

# LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership)

Charity No.1098479)



## No. 6/10 (June)



### TWO COME ALONG TOGETHER:

You know how you can stand for ever waiting for a bus and eventually two come together, well that has happened to me this month. I have been waiting to be informed of a Golden (50<sup>th</sup>) wedding Anniversary and now I have two to tell you about and believe it or not, they are both on the same day, Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010. The first is Mr. & Mrs. Syd CLARKE:



Syd and Irene met at Stanley Co-op dance Hall in 1953 and after courting for three and half years became engaged. This event took place at Durham Cathedral with

the couple holding the Cathedral's famous knocker for good luck (it has certainly been lucky for them). Syd and Irene were married in the Wesleyan Chapel at Leadgate and were the last couple to be married there.

When I was talking to Syd and Irene a few weeks ago and Irene had a bunch of

flowers in her shopping bag which she said Syd had bought and when I asked if it was a peace offering, I was told 'No, Syd often buys me flowers'.

Syd and Irene, together with their family, are having an 'Open House' on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2010 to mark this memorable occasion and would like it to be known everyone who knows them will be most welcome.

The second couple marking this memorable occasion are Tommy and Pat PRATT.

Fifty five years ago, Pat, who at this time lived at Blackhill, met Tommy on Consett Bus Station, the original one, not the present one and as Pat told me, it took her five years to get Tommy to the Church, they were married at 'Our Lady of the Rosary' Church in Shotley Bridge. They both worked for the former Consett Iron Co. but didn't meet there. Tommy was a well known local footballer, playing for Leadgate, Highgate, Annfield Plain and Tow Law. They have two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren and according to Pat they have never had a wrong word.



Mrs. & Mrs. Tommy Pratt



### PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

Leadgate Area Partnership held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2010 and one of the

items discussed was a forthcoming 'Activity Fun Day' to be held on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2010 on the Eden Football Field between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. This event is being run by Consett Y.M.C.A. and will include paint balling, wall climbing, laser shooting and Zorb balls. These events are open to all age groups, but children under the age of 9 years must be accompanied by a carer. There will be refreshments in the Community Centre and also table top sales – anyone wishing to have a table on this day, please contact either Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES on 01207 506326, the cost of each table will be £5.00.

Once again the old chestnut – speeding was discussed. Apparently calming measures – speed bumps, has been suggested, the cost of these bumps would be in the region of £15,000 - £20,000, however they cannot be used on bus routes, an alternative suggestion of 'speed cushions', which do not affect buses has also been suggested. For everyone's information, when the police were out monitoring speed in St. Ives Road, most of the drivers stopped speeding were from Leadgate. Let's hope these drivers take notice.

The question of the removal of 'Carr House Bridge' was raised and the meeting was informed it would cost in the region of two and a half million pounds for this removal, so with the 'Credit Crunch' it looks as though the bridge is here for the foreseeable future.

The meeting was told over the next three years Durham County Council has to save 68 million pounds!!



**POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 6<sup>th</sup> MAY – 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2010:**

Another reminder that there will be a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting to be held at Leadgate Community Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2010 at 6.15 – 7.15 p.m. Members of your local police team will be there. Fire Service, County Council and Derwentside Homes have also been invited. Come along and voice your concerns, if we don't know about it, we can't help.

Consett Police have been running an operation called **Operation Livorno 2010** to tackle street drinking. Officers are taking alcohol from youths and adults who are in the company of any one under the age of 18. This has had a positive effect on anti social behaviour, calls have significantly reduced over the whole of Consett from this time last year and we believe it's a result of tackling street drinking. It is estimated we have seized approximately £500 worth of alcohol since April,

Generally again it has been a quiet month, so hopefully it stays that way.

Please continue to utilise the 'Street Safe' box in the Post Office. Also remember PCSO CRAINE and PC 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.

PCSO 742 CRAINE/PC 2164 HENDERSON  
0345 6060365  
Crimestoppers 0800 555111



**MOVING TO PASTURES NEW:**

*Leadgate's Salvation Army Captain, Lyn EDWARDS, is moving to pastures new, Wallend to be exact - her last service will be Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July,*

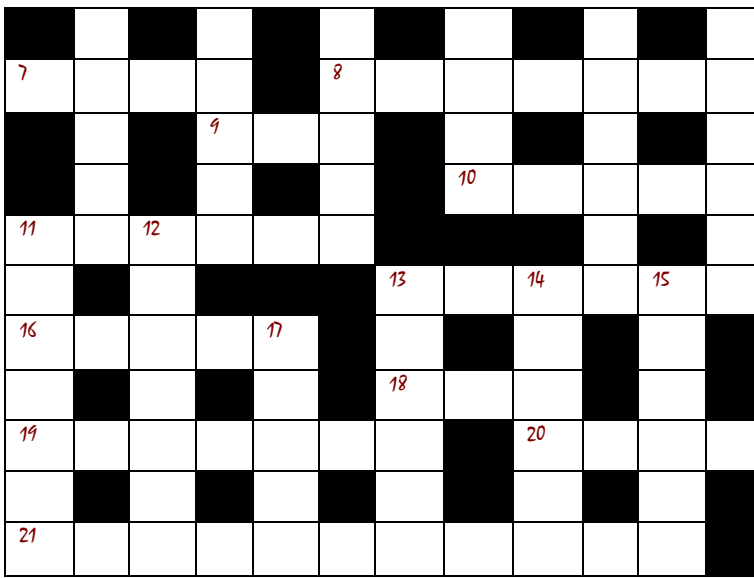
*2010. Captain EDWARDS has been here for eight years and is a well known figure in our village and I am sure she will be greatly missed, not only by her congregation but also by her many friends and acquaintances. On behalf of everyone in the village I wish her and her family the very best of luck in her new posting and would like to take this opportunity to welcome her replacement – Major Barbara DAVIES, who was here for a short time before Christmas 2009 and who I am sure will become as well known as Captain EDWARDS.*

