

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479

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V6 LEADGATE CIRCULAR BUS:

At the public meeting held last month concerning the demolition of Leadgate's bridge, it was suggested the V6 bus route through Leadgate be published in various locations, one of which was the village's newsletter and here it the timetable:

<u>DAYTIME</u>	<u>Monday-Friday only</u>	<u>Monday – Saturday</u>	
Consett Bus Station, Stand 'D'	7.44	8.49	every hour until 16.49
Leadgate – The Wheatsheaf:	7.51	8.56	-do- 16.56
Miners' Hall – 'Tute':	7.52	8.57	-do- 16.57
Watling Bungalows:	7.53	8.58	-do- 16.58
Bottom of Pont Bungalows:	7.54	8.59	-do- 16.59
Bradley Cottages:	7.54	8.59	-do- 16.59
Hat and Feather:	7.56	9.01	-do- 17.01
Pont Bungalows:	7.57	9.03	-do- 17.03
Watling Bungalows:	7.58	9.03	-do- 17.03
Leadgate Front Street:	8.00	9.05	-do- 17.05
Cricket Club by Sustrans:	8.00	9.05	-do- 17.05
Consett Bus Station:	8.07	9.12	-do- 17.12

EVENINGS:

Monday – Saturday

Consett Bus Sand, Stand 'D'	17.35	every hour until 20.35
Leadgate – The Wheatsheaf:	17.40	-do- 20.40
Miners' Hall/'Tute'	17.40	-do- 20.40
Watling Bungalows:	17.42	-do- 20.42
Bottom of Pont Bungalows:	17.42	-do- 20.42
Bradley Cottages:	17.46	-do- 20.46
Medomsley and The Dene	17.52	-do- 20.52
Hat and Feather:	17.57	-do- 20.57
Bradley Cottages:	18.00	-do- 21.00
Bottom of Pont Bungalows:	18.00	-do- 21.00
Watling Bungalows:	18.01	-do- 21.01
Leadgate Front Street:	18.03	-do- 21.03
Cricket Club by Sustrans:	18.03	-do- 21.03
Consett Bus Station:	18.09	-do- 21.09

**(Other buses from Leadgate Miners
(Hall/'Tute to Consett:
(Daytime at twelve, thirteen, twenty
(nine minutes past the hour**



The Alzheimer's Society is now providing a free and confidential service in the County Durham area. Dementia Advisors aim to provide the right information at the right time, to support people with memory problems and the people caring for them. This can be done face-to-face or over the telephone, backed up with written information if needed. Meetings can take place wherever you feel comfortable, at a time that suits you. If you have any questions or wish to use the service, please contact Anthony MUSGRAVE, Dementia Advisor: Derwentside, e-mail address Anthony.musgrave@alzheimers.org.uk (note the 'a' is in lower case) mobile number 0748 4040629 or Co. Durham Locality office on 0191 3890400

CRUFTS 2016 WINNER:

Many of you may have seen a photograph of this year's 'Best Puppy in Show' winner of Crufts 2016, Devon, official Kennel Club name, 'BURNEZE GEORDIE GIRL'. What you may not know is that Devon's, owner, Ann Marie BURN, is the owner of 'Top Trimz', the dog grooming parlour situated in Watling Street. On behalf of everyone heartiest congratulations to Devon and her owner Ann Marie BURN.





MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Another month has passed and still there hasn't been a decrease in the number of missed appointments. I keep reminding those who don't cancel they are stopping others from seeing the doctor/nurse which could possibly cost someone's life (hopefully this will never happen).

January's figure was 186, which is 47 per week: February's figure was 189, which is 48 per week. Again, let's see if March's figure can be better.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday 16th February, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. The Chair person, Linda PEARS told the meeting she had been informed that afternoon that our 'Watling Wood' project had come second in Tesco's 'Bags of Help' grant scheme, which means the Partnership will receive £10,000 for improvements to the wood. The Partnership would like to thank everyone who made the effort and voted. www.leadgatevillage.com is the village website

A discussion took place about the wood area still being classed as industrial: under the County Plan it was proposed to have it changed to recreational, but for the moment this plan has been put on hold. The Chair, Linda Pears, a member of the National Tree Trust, is to contact this organisation and ask for their help in having the wood's designation changed.

The Community Fun Day being held on 2nd July, 2016 on the Methodist Church's green was also discussed, information concerning this Fun Day have been sent to all organisations and monies raised will go to their organisation or to charity. The Partnership and Community Centre members will provide cream teas.

