

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Registered Charity 1098479

## No. 8/9/13 (August/September)



### PARISH OF LEADGATE

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 a celebratory service was held at St. Ives Church to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Act of Parliament that created the Parish of Leadgate. Consett Citizens' Choir were there and if you haven't heard them perform, then you missed a real treat, they not only sang as a group, but members of the choir performed individually and some even recited monologues (which were very good).

On Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July, a local 'Songs of Praise' was held in St. Ives Church with the Bishop of Jarrow presiding, the hymns and reading were chosen by various local organisations. After the service light refreshments were provided and as can be seen by the photograph, a special anniversary cake had been made, you may not believe it, but it was made by our very own vicar of St. Ives, David CLEUGH. It was his first attempt at making a spice cake and I have to say from my point of view, it was beautiful.

David and his wife, Hannah, held a garden party on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 to thank everyone for the warm welcome they have received and once again the cakes were baked David.



### ALL CHANGE:

Our village has four religious denominations and a total of three of them have seen a change of leader this year. The first being St. Ives which saw the licensing of Priest in Charge, David CLEUGH, the second is the Salvation Army which now has a new Envoy, Gwen HALL, who is from South Shields and until July this year had been a primary school teacher for 28 years. Gwen's husband, Nick, is a soldier and bandsman in the Salvation Army and works at the Men's Hostel 'Life House' in Newcastle. When I was speaking to Gwen she told me she is very excited about coming to Leadgate as this is her first posting: the third is the Methodist Church which has a new minister, Keith HOPPER. At the time of writing this newsletter I haven't been able to see Keith but hopefully before the publication of next month's I will have some further information about him and also a photograph of both him and Gwen.

On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to extend to all three a very warm welcome and hope they will be very happy here.



### OUT FOR A PICNIC:

This is what Watling Wood is all about or one of the things it's all about, people having a picnic in a wood some people once wanted to destroy.

A member of the Partnership's group 'Watling Wood, the Way Forward' was out one day with her dog when she came upon this family outing and asked if she could take their photograph for our newsletter and the lady (whose identity is unknown) gave her consent for the its publication. It was taken in July this year when we were having the really hot weather, one day the lady suddenly thought it would be nice to take the children on a picnic.

The committee of 'Watling Wood the Way Forward' would like to express, through the newsletter, their thanks to all the children and parents who attended the organised events, everyone enjoyed them. A thank you is also extended to Cecil WATSON, Ground Work and Councillors Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING for all the work done by them.



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

There was no Partnership meeting in August and this month's was held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. The matter of dog bins was discussed and it was suggested one of the places they should be situated was on either side of Werdohl Way, the local Scout Master, Mr. Geoff. HUWORTH who was present, said it was possible the scouts could empty them under their Community Initiative. The question of who empties the other private bins was answered. Mr. Chris WALTON and Mr. Harry FRENCH, local residents, are the people who empty these bins and on behalf of everyone, the Partnership would like to thank them. At this year's Remembrance Service, a wreath from the Partnership will be laid by the Secretary, Mrs. Pat. PICKERSGILL.

The events that took place in Watling Wood during the month of August were discussed and the meeting was informed they had been very well organised, the children loved it, each time an event was held there were between 15 – 20 children attending, ranging from primary to junior school age. It also transpired a lot of the adults attending had no idea of the wood's existence.

The sponsorship money for the autumn planting of the village's planters is now due and should be paid as soon as possible. Four new planters have been ordered. A suggestion was made that the raised areas in St. Ives Road could perhaps be adopted by the Partnership and that possibly residents could assist in their maintenance. The proposed Exhibition of local talent to be held in October has been now been abandoned due to lack of interest. Yours truly, editor of the Newsletter has applied for a grant to help with its continued publication.



### **COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:**

Our councillors are not happy with the re-instatement of the latest trenches that have been dug at Watling Wood, these are for electricity power cables between Medomsley and Delves Lane. A bollard adjacent to the Doctors' Surgery has once again been knocked down: it seems the people who are knocking it down 'are doing so deliberately' as this is the **6<sup>th</sup> time it has been knocked down**. The owner of the land has been in contact with our councillors and is happy to leave it to them as to how the land is utilised, but it has been specified they don't want it to be used for car parking. Councillor STELLING also stated that blocked drains are now only cleared on request by telephoning Durham Council Council's Highways Action Line on 0191 370 6000. Finally, children who play in fields where horses are kept need to be aware of the fences.



