

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 04/16 – April



### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre was held on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre and once again, as there were no other nominations the existing committee were all re-elected and are as follows:-

Chair: Mr. Malcolm D’NORTHWOOD  
Secretary: Miss Brenda SURTEES  
Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer WALKER  
Committee Members: Mrs. Jean HUGHES, Miss Stephanie WALKER: Miss Tracy WALKER – who has been elected to the committee for the first time

Whilst talking about the Community Centre, you may be interested to know, the Centre’s Craft and Chat Club has recently been informed that two patchwork quilts, made by their members and donated to Willowburn and the North East Air Ambulance raised over £500 for these most worthwhile organisations.



Leadgate Area Partnership’s Annual General Meeting will be held in the Community Centre, at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 and nomination forms will be available from the Centre from 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.



### MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Another month has passed and still there hasn’t been a decrease in the number of missed appointments. I keep reminding everyone by not cancelling appointments someone else is prevented from seeing a doctor or nurse and this could have quite serious repercussions. At the moment the figures are fairly constant:

**January - 186 - 47 per week: February - 189 - 48 per week: March 1 - 186 - 47 per week**



### PATIENT REFERENCE GROUP:

Leadgate Surgery is looking to develop its ‘Patient Reference Group’. The purpose of this group is to inform members of how the practice works and for them as a practice to gain feedback from their patients.



#### **The group will:**

- Allow members to feel more confident in their GP practice
- Allow members to have greater understanding and appreciation of the practice and the health Service that is being provided
- A place where members can ask questions and influence the practice by giving their opinions

#### **This group is not:**

- A forum for complaints about the surgery, staff or procedures
- An exclusive group, as we aim to have a range of patients involved in the group

You can take part in the group by attending meetings in the surgery or via e-mail, allowing you to take part and have an influence within the group when you have the time. If are interested in taking part in the Patient Reference Group, please give your contact details to a member of reception staff.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. [www.leadgatevillage.com](http://www.leadgatevillage.com) is the village website

The meeting was informed the grant money from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' project has not yet been received, but the Partnership has to inform Tesco's how it proposes to spend it and how it is to be publicised – one way of course is our village newsletter. Some of the improvements to the wood would be pond dipping facilities, paths and signs. Tesco has another such project in the pipeline but further details are now yet available.

On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, the Queen's official birthday, the Partnership and Community Centre will be holding a 'Street party' between 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. in the Community Centre to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. This event is free and everyone, young and old alike are cordially invited, all that is asked is everyone brings a plate of something, sweet or savoury. As we all know the Queen is never seen in public without a hat, so there will be a hat competition, with a prize the best adult's hat and also for the best child's hat. There will also be face painting.

The village's Community Fun Day is being held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 on the green in front of the Methodist Church, this is also free, tables will be available for organisations/charities to display their wares but all profits are to go to charity. The Y.M.C.A. is to be contacted and asked to provide some of activities, i.e. climbing wall, laser game.

This month the lady who is clearing our village of litter has been poorly and as a result has only collected 49 bags of litter, let's see if we can keep to this number as our village certainly looks much cleaner thanks to her efforts. On behalf of everyone I do hope she is fit and well now.

The next meeting of the Partnership, will be the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Community Centre at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

Councillor SHIELD informed the meeting he and Councillor STELLING had been assured the contractors, Messrs. Bentley, would be 'on site' as from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

Once again we have been given a start date for the demolition of our bridge, so everyone keep everything crossed this date will be true.



### **POLICE REPORT**

Leadgate has had another quiet month; however a local male has been summoned to court after stealing a number of bottles of spirits from the local Co-op store. Police Officers recently stopped a car in the village and after it was searched a quantity of cannabis was found and a Cannabis Warning Notice was issued. This month there has been a large decrease in the number of calls to the police concerning anti-social behaviour.

Louise BAXTER, P.C.S.O. 7948, Consett, email [louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk)



