

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 9/16 (October)



### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This year's Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. at the War Memorial in Durham Road. For the last few years the service has been attended by more and more people wishing to pay their respects to those people who paid the ultimate price for freedom, let's see if we can continue this trend.

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 7 p.m. Consett Festival of Remembrance will be held in Consett Empire Theatre, in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Comper is Marc JACKSON and artistes include Consett Brass: Consett Phoenix Youth: Ellie DAWSON: John McARDLE and the Jane ROBSON Dance & Theatre School. Tickets are £7.00 each and are available from Consett Empire Theatre or payment can be made at the door; this event is supported by Local Councillors and other local organisations



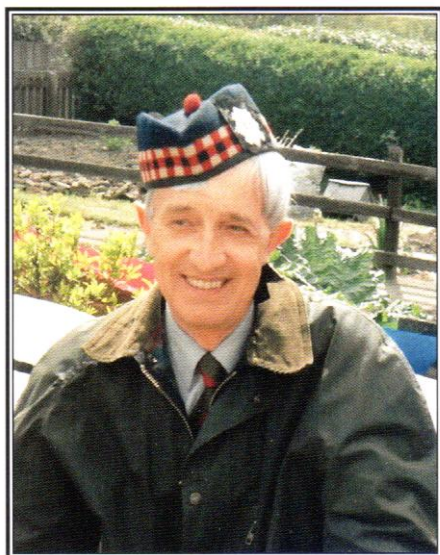
LEADGATE  
SURGERY

### SURGERY NEWS - MISSED APPOINTMENTS:

The same thing seems to be said every month but to no avail, "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". Since July the numbers just seem to go up and up. Here are the corresponding figures for 2015.

	<u>2015:</u>	<u>2016:</u>
May:	148 missed – 37 per week	May: 157 missed – 39 per week
June:	166 missed – 42 per week	June: 190 missed – 48 per week
July:	130 missed – 33 per week	July: 206 missed – 52 per week
August:	134 missed – 34 per week	August: 237 missed – 60 per week
September:	168 missed – 42 per week	September: 239 missed – 61 per week

Let's see if we can do better with October's figures.



### PASSING OF A DEAR FRIEND:

There will not be many people in Leadgate who didn't know Bill STOCKDALE, who sadly passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

The 'Advertiser' article about Bill's death called him a 'people's hero' but to me he was 'Mr. Leadgate'. If anyone needed to know anything about Leadgate, the first person they sought out was Bill, if he didn't know the answer, he would find it out.

Bill spent most of his life in Leadgate and taught a good many of its residents, he will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. To his wife, Carole and son, Michael, on behalf of all the residents of Leadgate and everyone who knew him far and wide, I offer our most sincere condolences.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre. [www.leadgatevillage.com](http://www.leadgatevillage.com) is the village website

The chairperson of the meeting, Linda PEARS, welcomed everyone and gave a short resume of the life of Bill STOCKDALE, one of the founding members of the partnership, who passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> September. Bill was instrumental in the setting up of many things in Leadgate, i.e. Leadgate Historical Society and the doctors' surgery, he also taught in Leadgate and played cricket for Cricket Club. He leaves a remarkable legacy. A minutes silence was then held.

At last month's meeting mention was made that white at Pont Bungalows had not been painted and to date the situation is still the same.

The question of Public Liability Insurance was discussed and further enquiries are to be made to obtain estimates. Questions had been asked about 'Bridge House' but no information is available.

The meeting was informed if you become a member of the Co-op you earn 5% and a further 1% goes to the community. This applies to the Co-op's branded goods and services, i.e. food, funeral care, legal services, electrical and insurance – the Co-op is working to introduce the 5% and 1% on home and car insurance in the future. It only cost £1 to become a member: the card has to be registered on line at [coop.co.uk/register](http://coop.co.uk/register) or by telephoning 0800 023 4708. If you want to help your community, why not become a member.

A Project Plan entitled 'Our Wonderful Watling Wood' completed by one of the Partnership's newest members, Mr. David LAVERY, was submitted and a lengthy discussion concerning it followed. It was agreed a meeting between Tesco, Durham County Council, Groundwork and the Partnership be arranged as soon as possible and thereafter a committee be formed to co-ordinate the work to be carried out. This work will provide a boardwalk over particularly wet sections of footpath, the installation of a pond dipping platform, seating, add native marginal plants to the pond to enhance the habitat diversity and to create a small damp meadow area.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 at 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