As you may know, Queen Elizabeth is 90 years of age on 12th April, 2016 and the Partnership has decided to hold a 'street party' on her official birthday which is Saturday, 11th June, 2016, details are not yet finalised, so watch this space, but if anyone would like to help or have any ideas, please let us know.

In last month's newsletter I told you the lady picking litter had collected 158 bags of rubbish during January, during February she collected 152 bags, it is a slight reduction but still a lot of rubbish, it would be wonderful if people would take their litter home or deposit in the bins provided around the village.

NO COUNCILLORS' REPORT THIS MONTH:



POLICE REPORT

On two occasions recently, a male has stolen a number of bottles of alcohol from Leadgate Co-op and was identified as a result of CCTV and has now been summoned to court.

Anti-social behaviour has been caused at the Scouts' Hut and the Community Centre and again, as a result of CCTV, the culprits, five of them, have been identified. All five have been warned, in front of their parents and will be receiving anti-social behaviour warning letters from the Local Authority. It is not common knowledge, but if you children cause anti-social behaviour anywhere in the village and you are a resident of a housing association property such as Derwentside Homes or Home Housing, this could affect your tenancy and families have been evicted in the past as a result of bad or anti-social behaviour.

Everyone (residents and shopkeepers) please be aware there have been a number of counterfeit Scottish £20 notes used in the Consett Town area, so keep an eye out for them.

Now the bad news or some may think the good news, our PCSO Michael CRAINE is moving to pastures new, namely the rural area, but not until 29th March, 2016 and a new PCSO has been appointed to cover Leadgate, her name is Louise BAXTER. Michael will be part of her tutoring team and will therefore be around for a few more weeks. On behalf of everyone in the village, I should like to say a very big thank you to Michael for the work he has done over the years and to offer a warm welcome to Louise.

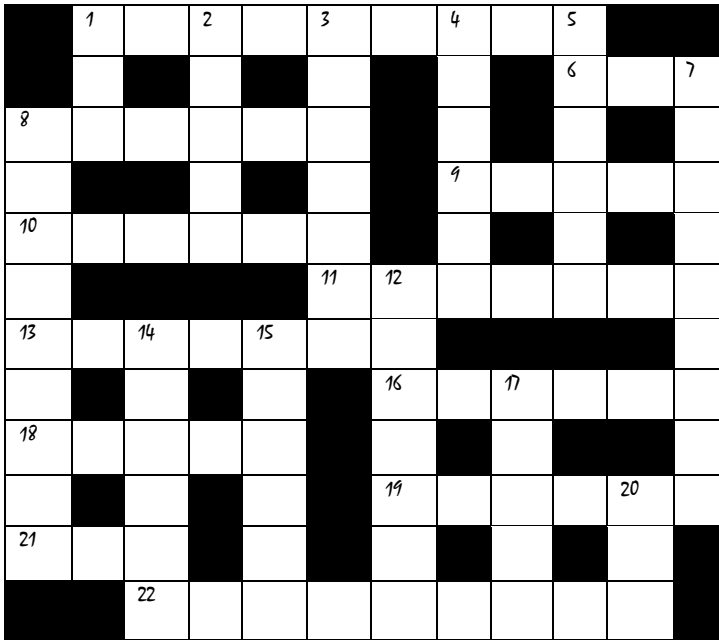
PCSO 7241 Michael CRAINE, Consett Neighbourhood Team

CROSSWORD

CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN



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| 1. Tending to copy or mimic (9) | 1. Unwell (3) |
| 8. Mesh (3) | 2. Coating for cakes (5) |
| 9. Of high mountains (6) | 3. Medium (7) |
| 10. Mystery (6) | 4. Ant, say (6) |
| 11. Assembles (7) | 5. Repeat performance (6) |
| 13. File of papers (7d) | 7. Cherishes (9) |
| 16. Roof beam (6) | 8. Correction (9) |
| 18. Vote in (5) | 12. Fix up (7) |
| 19. Wanderers (6) | 14. Israeli monetary unit (6d) |
| 21. Golfer's item (3) | 15. Untouched or unimpaired (6) |
| 22. Modern or new-fangled (6-3) | 17. Extremely well-known (5) |
| | 20. Lacking moisture (3) |

/Answers overleaf

MY STORY:

I suppose I should be grateful really, I was given one year to live one year ago and I'm still here, thank God. Since my semi-retirement a good few years ago, I've been limping along, getting by, just existing really.

