

## No. 7/12 (JULY)

### MEMORABLE DAY IN OUR AREA:

*In case you weren't around on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., that was the day the Olympic Torch came through our area. To some it didn't mean anything but to many more it meant a great deal, a once in a lifetime experience just as the Jubilee Celebration was.*

*Myself and Jean HUGHES were there and we both thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The atmosphere was unbelievable, it was like a carnival. I was talking to one of the police security personnel and she told me everywhere the torch went, the crowds were unbelievable. Her name was Caroline and she is a detective constable in the Metropolitan Police Force. Caroline told me there were 24 security personnel places and for these places there had been over 600 applications. They have all been with the torch from the start and will be with it until it finally arrived at the Olympic Stadium.*

*Jean and I were standing just down from Number One roundabout and a torchbearer came and stood beside us. His name was Alan DENT and he was from Medomsley, apparently his daughter had nominated him.*



*Myself and Alan DENT, one of the Torchbearers*



*Caroline, one of the Security Detail*



*The torch change over*



*One of the younger supporters of the torch relay*



*Some of the many people out to cheer the Torchbearers on*



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 a meeting was held with a representative from Groundwork North East who are interested in starting a project to improve Watling Wood. A working party is to be formed and the title of the project is "The Way Forward for Watling Wood". If you are interested in this project, for whatever reason, please contact either Linda PEARS on 01207 505481 or Pat PICKERSGILL on 01207 507606.

The Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 and present was Ms Kirsty POLLARD from the Durham Wildlife Trust who want to start a wildlife project involving children. The Trust has received money from the Derwent Valley Partnership to purchase 10 wildlife cameras; children will be trained to use these cameras thus enabling them to make wildlife videos.

Also present was Ms Vicky MOFFAT who gave a short talk on stomach and oesophagus cancer. Vicky stated the main symptoms are difficulty in swallowing/heartburn/indigestion/nausea/lack of appetite/loss of weight. Apparently 40% of the population suffer with heart burn/indigestion. If these symptoms last longer than 3 weeks you should go and see your doctor.

**COUNCILLORS' REPORT:** Councillor Alan SHIELD said the Bradley Open Cast legal challenge would take place by the end of September. An application had been received for the erection of two wind turbines at High Bradley Farm, 80% of people object to wind turbines. Also, if it is too windy, these turbines have to be switched off. A 'Veterans' Retreat' at Ebchester, the first anywhere in the UK, has now been shelved. The appeal concerning Hamsterley Hall has been dismissed. There is to be more discussions about Leadgate Bridge and finally, the County Council want to make all areas parish or town councils.

Comment was made about the roundabouts at the Jolly Drovers and the bottom of Durham road not being planted, apparently those not planted this year will be gravelled over in an effort to save money.

The Partnership in 2011 was awarded £2,000 towards the cost of large black planters which are in place around the village. Your community, Leadgate, now own these planters and are responsible for their upkeep. The Partnership intends to launch a sponsorship scheme in order to raise sufficient money to plant fresh flowers twice yearly, in the Spring and the Summer. Would you like to be a sponsor? Are you perhaps having a special anniversary next year? This scheme would be a beneficial way to celebrate it. Another suggestion would be for a family and friends to collectively remember a loved one, or simply that you would like the opportunity to enhance the look of your village.

The yearly cost would be £30 each for Spring and Summer and sponsorship would be for one year only, but renewable each October, paying in advance for the following year. We intend to commence the scheme October, 2012. If you are interested, please contact either Linda PEARS on 01207 5051481 or Pat PICKERSGILL on 01207 507606.

Once again this year we hope everyone or as many as possible, will take part in the 'Scarecrow Festival' which will run from Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September until Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2012. Please remember, this is **NOT A COMPETITION**, it is just a bit of fun to coincide with the churches Harvest Festivals.



