

# LEADGATE'S NEWS

Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No.1098479



No. 4/10 (April)

## LEADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Community Centre's Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March and the following people were duly elected:

Chairperson - Mr. Malcolm D'NORTHWOOD  
Secretary - Miss Brenda SURTEES  
Treasurer - Mrs. Jennifer WALKER

Mrs. Alma HORNSBY, Mrs. Jean HUGHES and Miss Stephanie WALKER were elected as Committee members. After the outgoing committee stood down, Alderman Bill STOCKDALE took over the chair and before the election of the new committee took place, he gave a vote of thanks to them for all their work during the past year. During the reading of the Chair's report, mention was made of the bats and how a bat survey was required to ascertain whether or not they had returned, the Secretary at this point informed the meeting the survey would take place over three months, the first being 6th May, the second 3<sup>rd</sup> June and the third 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2010, this survey is to ascertain whether or not the bats have returned, if they have, a licence will have to be obtained to allow the remaining refurbishment to be carried out, so let us all keep our fingers crossed they do not return.

## 'ANN OF LEADGATE'S NIGHT OUT'



*Photograph of Miss Ann HUGHES (on the right) and her older sister, Mary, both ladies are nonagenarians*



*Photograph of Alderman Bill STOCKDALE*

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 the 'Ann' of the title of this article, Miss Ann HUGHES, held a 'Celebration Dinner' for approximately thirty (30) people, in the 'Jolly Drivers' public house. This dinner, arranged by her nephew, Joe, was to say 'thank you' for the 'LOSCA' Ann had been awarded. Before the dinner was served, speeches were made by various people including Alderman STOCKDALE, they all had the same theme - praising the many outstanding qualities of Miss HUGHES and how well known she is throughout the village as a result of her spending nearly all her working life, thirty two (32) years to be exact, teaching at Brooms School, in fact a large proportion of the residents of our village will have been taught by her.

Alderman STOCKDALE in his speech made reference to how Leadgate was a village of 'celebrity lookalikes', one of whom was Miss HUGHES and her likeness to the actress, Katharine HEPBURN, another of our residents had a likeness to the actor Gregory PECK and that was our former village G.P, Doctor FORSYTHE.



### LEADGATE AREA PARTNERSHIP:

The Annual General Meeting of the Partnership will take place in the Community Centre on, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 at 7 p.m. Nomination forms for the election of Committee Members will be available from the Community Centre. If you are interested in helping the community why not come along and have your say.



At the Partnership's monthly meeting held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010 the possibility of the YMCA holding an 'Activity Fun Day' was discussed, this would include paint balling, a climbing wall, laser shooting range and Zorb balls, nothing definite has been decided as it is dependent on the availability of Mr. LEE ROBSON, a Youth Worker with the YMCA: another matter discussed was the possibility of a **FREE BUS TRIP** for families, but again nothing definite as funding would have to be obtained by the Partnership. If these events are to take place they will be held during the school summer holidays, so watch this space for further information.



### POLICE REPORT (for period 15<sup>th</sup> March – 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2010)

From the last P.A.C.T. (Police and Communities Together) meeting held in Leadgate Community Centre, the only main concern was speeding which



has been and will continue to get attention from Durham Constabulary. If you have any other concerns, why don't you pop along to the next one on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 at Leadgate Community Centre, we will notify you again closer to the date. We don't always know all the problems in your area, so we need your help and input so we can solve these problems.

Over the past month the **speed visor** has been used to great effect in the Bradley Cottages, Pont and St. Ives Road area with a number of warning letters being issued. Traffic officers have given out over twenty (20) verbal warnings and issued seven (7) Fixed Penalty Notices to motorists.

One (1) person has been arrested in the Leadgate area for being in possession of drugs.

There has been a litter pick on the Sustrans Track and under the bridge near Villa Real Garage. The majority of the litter was alcohol cans/bottles. The Probation Service kindly volunteered to clear up the area after being asked by the Leadgate Beat Team.

Please continue to utilise the 'Street safe' box in the Post Office and remember that P.C.S.O CRAINE and P.C. HENDERSON are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about in the village. Whichever way you let us know, any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

P.C.S.O 7242 CRAINE/P.C. 2164 HENDERSON, Tel. 0345 6060365  
Crimestoppers 0800 555111

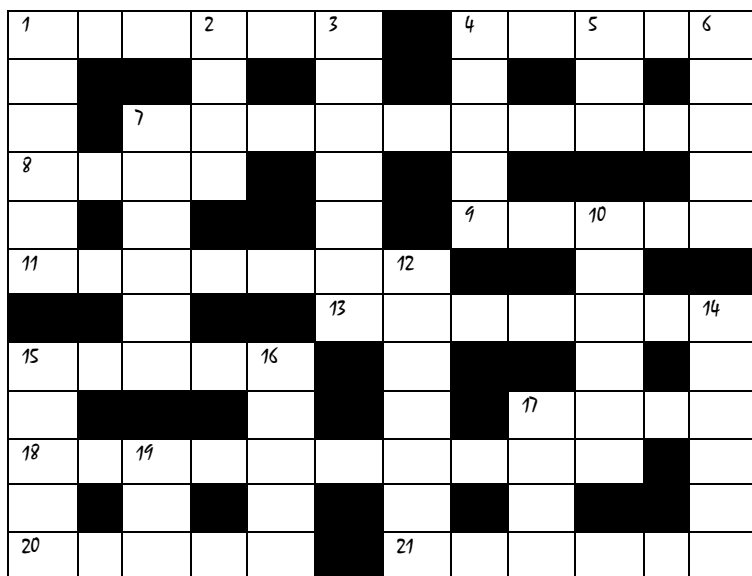


### DERWENTSIDE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE (CVS)

Many of you may not know it, but the newsletter is printed free of charge by Leadgate Area Partnership and is delivered by volunteers to nearly every household in our village. As we were nearing the end of last year, it became obvious more paper was required and in order to supply everyone with a copy, three (3) reams of A.3 paper are used every month and this size paper is quite expensive and can't be bought in the shop, but has to be ordered.

