



# LEADGATE'S NEWS



Leadgate Area Partnership  
Charity No. 1098479

## No. 11'12/12 (November)



### **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2012**

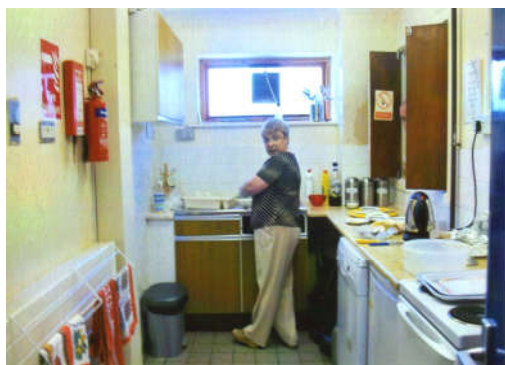
*This year's Remembrance Day Service was led by Major Eric PEARCE and once again our village was well represented. Every year more and more people of all ages come to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.*



### **BUILDING UPDATE:**

*In case you didn't know, the Community Centre is finally having the refurbishment work completed. The original work was started in September, 2009 but because of three bats it was halted. At the time of typing this newsletter the work is almost complete, so hopefully by the time it is printed the inside will be completed.*

*One of the main problems the Centre had was it wasn't water tight and over this last year has been flooded on several occasions, but now, thanks to a new roof and the two flat roofs being converted to pitched roofs, the Centre should be water tight. A new kitchen has been provided and also a new unisex toilet. The foreman of the building work is Mr. Dave CURRY of Durham County Council's Service Direct Department and on behalf of everyone, I should like to congratulate him and his work force on a job well down.*



*This is what the original kitchen looked like*



*This is how it looks after refurbishment*



*These are men who made it happen: from left to right -Peter, Dave, Brian and sitting Mick*



*Lieutenant Edward Drummond-Baxter and Lance Corporal Siddhanta Kunwar*

### **SAD DAY FOR OUR VILLAGE:**

*On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 a sad procession left Watling Street it was the funeral cortege of Lieutenant Edward Drummond-Baxter pictured on the left, who together with his comrade Lance Corporal Siddhanta Kunwar, were killed in Afghanistan on 30<sup>th</sup> October by a man wearing a police uniform, they both served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, the Royal Gurkha Rifles.*

*The funeral of Lt Drummond-Baxter, who was attached to 40 Commando Royal Marines, was held at Durham Cathedral, where military funeral services are extremely rare, but the Dean Michael*

*Sadgrove said, "It is an honour. We want to honour someone who courageously gave his life in conflict and it is right we should do that in a place that is public and visible". Edward, who was only a month into his first tour of Afghanistan, was born in Peterborough but lived in Consett with his parents. After his death his family said, "Edward was fiercely loyal and totally sincere to his parents, sister and many friends who are mourning him today both in the UK and around the world. He loved the Gurkhas and died among friends doing the job that he wanted to do".*

*On behalf of everyone in the village I should like to offer sincere condolences to Edward's family and to his many friends.*



### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

*This month's Partnership meeting was held on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012. The meeting was informed the Partnership's two applications to the Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership's grant scheme, 'It's Up2You' have now progressed to the final stage of the process, which will be a presentation at a community voting event. As everyone will have seen, the planters for been planted with Winter pansies and this has been done by the County Council, but as yet a price for plaques for these planters has not yet been obtained. As a result of the poor response to this year's Scarecrow Festival, probably due to the inclement weather and vandalism, it was felt it should continue for another year.*

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORT:**

**Watling Wood** - the County Durham Plan does **NOT** include any plans for housing development here and we are trying to progress the conversion for the whole site to be changed from 'Brown Field' to 'GREEN FIELDS' thus preventing any possible development within the curtilage of the wood. There is further environmental work being developed in certain areas of the wood in co-operation with Groundwork North East – grant funding is being proved by local councillors and Leadgate Partnership.

**Highways and Parking** - improvements in additional parking on St. Ives Road are being created by the removal of part of the double yellow lines: provision of parking bays in Front Street has been suspended because of residents' concerns in the specific location: a reduction in the size of the green at Willow Crescent is being arranged to allow improved access by large highway vehicles (bin wagon).

