

# LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership)



Charity No.1098479

## No. 03/11 (March)

### 'LOSCA' NIGHT:

On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 the 'Jolly Drovers' public house once again hosted our village's very own 'LOSCA' ceremony and again all proceeds from the night went to the North East Air Ambulance Service. The event was organised by Mrs. Kate COLQUHOUN and Mr. Ronnie KAY, licensee of the 'Jolly Drovers, two representatives from the Air Ambulance Service attended and presented the awards. On the night, a total of £175 was handed over to the two representatives and then a further donation of £20 was received, a charity box in the pub raised another £80, so to everyone who contributed, a very big thank you. Here's a little bit of information about the Air Ambulance Service - there are two helicopters in use, to cover an area from Berwick to the North Yorkshire border and they can cover a distance of 200 miles within 20 minutes, the service receives no funding and to keep one helicopter flying the cost is 3.6 million pounds. Here is a list of the award winners:

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| Best Personality - Mrs. Jean HUGHES:  | Best Community Group - 'Open Arms':                      |
| Best Carer - Mrs. Tonia CAIN:   | Best Neighbour - Mrs. Betty LENNON:                      |
| Best Police Officer - PCSO Michael CRAINE:                                    | Best Health Personality - Dr. Susan LEVICK:              |
| Best Councillor - Watts STELLING  | Best Head Teacher - Mark WATSON (Leadgate Junior School) |
| Best Teacher - Rev. Les. NEVIN:   | Best Pupil - Adrian COLLINS (Leadgate Junior School)     |
| Best Lollipop Person - Keith WHITTAKER:                                       | Best Friend - Marian ROWELL:                             |
| Best Sports Team - Leadgate Junior School Girls' Football Team:               |  |
| Best Post Person - Helen WESTLAKE:  | Best Business - Leadgate DIY:                            |
| Best Shop Assistant - Karen BARNES (Roxy Shop)                                |  |
| Best Bar Person - Donna COLLINSON:  | Best Chef - Michelle WATSON                              |
| Best Waiter/Waitress - Lorraine (Jolly Drovers)                               |  |
| Special Honorary Award for Charity Champion was made to Mrs. Florence VICKERS |  |

Here are one or two photographs I took on the night and apologies to those whose photograph I haven't printed:



Best Personality - Mrs Jean HUGHES



Best Neighbour, Mrs. Betty LENNON



Best Carer - Mrs. Tonia CAIN



Charity Champion - Mrs. Florence Vickers



After the presentation ceremony, there was a raffle and one of the prizes, 4 free tickets to attend one of Newcastle Eagles Basketball Team's games, was won by Mrs. Jennifer WALKER, the Community Centre's Treasurer. Jennifer and three of her grandchildren attended a game on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, even Jennifer, apparently there wasn't a dull moment during the whole of the game, there was something going on even during the rest periods and here is a photograph of two of Jennifer's grand-children (the third was taking the photograph) with one of the Eagles team members, don't ask his name, we don't know it.



## PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

At this month's meeting, held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, Mrs. Corinne WATSON, Co-ordinator for the Area Action Partnership attended and gave an overview of what her duties were, her primary role being to support local Partnerships and to help with publicity.

Councillor STELLING stated someone had been seen surveying our dilapidated bridge but who it was is not known!!! Councillor STELLING also stated if we wished to have a Christmas tree in our village, Durham County Council would charge approximately £4,000 to install mains electricity, unfortunately the Partnership doesn't have that kind of money, so if we want a Christmas tree, a grant will have to be obtained, he also stated it would preferable for Durham County Council to do this work

Comments, all favourable, were made about the demise of the 'Commercial' public house (which apparently has been in our village since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century) and how much tidier the site now looks, the work was carried out by a local man, Kevin MOODY, of Ebchester.

As you know the Police and Community Together meetings are now being held on the fourth Thursday of every month, but the meeting felt they would be more fruitful if they were held on the same night as the Partnership meeting, but commencing at 6 p.m.

As the light nights approach, there will be more opportunities for activities for 'Leadgate Capers', but don't forget, children have to be members and membership forms can be obtained from Leadgate DIY Shop or from Ms Linda PEARS, telephone number 01207 505481. It was decided the Partnership together with Consett YMCA would hold another Activity Day on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2011.



