

LEADGATE'S NEWS



(Leadgate Area Partnership)

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DID YOU SPOT IT?

The omission in last month's edition is what I am referring to and in case you didn't notice, I had forgotten to put the numbers in the crossword grid however the clues and answers were numbered, so I hope those readers who do the crossword still managed to complete it.



WHAT A GOOD IDEA!

As you know Sunday, 7th March, 2010 saw the presentation of the Hollywood Oscars, well, not to be out done, patrons of the 'Jolly Drivers' public house came up with the idea of holding Leadgate's equivalent, namely the LOSCAS (Leadgate Official Sustainable Community Awards). A trial run was sponsored by the 'Jolly Drivers' and was held on Saturday, 6th March, 2010 in the 'Jolly Drivers', all proceeds from the event going to the North East Air Ambulance Service, who had two representatives present.

This idea, we hope, will become an annual event with nominations invited for approximately twenty (20) categories and everyone in the Leadgate area being asked to vote for the village personality, the best neighbour and the best community group, to name but three (3).



Picture No. 1



Picture No. 2



Picture No. 3

These photographs were taken on the night and Picture 1 shows Florence and her daughter Michele, who were the organisers of the Tombola, the proceeds of which went to the Air Ambulance, for those who don't know, Florence and Michele are tireless fundraisers for the Air Ambulance, Picture 2 shows the 'Oscars' that were presented to those who had been nominated and Picture 3 shows the certificate each nominee was presented with.

I am disappointed you can't read all the writing on the certificate, but this is what the last two paragraphs say: 'In proud recognition of his/her outstanding work representing the Leadgate Community and for his/her positive contribution towards making Leadgate a safe, supportive and friendly place to live and work.'

This award was presented on Saturday, 6th March, 2010 at the Jolly Drivers'.



PACT AND PARTNERSHIP MEETING:

The Police and Communities Together (PACT) and Partnership Meetings were held on Wednesday, 17th March, 2010 in the Community Centre.



So far as the PACT meeting was concerned one of the main problems those present had was the question of speeding in three particular areas, Pont Road (that is the road from the Jolly Drivers to the Hat and Feather), St. Ives Road and Watling Street. The Police said they would look into the matter of speeding in the Pont/Bradley area. Acting Sergeant HALL informed the meeting that Durham Constabulary had no fixed cameras and that the signs stating speed cameras were in operation was to allow the use of cameras by officers in unmarked police vehicles. The 'off road bike' problem in Pont Head Estate had raised its head again, but as a result of PCSO Michael CRAINE visiting the area on several occasions it appears to have been halted, last year when this problem was highlighted, two (2) bikes were seized and as these bikes can be quite expensive, let us hope the parents may think twice before purchasing them. We were also informed the cycle track from Villa Real Roundabout to the building known to many residents at 'The Store', has now been cleaned with the help of the Probation Service.

Starting on 22nd March, 2010 and running for approximately eight (8) months there is to be a campaign targeting under age drinking, apparently shops have stopped selling to under age youths, but adults now seem to be purchasing it for them. If you know any places where these youths congregate with their drink, please let the Police know via the 'Street Safe' box in the Post Office and this of course can be done anonymously.

The Partnership meeting followed the PACT meeting and the members were informed the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership is to have two pages printed in the County Council's magazine. A letter from the Partnership had been sent to Mr. Simon HENIG, Leader of the County Council expressing our dismay at the snow gritting or should I say, lack of snow gritting, in our area during the recent bad weather. A Neighbourhood Warden Scheme is to commence in the near future and M's Helen DOUGLAS, Senior Civic Pride Officer, stationed at the Morrison Busty, informed the meeting this scheme will cover Chester-le-Street and Derwentside, one of the schemes it is proposing is to use a six foot teddy bear called 'Tidy Ted' which will be taken to primary schools and talks given about a clean up programmes.

The meeting was informed of the following:

There was no further news concerning Watling Wood:

Planning permission had gone through concerning the proposed new Academy and the Civic Centre would be closed possibly in October, 2010, but that sites were being looked at for offices, suggestions are Curry's, the old TSB building or Woolworths, the premises would be rented for 3 – 4 years and then a new building built. A suggestion has been made for some off road parking in Front Street, Leadgate opposite the Christmas tree, this stretch of road has two footpaths separated by a nature strip, which at the moment has been badly churned up, but as yet nothing has been decided, so watch this space.

Last month I told you about the 'Local Environment Fund' which is money set aside for each Partnership to spend on either the local environment or cleanliness, our Partnership has decided when this money is available, to spend it on the environment and flower beds.



POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 8th February, - 14th March, 2010

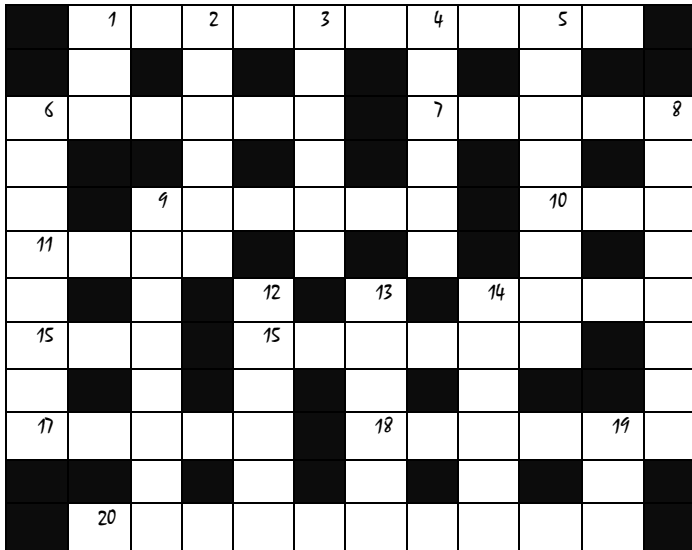
Since the **speed visor** equipment has been used in the Bradley Cottages and Pont area it has proved a success, a number of drivers have been caught and Traffic Police Offices have been out which has resulted in drivers receiving Fixed Penalty Notices (£60 and three (3) points on driving licence) and verbal warnings. The **speed visor** is to be placed in other locations in Leadgate, such as St. Ives Road.

