

LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Well, the celebrations are over for another year, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves and the 'man in the red suit' was good to you all. Thankfully

the white stuff has disappeared, but for how long is anyone's guess, let's hope we can see January out before any more comes. Unfortunately with the disappearance of the snow we can now see the dirt left behind, the pavements are covered in grit and as usual dog dirt. Not all dog owners are the culprits but some seem to think they don't have to clean up after their pet when the snow is on the ground, that perhaps the mess will somehow evaporate. I don't want to upset the responsible and caring dog owners because I know some dogs are left to roam the streets unattended and that perhaps it is these animals that are leaving the mess.



LEADGATE'S LOSCA CEREMONY:

Remember last year the 'Jolly Drivers public house' held a trial run of our very own 'LOSCA' ceremony (Leadgate Official Sustainable Community Awards) to coincide with the Hollywood 'OSCARs', well, this year they are having an official ceremony.

Hollywood's ceremony will take on Sunday, 27th February, 2011 and ours will take on Saturday, 5th March, 2011 in the 'Jolly Drivers public house'.

A nomination form should be inside this month's Newsletter and you can enter as many categories as you wish, the closing date for nominations is Monday, 28th February, 2011

and

your forms can be left at any of the following places:

Leadgate House, Durham Road, Leadgate:

Jolly Drivers Public House or the Community Centre

Once again all proceeds will be going to the North East Air Ambulance Service and Florence VICKERS and her daughter Michele will be running the tombola.



Many of you who are not regulars at the 'Jolly Drivers' may not know, but on New Year's Eve the Landlord held a 'New Year's Eve' party in aid of charity.

During the event, charity boxes, for four different charities, were placed on the counter, you may not believe it, but someone kindly helped themselves to the heaviest one, which I think was in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., let's hope nothing like that happens this time.

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PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

The monthly Partnership Meeting was held on Wednesday, 19th January, 2011 and as usual was

poorly attended. One of those who did attend was Councillor Alan SHIELD who informed the

meeting that the new Customer Access Point, situated in the old Woolworth's Building in Front

Street, Consett will open for business on Monday, 7th February, 2011 but as a result of this there will be

no access to the Council Offices in Medomsley Road, Consett. One of the problems with this new facility

is there will be nowhere for Councillors to meet with their constituents and also car parking or lack of

parking is a major issue. Councillor SHIELD also stated a consultation process had been undertaken

about the proposal to install speed cushions in St. Ives Road but 8 residents of the area had raised objections. He also said a team has been established to look at the state of roads and potholes in the

County and also that there was a possibility snow clearing machinery held at Annfield Plain may be moved to Meadowfield, bearing in mind most of the people working this machinery live in the local area the question was posed, "How, in the winter months, are these people supposed to get to Meadowfield?"

The Chair of the meeting stated the Partnership had written to the Area Action Partnership (AAP) for clarification about the rumours circulating concerning Leadgate Bridge, but to date no reply has been received. Last year our Partnership received £2,000 from the AAP to be used for environmental purposes and the meeting was informed that 6 metallic planters were now on order and should be available this summer. If no one else is, the Partnership is trying to improve the look of our village.

A discussion took place about the dismal response to the introduction of 'Leadgate Capers'. This is a **FREE yes FREE** enterprise for the young people of our village. Activities will be provided by Consett YMCA, all the young people have to do, is inform the YMCA what they want to do and if possible it will be arranged, there will be no charge but each young person will have to complete an indemnity form and become a member of 'Leadgate Capers'. Two dates in February, 9th and 19th, have been set aside for activities which have to be decided.



POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 16th December, 2010 – 11th January, 2011

During this period a total of 51 calls were made to the police and of these only 8 were community related: there were no alcohol seizures and there have been no reports of this nature for quite some time, if you see youths drinking or come across any 'drinking dens', please let us know.



There have been no reported burglaries this month either in dwelling houses or other premises and no incidents of bogus callers in our area, but remember, if anyone comes to your door and wants to gain access to your property, please ask for identification, and don't let anyone you don't know into your house without identification, if the person is genuine, he/she will not mind waiting while you contact their employer. Another piece of crime prevention advice is always keep your doors locked, even if you are in the house, if you wish to leave a door open for ventilation, consider having a chain fitted.

That's the good news, now for the not so good: there have been 5 unrelated incidents of anti-social behaviour during the past month, however this is a great reduction from the previous month. Two vehicles have been damaged, one had a window broken and the other had a tyre slashed. There was one report of theft when two wheels were taken from a vehicle, if you have any information, please contact us.

