



No. 2/12 (February)



MANY HAPPY RETURNS

I have another special birthday to tell you about. On 31st January, 2012, Mrs. Vera McGURK, who, for many years, was a resident of our village and also Head Teacher at Brooms School, celebrated her 99th birthday. Mrs. McGURK now resides in 'The Convent' on Ebchester Bank. On behalf of everyone in our village I should like to wish her many happy returns.



DIAMOND JUBILEE

As you know the Queen celebrates her 'Diamond Jubilee' this year, 60 years since she became Queen following the death of her father, King George VI. To mark this momentous occasion, throughout the country, villages will be holding Jubilee Celebrations and Leadgate will be no different. Leadgate Methodist Church is planning such a celebration, which will take place on Tuesday, 5th June, 2012. Details of this event are not yet available but if you would like to help or have ideas, please contact Linda PEARS on 01207 505481 or any member of the Methodist Church.



PHOTO: COUN Alan Shield, left, with Durham County Council chairman Dennis Morgan, centre, and Coun Watts Stelling at County Hall yesterday

PROTEST AGAINST CLOSURE CONTINUES:

Last month I told you about Durham County Council's intention to close 6 of its 15 recycling plants, one of which being Broomsdene, or as we locals know it, 'Brooms'. The picture on the left shows Councillors Alan SHIELD (left) and Watts STELLING (right) handing a petition of 5,744 signatures to the County Council's Chairman, Dennis MORGAN (Centre). As this petition, which was started by our councillors, contains more than 5,000 signatures it triggers a debate by the full council before a final decision can be made and they (our

councillors) hope the council's leaders and senior officers will rethink the closures. The closure of 'Brooms' and one at Hett Hills in Chester-Le-Street would leave the recycling centre at Annfield Plain, which is also a council depot, as the only facility for 160,000 people in the north of the county.

Councillor STELLING said, "We want the county to look at all six that they are proposing to close, they are there for a very important reason. If we do not collect rubbish, fly tipping will absolutely go through the roof, in the last few years the costs have been more than £1 million".

Councillor SHIELD said, "They are not looking at the indirect costs, which will increase significantly if the programme goes ahead. What we are asking for is a review of the business plan. We are not saying savings cannot be made, but we are saying recycling is high on the agenda. We will be asking the council to debate it on 21st March and reconsider all aspects of the closure programme". The Council's Director of Neighbourhood Services said, "No decisions have yet been made on the future of household waste recycling closures. We are currently looking at the feedback received during the consultation and will consider the petition as part of this process".

Watch this space for further information.



PARTNERSHIP AND P.A.C.T. NEWS:

This month's PACT and Partnership meetings were held on Wednesday, 15th February, 2012

*The PACT meeting was held first and amongst those attending were Kirk THHS who is a Neighbourhood Warden employed by Durham County Council. He told the meeting that dog fouling is now a very serious problem along the Sustrans Cycle Track and anyone caught allowing their animals to foul, not only on the cycle track, but anyone in the village, will be issued with a **Fixed Penalty Notice for £80**. Not only is this fouling unsightly but it is also a health hazard. For several months the PACT PRIORITY has been speeding, but it will now be targeting animal fouling. It is realised most people when exercising their animals clean up after them, but unfortunately the good citizens, who take a pride in their area, are tarred with the same brush as the few irresponsible people. The cycle track is not only used by residents of our village, but also by people from outside, what sort of impression does it create of our village, let's see if we can create a better one.*

PCSO CRAINE stated in the Chester-le-Street there had been what the police call '2 in 1 burglaries', this is where someone breaks into a property, steals car keys and then steals the car, so please remember not to leave keys lying around and remember to lock your doors. Nuisance 999 calls have been made from the telephone box outside the Doctor's Surgery and the receiver left dangling. This may seem just a childish prank but could put lives at risk.

The Partnership meeting followed the PACT meeting and Councillor SHIELD informed those present that the decision concerning the proposed opencast at Bradley had been postponed, for legal reasons, until 5th March, 2012. As stated in the previous item, a petition against the closure of 'Brooms' tip has triggered a debate by the full council because it has more than 5,000 signatures, 5,744 to be exact, our councillors and members of the public will be speaking at this meeting. The 'bus in St. Ives Road, which moves in the wind is to be upgraded and the one outside the 'Tute' is to be renewed. Funding for the re-introduction of the number 15 bus service through Leadgate has been submitted and approval has been given by the County Council's Passenger Transport Team, hopefully this service could start by the end of March. It was suggested the County Council be asked to provide litter bins at the new bus stop shelters. It was decided, because of the 'Jubilee Celebrations', there would be no 'Fun Day' this year.



POLICE REPORT for period **5th January, - 9th February, 2012**

During the above period a total of 83 calls were made to the police of which 7 were community related. Another month has passed without there being any alcohol seizures or dwellinghouse burglaries, however the firm, 'Turf Care Specialists' has had two batteries stolen from a vehicle. There have also been three horse saddles stolen from local stables. Any information concerning these two thefts would be greatly appreciated.



