



No. 05/17 – May



ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE:

This year Leadgate Scout Group hosted the district's annual St. George's Day Parade. Six scout groups from the district attended the service at Brooms Church, which was led by Father BAGNALL. Prayers were said, hymns were sung, everyone renewed their law and promises and there was even a sketch performed by a selection of Leadgate Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. It was heart-warming to see a packed Church of young people and their families coming together to celebrate St. George, who is not only the patron saint of England but also of scouting.

Leadgate's Group Scout Leader, Mrs. Pauline PARKER has recently been presented with the Queen's Scout Award for contributions to scouting.

It may interested everyone to know, recently the Beavers did a 'torch walk' along the cycle track, but

before doing so, a parent carried out a clean-up of dog dirt and collected approximately 100 bags of dog dirt. Dog owners, please try and remember to pick up your dog's dirt and take it home, unlike us, dogs are unable to flush the faeces away.

SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

Congratulations are in order - this month's figures show a large decrease in the number of missed appointments. Last month I reported March's figures showed a large increase on Februarys, but this month I am able to report there has been a substantial decrease in April's figures:

April, 2017 – 141 patients did not attend: an average of 35 per week: time wasted 34 hours
March, 2017 – 201 patients did not attend

Don't forget, 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.





PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 17th May, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and was the Annual General Meeting. After the Chair and Treasurer's Reports were read, the election of officials took place and those elected are as follows:

Chair:	Miss Linda PEARS
Treasurer:	Miss Linda PEARS
Secretary:	Mr. Andrew PLANT
Committee members:	Mrs. Janet LAVERY
	Mrs. Rosemary MANN
	Mr. Carl SOUTHERN
	Miss Brenda SURTEES



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE/NEW ROAD: Concerns regarding speeding traffic using this road is still a high priority and some monitoring by Durham Traffic Police is still ongoing. The planned action of introducing a buffer 40 m.p.h. speed limit from Leadgate (after the island crossing) towards Villa Real Bungalows is still being pursued. This will enable additional 30 m.p.h. roundel signs to be erected (at the island crossing) reminding motorists who are entering Leadgate Village that a 30 m.p.h. speed limit is in place.

It has been necessary to undertake a consultation with local residents (28th March – 28th April) and six (6) objections have been received, further contact has been made with the objectors to clarify their issues. The objectors have until Friday, 26th May, 2017 to make any further representations, if no further communication is received from these objectors, then the legal order to introduce the new speed limits will be commenced.

Prior to the 7.5 tonne weight limit being changed, it is essential that 2 – 3 months of data is received and the traffic signals team are currently pursuing this through highways operations to progress the issued.

V5/V6: Following issues with reliability 'Go North East' (GoNE) are making changes to some of their services in the Leadgate and Medomsley area. The V5/V6 bus services are being merged into one route serving Leadgate, Bradley Bungalows, Medomsley Church and the Dene, the same route as they currently follow in the evening. This route will mean that properties at the Hat and Feather, Pleasant View, Pont View and Clark Terrace will no longer be served by the revised V6 service. GoNE claim that the time saved by merging these services into one allows more running time and more recovery time to be added to the services thereby ensuring they have a better chance of running to time. GoNE operates these services as a commercial venture without funding from Durham County Council and as such the route and timetables etc. are matters that the company is free to decide. Local members have complained that these new arrangements were planned for implementation during the recent DCC election 'purdah period' which restricted councillors' engagement with GoNE and a request to review the passenger 'pick up' statistics post implementation of the new service has been submitted.

LOW FREQUENCY NOISE: The Environmental Agency have completed their investigations/survey of the possible cause of the ongoing low frequency noise and a local factory in Consett has implemented operational changes to part of their processes.

'OPERATION SPRUCE UP' Leadgate has been selected as one of areas to participate in this operation, co-ordinated by DCC Civic Pride/local volunteers and targeted locations will benefit from specific attention.

We would both like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who supported our re-election as local members to Durham County Council – we will always continue to listen and engage with residents to address their issues.

Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500125 327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500125328)



POLICE REPORT

There is nothing major to report this month, except to say Leadgate Police and Communities Together (PACT) will now take place on the first Friday of every month, between 1 – 2 p.m., this will done in the form of foot patrol on Front Street. PCSO 8107 Alex CAVE, Leadgate Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Team
E mail Alexander.Cave2@durham.pnn.police.uk or telephone 101

CROSSWORD

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| 7. Snooker ball colour (4) | 2. Unsympathetic or cruel (6) |
| 8. House type (7) | 3. Equipment (6) |
| 9. Annoy (3) | 4. Group of eight (5) |
| 10. Lukewarm (5) | 5. Tread on and crush (7) |
| 11. Heavy starchy food (6) | 6. Surrendered (7) |
| 13. Canny (6) | 11. Smacked (7) |
| 16. Stadium (5) | 12. Burdensome (7) |
| 18. Stick or shaft (3) | 13. _____ Williams, tennis star (6) |
| 19. Make an offer of marriage (7) | 14. Provocation (3,3) |
| 20. Go by bike (4) | 15. Walk like a duck (6) |
| 21. Unravel (11) | 17. Decorate (5) |

/Answers overleaf

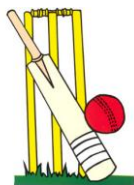


REDWELL HILLS CARE HOME:

On Friday, 16th June, 2017 commencing 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, Redwell Hills Care Home is having an ‘Open Day’ and refreshments will be available. Why not go along and see how well the residents are cared form.

On Saturday, 29th July, 2017 the Home will be hosting a Summer Fayre, commencing at 2 p.m.

Every Wednesday morning, the Home has a coffee morning between 10.30 – 12 noon.



LEADGATE CRICKET CLUB:

On Sunday, 16th July, 2017 Leadgate Cricket Club is holding a free one day community event – ‘Leadgate Big Bash’ , which will included a music marquee with several bands and individuals playing throughout the day: rides, inflatables and activities for children: a community tent raising awareness of various community organisations and clubs in the area.



ST. IVES ‘100 CLUB’ MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for May, 2017 are as follows:
1st prize – No.75: 2nd prize – No. 36:



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DIARY FOR MAY, 2017

2nd Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m.

3rd Salvation Army's coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



5th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



7th Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. at the home



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



12th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall



14th Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. at the home



16th Redwell Hills Nursing Home 'Open Day' all day from 10 a.m. refreshments will be available



17th Two summer fayres today:
11 a.m. – Salvation Army held in the Army Hall
1.30 p.m. – St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre



19th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation entitled 'A Night at the Pictures' and the competition is a 'Theatre Programme'



21st Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. at the home



21st Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



26th St. Ives' Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



28th Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. at the Home



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 21st June, 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 Trustworthy: 7 Pink: 8 Cottage: 9 Irk: 10 Tepid: 11 Stodge: 13 Shrewd: 16 Arena: 18 Rod: 19 Propose: 20 Ride: 21 Disentangle. **DOWN:** 1 Thirst: 2 Unkind: 3 Tackle: 4 Octet: 5 Trample: 6 Yielded: 11 Slapped: 12 Onerous: 13 Serena: 14 Red rag: 15 Waddle: 17 Adorn.