## POLICE REPORT – for period 8<sup>th</sup> February – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011:

Once again it has been a relatively quiet month, out of 78 calls made to the police only 13 were community related. There were again no burglaries of any kind and no alcohol seizures, but don't forget if you come across youths drinking or any drinking dens please let us know.

There have been 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour none of which were linked, 5 calls received concerning off road bike incidents, one bike has been seized and 2 written warnings issued, these incidents occurred in the areas of Pont Wood and the field between Pont and Bradley Bungalows. There was one offence of criminal damage to property: 3 motor vehicles have been damaged and it is believed two of these incidents are related, they occurred in the Willow Crescent area and as a result there will be more patrols in the area.

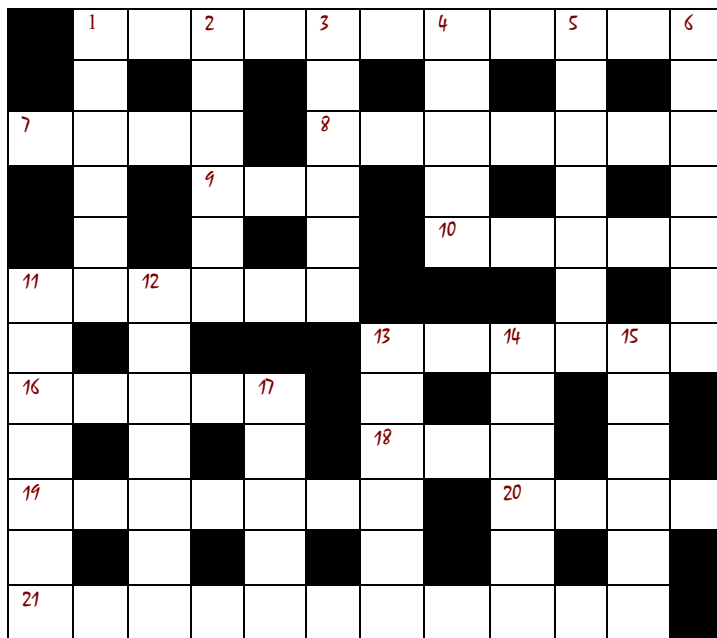
Bogus callers have not made an appearance in our area, but don't forget if anyone comes to your door and wants to gain access to your property, please ask for identification, don't let anyone into your home without identification, if the caller is genuine, he/she will not mind waiting whilst you check. Last month we told you about a telephone scam that was reported to us, this is just a reminder, of how the scam works, someone will ring your landline to say you are owed XX amount of cash as a council tax rebate, they will then ask for your bank details, if you don't give these details, they will then give you a number to ring and a number to quote, **DON'T RING THE NUMBER OR GIVE YOUR BANK DETAILS TO ANYONE OVER THE TELEPHONE**, if in any doubt, hang up.

The next Police and Community Together meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2011 between 18:00 – 19:00 – **NOTE NEW TIME**, this is an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the police. Members of the public will decide how Leadgate is policed, this is what we call a PACT PRIORITY, at the moment **SPEEDING** is the PACT Priority. The last meeting was very poorly attended and if you do not attend and voice your concerns there will be no PACT Priority as the public decide these Priorities not the police.

Please continue to utilise the "Street Safe" box in the Post Office and as always, PCSO Michael CRAINE and PC JOHN HENDERSON are available to speak to whenever you see them and don't forget, whichever way you pass on information it will be dealt in the strictest of confidence.

Any enquiries contact our relevant officer on 0191 3752446 direct or 0345 6060365 switchboard or you can e-mail [Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Artery, say (5,6)
7. Fail to hit a target (4)
8. Ground (7)
9. Foot part (3)
10. Expel from a property (5)
11. Desirable residence (3,3)
13. Avoidance routes (6)
16. Concur (5)
18. Choose (3)
19. Eight-sided figure (7)
20. Ready to eat (4)
21. Unkempt (11)

### DOWN

1. Horse's headgear (6)
2. Shellfish (6)
3. Discourages (6)
4. Weird (5)
5. Saying power (7)
6. Syrup-like medicine (7)
11. Gemstone (7)
12. Elfin creatures (7)
13. Copper alloy (6)
14. Car fuel (6)
15. Daft (6)
17. Golf term (5)

