

LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership

Charity No.1098479)



No. 4/11 (April)

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

Between Monday, 11th and Wednesday, 13th April, 2011 celebrations took place in Leadgate Methodist Chapel to mark the 10th anniversary of 'Open Arms'. On **Monday, 11th April** the group joined the Chapel's Women's Fellowship for a service held in the Chapel's 'Blue room' and after tea and cakes a quiz and games followed. On **Tuesday, 11th** a masked ball and an 'Alternative Coming Dancing' competition was held. Florence VICKERS won the competition with a highland fling and Monica WILSON and Sandra WILSON were second and third. Councillor Watts STELLING said a few words giving a brief history of 'Open Arms' which was started in Leadgate Community Centre by Mrs. Marjorie FENWICK and Mrs. Sheila BORTHWICK with only 4 members. The group moved to 'Pont Head Community House', then to the Cricket Club and as the number of members grew the group has eventually settled in the Methodist Chapel Hall. Councillor STELLING went on to thank all the volunteers, both past and present for their hard work and dedication. The present Chair, Andrew HEPPEL thanked our local County Councillors for their funding which has helped the group to survive, he also thanked the volunteers and the Church Committee, he then asked members to remember absent friends. After the speeches a game of bingo was played and a buffet lunch ended the day. **Wednesday, 13th** started with tea and coffee, a bingo was held followed by a sing-along followed and to end the festivities, balloons were released. Let's all hope this very worthwhile group continues to go from strength to strength.

The 'Alternative Come Dancing' competition was hosted by 'Lady Offelia BOTTY' from the St. Vitus School of Dancing and here are photographs of some of the contestants:



Lady Offelia BOTTY



Count Hole in the Heart Dracula



Bloody Coconut Mary



Hoy ya Hammer ower here Hinney



Mr. Jock Hamish Tam Willy Gay
Gordon Hamburger McDonald



Red Hot Cactus Willie



Miss Effy Lump from Bumpy Lumpy
Ballet Company of Moscow



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

At this month's Partnership meeting, held on Wednesday, 20th April, 2011 we were told the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership (DVAAP) will be launching its own website in May, 2011 and it will be available to all local community groups and partnerships to use to promote their events, activities and projects. It will also include a gallery to enable local residents to submit photographs of the area, it can also be used to find rooms for hire, educational and leisure based activities and community groups in Derwent Valley – the World Wide Web is at your fingertips! The DVAAP is looking for what they call 'GROT SPOTS', these are areas which residents think are in need of improvement, in other words, 'eye sores', they will be holding a large consultation event in July, 2011 and everyone is invited. They would also like local people to decide on how their funding should be spent and in summer 2011 will be launching an '**IT'S UP 2 U SCHEME**' and again would like as many local community groups and organisations as possible to apply, a showcase event will be held to allow all those who had applied for funding to present their project idea to the local community who will then vote for their preferred project.

COUNCILLOR STELLING informed the meeting on Tuesday, 19th April, 2011 St. Ives' Church had the lead once again stolen from the roof and in the last six months the same thing has happened to the Brooms School and Leadgate Infant School: UK Coal have lodged an appeal against the County Council's refusal to grant planning permission for open cast work in our area: a consultation with residents of St. Ives Road who object to 'speed bumps' is to take place: a consultation is to take place concerning the creation of two laybys in Front Street between the CCTV camera and the flowers bed and finally all our schools have had Ofsted representatives out and been given good reports.

LEADGATE CAPERS now have 32 members made up of both sexes and ages ranging from 8 years to 16years. During April, they have been bush crafting, body boarding, coastering, canoeing and raft building and during May they will be doing zorb/archery and climbing. Don't forget if your child wishes to become a member all they have to do is complete a Membership Form and remember all **the activities are free**.

Finally, the Annual General Meeting of the Partnership will take on Wednesday, 18th May, 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Community Centre, from where nomination forms for the election of committee members can be obtained. If you feel you would like to help our village, why not come along and lend your support.



