

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
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BUS PASSES:

Those of us who are eligible for concessionary bus travel will be aware that our passes expire on 31st March, 2013 and in case you are wondering what to do to have them replaced, here's the answer.

Before the old bus passes expire, Durham County Council will be re-issuing new ones between 18th February and 18th March, 2013 to those who are eligible. The passes entitle holders to free travel or concessions on local bus services and half price travel on certain local train services.

*Durham County Council has checked records before re-issuing the passes, but there is a chance that some new passes may be issued in error if people's circumstances have changed. If you receive a pass which is incorrect or no longer required, please call **03000 268 667**.*

If you are entitled to a pass and haven't received a new one by 18th March, 2013 please call the above number.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Centre will take place on Monday, 25th March, 2013 in the Community Centre at 6 p.m. Nomination Forms for membership of the Committee will be placed in the Centre and be available from 7th March, 2013.

Anyone wishing to become a Committee member must be members of the Centre and have paid their £2.00 subscription before the AGM date. If anyone wishes to become a member of the Centre, the Secretary will be in the Community Centre every Thursday afternoon between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



EYES DOWN:

Have you noticed how, after the snow has disappeared, there is always much more dog excrement about. Pedestrians who normally walk with their heads held high, have to walk with their heads down to make sure they don't walk in any dog poo. Our streets are dirty enough with litter and chewing gum, so let's see if we can make an extra effort to clean up after our four legged friends. I know many pet owners do clean up after their pets, but some don't. We as adults would never dream of not flushing the toilet, so let us see if we can help our four legged friends to do the same.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Recently, Mrs. Muriel DAVISON, who owns and runs one of our village's businesses, celebrated a very special birthday and I hope she will not be too offended if I tell everyone she was 80 years young. Muriel, with her husband Jack, has run Davison's Ladies Fashions in Front Street since the early 60s and now her daughter Christine has taken up the mantle. On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to wish Muriel Many Happy Returns and to say long may her business in Leadgate continue.





PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday 20th February, 2013 and a welcome new face was the Reverend David CLEUGH, the recently appointed Priest in Charge of St. Ives Church.

It was decided to continue with the sponsorship of the village planters and to use any money supplied by our County Councillors for the purchase of further planters.

As you know Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership's 'It's Up 2 U' project will be taking place at Derwentside College on Saturday, 2nd March, 2013 between 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. when we hope as many people as possible from Leadgate will attend to cast their votes, without these votes Leadgate's applications, the village newsletter, Watling Wood – The Way Forward and Leadgate and District Carers group may not be successful in obtaining a grant. If you wish to use public transport, the V8 bus from Stanley via Tyne Avenue will drop you off at the bus stop opposite the College.



COUNCILLORS' REPORT:

VILLA REAL BRIDGE – funding for the removal of the bridge has been allocated by Durham County Council under the 2013 – 14 budget, whilst proposals for development are being considered.

LEADGATE BOWLING CLUB – Councillors STELLING and SHIELD have had approval for funding for additional security fencing to be installed on the perimeter of the Club which hopefully will prevent unauthorised access and anti-social behaviour to the pavilion, green and general area. The installation will commence shortly.

LITTER/DOG FOULING – there has been an increase in the amount of discarded litter, flying tipping and dog fouling along the Sustrans track through Leadgate Village. Neighbourhood Wardens are increasing patrols and will be issuing warning and fix penalty notices to persistent offenders.



POLICE REPORT:

Over recent weeks there has been a spate of shed burglaries around Pont Bungalows. As the spring approaches, garden equipment and tools are more attractive to thieves who will sell them on for whatever they can get. Please don't make it easy for the criminals. Check your shed and remove anything of value. If you have nowhere else to store your valuable items, please check your shed security. Consider buying a shed alarm, they run on batteries so require no electricity supply. They are easy to install as they will hang from a nail or hook. An alternative cheap, effective security device is an alarmed padlock. If tampered or interfered with, a very loud alarm will sound. However, you will need to consider how sturdy the shed itself is. They are obviously not effective if there is another way into the shed. If you would like a visit from the Crime Prevention Officer who will review the security arrangements on your shed or any other property, please call the number below and ask to speak to P.C. JUDD at Consett Police Station.

In response to the burglaries, representatives from Durham County Council, Councillor Alan SHIELD, Consett Police Officers and a local resident went on a 'community walk' and we knocked on every door at Pont Bungalows where there was a shed in the front garden and crime prevention advice was offered. Security measures were installed within numerous sheds and some residents have since decided to install CCTV within their homes. The local shopkeeper kindly allowed the Safer Neighbourhoods Unit and Derwentside Homes to park a van outside his shop on Pont Road where a 'drop in centre' was opened for a morning to allow residents to speak, in confidence, about any issues or concerns they had. Plain clothes officers have been in your area, carrying out patrols at various times. We will continue to use these and other appropriate methods to tackle crime within your neighbourhood.