### **NO COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**



### **POLICE NEWS:**

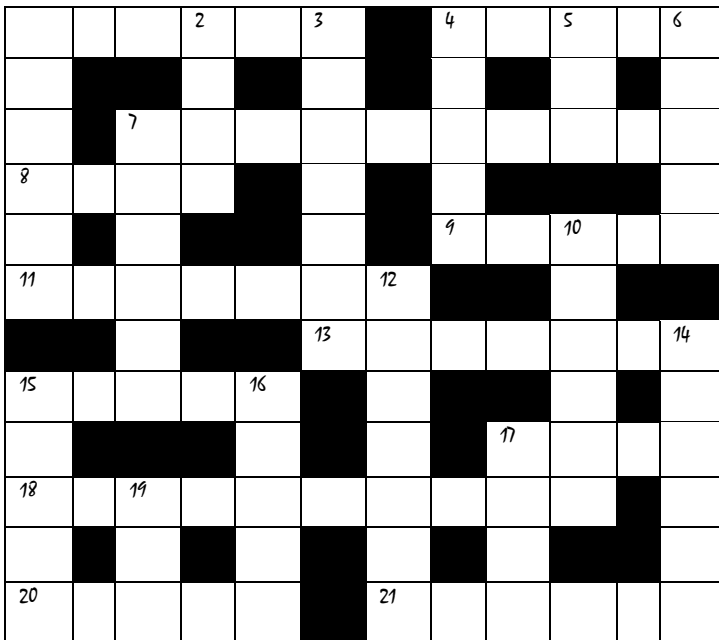
The main issue in Leadgate at the moment appears to be youths congregating on the Front Street. The problems seem to include anti-social use of bikes and bad language. Youths have been identified and parents have been spoken to. The area is to remain a target for extra patrols to keep an eye on the issue.

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## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

### DOWN

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| <p>1. Beat soundly (6)</p> <p>4. In bonds or chains (5)</p> <p>7. Silver-tongued (10)</p> <p>8. At that time (4)</p> <p>9. Remains (5)</p> <p>11. Fish type (7)</p> <p>13. Wipe one's shoes on this (7)</p> <p>15. Stories (5)</p> <p>17. Cat noise (4)</p> <p>18. Plant type (10)</p> <p>20. Jockey (5)</p> <p>21. Ludicrous (6)</p> | <p>1. Roof covering (6)</p> <p>2. Prayer ending (4)</p> <p>3. Male spouse (7)</p> <p>4. Alloy of copper and zinc (5)</p> <p>5. University, in short (3)</p> <p>6. Frock (5)</p> <p>7. Car fuel (6)</p> <p>10. Protective suit (6)</p> <p>12. Venetian boat (7)</p> <p>14. Fine strand or yarn (6)</p> <p>15. Turret (5)</p> <p>16. As yet (2,3)</p> <p>17. Dowels (4)</p> <p>19. Removable cover (3)</p> |
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/Answers overleaf



### QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF CHARITY:

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 a Quiz Night is being held at St. Joseph's Hall from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in aid of the 'Hosanna House & Children's Pilgrimage Trust' (HCPT). This is a UK charity giving life changing pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, France, for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults, supported by volunteer helpers. The tickets are £4.00 each and this includes entry fee, quiz sheet and refreshments, if you are interested please contact me, Brenda SURTEES, telephone number 01207 507506,



### DONATIONS:

The family of Mrs. Ada MAY, who passed away in September, would like to thank all those people who made donations in lieu of flowers and to say the money is to be sent to the 'Dogs Trust' as Ada was a great dog lover.



### ONLY GREAT MINDS CAN READ THIS

This is weird, but interesting! If you can read this, you have a strange mind too. Can you read this? Only 55 people out of 100 can.

I cannot believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phonemic power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important!



## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 2016

# qu?z

4<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church monthly 'Lunch Club, held in the Church Hall, 12 noon for 12.15 p.m.



4<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night' at St. Joseph's Hall, commencing 7 p.m., in aid of the HCPT Charity

4<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Bowling Club is holding its Annual Presentation in the Bowling Club, commencing 7.30 p.m., tickets are £3.00 each, there will be a raffle, bingo and refreshments



5<sup>th</sup> Consett Festival of Remembrance, 7 p.m. in Consett Empire Theatre



Let's We Forget

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



12<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley church coffee morning, 10 a.m. in the church hall



12<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre, 11 a.m. in the Army Hall

13<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Service, 10.30 a.m. at the Cenotaph in Durham Road



Let's We Forget

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



16<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership meeting, 6.30 p.m. in the Community Centre and everyone is welcome



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



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



19<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley Church's 'Gift Sale', 2 p.m. in the Church Hall



21<sup>st</sup> Women's Institute Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



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

26<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church Christmas Fayre, 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



28<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 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 16<sup>th</sup> November, 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 Thrash: 4 Bound: 7 Persuasive: 8 Then: 9 Stays: 11 Herring: 13 Doormat: 15 Tales: 17 Purr: 18 Wallflower: 20 Rider: 21 Absurd.

**DOWN:** 1 Thatch: 2 Amen: 3 Husband: 4 Brass: 5 Uni: 6 Dress: 7 Petrol: 10 Armour: 12 Gondola: 14 Thread: 15 Tower: 16 So far: 17 Pegs: 19 Lid.