

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday 8th November, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. at the Cenotaph in Durham Road. For the last few years the service has been attended by more and more people wishing to pay their respects to those people who paid the ultimate price for freedom, let's see if we can continue this trend.

On Wednesday, 4th November, 2015, Leadgate Scouts will be collecting, in support of the 'Poppy Appeal' and will be collecting on the 'Lake Estate', in case you don't know where this is, it's the estate behind Watling Street.



THE LADIES HAVE BEEN BUSY AGAIN:

Once again the ladies of the Community Centre's Craft and Chat Club have been hard at work creating another patchwork quilt which has been donated to the Great North Air Ambulance to raise funds.

The Craft Club meets every Thursday afternoon in the Community Centre between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and everyone is welcome. There is no age limit, at present the ages range from 20 years to the oldest member who has just celebrated her 91st birthday.

Mrs. Jennifer WALKER, the Centre's Treasurer and group tutor said, "People can come along and do whatever craft they want, whether it is sewing, knitting or crochet. They need not do anything at all if they don't want to, they can come along for a coffee and a chat".

LAST FLIGHT:

Recently Britain's last airworthy Cold War Vulcan Bomber began its final season flying. The distinctive delta-winged jet bomber was put back in the air after a nationwide fundraising campaign, but this year finally reaches the end of its flying life. The bomber was restored and returned to flight in 2007 at a cost of more than £7 million in public donations and lottery money. The Vulcan XH558 was delivered in 1960 and ended service in 1984 but flew until 1992 as the RAF's display Vulcan.



You may be wondering why a picture of this majestic aircraft is appearing in our village's newsletter, well the reason is, about 1.40 p.m. on Saturday, 10th October, 2015 I was one of many people in our region who, I'm sure witnessed this aircraft flying over our village. It is supposed to be very noisy but when it appeared overhead in Leadgate it couldn't be heard. It flew in a straight line and then suddenly turned on its side and those watching were privileged to see its magnificent delta-wing shape before it flew off into the clouds.

Once grounded, the Vulcan will remain on show as part of an exhibition about the Cold War and British engineering.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting took place at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and as usual only a handful of people attended. The Chair person, Linda PEARS informed the gathering we now have sponsors for all the planters in the village and she is willing to do the planting

Groundwork North East have been written to about litter picks but no reply has been received. If the Partnership decided to arrange litter picks themselves, one of the things we need to know is who would be responsible for disposing of the bags of rubbish.

The meeting was informed on the last Sunday of every month an unofficial working party meets at 'The Shed' between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and these volunteers carry out work in the village that no one seems to want to do. In case you don't know where 'The Shed' is, it is at the rear of Mr. David SHIELDS home which is on St. Ives Road, but 'The Shed' is on the cycle track. If anyone feels they would like to help in any way, just go along and a very warm welcome will be extended to you.

The Chair person, Linda PEARS stated for some reason she doesn't receive any information from the Area Action Partnership AAP she thinks perhaps it is because she had recently changed her computer. Linda did say that the AAP's Board meets six times a year and twice yearly there is a Forum Meeting which is open to the public. So far as the AAP's 'It's Up 2You' event is concerned, the Partnership knows of no group from the village who have applied.



NO COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

POLICE NEWS

As there are no more PACT Meetings for the time being, here are a few hints to keep property etc. safe.



WINTER NIGHTS – during the dark nights burglary crime increases. Take simple steps to keep your house safe – leave lights and alarm on; windows and doors locked; curtains closed and don't leave valuables on view. If your house looks as though it is unoccupied it is more at risk of being targeted – consider timer devices for lights to reduce the risk.

IMMOBLISE - register your property on the immobilise website so if it's stolen and recovered, it can be returned to you. (www.immobilise)



SHOPLIFTING – on the run-up to Christmas, we will be carrying out additional patrols in retail outlets to deter shoplifters. We will also be checking vehicles that are coming into the area to make sure they do not contain known offenders travelling to Durham to commit crime. Please let us know of any outlets where you believe stolen goods are being passed on.

