

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, 9th NOVEMBER, 2014

This year's Remembrance Day Service was led by the Salvation Army Territorial Envoy Gwen HALL and Father David CLEUGH of St. Ives Church and once again our village was well represented. Every year more people of all ages come to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS FAYRE

On Wednesday, 10th December, 2014 Leadgate Junior and Infants School are holding a Carol Service and Christmas Fayre in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 2.30 p.m. There will be a tombola stall, a first aid demonstration, a beauty therapist, a home-made sweet stall, the Salvation Army band will be playing, a craft table, face painting and of course there will be a visit from 'the special man' himself.



For further information please contact Julie on 07507 887257



NEW BUSINESS IN LEADGATE:

Some people in Leadgate may not know it, but our village has a new convenience store, it opened in October, is called Leadgate Convenience Store and is situated in Watling Street, in premises many will remember as Matthews' Paper shop then Mary's Paper Shop.

The photograph on the left is of the new owners, Robertchristy Mariyampillard and his wife Nilani Robertchristy.

The shop is open from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. seven days a week. Local customers will pay only £1 for two litres of milk and also for a large loaf of bread.

Frozen foods will also be sold and a coffee machine is being installed shortly. On behalf of Leadgate's residents a warm welcome is extended to Robert and Nilani.



"SWANSONG"

"Swansong", the 16th booklet of the Leadgate Series should be on sale at Leadgate DIY store from the second week in December.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th November, 2014 and a minutes silence was held for Mrs. Pat PICKERSGILL, the Partnership's secretary who tragically died in October. The Chair read a letter which had been sent to Pat's brother, David, expressing the Partnership's condolences. Pat will be greatly missed by not only the Partnership, but by many organisations in Leadgate e.g. the Methodist Church, Open Arms and Leadgate Junior School. To her family and all her friends the Partnership offers its most sincere condolences.

A letter has been sent to Morrison Road Nursery complimenting them on the planting of Villa Real Roundabout and saying how we wished we could plant out own gardens in a similar fashion. It has now been confirmed that the spring planting of the villages' planters will be £25 and the summer planting will be £30. Sponsors are required for two planters, if anyone is interested please contact Miss Linda PEARS on 01207 505481. The perennial plants have been removed from the planters and placed in plant pots for the winter and hopefully they will be sold in the spring at local coffee mornings. For those interested, the roundabout at Morrisons' in Consett denotes the steel making process – iron to steel.

A discussion took place concerning the newsletter as to whether or not it should be placed on the Internet only or still printed and distributed and also placed on the Internet – it was felt it should be the latter, always providing there was money available for the printing costs. The next meeting of the Partnership will be on Wednesday, 21st January, 2015 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

The issue concerning the dismantling of Leadgate Bridge has now been resolved however the agreement has still to be signed: the large drain which was unexpectedly found, has been re-sited by the Water Board and work is now expected to commenced early in the new year.

A walk about with the Independent Planning Inspector who is hearing the appeal concerning the Bradley Open Cast site has taken place and her decision is expected before February, 2015. The amalgamation of the Leadgate Junior and Nursery/Infants school has been approved and the joined schools will be officially classified as the Primary School in April, 2015, with both schools sites being retained.

Once again a discussion took place about a Christmas tree for our village and Councillors STELLING and SHIELD are to ascertain the cost of connecting the 'Gap Site' to the electricity supply. Councillors were informed the cats' eyes on the by-pass and the road to Lanchester were not operating correctly and Durham County Council will be requested to investigate and apply any needed corrective action.



POLICE REPORT

At the moment the PACT Priority is anti-social behaviour in Front Street and at the Community Centre and the police are conducting foot and mobile patrols in the area. There are also anti-social issues in the Patterdale Mews area.

A male person has been arrested and summonsed for causing damage to the metal shutters of Khan's Food Store. A number of calls have been received concerning unknown persons entering the rear yards of properties in the Durham Road/Dunelm Walk areas. Damage has been caused to a motor vehicle and this is under investigation. Damage has also been caused to property at the rear of South Cross Street/Front Street as a result of a bonfire: residents contacted Durham County Council numerous times asking to have it (the bonfire) removed, but to no avail and they were very disappointed (there was an organised bonfire at the Fire Station). A young female had been reported missing but was later found safe and well in the village. A firework had been put through the letter box of a house in Dunelm Walk.

'Operation Spoke' has recently marked its 1000th bike, a lady from Shotley Bridge was the lucky winner of £150 worth of bike equipment/football tickets and a year's subscription to a bike magazine.

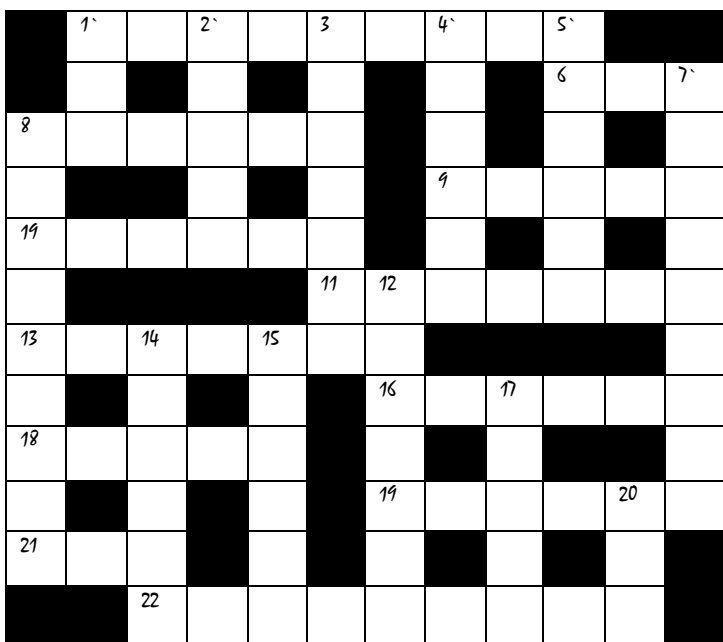
'Operation BOOMERANG' 2014 was launched on 5th November, 2014, its objective being to combat organised crime in the Consett area. Since its start the police have had the following successes: a warrant executed in the Delves Lane area resulted in £10,000 worth of a Class 'A' drug being seized along with £6,000 in cash: a proactive stop check of a vehicle revealed a large quantity of cannabis and cash to the value of £6,000 which was seized: a warrant executed in the Burnhope area resulted in a stolen 'wacker plate' and generator being seized:

