

LEADGATE'S NEWS



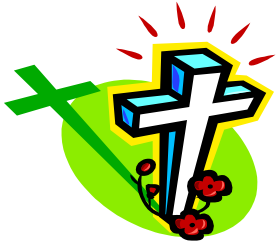
Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479



No. 8/15 (November)

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday, 8th November, 2015 and what a day it was, cold, wet and windy, but the weather didn't deter people attending. Every year there seems to be more and more people attending and this year was no exception. Well done to all those who braved the elements to show their respect and gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.



LAUNCH OF NEW SERVICE:

Recently an exciting new **FREE** service has been launched across County Durham and has a team of experienced staff and volunteers who work with you and the community to give the support and advice needed. They work with adults 16 years and over and give access to one to one and group support with:

- Healthy eating, weight management, weight loss
- Stopping smoking
- Increasing physical activity levels
- Practical cooking
- Adult learning opportunities
- Finding out how to volunteer and help others

If you would like more information concerning Wellbeing for Life please contact one of the following
Freephone: 0800 8766887: Email: cdda-tr.WBFL@nhs.net: Website: www.wellbeingforlife.net



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 11th November, 2015.

So far as the planters situated in various locations in the village, the Partnership now has sponsors of each of them. The matter of litter picks was discussed and the chair informed the meeting she had found numerous pickers but no gloves, again the matter of disposing of the rubbish was discussed and it was suggested if the rubbish was taken away by car it could be taken to the local refuse tip.

The ongoing problem with street lights in the Park Villas area was discussed: it appears a new lighting system may be causing the problem. A similar situation in 'The Squares' has now been resolved.

A discussion concerning the Partnership's future, which was set up by Derwentside Council, took place as the members present were disillusioned, they felt the Partnership was unable to accomplish anything. It was agreed the newsletter started by the Partnership, was very important and another good thing was the planters, installed in an attempt to brighten up our village. One big miss in our village was the annual Fun Day, but as a result of the disaster at Chester-le-Street several years ago, the cost of insuring these events was astronomical: another problem holding the Fun Day was the lack of volunteers. In an attempt to have more people attend the Partnership's meeting it was suggested the chairperson try and engage with the various organisations in the village.

The meeting was informed the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership was looking at ways of distributing some of its money to local partnerships: however this would mean a small pot of money to be spread over a large area. It was also suggested that once a year the newsletter could publish how the councillors had distributed their money.



Mention was made of the old toilet site at the traffic lights as it is now in a disgusting state as a result of people using it as a parking place and the grass becoming churned up, the same is also happening outside the Community Centre.

The next meeting of the Partnership will be on Wednesday, 20th January, 2016.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE:

We have just been advised that BT are running significantly behind their planned schedule and whilst they have increased the number of technicians on site (at the request of DCC), they have stated they are unlikely to complete the workload until **18th December** (at the earliest). This will further delay the actual commencement of the major part of this project – dismantling the bridge and constructing the new road.

The contractors, J. N. BENTLEY, have been on site since 19th October – they have provided a secure compound for their equipment and machinery and have introduced a traffic light controlled safe walking passage via Bradley Industrial Estate.

However, with the imposition of BT's situation and to prevent significant delay damages to the contractor being incurred by DCC the decision has been taken to demobilise the contractor until BT have completed their works. Therefore, we have requested that pedestrian and cyclist access to the bridge is temporarily re-opened, with the current pedestrian and cyclist route through Bradley Industrial Estate being no longer required until the contractor actually starts work on the bridge.

We have requested street lighting opposite West Parade is replaced.

We have also requested that DCC look to provide some financial support (e.g. grant funding etc.) for the businesses in Leadgate to offset the loss of revenue as a result of the reduced passing trade..

DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY MUSEUM (DLI)

Durham County Council (DCC) Cabinet have proposed the closure of the DLI Museum, relocating the extensive memorabilia to the Palace Green Library in Durham City as well as safe storage in Spennymoor because of the apparent uneconomical costs associated with the current museum. It is perceived that the current location of the museum will impinge on the planned development of the Aykley Heads Enterprise site which, according to the County Durham Plan, is hoped to attract 6,000 jobs.

