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LEADGATE'S NEWS



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KNITTED BIBLE DISPLAY:

Over the weekend of Saturday, 9th September, 2017 St. Ives' Church hosted a knitted bible display. The display depicted all the major events in the bible, starting with Adam and Eve, going right through to the Last Supper and Resurrection. There were 34 scenes in total but unfortunately there isn't room to show them all. The picture on the left is Adam and Eve, below left is Moses in the bull rushes and right is the Last Supper. The 'Knitted Bible' display was created by the people of the United Reform Church in Hartlepool, for further information about this display why not visit their website on www.stgeorgesurc.co.uk. The people who created this display must have spent many hours knitting and must be congratulated for their patience as some of the items are extremely small.



SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:



In July 159 patients did not attend appointments, this was another monthly decrease - this figure is equivalent to 40 per week and 37 hours of time wasted: however in August, there was an increase – 177 patients did not attend – equivalent to 45 per week and 45 hours' time wasted
In June 170 patients did not attend, this is equivalent to 42 per week and 40 hours of time wasted.
May, 2017 - 203 patients did not attend, an average of 50 per week: time wasted 50 hours
April, 2017 - 141 patients did not attend: an average of 35 per week: time wasted 34 hours

Don't forget, our surgery offers an appointment texting service. If you have a mobile phone, inform the receptionists who will text you the day prior to your appointment, hopefully this will limit the number of missed appointments. 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." Let's see if we can do better next time



GRIZEDALE CARE HOME:

Congratulations are in order for Grizedale Care Home, if you don't know where this home is, it is at the top of Watling Bungalows, on Pont Road. Recently it has had a Care Quality Commission inspection and has passed with flying colours, in the five fields inspected they have been rated as good or outstanding. In this time when you only hear about homes with bad reports, it is great to hear there are some good homes and they appear to be in our village. As I always say, 'there are more good things happening than bad, but people don't seem to want to hear about the good'. I prefer to report the good and not the bad



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th September, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

An update was given on the work being done by Groundwork in Watling Wood and it appears that two thirds of it has now been carried out, two seats have been provided, a boardwalk and pond dipping. The question of possibly providing a running track was mentioned – the question of funding was raised, permission would be required, people would be unable to use it in the winter months and finally disturbance to wildlife was mentioned.

It has been suggested that the village hold a celebration in 2018 to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War One. The Partnership is to write to all organisations in the village and ask a representative from each to attend the October meeting to discuss what we should do.

Funding has now been received from our local councillors, Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING for the continuance of this newsletter, as editor of the newsletter, on behalf of everyone, I offer Alan and Watts our thanks.

A Community Garden project was discussed, this project is to encourage people to 'grow their own'. The old tennis court beside the Bowling Club is the proposed site and Leadgate Taskforce has been given a 10 year lease. A fence is to be provided, it is hoped to have the school involved, the court surface will not be dug up and nothing will be permanent

The last thing to be mentioned was the sponsorship money for the village's planters, the money £50, is now due.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE/NEW ROAD – Speeding traffic using this road is still a high priority and some speed monitoring by Durham Traffic Police is still occurring. Following a consultation with local residents in Leadgate and Villa Real Bungalows, Durham County Council (DCC) has proposed the introduction of a buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit between Leadgate (after the island crossing) and Villa Real Bungalows, this will enable additional 30 m.p.h. roundel signs to be erected (at the island crossing) reminding motorists that they are entering Leadgate Village and that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit is in place. An alternative proposal to withdraw the buffer zone and install a 'flashing speed visor' (Slow – 30 m.p.h.) before entering Leadgate Village has been submitted by a local councillor – this option should be considered by DCC Highways & Traffic Police.

The current 7.5 tonne weight limit restriction, implementing an alternative 18 tonne weight limit is still to be progressed – this will reduce the occurrences of H.G.V.'s using the back streets to exit Leadgate Village.

EDEN MINERS' INSTITUTE HALL (THE 'TUTE') – the Leadgate Youth Centre ceased to operate following the withdrawal of funding by DCC as part of austerity savings, however, four new members to supplement the current Trustee member are progressing the introduction of new organisations/groups to ensure the full utilization and development of the building.

Derwent Valley Allstars – a cheerleading/gymnastics group will have specific and sole access to the upper hall on five weekday evenings (6pm – 9pm)

Leadgate Toddler Group – local residents are proposing the provision of a child/toddler group for three weekdays – further progress to be developed.

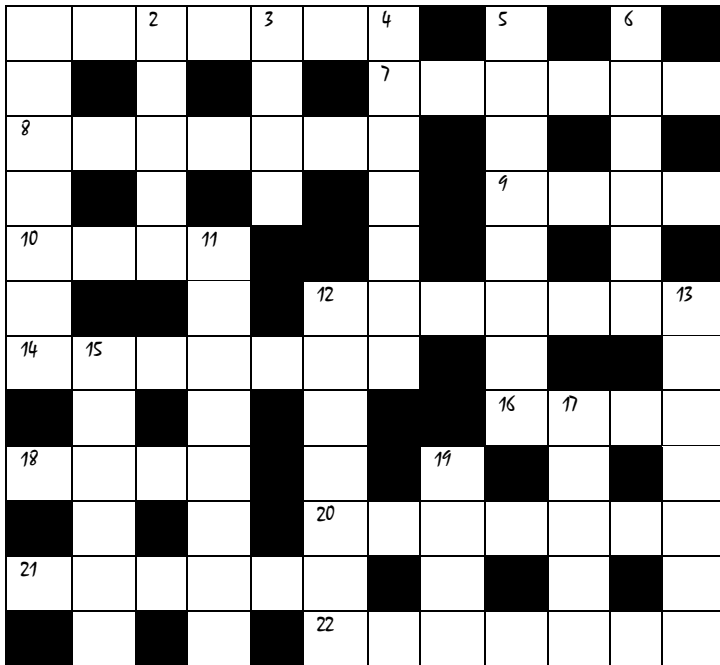
This building has the potential to implement additional facilities to eventually progress 'The Tute' to become a Community Hub and the Trustee Board welcome any enquiries from interested parties.