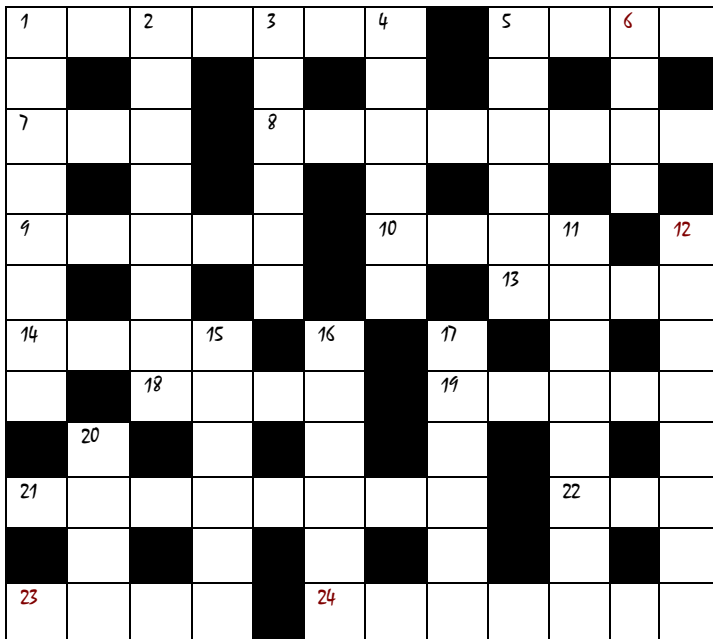
One incident of anti-social behaviour has been reported and this concerned youths who were running over a car in the Front Street area. Police will be paying attention to this area and will take positive action against anyone caught. There has been one incident concerning an 'off road bike' in the Bradley/Pont Bungalows area. A property in the Watling Bungalows area had a window broken. In the West Street area cars had wheel trims stolen and in the Tyne Avenue area car tyres were slashed. If you have any information relating to these incidents, it can be passed via the 'Street Safe box' located in the Post Office.

'Operation Hansel', which targets scrap metal thefts, is still on going.

On a positive side, on Friday, 3rd February, 2012, a man who was wanted for questioning, was apprehended after trying to evade capture and was placed in a police vehicle parked on Durham Road. This incident was the reason for a number of police vehicles in the Durham Road area.

CROSSWORD

CLUES



ACROSS

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| 1. Hermit (7) | 1. Reverberate (8) |
| 5. Football's Mr. Shearer (4) | 2. Eye problem (8) |
| 7. Be seated (3) | 3. Man's overcoat (6) |
| 8. Abates (8) | 4. Symbol (6) |
| 9. Courage (5) | 5. Amongst (6) |
| 10. Direction (4) | 6. End of prayer (4) |
| 13. Shade or tine (4) | 11. Endure (8) |
| 14. Discretion (4) | 12. False teeth (8) |
| 18. Ribbon (4) | 15. Zodiac sign (6) |
| 19. Rigidly upright or straight (5) | 16. Outcome (6) |
| 21. Encircle (8) | 17. Sinew (6) |
| 22. Ventilate (3) | 20. Shove (4) |
| 23. Therefore (4) | |
| 24. Underground passage (8) | (Answers overleaf) |



Police Report continued:

The next PACT meeting will on Wednesday, 21st March, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre.

Please continue to utilise the 'Street Safe' box in the Post Office. Remember PCSO Michael CRAINE and PC Louise RAMSHAW are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village. Whichever way to let us know, any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Any enquiries please contact our relevant officer on 0191 3752446 direct or non-emergency number 101 (the old number 0345 6060365 is being phased out) or by e mail at Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk



PRESENTATION NIGHT:

The presentation of our local Oscas will take on Friday, 9th March, 2012 at 7.30 p.m. in Leadgate Workingmen's Club and if you haven't returned your nomination forms please do so as soon as possible, the forms can be left at the Community Centre or 'Leadgate House' Durham Road. If you are at a loose end on 9th why not go along to the Club and give your support to the organisers and LOSCA winners, it should be a good night.



SPRING FAYRE:

On Saturday, 24th March, 2012 the Community Centre will be holding a Spring Fayre at 2 p.m., tables will be available to hire at a cost of £5 each, only a limited number are available, so if you interested please contact me, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506 as soon as possible.



TAEKWONDE CLASSES:

A Taekwondo Class will shortly be starting in the Community Centre, it will be held on a Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. if you are interested please contact Tony ALLARDICE, telephone number 01207 592362.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for January and February, 2012 are as follows:

January: 1st prize - No. 88: 2nd prize - No. 12
February: 1st prize - No. 49: 2nd prize - No. 58



MOBILE GYM:

The Wellness on Wheels (WOW) vehicle will be parked on the Community Centre car park from Friday, 24th February, 2012 for 9 weeks. This is a mobile gym and can be used by all age groups, most importantly it is free.



DIARY FOR MARCH, 2012



2nd Women's World Day of Prayer held at the Salvation Army, commencing 2 p.m.



3rd Salvation Army Coffee Morning in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.

5th St. Ives' Church bingo in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



7th Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

8th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting in the Methodist Church Hall, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Ms M. BALL, entitled 'Making a Museum'.



9th LOSCA presentation night at Leadgate Workingmen's Club, commencing 7.30 p.m.



10th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley in Bradley Church Hall, commencing 10 a.m.
St. Ives' held in the Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.

12th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, commencing 7.30 p.m.



16th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m., everyone is welcome, no matter how old.

17th Salvation Army Coffee Morning in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



19th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m.

21st Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.



21st Monthly PACT meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m.



21st Leadgate Area Partnership meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 7 pm



24th Community Centre's Spring Fayre, commencing 2 p.m.

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



31st Two coffee mornings today:
Leadgate Methodist Church in the Church Hall, commencing 10 a.m.
Salvation Army in the Army Hall commencing, 10.30 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 21st March, 2012, 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 Recluse: 5 Alan: 7 Sit: 8 Subsides: 9 Nerve: 10 East: 13 Tone: 14 Tact: 18 Tape: 19 Erect:

21 Surround: 22 Air: 23 Thus: 24 Tunnels. DOWN: 1 Resonate: 2 Cataract: 3 Ulster: 4 Emblem: 5 Admidst: 6 Amen: 11 Tolerate: 12 Dentures: 15 Taurus: 16 Result: 17 Tendon: 20 Push.