This month has seen calls almost halved which is a massive reduction, let's hope it stays that way as the

less calls made means the less problems we have in the Leadgate area. A number of cannabis plants

have been recovered and one male was arrested as a result.

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings are changing, instead of one every 3 – 4 months

they will be held monthly, every fourth Thursday in Leadgate Community Centre from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.,

the first being 24th February, 2011.

Please continue to utilise the “Street safe” box in the Post Office and remember PCSO Michael CRAINE

and PC John HENDERSON are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village. Whichever way you let us know, any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of

confidence. Any enquiries please contact our relevant Officer – tel. 0191 3752466 direct, 0345 6060365 switchboard or e-mail Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk

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CLUES

ACROSS

1. One who delivers dairy products (7)
7. Join up (6)
8. Utter inadvertently (3,4)
9. Grade work (4)
10. Tinned food fish (4)
12. Defraud (7)
14. Accomplishes (7)
16. Three feet (4)
18. Worry (4)
20. Pub singing entertainment (7)
21. Ask along (6)
22. Devices with rungs (7)

DOWN

1. Civilian fighting force (7)
2. Ancient language (5)
3. Thaw (4)
4. Male relatives (7)
5. Mercy or leniency (6)
6. Of the stars (6)
11. Slaughterhouse (8)
12. Swimmer's breathing tube (7)
13. Eternal or infinite (7)
15. Monarch's chair (6)
17. Love deeply (5)
19. ____ Pitt, actor (4)

(Answers overleaf)



COMMUNITY CENTRE'S SEWING CLUB :

Weather permitting, the Community Centre's Sewing Club will re-commence

on Thursday, 3rd February, 2011 at 1 p.m., if you would like a couple of hours

out of the house, why not come along, the chat is good and you could even

learn to sew.

COMMUNITY CENTRE SUBSCRIPTIONS:



Whilst I am talking about the Community Centre, I should like to remind the Centre's

many members that the yearly subscription of £2.00 per person is now due and if you wish to vote in the Annual General Meeting in March, this should be paid before

17th March, 2011. From the 3rd February I will be in the Centre every Thursday between

1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (attending the Sewing Club) if you would like to renew your subscription then.



LEADGATE POST OFFICE:

Some of you may already know, but for those who don't, in the Post Office there is a cardboard box for used stamps. I am led to believe this box will be there more or less

on a permanent basis. It will be emptied regularly and the money raised will be used for charity work in Africa, so instead of throwing the stamps away why not put them to good use.



CALLING ALL BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS:

The Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership (DVAAP) publishes its own Newsletter which is inserted in the Durham County News and is delivered to every home in the County and to this end they would like photographs of the area to feature on the front cover of future editions. The photographs must be high resolution to be suitable for printing and you should provide details of the location and your name so you can be credited. For further details please contact Corinne WALTON, DVP Coordinator on 01207 218242 or email corinne.walton@durham.gov.uk or Janie POLLARD, DVP Support Officer on 01207 218271 or email janie.pollard@durham.gov.uk



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for December, 2010 and January, 2011 are as follows:
 December - 1st prize - No. 40: 2nd prize - No.4: 3rd prize - No. 73.
 January - 1st prize - No. 36: 2nd prize - No. 74: 3rd prize - No. 29



DIARY FOR FEBRUARY, 2011



2nd Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

7th St. Ives' Bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



10th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, in Leadgate Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. M. RICHARDSON, entitled 'Durham City'

12th Three coffee mornings today:
 Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel, commencing 10 a.m.



St. Ives' held in the Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.
 Salvation Army held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



14th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m., presentation will be lace making.

16th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.



16th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.

18th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m.

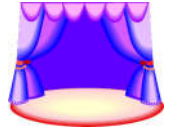


21st Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., a skin care presentation will be given by M's Ann CLEMENTS and the competition will be a perfume bottle



24th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m.

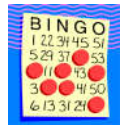
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25th Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group are presenting an evening of entertainment, entitled 'Songs that Helped the War.'



26th Salvation Army's coffee morning held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



28th St. Ives' Bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



If you have any items you wish to have published, advertised or any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 16th February, 2011, the contact names and telephone 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

Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080

CROSSWORDS ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Milkman: 7 Enlist: 8 Let Slip: 9 Mark: 10 Tuna: 12 Swindle: 14 Attains:

16 Yard: 18 Fret: 20 Karaoke: 21 Invite: 22 Ladders:

DOWN: 1 Militia: 2 Latin: 3 Melt: 4 Nephews: 5 Clemency: 6 Astral: 11 Albattoir:

12 Snorkel: 13 Endless: 15 Throne: 17 Adore: 19 Brad: