

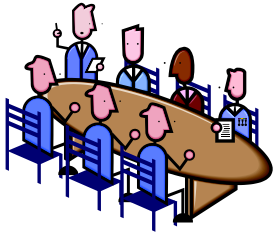
# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 2/ APRIL, 2014

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:



The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre was held on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and as there were no other nominations, the existing committee were all re-elected. There are as follows:

Chairperson: Mr. Malcolm D'NORTHWOOD  
Secretary: Miss Brenda Surtees  
Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer WALKER  
Committee Members: Mrs. Jean HUGHES and Miss Stephanie WALKER

Councillor Watts STELLING, who was one of those present, praised the committee for the excellent work they are doing in respect of the running of the Centre.

On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 Leadgate Area Partnership will be holding their Annual General Meeting. Nomination Forms for the election of committee members will be available from the Community Centre in due course.

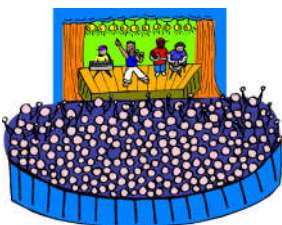


### FAREWELL TO THE 'GLEEMEN'

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 an audience of approximately 200 gathered to hear the last concert to be given by Leadgate Gleemen.

The choir gave a programme of audience favourites and items chosen by choir members. It was a mixed evening of nostalgia and happiness as the 26 choristers and musical director, Pat BOUSTEAD, bade farewell to their patrons and supports.

After 73 years of service, entertainment and success, the choir is now silenced but it will be fondly remembered



### CHARITY CONCERT:

On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church, the Derwentside Singers are giving a charity concert in aid of 'Future Sense Foundation', admission is £5.00 and includes light refreshments.

What is 'Future Sense Foundation?'

It provides aid to under privileged communities across four continents. Their work targets education, child welfare and livelihoods to address a range of development issues.

Scott MURPHY, a local lad, has volunteered to work in a community and school in Northern India. He has already paid for his fare but before July, 2014 has to organise fund raising events in order to raise £2,000 this will be converted into aid for the community in which he will work. Will you help?



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 and amongst those present was PCSO Mark ROGERS who gave an over view of the 'Eddy Project' which has an allotment in Consett Park and teaches young people about horticulture and citizenship. It is run with Durham Agency Against Crime and as a result of drug raids where drug equipment, including plant pots, was confiscated and which would have just been thrown away, it was decided that these pots could be placed in the community. Leadgate has been allocated 10 such plant pots which will be already 'planted up' and which will be placed in various locations within the village.

Meetings about Watling Wood – the way forward, are ongoing and the money obtained from the Area Action Partnership last year has been paid to Groundwork who have the expertise to take the work forward. So far as the application to Garfield Weston for a grant in respect of the newsletter is concerned, an acknowledgement has been received but will be June before the Partnership knows whether or not it has been successful in obtaining a grant.

The three new planters now have sponsorship, two of which will be sponsored by the Community Centre. They will be re-sited in the near future and two of them will be placed either side of the Community Centre's entrance.



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**VILLA REAL BRIDGE:** Plans to remove the current bridge structure and replace it with a through road are progressing. Durham County Council (DCC) are to finalise the 'Tendering Process' (appoint the successful contractor) as soon as possible with the latest start time for the project to commence as 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2014.

Councillors SHIELD and STELLING have scheduled meetings with Traffic Police and DCC Highways Officers regarding traffic calming measures to be considered.

**SPEEDING:** The Community Speed Watch programme is to be progressed in Leadgate with greater participation from local volunteers as part of the educational process in reducing traffic speed. Police are commencing speed checks in local 'hot spots' using the recently acquired speed guns as part of the enforcement of speed control.

**GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION:** DCC plans to charge £20 for the brown garden bins collection have been shelved until next year. The fee of £20 per year or £50 for 3 years is to be introduced in 2015 and will require residents to 'opt in' to the new system – more information on how this will be introduced/managed will be published closer to the implementation time.

