

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 3/14 (May)

### THE 'EDDY PROJECT'

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, I was present at at Redwell Hills Care Home when it was presented with two 'planted up' flower pots. The actual plant pots had been confiscated as a result of drug raids in the area and rather than have them wasted it was felt they should be put to good use and were given to the 'Eddy Project'. This project which stands for **ENGAGE, DIVERT, DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE**, operates from what had been an unusable allotment at Blackhill Allotments. It has been running since September, 2012 and caters for young people between the ages of 12 – 17 years and everyone is welcome. The project is run by Durham Agency Against Crime and supported by Durham Constabulary, P.C. Ian ROBERTSON being the project's co-ordinator.



Photograph of employees of Redwell Hills Care Home, Leadgate Area Partnership, Police Officer and young people from the 'Eddy Project'

A total of ten planted pots were given to the village and the other eight were distributed as follows, two each to 'Haven House', Brooms Primary School, Leadgate Infants and Nursery School and Leadgate Junior School.

### CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY:



This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of scouting in Leadgate and to mark the occasion, Leadgate Scout Group will be holding a church service and re-dedication of the flags on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 at 2 p.m. in St. Ives Church. All ex scouts are cordially invited. There will be a display of old photographs and refreshments will be proved. Come along and share your memories with current members.

Leadgate Scouts would also like to extend their thanks and gratitude to Councillors Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELD for the funding to allow refurbishment of the Scout Hall to take place.



### CONSETT MUSICAL FESTIVAL:

After 90 years, Consett Musical Festival (President George ROBINSON of Leadgate) staged a final concert at the Empire Theatre on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

Throughout the years, the Festival has encouraged and developed many local artistes and musicians to find success as professional and amateur performers. Leadgate Infants and Junior School choirs often took part and won success in their various classes. Goodbye to another fine local institution.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

The month's Partnership meeting, which was the Annual General Meeting, was held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 and before the election of committee members, the Chairperson, Miss Linda PEARS, who has recently had a knee operation was welcomed back to the fold.

As there were no other nominations the existing committee was re-elected unopposed, with the exception of Mr. Lee ROBSON, who we all know passed away last year, his place has been taken by Mr. Andrew WHITTON. The new committee is as follows:

Chairperson:	Miss Linda PEARS
Secretary:	Mrs. Patricia PICKERSGILL
Treasurer:	Mrs. Rosemary MANN
Committee Members:	Mrs. Jean HUGHES, Mr. Carl SOUTHERN, Miss Brenda SURTEES and Mr. Andrew WHITTON



### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

No reports this month as both were attending the Annual General Meeting of the Derwentside Area Action Partnership on the same evening. Presentations were also being made and amongst the awards given out were one each to Mrs. Ann FOREMAN and Mr. Cecil WATSON for their work in respect of Watling Wood and one to Miss Kay McKINNEL of Leadgate who raised over £7,000 for Willow Burn Hospice. Kay, who was only 14, shaved her long hair, which when cut, measured 10" and has been sent to a wig maker. Congratulations and well done to all three.



### **POLICE REPORT (PACT MEETING)**

The PACT meeting was held prior to the Partnership Meeting on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2014 and for another month the PACT Priority is parking issues at Leadgate Junior School. In an effort to improve this situation there have a number of high visibility patrols and the yellow lines have been repainted. The question was asked if the zig zag lines could be extended but the short answer to this is NO because of regulations. The Head Teacher at the school is of the opinion that as a result of the police patrols speeding has been reduced. Over the last two months there has been no trouble at Leadgate Methodist Church.

An incident occurred on Durham Road which involved a group of males fighting and this resulted in a car being damaged: one male was dealt with by means of Restorative Justice and has compensated the owner of the vehicle. Three local males, who had been using a dog to flush out deer, have been cautioned for poaching deer, the caution was issued as they had no previous convictions. Whilst searching properties in the Green Street and Pont Bungalows areas, stolen property and cannabis was received: cautions were issued in respect of the cannabis but enquiries are ongoing in respect of the recovered stolen property. The police are appealing for information as to the identity of a possible witness to an offence of criminal damage which occurred in Green Street, the person concerned is male and was wearing a white hooded top and was riding a pedal cycle.

Local officers have now been trained in the use of hand held speed guns, which are being operational on the four roads leading into Leadgate. If stopped for speeding, a Fixed Penalty Notice for £100 will be issued and more importantly, the offender will have three penalty points placed on their driving licence.

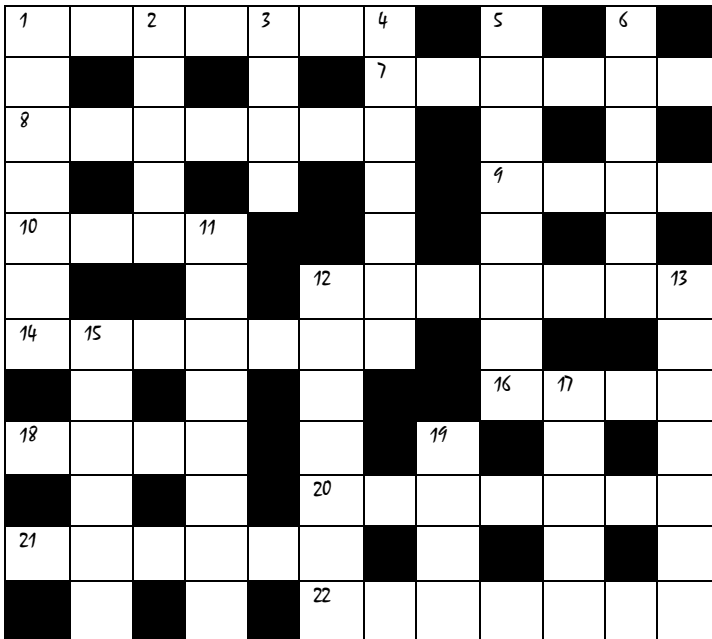
On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2014 about 4.45 p.m. on Neal Street, Annfield Plain, a motor vehicle collided with a teenage boy. Durham Police are trying to trace a man and a woman who were in the vehicle and who are thought to be in their twenties, the vehicle is believed to be a red Vauxhall Corsa car, about two years old. Anyone with information that could lead to the identity of the individuals described is asked to contact P.C. Phil HARDMAN from the Road Policing Union on the non-emergency number 101.



