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PEOPLE POWER HAS TRIUMPHED:

In case you are wondering what I mean, I talking about the protest made by the Pont Valley Network, the residents of Dipton and our community against UK Coal's third application for planning permission to open cast once again in our locality. Just after I went to print with last month's newsletter I was informed UK Coal had lost their appeal, which means for the time being at least we will have no open cast works in our area, unless of course, they (UK Coal) try to make another application.



ANNUAL PRESENTATION:

The 3rd presentation of our village's LOSCAs took place in Leadgate Workingmen's Club on Friday, 9th March, 2012. The Master of Ceremonies was Councillor Watts STELLING and the presentations were made by Council Alan SHIELD and Miss Alex COLQUHOUN, daughter of the organisers, Alastair and Kate. Alastair and Kate have asked me to thank all those who participated, all the sponsors, shops/businesses etc. and 'The Club for allowing the function to take place there. There were 20 categories in total and here are the winners' names and photographs of those who were present to receive their awards:

Best Friend:	Mrs. Linda DOUGLAS (Leadgate Infants Secretary)
Best Head Teacher:	Mr. Mark WATSON (Leadgate Junior School)
Best Pupil:	Isaac PLANT (Leadgate Junior School)
Best Sports Team:	Leadgate Junior School Girls' Football Team
Best Lollipop Person:	Mr. Michael RICHARDSON (Leadgate Junior School)
Best Teacher:	Ms Claire WRIGHT (Wright Theatre School)
Best Waiter/Waitress:	Mr. Joe RICHARDSON (Leadgate Workingmen's Club)
Best Bar Person:	Ms Donna COLLINSON (Wheatsheaf)
Best Personality:	Mrs. Karen BARNES (Roxy Shop)
Best Carer:	Mrs. Marion ROWELL
Best Neighbour:	Mrs. Florence VICKERS
Best Police Officer:	P.C.S.O. Michael CRAINE
Best Post Person:	Kath (at the Post Office)
Best Business:	Khan's, Front Street, Leadgate
Best Community Group:	Wright Theatre School
Best Chef:	Ms Leanne DREW
Best Gardener:	Mr. Andrew PLANT
Best Health Personality:	Doctor Susan LEVICK
Best Dinner Lady:	Mrs. Yvonne STELLING
Best Shop Assistant:	Mrs. Karen BARNES (Roxy Shop):



Mark Watson, Best Head Teacher



Michael RICHARDSON, Best Lollipop Person



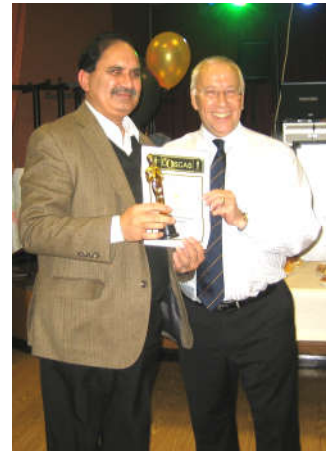
Joe RICHARDSON's daughter accepting
Best Waiter on his behalf



Karen BARNES, Best Personality/Shop Assistant



PCSO Michael CRAINE, Best Police Officer



Mr. Khan, Best Business



Ms Leanne DREW, Best Chef



Mrs. Yvonne STELLING, Best Dinner Lady



Last but not least, your Editor, Brenda SURTEES, an Honorary Award for services to the community



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 21st March, 2012 but before I say anything I have to tell you our County Councillors were absent, but for a very good reason, one of them, Councillor Watts STELLING, was celebrating a very special milestone, he was 60 years young on this day, so on behalf of all our village's residents I should like wish him many happy returns.

The meeting was informed UK Coal had lost its appeal against Durham County Council's decision to refuse them planning permission for further opencast in our area. The Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership and Groundwork over the Easter Holidays will be having activities for children in the Consett and Stanley area. The Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership was the organisation who had nominated 'Open Arms' for the County Council's Chairman's Medal, they didn't win the medal but were awarded a Chairman's Certificate for outstanding work in the community. Hopefully the Sunday 'bus service will be commencing on Sunday, 28th March, 2012. The Derwent Valley Community website is now up and running, it is available to community groups and organisations who wish to promote their group/organisation, the website address is derwentvalleylife.org.uk, or you can contact Corrine WALTON on 03000260727. The old chestnut, 'the bridge' was mentioned again as someone had seen work being carried out on it, but no one present knew anything about it. Consett YMCA has recently applied to 'Comic Relief' for funding to provide activities for children, similar to last year's 'Leadgate Capers' but were turned down because Leadgate Area Partnership has apparently had help before, but again, no one present knew how.



POLICE REPORT for period 9th February – 6th March, 2012

This month there were a total of 71 calls made to the police of which only 7 were community related. Another month has passed and there were no alcohol seizures, however there were two dwellinghouse burglaries, one was a farm being renovated – a copper boiler and piping were stolen: the second was a property in Tyne Avenue and a number of electrical items were stolen – a male has been arrested, charged and remanded to H.M. Prison, Durham. A shed was broken into in the Pont View area and a petrol strimmer was stolen, also lead was stolen from a 'lean-to' on Pont Road. At Crag Works Industrial Estate a vehicle had two batteries stolen.

