

# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 10/13 (October) (Scarecrow Special)

The Partnership held its 4<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Festival between 21<sup>st</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 and here are pictures of the entries. As you know, it isn't a competition, it's just for fun and to those people who took the time to make scarecrows the Partnership would like to say a very big THANK YOU.



*The window cleaner*



*Andy Capp*



*Humpty Dumpty has  
been put back together*



*Rapunzel*



*If I told you my name  
I would have to kill you*



*Herman Munster*



*Mr Scout Master*



*Mr. Charlie Chaplin*



*Mary, Mary*



*Nurse Gladys Emmanuel*



*Mr. Halloween*



*Ian Botham lookalike*





The Bo Peep Twins



The Mini Degrees

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**PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's meeting was held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 and would like to know if anyone is interested in starting a tennis club. The tennis courts are situated behind Valley View, near to the Bowling Club but unfortunately are in a very bad state of repair. If there was sufficient interest in re-starting a club, the Partnership or our local Councillors would make arrangements to have them up graded. The matter of litter picks was also discussed and the meeting was informed 'Civic Pride' intend to hold a '**BIG LITTER PICK**' in the area sometime in March, 2014, therefore our proposed monthly ones have been put on hold.

Durham County's new County Plan can be viewed at St. Patrick's Hall, Consett on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 between 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. As can be seen from the photographs, quite a few people took part in the village 'Scarecrow Festival' and the Partnership would like to thank all those who participated. Four new planters which have been bought and paid for have not yet been delivered and this matter is to be looked into.



**COUNCILLORS' REPORT:**

**HIGHWAYS** - Durham County Council's (DCC) Highways/Direct Services Department are progressing improvements to footpaths and roads throughout Leadgate – this will be an ongoing project acknowledging and actioning residents reported requests.

**COMMUNITY BUILDINGS** – Councillors SHIELD and STELLING are striving to improve all community buildings within the village which residents and charitable organisation use on a regular basis.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE:** All improvements have been completed within the agreed cost budget setting.

**BOWLING CLUB:** A refurbished footpath (surrounding the Bowling Club green) has been installed, a new footpath leading to the club entrance is scheduled to be installed during early 2014

**CRICKET CLUB:** A new roof and refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets have been approved and the work is to be undertaken by local tradesmen.

**BRADLEY OPEN CAST:** A new public enquiry is to be arranged (probably early in 2014) following a decision by a High Court Judge to uphold the appeal lodged by UK Coal. Councillors SHIELD and STELLING are liaising with DCC Planning Officers, local objectors and opposition groups to develop a comprehensive and sound defence to convince the new Independent Planning Inspector that all the previous decisions (rejecting UK Coal's application) were the lawful and morally correct justification to refuse the desecration of our local environment.

**VILLA REAL BRIDGE:** Plans to remove the current bridge structure and replace it with an 'up and over' embankment are being progressed (budge provision of £2.5 million has been made). Councillors SHIELD and STELLING are closely monitoring the developments and are liaising with DCC Directors and Senior Officers to ensure the project's completion.

**WATLING WOOD:** Recent 'anti-social behaviour' causing damage to the created dams on the stream in the wood has been reported and the Police are currently investigating.

**POLICE REPORT for period 18<sup>th</sup> September – 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2013:**

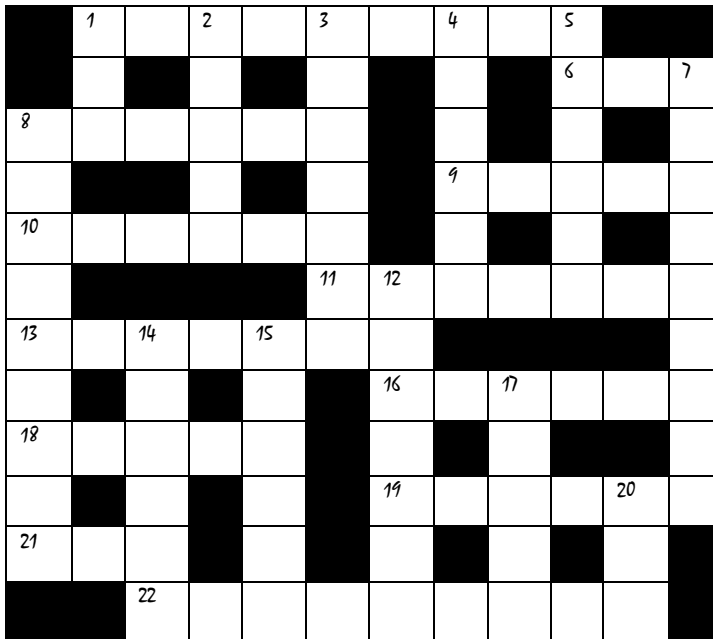
During the above period 83 calls were received by the Police of which only 7 were community related. Once again there were no alcohol seizures and during this period there were no reported burglaries of any kind. Three reports were received of anti-social behaviour in the **PONT WOOD/TYNE AVENUE** area of an off road motor bike being ridden around the wood and estate, on all three occasions no bike was seen by the attending officers (for information one of the calls was received by the police a day later).