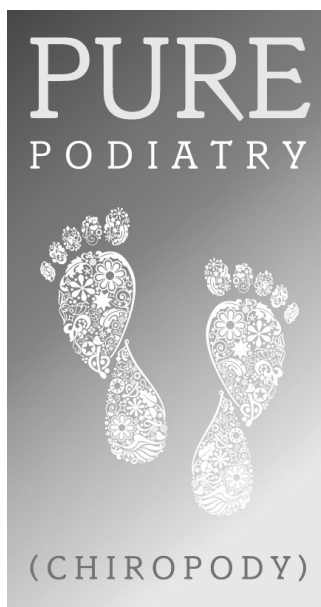
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### St. IVES '100' CLUB

The winning numbers for  
March, 2011, are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 108: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 89:  
3<sup>rd</sup> prize – No. 27

If you are interested in making a small contribution towards the upkeep of St. Ives Church, why not join the '100 Club', it is only £1 per number, half the money raised is given in prizes and the remainder goes to the Church. If you are interested please contact either Margaret or Dorothy BELL on 01207 504407.



### SHOEBOX APPEAL, 2011

At their warehouse on the Number One Industrial Estate volunteers sorted and processed 13,667 'show boxes' last year, which had been collected from schools, churches and individuals from as far as North Yorkshire and into Weardale. These boxes were sent to Serbia and the Ukraine where they brought untold pleasure to children who otherwise would not have received a gift.

This year, 2011, the volunteers aim to increase this number and that is why they are appealing for our help. Listed below are some of the items they are appealing for, which do not have to be new, but could be things your children and grandchildren no longer play with: **small cuddly toys, cars, 'Cindy' type dolls, action men and any small toys that would fit into a show box.** Knitting wool is also required as some of the volunteers knit all year round.

Your help would be greatly appreciated and if you can, please contact Margaret on 01207 501162.



### THANK YOU:

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 the Women's World Day of Prayer was held in St. Joseph's Hall, Leadgate and was attended by approximately 100 people, a total of £84 was raised and the organisers would like to thank all those who attended. Special thanks to Olly for his wonderful Power Point presentation about Chile, it brought Chile to life. Miss Elizabeth FOREMAN, who was the speaker, spoke about the Chilean miners and the miners of Leadgate.



# DIARY FOR APRIL, 2011



2<sup>nd</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Women's Fellowship Coffee Morning at 10 a.m.



4<sup>th</sup> The Salvation Army is holding a 'Nearly New Sale' today commencing 10.30 a.m.



4<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

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



8<sup>th</sup> The Salvation Army is having a "Murder Mystery Night" commencing 7.30 p.m.

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

Pont and Bradley- held in church hall, commencing 10 a.m.

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

Salvation Army - held in the church hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



9<sup>th</sup> Community Centre's Sewing Club's Easter Fayre held in the Centre commencing 2 p.m., tables are £5 each, anyone interested please contact Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506

9<sup>th</sup> 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Concert by Leadgate Gleeman, to be held in the Empire Theatre, Consett, commencing 7 p.m., tickets £6 each on sale from the Empire Theatre (01207 218171) and the Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley (01207 218899)



11<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies' Fellowship held in the church hall, commencing 7.30 p.m. with guest speaker Chrissie CLARK

14<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. C. LLOYD, entitled 'Of Fish and Actors'



15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the church hall, commencing 3.30 p.m., as usual everyone is welcome

18<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. Alan COX, entitled 'Humour in the Building Trade and Tennis': this month's competition is 'an attractive tile'



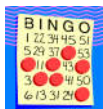
20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.



21<sup>st</sup> Salvation Army is holding a 'Maundy Thursday' meal in church hall commencing 7 p.m.

23<sup>rd</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning held in the church hall, commencing 10.30 .m.



25<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

28<sup>th</sup> Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m. – **NOTE NEW TIME**



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 18<sup>th</sup> April, 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: Council Alan SHIELD - -01207 562080



## CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Blood vessel: 7 Miss: 8 Terrain: 9 Toe: 10 Evict: 11 Des Res: 13 Bypass: 16 Agree: 18 Opt: 19 Octagon: 20 Ripe: 21 Dishevelled. **DOWN:** 1 Bridle: 2 Oyster: 3 Deters: 4 Eerie: 5 Stamina: 6 Linctus: 11 Diamond: 12 Sprites: 13 Bronze: 14 Petrol: 15 Stupid: 17 Eagle