

LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership)

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REDWELL HILLS CARE HOME:

On 30th April, 2011 Redwell Hills Care Home had the official opening of a 'Memory Garden' at the rear of the premises. This Garden was the brain child of Mrs. Kath. JONES, whose husband, Philip had been one of the Home's residents. The work was carried out by Groundwork West, the Prince's Trust and also Mr. David SHIELDS and his volunteers. Some of the money needed for this venture was raised by the Home's employees and visitors having various fund raising events. One of the features of the Garden is a water fountain which was donated by Mrs. JONES and her family in memory of husband and father, Philip.

Redwell Hills was opened in June 1990 on the site of the former St. Ives Church School and here's a little bit of history of the site. The school was originally erected in 1860 as a Roman Catholic School (I don't suppose many people knew that) and in 1863 it became St. Ives Church School but was generally known in the village as 'The Hills School'. In 1921, about 3 a.m. one morning the building was extensively damaged by fire and by 1925 it had been renovated with new classrooms and it remained a school until approximately 1981 when it closed. The building was used for various purposes until, in 1990 it was opened as a Care and Residential Home. If anyone knows what the building was used as between 1981 and 1990 would you please let me know as I am sure Leadgate and District Historical Society would be interested.

Here are a few of the photographs taken on the day of the official opening.



Mrs. Kath Jones being presented with a bouquet of flowers



Fountain donated by Jones family in memory of husband and father, Philip



One of the flower beds

The photograph on the right shows the outgoing and the incoming Matron of the Home cutting the ribbon



The photograph on the left is another view of the garden.

I am unable to show what this site looked before the garden was created but I can assure you it was nothing like this and may I say all credit is due to those who helped to transform it into this most beautiful garden.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

On Wednesday, 18th May, 2011 the Annual General Meeting of the Partnership took place and as there were no other nominations, the existing committee were all re-elected, they are as follows:

Chairperson and Treasurer – Miss Linda PEARS: Secretary – Mrs. Patricia PICKERSGILL:

Committee Members – Mrs. Jean HUGHES and Miss Brenda SURTEES, in addition Mr. Carl SOUTHERN and Mr. Lee ROBSON were also elected as committee members.

Councillors SHIELD and STELLING gave an update on the possibility of a lay-by being constructed in Front Street but apparently the residents do not want it. Councillor STELLING also informed the meeting that the appeal by UK Coal against Durham County Council's decision to refuse their planning application for further opencast workings between Dipton and Bradley, will be heard in Leadgate Workingmen's Club and will start on Tuesday, 25th October, 2011 at 10 a.m. and is expected to last 16 days.

The Partnership together with the Y.M.C.A. will be holding another 'Activity Day' this year, it will on Saturday, 20th August, 2011 between 2 pm and 5 pm and once again the Community Centre will be used for a 'Table Top Sale', anyone wishing to have a table, please contact the Centre's Secretary, Brenda SURTEES ON 01207 507506, as usual the tables will be £5 each. Last year the 'Scarecrow Festival' proved such a success we are having another one this year, so start putting your thinking caps on, the date for this year's festival is 12th – 19th September, 2011.

LEADGATE CAPERS: During the month of May, this group were taken Zorb, Archery and Climbing and in August they will be going Coaststeering, Gorge Walking and River Walking. Don't forget if your child/children would like to partake in these events they have to be a member of Leadgate Capers and to become a member all it takes is to fill in a form.



POLICE REPORT for period 11th April to 13th May, 2011

This month there were only 90 calls made to the police, a reduction on last month, of these only 7 were community related. Another month has passed and there have been no alcohol seizures in the Leadgate area, but don't forget if you see any youths drinking or come across any drinking dens, please inform the police.



