

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479

No. 06/16 - June



Volunteers who prepared food/laid table



Some of the people who attended



Lady who won hat contest



A GRAND DAY OUT:

Saturday, 11th June, 2016 was the official birthday of Her Majesty, the Queen and this year was also her 90th birthday and to mark the occasion, our village was one of many throughout the country who, over the weekend, held a 'Street Party' to mark this momentous occasion. As our weather can be so unpredictable our party was held in the Community Centre from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., between 80 and 100 people attended, including Father David CLEUGH, vicar of St. Ives Church and Fathers BAGNAL and KEOWN, new and retired priests of Brooms Church and a good time was had by one and all. There was a hat competition, judged by our M.P., Mrs. Pat Glass, a raffle, face painting and of course a sing-song. The event was organised by the committees of Leadgate Area Partnership and the Community Centre and on their behalf I should like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who attended and brought food and a special thank you to the volunteers who helped prepare the food and lay the tables. The above are a few of the photographs taken.



IT'S HAPPENED AT LAST:

Did we ever think this day would come, well here's the proof, and it's a case of now you see it, now you don't



Now you see it



Now you don't

Work on the demolition of our infamous Leadgate Bridge commenced on 25th May, 2016 and within 10 days it was down, who would have thought once down you would be able to see nearly all of Front Street from the Villa Real side, well above right is the proof, when I took the photograph I found it hard to believe how much I could see.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting took place on 15th June, 2016 in the Community Centre.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the forthcoming Village Fun Day to be held on Saturday, 2nd July, 2016 on the green in front of Leadgate Methodist church. The YMCA will be providing a climbing wall, however if the weather is poor something else will be provided, a face painter is to be engaged, these are in addition to the many stalls being provided by various organisations in the village. Strawberry and cream scones with tea or coffee will be available at a cost of £1, meringues with cream and strawberry will also be provided at a cost of £1.50 each.

The 'Street Party' for the Queen's birthday was also mentioned and it was felt those who had attended, had enjoyed themselves and were very appreciative of the work down by the volunteers.

The 'Street Party' and the Village Fun Day are both sponsored by Councillors Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING.

The Grant Offer from Tesco's in respect of Watling Wood has now been received and will be completed, on line, by the Partnership's Secretary. A management plan is to be complied with help from the Woodland Trust and Durham Wildlife Trust. It has been suggested that a picnic area be provided, a pond constructed, winter feeding be provided for birds and possibly one of the footpath diverted. Once a plan has been prepared volunteers will be expected to work to it.

Comments were made how some people in the village are trying to improve the look of the area by planting flowers, i.e. in Durham Road and Watling Bungalows, to these people the Partnership would like to say thank you and keep up the good work. www.leadgatevillage.com is the village website.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE:

The demolition of the bridge has been completed by the firm Messrs. Own PUGH and significant earth moving progress made by the main contractor, Messrs, J. N. BENTLEY. The new road drainage systems are scheduled for installation week commencing 20th June with the basic hard-core/dolomite base to be laid shortly afterwards.

Durham County Council is working closely with the contractor and regular meetings are to be held with Messrs J. N. BENTLEY and an agreed plan of works (including a target completion date) is being monitored.

Councillor Alan SHIELD: Councillor Watts STELLING



POLICE REPORT

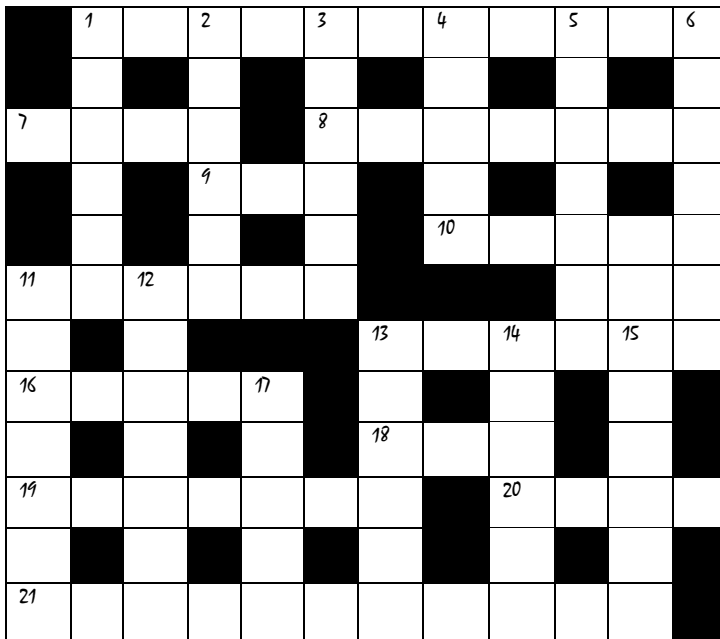
This month two Traffic 183 warning notices have been issued concerning anti-social use 'off road bikes', this is a warning notice which last twelve months and if the rider is caught again, the vehicle they are using in the second instance will be seized on the spot. As a result of anti-social use, an 'off road bike' has been seized from the Alder Grove area.

