

# LEADGATE'S NEWS

(Leadgate Area Partnership)

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**ANN HUGHES, 1919 – 2011:**

On Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 our village bid farewell to a much loved and long standing member of our community, Ann HUGHES. Ann spent all her life in Leadgate and was truly a stalwart of the parish, the village and of our school where she taught from 1947 – 1979. She was a person of joy and exuberance, possessed of a great sense of humour. She was caring, kind, generous and hospitable. It seemed as though she knew everyone and everyone knew her. Above all she was a person of great faith. It permeated all that she did and influenced her dealings with all those whose lives she touched. Today while we mourn her death we also celebrate her life.

**Joseph HUGHES, Nephew**

Two years ago, when the village had its first LOSCA ceremony Miss HUGHES, as she was known to many, was one of the first recipients and I understand she was very honoured and proud to have been nominated.

Miss HUGHES will be sadly missed by all who knew her and on behalf of everyone I should like to take this opportunity of offering her family our most sincere condolences.

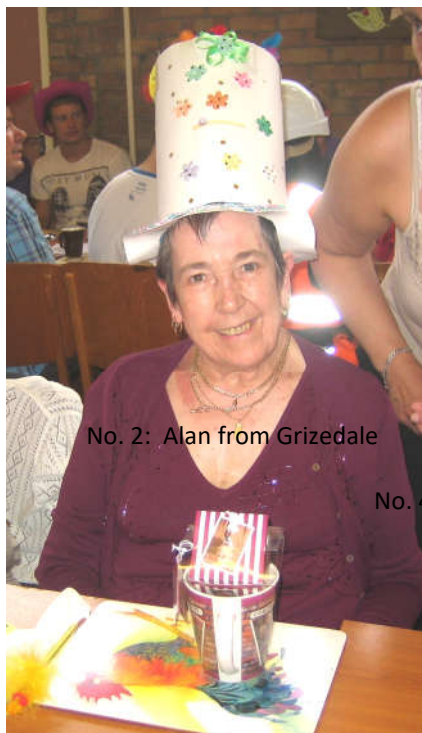


**'OPEN ARMS MAD HATTER'S STREET PARTY**

This 'Street Party' was held on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 (America's Independence Day) and a great day was had by everyone. The winners of the hat competition were Shirley from Nettlesworth House, Anne Wilkin and Alan from Grizedale. The talent competition was won by a group from 'Ebony' and included Lisa STELLING, Katy FIELD, Nan SMART, Jo BROUGHTON and Janice HUTCHINSON. Jeffrey OVERALL performed a solo dance and entertained the 'Open Arms' audience. Here are photographs of the hat winners and the judges.



Photograph No. 1



No. 2: Alan from Grizedale



Photograph No. 4

No. 1: Shirley from Nettlesworth House

No. 3: Anne Wilkin

No. 4: The judges, from left to right:  
Mrs. Joan WILLIAMS  
Mrs. Hazel GRAHAM  
Ms Margaret GRAY



Photograph No. 2

Photograph No. 3



## **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and was informed a letter had been sent to the Area Action Partnership (AAP) nominating three 'Grot Spots' in our area, the first was Carr House Bridge, the second was land/garage behind the Indian Restaurant in Durham Road and the third was the cycle track, behind the 'Chance Chinese Takeaway'

Mr. Keith BARNES, the owner of the 'Roxy' building attended and gave a brief summary of the work that had been carried out so far, he also outlined some of the problems with vandalism, i.e. lead removed from the roof, the culprit was caught and given a caution, this doesn't help when approximately £500 of lead was taken, he also has problems with children throwing stones on the roof. He stated his project is ambitious, apparently there is nothing like it anywhere in the county, when it is finished it will cater for all kinds of arts programmes and some productions would be put on the internet. The partnership was also informed Villa Real Special Needs School will be opening a college on No. 1 Industrial Estate in September for young people between the ages of 19 and 25. Four of the students will be doing projects for the Duke of Edinburgh award.

The Partnership was given money from the AAP to improve the environment and have purchased several planters which at the moment are being planted by Durham County Council and should be delivered shortly and placed in situ. Also planted recently were shrubs received from Groundwork.

