

Leadgate's News

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BUSY AGAIN!

The ladies of the Community Centre's Craft and Chat Club have been busy once again. This time their patchwork quilt has been donated to a group which use the Centre for their meetings, it is the Multiple Sclerosis Research and Relief group. The group meets every Tuesday afternoon between 1pm - 3pm, if you are interested or know someone who would be interested, why not go along. This is the third quilt the ladies have made and all have been donated to worthy causes, Well done Ladies.



COMMUNITY FUN DAY:

The village Community Fun Day was held on Saturday 2nd July, 2016 at Leadgate Methodist Church. It was to have been held outdoors, but because of the unsuitable weather conditions it was held indoors and was still well attended and a total of £1,102.00 was raised for churches and charities. The organisers to like to say a very big thank you to all who attended and to the various organisations that provided stalls etc.

Leadgate Surgery

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 number for June has risen to what appears to be the norm

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



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:



The Partnership meeting this took place on Wednesday 20th July, 2016 in the Community Centre.

The issue of Watling Wood (how to spend the money awarded by Tesco's) is still in abeyance: no progress has yet been made concerning insurance regarding litter picking and in case you think our voluntary litter picking lady has given up, she hasn't, she will be out again when the weather cools down. The Fun Day had been a great success and well done to the volunteers and those who attended. Miss Linda PEARS, chair of the Partnership has some polyanthus plants for sale.

Comment has been made about speeding along Oak Terrace, cars coming from Elm and Ash Terrace, seem to be the culprits. As with all speeding this is a dangerous practice more so on Oak Terrace as vehicles are parked on one side of the road and the roads are used frequently by pedestrians.

Last month the Partnership praised residents who are attempting to improve the look of village by planting flowers outside their homes, well another person in Durham Road has the same idea, well done to everyone.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

VILLA REAL BRIDGE: Good progress is being maintained with this project - the removal of the bridge has been completed by Owen PUGH and significant earth moving (landscaping effects to accommodate the spoil material) progress made by the main contract, J. N. BENTLEY. Further work to improve the visual access to Leadgate Cricket club (entering/leaving the village) is to be considered.

DURHAM BRASS: Councillors provided the funding for a group from the Durham Brass Festival to participate at Leadgate Primary School on Thursday, 14th July, 2016. The German Trombone Vibration provided a whole school concert performance and a number of workshops across the school age group - teaching and support staff reported that all the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

LOW FREQUENCY NOISE (LFN): The Environment Agency (EA) and Durham Council Council Nuisance Control staff are investigating several reports of low frequency noise ('humming') issues across our local area - monitoring at some local factories are set in place and remedial action will be implemented when the source of LFN is established.

Councillor Alan SHIELD (07500 125 327) Councillor Watts STELLING (07500 125 328)

POLICE REPORT:

Leadgate has been pretty quiet recently, however there have been a couple of incidents of criminal damage on Railway Street in the early hours of 7th July: one was a smashed window to the front of the property and the other was damage to a car: any information concerning these incidents would be greatly appreciated. Please contact 101 with any relevant information.



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WELCOME TO NEW ARMY CAPTAIN:



A change has taken place recently at the Salvation Army: Envoy Gwen HALL has moved to pastures new, to Horden and Easington Colliery to be exact and a new officer appointed. The new officer is Captain AMANDA SMETHURST who has moved here from Middlesbrough. On Saturday, 23rd July, 2016, Captain SMETHURST attended her first coffee morning and introduced herself to everyone present as Amanda.

On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to extend a very warm welcome to Captain SMETHURST (Amanda) and hope she enjoys in stay in our village.

Another slight change in the church community is Father John BAGNALL, priest at Brooms Church is moving to Consett, St. Patrick's Church, but don't fret he will still be priest at Brooms. He, together with Father Tom McHALE, priest at Blackhill, will be covering five (5) parishes.

Whilst I am talking about Brooms Church, I should like to mention something about St. Joseph's Church Hall (this hall is part of Brooms Church). On several occasions, used nappies and other assorted items, have dumped over the surrounding wall, into the car park. Apart from this being totally unacceptable, it is also a health risk and could encourage vermin. Members of the church and residents of Leadgate would be obliged if the culprits would please refrain from this disgusting action or perhaps further steps may be taken.

MOUNTSETT CREMATORIUM:

Saturday, 23rd July, 2016, was the 50th anniversary of the opening of Mountsett Crematorium: it was opened by the chairman of Consett Urban District Council, Councillor Arthur AGAR



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:



The winning numbers for July, 2016 are as follows:

1st prize – No. 44:

2nd prize – No. 30



DIARY FOR AUGUST, 2016



- 1st [St. Ives' Church](#) bingo, 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre
- 3rd Coffee morning in the [Community Centre](#) at 11.30 a.m. following Leisureworks Aerobics Class
- 5th Leadgate Methodist Church Lunch Club, 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. in the Church Hall, cost £3.00
- 6th Salvation Army coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
- 10th Coffee morning in the Community Centre at 11.30 a.m. following Leisureworks Aerobics Class
- 13th NO COFFEE MORNING AT PONT AND BRADLEY CHURCH
- 15th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, today is a social meeting
- 17th Coffee morning in the Community Centre at 11.30 a.m. following Leisureworks Aerobics Class
- 17th NO PARTNERSHIP MEETING THIS MONTH
- 19th NO 'MESSY CHURCH' AT LEADGATE METHODIST CHURCH
- 20th Two coffee mornings today:
10.15 a.m. – St. Ives Church, held in the Community Centre
10.30 a.m. – Salvation Army, held in the Army Hall
- 29th 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 21st September, 2016 (no newsletter in August)

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