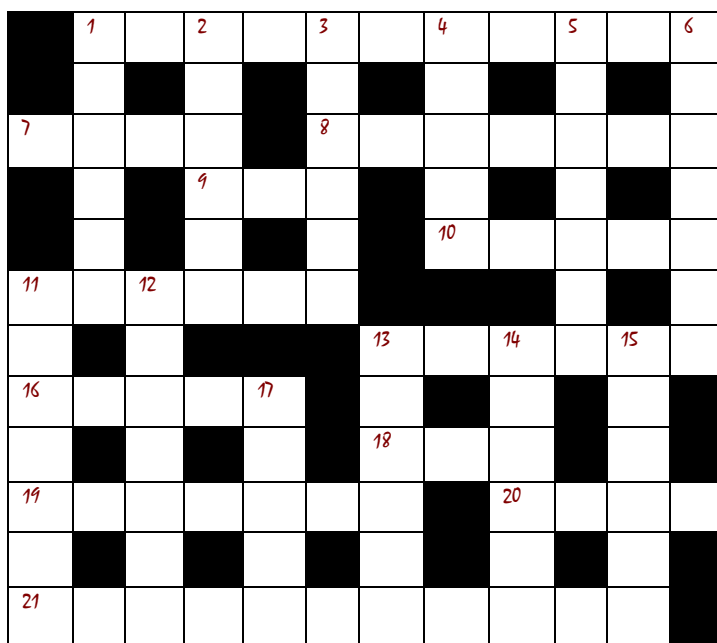
A male was arrested on suspicion of the shed burglaries and his house was searched. This male is currently on bail. However, police continue to keep an open mind regarding suspects and will follow any leads given to us by the community.

Other community issues have been highlighted as a result of this work and police and partner agencies are working together to address these issues. An example of this is information has been given to landlords regarding proper vetting of potential tenants. Dog fouling and littering have been highlighted as a priority and the appropriate agencies and organisations will be tackling this soon.

If you would like to discuss any of these matters, please contact P.C. RAMSHAW or PCSO CRAINE. Our telephone number of 101 or you can contact us by e-mail at consett@durham.pnn.police.uk or your monthly PACT meeting is held in the Community Centre on the third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. Please come along to tell us what the issues are in your community and to find out what we have been doing in Leadgate over the past month.

KNIFE AMNESTY – Consett Neighbourhood Police Team is running a knife amnesty from 18th February to 31st March, 2013. This will give members of the public a chance to dispose of any unwanted knives anonymously and safely at the local police station. It is an offence for any person, without lawful authority or good reason, to have with him/her in a public place, any article which has a blade or is sharply pointed except for a folding pocket knife which has a cutting edge to its blade not exceeding 3 inches.
PC 2552 Louise RAMSHAW and PCSO 7242 Michael CRAINE

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Miserly (5-6)
7. Ring of light (4)
8. Surpass (7)
9. ... Jones, Welsh singer (3)
10. Practice exams (5)
11. Hard physical work (6)
13. Slender supporting column (6)
16. Worth (5)
18. Chafe (3)
19. Act of retaliation (7)
20. A round cheese (4)
21. In other words (4,2,2,3)

DOWN

1. Deeply distressing experience (6)
2. Small cave (6)
3. Minor earthquake (6)
4. Religion (5)
5. True to type (7)
6. Kitchen sideboard (7)
11. Young hare (7)
12. Foreign country (7)
13. Mother or father (6)
14. Tags (6)
15. Enclosure for birds (6)
17. Listlessness (5)

/Answers overleaf



SPONSOR CYCLE RIDE:

On Good Friday, 29th March, 2013, the Legacy Gym situated in the Community Centre is having a 'Sponsored Cycle Ride' in an effort to raise money to help pay for the equipment. Between 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. members and volunteers be cycling, so why not go along and give them your support and also your money.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

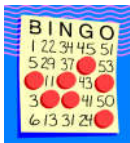
The winning numbers for February are as follows:
1st prize – No. 33: 2nd prize – No. 41:



DIARY FOR MARCH, 2013



2nd Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership's 'It's Up 2 U' grant scheme at Derwentside College, public voting between 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.



2nd Salvation Army's 'Burns' Night Social' in the Army Hall at 7 p.m.

4th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre commencing 7.30 p.m.

6th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 1.30 p.m.



9th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall commencing 10 a.m.
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.

11th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting held in the Army Hall commencing 7.30 p.m.



14th Leadgate and District Historical meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall commencing 2 p.m., presentation by W. SAUNDERS entitled 'The Bessie SURTEES Story'

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



16th St. Ives' Church coffee morning held in the Community Centre commencing 10.15 a.m.

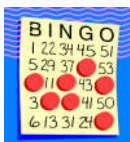
18th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 2 p.m., a jewellery demonstration and sale by Paula LITTLE, this month's competition is a necklace



20th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 1.30 p.m.



20th PACT meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 6 p.m., followed by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting commencing 7 p.m.



23rd Salvation Army coffee morning held in the Army Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.



25th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre commencing 7.30 p.m.

27th Redwell Hills Residential Hall are having a coffee morning today commencing 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 20th March, 2013, 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: Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Tight fist: 7 Halo: 8 Eclipse: 9 Tom: 10 Mocks: 11 Labour: 13 Pillar: 16 Value: 18 Rub: 19 Revenge: 20 Edam: 21 That is to say. **DOWN:** 1 Trauma: 2 Grotto: 3 Tremor: 4 Islam: 5 Typical: 6 Dresser: 11 Leveret: 12 Bolivia: 13 Parent: 14 Labels: 15 Aviary: 16 Ennui