As there has been an increase in theft in the Consett area, please be aware of what is being left in gardens and be vigilant.

If you wish to know local news and events from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, use your postcode to obtain access at <https://www.durham.police.uk>

PCSO 7948 Louise BAXTER, Leadgate,
Consett Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Team, Tel. 101: e mail: louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Refusing to obey (11)
7. Gemstone (4)
8. Eat or drink (7)
9. Annoy (3)
10. Wireless (5)
11. Take into custody (6)
13. Frightens (6)
16. Dad's brother (5)
18. That woman (3)
19. Very strong or great (7)
20. Cook in hot water (4)
21. Bird of prey (6,5)

DOWN

1. Neat and trim in appearance (6)
2. Salty (6)
3. Pail (6)
4. Person giving blood (5)
5. Foreign country (7)
6. Greyhound racing (3,4)
11. Mildly entertaining (7)
12. Musical performance (7)
13. Globe (6)
14. Car safety device (6)
15. Railway Locomotive (6)
17. Golf's Mr. Els (5)

/Answers overleaf



MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

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. To the end of April, the number of people who did not cancel was in the region of 186 per month, however the month of May has seen a slight decrease, here are the figures to date:

January 186 - 47 per week:

February 189 - 48 per week:

March 186 - 47 per week:

April 183 - 46 per week:

May 157 - 39 per week

Let's see if the decrease in May can be continued throughout the coming months.



BATTLE OF THE SOMME - 100th ANNIVERSARY:

On 1st July, 1915 the Battle of the Somme commenced and lasted until 18th November, 1915. This battle is famous or I should say infamous chiefly for the loss of 58,000 British troops, a third of which were lost on the first day and to this day remains a one-day record.

What you may not know is six of Leadgate's young men were killed in this battle, four on the first day. Two of the six are buried in St. Ives's Churchyard and the other four are buried in France.



WANTED:

The 1st Leadgate Scout Group is looking for a temporary leader for a period of one year and also volunteers, with some scouting experience, to help in any way they can. If you are interested the scouts meet in their scout hut, situated behind the Doctor Surgery in Watling Street, Leadgate on Monday evening between 5.30pm - 9pm and Wednesday evening between 6.30 pm - 9 pm or you can contact Mrs. Pauline PARKER on 01207 502294.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for June, 2016 are as follows:

1st prize - No. 117 : 2nd prize - No. 54



DIARY FOR JULY, 2016



1st Leadgate Chapel Lunch Club, 12 noon for 12.15 p.m., cost £3 per person

2nd Village Community Fayre being held on the green in front of Leadgate Methodist Church between 1 pm – 4 pm



4th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre from 7.30 pm

9th Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, held in Bradley Church hall from 10 am



9th Salvation Army's Summer Fayre held in the Army Hall from 11 am

11th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting held in the Army Hall from 2 pm



15th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall from 3.30 pm

16th St. Ives' Church coffee morning held in the Community Centre from 10.15 am



16th 1st Leadgate Scout Group annual 'Duck Race' held at Allensford at 12 noon

18th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre from 2 pm, presentation entitled 'Hypnosis and Hypnotherapy'



20th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting held in the Community Centre from 6.30 pm

23rd Salvation Army coffee morning held in the Army Hall from 10.30 am



25th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre from 7.30 pm



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, 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 20th July, 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 Disobedient: 7 Opal: 8 Consume: 9 Irk: 10 Radio: 11 Arrest: 13 Scares: 16 Uncle: 18 Her: 19 Intense: 20 Boil: 21 Golden eagle. **DOWN:** 1 Dapper: 2 Saline: 3 Bucket: 4 Donor: 5 Ecuador: 6 The dogs: 11 Amusing: 12 Recital: 13 Sphere: 14 Airbag: 15 Engine: 17 Ernie.