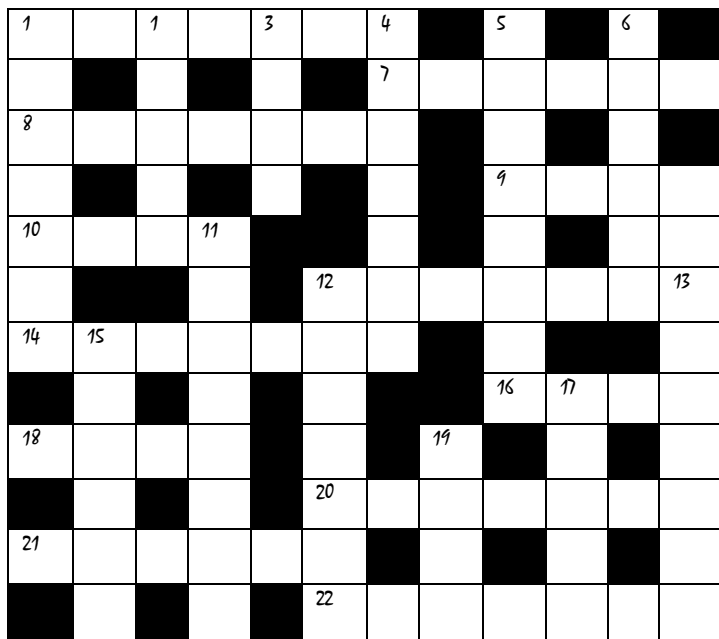


There were two incidents of anti-social behaviour – in the Borrowdale area a youth was banging on windows and in the Eden Avenue/Derwent Crescent area youths have been climbing scaffolding and banging on windows. This is not only a nuisance to the residents but is also dangerous for the youths as a fall could result in serious injury. If you have any information or can help in any with of these incidents, please contact the police on the **new 101 number** or use the 'Street Safe' box. Please note the **new number of 101** which should be used instead of numbers beginning with either 0845 or 0345. Within our area, shed burglaries or attempted shed burglaries seem to be on the increase, please, if possible, secure your shed to the best of your ability. A new operation, 'Operation Sturgis' has commenced and this will be dealing with 'off road bikes'. On the first day two bikes were seized in Leadgate and the police intend to seize all 'off road bikes' being used in an anti-social manner.

A Magistrate's Search Warrant was executed in the Bradley Cottages area, a small amount of cannabis was found and a female was given a police warning: a car was stopped in Leadgate and a small amount of cannabis was found, a male was also given a police warning.

The next PACT meeting will be on Wednesday, 18th April, 2012 between 18:00-19:00 at Leadgate Community Centre. Please continue to utilise the 'Street Safe' Box in the Post Office and remember PCSO Michael CRAINE and PC Louise RAMSHAW are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village and don't forget, whichever way you let us know, any information received will be dealt with as always in the strictest of confidence. Any enquiries please contact our relevant officer on 101 or you can e mail conssett-npt@durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

DOWN

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| 1. Clumsy (7) | 1. Mineral pitch (7) |
| 7. Seem or look (5) | 2. Flying toys (5) |
| 8. Decorative design (7) | 3. Highest point (4) |
| 9. Without heat (4) | 4. Risks (7) |
| 10. Tool (4) | 5. Sample (8) |
| 12. Contort the face (7) | 6. Erse (6) |
| 14. Walks quietly (7) | 11. Complete or total (8) |
| 16. Wearing no clothes (4) | 12. Authentic (7) |
| 17. Car carrying paying passengers (4) | 13. Basic constituent part (7) |
| 20. Form a mental picture (7) | 15. Slanting type (6) |
| 21. Inside (6) | 17. Alliance (5) |
| 22. Having died out (7) | 19. Swift (4) |

/Answers overleaf



SCOUTS' HUT:

The scouts' hut, situated behind the Doctor's Surgery is now available for hire except on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. If anyone is interested, please contact Mrs. Pauline PARKER on 01207 502294.



'Open Arms', a registered charity, would like to thank everyone who donated the 'Evening Chronicle's 'Wish' tokens, over 25,000 were received and this made the charity over £300 in cash. Whilst I am talking about 'Open Arms', on Friday, 9th March, 2012 at a presentation by the Chairman of Durham County Council, held at County Hall, the group was presented with the Chairman's Certificate for Outstanding Community Service to the local community. On behalf of everyone, I should like to offer them heartiest congratulations.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for March, 2012 are as follows:
1st prize – No. 53: 2nd prize – No. 66



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2012



2nd St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

4th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.



8th Leadgate Cricket Club is holding an Easter Fayre today at the Cricket Club, commencing 2 p.m.

12th Leadgate and District Historical Society monthly meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Captain D. BELL, entitled 'The Folk on the Quay'.



14th Three coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall, commencing 10 a.m.
St. Ives' Church held in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



16th Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., the talk today will be about the Theatre Royal and the competition will be a Theatre Programme.



18th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

18th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m.



18th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.

20th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m.



25/26th The Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group presents the musical 'Alive to Tell the Story', to be held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m. each evening, programmes are £2 each and can be obtained from Clare THOMPSON.

28th Salvation Army coffee morning held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



30th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the 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 18th April, 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 Awkward: 7 Appear: 8 Pattern: 9 Cold: 10 Also: 12 Grimace: 14 Tiptoes: 16 Nude: 18 Taxi: 20 Imagine: 21 Within: 22 Extinct: **DOWN:** 1 Asphalt: 2 Kites: 3 Apex: 4 Dangers: 5 Specimen: 6 Gaelic: 11 Outright: 12 Genuine: 13 Element: 15 Italic: 17 Union: 19 Fast