Some crime prevention advice, as the warmer weather is here please be wary of keeping doors and windows open as this is an invitation to would be thieves, always leave valuables such as car keys, wallets, mobile 'phones away from windows and doors. This month a container, in the Brooms Lane area, was broken into and a large amount of metal was stolen. One incident of criminal damage (a vehicle was scratched) has been reported. 'Operation Livorno' is still running. This operation targets street drinking and the anti-social behaviour caused by it, over the last few months no incidents of street drinking in our area have been reported. There have been 4 incidents of off road bikes/quads being used, one rider was caught and issued with a warning notice that lasts for 12 months and if the rider is caught within that period their bike/quad is confiscated. One incident of anti-social behaviour has been reported in our area (this is the lowest across the whole of the Consett area) and this involved female youths throwing stones at a house window, fortunately no damage was caused.

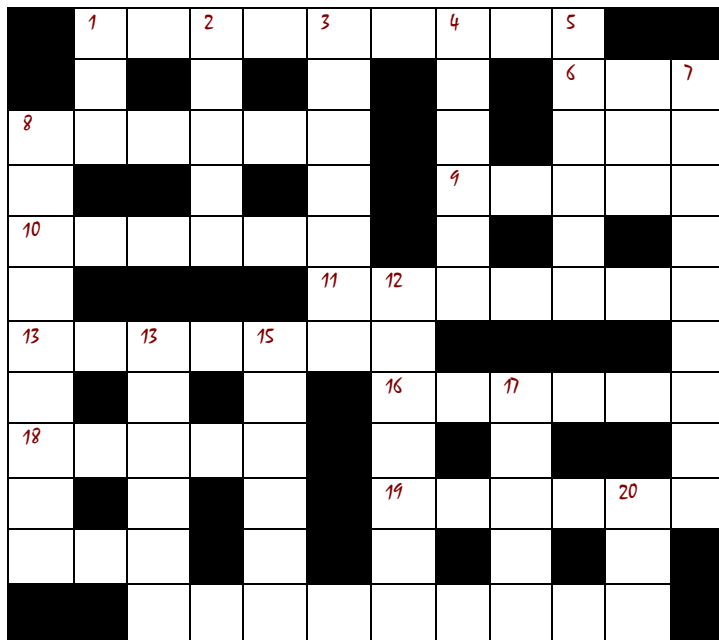
As you all know speeding is a problem in our area and is a PACT priority and as a result of this priority, a safety camera van was deployed in the St. Ives Road area for a short period of time. 12 vehicles were caught, traffic officers issued 9 fixed penalty notices. The result of such a notice is a fine of £60 and 3 penalty points on a driving licence. A large number of people were stopped and given verbal warnings and 3 vehicles have been caught using the community speed visor. From a previous operation targeting speeders it was found that the majority of offenders come from the Leadgate area.

The next PACT meeting will be on Thursday, 23rd June, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre, please come along and air your views. We now have a replacement Beat Officer, her name is P.C. LOUISE RAMSHAW and she is replacing P.C. John HENDERSON and don't forget, both P.C. RAMSHAW and PCSO Michael CRAINE are available to speak to whenever you see them out and about and any information received will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. The 'Street safe' box is still situated in the Post Office so please continue to use it. Finally, any enquiries please contact

please let the police know



CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

- 1. Most liked (9)
- 6. Illuminated (3)
- 8. Made hot (6)
- 9. Throw out of school (5)
- 10. Slender supporting column (6)
- 11. Assembles (7)
- 13. Fruit type (7)
- 16. Artist's workroom (6)
- 18. Traffic light colour (5)
- 19. Esculent (6)
- 21. Scottish river (3)
- 22. Abode or home (9)

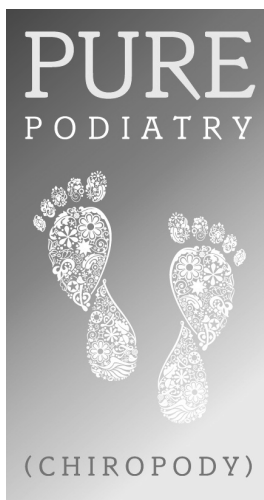
DOWN

- 1. Enemy (3)
- 2. Essential (5)
- 3. Experience or endure (7)
- 4. Create or devise (6)
- 5. Pass by like time (6)
- 7. Optical instrument (9)
- 8. Random (9)
- 12. Quickly (2,5)
- 14. Eraser (6)
- 15. Gentle or loving touch (6)
- 17. Conjunction (5)
- 20. Falsehood (3)

