

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 7/13 (July)



### **COMMUNITY FAYRE:**

On Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 Leadgate Methodist Church held a Community Fayre on the green in front of the Church and as you know, the weather couldn't have been better. In total £1,404.00 was raised by the Church and all the stall holders and on their behalf I should like to thank everyone who gave up their time to run the various stalls and all those who came and spent their money. The money raised will no doubt be going to good causes. You may be interested to know, one of the stallholders was Mrs. Florence WELSH and her daughter Michele who raise money for the North East Air Ambulance. Florence always has 100 bags which sell at £1 per time and she has asked me to tell you on this day she created a record by selling all 100 bags in less than 20 minutes, so a big thank you to everyone who purchased one.



Another reason for the Fayre was to mark the departure, to pastures new of the Reverend Les NEVIN. Les stated he didn't want a 'do' and thought the Fayre would be a much better idea. Les and his wife have been in our village for the last eight years and if you don't know him, you may have seen him riding his white coloured BMW motor cycle. Les and Norma will be moving house on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and are relocating to Richmond, so on behalf of everyone in the village, I should like to wish them well in their home and to say they will be sadly missed.

Another change in the village is at the Salvation Army. Major Eric PEARCE and his wife Carol, also a Major in the Army, have moved to pastures new, this time to North Shields. Eric and Carol haven't been in the village as long as Les and Norma but I am sure they will also be sadly missed and to them also I pass on the village's good wishes. Unfortunately I wasn't able to obtain a photograph of Eric and Carol



### **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:**

On Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 the funeral took place, at St. Ives Church, of Mr. Jack SHIELD, one of the stalwarts of our village. Jack was one of the founder members of Leadgate Area Partnership and through the Partnership ran the village 'Caretakers', he was also a member of the Bowls Club and for many years was a milkman in the village. On behalf of everyone who knew Jack, I would like to express to Nora, his wife and his family our sincere condolences and to say he will be greatly missed.



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

The winning numbers for July are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 61: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 97:

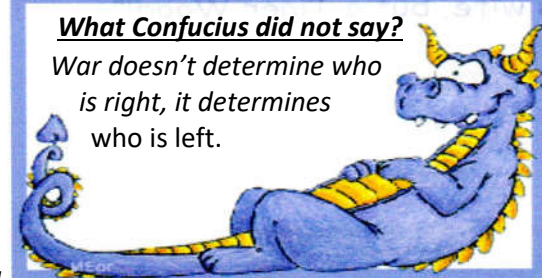


### **TABLE TOP SALE**

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2013 the Community Centre is playing host to a table top sale in an effort to raise money to help pay for the gym equipment. The sale is from 11am – 1pm and tables are £6 each, if you are interested please contact me, Brenda SURTEES on 01207 507506 as it will be first come first served.

### **What Confucius did not say?**

War doesn't determine who is right, it determines who is left.





## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 and the meeting was told a letter had been received from David CLEUGH, Priest in Charge of St. Ives Church, inviting us to select a hymn, bible reading or poem for inclusion in the 'Songs of Praise' being held on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Parish of Leadgate and after some discussion, it was decided a poem would be read out by Linda PEARS, Chairperson of the Partnership.

The tennis court site was discussed and it was asked if it was possible to change its use. Councillor STELLING stated the land is owned by the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) and they have said the tennis courts have to remain as there may be a renewed interest in tennis, if enough people are interested, perhaps a new tennis club could be formed. The positioning of the 'dog poo bags' was also discussed and it was felt initially they should be placed on the cycle track and the football field.

The Partnership is to hold a 'litter pick' on a monthly basis, on the first Wednesday of every month and the first one will be on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, it will commence at 10.30 a.m. and finish at 11.30 a.m. and people interested should meet at the car park behind the Doctors' Surgery. These litter picks will be sponsored by 'Civic Pride', part of Durham County Council, situated at the Morrison Busty Depot and they will provide everything required, all people need to do is turn up and help improve the look of our village.

The old toilet site, next to the Doctors' Surgery, was discussed: a suggestion was made that it could possibly be tarmacked, but as the land is privately owned this is not possible. The question of litter bins placed at various locations in the village by private individuals and who empties them was also raised as they will not be emptied by the County Council.

