

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



(Leadgate Area Partnership

Charity No.1098479)

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## LEADGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Association will be held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre and everyone is welcome to attend, however the only people eligible to vote are members of the Centre and they are reminded their annual subscription, which is now £2.00 per person per year, is now due. If members wish to vote at the AGM subscriptions should be paid before 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 and can be paid to any committee member or can be paid to me, Brenda SURTEES, Secretary of the Association, I can be found every Monday afternoon in the Centre attending the Sewing Club, if you wish to become a member just come along and see me. Nomination Forms for the election of Management and Committee members will be available from the Community Centre. The Centre is always looking for 'new blood', if you are interested in helping or becoming a member (or even a committee member) why not come along.

## REFURBISHMENT OF HAVEN HOUSE:



On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 I visited the Derwentside Homes show flat at Haven House which is being refurbished by Southdale Homes and along with other people who were viewing at the same time, was very pleasantly surprised. As can be seen from the above photographs, the two bedroomed flat consists of six sections. Going from left to right, the first photograph shows a very modern and spacious kitchen, I was standing at the back of the kitchen when taking the photograph and had the door pushed virtually back to the wall and as can be seen there is space for either a fridge and separate freezer or if you don't require a freezer, a washing machine could be installed, the next photograph is of the lounge and if you don't want to use the lounge as a dining room cum lounge, the kitchen could accommodate, behind the door where I was standing whilst doing my David Bailey impersonation, a small dining table and chairs. The last photograph on the first row is of the main bedroom.

The first photograph on the second row shows the bathroom which not only has a shower over the bath but also a shower cubicle, the next photograph on this row is the en suite attached to the main bedroom, this consists of a shower cubicle, toilet and wash basin, the last photograph is of the small bedroom. After viewing we were asked for our comments and I have to say mine were the same as everyone else, the lack of storage space, I felt the bathroom was quite sufficient and that the en suite could have been used as a walk in wardrobe/cupboard, but of course this is only my opinion and I am sure those who have en suites attached to their bedrooms would disagree with me. The flat is not totally without cupboard space, there is, next to the bathroom, an airing cupboard but this is not large enough for clothes etc.

These flats, 21 in total, 12 one bedroomed and 9 doubles, are available for anyone 55 years of age or over, and have all been allocated except for 3 of the double bedroom ones which will be advertised sometime in March. Each flat will have its own Combi boiler and residents will be responsible for paying their own utility bills. The work on Haven House is expected to be completed by May/June of this year.



### PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

The Partnership's monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 and one of the items discussed was the 'Local Environment Fund'. The Fund is a sum of money set aside by the Derwent Valley Partnership to enable local Community Groups and Partnerships to apply for funding for projects which will help to improve the local environment or street cleanliness in their area. All local Community Partnerships in the Derwent Valley are eligible to apply and the Derwent Valley Partnership would like these groups to inform their communities about this fund and to encourage applications from smaller, less supported community groups. Each Community Partnership will have an allocated fund of £2,000 which can be used for either one project at a maximum cost of £2,000 or two smaller projects at a cost of £1,000 each. If any group would like to apply and fit the above criteria, please contact the Partnership's Chairperson, Ms Linda PEARS, Telephone number 01207 505481.



### POLICE REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, to 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2010

Consett Police now have a piece of equipment called a 'SPEED VISOR'. The speed visor when set up at the side of the road, measures the speed of a vehicle, which then flashes up. If the driver is speeding the address of where the vehicle is registered will receive a letter from Consett Beat Inspector. The speed visor has been used on two occasions in the Leadgate/Bradley Cottages area with a positive result.



Recently in the Leadgate area vehicles have been clamped by the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) for having no road tax. Every vehicle registered in the United Kingdom must be taxed if used or kept on a public road, if the vehicle is kept off-road it must either be taxed or have a Statutory Off Road Notification (SORN) in force, if not it could also be wheel clamped or removed. Police identify untaxed vehicles and call the DVLA or clamping vans which patrol the streets equipped with roof-mounted cameras that read the number plates of vehicle parked at the roadside. The number plates are checked against a list of untaxed vehicles and any identified are confirmed against the DVLA Vehicle Register, the untaxed vehicle is then clamped, towed away and impounded after 24 hours. To get your vehicle unclamped you need £100 plus a valid tax disc. If it gets impounded it will cost £200, it must also have a valid tax disc and you have to pay £21 for each day it is impounded, you could also face prosecution with fines of up to £1,000 as well having to pay any arrears of vehicle tax and costs.

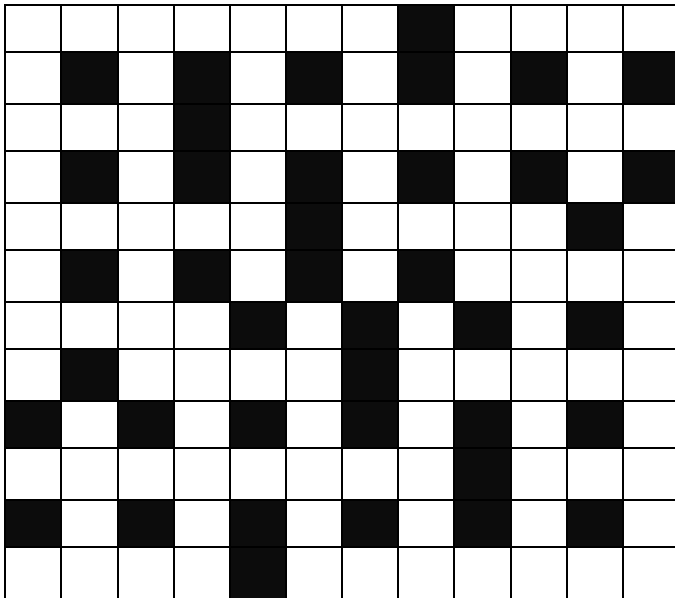
Don't forget to continue to utilise the 'Street Safe' Box in the Post Office and remember that PCSO CRAINE and PC HENDERSON are always available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village. Whichever way you let us know, any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

There is to be a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 6.15 p.m. in the Community Centre, Derwentside Holmes and representatives of the Council will be invited, any one wishing to voice concerns are welcome to come along.

