

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership,
Charity No. 1098479

No. 04/17 – April



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre took place on Monday, 27th March, 2017 at 6 p.m. The existing committee were all re-elected and are as follows:

Chairperson: Mr. Malcolm D'NORTHWOOD

Secretary: Miss Brenda SURTEES

Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer WALKER

Committee members: Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Miss Stephanie Walker: Miss Tracy WALKER and Mrs. Janet LAVERY, who was elected to the committee for the first time

The Annual General Meeting of the Leadgate Area Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

After a decrease in January and February it was quite surprising to see March's figure had once again increased. January's figure was 181 missed appointments and February's was 159, but for some reason March's figure leapt to 201, averaging the equivalent of 50 appointments each week. 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.



CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND:

On Wednesday, 19th April, 2017 I was present at Leadgate Co-op when the charity 'Open Arms' was presented with a cheque for £3,497.00 from the Co-op's Community Fund. The presentation was made by Mr. David MORDUE, Shop Manager, to Mrs. Marion ROWELL, Secretary of 'Open Arms' the money was raised from the payment of 5p for carrier bags and from the dividend of Co-op members. Since September over £10,000 has been raised and two other groups were the recipients

of over £3,000, they were Consett Churches Detached Youth Project and Minsteracres Retreat Centre. The next round to be selected started on 6th April, 2017 and one of the groups is Leadgate Scouts. To take part in the voting you have to be a member of the Co-op: you can become a member by visiting the Co-op's website coop.co.uk/membership or call in the shop. On behalf of the Co-op and the groups awarded the money, well done everyone.

In case you are wondering about 'Open Arms', it is a befriending group that meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, Tyne Avenue. It is open to anyone who is lonely, vulnerable or who just want a chat. Activities, bingo, raffle and a two course lunch are provided: entrance is £1 and lunch costs £4. Why not go along, if it isn't for you, you may be able to become a volunteer and help others.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

The monthly meeting of Leadgate Area Partnership was on Wednesday, 19th April, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.

The Task Force agreed they are happy to take on the summer activities with the Y.M.C.A.

A list of 'hot spots' has been forwarded to the County Council in respect of its 'Operation Spruce Up'. If you have any suggestions for 'hot spots' why not come to a meeting and put forward your suggestion.

So far as Watling Wood is concerned, the cost of installing two metal seats would be £1,300: pond dipping platform would be £1,300 and boardwalks cost £615 per 3 metre lengths.

The meeting was informed the Cricket Club will be hosting a 'Fun Day' on 16th July, 2017 from 12 noon.

Also Derwentside Homes have amalgamated with two other organisations, ISOS and Cestria and in future the new group will be known as '**Karbon Homes**', which will be one of the top three housing associations in the North East, they own and manage 24,000 homes across the North East and Durham, from Berwick in the North to Stockton in the south and across to Cumbria in the west: they employ almost 800 staff and have an annual turnover of over £130 million.

As membership of the Partnership has dwindled, it was suggested that perhaps the Partnership could take a quieter role and the Task Force take more of a lead, but the Task Force wishes to work alone. New membership of the Partnership is needed or there is a possibility it may cease.

The Partnership was set up a number of years ago to help co-ordinate all the different groups in our village and to promote joint action and improvements for the village. There have been some great successes, but over the years membership has dropped off so it gets harder to get things done and to find volunteers. In the last couple of years the Partnership has still managed to help run some Fun Days, do some litter picking and because of one person's dedication, maintain our lovely flower tubs around Leadgate. The Partnership is still there as a voice for the village, talking to the police and councils, etc. The Partnership's Annual General Meeting is approaching and it really needs some more people to come along and get involved. With groups like the Task Force, the Partnership wants to get the village tidied up, turn Watling Wood into an accessible asset for us all, and help get more things for young and old people to do in the village, but this will only happen if we have some people to take on roles and become committee members. The Partnership doesn't have a complicated set of accounts, but really do need a new treasurer: an assistant for the editor producing this great newsletter and anybody who wants to help improve our village.

The Partnership's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, everyone is welcome, young and old, newcomer or village old hand. For more information, please contact the Partnership's Secretary, Mr. Andy PLANT on 07800 734635.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

There is no Councillors' Report this month as **the 'Purdah Period'** for the **Local Elections**, scheduled for **4th May, 2017**, is currently in operation. '**Purdah**' is a term commonly used to mean the period in the run-up to the local election when the protocols/behaviours around a Councillor's activities specifically involving publicity and communications become more restricted. This means that pro-active publicity by candidates involved directly in the election must cease preventing unduly publicising any reported views and/or achievements in a way that identifies them as individual politicians or parties.

