same) under the headship of Mr. Mark WATSON (Mrs. Lyn BLACKLOCK, Head of the Infants/Nursery School has retired). Repairs to the steps from the Eden Field to the junior school have been completed during the summer recess and a new footpath leading from the Community Centre, passed the Bowling Club, to the rear access of the junior school has also been installed.



**POLICE REPORT**

Foot and mobile patrols are currently being conducted in the Durham Road area as the PACT Priority is anti-social behaviour there, with mediation taking place between families. Parents and children have been invited to the Scout Hut and an anti-bullying and anti-social behaviour class was conducted. Recently there have been 13 incidents of anti-social behaviour in various locations, three of which were of youths climbing on the roof of Leadgate Junior School. On the last incident the youths were seen and spoken to and as a result no further incidents have been reported.

The dark nights are nearly here, so please be security minded - you can do this by having timers fitted to lights and securing property in locked sheds. **PLEASE NOTE** between 15th October, 2014 and 13th July, 2015 Consett Police Office, whilst still being a 24 hour manned station, will only be open to the public between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m.

**CROSSWORD**

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**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

1. Argument (7)
7. Entertains (6)
8. Quantities (7)
9. Forearm bone (4)
10. Body powder (4)
12. Male spouse (7)
14. Musical instrument (7)
16. Harvest (4)
18. Scheme (4)
20. Picture to oneself (7)
21. Respiratory disorder (6)
22. Nightdress Informally (7)

**DOWN**

1. Group of four (7)
2. Circular coral reef (5)
3. Status (4)
4. Endure or survive (4,3)
5. Salad item (8)
6. Long tapering flag (6)
11. Native American (8)
12. Coarse fabric (7)
13. Reduce or exhaust (7)
15. Savour (6)
17. Expel from a property (5)
19. Suspend (4)

/Answers overleaf



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I also deliver magazines.

Monies are payable in advance on Saturday of each week, there will also be a **£1.00 per week delivery charge.**

If you would like to take me up on this offer, my details are as follows: **MARK WHITTON**

**7 Ridley Terrace,  
LEADGATE, Consett,  
Tel. No. 01207 589783  
Mobile: 0774 228 5872**



**BE PREPARED**

Catching flu can be very serious to people with certain health conditions, their carers, pregnant women and young children.

Flu vaccination appointments are available to book now at **LEADGATE SURGERY**. Either pop in or telephone and ask the receptionist if you are eligible **telephone number 01207 583555.**

For more information on who should have the flu vaccine, read the sections on the **flu jab for adults**, **the flu jab for pregnant women** and **the children's flu vaccine** on the NHS Choices website:

[www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

If you were **70 years old, 78 years old or 79 years old** on 1st September, 2014 you are entitled to a Shingles Vaccination, please contact the surgery for more information.



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

At the time of going to press the numbers for September haven't been drawn, they will be published in October's issue.



**Don't forget, the Scarecrow Festival starts 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.**



This is the fifth year for the Festival, it isn't a competition, there are no prizes, it's just a bit of fun the whole village can participate in, so if you haven't already made a scarecrow, there's still time.



### DIARY FOR OCTOBER, 2014

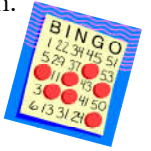


1<sup>st</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



9<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by Brian PAGE entitled 'Castleside and the Cold War'



11<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley Chapel held in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.  
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.



14<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies' Fellowship meeting held in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.

15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.



17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.

18<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church coffee morning held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.



20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m.

24<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's social/fund raising and quiz evening, commencing 7.30 p.m.



25<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning held in the Church Hall at 10.30 p.m.

27<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



31<sup>st</sup> The Festival of Remembrance, held at Consett Empire Theatre, commencing 7 p.m., tickets £6 each, you can either pay at the door or book at the theatre box office, telephone number 01207 218171



**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 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2014, 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 Quarrel: 7 Amuses: 8 Amounts: 9 Ulna: 10 Talc: 12 Husband: 14 Trumpet: 16 Reap: 18 Plan: 20 imagine: 21 Asthma: 22 Nightie. **DOWN:** 1 Quartet: 2 Atoll: 3 Rank: 4 Last out: 5 Cucumber: 6 Pennon: 11 Comanche: 12 Hessian: 13 Deplete: 15 Relish: 17 Evict: 19 Hang.