**REAR OF FRONT STREET** – whilst a resident was burning rubbish in their garden, youths started throwing stones towards the fire/resident. When the police arrived they spoke to 7 local youths, their details were taken and they were warned about their actions. **CRIMINAL DAMAGE – TYNE AVENUE** – a house kitchen window was broken by an unknown person. **THEFT – CO-OP SUPERMARKET** – two incidents have been reported and in one a local male has been arrested and charged.

At this month's PACT meeting our new village beat officer, P.C. 2158 KEVIN HALL gave a Power Point Presentation on cannabis farms and what to look for, some signs are strong, sickly smell, comings and goings at unsociable hours and compost bags. The growers tend to target rental properties. It may interest you to know that between 2011/12 in the UK there was a 15% increase in these factories. **Next month Kevin hopes to give a presentation entitled 'Tour of Duty of a Response Officer' in other words a day in the life of a real live Police Officer.** The next PACT meeting is Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 at 6 p.m., in the Community Centre. Any enquiries please contact Neighbourhood Officers, P.C. 2158 Kevin HALL and P.C.S.O. 7242 Michael CRAINE on Tel. 101 or e mail [Consett-NPT@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@durham.pnn.police.uk)

**CROSSWORD**



**CLUES**

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

- 1. Ready to wear (3,3,3)
- 6. Strange (3)
- 8. Monotony (6)
- 9. Noise (5)
- 10. Group or set of Seven (6)
- 11. Stretchy (7)
- 13. Eye make-up (7)
- 16. Pressing (6)
- 18. Stealing (5)
- 19. Protect (6)
- 21. Having a high temperature (3)
- 22. Repugnant (9)

- 1. Be indebted to (3)
- 2. Swoon (5)
- 3. Burrowing rodent (7)
- 4. Fluid part of blood (6)
- 5. Become bankrupt (2,4)
- 7. Devoted to a particular cause (9)
- 8. Cricket international (4,5)
- 12. Wash and iron (7)
- 14. Afternoon nap (6)
- 15. Opposite of detach (6)
- 17. Embarrassing Blunder (5)
- 20. Pistachio, say (3)

/answers overleaf

**DIAMOND CELEBRATIONS:**



In case you don't know who the happy couple is, it is Mr. Jack DAVISON and Miss Muriel HUTTON or as most people know them, Mr. & Mrs. Jack DAVISON. Jack and Muriel were married on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1953 at The Avenue Methodist Church, Consett and have just celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. On behalf of everyone who knows them, I should like to offer them our heartiest congratulations and hope they have many more happy years ahead of them



**CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY:**

In 2014 the 1<sup>st</sup> Leadgate Scout Group will be celebrating its centenary and to mark 100 years of scouting in the village a number of events are being organised. If anyone has any memories of their scouting years or have kept any memorabilia, the Scout Leaders would love to hear from you and would like to include this in an exhibition they are planning. Further information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Pauline PARKER, Group Scout Leader on 01207 502294.

**UNWANTED FRUIT:**



Have you fruit trees in your garden and don't know what to do with the excess fruit? Well I know the very people who could put it to good use. Members and volunteers of 'Open Arms who meet every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Leadgate Methodist Church, would be very grateful to receive any windfalls etc. that you don't want..

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

The winning numbers for October are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize -No. 34: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 64





## DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 2013

-  2<sup>nd</sup> Brooms Church coffee morning held in St. Joseph's Hall at 10.30 a.m. 
-  4<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.
-  7<sup>th</sup> Brooms Church is having a Pie and Pea Supper in Leadgate Cricket Club at 7.30 p.m., tickets are £3 each 
- 9<sup>th</sup> Pont and Bradley Coffee morning held in Bradley Chapel Hall at 10 a.m. 
-  10<sup>th</sup> The annual Remembrance Day Service takes place at Leadgate's Cenotaph at 10.45 a.m., please come and show your support for our armed forces.
-  11<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship meeting in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by Ms Heather MUNSEY entitled 'How a General was Railroaded' 
-  15<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' held in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.
-  16<sup>th</sup> Coffee morning and a Gift Sale today:  
10.15 a.m. - St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre  
2.30 p.m. - Pont and Bradley Chapel Gift Sale in the Chapel Hall 
- 18<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute Annual General Meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m. and the competition is 4 ginger biscuits 
-  20<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.
-  20<sup>th</sup> PACT meeting held in the Community Centre at 6 p.m., followed by Leadgate Area Partnership meeting at 7 p.m. 
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Salvation Army's Christmas Fayre held in the Army Hall at 11 a.m. 
-  25<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. 
- 30<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army coffee morning held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.  
St. Ives' Church Christmas Fayre held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m. 

**Bingo sessions are held every Monday and Saturday in the Community Centre at 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 18<sup>th</sup> November, 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 Off the peg: 6 Odd: 8 Tedium: 9 Sound: 10 Septet: 11 Elastic: 13 Mascara: 16 Urgent: 18 Theft: 19 Defend: 21 Hot: 22 Abhorrent. **DOWN:** 1 Owe: 2 Faint: 3 Hamster: 4 Plasma: 5 Go bust: 7 Dedicated: 8 Test match: 12 Launder: 14 Siesta: 15 Attach: 17 Gaffe: 20 Nut