

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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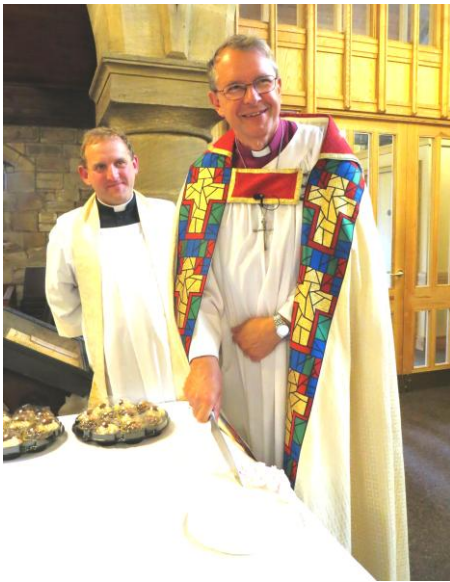
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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, 12th November, 2017 at 10.30 a.m. at the War Memorial 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 Friday, 3rd November, 2017 at 7 p.m. Consett Festival of Remembrance will be held in Consett Empire Theatre, in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Tickets are £7.50 each and are available from Consett Empire Theatre or payment can be made at the door; this event is supported by Local Councillors and other local organisations.



A FOND FAREWELL:

On 25th September, 2017 the village said a fond farewell to its very popular vicar, Father David CLEUGH, who, together with his wife, Hannah, have moved to pastures new, namely Cambridge. Father David has become vicar of Fordham, Isleham, Chippenham, Kennet and Snailwell, whilst Hannah has become Chaplain to the Bishop of Ely. On the morning of Friday 20th October, 2017, several members of St. Ives' Church went down to Cambridge to attend the investiture of Father David which took place later that night and to attend the investiture of Hannah, which took place on the morning of Saturday, 21st October.

In his leaving speech, Father David said one of the main reasons he accepted the appointment of vicar of St. Ives was because of the toilets - they have lovely toilet paper and scented soap. The picture on the left shows Father David and the Bishop of Durham cutting the cake at the 150th anniversary of the consecration of St. Ives' Church. Father David will be greatly missed by everyone and I am sure we all wish him well in his new parish.



SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Another month has passed and this time there has been a slight decrease in the number of missed appointments. In August 177 appointments weren't kept: in September 165 appointments were missed, this is equivalent to 41 per week and means a total of 37 hours were wasted.

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



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's partnership meeting took place on 18th October, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and was mainly concerned with what our village would like to do in 2018 to mark the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War One. Obviously there will be a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in the Durham Road and it was suggested that perhaps there could be a parade, possibly starting at the former Co-op Building, along Front Street, turning right into Durham Road and then to the War Memorial, where the Remembrance Service would commence with the re-dedication of the War Memorial.

Pupils of the schools in our area are to be asked what they think about World War One and for them to put their thoughts into drawings, the best of which could be made into a Christmas card, it was also suggested that the children's drawing could be placed on the fencing surrounding the schools. It was also suggested that perhaps the 'Christmas Day Football' match could take place, but of course no one wants to come out on Christmas Day but then someone thought the actual match took place on Christmas Eve. Another suggestion was a village cricket match, where everyone dresses up. It was also suggested that cornflower and poppy seeds be planted around the village and also that knitted poppies be displayed in various locations, the ladies of the Methodist Church have already started knitting and members of the Community Centre's Chat and Natter Club will also be doing their bit. A tea dance was also mentioned and as the hall of the Methodist Church has a sprung floor it was thought that could be a possible venue.

The above are just a few of the suggestions put forward and it was agreed to have another meeting on 5th December, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. If anyone is interested please go along and air your views. The next partnership meeting is Wednesday, 15th November, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE/NEW ROAD:

The issue regarding the introduction of a buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit between Leadgate (after the island crossing) and Villa Real Bungalows, enabling additional 30 m.p.h. roundel signs to be erected reminding motorists that they are entering Leadgate Village and that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit is in place has been referred to Durham County Council (DCC) Highways Committee following an objection submitted by a local member. An alternative proposal to withdraw the buffer zone and install a 'flashing speed visor' (Slow – 30mph) before entering Leadgate Village has been submitted by another local councillor - this will probably be discussed at the same committee meeting.

EDEN MINERS INSTITUTE HALL – 'THE TUTE' – the new Trustee Board has been established and has agreed the new name for this facility is to be the **EDEN MINERS CENTRE** and that the Derwent Valley Allstars – a cheerleading/gymnastics group will have specific and sole access to the upper hall on five weekday evenings (4pm – 9pm) – this arrangement is likely to commence at the end of 2017 or early 2018 following some structural improvements/alterations. The lower hall/rooms are available for access to other local organisations to promote the development of a Community Hub and the Trustee Board welcome any enquiries from interested parties.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL: The first meeting with the NHS and CCG has taken place and a frank discussion between local councillors and DCC Officers and NHS Officers took place regarding the range of options being considered. It was emphasised that Derwentside has the fastest rate of population growth in Co. Durham and the North East region mainly attributable to the numerous housing developments in and around the Consett area, with the largest age groups being under 14's and over 65's – this information helped justify the reason for a Community Hospital provision in Shotley Bridge/Consett locality – discussions are ongoing.

