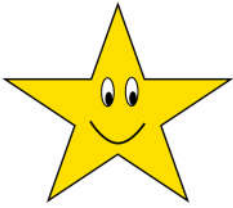


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GOOD NEWS FOR OUR VILLAGE:

In February this year, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) made an unannounced inspection at Redwell Hills Care Home which resulted in the Home being given an **OUTSTANDING RATING** for care – this is the highest rating that can be achieved. Below is an extract which appeared in the owners' of the home – Four Seasons – internal newsletter with quotes from the report:

"I'm absolutely delighted and so very proud of the team, not only do we strive to provide good care, but also respect our residents' diversity and beliefs and ensure that we preserve their dignity and privacy at all time"

CQC also talked to residents at Redwell Hills including one who said, "This is a great place, they have helped me a great deal already with my daily exercises and with their help I'll soon back on my feet".

A relative told them, "The staff really care and they treat my father with respect. I can honestly say that he received excellent care". Whilst another commented, "We can already see a great difference in Mum, she is looking well and socialising with others. We think the staff here are doing a great job".

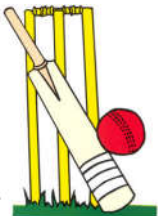
"Not for the first time Redwell has been acknowledged for its care and respect for its residents, some good news for Leadgate's local home, local people".

On behalf of everyone in the area, I should like to pass on to the staff of Redwell Hills Care Home our most sincere congratulations on such an excellent report. Isn't it good hear some encouraging news about a Care Home instead of all the negative news the national press insist on publishing. Once again, **WELL DONE EVERYONE**.



CHANGES A FOOT:

The first change is at Leadgate Workingmen's Club – following the retirement of the secretary, Mr. Jimmy EDWARDS and the recent untimely death of the Chairman, Mr. John LAMBERT who had given most of his life to Leadgate Club, an election was held for the two positions. Mrs. Jennifer COX has been appointed Chairperson and Mr. Tommy MORRIS appointed Secretary, good luck to both.



The second change is at Leadgate Cricket Club. I understand for the coming season, the Club has secured the services of Mr. Jamie HARRISON.

Twenty Three year old Jamie is a left arm, medium pace bowler, who should be available to turn out for Leadgate whenever his services are not required by Durham County Club. We wish him well.

LENT LUNCHES:

During Lent the four churches in our village held 'Lent Lunches' in the Community Centre and I have to tell you they were all well attended and speaking from personal experience the soup provided was excellent. All the monies raised from donations will go to charity, i.e. the Air Ambulance, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, Macmillan Nurses and the Ruanda Project. To those who attended and made donations a very big **THANK YOU**.





PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th March, 2015. The Chair, Linda PEARS, stated on 12th March, 2015 she had attended a meeting concerning groups applying for grants and was informed that most applications are now done on line.

Present at the meeting was Councillor STELLING who was asked why the County Council were starting their garden waste collections so early and ending so early, start date being 19th March and end date being 15th October. Last year the end date was 29th October: this year there will only be 16 garden waste collections, last year there were 17 – Councillor STELLING said he would look into it.

The newsletter was also discussed - the editor has applied to a number of organisations for grants and been refused. The editor stated she has enough paper to print this month's edition, but if no money is forthcoming this could possibly be the last issue. It was suggested that perhaps people would be interested in sponsoring the newsletter, if anyone is interested, please get in touch. If you would like to advertise your business or something you wish to sell, an advertisement in the newsletter would cost £10 per issue, the editor, Brenda SURTEES, can be contacted on 01207 507506.

Following the untimely death last year of Mrs. Pat. PICKERSGILL, the Partnership is in desperate need of a secretary, if anyone is interested in taking on this position, please contact the Chair, Linda PEARS on 01207 505481.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Councillors, who are now extremely frustrated, have received **YET ANOTHER** start date (mid-May) for the commencement of the new road and removal of the bridge.

Recently our Neighbourhood Warden had a 'walk about' and he was absolutely disgusted at the amount of rubbish not only on waste ground, but in people's back yards and on the streets: he was also disgusted at the amount of dog fouling on our streets, action has already taken place and more will follow: after a warning a fine will be issued.. Police motor cyclists have also been out in the village in an effort to try and stop motorists speeding.

Councillors are eagerly awaiting the outcome of the independent Planning Inspector concerning the Bradley Open Cast site, which is expected in early April, 2015.

The meeting was also informed someone from Durham County Council is coming out to inspect sites which would be suitable for a Christmas tree and also for bollards.



POLICE REPORT

As usual the PACT meeting preceded the Partnership meeting on 18th March, 2015 and PCSO Michael CRAINE asked if the meeting wished to change the PACT Priority which at the moment is speeding between the traffic lights and the Hat and Feather, it was decided it should remain the same but also include parking and speeding outside the village's schools.

The meeting was also told about the dog fouling and fly tipping. As a result of patrols by PCSO Michael CRAINE, the trouble local farmers had been experiencing has now stopped – on behalf of everyone **THANK YOU Michael**, however there has been an increase in rural crime.