POLICE REPORT for period 9th March – 10th April, 2011:

The number of calls the police received during this period has increased slightly to 116 but only 9 were community related, this being a slight decrease on last month. Again no alcohol was seized, but don't forget if you see any youths drinking or drinking dens, please let us know: there were no dwelling house burglaries, however there was one burglary of a shed in the Bradley Bungalows area where a mobility scooter was stolen. 'Operation Livorno' which is running to target street drinking and the resultant anti-social behaviour is proving to be a great success as the number of calls has been reduced across the whole of the Consett area.

The warmer weather is fast approaching (hopefully) so please be wary of leaving doors and windows open as this is an opportunity for thieves, always leave valuables such as car keys, wallets and mobile telephones well away from doors and windows. With the warmer weather comes the problem with 'off road bikes', there have been 4 reported incidents, all in the Bradley Cottages area, which have resulted in one motor bike being seized and two warning letters issued for anti-social use of a motor bike. There has been one offence of criminal damage which resulted in a window being broken; there has also been one vehicle scratched.

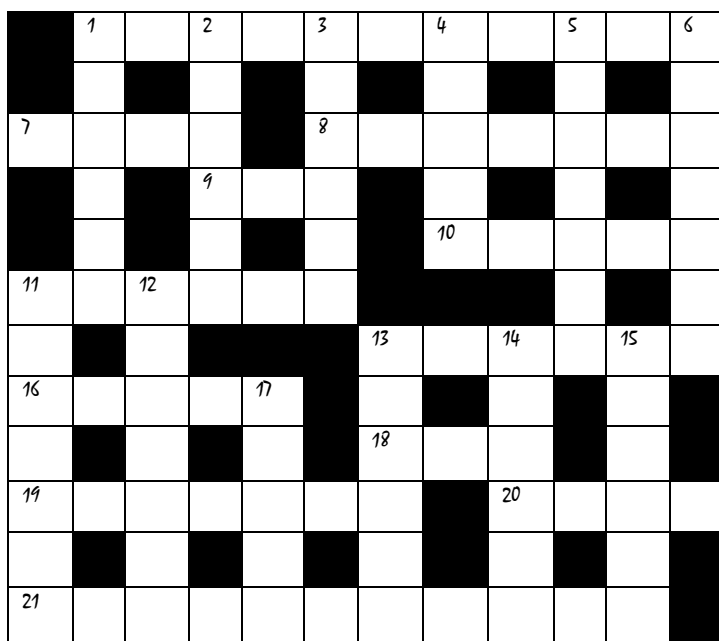
The last couple of months we have been telling you about a telephone scam where someone will call you and say you are owed money by the Local Authority in respect of council tax rebate, they will ask for your bank details, **DON'T GIVE OUT ANY DETAILS WHATSOEVER TO ANYONE YOU DON'T KNOW, ESPECIALLY OVER THE TELEPHONE**, this is a scam, if you are in any doubt, just hang up.

The next PACT meeting will be as usual in Leadgate Community Centre on Thursday, 26th May, 2011 between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. These meetings are an opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Police and to decide how Leadgate should be policed, this is what we call a PACT priority. At the moment speeding is the PACT priority, which is being tackled with a great effect.

Please continued to utilise the 'Street Safe' box in the Post Office and remember, when you see either PCSO Michael CRAINE or PC John HENDERSON out and about in the village, they are always available to speak to and any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. The contact telephone number for your relevant police officer is 0191 375 2446 direct or 0345 6060365 switchboard or e mail Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk

