

LEADGATE'S NEWS



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REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, 10th NOVEMBER, 2013

This year's Remembrance Day Service was led by Territorial Envoy Gwen HALL and Father David CLEUGH, Priest in Charge at St. Ives Church 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.



Councillors Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING, Home Manager Mrs. Andrea BLADES



Councillors, Home Manager and members of staff

REDWELL HILLS CARE HOME:

These days we don't often hear anything good about residential/nursing care homes, but our very own Redwell Hills is the exception. On Monday 18th November, 2013 I was present, as photographer for the newsletter, when Councillors Alan SHIELD and Watts STELLING, presented to the home's Manager, Mrs. Andrea BLADES, a 'Rock Award' in recognition of care and kindness. Homes cannot nominate themselves, but Redwell Hills was nominated by a relative of one its residents and believe it or not this person does not live in our area but resides in Hampshire. The award reads as follows:

"You have recently received a nomination for a ROCK award for the wonderful job you all do at Redwell Hills Care Home. Your nomination has been featured on the Company's website. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work and commitment. Please accept this gift as a small token of our appreciation".

On behalf of everyone in our village and of course the residents, I should like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all the staff of Redwell Hills Care Home. If you are interested, on Saturday, 13th December, 2013 at 2 p.m. the Home is having a pantomime, 'OLIVER TWIST' and it is FREE.



PARTNERSHIP NEWS:

This month's Partnership meeting took place on Wednesday, 20th November, 2013 in the Community Centre. Under the heading 'Matters Arising' the question of the tennis courts was brought up. In last month's Newsletter the question was asked, was anyone interested in starting a new tennis club? Unfortunately, I didn't have any replies but Councillor STELLING had an e mail from a resident who said if a club was started he would be interested. However, the ground is now not in the best of order and new tarmac would have to be laid and everything would have to be replaced. Also under the same heading, the footpath around the bowling green should read outside the bowling club.

The placement of the four new planters, which are smaller than the existing ones, was decided – two would be placed in Durham Road, one at the Doctor's Surgery and one in Watling Street: the question of sponsorship for these new planters was raised and if you would like to become a sponsor, please contact **Mrs. Patricia PICKERSGILL, Secretary** of the Partnership **on 01207 507606**. The Food Bank situated in the Salvation Army Hall, Consett has now moved to Glenroyd House. To qualify for a food parcel people have to be referred from the Job Centre, Citizens' Advices or the Health Service, if anyone attends the Food Bank without a referral they will be told where they can obtain a referral.

The meeting was told a recent application to Christ's Hospital in Sherburn, Durham for a grant to continue the Newsletter had been unsuccessful: an application will have to be made elsewhere.



COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Councillor STELLING commented on the fantastic turn out this year at our village's memorial service and said there was also a service at Iveston. It was also noted police speed cameras had recently been present in the village and the police were also keeping a watchful eye on Watling Wood in view of the recent damage caused to the dams. Durham County Council has put pipes in to stop flooding and as this is Council property anyone found causing damage will be severely dealt with. The Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership's recent Your Money, Your Area, Your View project was discussed. The money to fund this project comes from the 'Participation Budget and Councillors STELLING and SHIELD feel the allocation of the money has flaws, whilst the turn out this year was once again admirable, the larger organisations benefited over the smaller ones. Leadgate had three projects participating, Leadgate Carers, Open Arms and Leadgate Cricket Club, however only the Cricket Club was successful.



POLICE REPORT:

The winter nights are here and the police are concentrating on crime prevention around leaving your house in darkness. Dedicated Police and Neighbourhood Wardens are conducting patrols to target offenders and reduce crime by prevention. Winter Nights leaflets are being distributed street by street.

LOCAL COMMUNITY: A male was arrested for theft of two motor vehicles, charged with these offences and also driving whilst disqualified and other offences – he was remanded in custody to await trial. **OPERATION WHITEHALL** which targets scrap collections throughout the Consett area has had positive results, leading to a decline in illegal collectors. **CURRENT TREND:** Sporadic thefts of motor vehicles, stolen with keys after the house has been left insecure, vehicle keys then used to steal vehicles. Burglaries from dwellinghouses and out buildings and various items stolen. In Leadgate and Consett an increase in dedicated patrols to apprehend offenders and promote crime prevention methods.

