

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership,
Charity No. 1098479

No. 03/17 – March



MINI POLICING:

Last month I told you our PCSO Louise BAXTER was working with children from Leadgate Primary School asking them to design 30 m.p.h. speed limit signs. As usual the children were only too eager to help and below is a picture of some of their posters.



As you can see the posters are very inspirational, well done to all the children who participated in the Mini Policing scheme and let's hope those drivers who persistently speed through our village take notice.

Whilst I am on the subject of Leadgate Primary School, a big congratulations to the children of Years 5 and 6 who on Monday, 6th March, 2017, at the Louisa Centre in Stanley, won 2nd place in the Indoor Athletic competition.

Everyone is very proud of their achievement. On behalf of the village, Well Done Everyone.



SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Continually complaining about the number of missed appointments seems to be having an effect, the figure for February was 159 missed – equivalent to 40 appointments per week, the figure for January was 181 missed – equivalent to 45 per week. Once again let me repeat **“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 keep reducing these figures.



AGELESS PROJECT:

“CONTINUUM CIC’s ‘Ageless Project’ is coming to Leadgate. Funded and supported by Derwentside Homes this group works with groups of young and older people in their own community to build positive relationships, break down barriers and provide space where they can share knowledge of each others lives, pasts, futures, hopes and fears. The ‘Ageless Project’ allows the sharing of space, time, ideas and skills because this helps to increase stronger connections and better understanding between different people in our community. At the ‘Ageless Project’ you will get good crack and have fun with quiz sessions and other group activities which you can suggest. This is what young people have said: “I would never have thought to sit down and talk to my own relatives like this but I’ve found it really fascinating and I think it’s something we should all try and do more often” and “It’s been great talking to the young people about their lives and aspirations. One difference I’ve noticed is that there seem to be much more equality nowadays and in areas such as sport and education the girls have the same opportunities as the boys which is really good”. This project will be starting in May and will meet at Haven House, Leadgate. If you are interested in getting involved in this ten (10) week project please telephone Jeanette HAROLD at CONTINUUM CIC on 07872058175 or Michelle GRAHAM at Derwentside Homes on 01207 524205 or 07771831733.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 15th March, 2017 in the Community Centre.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the newly set up Leadgate Taskforce which originally was to be part of the Partnership but is now to become a separate entity, with its own bank account, constitution and committee.

In July, 2017 the Environmental Section of the Derwentvalley Area Action Partnership's (DAAP) 'Operation Spruce Up' is coming to Leadgate. There will be three days of cleaning the area, i.e. replacing broken benches, painting etc. A planning sessions is to take place in May when a 'shopping list' is to be prepared. Leadgate Taskforce and not the Partnership are to take the lead in this project. The AAP is still looking for public representatives on its board.

Tesco's 'Bags of Help' project in the future will be providing more chances of obtaining money from the scheme.

So far as Watling Wood is concerned there is nothing further to report.

The 'Big Spring Clean' which took place on Saturday, 4th March, 2017 saw thirty two (32) attend on this day and school children attended on Friday, 3rd March, 2017. The volunteers were split into various groups and one group even had a bishop, Bishop Graham KINGS as a volunteer. One site (Station Master's House) saw approximately seventy five (75) bottles collected and other disgraceful sites found in the village are to be tackled in due course.

Mrs. Jeanette HAROLD, Director of Continuum CIC gave an overview of its project named 'The Ageless Project' (see previous page) which has young and older people coming together to exchange views.

The next Partnership meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th April, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:



FORMER VILLA REAL BRIDGE: Concerns regarding speeding traffic using this road is still a high priority and monitoring by traffic police is still ongoing.

The planned action of introducing a buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit from Leadgate (after the crossing island) towards Villa Real bungalows is to be pursued. This will enable additional 30 m.p.h. signs to be erected (at the crossing island) reminding motorists who are entering Leadgate Village that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit is in place.

The option of introducing a Pelican or Toucan crossing (instead of the current zebra crossing) has been discounted (at the moment) as the cost of £100,000 is financially prohibitive.

The removal of the 7.5 tonne weight restriction on the new road is to be progressed as soon as possible – this will enable H.G.V. wagons to use this road as an exit and thereby stop the necessity for wagons having to reverse or doing three point turns in the village centre to use one of the alternative exit routes.

Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125 327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)



POLICE REPORT

The police are still liaising with the Local Authority regarding the new road's long resolution, unfortunately this could take some time. Several complaints have been received in respect of parents parking on yellow lines at Leadgate Infants School. This situation will be monitored by extra patrols and the Local Authority has been informed.