another stop check in the Burnhope area resulted in a stolen cement mixer being recovered: a warrant executed in the Bridgehill area resulted in £28,000 worth of a Class 'A' drug being seized along with a motor vehicle and £1,200 in cash.

P.C. Kevin HALL our village Beat Officer is expected to return to duties in Leadgate towards the end of January. You can contact P.C.S.O. 7242 Michael CRAINE at michael.craine@durham.pnn.police.uk or P.C. 2158 Kevin HALL at kevin.hall2158@durham.pnn.police.uk or by telephoning the non-emergency number 101.

The next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th December, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

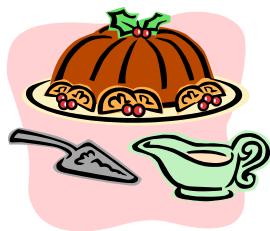
1. Lucky (9)
6. Cover (3)
8. Married Spanish woman (6)
9. Passes one's tongue over (5)
10. Sounded a horn (6)
11. Stretchy (7)
13. Doomed building (7)
16. Salad item (6)
18. Savour (6)
21. So or thus (3)
22. Lower the pride or dignity of (9)

DOWN

1. Enemy (3)
2. Perch (5)
3. Without help (7)
4. Flowing shrub (6)
5. Give rise to (6)
7. Kitchen item (9)
8. Soaks (9)
12. Of the sides (7)
14. Roofing material (6)
15. Incendiary liquid (6)
17. Mediterranean island (5)
20. Prosecute (3)

(Answers overleaf)

CHRISTMAS RECIPE: POMEGRANATE MOUNTAIN: INGREDIENTS:



5 pomegranates: a packet of 8 meringue nests: large carton of double cream:
Method: Place all the pomegranate seeds into a dish: in another dish place the double cream and whip until thick: crumble the meringues into the cream: place the pomegranate seeds into the mixture: place mixture on a flattish dish and shape into a mountain.

NOTABLE TELEPHONE NUMBERS:



I have been asked to print a list of notable telephone numbers for organisations in our village and always ready to oblige, a list has been compiled but before I can print them, permission will have to be sought from some people, hopefully by the time the next newsletter is printed I will have obtained this permission.

ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for November are as follows:
1st prize – No. 17: 2nd prize – No. 115:



This is the last newsletter for 2014, the next to be published will be in January, 2015, so to all our readers the editorial staff would like to take this opportunity to wish *everyone*

a very Merry Christmas (hope the man in the

red

suit is good to you) and a happy, prosperous and healthy 2015.



DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 2014



Mon. 1st

St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

Wed. 3rd

No carers meeting until January, 2015

Sat. 6th

Salvation Army Christmas coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

Mon. 8th

Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship Christmas buffet in the Army Hall



Wed. 10th

Leadgate Junior and Infants School Carol Service and Christmas Fayre at 2.30 p.m. in and around the Community Centre



Thur. 11th

Leadgate and District Historical Society's meeting at 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Ms Heather MUNCEY, entitled 'A Credible Witness'



Salvation Army Music and Drama Group present their Christmas Show, 'Our Christmas Collection' at 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall, tickets £2.00 each please contact Clare THOMPSON on 01208 504054



Sat. 13th

Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall



Mon. 15th

Leadgate Women's Institute Christmas meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



Wed. 17th

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre.



PLEASE NOTE there will be no Partnership meeting until January, 2015

Fri. 19th

Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' at 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall



Sun. 21st

Salvation Army Corps' Carol Service at 3 p.m.

St. Ives' Church 'Christingle' Service at 4 p.m.

Leadgate Methodist Church Carol Service at 6 p.m.



Mon. 29th

St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



Services

The following times may be subject to change:

Christmas Eve:

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m.

St. Ives' Church First Mass of Christmas at 7.30 p.m.

Salvation Army's Carols by Candlelight at 11.30 p.m.

(coffee served at 11 p.m.)

Christmas Day:

Brooms' Church Christmas Mass 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.,

St. Ives' Church Christmas communion at 9 a.m.

Leadgate Methodist Church at 10 a.m.



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 21st January, 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 Fortunate: 6 Lid: 8 Senora: 9 Licks: 10 Tooted: 11 Elastic: 13 Rotunda: 16 Tomato: 18 Tramp:

19 Relish: 21 Sic: 22 Humiliate. **DOWN:** 1 Foe: 1 Roost: 3 Unaided: 4 Azalea: 5 elicit: 7 Dishcloth: 8 Saturates:

12 Lateral: 14 Thatch: 15 Napalm: 17 Malta: 20 Sue.