**Bowling Green** - Councillors have agreed to provide funding for additional security fencing to be installed on the perimeter of the Club following a recent break in and anti-social behaviour to the pavilion, green and general area.

**Flytipping/dog fouling** - there has been an increase in fly tipping in the area which causes concerns especially as Stoney Heap Household Waste Reclamation site (The Tip) is still scheduled for closure in March, 2013 requiring people to use the site at Morrison Busty. Neighbourhood Wardens have issued a number of Fixed Penalty Notices following reports from local residents.



### **POLICE REPORT FOR PERIOD 17<sup>th</sup> October – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2012**

*During the above period a total of 136 calls were received of which only 17 were community related. There have been two dwellinghouse burglaries, in one a set of car keys was stolen and this resulted in the car being stolen and other resulted in electrical goods and jewellery being stolen. Access was gained to allotments at the rear of Pont View, nothing was stolen except keys. A garage in Durham Road was broken into and a number of tools and a motorbike were stolen. In Pleasant View two sheds were broken into, and one had a bike stolen.*

*There have been several reported incidents of anti-social behaviour: in Durham Road a report was received of youths shining laser pens into house windows, when officers arrived there were no youths to be seen, but there was a group of adults setting off fireworks: in Front Street a group of youths were reported to be verbally abusing people as they entered shops, again when the police arrived, no youths were found, the local shop keepers were spoken to and said they had had no problems: in Railway Street youths and adults were having a BBQ/fire, the caller was frightened the fire would get out of control. Officers attended and only adults were in the area. There was a small fire in a sturdy BBQ but was not causing a risk. In Front Street CCTV showed a fire, PC RAMSHAW attended but the fire was going out but still requested the fire be put out as in previous years bins have been stolen and put on fires. Watling Bungalows had youths running through gardens, but no one was in the area when officers arrived. In Laurel Drive youths were reported being loud and possibly breaking bottles, officers did attend but not straight away as they were diverted to an immediate incident.*

*Several reports of criminal damage have also been received: in Dunelm Walk someone has broken a house window: in South Cross Street someone has thrown a brick at a house rear door causing damage: damage has been caused at Kimax's compound, glue in a lock and paint spilt in places: damage has been caused to a drain pipe and security light at the Methodist Church.*

*That's the negative news, now some positive news: after a cannabis farm was uncovered, under the Proceeds of Crime Act a local person has been ordered to pay £5,000: a small amount of cannabis was recovered from the Valley View area: a local man has been charged with attempted murder after an incident at the 'Coach and Horses' public house: a male from Stanley, after having been stopped in his vehicles in the local area, has been charged with firearms offences.*

It may interest you to know, five officers in the Consett area have recently received a 'WOW Award' and one of them is our very own PCSO MICHAEL CRAINE. This is an award given when an officer shows outstanding customer service skills and goes beyond what is expected. PCSO CRAINE has not been on duty for five weeks but he is back now, so if you see him pop over and say hello.

The dark nights are now here so when leaving the house think about leaving the television on or investing in a light timer both of which are great deterrents to burglars.

There will be no PACT Meeting in December; the next one will be Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre. Any enquiries please contact either PC 2551 RAMSHAW or PCSO 7242 CRAINE on 101 or e-mail [Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk), also don't forget you can ring **CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555111** and you may be in line for a financial reward.

## LEADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Registered Charity No.1072819



Ever thought of joining a gym but found the fees too expensive?



Then why not become a volunteer at Leadgate Community Centre's Fitness Suite.

As a volunteer you would be entitled to free membership and use of the equipment.



You would be trained in the use of the equipment and first aid and be CRB checked.

