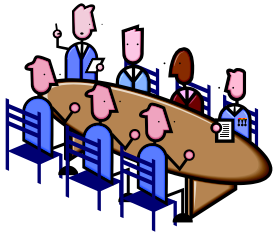


LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479

No. 02/16 – February



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre will be held on Monday, 28th March, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre.

To be considered for election to the committee you have to have been a member of the Community Centre for at least one year. Nomination forms will be available from the Centre from 7th March and should be returned to the Secretary, in a sealed envelope before 21st March, 2016.

If anyone would like to become a member of the Centre, please contact the Secretary, Brenda SURTEES, who is in the Centre every Thursday afternoon between 1 pm – 3.30 pm. Once a member you could become a member of the committee. www.leadgatevillage.com is the village website



PASSING OF ONE OF OUR OLDEST RESIDENTS:

In the September, 2015 issue I reported Mrs. Hallum WARD, one of our village's oldest residents had reached the age of 101, well I am now sad to say Mrs. WARD, after a short illness, passed away in January this year. To all her family and friends, on behalf of the village I should like to offer our sincere condolences.



MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

A new year has started but unfortunately we are still not seeing a reduction in the number of missed appointments at the Doctors' Surgery. I haven't the figure for January, 2015 but the figure for January, 2016 is **186 times patients failed to keep their appointment**, this is equivalent to 47 per week. It cannot be stressed too forcefully that when an appointment is not kept, it means someone else has been unable to see a doctor. Let us see if next month we can see an improvement.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 17th February, 2016 in Leadgate Workingmen's Club and was preceded by a public meeting regarding Villa Real Bridge.

PUBLIC MEETING – VILLA REAL ROAD RE-ALIGNMENT

This meeting was chaired by our Councillors, Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELD, also present were two officers from Durham County Council, Mr. Jonathan GALL Project Manager and Mr. Dave WAFER Strategic Transport and Traffic Manager: Alec WATSON and Owen TEMPLE Councillors for Consett North.

The meeting was very well attended with over 80 residents and business owners and at times was quite lively. A number of very important issues were raised, not least the serious concerns expressed by many people regarding the threat to current businesses in the village as a result of the reduction in revenue income from the loss of passing trade, attributable to the extended closure of the bridge.

Councillors remain extremely concerned at the protracted delays to commence this project - dismantling the bridge and building the new road. According to the Councillor Officers the work is expected to start in April, 2016 and is expected to last until October/November, 2016, but of course we had been told before about starting and finishing dates. Councillors SHIELD and STELLING understand and appreciate the frustrations experienced by the Leadgate community, especially the impact on local business and whilst Durham County Council will be lobbied to provide any necessary financial support, **they would encourage Leadgate's residents to use the commercial businesses until the new road is installed and revenue income improves as a result of the increase in passing through traffic.**

Mr. Griff ELLIOTT our village postmaster said if things didn't improve our village **MAY NOT** have a post office by Christmas. So far as Leadgate's businesses are concerned the old saying, **USE IT OR LOSE IT** certainly applies.

An action plan to address some of the ongoing problems is summarised below:

<u>ISSUES</u>	<u>CORRECTIVE ACTION</u>
1. Possible excess use by heavy good vehicles on the new road into Leadgate (no 'lollipop' man on crossing)	Consider applying an Environmental 7.5 ton (HGV restriction) restriction on the new road into Leadgate
2. Drainage/flooding concerns at West Parade	Re-introduction of higher kerb stones, re-position dropped kerb, ensure drainage gullies are operating effectively
3. Concern about new pedestrian walkway through Bradley Industrial Estate	Re-consider the current re-routing/detour layout and involve local trades people located on the current pedestrian route
4. Traffic congestion in Garden Place during the ensuing cricket season	Consider restricting on road parking on cricket match days (apart from residents)
5. Narrow road on Garden Terrace due to over hanging bushes/vegetation	Street-scene (North) to arrange hedge pruning at Garden Terrace
6. Actual bus stops/routes/timetables not well known in local business	Provide publicised information in local shops, GP's surgery, pharmacy, notice boards and village newsletter
No shelters on the bus stops on Werdohl Way	Install temporary shelters whilst new road is built.
7. LOSS OF BUSINESS REVENUE	Consider financial/grant support for businesses, encourage local people to use local shops school projects to promote local businesses

A short Partnership meeting followed the public meeting and the main topic under discussion was Tesco's 'Bags of Help' project which will be running from 27th February until 6th March, 2016. The money for this project is from the 5p now charged for carrier bags. Groundwork on behalf of the partnership applied to this project for money to upgrade Watling Wood and as I said in last month's newsletter our project has been short listed. Once the project commences on 27th February the partnership would like as many people as possible to go and do a little shopping at any Tesco's as this is only shop where voting will take place. Our village has fought long and hard to retain our wood, so let's see if we can be successful in obtaining money for its upgrading.

It was suggested that perhaps people could go into our village's schools to show the children exactly what is being done in the wood. The meeting was also told that recently the dams have once again been damaged. It may interest everyone to know these dams **are owned by Northumbria Water and anyone found causing any kind of damage/vandalism could be fined up to £6,000.** The dams are now being monitored on behalf of Northumbria Water.