Councillor STELLING said another set of plans in respect of Carr House Bridge were being considered by all parties (the third in one year) and it was his and Councillor SHIELD'S main aim to have the bridge removed. The last train through Leadgate under this bridge was in 1984 and talk about this bridge has been going on virtually since then.

Brief mention was made of Thomas Swan's future development and the use of 'digesters' and how it would impact on the village because of farm waste being delivered on a daily basis.



## **POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 19<sup>th</sup> June – 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2013**

This month the police received a total of 103 calls and only 6 were community related.

The only burglary reported during the above period was at Johnson Buildings, Iveston, when someone attempted to force open a rear door to gain entry.

A report was received of 5 'off road' /quad bikes on the fields to the rear of Park Villas, but when the police attended none were seen but there were signs bikes had been on the field. In Tyne Avenue police attended after a report of an 'off road' bike, which had made off, the police stayed a short while but there was no further sign of the bike.

Numerous reports have been received from Haven House about children kicking footballs towards the building, climbing onto a garage roof and being abusive to residents – the police will be increasing their patrols in the area.

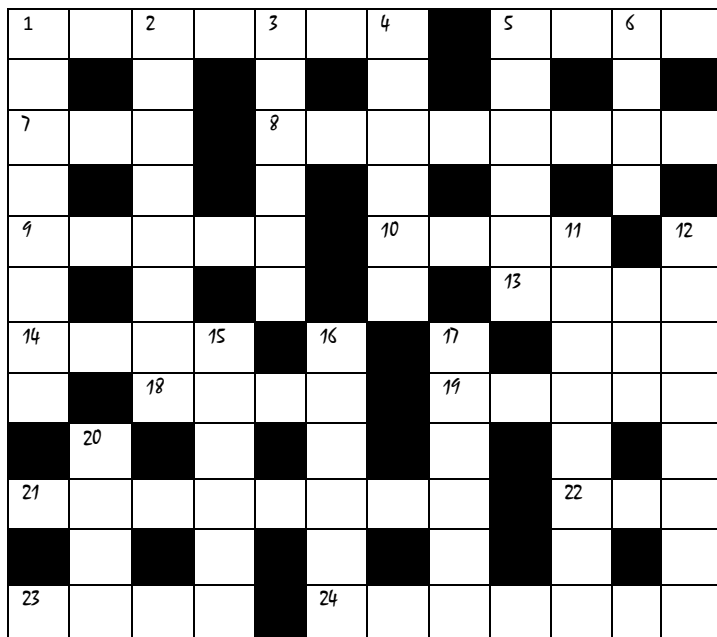
A man has been arrested for causing damage to a property in Dere Park. At The Haven plants with fairy lights attached have been stolen: plants pots have been stolen in Watling Bungalows and in Front Street a Hackney taxi plate from a car has been stolen.

A Magistrate's Search Warrant was executed in the Bradley Bungalows area and a small amount of cannabis was recovered together with stolen property.

If you don't already know, the Police post box, situated in the Post Office is temporarily unavailable due to the Post Office having building work done.

The next PACT meeting will be Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2013 at 6 p.m., in the Community Centre. Your Neighbourhood Office is PCSO 7242 Michael CRAINE and he can be contacted on 101 or by e mail on [consett-NPT@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:consett-NPT@durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. An occupation (7)
5. Painful (4)
7. Chest bone (3)
8. Gathering of people (8)
9. Remarkably large (5)
10. A foreign cheese (4)
13. Pleasant (4)
14. Top card (4)
18. Brief written Record (4)
19. Separates (5)
21. Enmity (3,5)
22. Tavern (3)
23. Nuisance (4)
24. \_\_\_\_ Crowe actor (7)

### DOWN

1. South American county (8)
2. Undefeated (8)
3. Brags (6)
4. Slice of bacon (6)
5. Of a monkey or ape (6)
6. Actor's part (4)
11. Sick headache (8)
12. Relating to one's private life (8)
15. Water ice (6)
16. Eat greedily (6)
17. Card suit (6)
20. Rescue (4)

/Answers overleaf



### WATLING WOOD – FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

During the month of August, the Partnership and Groundwork North East will be holding three community events in Watling Wood and they are: **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30 p.m. pond dipping:** **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, at 1.30 p.m. a bug hunt and Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30 p.m. den building.** If you are interested, please meet at the entrance to the wood next to the stone – off Werdohl Way or find them in the wood after that.

