

Leadgate's News

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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

This year's Remembrance Day Service was held on Sunday, 13th November, 2016 and it was a lovely fine, sunny day. Every year there seems to be more and more people attending and this year was no exception as can be seen from the photograph.

Leadgate Surgery

The same thing seems to be said every months 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. Every month I report the same thing, instead of a decrease in the number of missed appointments we have an increase and October was no exception.

Last month a total of 249 people failed to cancel their appointment, which is equivalent to 63 per week, in October, 2015 209 appointments were missed, which was 52 per week. Up to June this year, between 186 and 190 appointments were missed but since July there has been a sharp increase, between 206 and 249, that means since January, 2016, 2,022 appointments have been missed, that averages approximately 10 for every working day.

NEARLY HERE:

At last the great day is nearly here and if you don't know what I mean, it's the new road into Leadgate. Leadgate's bridge was demolished earlier this year and work has been in progress on the construction of a new road from Villa Real to Leadgate. This work is now almost complete and the road hopefully, will be officially opened on Friday, 9th December, 2016, meaning Leadgate will be open once again for business.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:



This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 16th November, 2016 in the Community Centre.

A risk assessment in respect of the work to be carried out in Watling Wood had been prepared and was explained by Mr. David LAVERY. A meeting between the four stake holders is to held in the Community Centre on Tuesday, 22nd November, 2016 and hopefully the work will start in Spring, 2017.

The Secretary had obtained a suitable quote for Public Liability Insurance in respect of the Partnership and this was accepted by the members.

With onset of Autumn/Winter vegetation is now dying back and as a result litter previously hidden by its growth can now be seen in various locations. The lady who has been litter picking in the village the whole of this year has reported she had collected a total of 618 sacks full of rubbish. In her opinion not just individuals but businesses are at fault. As the lady does this work voluntarily, let's see if in 2017 we as a village can do her out of a job!!

As the official opening of our new road is schedule to take place on Friday, 9th December, 2017 the Partnership ask as many people as possible turn out on Wednesday, 7th and Thursday, 8th December, 2016, between 10 am – 12 noon to clean Front Street and the new road area, anyone interested should be at the Community Centre before 10 am. To help alleviate the litter problem, it was suggested perhaps Durham County could provide larger bins. This has been found to work in other places and it has meant the Council has had to empty them less frequently.

Mr. David LAVERY, who has provided the Risk Management Plan in respect of Watling Wood has also developed a website for our village, which is expected to 'go live' in the very near future. David gave the meeting an overview of what can be found on the website, this site can be accessed at <http://www.leadgatevillage.org.uk>

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

VILLA REAL BRDGE: The work for completion of this project has resulted in the official opening of the new road being planned for 11 a.m. on Friday, 9th December with the current Chair of Durham County Council (DCC), senior DCC Of-ficers/Members and local Councillors due to attend – the Cricket Club will be open for the provision of light refreshments. Local members have held discussions with DCC project management and Bentley's to finalise the remaining work sched-ules before the opening of the road.

- (i) Removal of the remaining bridge stonework and the re-alignment of the eastern corner of the mound improving the visual access to road/cycleway has been completed.
- (ii) All roadways (including West Parade), footpath and cycleway surfacing are to be completed during week commencing 21st and 28th November.
- (iii) The white concrete wall at Leadgate Cricket Club is to be removed and replaced with wire weld mesh – improving the visual amenity outlook when entering/leaving the village.
- (iv) All bus services are to be routed through the village as of Saturday, 10th December and all the diversion route signs removed.
- (v) The bollards at the Cricket Club (preventing access to Bradley Industrial Estate via Garden Place and Terrace) are to be replaced once any issues with the new road are resolved.

ROUNDAABOUTS: A request to landscape (flower beds/wild flowers) the two roundabouts at Leadgate – Durham Road and Jolly Drivers have been accepted by DCC and approval is subject to release of capital funding. We have stressed that these two roundabouts are on the main traffic routes (A.691/A.692) into/out of this area of North West Durham.



LEADGATE's OWN WEBSITE:

In the near future Leadgate will have its very own Internet Website, <http://www.leadgatevillage.org.uk>



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY

The winning numbers for October and November are as follows:

October: 1st prize - No. 9: 2nd prize - No. 95

November: 1st prize - No. 29: 2nd prize - No. 78

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Time

As this is the last newsletter for 2016 the next to be published will be January, 2017, the editorial staff would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New years.

TAI CHI CLASS:

On Thursday, 5th January, 2017, from 11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., a Tai Chi and Qigong class is commencing in the Community Centre. The essential principles of practising Tai Chi are relaxation, concentration, meditation, harmony and natural breathing. The cost per session is £4.00 per person. If you are interested please contact Sandra MOUNTJOY either by telephone on 07855 157955 or email sandramountjoy@hotmail.co.uk



Diary Dates for December 2016



2nd pm Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Lunch Club' held in the Church Hall at 12.15 pm

5th St. Ives' Church bingo, held in the Community Centre at 7.30 pm

6th A joint school Carol Service to be held at St. Ives' Church at 10 a.m.

10th Two coffee mornings today:
10 a.m. – Pont and Bradley Church held in the Church Hall
10.30 a.m. – Salvation Army's Christmas coffee morning in the Army Hall

12th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship Christmas Buffet, held in the Army Hall at 1 p.m. (please note time)

12th A Christmas Concert by the Gibside Singers at St. Ives' Church, doors open at 7pm with a warm welcome of hot chocolate and marshmallows, concert begins at 7.30 pm, tickets are £8 for an adult: £7 for concessions and £4 per child: to book tickets contact fundraising@lifespanteam.org.uk, or call 01434 673777, or payment can be made at the door. Proceeds raised will be donated to 'Lifespan'

13th Leadgate Primary School Christmas Fayre at the Upper School (Alder Grove) from 2 p.m.

15th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church', at 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall

16th Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group's Christmas Concert, at 7.30 pm in the Army Hall, tickets £2, please contact Clare THOMPSON on 01207 504054

17th St. Ives' Church coffee morning, at 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre

18th Leadgate Methodist Church Carol Service at 2 pm
Salvation Army's 'Carol Service, with mince pies' at 3 p.m.
St. Ives' Church 'Christingle' at 4 p.m.

19th Women's Institute Christmas meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre

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



Christmas Services (The following times may be subject to change):

Christmas Eve:

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m.
St. Ives' Church midnight mass at 7.30 p.m.
Salvation Army at 11 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Brooms' Church Christmas Mass 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m.,
St. Ives' Church Christmas Morning service at 9 a.m.
Leadgate Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 19th October, 2016, the contact names and telephone numbers are as follows:
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