There is a groundswell of public opinion opposing this closure: the direct links allowing residents to register their opposition to this closure are as follows: <http://savethedli.org.uk/> or <http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/stop-the-closure-of-the-dli-museum>

NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY (NECA):

The seven North East Local Authorities have signed an agreement 'in principle' for the terms of reference to create a "A SUPER COUNCIL" for the devolution of power to the North East from Westminster. DCC has decided to allow a level of consultation, 'a poll', not a referendum, with the residents of Co. Durham. It is felt more detailed information is needed to allow residents make an informed decision. It will be interesting to see the outcome of this poll and if this influences the final decision of DCC to fully participate in the "Super Council" or whether the outcome will be disregarded as was the previous poll in 2008 when 75.8% of Co. Durham's residents voted against the creation of a Unitary Authority.

Councillor Alan SHIELD, (07500 125 327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)

POLICE



Consett Police received a report that a van driver was stealing charity bags left outside by residents and as a result a van was stopped in the Leadgate area and found to have charity bags that shouldn't have been there: a male was arrested and the van was seized.

A magistrate's search warrant has been executed in the Tyne Avenue area and a large quantity of substances recovered. A male from the property was arrested, interviewed and bailed. However the same male was found to be wanted by Northumbria Police for an offence of assault and has been remanded in custody.

After receiving information, a house in Dunelm Way was searched and 33 plants and growing equipment were recovered, it was also found electricity had been abstracted.

If you would like further information concerning neighbourhood policing, use your postcode to gain access to local news and events from your Neighbourhood Policing Team at <https://www.durham.police.uk>

PCSO 7242 Michael CRAINE, Consett Neighbourhood Police Team Tel. 101, extension 75 2446



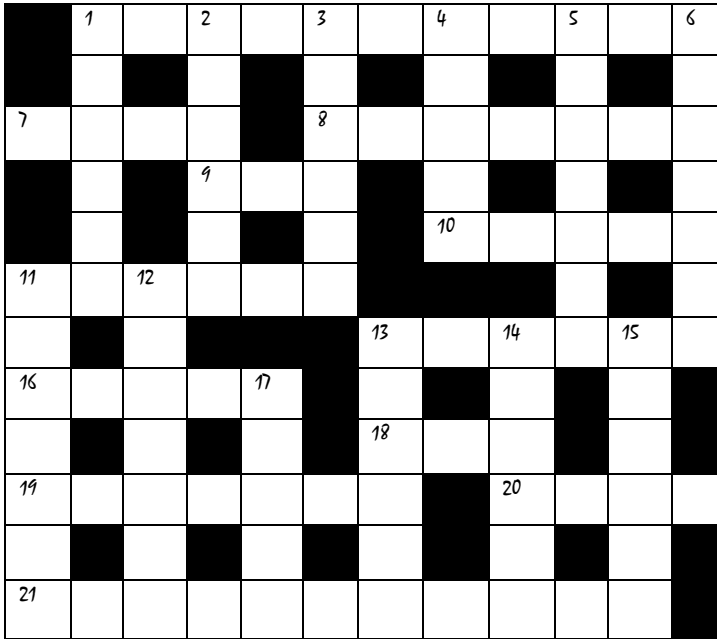
CROSSWORD

CLUES



ACROSS

DOWN



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| 1. Shallow (11) | 1. Artist's workroom (6) |
| 7. Sixth month (4) | 2. Solemn promise (6) |
| 8. Deer meat (7) | 3. Rebellion (6) |
| 9. Pair of performers (3) | 4. Happening or located inside (5) |
| 10. Cook in an oven (5) | 5. Immediate (7) |
| 11. Boy's name (6) | 6. Syrupy cough medicine (7) |
| 13. Rank (6) | 11. Responded (7) |
| 16. Feeling honoured (5) | 12. School subject (7) |
| 18. Decompose (3) | 13. Tranquil (6) |
| 19. Place apart (7) | 14. Be present at (6) |
| 20. Blyton writer (4) | 15. Messy (6) |
| 21. Without respite (3,5,3) | 17. Stunt the growth of (5) |