During the month of August LEADGATE CAPERS will be visiting a recording studio, canoeing, body boarding, gorge walking, kayaking and abseiling.



**SATURDAY, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 between 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. is ACTIVITY FUN DAY.** In addition to the activities provided by the Y.M.C.A., the police will be providing a dog handler, there will also be rides for the younger children and a bouncy castle, the Fire Brigade have been asked, if possible, to provide a fire engine

On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2011 there is to be a Horticultural Show in the Pretoria Club, Medomsley between 7 p.m. - 10.30 p.m. on Sunday and 1.30 p.m. – 3.45 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Monday.

As there will be no Newsletter in August September, 2011, last year over 30 people participated so let's see if we can increase that number this year, it's not a competition and any type of scarecrow can be entered.



## **PACT MEETING :**

The PACT meetings are now being held before the Partnership meeting and one items discussed was 'Operation Hansel', this is an operation between Durham, Northumberland and Cleveland Police Forces targeting scrap metal dealers. Random vehicle checks are being made in an effort to try and stop the unauthorised weighing in of stolen lead etc. If the driver/owner of the vehicle doesn't have the necessary paper work he/she could potentially be driving without insurance or tax and some may even be driving without a licence. Most of the other information discussed has been reported below.



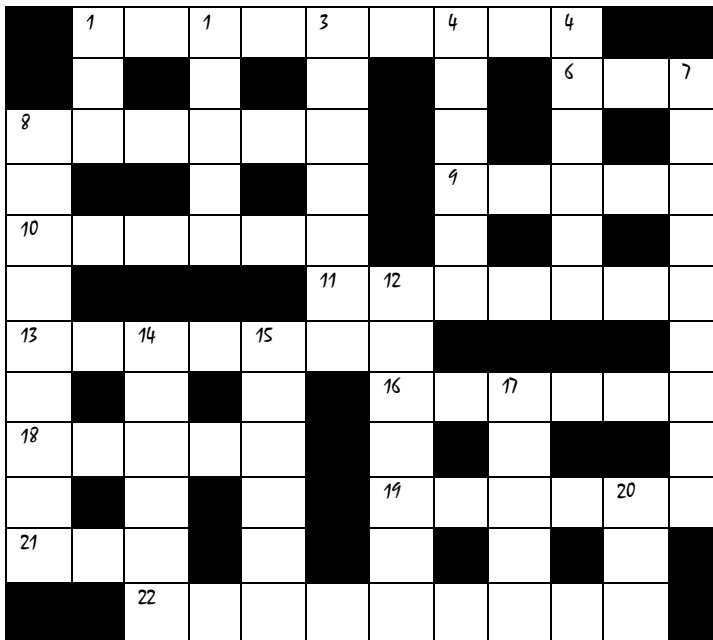
## **POLICE REPORT for period 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2011.**

The number of calls made to the police during this period was up on last month 104 as opposed to 84 the previous month, however only 9 of these calls were community related. We had another month where no dwellinghouse burglaries were reported, but there was one report of burglary other and this was two pedal cycles taken from a garage. There were four incidents of anti-social behaviour and two incidents of off road bikes, most of these incidents occur in the Pont Wood area, unfortunately on this occasion the police were unable to apprehend the riders. Two incidents of criminal damage were also reported, one was a fence damaged and the other was a window broken. Another month has passed where no incidents of street drinking have been reported.

On the positive side, one male was arrested for stealing a pedal cycle: a cannabis farm was discovered in our village containing approximately 50 plants: in an unrelated incident a man was arrested and a search of his property revealed 5 cannabis plants.

Don't forget the PACT meetings have changed days, they are now held on the third Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. before the Partnership meeting, in the Community Centre, the next one will be Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2011. Please continue to use the 'Street Safe' Box situated in the Post Office and remember PCSO Michael CRAINE and PC Louise RAMSHAW 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. The contact numbers are as follows: relevant office 0191 3752446 direct, 0345 6060365 switchboard, email [Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk)

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Flannel (4,5)
6. Appropriate (3) 2. Asphyxiate (5)
8. Short light sleep (6)
9. Cuban dance (5)
10. Trustworthy (6)
11. Convinces (7)
13. As soon as Seen (2,5)
16. The capital of Canada (6)
18. Eskimo dwelling (5)
19. Of high mountains (6)
21. Obtain (3)
22. Coloured cosmetics (3,6)

