

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 8/16 – September

### PROGRESS REPORT ON OUR NEW ROAD:



On the left is what the remaining bridge through our village looked like at the beginning of the year and on the right is how it looks as of 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. If you go to the Villa Real side of the road, you can see how the road is starting to take shape. The picture on the right shows kerb stones now in place and what appears to be an island in the middle, it is just that and is for pedestrians.



### SURGERY NEWS - 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, then in May there was a slight decrease, but unfortunately the numbers for June, July and August have drastically risen as can be seen below

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

June: 190 – 48 per week  
July: 206 – 52 per week  
August: 237 – 60 per week



Be prepared! Catching flu can be very serious to people with certain health conditions, their carers, pregnant women and young children. Flu vaccination appointments are available to book now at **Leadgate Surgery**. Either pop in or telephone and ask the receptionist if you are eligible, the telephone number is **01207 583555**

For more information on who should have the flu vaccine, read the sections on the [flu jab for adults](#), the [flu jab for pregnant women](#) and the [children's flu vaccine](#) on the NHS Choices website – [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).



### FOR INFORMATION:

'A patient has reported to the surgery that they have been contacted by a company called **SERA WELLBEING**, who implied they were from the NHS. The patient contacted us to see if we had heard about the company because they seemed to know a lot about him. A web search revealed that there are pages of complaints from people who have ended up being persuaded to buy large quantities of expensive health supplements. They seem to target older people. Please be assured that we do not give patient health details to any business. We have reported the company to the Consumer Helpline'



## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

The month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. [www.leadgatevillage.com](http://www.leadgatevillage.com) is our village website.

Present at this month's meeting was Ms Kath CLEMENTS, from Derwentside Area Action Partnership, who gave a presentation of Durham County Council's budget review. Kath said the Council, in the last five years, had saved more than £180 million but over the next three years £64 million has to be saved and by 2020 £250 million has to be saved. Once again the Council is asking for the communities help in deciding where further spending cuts should be made. The Council's Budget Consultation 2017/18 closes on **Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**. If you wish to know more about the Council's proposals and to give your views this can be done by going on line at [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation).

A problem concerning traffic in Oak Terrace was mentioned, as was the fact the white lines at Pont Bungalows have not been re-painted.

The Chairperson, Linda PEARS told the meeting she had managed to sell some of the polyanthus from last year's planting of the planters and said the money for this year's planting is now due, in case the sponsors of the planters have forgotten, the amount due for two plantings is £45 and can be paid by **contacting Linda on 01207 505481**.

Watling Wood – see Councillors' Report

A question that has been puzzling many is 'what is the feature on the football field?' This feature is situated near to Durham Road, if anyone knows, please let us know.

The next meeting of the Partnership will be Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**VILLA REAL BRIDGE:** Good progress is being made with the project – the road drainage system has been completed, kerb stones are being installed, street lighting is scheduled to be installed in October: the width of the adjacent road at West Parade has been increased (as per the request of local residents) and road tarmac is being laid from the Villa Real end of the new road. Revised design work to improve the visual amenity from the new road to Leadgate Cricket Club (entering/leaving the village) has been submitted and joint discussions are to be arranged with the contractor.

**BT TELEPHONE BOXES:** BT are reviewing the usage of local telephone boxes across the area. Councillors have requested that telephone boxes with a reasonable public usage and in 'remote' areas are kept in their current location.

**WATLING WOOD:** A proportion (75%) of the £10k grant award from Tesco's 'Community Fund' for development of Watling Wood has been received. A Management Committee (including local residents) is being created to ensure all the objectives for the project are achieved.

**ROUND-A-BOUTS:** A query regarding the possibility of landscaping (flowers beds/wild flowers) the two round-a-bouts at Leadgate (Durham Road and Jolly Drovers) – similar to the three main round-a-bouts at Consett (Villa Real, Number One, Puddles Corner) have been submitted to Durham County Council.

Councillor Alan SHIELD, (07500125327)

Councillor Watts STELLING (07500125328)