(Answers overleaf)

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'A little Light Music', starting at 6.30 p.m. and tickets are £5.
 On **18th June, between 3pm and 5pm** the chapel is having what they call 'Bye Gone Days – afternoon tea' with Palm Court Music.



St. IVES '100 CLUB DRAW:

The winning numbers for May, 2011 are
 1st prize No. 27: 2nd prize No. 97: 3rd prize No. 68



LEADGATE METHODIST CHURCH JUBLILEE WEEKEND, 3rd – 5th June:

To celebrated the Chapel's 50th anniversary there will be a Photographic Exhibition in the Church Hall between 10 am – 5pm on 3rd and 4th and from 2pm – 5 pm on 5th. Also, on Saturday, 4th the York Rowntree's Music Night Group will be providing



Last month I told you about Father KEOGHAN celebrating his 80th birthday, well, I have a little bit more information about him to impart. On 28th April, 2011 a Concelebrating Mass was held at Brooms Church not only attended by parishioners, but also by 13 priests and 4 nuns to give thanks for Father KEOGHAN's life in the priesthood which totals 56 years, the last 18 of which have been spent in Leadgate.

Another bit of church news I have received is the vicar of St. Ives, Reverend David HERON has recently announced he will be retiring in September.

DOCTOR JAMES IAN McLEISH FORSYTH:

Sadly I have to report the death of Doctor James Ian McLeish FORSYTH ("Fizzy") on 4th May, 2011 at the age of 84 years, he was a popular and well respected doctor



in Leadgate for many years.

Doctor FORSYTH served in the New Zealand Royal Navy as a Surgeon Lieutenant and was twice mentioned in dispatches for bravery during the Korean War. The picture on the left shows him in his naval uniform. On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to offer our sincere condolences to his family.



DIARY FOR JUNE, 2011

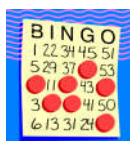


1st Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

3rd-5th Leadgate Methodist Chapel Jubilee events (see previous page)



4th Salvation Army coffee morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



6th St. Ives' Church Bingo, held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

9th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting, held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. G. WALTON, entitled 'The Wild Boy'



11th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall, commencing 10 a.m.
St. Ives' held in the Community Centre, commencing 10.15 a.m.

13th Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship is having a trip to York.



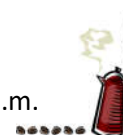
15th Leadgate and District Carers meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 1.30 p.m.

15th Leadgate Area Partnership meeting held in the Community Centre Commencing 7 p.m.



17th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church, commencing 3.30 p.m.

18th Salvation Army coffee morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



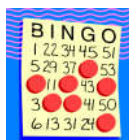
20th Leadgate Women's Institute meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m., presentation by Ms Hazel STEPHENSON entitled 'My Wartime in the Land Army I wrote a Book' and the competition is war memorabilia.

23rd Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 6 p.m.



26th Salvation Army 'Cool4God' commencing 4 p.m., remember this is for children of all ages.

27th 'Opens Arm's Annual General Meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, commencing 1.30 p.m.



27th 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 15th June, 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:



CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Favourite: 6 Lit: 8 Heated: 9 Expel: 10 Pillar: 11 Gathers: 13 apricot: 16 Studio: 18 Amber: 19 Edible: 21 Dee:
22 Residence: **DOWN:** 1 Foe: 2 Vital: 3 Undergo: 4 Invent: 5 Elapse: 7 Telescope: 8 Haphazard: 12 At speed: 14 Rubber:
15 Caress: 17 Union: 20 Lie: