

LEADGATE'S NEWS

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Last month, on 22nd January, 2011 Mrs. Sarah BLAYLOCK, one of our villages residents and quite possibly our oldest resident, celebrated her 99th birthday. I know I am a little late but I had already gone to press last month when I found out about this special day, so on behalf of everyone in our village I should like to wish Mrs. BLAYLOCK Many Happy Returns and look forward to passing on our congratulations next year when it will be even more special.



LEADGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Association will be held

Monday, 28th March, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre and everyone is welcome, 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. Please note, if members wish to vote at the AGM subscriptions

should be paid before 14th March, 2011 and can be paid to any committee member or to me,

Brenda SURTEES, Secretary of the Association, I can be found every Thursday 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, please note these forms should be returned to the Secretary before Monday, 21st March, 2011 as nomination from the floor will not be taken.

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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.

'NO' TO PLANNING APPLICATION:

On Tuesday, 15th February, 2011 Durham County Council heard an application by



UK Coal to develop an opencast site between Dipton and Leadgate. This application was **REJECTED** by the County Council even though their planners had recommended approval, a petition with 3,000 signatures was also placed before the meeting, perhaps 'people power' played some part in this decision. However knowing UK Coal they will not take this rejection lying down and sometime in the future a new, amended application could possibly be submitted.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

At this month's Partnership meeting Councillor Alan SHIELD said there was approximately a £16 million shortfall in the money required for the new Academy and this did not include the £4.5 million required to re-site both the Rugby and Football Clubs, it seems one of the funders, Durham University, had withdrawn.

Councillor STELLING stated all the potholes had been reported and are being re-dressed. Objections to the speed bumps in St. Ives Road were also being looked into.

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LEADGATE BRIDGE: Planning applications for the Leadgate Bridge are to go to open tender, a new road would be provided, the bridge demolished and houses built, however it was stated throughout the country builders were not building houses, as for obvious reasons, no one was purchasing houses. If any developer did decide to build, the bridge must be demolished. The question was asked, "UNTIL THEN, WHY CAN'T SOME COSMETIC MAINTENANCE BE DONE".

WATLING WOOD: Apparently rumours are circulating in our village that Gary HALL is about to commence cutting down trees -**THESE ARE NOT TRUE.**

LEADGATE CAPERS have staged three outings, one was ice skating and two were to do with climbing which have proved very successful. If you live in Leadgate and your child/children wish to participate in any events provided by Leadgate Capers, don't forget these activities are **FREE**, all they have to do is complete a membership form which can be obtained from Leadgate DIY, Front Street, Leadgate

ATTENTION ALL CAR USERS: From April, 2011 car parking restrictions are to be enforced.



POLICE REPORT from 11th January to 8th February, 2011:

During this period 60 calls were made to the Police out of which 12 were community related. Another month has passed without any burglaries being reported or any alcohol seizures made but don't forget if you come across youths drinking or any drinking dens please contact us. Remember to keep your doors locked at all times, even if you are in the house, if anyone comes to your door and wants to gain access to your property, please ask if they have any

identification, don't let anyone in unless they have identification, if you are unsure, contact their employer, they will not mind if they are genuine.

This month there have been 9 incidents of anti-social behaviour. A couple were of a similar nature – youths playing football on Front Street and the ball hitting people's gates/doors: these youths have been caught and hopefully that will be end to it. There were 2 calls of off road bike incidents, one of which was a genuine rider who had permission to ride on the land.

We had one report of criminal damage to a property which turned out to be a civil dispute between the landlord and an ex tenant.

It has recently been reported that a telephone scam took place in Leadgate – someone will ring your landline and state you are owed an X amount of cash as a council tax rebate and the caller will ask for your bank details – **DON'T GIVE YOUR BANK DETAILS.** In the reported case, the receiver of the call refused to give their bank details and the caller then gave a number to ring and to quote a number, **AGAIN DON'T RING THIS NUMBER.** The caller contacted the council and this proved to be a scam. **DON'T GIVE ANYONE YOUR BANK DETAILS OVER THE TELEPHONE.** If in doubt just hang up.

On 17th January, 2011 a Magistrate's Search Warrant was executed in Leadgate, a number of cannabis plants were found and one male was arrested.

The next PACT meeting will be held on Thursday, 24th March, 2011 in the Community Centre, commencing 6.30 p.m. Please continue to use 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 confidence. The contact telephone numbers are as usual 0191 3752446 direct, the switch board 0345 6060365 or you can e-mail Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk



LOSCA CEREMONY:

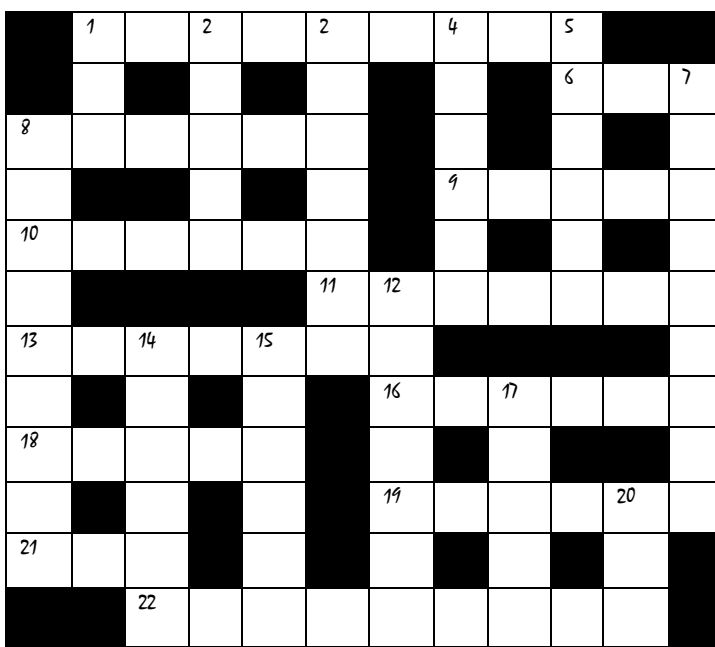
Don't forget on Saturday, 5th March, 2011 our village's very own LOSCA ceremony will take place, no not in the Royal Opera House, London like