Two (2) magistrates' warrants for drugs related offences have been executed in the Leadgate area, with positive results.

On 13th and 15th April, 2010, there will be an estate inspection around various areas of our area. Police local councillors and representatives from Derwentside Holmes will be present, pop out and voice your concerns.

Please continue to utilise the 'Street safe' box in the Post Office and remember PCSO CRAINE and PC HENDERSON are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village and please remember any information given will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. PCSO 7242 CRAINE: PC 2164 HENDERSON, 0345 6060365

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

DOWN

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| <p>1. Pachyderm (10)
 6. Request forcibly (6)
 7. Barrels (5)
 9. A threat (6)
 10. Knock (3)
 11. Cupid (4)
 14. Bring up (4)
 15. Drawn Match (3)
 16. Clans (6)
 17. Amulet (5)
 18. Hairpiece (6)
 20. Toy weapon (10)</p> | <p>1. Regret (3)
 2. Mental pictures (6)
 3. Severe trial or test (6)
 4. Go beyond (6)
 5. Watches carefully (8)
 6. Of the home or family (8)
 8. Disunited or apart (8)
 9. Mild (8)
 12. Cricket sticks (6)
 13. Small restaurant (6)
 14. Outcome (6)
 19. Hearing organ (3)</p> |
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(Answers overleaf)



COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON URGENT CARE SERVICE:

If you need health care in a hurry, do you know who to ring other than your local Doctor's Surgery, well, since 1st October, 2009, by ringing one particular number you can get straight through to County Durham and Darlington's Urgent Care Service, **THE NUMBER IS 0300 1110111.** Patients ringing from anywhere in County Durham or Darlington can ring this number and they will be passed to the service they need.

The urgent care service provides treatment or advice for people who have a minor injury or suddenly feel ill, the sort of thing that isn't an emergency, but needs urgent attention could include:

- * chest infections: * urine infections: * suspected eye infections: * fevers: * cuts:
- * sprains and strains: * hand, foot and wrist fractures: * itches

The urgent care service is a network linking doctors, nurses and others who work across hospitals and health services based in the community. The service supports your own GP practice.



SUMMER FAYRE:

Leadgate Methodist Church will be holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday, 3rd July, 2010, commencing 2 p.m. and if any organisation/group is interested in participating/having a stall, please contact Mrs. Hazel GRAHAM on 01207 501581



ST. IVES '100 CLUB'

Here are the winning numbers for March, 2010:

- 1st prize – No. 91**
- 2nd prize – No. 79**
- 3rd prize – No. 21**
- 4th prize – No. 99**



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:

The Leadgate Branch of the Women' Institute, who meet every third Monday, in the Community Centre, at 2 p.m. are looking for new members. This organisation endeavours to provide a variety of topics throughout the year as well as outings to the theatre and other places of interest, so if you are looking to make new friends, why not go along, where you will be assured of a very warm welcome.

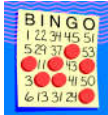


KEPT FOR POSTERITY:

I have been asked by a lady who resides in the village and works for Durham County Council to supply the County Council's Record Office with a copy of our Newsletter, apparently this office is interested in this type of record, who knows, perhaps in 100 years the residents of our village will be reading our newsletter, unfortunately, many of us will not be around to make any comment.



DIARY FOR APRIL, 2010



5th St. Ives' Church bingo held, in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



7th Leadgate and District Carers meeting today has been **CANCELLED**.



8th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, held in the Methodist Church Hall, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. G. GRAINER, entitled 'Oscar Schindler'

10th Three coffee morning today:
Pont and Bradley, held in the 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.



12th Salvation Army Ladies' Fellowship, held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m.

16th Leadgate Methodist 'Messy Church' held in the Methodist Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m. and don't forget all ages are welcome.



17th Redwell Hills Care Home's Spring Fayre is being held to day, commencing 2 p.m.

19th Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., the speaking is Ms Jill SWIFT and there will also be a jewellery demonstration.



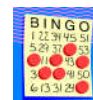
21st Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

21st Leadgate Area Partnership monthly meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.

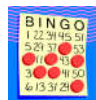


24th Salvation Army Coffee Morning, held in the Army Hall' commencing 10.30 a.m.

30th St. Ives Church bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



Don't forget, Leadgate Spiritualist Group meets every Friday evening in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m. and Bingo is held in the Community Centre every Monday, Thursday and Saturday.



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

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Rhinoceros: 6 Demand: 7 Casks: 9 Menace: 10 Rap: 11 Eros: 14 Rear: 15 Tie: 16 Tribes: 17 Charm: 18 Toupee: 20 Peashooter

DOWN: 1 Rue: 2 Images: 3 Ordeal: 4 Exceed: 5 Observes: 6 Domestic: 8 Separate: 9 Moderate: 12 Stumps: 13 Bistro: 14 Result: 19 Ear