**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

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(Answers overleaf)

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| 1. In reverse (4,2,5)        | 1. Dustman (6)                 |
| 7. Simple card game (4)      | 2. Metallic element (6)        |
| 8. Former (3,4)              | 3. Sports cup (6)              |
| 9. Short explosive sound (3) | 4. Touches (5)                 |
| 10. Hide (5)                 | 5. Foreboding evil (7)         |
| 11. Forcefulness (6)         | 6. Foot lever (7)              |
| 13. Struggle (6)             | 11. Joins up (7)               |
| 16. Raises (5)               | 12. Compel compliance with (7) |
| 18. Baked dish (3)           | 13. Thin candles (6)           |
| 19. Jones, say (7)           | 14. Hi-fi (6)                  |
| 20. Jewellery item (4)       | 15. Saloon (6)                 |
| 21. Medical instrument (11)  | 17. Break violently (5)        |



### ANOTHER DOGGIE COMPLAINT:

Last month's complaint where dogs were concerned was about them

roaming unattended, this month it is about them and other animals about the fact some owners allow their dogs to foul outside residents fouling not only our footpaths but also our playing fields and open spaces. Several residents have complained not only about this but homes. It isn't very pleasant when you leave your home and find dog dirt and sometimes horse manure outside your gate. I know it isn't

all dog owners but to those who don't pick up after their animals, can I please ask you to start doing it, we as human beings wouldn't dream of not flushing the toilet after use, animals don't have our intelligence and can't think for themselves, let us do it for them and in the process help to clean up our streets and open spaces.

Now on a happier note, here's a Shabby Dog Story:



A friend of mine has a puppy, about two years of age who without being taught, has developed the habit of standing on its hind legs and opening the door when it wants to go out, this now means the family have to keep both front and back doors locked, however, unknown to the family, one day the front door was left unlocked and when there was a knock at the door, the dog immediately went and opened it, much to the surprise of the visitors, who, instead of being greeted by their friends, were greeted by a fairly large dog standing on its hind legs. If you have any funny stories about your pets and would like to share them with everyone, please let me know, my telephone number is overleaf.



### St. Ives '100 Club':

Winning numbers for June, 2010:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - No. 119: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - No. 88

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - No. 54: 4<sup>th</sup> prize - No. 46



### BE AWARE!!

One of our gardening readers has asked if I could pass on the fact solar lights and other garden features are not only being moved but also stolen and for everyone to be extra vigilant.



Last month I told you Mrs. Florrie STEWART would be 90 years young on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, but what I forgot to do was, on behalf of everyone wish her many happy returns, which I am doing now. Mrs. Stewart received 64 cards and when going through them, found one of them was for a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, let's hope we are still around celebrate with her when that birthday arrives.



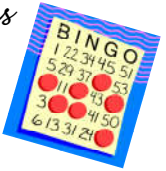
DIARY FOR JULY, 2010





3<sup>rd</sup> Two Summer Fayres on today:  
 11 a.m. - Salvation Army held in the Army Hall  
 2 p.m. - Leadgate Methodist Chapel held in Church Hall/Grounds

5<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church bingo, held as usual in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.



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

9<sup>th</sup> The Salvation Army are having a 'Night at the Musicals' commencing 7 p.m., admission - Adult £2, children £1



10<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley coffee morning, held in Bradley Church Hall, commencing 10 a.m.  
 2 p.m. today, St. Ives Church are holding their Summer Fayre in the Community Centre



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



16<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m.

17<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning, held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.

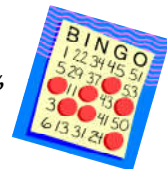


19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting, held in the Community Centre, commencing 2 p.m. this month's speaker is Mr. Geoff HUGHES and he will be talking about 'comedy'.

21<sup>st</sup> There will be a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting in the Community Centre, commencing 6.15 p.m. and the monthly Partnership meeting will follow at approximately 7 p.m.



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



31<sup>st</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning, held in the Church Hall, commencing 10.30 a.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> July, 2010, the contact details are as always: Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES, 01207 506326**



**CROSSWORD ANSWERS:**

**Across:** 1 Back to front: 7 Snap: 8 One time: 9 Pop: 10 Scold: 11 Energy: 13 Tussle: 16 Lifts: 18 Pie: 19 Surname: 20 Ring: 21 Stethoscope

**Down:** 1 Binman: 2 Copper: 3 Trophy: 4 Feels: 5 Ominous: 6 Treadle: 11 Enlists: 12 Enforce: 13 Tapers: 14 Stereo: 15 Lounge: 17 Smash