### **POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 20<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2012**

During the above period a total of 105 calls were received by the police but only 8 of them were community related. Another month has passed without there being any alcohol seizures or bogus caller incidents. There have been two reports of 'off road' bikes in the fields between Pont and Bradley and two in the Pont Head Estate area. On arrival of the police no bikes were found, however they have identified a repeat suspect and are working in partnership with the housing agency to address anti-social behaviour at this property. Reports have been received of youths playing football on the bowling green, four youths were later stopped and warned about their actions and were returned home. Some of the youths were not from Leadgate. The 'Jolly Drovers', which is a vacant property is now starting to become a target for local vandals, police and the security company are aware and will be conducting regular patrols.

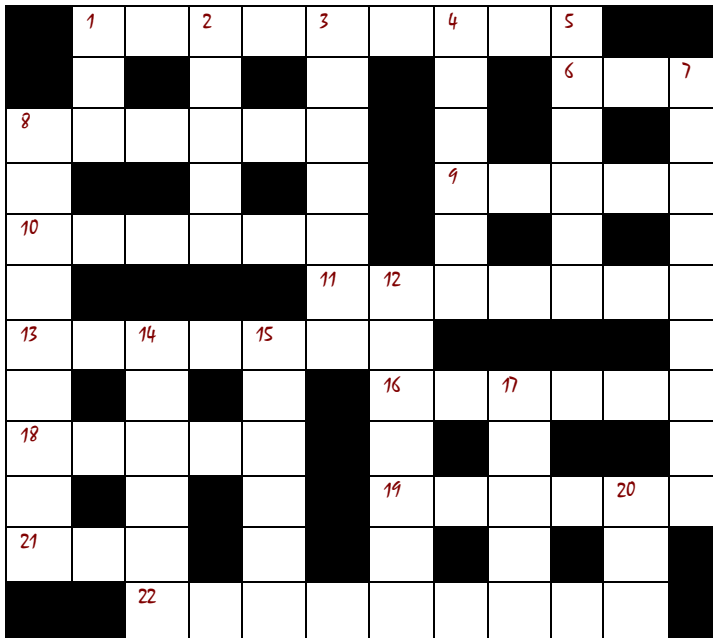
Two thefts have been reported - one at MIS Environment when two males were seen to be stealing metal pipes, however by the time the police arrived the men had made off: in Church Street an unknown person entered a rear yard and stole a mountain bike. Operation Sturgis', which tackles off road bikes, is still in operation.

On a positive side, Beat Officers have been focusing on traffic matters following feedback at a recent PACT meeting, numerous vehicles have been stopped and dealt with for a variety of motor offences. As a result of partnership working, eviction proceedings in respect of a family in Leadgate have been commenced. The police are working with the housing agency to bring enforcement action against a second family who have been acting in an anti-social manner. Numerous arrests have been made in relation to an incident on Leadgate Front Street and the suspects are on bail pending investigations. The police are focusing on groups of youths who are congregating on the Front Street verbally abusing

people going about their normal business and also knocking on doors. Parents are advised to speak to their children as arrests are anticipated if the problems continue.

There will no PACT meeting in August. Neighbourhood Police Officers P.C. 2551 Louise RAMSHAW and P.C.S.O. Michael CRAINE ask when the public telephone the police for whatever reason, can it be done as soon as possible as this will increase the chance of a positive outcome. Any enquiries please contact one of the above officers by either telephone on 101 or by e mail at [Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk)

### CROSSWORD



### CLUES

#### ACROSS

1. Body spin in dancing (9)
6. Pen end (3)
8. Sheep's wool (6)
9. Rule (5)
10. Entertains (6)
11. Means (7)
13. Of the sense of touch (7)
16. Walk like a duck (6)
18. Freely available when needed (2,3)
19. Cooking bulbs (6)
21. Mineral spring (3)
22. Practical joker (9)

#### DOWN

1. Close friend (3)
2. Spools (5)
3. Tool or implement (7)
4. Need for liquid (6)
5. Naval flag (6)
7. Balustrades (9)
8. Irritable (9)
12. American city (3,4)
14. Short sleep or doze (6)
15. A graceful antelope (6)
17. Move aimlessly (5)
20. An not (3)