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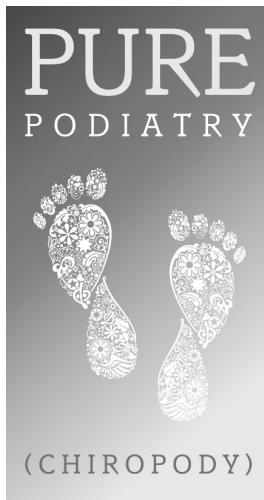
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| 1. In tents (5,6) | 1. Perfect society (6) |
| 7. Bellow (4) | 2. Bold or adventurous (6) |
| 8. Warship type (7) | 3. Calculate (6) |
| 9. Pen fluid (3) | 4. Grown-up (5) |
| 10. Forbidden (5) | 5. Able to be seen (7) |
| 11. Technical language (6) | 6. Prime cut of beef (7) |
| 13. Serving dish (6) | 11. Planet (7) |
| 16. Sits for an artist (5) | 12. React (7) |
| 18. Pistachio, say (3) | 13. Sinew (6) |
| 19. Dual (7) | 14. Eye membrane (6) |
| 20. Lazy (4) | 15. Make use of (6) |
| 21. Basic (11) | 17. Tempest (5) |

(Answers overleaf)

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St. IVES '100 Club Draw:
The winning numbers for April
are as follows:

- 1st prize: No. 5
- 2nd prize: No. 33
- 3rd prize: No. 87



LEADGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

The Annual General Meeting of Leadgate Community Association was held on Monday, 28th March, 2011. As there were no other nominations, the present committee were all re-elected unopposed. They are as follows:

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

Committee members: Mrs. Alma HORNSBY: Mrs. Jean HUGHES: Miss Stephanie WALKER

The Sewing Club's Easter Fayre raised £250 and the Club's members would like to thank everyone who attended and made the day such a success.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

On Friday, 15th April, 2011 the last day of term before the Easter Holidays, the Brooms school children held a surprise birthday to mark the 80th birthday of Father KEOWN, his actual birthday is Thursday, 28th April, 2011. On behalf of all the residents of our village, I should like to wish Father KEOGHAN many happy returns and hope he enjoyed his day and his surprise party.





DIARY FOR MAY, 2011



2nd St. Ives' bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

4th Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

6th Leadgate Spiritualist Group are having a 'Psychic Supper' in the Community Centre commencing 7 p.m., tickets £10 each, from Mrs. Marian EDDY, 01207 583593



7th Two coffee mornings today:
Leadgate Methodist Church – commencing 10 a.m.
Salvation Army – commencing 10.30 a.m.



9th Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship meeting held in the Army Hall, commencing 7.30 p.m. and speaker is Major Barbara DAVIES

12th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting in the Methodist Church Hall, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. N. KIRTLAN, entitled 'North East Victorian Customs'



14th Two coffee morning today:
Pont and Bradley Chapel held in the Church Hall, commencing 10 a.m.
St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.

16th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., it is member's participation and a 'bring and buy'



18th Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

18th Leadgate Area Partnership's Annual General Meeting held in the Community Centre, commencing 7 p.m.



20th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m.

21st Salvation Army coffee morning, commencing 10.30 a.m.



21st Leadgate Gleemen are holding a concert in Leadgate Methodist Church, commencing 7 pm admission by donation, this is a joint celebration to mark the Gleemen's 70th and the Chapel's 50th anniversary.



26th Police and Community Together Meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m.

27th Leadgate Methodist Church is holding a special service at 3.30 p.m. to celebrate the official opening of the church in 1961, the preacher will be the Rev. Les. NEVIN



29th Salvation Army's 'Cool 4 God' commencing 4 p.m., for children of all ages today's theme is 'Money, Money, and Money'

30th 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 18th May, 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 Under canvas: 7 Roar: 8 Cruiser: 9 Ink: 10 Taboo: 11 Jargon: 13 Tureen: 16 Poses: 18 Nut:
19 Twofold: 20 Idle: 21 Rudimentary. DOWN: 1 Utopia: 2 Daring: 3 Reckon: 4 Adult: 5 Visible: 6 Sirlain:
11 Jupiter: 12 Respond: 13 Tendon: 14 Retina: 15 Employ: 17 Storm.