BAFTAs, but in the 'Jolly Drivers' public house commencing 8 p.m., if

you

haven't completed your nomination form please do so as soon as possible as

they have to be in by Sunday, 27th February, 2011 or they will not be considered. If you would like a Nomination Form, one can be obtained from Leadgate DIY Shop. All proceeds from the night will be going to the North East Air Ambulance Service.



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| 1. Toad, say (9) | 1. Upper limb (3) |
| 6. Mischievous child (3) | 2. Short stoppage (5) |
| 8. Attack from a concealed position (6) | 3. Received by |
| 9. Leisurely walk (5) | 4. Foreign country (6) |
| 10. Shooting star (6) | 5. Eat often in small amounts (6) |
| 11. Malady (7) | 7. Snap fastener (5,4) |
| 16. Commotion (6) | 8. Confession (9) |
| 18. Golf clubs (5) | 12. Missives (7) |
| 19. Go beyond (6) | 14. Despite the fact that (8) |
| 21. Find fault repeatedly (3) | 15. Solution (6) |
| 22. Astrological forecast (9) | 17. Exaggeratedly masculine (5) |
| | 20. Biblical woman (3) |

/Answers overlaid



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

The Women's World Day of Prayer, which is an ecumenical service, will take place this year in **ST. JOSEPH'S HALL, LEADGATE** on **Friday, 4th March, 2011** commencing **2 p.m.**, the speaker is Miss Elizabeth FOREMAN and everyone is welcome.



BIG BREW COFFEE MORNING:

The Derwent Valley Partnership is supporting Fairtrade Fortnight which takes place between Monday, 28th February and Sunday, 13th March, 2011 and as part of this 'Big Brew' events will be held throughout the U.K. The Derwent Valley Partnership

is holding its 'Big Brew' on Sunday, 6th March in St. Patrick's Church Hall, Consett between 10.30 a.m. and 11.30., tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and everyone is welcome.



COMMUNITY CENTRE'S SEWING CLUB:

The Sewing Club will be holding an Easter Fayre on Saturday, 9th April, 2011 commencing 2 p.m., if anyone is interested in having a 'table' they will be £5 each, please let me, Brenda SURTEES, know as soon as possible.



The Sewing Club is interested in making 'clippie mats' and would like to know if anyone has any Mat frames and 'proggers' they are finished with, if you have, please contact the usual person, me, Brenda SURTEES.



DELIVERY PEOPLE REQUIRED:

Do you live in any of the following areas and don't receive a copy of 'Leadgate's News'

Ash Terrace: Elm Terrace: Oak Terrace: Windsor Terrace:
Green Street: Nelson Street: West Street:

the reason is we don't have anyone to deliver there, if you could spare a couple of hours at the most, once a month delivering to these streets, please get in touch with either me, Brenda SURTEES or Jean HUGHES, contact numbers are overleaf.

ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for February are as follows:
 1st prize – No. 86: 2nd prize – No. 28: 3rd prize – No. 110



DIARY FOR MARCH, 2011



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

7th St. Ives Church bingo, held in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



8th St. Ives Church Pie and Pea supper with bingo, held in Leadgate Workmen's Club, commencing 7.15 p.m., tickets £1.75 each.



10th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, held in Leadgate Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mrs. G. GRAINER, entitled "Tenko"



11th Brooms Ladies Club is holding a Pie and Pea Supper, with bingo and raffle in Leadgate Cricket Club, commencing 7 p.m., tickets are £2 each.



12th Three coffee mornings today:
 Pont & Bradley, in Bradley Chapel, commencing 10 a.m.
 St. Ives, in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.
 Salvation Army, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



14th Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship, commencing 7.30 p.m., tonight they are having a musical programme.



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



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



18th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Merry' Church, commencing 3.30 p.m. and Everyone is welcome, no matter what age.



21st Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m.



24th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, held in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 6.30 p.m.



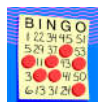
26th Salvation Army coffee morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



27th Salvation Army "Cool4God", commencing 4 p.m., for children of all ages and they can even bring their parents.



28th St. Ives Church bingo, held in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 16th March, 2011, 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 Amphibian: 6 Imp: 8 Ambush: 9 Amble: 10 Meteor: 11 Illness: 13 Situate: 16 Tumult:
18 Irons: 19 Exceed: 21 Nag: 22 Horoscope

DOWN: 1 Arm: 2 Pause: 3 Inherit: 4 Israel: 5 Nibble: 7 Press stud: 8 Admission: 12 Letters:
14 Though: 15 Answer: 17 Macho: 20 Eve

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