

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership,  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 6/17 – June

### INVITATION TO GARDEN PARTY:



Mrs. Vera PARNABY, who was born and bred in Leadgate, is Treasurer of St. Ives Church and still does a lot of charity work in the district, was one of four ladies from the Central Committee of the Royal British Legion Women's Section (RBLWS) to be invited to one of Her Majesty the Queen's Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2017. Ten minutes after they arrived in the Palace Gardens they were approached by another lady and a gentleman who work for the Queen and asked if we would like to be presented to Her Majesty. Feeling very privileged we said it would be a great honour. We were then instructed to meet him at a certain time and place for further instructions. This took the form of how to address the Queen and that she would be talking to us for three to five minutes. The Queen is President of the Royal British Legion and is well informed on what is done to help the ex-service personnel and their families who have fallen on hard times. The conversation included how the RBLWS help finance equipment needed for ex-service personnel or their children to attend college through the President's Award Scheme. The ladies had a wonderful day but the icing on the cake was when the Queen and the Royal Party started to leave the gardens, she came across and started talking to Vera and her colleagues followed by HRH Prince Phillip, Prince Charles, Camilla and the Princess Eugene, who all shook their hands and asked if they had enjoyed the day. Vera is very proud and honoured to have represented Leadgate and County Durham at this Garden Party.

### VOLUNTEERING AWARD:



I don't want to sound as though I am blowing my own trumpet, but yours truly recently received a County Durham Volunteering 2017 award, having been nominated by Leadgate Taskforce, who were also awarded a similar certificate. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Taskforce for their nomination.

### SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:



Once again I have to report another disappointing month for missed appointments. It seems one month there is a reduction, then the following month an increase as the following figures show:  
May, 2017 - 203 patients did not attend, an average of 50 per week: time wasted 50 hours  
April, 2017 - 141 patients did not attend: an average of 35 per week: time wasted 34 hours  
March, 2017 - 201 patients did not attend

Our surgery offers an appointment texting service. If you have a mobile phone, inform the receptionists who will text you the day prior to your appointment, hopefully this will limit the number of missed appointments. 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.

### SAD NEWS:



Many of you will know of the recent passing of Yvonne, the wife of our County Councillor Watts STELLING. On behalf of everyone in the village and all those, far and wide, who know Watts and Yvonne, I should like to offer our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to Watts and his family.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. Before the meeting commenced, Linda PEARS, the Chair of the Partnership, said a few words about the sad news of Councillor Watts STELLING's wife, Yvonne and also Mrs. Vera HEWLETT, a member of the Leadgate Taskforce, the Partnership members offer their condolences to both families.

The meeting was informed Mrs. Jeanette HAROLD is to be co-ordinator with the Y.M.C.A. The Taskforce has a CPR dummy and is looking for storage space in order that it may link with the defibrillator scheme.

Groundwork have now been given the 'go ahead' to commence the work in Watling Wood, two seats are to be provided and also pond dipping facilities: boardwalk facilities have still be finalised. The money received from Tesco's 'Bags of Help' scheme is to be spent by September, 2017. A meeting is to be held to finalise the work and a written agreement to be made.

Durham County's 'Operation Spruce Up' will take place in Leadgate the first week in July, 2017, a list has been prepared as to what needs to be looked at, pavements and drainage being two of the things. On 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 a litter pick on the Sustrans C2C cycle track will take place between 10 am – 12 noon. Details will be published on Facebook and posters will be placed in various shops.

The question of possibly providing a one kilometre wood chip running track in Watling Wood was discussed, which was felt would be much healthier than having one on the road, unfortunately the Wood is very boggy in places and the question was raised 'How do you make it wheelchair friendly?'

The next meeting of the Partnership will be Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

#### **BRASS FESTIVAL:**

Following last year's success where bands (who participated in the Durham Brass Festival) demonstrated/performed at Leadgate Primary (Upper and Lower) Schools, we have arranged a similar brass band performance this year on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 (Upper School) and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 (Lower School) – we hope that all the school children and staff members enjoy this year's event as much as they did last year's.

