

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 05/16 – May



### DISAPPOINTED YET AGAIN:

Last month we were told our councillors had received an assurance that work would start on the demolition of our now notorious bridge and once again Leadgate has been let down. I am led to understand the work will now be starting week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016, but again I have to say, 'Watch this space'. Apparently an unexpected electricity cable had been found.

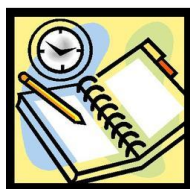


LEADGATE  
SURGERY

### LEADGATE SURGERY INFORMATION:

We all know waiting times for appointments can be long but this delay can be overcome. If an appointment is made and for whatever reason, cannot be kept, **please cancel it**. Figures up to the end of April are as follows:

**January 186 - 47 per week: February 189 - 48 per week: March 186 - 47 per week: April 183 – 46 per week**



**URGENT APPOINTMENTS** – the surgery has introduced a new service to help the increasing demand from patients who need **urgent, on the day medical attention**. If there are no face to face appointments available you will be offered a telephone appointment and the duty doctor will ring to assess your need and may ask you to attend the surgery.

**THE SURGERY DOES NOT OPERATE A WALK-IN SERVICE.** It does not have the capacity to offer a truly walk-in service and hope the service we do offer goes some way to improve patients' experience. If you do call into the surgery on the day for an urgent appointment, you may be asked to return home and wait for a telephone call.



### **PRESCRIPTION REQUESTS –**

**Non repeat medication** – Please be aware that you may be asked to see a G.P. or Practice Nurse for a medication review when you request medication that is **not** issued on a regular repeat prescription e.g.

- Anti-depressants
- Painkillers
- Creams
- Contraceptive pill
- HRT

You will be asked to make an appointment to see a G.P. or nurse before the prescription will be issued.

**REPEAT MEDICATION** – Where a review date for repeat medication has passed, you will be asked to see a G.P. or nurse for a medication review and no further prescriptions will be issued.



**APPOINTMENT REMINDERS VIA TEXT MESSAGE** – The surgery will send a text message reminder **the day before** your appointment giving the date and time, the surgery telephone number and asking you to call if you are unable to attend. If you wish to use this service, you can give your mobile number to a receptionist.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

The Annual General Meeting of the Partnership took place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 and the new committee are as follows:

Chairperson/Treasurer:	Miss Linda PEARS
Secretary:	Mr. Andrew PLANT
Committee members:	Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Mrs. Janet LAVERY: Mrs. Rosemary MANN: Miss Brenda SURTEES

After the AGM an ordinary meeting was held and a discussion took place about the recent award from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' project. How the Partnership intends to spend the money must be made public: some of the money will be spent providing a board walk, pond dipping facilities, metal seats and marginal wet land planting. A committee is to be formed to help oversee this project. **www.leadgatevillage.com is the village website**

The Queen's birthday 'street party' was also discussed, it was decided volunteers to be at the Community Centre from 11 a.m. onwards and it was thought it would be great if people attending could be dressed in red, white and blue.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Villa Real Bridge:** The demolition of the bridge scheduled for week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 was unfortunately delayed as a result of the discovery of an unmarked electrical cable which required the assistance of N.E.D.L. before the cable was considered safe, there was some earth-moving work and an extension of the security fencing to prevent unauthorised access started in the meantime.

Further meetings have been held with the contractor, J.N. BENTLEY and an agreed plan of works (initially the removal of the bridge) has been submitted. The demolition of the bridge will begin on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016** and continue for around two weeks. The demolition will be carried out as follows:

- Monday:** Reduce the central piers and wing walls to around 1 metre in height
- Tuesday:** Remove the east parapets and west wind walls on the approach on the south east side then commence using a breaker to expose the ends of the bridge deck
- Wednesday:** Commence cutting of the deck in situ to break up with a shear cutter
- Thursday onwards:** Continue to remove stonework to ground level and cut up steelwork for transportation away from the site

Durham County Council is still working closely with the Contractor to reduce the time to complete the works and re-open the road. The date for the planned completion will be announced within the next few weeks.

**Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500125327)**

**Councillor Watt STELLING (07500125328)**



### **POLICE REPORT**

This month a Traffic 183 was issued to a local resident in respect of complaints received concerning a red quad bike. As 'off road' bikes seem to be an issue in Leadgate, the police are still keen to receive further information

On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 several hotspot areas around Consett were tackled and a large amount of alcohol was confiscated from 15 – 16 year olds. Some of these youths were from Leadgate and attended local secondary schools. Four £90 fines have been issued to adults for supplying children with alcohol: cannabis was also seized from a 16 year old male.

An 'Allotment Watch' initiative has been launched in Consett and the police are looking to see who is interested within the Leadgate area. As an incentive to join, there are 10% off vouchers available from local DIY stores.

PCSO 7948 Louise BAXTER, our new beat officer, will be patrolling Front Street, Leadgate from 2 p.m. onwards on the first Wednesday of every month, this is a replacement to the original style Police and Communities Together meetings. When you see Louise, please say Hello.