It was so long ago now since I came to Leadgate, it seems like another world. Believe it or not, I was quite a sight to behold in my youth, young, strong, full of faith in my future, shining like a new pin, along with my brothers and sisters, God rest their soles. I was made by the best people, from the best stuff, stout, hardy, reliable and in my own little industrial way, quite beautiful.

Up until my full retirement last year, I didn't have time to even think about it., too busy getting on with my job. My job was my life, not that it hasn't been a good life, standing strong immovable, doing exactly what I was put on this earth to do and doing it well, if I say so myself, groaning and creaking from time to time, but never complaining, not even once.

It's been a pleasure, carrying you on my shoulders for longer than any living sole can remember. I've carried you in prams, by bicycles, charabancs, horse and carts, then buses, in thousands of wedding cars and countless coffins, I've carried you to play, to school, to work, to be born and to be buried. I've twice carried you to war. Despite all of that and despite the fact I was built in the time of the horse and cart, I think I've held up reasonably well. I know I'm no Sydney Harbour or Golden Gate but I was a good bridge in a good place, with good people, no one worked harder than me, at times it was non-stop. Millions of tons of steel, coal and just about everything else have passed over my back at one time or another, not to mention the countless tons of iron ore dragged beneath me, shaking me to my core for a century or more. It's amazing I'm still here really, quite the little survivor me!

For a huge part of my life, I had a dark, dangerous, smoky and fiery underside, seldom seen by anyone but train drivers and track workers, not to mention the kids playing the nick from school, then there's the villains and vagabonds using my shadows for their various skulduggery. I always kept my silence. Then there's my favourite of all, the hundreds of clandestine courting couples coming into my shadows to do what they were forbidden to do anywhere else. Yes, you know who you are! More than one or two of you have been conceived under my shelter and safety and Yes, I know who you are, I promise I won't tell.

Sadly, like most old men looking death in the eye, I'm battered and broken, ugly and shoddy, cheap temporary repairs have left me as you all know me today, a mess. My walls smashed from hundreds of collisions, cars, buses, lorries, you name it, it has bashed into me over the years, although this was never a problem when my good friend The Railway was still alive, then I was pampered, even cherished, the slightest knock or loose stone was put right immediately. Now that he has gone and my other good friend, the road, has gone too, God rest their soles, I just stand here alone, awaiting my ultimate fate. If a bridge could cry, I probably would. So next time you walk or ride you bike under me, stop for just a moment and take a look at me. Look through the grime, the damage, the weeds and the dodgy repairs; you just might catch a last glimpse of my long gone magnificence. I know it's too late and it's all over for me, but I just can't help thinking, after all I've done for you and yours, you should have at least tried to save me. I have stood sentry over all of you for more than a century. I've kept you just slightly different from the rest. You don't realise it now but you will miss me when I'm gone. Hopefully Leadgate will keep its character and individuality, but without me, I think that will be very difficult. Not that I'm complaining,

Yours steadfastly – Leadgate Bridge – 1896 –

'A View from a Bridge' by Mr. G. P. PRATT



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for March, 2016 are as follows

1st prize – No. 45 : 2nd prize – No. 62:














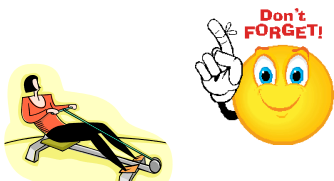
COMMUNITY FAYRE

On Sunday, 2nd July, 2016 Leadgate Methodist Church will be hosting a Community Fayre on the Church green Between 1 pm – 4 pm. Entry to the fayre is free and it's free also to book a table. For bookings/further information, contact 01207 501581. **Please note, profit made go to your own charity, church or organisation.**



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2016

-  2nd Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
-  4th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
-  9th Pont and Bradley coffee morning, 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall
-  11th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall
-  14th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist church hall, presentation by Bill SAUNDERS entitled "Quayside"
-  15th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church', 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall
-  16th St. Ives Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre
-  18th Leadgate's branch of the Women's Institute, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation entitled 'Northumberland not Park Mountain Rescue'
-  20th Leadgate Area Partnership monthly meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
-  25th St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
-  30th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



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 20th April, 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:
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Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Imitative: 6 Net: 8 Alpine: 9 Erode: 10 Enigma: 11 Gathers: 13 Dossier: 16 Rafter: 18 Elect: 19 Nomads: 21 Tee: 22 Latter-day. **DOWN:** 1 Ill: 2 Icing: 3 Average: 4 Insect: 5 Encore: 7 Treasures: 8 Amendment: 12 Arrange: 14 Shekel: 15 Intact: 17 Famed: 20 Dry.