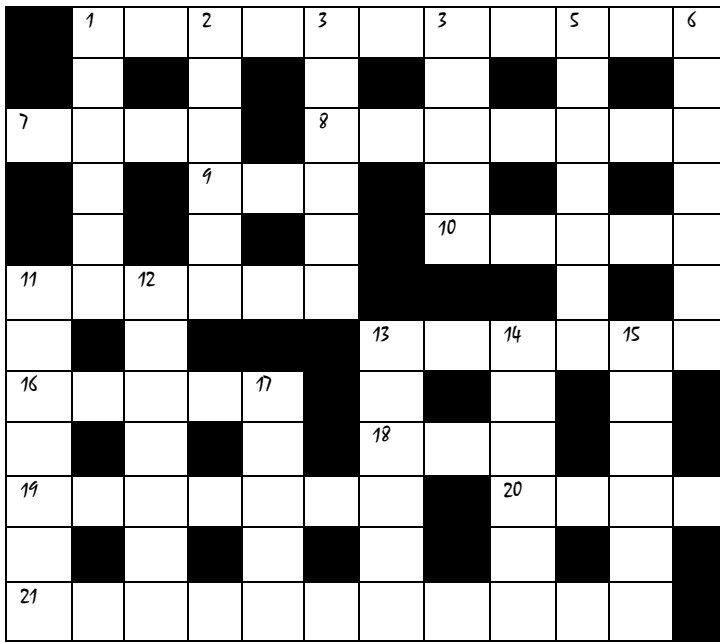
Between 2nd February and 11th March, 2015 the B.6309 Pont Road was targeted by Durham's Roads Policing Unit and as a result three drivers have been reported and will be going to court for excessive speeding: 12 drivers were issued with a Traffic Offence Report for excess speed: over 40 driver were verbally warned regarding their anti-social tendencies to speed and one vehicle was removed under 'Operation Takeaway'. Unfortunately, following liaison with the County Council, because of the road's gradient it is not suitable for the provision of traffic calming measures to reduce motorists' speed. The area will be monitored periodically.

A drugs warrant was executed in Willow Crescent and a quantity of cannabis recovered. A mobility scooter which had been reported stolen was later returned and a Lambretta scooter, stolen from the Stanley area was recovered from a property in Bradley Cottages area.

PCSO CRAINE informed the meeting that Durham Police are now using the new drug testing kits and shortly before midnight on the day the new legislation was introduced, a driver was stopped in the Billingham area and provided a positive roadside drug test.

The next PACT meeting will be on Wednesday, 15th April, 2015 at 6 p.m., in the Community Centre. If you wish to contact our PCSO Michael CRAINE before then you can e mail him on michael.crane@durham.pnn.police.uk or you telephone 101.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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| 1. Fruit (11) | 1. At once, (informally) (6) |
| 7. Bellow (4) | 2. Kill brutally (6) |
| 8. Spectacles (7) | 3. Flock of geese (6) |
| 9. Corgi (3) | 4. Adjust (5) |
| 10. Claw (5) | 5. Pardon (7) |
| 11. Private evening party (6) | 6. Fundamental nature (7) |
| 13. Sheep's wool (6) | 11. Maid, say (7) |
| 16. Jewellery items (5) | 12. Of low birth or origins (7) |
| 18. Born as (3) | 13. Concluding part (6) |
| 19. Foreign country (7) | 14. Nevertheless (4,2) |
| 20. Bird's home (4) | 15. Population count (6) |
| 21. Involving betrayal or deception (11) | 17. Involving sound (5) |

(Answers overleaf)



ANOTHER USEFUL NUMBER:

In last month's issue I published a list of useful telephone numbers, however I omitted a contact number for the Salvation Army, so here it is - Envoy Gwen HALL – 07803 452999



Whilst on the subject of the Salvation Army, did you know Leadgate Salvation Army has a 'Nice Bites Lunch' every Tuesday in the Army Hall, from 12 noon and for only £3.20 you can have a three course lunch. The lunch is followed by the 'Cameo Club' at 1.30 p.m. For further information, please contact envoy Gwen HALL on the above number.

On Thursday afternoons, between 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. the Salvation Army are running a 'Kids Alive' group, there will be games and craft etc., the group will cater for children between the ages of 5 – 11 years and admission is 50p. As the children come straight from school light refreshments will be provided. Why not have your child/children go along, they will enjoy themselves and make new friends.



ROADWORKS:

If you are wondering about the road works outside the school in West Street, your roving reporter has the answer - it's all to do with the amalgamation of the Infants and Junior Schools. A new communication link for computers etc. between the two schools is being installed



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for March, 2015 are as follows:

1st

1st prize – No. 47: 2nd prize – No. 12:



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2015



1st Leadgate and District Carers at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

6th St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



9th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting at 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Brian PAGE entitled 'Waskerley, the Village on the Hill'



11th Three coffee mornings today: Pont & Bradley in Bradley Church Hall at 10 a.m.
Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall
Brooms Church at 10.30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Hall

13th Salvation Army's Ladies' Fellowship meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall



15th Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

15th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre,
followed at 7 p.m. by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting



17th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' at 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall



18th St. Ives' Church coffee morning at 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre

20th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre, a presentation by Doctor NICHOLAS will be a talk on bell ringing



22nd Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group's presentation of the musical 'Wildfire' at 7.30 p.m. in the Army Hall: programmes available from Clare THOMPSON, seats will be numbered so book early

25th Salvation Army coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



27th St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



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
Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every Tuesday 9.15 am - 11.30 am, it's just £1 per child, for further information contact Envoy Gwen HALL on 07803 452999



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 21st January, 2015, 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 Pomegranate: 7 Roar: 8 Glasses: 9 Dog: 10 Talon: 11 Soiree: 13 Fleece: 16 Rings: 18 Nee: 19 Albania: 20 Nest: 21 Treacherous. **DOWN:** 1 Pronto: 2 Murder: 3 Gaggle: 4 Adapt: 5 Absolve: 6 Essence: 11 Servant: 12 Ignoble: 13 Finale: 14 Even so: 15 Census: 17 Sonic.