Make a note of the above dates in your diary and encourage friends and family to attend. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and please remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear. For further information please contact Lynne MILLER at Groundwork North East on 01207 524803 or e mail on [lynne.miller@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:lynne.miller@groundwork.org.uk)



### SCARECROW FESTIVAL:

Last year as you may remember was a bit of a washout so far as our Scarecrow Festival was concerned so, as there will be no newsletter published in August, this is a reminder to everyone that the Partnership will be holding one more Festival, **BETWEEN 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2013.**



If you are new to the village, this isn't a competition, no prizes are awarded and there is no entrance fee, it is just a bit of fun and the whole family can participate. All you have to do is create your very own scarecrow and place him/her in the garden or yard, in a place where anyone who passes can see it. The Festival started in 2010 and about 30 scarecrows popped up in the village but unfortunately we haven't achieved that number again, let's see if this year we can at least reach that number because this could be the last year we have the Festival. People enjoy seeing all the different scarecrows suddenly appear in gardens and yards and it is certainly an unusual talking point.

### VOLUNTEERS WANTED

As many of you know 'Open Arms' is a charitable organisation which meets Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall and is run by volunteers. What you may not know is the group is now badly in need of more volunteers **especially a cook**, so if you have some free time and think you could help, why not go along to one of their sessions and see for yourself what volunteering for this worthwhile organisation means.

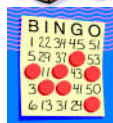


On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 I was reading Teletext and found the following article which concerns our village **'LEADGATE OPENCAST MINE PLANT REVIVED:** Plans for a new opencast mine in Leadgate have been revived following a legal challenge. UK Coal had applied for permission to extract 556,000 tonnes of coal from a site near Leadgate but this was rejected by the County Council in 2011. An appeal by the company has been upheld at the High Court in London and the plans will go back to a planning inspector at a public inquiry. Anti-mine campaigners said UK Coal had not listened to the local community'.





## DIARY FOR AUGUST, 2013



3<sup>rd</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church is having a 'table top sale' today from 10 a.m.  
Brooms Church is having a coffee morning in St. Joseph's Hall at 10.30 a.m.

5<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.

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

8<sup>th</sup> No History Club meeting today

10<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley Chapel are holding a coffee morning in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.  
and all the proceeds are going to 'Open Arms'  
Salvation Army coffee morning held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.

12. Salvation Army Ladies Fellowship meeting in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

17<sup>th</sup> St. Ives Church coffee morning held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.

18<sup>th</sup> A garden party is being held at St. Ives' Vicarage from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. to allow the  
Vicar, David CLEUGH and his wife Hannah to say 'thank you' to everyone for the  
warm welcome they have received  
Also today, Leadgate Cricket Club is holding a Charity Day in aid of Macmillan  
Cancer

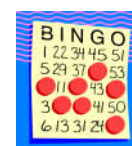
19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m.,  
it will be a 'social meeting' and the competition is a single rose

21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.  
Police and Community Together meeting held in the Community Centre at 6 p.m.,  
Please note there will be no Partnership meeting tonight

24<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's coffee morning held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.

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

31<sup>st</sup> Redwell Hill Nursing Home is holding a Summer Fayre from 2 p.m. and donations  
will be gratefully accepted



*If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make,  
please let us know before 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, 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*

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Plumber: 5 Sore: 7 Rib: 8 Assembly: 9 Giant: 10 Edam: 13 Nice: 14 Aces: 18 Note: 19 Parts:  
21 Bad blood: 22 Inn: Pest: Russell. **DOWN:** 1 Paraguay: 2 Unbeaten: 3 Boasts: 4 Rasher: 5 Simian: 6 Role:  
11 Migraine: 12 Personal: 15 Sorbet: 16 Devour: 17 Spades: 20 Save