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LEADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of the Community Centre was held on Monday, 26th March 2012 and as there were no other nominations, the outgoing committee were all re-elected. They are as follows: Chairperson – Malcolm D’NORTHWOOD: Secretary – Brenda SURTEES: Treasurer: Jennifer WALKER: Committee Members: Alma HORNSBY, Jean HUGHES and Stephanie WALKER.

If anyone wishes to become a member of the Centre, the yearly subscription is only £2.00 per person, the Secretary, Brenda SURTEES can be found every Thursday afternoon, between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m., in the Community Centre.



Leadgate Area Partnership’s Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th May, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre. Nomination Forms will be available from the Community Centre and should be returned to the Secretary, 9 New Watling Street, Leadgate before 9th May, 2012.



WELLNESS ON WELLS (WOW) VEHICLE:

As you know the WOW vehicle has been parked on the Community Centre’s car park since 24th February, 2012. A meeting has been held recently with the organisers and members of the Community Centre’s committee and as a result of this meeting it appears this facility has been very well used. One of the aims of this vehicle is to have mini gyms or as they are known ‘Legacy Gyms’ set up in areas where the vehicle has been located. Well you may be pleased to know, Leadgate is going to have its own ‘Legacy Gym’ situated in the Community Centre. The equipment will by now have been ordered but it takes between 6 – 8 weeks for it to arrive, so our very own gym will not be up and running before the end of June. I understand volunteers who wish to run the gym have been identified and are to be trained in due course. At the moment no details of times, cost (obviously there will have to be a charge) etc. are available, when they are they will be printed in the newsletter and possibly notices placed in some of the local shops, so watch this space.



THE OLD AND THE NEW:

On the left is a photograph Mrs. Mary HOMAN the outgoing Newsagent of the ‘Paper Shop’ in Watling Street: on the right is a photograph of Mr. & Mrs. CLARKSON, Malcolm and Sue, incoming newsagents of the same shop.



Mary has been the newsagent of the 'Paper Shop' for the past 29 years and officially retired on Monday, 16th April, 2012 and once she had vacated the premises, Malcolm and Sue, who originate from Bedford, officially took over. They are both new to shop-keeping and have looked all over the country for a newsagent business and I am sure it is our village's lucky day that they chose Leadgate to start their new business life. On behalf of everyone I wish Mary well in her much deserved retirement and to give a warm welcome to Malcolm and Sue and to wish them well in their venture.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 18th May, 2012 and one of the items discussed was the 'sponsorship of a flower tub'. Last year the Partnership had 6 flower tubs placed in various locations in the village and paid Durham County Council for two plantings, the first being the summer one last year and the second will be spring this year. After this the planting of the tubs will be the responsibility of the village. The Partnership is hoping residents, organisations or even schools may wish to sponsor one of them, this would mean responsibility for the planting and watering (should the necessity arise). The Partnership has been told if bulbs etc. are bought the County Council would be happy to plant them. The County Council is to be contacted about providing some of the bulbs they dig up every year.

The 'Jubilee Celebrations' was discussed, in February's issue when I said Leadgate Methodist Chapel was going to hold a celebration on 5th June, 2012 but this has now been changed to Saturday, 2nd June, 2012 and they have decided to hold a 'Jubilee Shared Tea' between 3 – 5 p.m., the church hall will be decorated and they ask anyone who wishes to attend, to bring something to eat, not just for themselves but to be shared by everyone. If the weather is good, the event may even be held outside.

There was no Councillor's Report.



POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 6th March – 5th April, 2012

During this period 110 calls were received of which only 21 were community related. There have been two dwellinghouse burglaries reported, both in the Bradley Cottages area: one was an attempted burglary by an unknown person who tried to gain entry by means of the rear entrance: the second was an aggravated burglary committed by two males who were known to the victim, both these males have been arrested and are now remanded in custody. Various locations in the area have had sheds burgled or attempts have been made to burgle sheds, so please continue to lock and if possible alarm sheds and garages and keep valuables out of sight. Several incidents of anti-social behaviour have also been reported including youths climbing scaffolding, these youths were return home by officers: an 'off road bike' has been causing a nuisance in Watling Bungalows, but the rider disappeared before officers arrived: two calls were received concerning 'off road bikes' in Pont Wood and on one occasion a Warning Notice was issued: there have also been incidents of 'off road bikes' using the cycle track and two bikes have been seized in relation to these incidents: youths who were being verbally abusive in Church Street were spoken to and warned about their behaviour.

A female has been arrested for causing Criminal Damage to a vehicle in Baker Street and in St. Ives Road the window of a property was damaged with what is believed to have been an air rifle.

In Pont Lane a wooden gate was stolen: at Iveston a metal gate which had been replaced by a wooden one was stolen after it was left in a field overnight and in Baker Street a wheelie bin has been stolen.