### **OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:**

Northern Powergrid have been renewing certain sections of electrical cabling (including replacement of some wooden lampposts) throughout the Leadgate area. This has resulted in delays in replacement streetlights being installed - Councillors SHIELD and STELLING have progressed the delivery and fitting of new lamps with DCC Highways and the contractor.

**LEADGATE SCOUTS:** Leadgate Scouts are celebrating their centenary this year with civic and religious ceremonies scheduled in the summer. Significant repairs to the Scout Hut are being progressed - new roof to be installed and internal refurbishments (toilets, kitchen, secure external doors).

### **LEADGATE HOUSEKEEPING PROJECT:**

Police, Fire Service and DCC Neighbourhood Services are planning a number of housekeeping projects within the village -yards, gardens etc. improvements in May, improvements on the C2C route (predominantly reductions in dog fouling) in June and other initiatives throughout the summer and autumn.

**ENVIRONMENT HEALTH:** Officers from DCC Environmental Health are planning a series of seminars/discussions with residents regarding local concerns – Leadgate Cricket Club is the planned location for the meetings and advertisements of the events will be issued shortly.



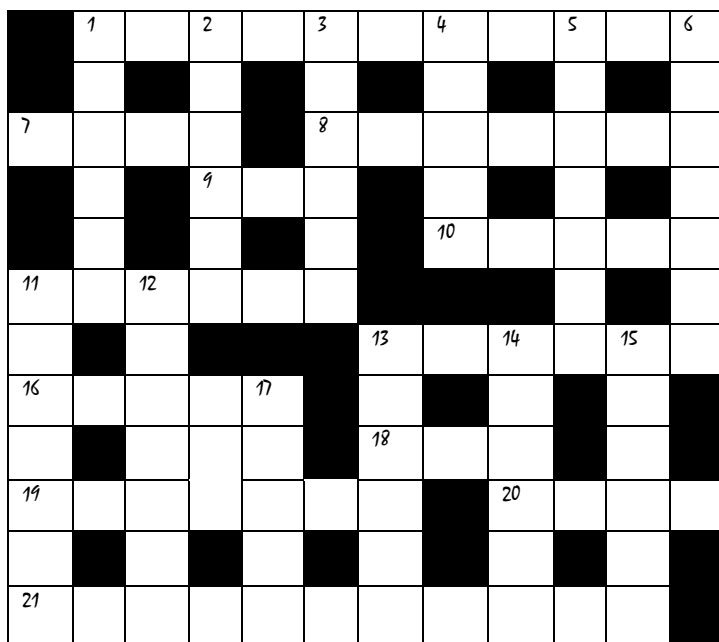
### **POLICE REPORT:**

The current PACT Priority of parking issues in the vicinity of Leadgate Junior School is to remain. DCC Highways Department has been contacted to have the yellow zig-zag lines repainted and site visits will be conducted. A request was made to have the zig-zag lines extended but unfortunately due to regulations this cannot be done. Officers have been visiting the schools and this is much appreciated.

Since the last PACT meeting Leadgate has been relatively quiet, however a male was stopped near Pontop Pike and when searched, was found to be in possession of cannabis, he was issued with a Cannabis Warning. A local man has been charged with dangerous driving in Leadgate and a burglary of a dwellinghouse in the Consett area. A month ago local youths who were causing problems at the Methodist Church, were spoken to in front of their parents and since then there have been no problems, the police are still paying attention. Concerns have been raised about the theft of lead batteries from mobile traffic lights and also about traffic travelling the wrong way in Third and Fourth Street, Pont Bungalows.