WORKING TOGETHER:

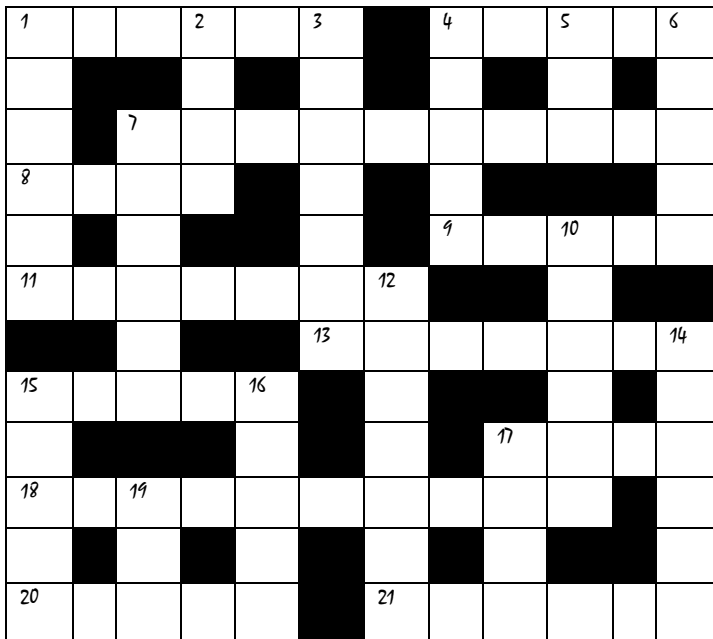
Over recent months a small wall at the rear of the Community Centre has collapsed and our village's PCSO Michael CRAINE, who, in another life was a bricklayer, offered to re-build it. On Friday, 1st November, 2013, Michael together with members of Leadgate's Scout Group rebuilt the wall. The five scouts were all shown the basics of bricklaying and each laid at least one of the bricks

On behalf of the Community Centre's committee I should like to offer them our most sincere thanks and hope their morning in the bricklaying trade may prove helpful in the future.



The next PACT meeting will be Wednesday, 18th December, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre. Any enquiries, please contact Neighbourhood Officers on 101 or you can email PCSO 7242 Michael CRAINE on Michael.craine@durham.pnn.police.uk or PC 22158 Kevin HALL on kevin.hall2158@durham.pnn.police.uk

CROSSWORD



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Socialise or talk informally (6)
4. Claw (5)
7. Person (5,5)
8. Precipitation (4)
9. Fastening pin (5)
11. Propriety (7)
13. Laughs nervously (7)
15. Shoe part (5)
17. Have on as clothing (4)
18. City in Kent (10)
20. Irritates (5)
21. Soldier on guard (6)

DOWN

1. Intense dislike (6)
2. Naming word (4)
3. Rough or tight embrace (4,3)
4. Italian river (5)
5. Garland of flowers (3)
6. Dark period (5)
7. Singuitus (6)
10. Low area between hills (6)
12. Vehicle type (7)
14. Guarantor (6)
16. Spools (5)
17. Songbird (4)
19. Nothing (3)

(Answers overleaf)



HOW'S THIS FOR A BONFIRE

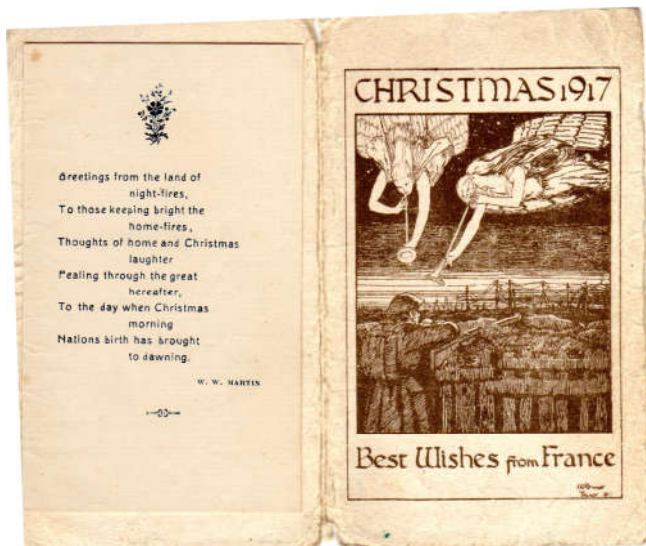
Long before there was Health and Safety this was how bonfires were built. I am led to believe this bonfire was built by Leadgate Council workmen to celebrate either the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria or the coronation of George V, I am not sure which, but whichever it was, at the turn of the 20th century, they certainly knew how to build bonfires. In case you are wondering where it was located, it is on the field behind Park Villas.