#### **LOCAL PROJECTS:**

There are a number of local projects within the village that Councillors are planning to support, we would welcome and encourage participations from all local (young and old) residents – regular reviews/updates to be help at the Partnership meeting

**PARKING:** To stimulate increased footfall at the local shops and businesses, improvements for access/parking in and around the village is to be developed/progressed.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Following the withdrawal of finance by Durham County Council for the Leadgate Youth Club (based in the 'Tute'), alternative grant funding to develop this facility into a 'Community Hub' is being sought – additional/new trustees will be required.

#### **ENVIRONMENT:**

Installation of a permanent electricity supply at the 'Gap Site' to support future Christmas Festivities (e.g. Christmas trees lights etc.) is to be progressed.

Improvement (seating, parking, flower tubs) have started at the site adjacent to the Doctors' Surgery. Consideration is being given to installation of bench seating, flower tubs, notice board, at the site at the open area next to the cricket field/opposite the new units on the old Store site.

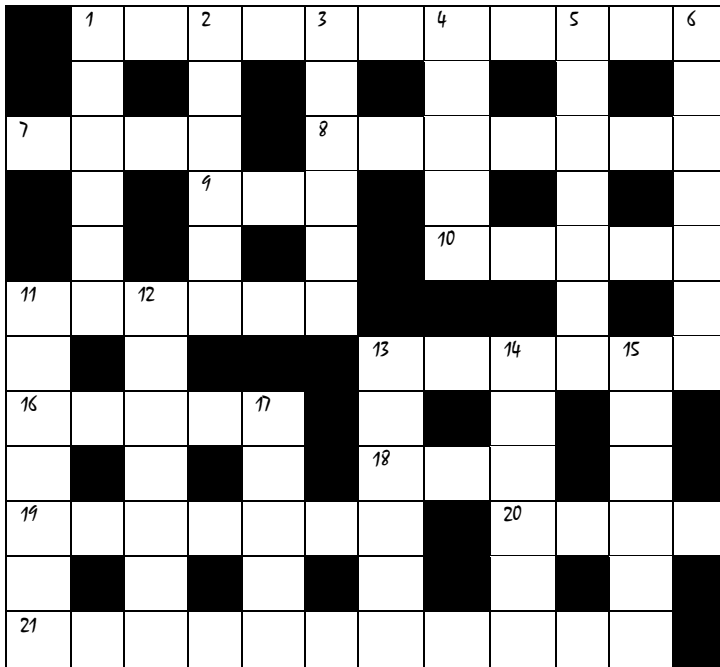
We would hope that everyone will support these potential developments and we look forward to working with all interested stakeholders and the respective local organisations – **Leadgate Ward Partnership and Leadgate Taskforce.**

**Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125 327)**

**Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)**

## CROSSWORD

## CLUES



### ACROSS

1. Badminton item (11)
7. Fail to hit (4)
8. Elves or fairies (7)
9. Belonging to him (3)
10. Light beer (5)
11. A rook in chess (6)
13. Fragrant plant (6)
16. Governs (5)
18. Epoch (3)
19. European language (7)
20. Cavort (4)
21. Close together (5,2,4)

### DOWN

1. Mark of disgrace (6)
2. Final result (6)
3. Paper handkerchief (6)
4. Enlist (5)
5. Eight-sided figure (7)
6. Bird (7)
11. Of the heart (7)
12. Save from destruction (7)
13. State of wild excitement (6)
14. Not far from (4,2)
15. Tooth covering (6)
17. Smug smile (5)


/Answers overleaf

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS HELD AT ST. IVES CHURCH:




**TEA AND CHAT:** On **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** between **2 – 4 p.m.** the Church in partnership with Leadgate Taskforce will be holding 'Eden Colliery Tea and Chat'. Anyone with memories of the Eden Colliery are invited for tea and cake

### WEDDING CELEBRATION:




On **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2017** at **4 p.m.** St. Ives' Church is holding a 'Wedding Celebration'. Over the years a large number of people have been married at St. Ives and these people are invited to come back for a celebration and renewal of vows. There will be an exhibition of wedding dresses, cake and an opportunity to think about those we love. A prize will be given for the couple who have been married the longest.