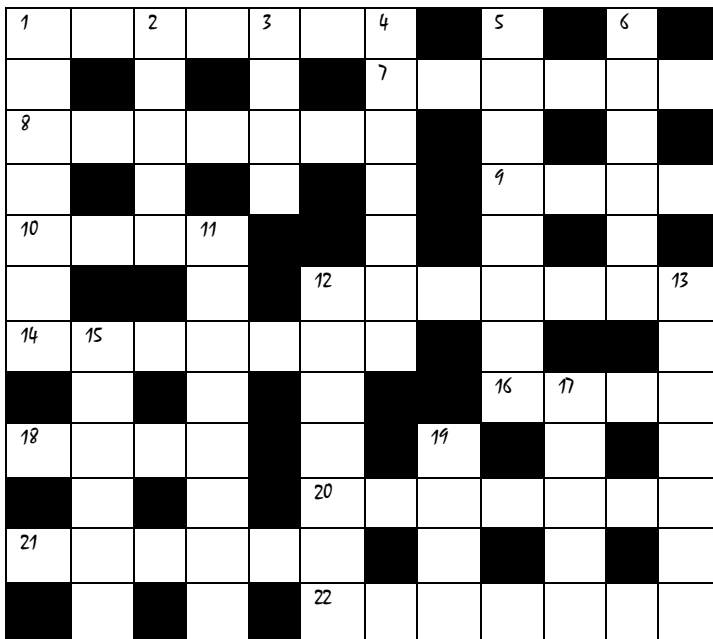
'Operation Strugis' which is targeting 'off road bikes' has had a good start with two bikes being seized and one Warning Notice being issued.

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It may interest you to know in Leadgate it is now difficult to obtain CANNABIS as a result of recent raids. The last big raid was as a result of an anonymous call. If you notice any unusual smells, which can't be accounted for, please contact the police.

The next PACT meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th May, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre. Our Neighbourhood Policing Team Officers are P.C. 2551 Louise RAMSHAW and PCSO 7242 Michael CRAINE who can be contacted by telephoning 101 or by e mail on Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD



CLUES

CROSS

1. Ship carrying coal (7)
7. ___ Paige singer (6)
8. Beginners (7)
9. Hiatuses (4)
10. Predicted chances in betting (4)
12. Musical instruments (7)
14. Tread on and crush (7)
16. Acting part (4)
18. Gemstone (4)
20. Kelp, say (7)
21. Type of lottery (6)
22. Pullover with long sleeves (7)

DOWN

1. Twist severely out of shape (7)
2. Furious (5)
3. Need to scratch (4)
4. Remainder (7)
5. Mobster (8)
6. Skilled military shooter (6)
11. Make something easier (8)
12. Spectacles (7)
13. Slim (7)
15. Say again (6)
17. Open to view (5)
19. Dislike very much (4)

(Answers overleaf)

Apologies to those who do the crossword, I hope the typing errors made last month didn't make it too difficult for you.



SPONSORED BIKE RIDE:

Commencing Thursday, 3rd May, 2012, Lee ROBSON, a resident of our village and a worker at Consett Y.M.C.A., with 10 other cyclists, will be doing a sponsored bike ride from John O'Groats to Newcastle, a total of 550 miles and all money raised will go to the 'Bright Red Charity' which is a charity for people in the North East who have blood cancer. Of the 11 people participating, Lee is the only ex patient, approximately 10 years ago he had leukaemia and had a bone marrow transplant. The longest day of the cycle ride will cover a total of 116 miles: on the last day, more people will join the group at Seahouses and will ride into Newcastle and finish at the Quayside.

If you wish to sponsor Lee in this tremendous event, he can be contacted on **07747002536** or you can go to the 'Just Giving Website' and search for the 'Bright Red Charity'.



FOUND:

Have you lost anything? Over the Easter Holidays, a very special 'orange' football was found at Watling Street playground. The finder is happy to return it to the owner if they can say what is special about it. If you think this football is yours, **please contact Andy on 01207 500405.**



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for April, 2012 are as follows:

1st prize – No. 82: 2nd prize – No. 27

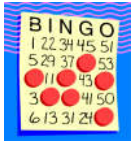


DIARY FOR MAY, 2012



2nd Leadgate and District Careers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

5th Leadgate Methodist Church Coffee Morning, held in the Church Hall, commencing 10 a.m.



7th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

10th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. R. THOMPSON, entitled 'The Lead/Silver Mines of Castleside'.



12th Three coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall at 10 a.m.
St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.



14th Salvation Army Ladies' Fellowship held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m.



16th The Police and Community Together meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m. followed by
Leadgate Area Partnership's Annual General Meeting commencing 7 p.m.



18th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall commencing 3.30 p.m.



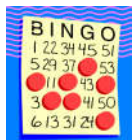
21st Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 2 p.m., there will be a 'Bring and Buy' and the competition is a 'Pretty Hankie'



26th Salvation Army's coffee morning held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



28th St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre commencing 7.30 p.m.



31st Derwentside Homes 'Diamond Jubilee Street Party' held in the Community Centre between 3 – 7 p.m. This event will be free for tenants and grandchildren if family and friends wish to attend, they must have tickets. For further information please contact Angela HODGSON on 01207 524283.



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 16th May, 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 Collier: 7 Elaine: 8 Novices: 9 Gaps: 10 Odds: 12 Guitars: 14 Trample: 16 Role: 18 Opal: 20 Seaweed: 21 Raffle: 22 Sweater. **DOWN:** 1 Contort: 2 Livid: 3 Itch: 4 Residue: 5 Gangster: 6 Sniper: 11 Simplify: 12 Glasses: 13 Slender: 15 Repeat: 17 Over: 19 Hate.