### **COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE:**

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 Leadgate Methodist Church, between 10 am – 11.30 am, is holding a coffee morning and plant sale. If anyone has any 'surplus to requirements' plants the Church would be pleased to receive them to sell in aid of Christian Aid. The money raised will be used to help people in poor countries grow their own food, by providing tools, seeds and education in the best ways to produce maximum crops. Your plant donation will help them to become self-sufficient. Plants can be left at any time, outside the church.

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

- Sore (7)
- Pass by like time (6)
- Hole of gap (7)
- .... McGregor, actor (4)
- Fee for using a road (4)
- Cloth bed covering (7)
- Renaissance (7)
- Lighting device (4)
- Young sheep (4)
- Foreboding evil (7)
- Signal fife (6)
- Utter (7)

### DOWN

- Conspirator (7)
- Perfect (5)
- Be unsuccessful (4)
- Practical joke (3-4)
- Motherly (8)
- Get away (6)
- Relaxed and easy-going (4-4)
- Without exception (3,4)
- Typewriter users (7)
- Pencil rubber (6)
- Walk unevenly (4)

/Answers overleaf



### COMMEMORATIVE COFFEE MORNING:

On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2014, Leadgate Salvation Army will be hosting a coffee morning and photographic exhibition to commemorate World War One. Photographs depicting World War One will be on display, along with a selection of artefacts, medals, books and postcards. The display has been put together by local historian, Mr. Tommy YOUNG with support from members of Castleside History Society.

The coffee morning and exhibition will run from 10 a.m. until 12.30 p.m. and only costs 50p. A range of refreshments and cakes will also be on sale, all proceeds going towards Leadgate Salvation Army. Why not pop along, enjoy a cuppa and spend some time learning about and reflecting upon some of our own local heroes.



### FOCUS ON LEADGATE:

We, as residents of Leadgate, have a chance to get involved with Durham County Council's Community Action Team (CAT) to look at what may be needed to improve the neighbourhood. An eight week programme has already started with the CAT team being out and about in Leadgate. A public meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 and one drop-in session on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Two further drop-in sessions are being held in the Community Centre on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. As well as identifying priorities CAT will look at housing, environment and health issues, ranging from improving housing standards and management of privately rented property to advice on health and well-being.

CAT is led by Durham County Council's Environment, Health and Consumer Protection team, together with local Councillors, work with other agencies including Durham Constabulary, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue and the NHS Health Improvement Service to tackle environmental and private housing issues.



### ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for April and May, 2014 are as follows:

April: 1<sup>st</sup> prize No. 42: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize No. 100  
 May: 1<sup>st</sup> prize No. 57: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize No. 15



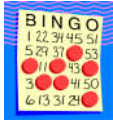
### COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Did you know the Community Centre has its own disco and DJ?

If you are Contemplating a party for your son/daughter (up to the age of 11 years), why not think about hiring the Centre: the disco and DJ cost £50 for three hours. For further Information contact the Centre's Secretary, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506.



## DIARY FOR JUNE, 2014



2<sup>nd</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



4<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. the Community Centre



7<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Summer Fayre at 11 a.m. in the Army Hall



7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Coffee Morning and Plant Sale at 10 a.m.



9<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship summer outing

12<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by W.CLARKE, entitled 'Featherstone Castle'



13<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's quiz or fun night



14<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley coffee morning at 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall



16<sup>th</sup> Women's Institute meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



18<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

18<sup>th</sup> Police and Communities Together meeting at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre followed at 7 p.m. by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting



21<sup>st</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



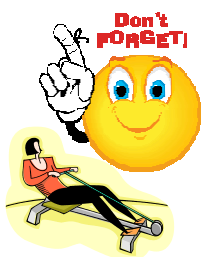
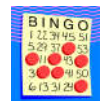
21<sup>st</sup> St. Ives' Church Summer Fayre at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



27<sup>th</sup> There will be a 'Litter Pick' along the C2C Cycle Track from 10.30 – 12 noon, Volunteers are asked to meet at 10.30 a.m. opposite the Old Co-operative Building (now the Bathroom Shop)



30<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, 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 Painful: 7 Elapse: 8 Opening: 9 Ewan: 10 Toll: 12 Blanket: 14 Revival: 16 Lamp: 18 Lamb: 21 Ominous: 22 Express. **DOWN:** 1 Plotter: 2 Ideal: 3 Fail: 4 Leg pull: 5 Maternal: 6 Escape: 11 Laid back: 12 Bar none: 13 Typist: 15 Eraser: 17 above: 18 Limp