

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

No. 4/13 (April)



## LEADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Centre was held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 6 p.m. As there were no other nominations, the outgoing committee were re-elected unopposed, there are as follows:

Chairperson:	Mr. Malcolm D'NORTHWOOD
Secretary:	Miss Brenda SURTEES
Treasurer:	Mrs. Jennifer WALKER
Committee Members:	Mrs. Jean HUGHES and Miss 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:

The Annual General Meeting of the Partnership will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 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 8th May, 2013.



## SPONSORED BIKE RIDE:

On Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 members of the Community Centre's Fitness Suite held a sponsored bike ride to raise money to help pay for the gym equipment. The photograph on the left shows some of the participants. In total they cycled over 170 miles and raised over £400 which will go towards the £5,500 that is needed to pay for the equipment.

One of the members made a reversible doll which was donated as a raffle prize and which was won by Ms Rachel SPENCE with winning ticket number 56. If you didn't see the doll, I can tell you it was really lovely.

As Secretary of the Community Centre I should like to express to all those who participated and those who sponsored the participants, the Centre's appreciation for the money raised.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in the Community Centre.

At a meeting of the sub-committee for Watling Wood – The Way Forward held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April it was decided to hold three family orientated events, the first to be held in May (date not yet decided) would be an education walk: in June there will be a littler pick and in July there will be cutting back. There will also be bug hunting and a treasure hunt. Durham Wildlife Trust has offered to place cameras in the wood for animal watching and 10 nesting boxes are to be installed.

Name plates for the six planters in various parts of the village have now been received and will be in place shortly, just waiting for the weather to improve. It was agreed the sponsorship money for the planters would be used for future planting and that any money received from Councillors would go towards the purchase of new planters.

The possibility of holding a 'Summer Event' in the Community Centre was discussed; this would take the form of an exhibition of arts and crafts or anything you thought people would be interested in. If anyone is interested in displaying/exhibiting, please contact me, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506.



### **POLICE REPORT for period 21<sup>st</sup> March – 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2013**

This month a total of 75 calls were received by the police of which 4 were community related.

There was one incident of anti-social behaviour, the caller reported a group of youths were throwing snowballs at the bathroom window and back door. There have been similar issues at the property in the past and the last time it occurred damage was caused. Three local youths were stopped, spoken to and given advice regarding damage to property, one of the youths was taken home and spoken to in front of his parents.

In Windsor Terrace a caller reported person/s had removed railings from a boundary wall/fence and placed them against a house opposite, the railings have been retrieved but damage has been reported.

There have been two reported thefts, the first at Brooms Farm when unknown persons have entered a locked compound and attempted to break into a container, an attempt was made to cut through with a stihl saw, without success. The second was at the Co-op Store in Front Street when a male person entered the shop and stole a gammon joint. The theft was caught on CCTV and staff identified the male who has been arrested and fully admitted the offence.

'Operation Hansel', which targets scrap metal thefts, is still ongoing. When first launched throughout the Force area there was a significant drop in this type of crime, unfortunately figures are starting to rise again. The majority of these thefts appear to occur between 5 a.m. – 8 a.m. although scrap metal vehicles are operating on a daily basis. Please secure all items likely to attract metal thieves such as children's bicycle, garden furniture etc. and continue to report any suspicious vehicles, giving times, location, vehicle registration and description of vehicle.

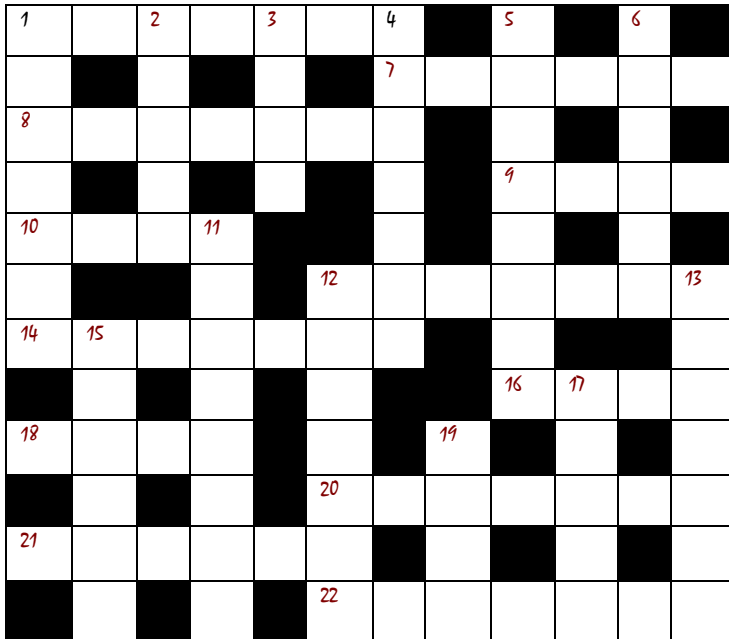
The Police are trying to promote Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the area, if anyone is interested in setting up new schemes, please contact the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator – Vicki ORD.