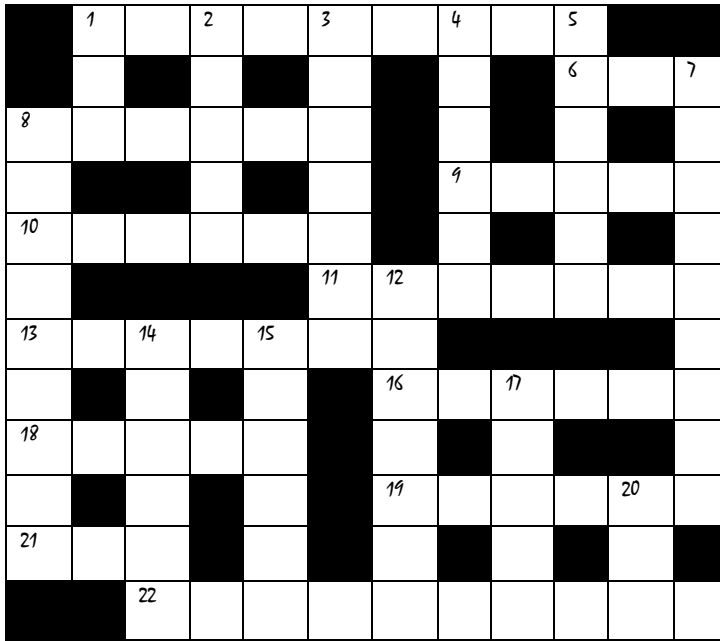
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT – bikes secured properly are rarely stolen. Use a 'D' lock along with another lock to secure your bike. Use a property marker so you can identify it if it's stolen. Register your bike on 'bike register' or 'immobilise' so it can be returned to you if recovered.



PROTECTING CHILDREN – everyone has a part to play in keeping young people and children safe. If you are concerned about the welfare or safety of a child and this requires immediate action call **FIRST CONTACT ON 0300026 79 79 or dial 999**. If you are suspicious about any activity where you think children could be at risk **call 101** and share your concerns – always **ring 999** in an emergency.

The Police are looking to start a new format PACT Meeting and will holding a PACT Roadshow on Saturday, 28th November, 2015 between 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. in Leadgate Scout Hut. Everyone is welcome, if you have any suggestions go along and share them. This will not be a sit down meeting, people will be able to wander around at their leisure as they will be a number of stalls and various organisations will be in attendance.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Problem page Editor (5,4)
6. Possesses (3)
8. Small river (6)
9. Boy's name (5)
10. Border of hair (6)
11. Aggressive driver (4,3)
13. Outlying settlement (7)
16. Pill (6)
18. Grown-up (5)
19. Tune (6)
21. Epoch (3)
22. Insignificant person or thing (9)

DOWN

1. Appropriate (3)
2. Large sea (5)
3. Talks loudly and incessantly (7)
4. Perfect society (6)
5. Roofing material (6)
7. Lively and brisk (9)
8. Asphyxiate (9)
12. Low padded seat (7)
14. Tropical American bird (6)
15. Acquire (6)
17. Spicy Indian dish (5)
20. Lacking moisture (3)

/Answers overleaf



CHRISTMAS FAYRES:

This month there will be three fayres leading up to Christmas and here are the details:

Saturday, 21st November, 2015 - Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre
at 11 a.m. in the Army Hall

Saturday, 21st November, 2015 - Pont and Bradley Church Gift Sale
at 2.30 p.m. in Bradley Church Hall

Saturday, 28th November, 2015 - St. Ives' Church Christmas Fayre
at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Since starting to publish the number of missed appointments at our Doctors' Surgery I had thought the numbers were starting to diminish, but when you see September's figures it seems they are rising again. Don't forget, if you fail to keep **your appointment, it means someone has been unable to see a doctor.**

Here are the figures of missed appointments since May this year:

May:	148 missed – averaging 37 per week
June:	166 missed – averaging 42 per week
July:	130 missed – averaging 33 per week
August:	134 missed – averaging 34 per week
September:	168 missed – averaging 42 per week



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for October, 2015 are as follows;

1st prize – No. 59: 2nd prize – No. 74



DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 2015



2nd St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



8th Remembrance Day Service, 10.30 a.m. at Cenotaph in Durham Road



9th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall



11th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting at **NEW TIME OF 6.30 p.m.** in the Community Centre (brought forward one week because of other commitments)



12th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist church hall, presentation by Bernard HOPE entitled 'It's a Wonderful Life'

14th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley at 10 a.m. in Bradley Church hall
Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



16th Leadgate Women's Institute Annual General Meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre

20th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church', 3.30 p.m. in the church hall



21st St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre

21st Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre at 11 a.m. in the Army Hall

21st Pont and Bradley Church Gift Sale in Bradley Church hall at 2.30 p.m.



28th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

28th St. Ives Church Christmas Fayre at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

28th Police and Communities Together (PACT) Road Show between 2 - p.m. - 4 p.m. in the Leadgate Scout Hut



29th Salvation Army Christmas 'Messy Church' between 4 pm - 6pm in Army Hall



30th 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 - 11.30 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 18th November, 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:

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Councillor Alan SHIELD - 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Agony Aunt: 6 Has: 8 Stream: 9 Peter: 10 Fringe: 11 Road hog: 13 Outpost: 16 Tablet: 18 Adult: 19 Melody: 21 Era: 22 Nonentity

DOWN: 1 Apt: 2 Ocean: 3 Yammers: 4 Utopia: 5 Thatch: 7 Sprightly: 8 Suffocate: 12 Ottoman: 14 Toucan: 15 Obtain: 17 Balti: 20 Dry