

LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership
Charity No. 1098479

No. 7/14 (October) (Scarecrow Express)



Our village's Fifth Scarecrow Festival started on 27th September, 2014 and to those who participated I should like to give a vote of thanks for the time and effort spent devising and making their individual scarecrows. Unfortunately, the entrants this year were somewhat reduced - instead of rising each year our participants diminish. Your roving reporter has been out and about and here are the pictures to prove it.



I am Invictus (tribute to wounded soldiers)



Milly Mop



Mending my nets



Ready for any weather



Ian Botham look-alike



Cocoa the Clown



Little & Large with cousin, Tiny Tim



Mrs. Tidfer on how to grow your own dope (a man)



Billy the Pirate (Salon 19)



Disney's 'Frozen' (Davison's)



Scary Mary (Redwell Hills Care Home)

Leadgate has various shops but each year only two participate and they are Salon 19 and Davison's. I know Davison's isn't very clear, but that's the best I could do when taking the photograph from outside the shop. This year Redwell Hills Care Home took part in the Festival with 'Scary Mary'. As the Partnership say each year, this isn't a competition, it doesn't matter how good or bad the scarecrow is, it is just for fun.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 15th October, 2014 in the Community Centre. The chair person, Linda PEARS informed the meeting a small reduction had been obtained in respect of the spring planting of the village's planters, it is now £25 instead of £30, but the summer planting will remain the same at £30. As you know, the planters are sponsored by local residents and the Partnership has two which require sponsorship, if you interested in being a sponsor of these planters, which will cost £55 annually, please contact Linda PEARS on 01207 505481. A vote of thanks was given in respect of the planting of Villa Real Roundabout and the meeting was told the roundabout at Morrison Road Ends represents the making of steel.

Mentioned was once again made about the possibility of our village having a Christmas tree. This time the site suggested was in Watling Street, where the old toilets used to be (for the newcomers to the village, that's beside the Doctors' Surgery) as there is an electricity pole there, thus the cost of connecting to the electricity system would perhaps be reduced. This matter will be looked into.

The meeting was informed this year's Scarecrow Festival only attracted 12 entries, which was disappointing. For some reason each year, this being the fifth, the participants instead of increasing, have been decreasing. It may interest you to know that the scarecrow on the right side of Durham Road, as you go towards the roundabout, I called it 'Mrs. Tidfer' unfortunately didn't last too long because of vandalism.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Councillor Watts STELLING informed the meeting the delay with the bridge, has nothing to do with bats or the contractor going 'bust'. The bats that were there have now been re-housed. So far as the open cast appeal is concerned, now in its third week, Councillors Watts STELLING and Alan SHIELD have both spoken at the appeal as well as residents..



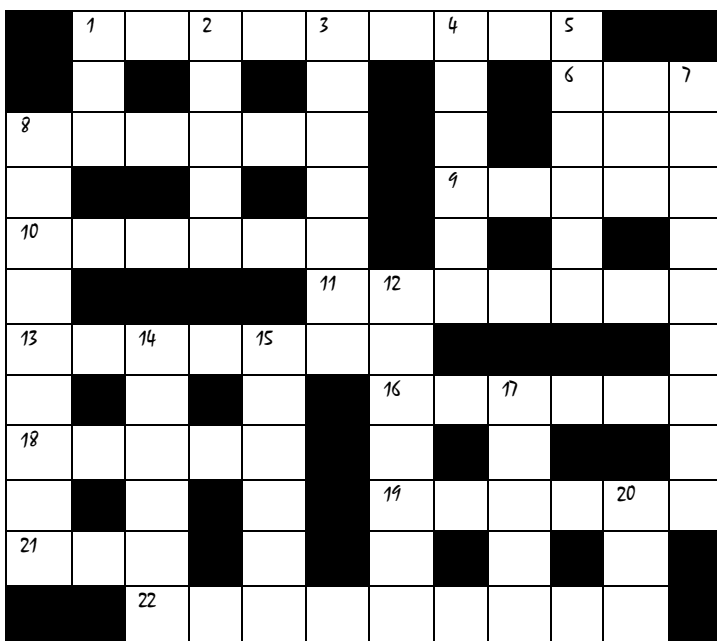
POLICE REPORT

This month's PACT meeting was held prior to the Partnership's on 15th October, 2014 and was attended not only by our PCSO, Michael CRAINE, but by two detectives from Chester-le-Street who gave an overview of 'Operation Seabrook'. This is an operation into historical abuse at the former Medomsley Detention Centre now called Hassockfield Secure Training Unit. This operation covers not just sexual abuse but also physical and mental abuse. Some years ago there was another investigation into sexual abuse which resulted in two members of staff being convicted and given prison sentences. Up to the date of this meeting the police have received 877 complaints which will all be investigated. If anyone has any information about historical abuse or knows someone who was abused whilst at Medomsley Detention Centre, the officers working on 'Operation Seabrook' can be contacted on 0191 3752879

PCSO CRAINE informed the meeting that our village Police Officer, Kevin HALL has been temporarily promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is working at Chester-le-Street. PCSO CRAINE said he had been at Leadgate for the last 6 years and in that time, he has worked with 4 different Police Officers. The meeting was also told Durham Constabulary, from 31st October, 2014 will be recruiting Police Officers, but they will only be accepting the first 1,000 applications. Application forms can be downloaded from Durham Constabulary's website and must be hand written. The Community Speed watch team has identified that the road from Watling Street to the Hat and Feather is a speeding problem area: a recent speed watch in the Pont/Bradley stopped a total of 41 vehicles out of which 16 were found to be speeding.