If you are interested, please contact either of the following people:



Jennifer on 01207 562177  
or  
Karen on 01207 506362

## LEADGATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No. 1073119



### CHRISTMAS CLOSING TIMES FOR LEADGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE'S LEGACY GYM



The gym will close at 12 noon on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2012  
And will re-open for morning sessions only  
On Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2013

Normal opening hours will resume on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2013  
i.e. Monday to Friday 9 am – 1 pm; Saturday 9am – 12 noon  
Monday and Thursday: 5pm – 7pm;  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 5pm – 8pm



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

The winning numbers for September are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 25; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No. 71:



### CHRISTMAS RECIPE:

Here's a recipe for a Christmas pudding with a difference, an Ice Cream Christmas pudding and also rum and raisin sauce, it's a wonderful alternative to Christmas pudding. However, it contains raw eggs so is not suitable for pregnant ladies or the very young or elderly. If you can see flecks of butter or fat in the mincemeat, heat until the fat has melted, then cool before adding to the cream.

### INGREDIENTS – serves 8 – 10

1 x 450 g jar vegetarian suet-free mincemeat: 2 tbsp rum: 4 large eggs:  
300 ml double cream: 100 g caster sugar.

- i. Mix the mincemeat and rum together.
- ii. Separate the eggs. Place the yolks in a small bowl and mix until well blended. IN a separate bowl, whisk the cream until it forms soft peaks. Using an electric mixer, whisk the egg whites on fast speed until stiff, then gradually add the sugar a teaspoonful at a time, still on fast speed. You may need to scrape down the sides of the bowl from time to time.
- iii. Fold the egg yolks and cream into the meringue, followed by the rum and mincemeat.

iv. Turn the ice cream mixture into a 2-litre pudding basin, cover and freeze overnight.

v. To turn the pudding out, dip the basin very hot water for a few moments and turn upside down on to a serving plate, as you would with a jelly. Serve with rum and raisin sauce (see below) or toffee sauce (see you.co.uk)

**VARIATION:** If you prefer, you can use brandy instead of rum. **PREPARING AHEAD** – the ice cream can be frozen for up to one month.

**RUM AND RAISIN SAUCE: (Makes about 450 g)**

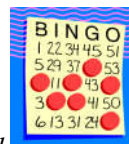
**INGREDIENTS:** 225 g granulated sugar: 6 tbs water: 225 g raisins: 75 ml rum

- i. Measure the sugar and water into a medium sized pan and stir over a low heat until the sugar is completely dissolved.
- ii. When the syrup is completely clear, stir in the raisins and continue to heat until they are hot. Remove the pan from the heat and add the rum. Set aside to cool.
- iii. Pour into two clean jars. Leave for at least 24 hours.

**TIP** – If you prefer, make with brandy instead of rum. **PREPARING AHEAD** – If the sauce crystallises in the jar, just reheat it in a pan until the crystals are dissolved.



3<sup>rd</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



6 – 9<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church is holding their Christmas Tree Festival, Viewing times are 10am – 6pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 1pm – 4pm on Sunday, light refreshments will be available

8<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
Pont and Bradley Chapel held in the Chapel Hall at 10 a.m.  
Salvation Army held in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.



10<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship Christmas buffet held in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.

13<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in Leadgate Methodist Church Hall at 2 p.m., presentation by W. SOUTHWORTH entitled 'More to Life than Work'



13/14<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Music and Drama Group present a Christmas Musical entitled 'While Shepherds Watched' held in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m. each night, admission is by programme which cost £2.00 and can be obtained by contacting Clare THOMPSON on 01207 504054



15<sup>th</sup> This month St. Ives' Church Coffee morning held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m. **is being held on the third Saturday of the month**

17<sup>th</sup> Leadgate branch of the Women's Institute Christmas meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m., the competition is a small table decoration



21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Christmas Church held in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.



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

23<sup>rd</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Carol Service at 10.30 a.m.  
St. Ives' Church Carol Service at 3 p.m.  
Salvation Army's Carol Service with mince pies at 4 p.m.



**Services** (All the following times may be subject to change):

**Christmas Eve Services:**

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m.

**Christmas Day:**

Brooms' Church Christmas Mass 8.30 a.m. and 10 a.m., St. Ives' Church 9 a.m.

Leadgate Methodist Church at 10 a.m., Salvation Army at 11 a.m.



This is the last Newsletter for 2012, the next to be published will be in January, 2013, on behalf of the Editorial Staff I should like to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. If you having anything to be published or advertised, please let me know before 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, contact numbers are – **Brenda SURTEES** – 01207 507506: **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