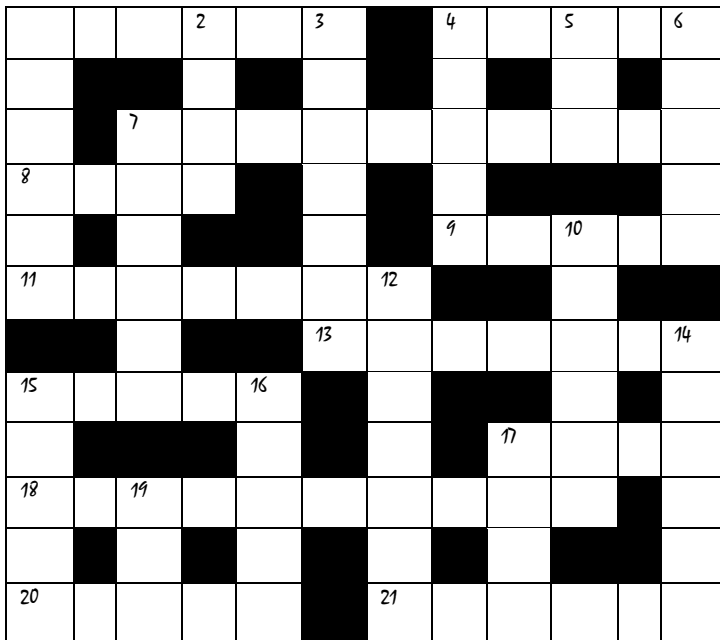
### **LEADGATE RAINBOWS:**

A new group is starting in Leadgate called 'Leadgate Rainbows', who will meet on Tuesday evening in the Salvation Army Hall.

Being a 'Rainbow' is all about developing self- confidence, building friendships, trying new things and having fun. 'Rainbows' are girls aged five to seven, who follow a programme called the 'Rainbow Jigsaw.

For more information about this new venture visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows)

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

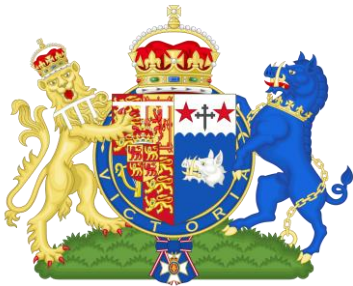
### ACROSS

1. Hard-boiled sweet (6)
4. Nuisances (5)
7. Job (10)
8. Bottle stopper (4)
9. Alcoholic drink (5)
11. Piano player (7)
13. Agreement or concord (7)
15. Baa (5)
17. Bucket (4)
18. Added or supplementary (10)
20. Scottish market town (5)
21. Long deep groove (6)

### DOWN

1. Minor difficulty or setback (6)
2. Male rabbit (4)
3. Spicy Hungarian stew (7)
4. Oyster's gem (5)
5. Snow runner (3)
6. Spanish man (5)
7. Heavily decorated (6)
10. Worldwide (6)
12. Become airborne (4,3)
14. Colour (6)
15. Courageous (5)
16. Very strong person (5)
17. Couple (4)
19. Corgi, say (3)

/Answers overleaf



### STREET PARTY:

Before I tell you about our village's forthcoming street party, I have an apology to make, in last month's newsletter I said the Queen's birthday was 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 when it should have been 21<sup>st</sup>, so my sincere apologies to everyone including the Queen.

As everyone knows the Queen has two birthdays, one celebrating her birth and the second is her official birthday which this year is Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 and to mark this, her 90<sup>th</sup>, the Partnership and committee of the Community Centre are organising a 'street party'. As our weather is so unpredictable the party will be held in the Community Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> June between 2 pm - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome, all that is asked is you bring a plate of something, it can be sweet or savoury. Volunteers will be required, if you would like to help, please contact myself, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506 or Linda PEARS on 01207 505481.



### COMMUNITY FAYRE

On Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2016 Leadgate Methodist Church is the venue for a Community Fayre to be held 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**



### ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for April, 2016 are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 83: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 51



## DIARY FOR MAY, 2016



2<sup>nd</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



9<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall



12<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in the Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Mavis NATTRASS entitles 'Evacuees'

14<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley Church at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall  
Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



16<sup>th</sup> Leadgate branch of the Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation entitled 'The Grainger Market'

18<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership Annual General Meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church', 3.30 p.m. in the Church hall

21<sup>st</sup> St. Ives' Church coffee morning, 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre



28<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall  
Brooms Church at 10.30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Hall, in aid of Macmillan Nurses

30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 11.30 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 18<sup>th</sup> May, 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 Humbug: 4 Pests: 7 Occupation: 8 Cork: 9 Lager: 11 Pianist: 13 Harmony: 15 Bleat: 17 Pail: 18 Additional: 20 Elgin: 21 Furrow. **DOWN:** 1 Hiccup: 2 Buck: 3 Goulash: 4 Pearl: 5 Ski: 6 Senor: 7 Ornate: 10 Global: 12 Take off: 4 Yellow: 15 Brave: 16 Titan: 17 Pair: 19 Dog.