(Answers overleaf)



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION:

Following the huge success of last year's Macmillan Coffee Morning (with your support £1,400 was raised) on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, Leadgate Salvation Army will once again be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. **This is a coffee morning with a difference.**



As well as the usual coffee morning and cake stall, the Army Hall in Green Street, Leadgate, will be home to a **huge photographic exhibition showing the local area through the ages**. Also making an appearance between 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. will be the **Olympic Torchbearer Nigel COOK, together with his torch**. There will also be over 1,000 6" x 4" prints to buy at a cost of only 50p each. Many of these include photographs of Consett Iron Company, both in its heyday and also during demolition. Photograph frames and albums will also be available to buy with **ALL** money going to the Macmillan Appeal.

If you have a photograph of your own that you would like enlarged or copied, then bring it along and whilst you are having your cup of coffee it can be scanned and printed for you before you leave.

The organiser of the display, Tommy YOUNG says, "THE SUPPORT THAT FAMILIES GET FROM MACMILLAN IS INCREDIBLE. IT IS A MARVELLOUS ORGANISATION THAT IS THERE FOR YOU DURING VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. WE WANT TO DO SOMETHING THAT GOES SOME WAY TO SAY THANK YOU TO THEM".

Why not pop along between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to Leadgate Salvation Army in Green Street, Leadgate on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September and support Macmillan. You can enjoy both a cuppa and a nostalgic look back down memory lane.

### COMMUNITY FITNESS SUITE:



The gym equipment for the Community Centre's Fitness Suite was delivered on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 and is now in situ. Once the volunteers have been trained, there will be a leaflet drop in the village giving opening times and cost etc. There will be official opening, so watch for the leaflet coming through your door and watch for posters placed in shop windows.



Last month Mrs. Mary HOMAN, the retiring owner of 'The Paper Shop' in Watling Street, asked if I would thank all the people who sent her cards and bought presents. Unfortunately last month due to all the photographs taken of the Jubilee Celebrations' I was unable to do it, so better late than never, on behalf of Mary, many thanks for all the cards and gifts.



Last month Mrs. Ann PHILLIPS, a resident of our village entered that elite group of nonagenarians, she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and her daughter, Maureen HENDERSON celebrated her 70<sup>th</sup> earlier in the year and became a septuagenarian. Instead of having presents both asked for money which they have donated to a World Challenge Fund. On behalf of everyone many happy returns to both of them.



### ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:

The winning numbers for July, 2012

are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 91: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 118:



### CHANGE OF NIGHT:

After Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, until further notice

Leadgate Spiritualists Group will be meeting in the Community Centre on a **Thursday night, at 7.30 p.m.**



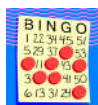
## DIARY FOR AUGUST, 2012

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

4<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's 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.



11<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church coffee morning held in the Community Centre commencing 10.15 a.m.



**PLEASE NOTE: PONT AND BRADLEY ARE NOT HAVING A COFFEE MORNING TODAY**

13<sup>th</sup> There will be no Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting this month

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

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no PACT or Partnership meeting this month.**

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



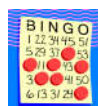
18<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning held in the Army Hall, commencing 10.30 a.m.



20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 2 p.m., this month's meeting will be a 'social meeting' and the competition will be a 'paper serviette'



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



Brooms Church will be having a Coffee Morning sometime in August, but at moment the date is unknown, so listen and you may hear the date.

If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2012, 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, mobile 07500125328:

Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327

**THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST, NEXT ONE WILL BE SEPTEMBER, 2012**

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Pirouette: 6 Nib: 8 Fleece: 9 Reign: 10 Amuses: 11 Intends: 13 Tactile: 15 Waddle: 18 On tap: 19 Onions: 21 Spa: 22 Prankster. **DOWN:** 1 Pal: 2 Reels: 3 Utensil: 4 Thirst: 5 Ensign: 7 Banisters: 8 Fractious: 12 New York: 14 Catnap: 15 Impala: 17 Drift: 20 Nor.