PCSO 7242 CRAINE/PC 2164 HENDERSON,  
Telephone number 0345 6060365: Crimestoppers 0800 555111

# Crossword

# Clues



## Across

1. English Town (7)
5. Quite spell (4)
7. Pitch (3)
8. Portions (8)
9. Loop at the end of a rope (5)
10. Mr. McGregor, actor (4)
13. Twelve months (4)
14. Sea eagle (4)
18. Hoodwink (4)
19. Body part (5)
21. Falling into ruins (8)
22. Along with (3)
23. Roster (4)
24. Branch of medicine (7)

## Down

1. Planned or future (8)
2. Encircle (8)
3. Gives out (6)
4. Embraced (6)
5. Room for manoeuvre (6)
6. Overdue (4)
11. Jewellery item (8)
12. Amiable (8)
15. I have found it! (6)
16. Exceptionally gifted person (6)
17. Roof beam (6)
20. Nought (4)

(Answers over leaf)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH:



5<sup>th</sup> The Women's World Day of Prayer is being held in the Salvation Army Hall, commencing 2 p.m. and the speaker is Captain L. EDWARDS.



17<sup>th</sup> A Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting is to be held in the Community Centre, commencing 6.15 p.m. and will be followed by the monthly Partnership Meeting. PACT consists not only of Police representatives but also the Fire Brigade, Durham County Council and Derwentside Homes, so if you have anything to say or wish to voice your opinion, why not come along and be heard.



17<sup>th</sup> **Edmundbyers Care Home** is having a St. Patrick's Day Coffee Morning, commencing 10.30 a.m. with hot drinks, cheese, biscuits and scones.



31<sup>st</sup> **Edmunbyers Care Home** is holding an **Easter Party Raffle**, commencing 2 p.m., there will be many attractions including the raffle, Tombola and games with Easter eggs. Everyone is welcome. Further information about the last two events can be obtained by contacting Isabella on 01207 562200.



## FOR SALE:

Leadgate Methodist Church have found they have one piano too many and are looking for a home for it. If anyone is interested please contact Mrs. Hazel GRAHAM on 01207 501581



## ST. IVES '100 CLUB'

Here are the winning numbers for February:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 43: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 113: 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – No. 25 and 4<sup>th</sup> prize – No. 53

Don't forget, if you have anything you wish to have published or advertised in next month's issue please let us know before 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2010, the contact details are as always: Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES, 01207 506326







# Diary for March, 2010



1<sup>st</sup> St. Ives Church Bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.



5<sup>th</sup> Women's World Day of Prayer held in the Salvation Army Hall, commencing 2 p.m.



6<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Men's Forum Coffee Morning held in the Methodist Chapel, commencing 10 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship, held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m.



10<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Men's Forum meeting, held in the Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation 'Animal Tales' by Mr. E. BELL.

11<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society's meeting, held in the Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation 'Visitors to Durham' by Doctor D. BUTLER.



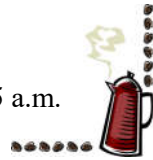
11<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church 'Pie and Pea' Quiz, to be held in the Chapel, commencing 6.30 p.m., admission is £3 per head, contact number for tickets is 01207 509904

13<sup>th</sup> Three coffee mornings today:

Pont and Bradley, held in Bradley Chapel, commencing 10 a.m.

St. Ives Church, held in the Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.

Salvation Army, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m.



17<sup>th</sup> Edmundbyers Care Home St. Patrick's Day Coffee Morning, held at the Home, commencing 10.30 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.



17<sup>th</sup> Police and Communities Together meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 6.15 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by Leadgate Area Partnership's meeting.



19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist's 'Messy Church', held in the Methodist Chapel, commencing 3.30 p.m.

24<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Men's Forum meeting, held in the Methodist Chapel, commencing 2 p.m. presentation 'What's this Locally?' by Mr. A. WESTGARTH.



27<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Coffee Morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.

29<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church Bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



31<sup>st</sup> Edmundbyers Care Home 'Easter Party' held at the home, commencing 2 p.m. admission is free and everyone is welcome.



Don't forget, Leadgate Spiritualist Group meets every Friday, in the Community Centre, at 7 p.m. and everyone is very welcome.

## CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Ipswich: 5 Lull: 7 Tar: 8 Segments: 9 Noose: 10 Ewan: 13 Year: 14 Erne: 18 Dupe: 19 Ankle: 21 Derelict: 22 And: 23 Rota: 24 Surgery:

**DOWN:** 1 Intended: 2 Surround: 3 Issues: 4 Hugged: 5 Leeway: 6 Late: 11 Necklace: 12 Friendly: 15 Eureka: 16 Genius: 17 Rafter: 20 Zero