About this time I received notification from Derwentside CVS (who are sponsored by the National Lottery through the 'Big Lottery Fund') that a new round of 'Grants for Groups' funding was available so I duly completed an application form on behalf of the Partnership and I am pleased to say the Partnership was awarded the full amount applied for, namely £560, this amount pays for 50 reams of A.3 paper and will cover the coming year's printing costs. On behalf of everyone who reads our village Newsletter, I should like to thank the members of the Grant Panel for granting us this money and to say it will be put to good use.

## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. Spin a coin (4,2)
4. Coastal send (5)
7. Foreign country (5,5)
8. Excessively proud (4)
9. Short metal fastener (5)
11. Run away secretly (7)
13. Fishing boat (7)
15. \_\_\_ Ross, singer (5)
17. Foamy water (4)
18. Hand tool (4,6)
20. Cold dish (5)
21. Haphazard (6)

## DOWN

1. Petty details (6)
2. In a little while (4)
3. Tolerant (7)
4. Bread maker (5)
5. Broadcast (3)
6. Vital organ (5)
7. Afternoon rest (6)
10. Courage or bravery (6)
12. Percussionist (7)
14. Reorganisation and improvement (6)
15. Cuts into cubes (5)
16. Greenfly (5)
17. \_\_\_ Connery actor (4)
19. Everything (3)

*(Answers overleaf)*



### NO MORE TALKS:

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 sadly saw the closure of Leadgate Methodist Men's Forum, which had provided "talks" and discussions for 50 years.

During this time members were privileged to listen to and question a wide variety of interesting speakers including the author Sid CHAPLIN: a pilot who had flown alongside U.F.O.s: a dowser – water diviner: a man who rode barrels down waterfalls: a hypnotist: a Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons and Don. ROBSOSN who brought First Class Cricket to Durham.

However, long term secretary Bill STOCKDALE, said the most worthwhile achievements had been the ecumenical fellowship it engendered and the lasting friendships that ensured.



### St. IVES '100' CLUB'

Winning numbers for April, 2010

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 15: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 87

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – No. 37: 4<sup>th</sup> prize – No. 20



### ANOTHER NONAGENARIAN

Another of our village's residents, Mrs. Sally HOPPER, reached the outstanding age of 90 years young on 15<sup>th</sup> April and on behalf of all our readers I should like to wish her **Many Happy Returns**

### SUMMER FAYRE:

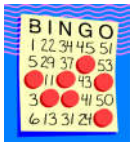
Don't forget Leadgate Methodist Church will be holding a Summer Fayre on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2010 commencing 2 p.m. and if any organisation is interested in having a stall, please contact Mrs. Hazel GRAHAM on 01207 501581.



### 'EYES DOWN'

Earlier this year a resident of our village was out walking her dog along the Cycle Track and she over-heard one cyclist say to his friend, who was also a cyclist, "**this part is the dirtiest**" referring to the section from the Doctor's Surgery towards the 'Jolly Drivers' public house. Let us hope now that spring is here, we see a vast improvement in the cleanliness of the Cycle Track as we don't want to be known throughout the country as the village that has the dirtiest part of the track. I know many pet owners do clean up after their pets, but some don't and some just let their animals run loose. We as adults would never dream of not flushing the toilet, so let us see if we can help our four legged friends to do the same.





## DIARY FOR MAY, 2010

3<sup>rd</sup> St. Ives Church Bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

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



8<sup>th</sup> Three coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel, commencing 10 a.m.  
St. Ives Church, held in Leadgate Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.  
Salvation Army, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.

10<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship, held in Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m.



12<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church are having a Pie and Pea supper with bingo in Leadgate Workingmen's Club, commencing 7.15 p.m. and tickets are £1.50 each.



13<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, held in the Methodist Church, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Ms A. BEER, entitled 'My Grandfather's Farm'



17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., it will be Members Participation and there will be a 'Bring and buy'.

18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> The Salvation Army's Music & Drama Group's presentation of the musical 'Saints Alive', commencing 7.30 p.m., admission is by programme, contact Clare THOMPSON 01207 504054



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

19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership Annual General Meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.

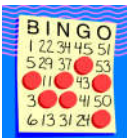


21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate Methodist 'Messy Church' held in the Methodist Church, commencing 3.30 p.m.



22<sup>nd</sup> Salvation Army Coffee Morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.

29<sup>th</sup> An 'Ann Summers' party organised by Miss Amanda CAIN is being held in the Golden Lion' public house, commencing 7 p.m. and don't forget as alcohol will be served, identification will be required.



31<sup>st</sup> St. Ives Church Bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

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



### ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD:

**ACROSS:** 1 Toss up: 4 Beach: 7 South Korea: 8 Vain: 9 Rivet: 11 Abscond: 13 Trawler: 15 Diana: 17 Surf: 18 Claw hammer: 20 Salad: 21 Random:

**DOWN:** 1 Trivia: 2 Soon: 3 Patient: 4 Baker: 5 Air: 6 Heart: 7 Siesta: 10 Valour: 12 Drummer: 14 Reform: 15 Dices: 16 Aphid: 17 Sean: 19 All