Councillor Alan SHIELD 07500 125 327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)



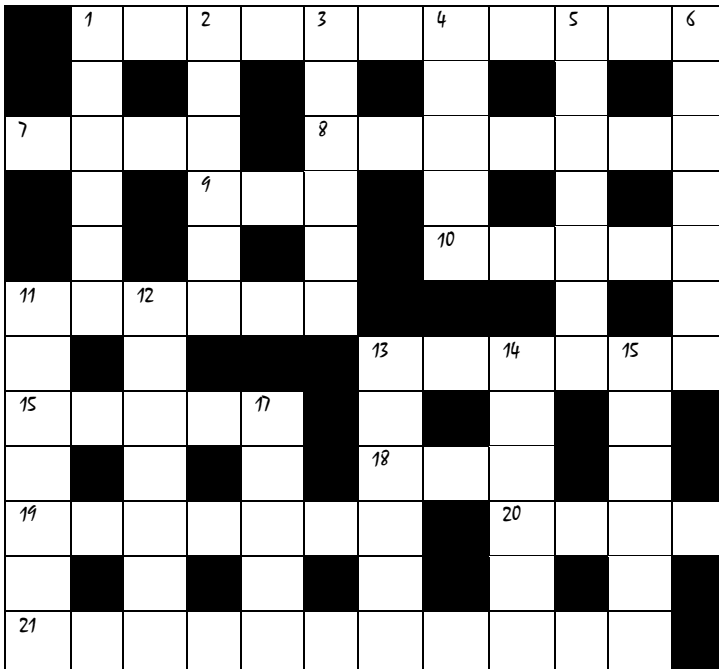
POLICE REPORT

Leadgate now has a new PCSO and his name is Alexander CAVE, as I, PCSO Louise BAXTER, have moved to Moorside. Once again Leadgate has been relatively quiet but it appears 'off road bikes' are becoming an issue and there has been an increase in the number of complaints regarding dog fouling and we would ask that dog owners be mindful.

PCSO 7948 Louise BAXTER, Leadgate, Consett Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Team, tel. 101

CROSSWORD

CLUES



ACROSS

1. Resound or re-echo (11)
7. Remain (4)
8. Questionable (7)
9. Assistance (3)
10. English town (5)
11. Expunge (6)
15. Small pointed beard (6)
16. Light purple (5)
18. Lubricate (3)
19. Coach (7)
20. Mums's sister (4)
21. Very tall buildings (11)

DOWN

1. Give up work (6)
2. Journey (6)
3. Conundrum (6)
4. Arm joint (5)
5. Amidst (7)
6. Fundamental nature (7)
11. Thins down (7)
12. Hushaby (7)
13. _____ Estefan, singer (6)
14. Aflame (6)
15. Happenings (6)
17. Of a cone (5)

/Answers overleaf

THE AGELESS PROJECT



Would you like to be involved in a project talking to young people? A group of young people will be going into 'Haven House' on Monday, 22nd May, 2017 at 4 p.m. and then the same day every week for the following ten (10) weeks. Can you: **SHARE MEMORIES.**

Take time to talk to people younger than yourself and the older the better. When was the last time you sat down with someone two or more generations before yours and had a really good talk? Older people have seen and experienced things younger one may never know or may be decades away from learning themselves. By opening up and listening to their stories, they can learn a lot, discover things they never knew and perhaps even find a great new friend and confidante. Above all, seek to make connections that resonate with both of you. The fun two hour sessions will be facilitated by a professional trainer – Mrs. Jeanette HAROLD of Continuumcic. If you're interested please contact Ms Michelle GRAHAM at Derwentside Homes on 01207 524205 or 077771 831733 or Jeanette HAROLD on 0787 2058175.

VILLAGE YOUTH CLUB CLOSES:

Some people may not be aware that after more than 35 years, our village youth club closed its doors for the last time on 31st March, 2017. The club was run from the Eden Miners' Hall which was known locally as the 'Tute'. The club offered activities for around 20 children aged between 12 – 18, three evenings a week, it also had pool and table tennis facilities and a sports hall where tennis, badminton and football could be played. The reason for the closure, YES, you've guessed, it's the withdrawal of local authority funding.

At the moment the closure may not hit home, but come the winter months, that's then youngest will realise there is nowhere for them to go, let's hope in the not too distanced future someone will take over the running of this club.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for April, 2017 are as follows:

1st prize – No. 85: 2nd prize – No. 52



DIARY FOR MAY, 2017



1st St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

5th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall



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6th Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

8th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall



13th Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall

15th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation 'A Courageous Countess' and the competition is a Paperweight



17th Leadgate Area Partnership's Annual General Meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

20th Two coffee mornings today:
10.15 a.m. - St. Ives' Church, in the Community Centre
10.30 a.m. - Salvation Army, in the Army Hall



22nd 'Ageless Project' commences in 'Haven House' at 4 p.m. and will last for ten (10) weeks

29th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



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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 17th May, 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 Reverberate: 7 Stay: 8 Dubious: 9 Aid: 10 Wigan: 11 Delete: 13 Goatee: 16 Lilac: 18 Oil: 19 Trainer: 20 Aunt: 21 Skyscrapers. **DOWN:** 1 Retire: 2 Voyage: 3 Riddle: 4 Elbow: 5 Amongst: 6 Essence: 11 Dilutes: 12 Lullaby: 13 Gloria: 14 Ablaze: 15 Events: 17 Conic