### VICARAGE GARDEN PARTY:




The Vicarage Garden Party will be held on **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017** between **2 – 5p.m.** In the past the weather hasn't been kind for this event so let us pray for a fine day this year. Everyone is welcome, so why not go along and enjoy a slice or two of the Vicar's well renowned cake with tea or coffee.

### FATHER'S DAY PICNIC:



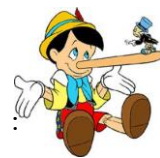
Leadgate Primary School would like to thank everyone who came along to their 'Fathers' Day Picnic' – dads, grandads, brothers, uncles, cousins and friends attended the events at the Upper and Lower Schools recently. The weather was kind this year and it was lovely to see the children showing off their school to the visitors. Everyone is already looking forward to next year's picnic and Mothers' Day events.

### SUMMER TRIP:



Years 1 and 2 children at Leadgate Primary School will be going to South Shields beach on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. They will be leaving the school at 9.15 a.m. prompt and return for 3 p.m. Let's hope the sun shines and the sand stays out of the sandwiches.

### UNFOUNDED RUMOUR:



Rumours are apparently circulating that the Community Centre's gym is closing: as Secretary of the Centre I can tell you this rumour is completely untrue, the **gym is not closing.**

## DIARY FOR JULY, 2017

- 
1<sup>st</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning, 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Ives Church bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

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4<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church Pie and Pea supper and bingo, 7.15 p.m. in Leadgate Workingmen's Club, tickets £2.50
- 5<sup>th</sup> Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10 a.m.

- 5<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group's concert entitled 'My Favourite Things', 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall, tickets £2.00 from Clare THOMPSON, telephone 01207 504054
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7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. held in Church Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Lower School Fair (West Street), 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.

- 8<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley Church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the Church Hall

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8<sup>th</sup> 'Afternoon Tea' at Elizabeth MURRAY's, tickets £6.50 (limited number), for further details contact either Elizabeth or Clare THOMPSON
- 9<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church is holding a 'Wedding Celebration' at 4 p.m.

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10<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship, 2 p.m. in the Army Hall – Strawberry Supper

- 12<sup>th</sup> Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10 a.m.

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13<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Upper School Fair (Alder Grove), 1.30 – 3.30 p.m.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 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

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16<sup>th</sup> 'Leadgate Big Bash' being held at Leadgate Cricket Club, 11 a.m.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, presentation 'Are you Scam Aware?', competition a single rose

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19<sup>th</sup> Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10 a.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Vicarage Garden Party, 2 – 5 p.m.

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26<sup>th</sup> Redwell Hills Nursing Home coffee morning, 10 a.m.
- 28<sup>th</sup> The ladies of Brooms Church are having a Pie and Pea Supper at Leadgate Cricket Club in aid of Willowburn, on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 7.30 p.m., tickets are £3.00 each

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

- 29<sup>th</sup> Redwell Hills Nursing Home's 'Summer Fayre', 2 p.m.
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31<sup>st</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 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 19<sup>th</sup> July, 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 Shuttlecock: 7 Miss: 8 Sprites: 9 His: 10 Lager: 11 Castle: 13 Fennel: 16 Rules: 18 Era: 19 Italian: 20 Romp: 21 Cheek by jowl. **DOWN:** 1 Stigma: 2 Upshot: 3 Tissue: 4 Enrol: 5 Octagon: 6 Kestrel: 11 Cardiac: 12 Salvage: 13 Frenzy: 14 Near to: 14 Enamel: 17 Smirk.