In the Consett area for the year 2012 – 2013 a total of 1,597 crimes were reported, this was a reduction of 214 on the previous year and during the same period 1,842 anti-social behaviour incidents were recorded, compared with 2,653 the previous year, a reduction of 811. The number of people who have become victims of crime and anti-social behaviour has been reduced dramatically over the last few years and anti-social behaviour is almost **half** what it was two years ago.

The next PACT meeting will be Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013 at 6 p.m. in Leadgate Community Centre. In case you are wondering why you haven't seen PCSO CRAINE, Michael has recently been in hospital and will be absent for the next few weeks.

PC 1551 Louise RAMSHAW, Leadgate Beat Office  
Tel. 101 or e mail Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk

**CROSSWORD**



**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

1. Root vegetable (7)
7. Vital gas (6)
8. Slow and steady (7)
9. Flying toy (4)
10. Takes a seat (4)
12. Breathes out (7)
14. Short growth of beard (7)
16. Opera song (4)
18. Opposite of slow (4)
20. Domed building (7)
21. Blunt weapon (6)
22. Complains whiningly

**DOWN**

1. Immortal winged horse (7)
2. Cook in an oven (5)
3. Naming word(4)
4. Hit or stun with a heavy blow (7)
5. Multi-game equestrian event (8)
6. Stinging plant (6)
11. Deliberate destruction (8)
12. Quite old (7)
13. Sacred beetles (7)
15. Drinking vessel (6)
17. Wash out (5)
19. Plant part (4)

/Answers overleaf



**WATLING WOOD – ‘THE WAY FORWARD’**

During the month of May the Committee of ‘Watling Wood – The Way Forward’ together with Groundwork will be holding a ‘Family Event - Education Walk’ in Watling Wood, but at the time of going to press the date is unknown so please watch for posters which will be displayed in shop windows and schools as soon as possible.

For information, the dams in Watling Wood are now maintained by Durham County Council and **anyone found causing damage to them will be reported to the police.**



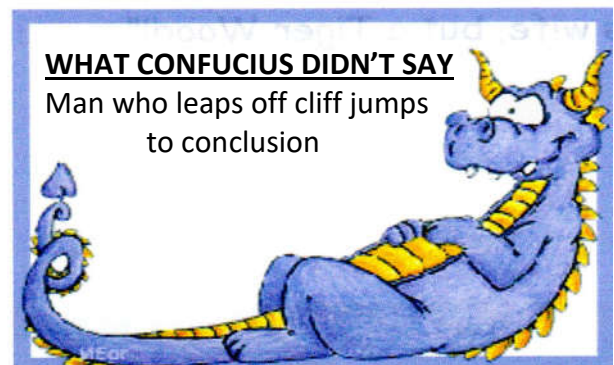
**LEADGATE METHODIST CHURCH:**

Some people may already know, but in case you don’t, the Reverend Les. NEVIN will be leaving our village for passages new and to mark the occasion, on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 the Church will be holding a ‘Summer Fayre’ on the green in front of the church, starting at 1 p.m. One of the attractions will be a climbing wall provided by Consett Y.M.C.A., if you are interested in having a stall please ring 01207 501581 for further information.



**ST. IVES ‘100 CLUB’ MONTHLY DRAW:**

The winning numbers for April are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 14: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 80:





**DIARY FOR MAY, 2013**



1<sup>st</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.

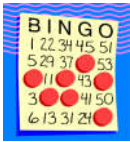
3<sup>rd</sup> Salvation Army are having a Quiz Night and Faith Supper in the Army Hall at 7.15 p.m., tickets £1.50 each.



4<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Leadgate Methodist Church is holding a 'Big Cake Bake Coffee Morning' at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall in aid of the National Deaf Children's Society and



Salvation Army Coffee morning held in the Army Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.



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

9<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by M. RICHARDSON entitled 'Durham City, 1850 – 1960'



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

13<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship held in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.



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

15<sup>th</sup> Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting held in the Community Centre at 6 p.m., followed by Leadgate Area Partnership's Annual General Meeting at 7 p.m.



17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.

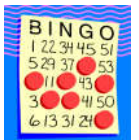


18<sup>th</sup> Three coffee mornings today:  
Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.  
St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.  
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.



20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate's Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m., it will be a members' participation, bring and buy and the competition is 'a pretty handkerchief'

27<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, 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: Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080*

**CROSSWORD ANSWERS:**

**ACROSS:** 1 Parsnip: 7 Oxygen: 8 Gradual: 9 Kite: 10 Sits: 12 Exhales: 14 Stubble: 16 Aria: 18 Fast: 20 Rotunda: 21 Cudgel: 22 Yammers.

**DOWN:** 1 Pegasus: 2 Roast: 3 Noun: 4 Poleaxe: 5 Gymkhana: 6 Nettle: 11 Sabotage: 12 Elderly: 13 Scarabs 15 Teacup: 17 Rinse: 19 Stem.