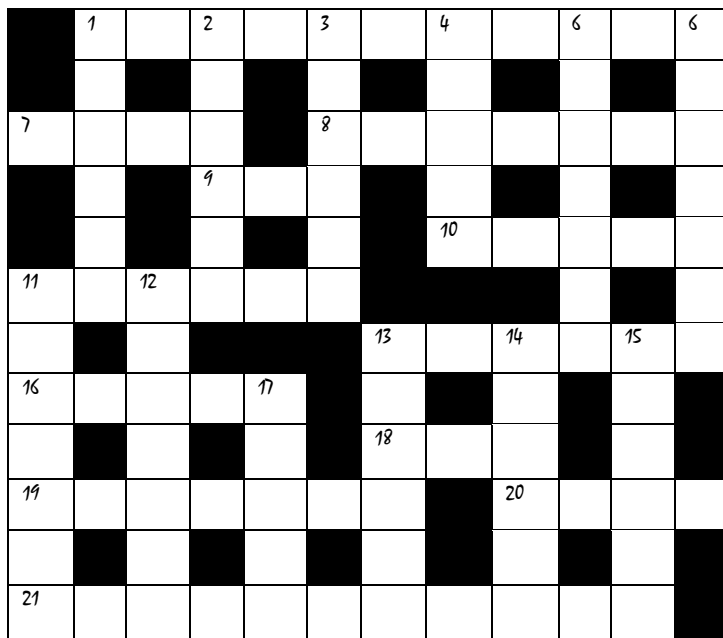
The lady who is voluntarily litter picking this month has collected a total of 158 bags of litter – makes you wonder doesn't it.

As you know, one of our village's G.P. Doctor ASTLEY has recently retired and the question has been raised 'do we want to do anything for him', if you have any thoughts on this matter,, please let the partnership know. It may interest you to know, without Doctor ASTLEY, Leadgate wouldn't have its surgery.

The next meeting of the partnership is on Wednesday, 16th March, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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| 1. Butterfly or moth larva (11) | 1. Thing on a birthday cake (6) |
| 7. Soon (4) | 2. Jumbled mass (6) |
| 8. Nullified (7) | 3. Washes out (6) |
| 9. Chatter informally (3) | 4. Gold bar (5) |
| 10. Plural form of that (5) | 5. Disappoint (3,4) |
| 11. Niche or alcove (6) | 6. Mr. Crowe, actor (7) |
| 13. A means of communication (6) | 11. Revive or reinvigorate (7) |
| 16. Ultimate or last (5) | 12. Hide (7) |
| 18. Thing done (3) | 13. Flavour with salt, herbs etc.(6) |
| 19. Comes into view (7) | 14. Rich cake (6) |
| 20. Flat (4) | 15. Blood vessel (6) |
| 21. Cricket term (4-7) | 17. Reasoned thought (5) |

/Answers overleaf



COMMUNITY FAYRE

On Saturday, 2nd July, 2016 Leadgate Methodist Church will be hosting a Community Fayre on the Church green between 1pm – 4pm. Entry to the fayre is free and it's free also to book a table. For bookings/further information, contact 01207 501581.

Please note, profits made go to your own charity, church or organisation



PLEASE NOTE:

Just so everyone knows, the lady who is littering picking in our village and may I say is doing a marvellous job, **IS NOT, I repeat IS NOT** doing it because of a Community Service penalty of any description, she is doing it voluntarily because she abhors litters and thinks it is spoiling our village.



COMMUNITY CENTRE:

As a result of recent incidents of anti-social behaviour at the Community Centre, the Centre's committee has found it necessary to install close circuit television (CCTV) which is now fully operational.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for February, 2016 are as follows:

1st prize – No. 64: 2nd prize – No. 92





DIARY FOR MARCH, 2016



4th Women's World Day of Prayer 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army



5th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



7th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



10th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Arthur DODDS entitled 'Sanctuary'



11th Lenten Lunch, 12 noon in the Salvation Army Hall



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



14th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting **at new time of 2 p.m.** in the Army Hall



16th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Committee Room at the back of the Community Centre



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

19th Two coffee mornings today:
10.15 a.m. – St. Ives Church held in the Community Centre
10.30 a.m. – Salvation Army held in the Army Hall



20th Salvation Army's 'Messy' Church between 4 pm – 6 pm

21st Leadgate's branch of the Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre with a presentation entitled 'Dragonfly Trust'



28th 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 in Leadgate Workingmen's Club at 1 p.m. on Thursday
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 16th March, 2016, 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 Caterpillar: 7 Anon: 8 Negates: 9 Gas: 10 Those: 11 Recess: 13 Signal: 15 Final: 18 Act: 19 emerges: 20 Even: 21 Half century. **DOWN:** 1 Candle: 2 Tangle: 3 Rinses: 4 Ingot: 5 Let down: 6 Russell: 11 Refresh: 12 Conceal: 13 Season: 14 Gateau: 15 Artery: 17ic.