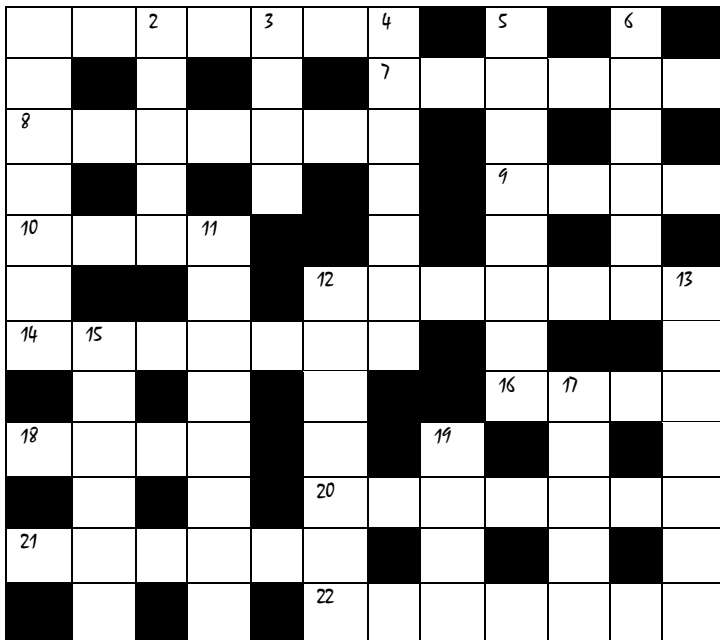
PCSO 7948 Louise BAXTER, Neighbourhood Team, telephone 101, e mail [louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CROSSWORD

## CLUES

### ACROSS

### DOWN



- |                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Act of thinking (7)          | 1. Of current affairs (7)          |
| 7. Paradise (6)                 | 2. Very fat (5)                    |
| 8. Accurate in every detail (7) | 3. Grasp (4)                       |
| 9. Academic test (4)            | 4. Hot or warm (7)                 |
| 10. Musical pitch indicator (4) | 5. Light slender nail (5,3)        |
| 12. Whaler's spear (7)          | 6. Pleasure craft (6)              |
| 14. Of the sides (7)            | 11. Extremely cold, informally (8) |
| 16. Require (4)                 | 12. Control and make use of (7)    |
| 18. Test of knowledge (4)       | 13. Naturists (7)                  |
| 20. Sends goods abroad (7)      | 15. Entertains (6)                 |
| 21. Andy Murray's sport (6)     | 17. Weird (5)                      |
| 22. Opposite of Failure (7)     | 10. Heroic (4)                     |

/Answers overleaf



### STREET PARTY:

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. and everyone is welcome, all that is asked is you bring a plate of something, it can be sweet or savoury. There will be a hat competition with a money prize for the best adult hat and the best hat by someone under the age of 16 years. Music will be provided and also someone will be doing face painting. If you can manage, please come dressed in red, white and blue. Anyone who would like to volunteer is asked to be at the Community Centre from 11 a.m. onwards.



### WOMEN'S SECTION – BRITISH LEGION:

On Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 Consett Royal British Legion Women's Section celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 95<sup>th</sup> nationally. Presented were service awards of between 5 – 45 years, although some people have worked longer but at the moment are not due to any recognition. A resident of our village, Mrs. Jean CAMPBELL qualified for a 45 years award and this was presented to her by Mrs. Vera PARNABY at St. Ives' Church coffee morning, held in the Community Centre on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2016. To all those who received awards well done and many congratulations



### 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**



On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 11 a.m., the Salvation Army will be holding their summer fayre in the Army Hall and everyone is welcome.



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

The winning numbers for May, 2016 are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 52:



## DIARY FOR JUNE, 2016



3<sup>rd</sup> Leadgate Chapel Lunch, 12 noon for 12.15 p.m., cost £3 per person



5<sup>th</sup> University College Chapel Choir, Durham, will be at St. Ives Church for Evensong at 4 p.m., everyone is welcome and refreshments to follow



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



9<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, presentation by John CLARK entitled 'Derwentwater Estate'

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



11<sup>th</sup> Partnership and Community Centre's 'Street Party', from 2 pm. - 4 pm in the Community Centre, to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen

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



15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



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



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

20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate branch of the Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation 'Daft as a Brush'



25<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall

25<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church Summer Fayre, commencing 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



27<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 15<sup>th</sup> June, 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 Thought: 7 Heaven: 8 Precise: 9 Exam: 10 Clef: 12 Harpoon: 14 Lateral: 16 Need: 18 Quiz: 20 Exports: 21 Tennis: 22 Success. **DOWN:** 1 Topical: 2 Obese: 3 Grip: 4 Thermal: 5 Panel pin: 6 Pedalo: 11 Freezing: 12 Harness: 15 Nudist: 18 Amuses: 17 Eerie: 19 Epic