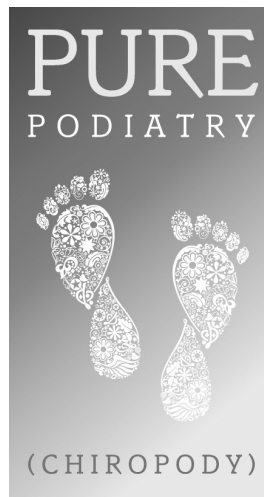
### DOWN

1. Football supporter (3)
3. Spotted feline (7)
4. Musical dramas (6)
5. Hand tool (6)
7. Express in another language (9)
8. Education (9)
12. Tummy (7)
14. Military greeting (6)
16. \_\_\_\_ Clooney actor (6)
17. Lukewarm (5)
20. Novel (3)

(Answers overleaf)

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

The winning numbers for July are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 112  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> prize – No. 22



### UK COAL OPENCAST:

On Thursday, 22nd September, 2011 Pont Valley Network will be holding a meeting in the Community Centre, between 6 pm – 8 p.m. to discuss UK Coal's proposed opencast plans between Dipton, Bradley and Medomsley. If you have any thoughts on this matter, why not go along and have your say, everyone is welcome.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION:

On Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011 Leadgate Salvation Army will once again be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning. As well the usual coffee morning and cake stall, the Army Hall in Green Street, Leadgate will be home to a large photographic exhibition showing the local area through the ages. There will 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 in its heyday and during its demolition. Photograph frames and albums will also be available to buy and **all monies** raised will go to the Macmillan Appeal. If you have a photograph of your own which you would like enlarged or copied, bring it along and whilst you are having your cup of coffee, it can be scanned, printed and ready before you leave.



The organiser of the display, Mr. Tommy YOUNG, says: "The support my family has had from Macmillan over the last year has been incredible. We just wanted to do something that goes some way to saying thank you to them".

Why not pop along between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to Leadgate Salvation Army in Greet Street, Leadgate on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2011 and support this marvellous cause. You can enjoy both a cuppa and a nostalgic look back down memory lane.

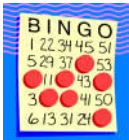


Leaving your door open is an invitation to would-be thieves, please remember to lock them, even if you are just going into the garden.





## DIARY FOR AUGUST, 2011



1<sup>st</sup> St. Ives' Bingo held in the Community Centre, commencing 7.30 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> 'Open Arms Songs from the Shows' in the Methodist Church Hall between 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



3<sup>rd</sup> Redwell Hills Coffee Morning commencing 10 a.m.

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



6<sup>th</sup> Brooms Church Coffee Morning held in St. Joseph's Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> No Salvation Army Women's Fellowship today



13<sup>th</sup> Three coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Church Hall commencing 10 a.m.  
St. Ives' held in the Community Centre commencing 10.15 a.m.  
Salvation Army's in the Army Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.

15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 2 p.m., it will be a social meeting and the competition is 'A Single Rose'



17<sup>th</sup> No Carers' or Leadgate Area Partnership meetings today

17<sup>th</sup> Police and Community Together (PACT) meeting held in the Community Centre commencing 6 p.m.



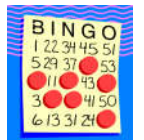
19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall, commencing 3.30 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Area Partnership together with the Y.M.C.A. is holding an 'Activity Day' today between 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., there will also be a 'table top' sale in the Community Centre



27<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army Coffee Morning held in the Army Hall commencing 10.30 a.m.

29<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' 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 21<sup>st</sup> September, 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:  
Councillor Watts STELLING – 01207 501674: Councillor Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED IN AUGUST, 2011**

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Face cloth: 6 Apt: 8 Snooze: 9 Rumba: 10 Honest: 11 Assures: 13 On sight: 16 Ottawa: 18 Igloo: 19 Alpine: 21 Get: 22 Eye shadow. **DOWN:** 1 Fan: 2 Choke: 3 Cheetah: 4 Operas: 5 Hammer: 7 Translate: 8 Schooling: 12 Stomach: 14 Salute: 16 George: 17 Tepid: 20 New.