Recently a vehicle was stopped to the rear of Front Street, Leadgate, two males in the vehicle were searched and both were found to be in possession of cannabis, both were given a caution. Damage to fencing in New Watling Street has been reported, three youths admitted causing it and were taken home and spoken to in the presence of their parents.

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Holy place (9)
6. Unusual or unexpected (3)
8. Perennial plant (6)
9. Sponge or beg (5)
10. Cavort (6)
11. Withhold (7)
13. Have a favourable effect on (7)
16. Bird type (6)
18. Representative (5)
19. Original (6)
21. Biblical woman (3)
22. As it were (2,2,5)

DOWN

1. Adriatic, say (3)
2. Synthetic material (5)
3. Dealers or merchants (7)
4. Counting frame (6)
5. Over there (6)
7. Derv (6,3)
8. Exact copy (9)
12. Gets away (7)
14. Bits (6)
15. Range or scope (6)
17. South American country (5)
20. Pose a question (3)

Answers overleaf



EDEN COLLIERY COMMUNITY BANNER PARTNERSHIP

The Eden Colliery Community Banner Partnership is a small number of individuals who want to see their mining heritage remembered before it's too late. With this in mind what better way to start than bringing the Eden Colliery Banner back to the 2015 Gala? If you are interested in this endeavour, the next meeting of this group is on Thursday, 30th October, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Leadgate Workingmen's Club and everyone is welcome.

ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:



Ever thought of making a contribution to St. Ives' Church, No! then why not join their '100 Club'. For as little as £1 per month you have the chance of winning £50 (the other half goes to the Church. For further information, please contact either Margaret or Dorothy BELL on 01207 5074407.

The winning numbers for October are as follows:
1st prize – No. 8: 2nd prize – No. 98:



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LEADGATE, Consett,
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DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 2014



3rd St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

5th Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre

8th Two coffee mornings today:
Pont and Bradley at 10 a.m. in Bradley Church Hall
Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m. in the Army Hall



9th The village's annual Remembrance Service at 10.45 a.m. at the War Memorial in Durham Road

10th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship shopping trip to Boundary Mills



13th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting at 2 p.m. in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, presentation by Anthony ATKINSON entitled 'Gertrude BELL, The Desert Queen'



13th Leadgate Spiritualist Group are holding a 'Psychic Supper' at 7p.m. in the Community Centre, tickets are £10 each and can be obtained by contacting **Mrs. Marion EDDY on 01207 583593**



15th St. Ives' Church coffee morning at 10.15 a.m. in the Community Centre



15th Pont and Bradley Church are holding their Gift Sale at 2.30 p.m. in Bradley Church Hall



17th Leadgate Women's Institute monthly meeting at 2 p.m. in the Community Centre



19th Leadgate and District Carers meeting at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



19th Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at 6 p.m. followed at 7 p.m. by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting both in the Community Centre



21st Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' at 3.30 p.m. in the Church Hall



22nd Brooms Church coffee morning and mini fayre at 10.30 a.m. in St. Joseph's Hall



22nd Salvation Army Christmas Fayre at 11 a.m. in the Army Hall



24th St. Ives' Church bingo at 7.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



29th St. Ives' Church Autumn Fayre at 1.30 p.m. in the Community Centre



30th 'Advent Carol Service' at 7 p.m. in Durham Cathedral, if you are interested and require transport, please contact the vicar, Father David CLEUGH on 01207 509654



Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



The Centre's Legacy Gym is open every morning except Sunday between 9 am - 12 noon and Monday to Friday between 5 pm - 7 pm
Leadgate Salvation Army has a Parent/Carer and 'Toddler Group, every Tuesday 9.15 am - 11.30 am, it's just £1 per child, for further information contact Envoy Gwen HALL on 07803 452999



If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 19th November, 2014, 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 Sanctuary: 6 Odd: 8 Dahlia: 9 Cadge: 10 Prance: 11 Reserve: 13 Impress: 16 Cuckoo: 18 Agent: 19 Primal: 21 Eve: 22 So to speak: **DOWN:** 1 Sea: 2 Nylon: 3 Traders: 4 Abacus: 5 Yonder: 7 Diesel Oil: 8 Duplicate: 12 Escapes: 14 Pieces: 15 Extent: 17 Chile: 20 Ask