/Answers overleaf



Christmas Recipe: WHITE CHOCOLATE AND CRANBERRY FUDGE:

Recipe Facts: Takes 20 minutes + 1 hour chilling time: Serves 500 g. (1lb)

INGREDIENTS:

350 g (12oz) granulated sugar: 25g (1oz) unsalted butter: 175ml (6 fl oz) can evaporated milk: 100g (3 1/2 oz) dried sweetened cranberries: 300g (10oz) white chocolate, chopped

METHOD:

Cut a piece of baking parchment large enough to line a shallow 25x20cm (10x8) baking tin or a 1kg (2lb) loaf tin. Put the sugar, butter and evaporated milk in a large heavy-based pan. Heat gently until the sugar has dissolved completely. Bring to the boil, stirring continuously with a wooden spoon, then reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes. It is a good idea to set a timer for this. Immediately remove from the heat then add the cranberries and chocolate. Allow the chocolate to melt, then quickly stir the mixture and pour straight into the tin. It will thicken immediately. Spread into the tin and chill for an hour or so until firm. Cut into squares. Use a piece of card to make a festive box for the fudge. Line with baking parchment, decorate with ribbon and attach a message.

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 October's figures it seems they are still rising. Don't forget, every missed **appointment means someone else has been unable to see a doctor.**



LEADGATE SURGERY

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
October:	209 missed – averaging 52 per week (what happened this month?)



DERWENT VALLEY DINERS:

What is Derwent Valley Diners? This is a local weekly meal to home service for older people. A meal is prepared by local catering establishments and delivered by volunteers who also become a regular friendly face. This service is for older people who are aged 60 or over and live alone or are an elderly couple where one is a main carer: lack motivation to cook for themselves: experience loneliness: are not attending lunch clubs or getting meals: have difficulty with shopping, carrying food home: have difficulty cooking for themselves: do not have family living close to them.

If you are interested in joining the project as either a volunteer or a participant or if you know someone who could benefit from this project, **please telephone Derwent Valley Diners on 0191 374 6577**



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for November, 2015 are as follows:
1st prize – No. 85: 2nd prize – No. 42



DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 2015



5th Salvation Army's Christmas Coffee Morning, 10.30 a.m. in Army Hall



7th 'Wellbeing for Life' will be doing health checks at 'Open Arms' which meets at Leadgate Methodist Church, 10 am – 12 midday, anyone is welcome to drop in
7th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in Community Centre



10th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by A. ATKINSON, entitled Abraham LINCOLN



12th Pont and Bradley coffee morning at 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall

13th Consett Citizens Choir Annual Christmas Concert at 2.30 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Consett



14th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship Christmas buffet at 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall



16th Leadgate Primary School Carol Service held in Leadgate Methodist Church 1.30 – 2.30 p.m. with the Salvation Army Band, who will also be playing at Redwell Hills Home between 3 pm – 3.30pm and at Haven House between 4 pm – 4.30pm



17th Joint School Service at St. Ives Church at 10 a.m.



18th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church in Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.



17/18th Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group's presentation of 'While Shepherds Watched' at 7.30 p.m. in Army Hall, admission by programme, price £2, for tickets please contact Clare THOMPSON on 01207 504054



20th Salvation Army Corps Carol Service, 3 pm – 4 pm in Army Hall
20th St. Ives Church 'Christingle' at 4 p.m.

21st Leadgate Women's Institute Christmas meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



28th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



Christmas Services The following times may be subject to change:

Christmas Eve:

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m.
St. Ives' Church midnight mass at 7.30 p.m.
Salvation Army at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Brooms' Church Christmas Mass 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.,
St. Ives' Church Christmas Morning service 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. 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 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 Superficial: 7 June: 8 Venison: 9 Duo: 10 Roast: 11 Robert: 13 Status: 16 Proud: 18 Rot: 19 Isolate: 20 Enid: 21 Day after day. **DOWN:** 1 Studio: 2 Pledge: 3 Revolt: 4 Inner: 5 Instant: 6 Linctus: 11 Replied: 12 Biology: 13 Serene: 14 Attend: 15 Untidy: 17 Dwarf