### **POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 21st August to 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2013:**

This month the police received a total of 91 call of which only 9 were community related. Another month has passed when no alcohol seizures were made in Leadgate, however on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 approximately 100 youths were found drinking on the cycle track round Hownsgill Viaduct. There no dwellinghouse burglaries reported but at Derwentside Business Centre, Consett Business Park, Villa Real the St. Robert McAlpine building site had a building entered and a laptop and projector were stolen.

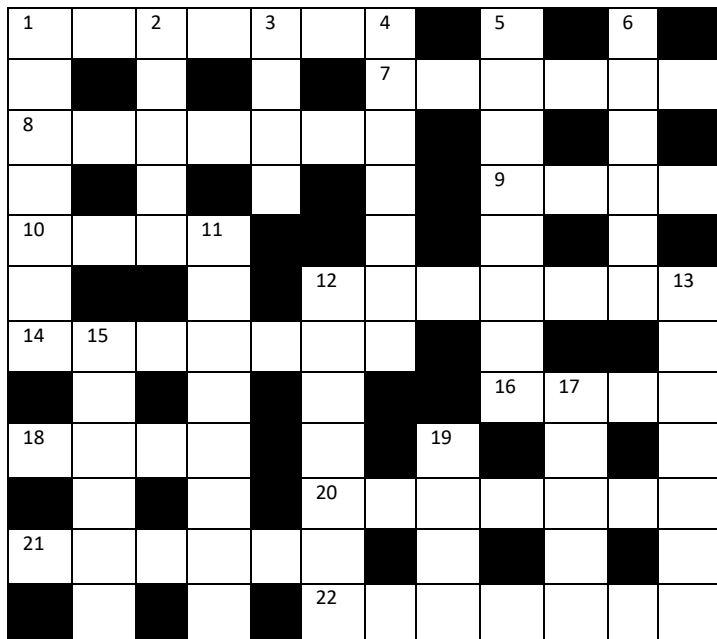
Three incidents of anti-social behaviour have been reported. Once again the **BOWLING GREEN** has been targeted, a report was received of 4 male youths, aged about 16 years, in the grounds, officers arrived 20 minute later but the youths were gone, no damage could be seen. In **TINDALE STREET** a report was received of a large groups of youths 'running a mock', officers attended and spoke to the youths in the presence of residents and the youths apologised. In a **field to the rear of Fourth Street, Watling Bungalows**, three females were scaring a horse in the field, officers spoke to them and then attended their parents' home and informed them of the situation.

In **DUNELM WALK** there have been three cars scratched and as a result the **police will be performing extra patrols in this area**. Outside **KLERS' FISH SHOP** someone set alight a wheelie bin and then made off in the direction of the old Co-op Buildings. Over a period of time the **CO-OPERATIVE STORE** has had approximately £40 worth of meat stolen: in **FIRST STREET, WATLING BUNGALOWS** an unknown male, who had come to view a motor home, drove off with it in the direction of the Hat and Feather.

In the last 90 days, there has been an increase in the number of thefts from motor vehicles, nearly half of these could have been avoided, 42% were thefts from vehicle that had been left **INSECURE**. Did you know .....your car insurance may be void if your vehicle is left insecure. Items left on show are usually an attraction to such opportunists – remove the items and in turn this will remove the opportunity and inconvenience caused by theft and damage. During the last month, in the Consett and Leadgate area, a total of **20 stray dogs** have been picked up: **38 litter fines** have been issued (only 2 in Leadgate): **6 dog fouling notices** issued and **3 garden cleaning notices** issued.

The next PACT meeting is Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 in the Community Centre at 6 p.m. **At this meeting the police will be having a short power point presentation about cannabis farms. If you want to learn how to spot a farm, why not come along and help to make the streets a better place.** Our Neighbourhood Police Officers are PC 2158 Kevin HALL and PCSO Michael CRAINE, who can be contacted by tel. 101 or by e-mail on **Consett-NPT@durham.pnn.police.uk**

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. *Maker or mender of shoes (7)*
7. *Runs away to wed (6)*
8. *Dismiss from consideration (4,3)*
9. *Flying toy (4)*
10. *No votes (4)*
12. *Table game (7)*
14. *Gibraltar informally (3,4)*
16. *Planet (4)*
18. *Flat (4)*
20. *Part of speech (7)*
21. *A light wind (6)*
22. *Bewails (7)*

### DOWN

1. *Small crown (7)*
2. *Push around (5)*
3. *Big cat (4)*
4. *Assess or consider again (7)*
5. *One devoted to reading (8)*
8. *Kitchen device (6)*
11. *Unfamiliar person (8)*
12. *Surgical knife (7)*
13. *Begrudges (7)*
15. *Hangs in the air (6)*
17. *Furnish with ornaments (5)*
19. *Terrible fate (4)*

/Answers overleaf



### ANOTHER SAD LOSS:

In July this year, Lee ROBSON, a member of the Partnership and stalwart of the Y.M.C.A. passed away at the age of only 34. Lee had been suffering from leukaemia but that didn't stop him doing a 500 mile sponsored bike ride in aid of the leukaemia charity 'Bright Red'. On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to offer Sue, his partner and his family our most sincere condolences.