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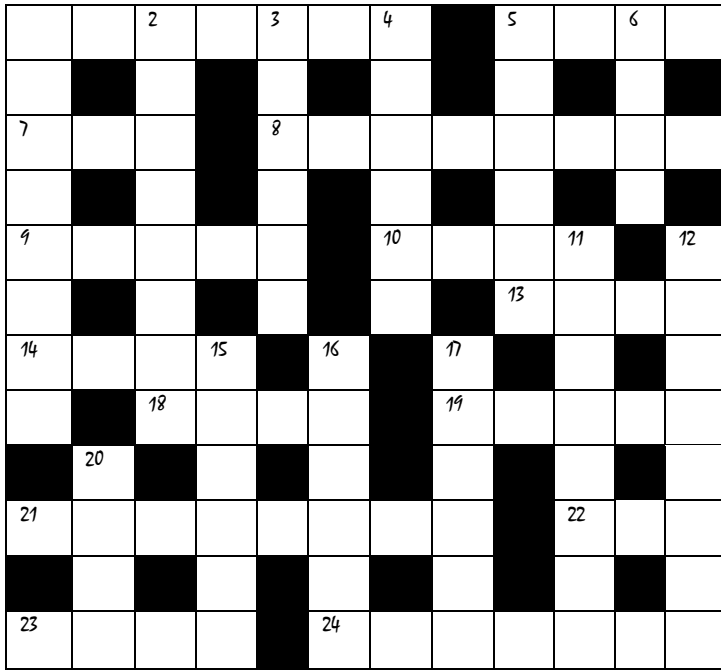
POLICE REPORT

Officers are pleased to announce there will be an increase in foot patrols by local officers around the Leadgate area and will be happy to talk to residents about anything they would like to raise awareness of. Road related issues in the village are being targeted as residents have expressed concerns about motor bikes being driven around the area in an anti-social manner and also vehicles speeding on various roads, including the new road. Officers have set a high priority on tackling those who drive inappropriately and any information residents have on individuals who are part of this problems are encouraged to share this with the police.

PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE, e mail: Alexander.Cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD

ACROSS



CLUES

DOWN

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| 1. Visual (7) | 1. Cannon or artillery (8) |
| 5. Skin eruption (4) | 2. Wolfram (8) |
| 7. Loud continuous noise (3) | 3. Priest's assistant (6) |
| 8. Practise (8) | 4. City in Pakistan (6) |
| 9. Valuable commodity (5) | 5. Motive (6) |
| 10. Tumult (4) | 6. Cumberbund (4) |
| 13. Not any (4) | 11. Native American axe (8) |
| 14. Restaurant cook (4) | 12. Caribou (8) |
| 18. Christmas (4) | 15. Bring up (6) |
| 19. Once more (5) | 16. Medical centre (6) |
| 21. Play-acts (8) | 17. Feeling of revulsion (6) |
| 22. Top card (3) | 20. Stumble (4) |
| 23. Stimulus or incentive (4) | |
| 24. Thin unsweetened biscuit (7) | |

/Answers overleaf



Leadgate Cubs will be knocking on doors during the month of November on the estate behind 'The Roxy' selling poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



GIRL'S FOOTBALL:

Congratulations are in order to the girls' football team of Leadgate Primary School who came third in the Derwentside League and have now qualified for the Durham County Cup. Well done to Mia W, Skye D, Ella N, Bethan K, Skye L, Sophie F and Annabella T.

LEADGATE BOWLING CLUB:

Congratulations also go to the members of Leadgate Bowling Club's Bowling Four – Dave REED, David WARNABY, Ian PEACOCK and Garry ROBSON, who this year were County and Inter-County Champions, having beaten Yorkshire in the final. All four players played at Royal Leamington Spa in the summer representing Durham in the National Championships, only to be beaten in the 3rd round. In the Senior Singles Ian PEACOCK was County Champion and also CIU County Champion. Well done to all four of them.



FOUND:

Found recently in the Community Centre are two pictures, they are both of a man and a woman, the man is painted black and the woman is green. The Centre's committee would like to know if these pictures have been left on purpose or has the artist forgotten them, whatever the reason would the artist please contact the Centre's secretary Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506 to clarify the position.



UNANSWERABLE QUESTION

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated rather than murdered

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 2017



3rd 'Festival of Remembrance' held at the 'Empire Theatre at 7.30 p.m.
 3rd Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 pm in the Church Hall



4th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
 4th Community Centre's Autumn/Christmas Fayre, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



6th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



10th Leadgate Bowling Club 'Presentation Night' held in Leadgate Workingmen's Club at 7.30 p.m., with Adam CARTER alias 'Elvis, also a buffet and raffle



11th Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall

12th Remembrance Day service, 10.30 a.m. at the War Memorial in Durham Road



13th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting, 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall

15th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



17th Redwell Hills Care Home are having a coffee morning in aid of 'Children in Need, 10 3.m. at the Care Home in St. Ives Road



18th St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre

18th Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre, 11 a.m. in the Army Hall

18th Pont and Bradley Church 'Gift Sale, 2.30 p.m. in the Church Hall



20th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting this month is the Annual General Meeting and the competition is a 'tray cloth'

25th St. Ives' Church Autumn Fayre, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

25th Redwell Hills Care Home Christmas Fayre, with Santa's Grotto, 2 p.m. at the home



27th 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 Optical: 5 Rash: 7 Din: 8 Rehearse: 9 Asset: 10 Riot: 13 None: 14 Chef: 18 Noel: 19 Again: 21 Pretends: 22 Ace: 23 Spur: 24 Cracker. **DOWN:** 1 Ordnance: 2 Tungsten: 3 Curate: 4 Lahore: 5 Reason: 6 Sash: 11 Tomahawk: 12 Reindeer: 15 Foster: 16 Clinic: 17 Nausea: 20 Trip.