On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 there will be a 'Big Spring Clean' in Pont Head Estate, this is a multi-agency project (Consett Police, Fire Service, Neighbourhood Wardens and Councillors SHIELD and STELLING). This project is to try and improve the area by conducting a litter pick and a general clean-up. A leaflet with more information will be delivered to houses in due course. The idea is to get local residents out on the street to help clean up the area they live in. Bags, gloves and litter picks will be provided. During the 'Big Spring Clean' the Fire Service will be carrying out home safety checks. The event will be between 10 am – 2 pm and light refreshments will be available. Volunteers are asked to meet outside the 'Ebony Centre', Derwent Crescent, Leadgate at 10 am and to confirm their attendance by contacting PSCO 7242 Michael CRAINE or PC 2158 Kevin HALL by **telephoning 101**.

**CROSSWORD**



**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

1. At about the  
Appropriate time (2,3,6)
7. Watch face (4)
8. Remainder (7)
9. Employ (3)
10. Latin American  
dance music (5)
11. \_\_\_\_\_Williams  
tennis star (6)
13. Light creamy  
Dessert (6)
16. Surpass (5)
18. Gratuity (3)
19. With quick light  
taps (3-1-3)
20. Notion (4)
21. Blown-up  
Photograph (11)

**DOWN**

1. Frozen spike (6)
2. Luxurious or  
sumptuous (2,4)
3. I have found it (7)
4. Desert's fertile  
spot (5)
5. Conundrum (7)
6. Raise (7)
11. Spire (7)
12. Musical  
performance (7)
13. Spirit (6)
14. Cricket official (6)
15. Choose (6)
17. Leprosy victim (5)

/Answers overleaf



**OPEN ARMS:**

'Open Arms' is charity that meets every Monday and Tuesday between 10am -2pm in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall and caters for everyone, young, old, disabled, able bodied and people with mental problems. If you find you are stuck indoors with nothing to do and nowhere to go, why not go along to one of their sessions, they may be able to help you in some small way or you may even be able to help some else.



**LEADGATE FUN DOG SHOW:**

On the May Day Bank Holiday, Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, the Northern Show Handlers Society is holding a 'Fun Dog Show' in Leadgate Community Centre, starting at 10 a.m. There will be various pedigree classes and also fun classes. Entries are £1.00 per dog. Refreshments will be available; there will be a tombola and cake stall etc. If you are interested please contact the organiser, Mrs. Janice JOHNSON on **07711795195**



**NEW GROUP HAS STARTED:**

On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2014 a new group was started by Leadgate Junior School and this time it's for dads. The group for the moment is being called 'Dad's Group' and meets every Wednesday morning in the Community between 10 a.m. – 12 noon and will run until Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. If you are at a loose end after dropping the children off at school, why not go along and find out more.



## DIARY FOR MAY, 2014



5<sup>th</sup> The Northern Show Handlers Society Fun Dog Show, in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, in the Community Centre, commencing 10 a.m.



5<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre a 7.30 p.m.

7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by Harry MOSES entitled 'The Bradford Brothers'



10<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Methodist Church Hall at 10 a.m.  
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> Charity Concert given by the Derwentside Singers in Leadgate Methodist Church at 7 p.m., admission £5.00 which includes light refreshments.



12<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies' Fellowship meeting in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.

12<sup>th</sup> The Community Centre's Gym is holding a Pie and Pea Supper, with bingo and Raffle in the Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m., tickets £2.50 from the gym.



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

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



19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m.

21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.



21<sup>st</sup> Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting in the Community Centre at 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting



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



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



**Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. 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**

*If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014, 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 In due course: 7 Dial: 8 Residue: 9 Use: 10 Salsa: 11Serena: 13 Mousse: 16 Excel: 18 Tip: 19 Pit-a-pat: 20 Idea: 21 Enlargement. **DOWN:** 1 Icicle: De luxe: 3 Eureka: 4 Oasis: 5 Riddles: 6 Elevate: 11 Steeple: 12 Recital: 13 Mettle: 14 Umpire: 15 Select: 17 Leper