GRANT MONEY:

On Saturday, 16th November, 2013 Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership held its 'YOUR MONEY, YOUR AREA, YOUR VIEW' event in St. Patrick's Church Hall Consett. This was an event in which local organisations applied for grant money and local people voted for the groups they thought the most deserving. Three groups from our village applied, Leadgate Cricket Club, Leadgate and District Carers and Open Arms: unfortunately, only one of our groups was successful and that was Leadgate Cricket Club. The majority of the other groups who were successful were from either Consett or Blackhill.

CHRISTMAS FROM THE FRONT:

How would you like to receive a Christmas card like this? Recently a friend of mine was showing me some of her old keepsakes and this Christmas card was one of them. It had been sent to her mother, by her mother's brother who was on the front line in France at Christmas, 1917.



ST. IVES '100 CLUB' MONTHLY DRAW:
 The winning numbers for November are as follows:
 1st prize – No. 99 : 2nd prize – No.114 :



DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 2013

- 2nd St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.
- 4th Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.
- 7th Leadgate Scouts are holding their Christmas Fayre in the Scout Hut between 10 – 2 p.m. and
Leadgate Methodist Church are having a coffee morning in the Church Hall from 10 a.m., Santa will be there and there will be parcels for children
- 9th Salvation Army's Ladies Fellowship will be having a Christmas buffet at 7.30 p.m.
- 12th Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting at 2 p.m. in the Leadgate Methodist Church Hall, the presentation is by Mr. Bill SAUNDERS, entitled 'Life in a Pit Village'
- 13th Leadgate Junior School Christmas Fayre at 2 p.m.
- 14th Pont and Bradley coffee morning in the Church Hall at 10 a.m.
Salvation Army Christmas coffee morning in the Army Hall at 10.30 a.m.
- 16th Leadgate Women's Institute Christmas meeting in the Community Centre at 2 p.m. and the competition is a decorated candle
- 17th St. Ives' Church is holding a Schools' Christmas Service at 10 a.m.
- 18th Leadgate and District Carers meeting in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.
Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting at 6 p.m. in the Community Centre (there will be no Partnership meeting)
- 19th St. Ives' Church is having a carol service at Redwell Hills at 2.30 p.m.
- 20th Leadgate Methodist Church's 'Messy Church' in the Church Hall at 3.30 p.m.
- 21st St. Ives' Church coffee morning in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.
- 22nd Salvation Army Carol Service at 3 p.m. followed by mince pies
St. Ives' Church Christingle Service at 3 p.m. and from 5 – 7 p.m. there is a Christmas Party being held in the Vicarage

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Christmas Eve:

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m.

St. Ives' Church First Mass of Christmas at 7.30 p.m.

Salvation Army's Carols by Candlelight at 11 p.m.

The following times may be subject to change:

Christmas Day:

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

St. Ives' Church Christmas communion at 9 a.m.

Leadgate Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

- 30th St. Ives' Church bingo in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.



As this is the last Newsletter for 2013, the next will not be published until 2014, 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. In the New Year if you having anything to be published or advertised, please let me know as soon as possible, 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:

Watts STELLING – 01207 501674, mobile 07500125328: Alan SHIELD – 01207 562080, mobile 07500125327

CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

ACROSS: 1 Hobnob: 4 Talon: 7 Human being: 8 Rain: 9 Rivet: 11 Decorum: 13 Giggles: 15 Upper: 17 Wear: 18 Canterbury: 20 Riles: 21 Sentry. **DOWN:** 1 Hatred: 2 Noun: 3 Bear hug: 4 Tiber: 5 Lei: 6 Night: 7 Hiccup: 10 Valley: 12 Minibus: 14 Surety: 15 Ulcer: 16 Reels: 17 Wren: 19 Nil