THE ROXY – a local builder/entrepreneur (Mr. Keith BARRON) has been working on a long term project converting this building to a type of Community Centre providing conference, stage, educational and many other workshop type facilities. Councillors have arranged a joint meeting with Business Durham to try and provide resources to stimulate and quicken the progress to full completion.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL – the NHS is to undertake a review on the operational set up of the Hospital which is currently estimated at £1.8 million per annum: this review will consider various options given that there is a maintenance backlog requirement of £2 million with further infrastructure work which increased the overall cost to £4 million. Derwentside Councillors met with CCG Board members in November, 2016 and were given assurances that ensure Community Hospital provision in Shotley Bridge/Consett locality – DCC have set up a Members (4 councillors) and a 4 Officer Group to work alongside CCG/NHS Officers to represent and strive to deliver the needs of the local community.

CROSSWORD

CLUES



ACROSS

1. Mosquito-bite disease (7)
7. Petty details (6)
8. Defraud (7)
9. Noisy (4)
10. Helps or assists (4)
12. Educator (7)
14. Ruler of an empire (7)
16. Lighting device (4)
18. Pitt, actor (4)
20. Spray can (7)
21. Yellow-belly (6)
22. Lewd (7)

DOWN

1. Knead muscles (7)
2. Scottish landowner (5)
3. Unmannered (4)
4. Workshop or studio (7)
5. Of the Bible (8)
6. Very small (6)
11. Form of motorcycle racing (8)
12. Cyclone (7)
13. Repel (7)
15. Abandon ashore (6)
17. Church gangway (5)
19. Vase like vessels (4)

/Answers overleaf

COMMUNITY CENTRE:

On Saturday, 4th November, 2017 between 1 pm – 3 pm the Community Centre is hosting an Autumn/Christmas Fayre. If you are interested in having a table, please contact the Centre's Secretary, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506. The hiring cost is £5 per table.



NEW BABY/TODDLER GROUP:

On Wednesday, 6th September, 2017 a new baby/toddler group, called 'Little Learners' started in the Community Centre. The group runs from 1 pm – 3 pm and its aim is to encourage children to mark, make and eventually begin to form letters, numbers, shapes and patterns, why not let your child make his/her mark through messy play, paint, sand, playdough, scribbling, dance and more. This is a unique and fun approach to early writing for babies and pre-schoolers and is devised by a qualified teacher. For more information please contact Littlelearnersuk.com, telephone 0785 4953702 or email jessica@littlelearnersuk.com



SEATED EXERCISE CLASS:

On Monday, 2nd October, 2017 at 2.45 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church, a 'seated exercise class will be starting. The cost is £1, no booking required: the address for the Methodist Church is Tyne Avenue, Leadgate, Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 6EL. If you want to keep fit and don't want strenuous exercise, this sounds right up your street.

St. IVES CHURCH:

On Saturday, 16th September, 2017 a service was held at St. Ives Church to mark 150 years since its consecration, which took place on 'Holy Cross Day' 14th September, 1867. The service was conducted by the Bishop of Durham, Paul BUTLER and the music provided by Lanchester Brass Band. There was also a display of past photographs. After the service the congregation was wined and dined with champagne and an anniversary cake made by one of the church's parishioners.



DANGEROUS SPEED:

The residents of Oak Terrace, Leadgate are most concerned about the speed some motorists are travelling along their back lane, in case you wonder where Oak Terrace is, it the street behind St. Ives Road. It appears some motorists, in an effort to miss the speed bumps in St. Ives Road are turning into back St. Ives Road/Oak Terrace and travelling at what appears to be excessive speed. What some of these motorists don't seem to be aware of is there is a number of very small children living in Oak Terrace and as we all know, young children don't see dangers that we as adults can see, so please, if you wish to use Oak Terrace, please do so in a responsible manner, i.e. slow down





DIARY FOR OCTOBER, 2017



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1st St. Ives' Church Harvest Festival

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

6th Leadgate Methodist Church 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall

7th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

9th Salvation Army's Ladies' Fellowship 7 p.m. in the Army Hall. a Musical Evening with Gateshead Songsters

14th Bradley Chapel coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall

14/15th Salvation Army's 'Harvest Weekend' in the Army Hall

16th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre

18th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

18th Leadgate Bowling Club's Annual General Meeting, 6.30 p.m., in the Bowling Club Pavilion

21st Three coffee mornings today:
10 a.m. - Leadgate Methodist Church in the Church Hall
10.15 a.m. - St. Ives' Church in the Community Centre
10.30 a.m. - Salvation Army, in the Army Hall

28th Leadgate Taskforce Autumn Litter Pick, 10 - 12 noon, everyone to meet at the Community Centre

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 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 us know before 15th November, 2017 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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CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Malaria: 7 Trivia: 8 Swindle: 9 Loud: 10 Aids: 12 Teacher: 14 Emperor: 16 Lamp: 18 Brad: 20 Aerosol: 21 Coward: 22 Obscene. **DOWN:** 1 Massage: 2 Laird: 3 Rude: 4 Atelier: 5 Biblical: 6 Minute: 11 Speedway: 12 Tornado: 13 Repulse: 15 Maroon: 17 Aisle: Urns.