## **POLICE NEWS**

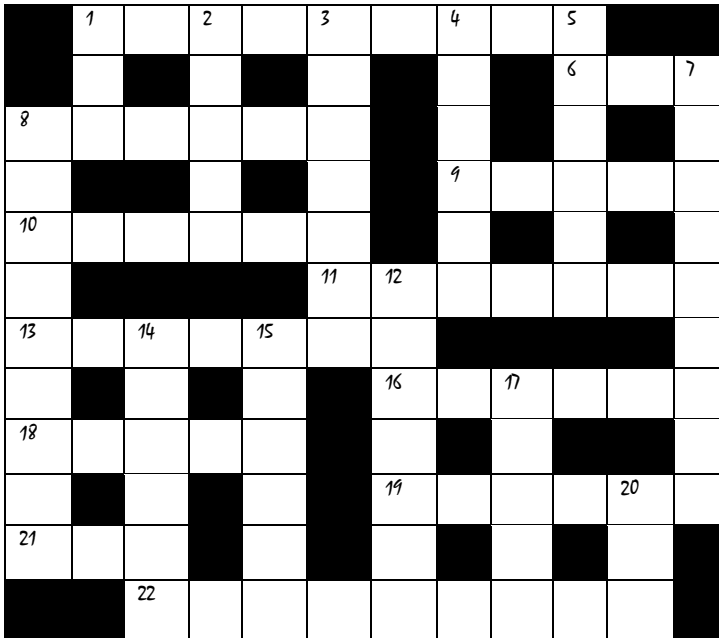
The police are having quite a few issues with a group of male youths who are hanging around Front Street: some can be identified, whilst others cannot. Extra patrols will be conducted in the area to help try and alleviate this problem.

The police urge people to continue to call with regard to anti-social use of 'off road bikes', all information received is appreciated.

PCSO 7948 Louise Baxter, Leadgate,

Consett Safeguarding Neighbourhoods Team, Tel. 101: e-mail: [louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:louise.baxter@durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

- Horrible and disgusting (9)
- Uncooked (3)
- Begins (6)
- Precise (5)
- Distant (6)
- Chatters (7)
- Gastropod, for example (7)
- Photographic Device (6)
- Female relative (5)
- Overseas (6)
- Enemy (3)
- Cricket International (4,5)

### DOWN

- Groove (3)
- Zodiac sign (5)
- Lends an ear (7)
- Create or devise (6)
- Thick oil (6)
- Resist (9)
- Playing position in rugby (5,4)
- Acknowledge publicly (7)
- Surgical knife (6)
- Tips over (6)
- Deserve (5)
- Hard durable wood (3)

/Answers overleaf



### AUTUMN/CHRISTMAS FAYRES:

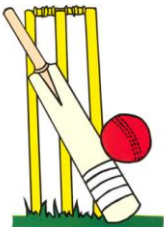
In November three fayres will be held in the village, the dates and venues are as follows:  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 from 11 a.m. - Salvation Army's in the Army Hall  
Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 from 2.30 p.m. - Pont & Bradley Church's, in the Church Hall  
Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 1.30 p.m. - St. Ives' Church's in the Community Centre



### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

The former 'Light of Asia' restaurant situated in Durham Road, is now under new ownership and has been re-named 'Joy Tandoori' a Bangladeshi Takeaway. The new owner, Joy AHMED, welcomes all new and old customers.

Orders are now being taken for Christmas bookings, for further information or to make a booking, the telephone numbers are 01207 582229 or 01207 583331



### VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB GETS A BOOST

Many of you may be wondering what is taking place at our village's cricket ground, well, I have found out, a new drainage system is being installed and the outfield playing area levelled. The Club has received £75,000 from 'Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields' funding scheme and also £10,000 match funding from the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership.

The Club which was formed in 1904 has been an integral part of our village for over 100 years yet in recent years, due to severe winters and wet summers, has suffered from loss of fixtures and training opportunities, for both the Junior and Senior sides. The investment in the playing surface will significantly increase the quality of the playing environment and open up the ground to a number of alternative uses for community events as well as multi-sport participatory events delivered through partner agencies such as Leisureworks.

With the support of our local councillors, Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELD, refurbishment of the clubhouse has taken place resulting in new disabled and ladies toilets and improvements to the lounge and bar areas. These improvements have already borne fruit with the club seeing an increase in bookings for social functions helping the club to be self-sustainable and once again a focal point in the village and local community, the committee are pleased to say "There is a real buzz about the club".



## DIARY FOR OCTOBER, 2016



1<sup>st</sup>: Salvation Army's 'Macmillan 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



7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club', 12.30 p.m. in the Church Hall

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



10<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall

15<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
10.15 a.m. - St. Ives' Church's in the Community Centre  
10.30 a.m.- Salvation Army's in the Army Hall



17<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre  
presentation 'Ghastly Happenings in Northern Ireland'

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



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

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



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> October, 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 Revolting; 6 Raw; 8 Starts; 9 Exact; 10 Remote; 11 Natters; 13 Mollusc; 16 Camera; 18 Aunts;  
19 Abroad; 21 Foe; 22 Test match. **DOWN:** 1 Rut; 2 Virgo; 3 Listens; 4 Invent; 5 Grease; 7 Withstand; 8 Scrum half;  
12 Acclaim; 14 Lancet; 15 Upsets; 17 Merit; 20 Ash.