PCSO 7984 Louise BAXTER, Leadgate

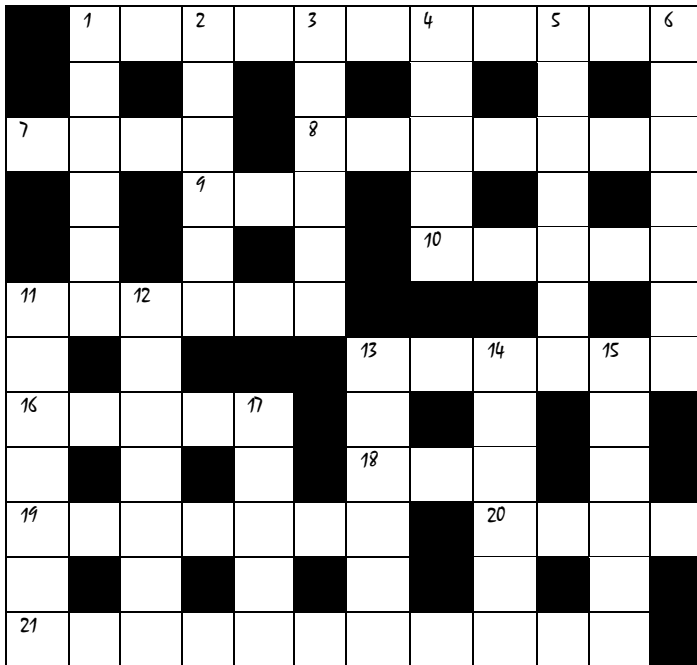
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CROSSWORD

CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN



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| 1. Female godchild (11) | 1. Small cave (6) |
| 7. Bereavement (4) | 2. Causing gloom or depression (6) |
| 8. Spotty disease (7) | 3. Axilla (6) |
| 9. Chart (3) | 4. Fit with glass (5)' |
| 10. Cinder (5) | 5. Boast or brag (4,3) |
| 11. Lavatory (6) | 6. A substitute (7) |
| 13. Shoe type (6) | 11. Storm (7) |
| 16. Dark brown coffee (5) | 12. Comprise (7) |
| 18. Pixie (3) | 13. An easy task, informally (6) |
| 19. Teach (7) | 14. Remnant (6) |
| 20. Talon (4) | 15. Unjust (6) |
| 21. Person influencing fashion (11) | 17. Prize (5) |

/Answers overleaf

CLEAN UP ON COAST TO COAST:



On Tuesday, 4th April, 2017 Leadgate Taskforce together with Sustrans will be taking part in Durham County Council's "Big Spring Clean" litter picking initiative from 10 – 12 noon. They will be picking up litter as they walk along the Coast to Coast track in both directions from the Jolly Drovers towards Stonyheap Lane and the A.692 Consett road. If you wish to participate, please be at the Jolly Drovers Public House Car Park, Pont Lane, at 10 a.m. All equipment will be provided but warm/waterproof clothing and sturdy footwear is essential. The licensee/manager of the Jolly Drovers has kindly allowed the use of the car park at the rear, so please park considerately. Free tea or coffee has also been offered to all participants.



LEADGATE LEGACY GYM:

As from 1st April, 2017 the Community Centre's Legacy Gym will be operating a 'Loyalty Card' scheme, this means every seventh (7th) attendance at the gym will be free.



FREE CLASSES:

From Friday, 31st March, 2017 until 26th May, 2017 a Pilates Class will be held in the Community Centre between 1 pm – 2 pm. Pilates is good for young and old and is an accessible way to build strength in your core muscles for better posture, balance and flexibility. If you would be interested please contact either **Michelle PHILLIPS on 07919 553 866 or Susan ASHALL on 07880 044 728**



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for March, 2017 are as follows:
1st prize – No. 54: 2nd prize – No.34:



Last month I reported a further six Christmas angels placed around the village by members of Leadgate Methodist Church had been found, well, I can report another two were found and taken home



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2017



3rd St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

4th Leadgate Taskforce will be joining with Sustrans today to assist in the upcoming clean-up of the C2C in Leadgate

7th The last Lent Lunch will be held today in the Army Hall between 11.30 am – 1 pm



7th Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group present a musical by Susie HARE entitled 'Alive to Tell the Story', in the Army Hall at 7 p.m., tickets are £2.00 each and can be obtained by contacting Clare THOMPSON on 01207 504054



8th Two coffee mornings today:
10 a.m. – Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall
10.30a.m. – Salvation Army held in the Army Hall



9th Palm Sunday and Salvation Army 'Messy Church'



10th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall

15th St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre



17th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, there will be a jewellery demonstration and sale and the competition is a brooch

19th Leadgate Area Partnership monthly meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



22nd Salvation Army's coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

22nd Guitarist Michael KELLY is performing at Leadgate Cricket Club at 8 p.m. in aid of the Leadgate Taskforce, admission is free and the doors open at 7 p.m.



24th 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 19th April, 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:
Councillor Watts STELLING – 01207 501674, mobile 07500125328:
Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Goddaughter: 7 Loss: 8 Measles: 9 Map: 10 Ember: 11 Toilet: 13 Brogue: 16 Mocha: 18 Elf: 19 Educate: 20 Claws: 21 Trendsetter. **DOWN:** 1 Grotto: 2 Dismal: 3 Armpit: 4 Glaze: 5 Talk big: 6 Reserve: 11 Tempest: 12 Include: 13 Breeze: 14 Offcut: 15 Unfair: 17 Award