### PIE AND PEA SUPPER

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2013 at 7.30 p.m., Leadgate Cricket Club is the venue for a 'Pie and Pea Supper' organised by members of Brooms Church, there will be a raffle and bingo, tickets cost £3 each and can be obtained from members of either Brooms Church or the Cricket Club.

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION:

On Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2013, the Salvation Army is once again hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning and Photographic Exhibition, tickets are £1 each and include coffee, tea and biscuits, refreshments and light lunches will also be served throughout the day. This is a coffee morning with a difference, as well as the usual coffee morning there will be a huge photographic exhibition showing the local area through the ages. There will be over 1,000 6" x 4" prints to purchase at a cost of 50p each as well as A4 prints costing £3 each, many include photographs of Consett Iron Company both in its heyday and also during demolition. If you have a photograph of your own you would like enlarged or copied, bring it along and whilst having your coffee it will be scanned and printed and ready before you leave.

The organiser of the display 'Tommy YOUNG' says, "THE SUPPORT FAMILIES RECEIVE 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 to the Army Hall in Green Street, Leadgate, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 and support Macmillan, you can enjoy both a cuppa and a nostalgic look back down memory lane.

### BE PREPARED:

Catching flu can be very serious if you have certain health conditions or if you are a carer. Appointments are available now at **Leadgate Surgery**. Ask a receptionist if you are eligible for a free flu vaccination, **telephone 01207 583555**. If you are **70 years old or 79 years old** you may be entitled to a shingles vaccination. Contact the surgery to find out more.



Recently, Ms Angie MORGAN who works in Leadgate Pharmacy decided she would do her bit for charity and what she did was shave all her hair off. This drastic measure proved to be successful because Angie raised the magnificent sum of £620 and through the newsletter she would like to thank everyone who made a donation and on behalf of everyone I should like to say, "WELL DONE, ANGIE".



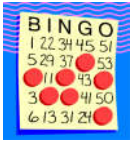


**DIARY FOR OCTOBER, 2013**



2<sup>nd</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.

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



7<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7 p.m.

10<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by Ms Mavis NATTRASS entitled 'Dressed to Kill'



12<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley coffee morning held in Bradley Chapel Hall at 10 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship at 7.30 p.m.



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

16<sup>th</sup> Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting in the Community Centre at 6 p.m., followed by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting at 7 p.m.



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



19<sup>th</sup> Three coffee mornings today:  
10 a.m. Leadgate Methodist Church's in the Church Hall  
10.15 a.m. St. Ives' Church's in the Community Centre  
10.30 a.m. Salvation Army's in the Army Hall

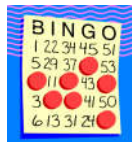


21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute meeting in the Community Centre at 2 p.m., presentation by Mrs. QUIGLEY entitled 'Tall Ships' and the competition is something nautical.



24<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Spiritualist Group are having a 'Psychic Supper' in the Community Centre at 7 p.m., tickets are £10 each.

26<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church coffee morning at 10 a.m. in the Church Hall.



28<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo in the Community Centre at 7p.m.



*If you have any items you wish to have published or advertised, any comments you wish to make, please let us know before 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013, the contact names and telephone numbers are as follows: Brenda SURTEES, 01207 507506 or Jean HUGHES, 01207 506326.*

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**CROSSWORD ANSWERS:**

**ACROSS:** 1 Cobbler: 7 Elopes: 8 Rule out: 9 Kite: 10 Nays: 12 Snooker: 14 The Rock: 16 Mars: 18 Even: 20 Pronoun: 21 Breeze: 22 Laments. **DOWN:** 1 Coronet: 2 Bully: 3 Lion: 4 Rethink: 5 Bookworm: 6 Kettle: 11 Stranger: 12 Scalpel: 13 Resents: 15 Hovers: 17 Adorn: 19 Doom