

No. 11'12 /11 (November & December)



## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE, 13th NOVEMBER, 2011

This year's Remembrance Day Service was led by Captain Mark SELLERS of Consett and once again our village was well represented. Each year more and more people of all ages wish to pay their respects to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This year the football field was silent, normally during the two minute silence, the roar of the football crowd could be heard but this year there was only silence, I wonder if the organisers decided to start the match after the service, if they did on behalf of those who attended this years' service, I thank them.

## GROW WITH ESH – 'The Five a Day & Play Garden'

On 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 Leadgate County Infant & Nursery School were presented with a cheque for £1,500 as winners of the above scheme. The picture on the left shows the teacher, Miss Louise and four of her very young gardeners with the cheque. You may not know it but these children are only about 7/8 years of age. Last year the school was successful with their 'FlutterBy Garden' when they entered 'Grow with Esh'. The school had erected a polytunnel and a few raised beds on land at the rear of the school and the children grew a wide variety of fruit and vegetables which were gathered for the harvest festival. Some of the vegetables were used to make soup which won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at the North East Horticulture Show. The project has to be seen to be believed, it has fruit trees, play areas, a polytunnel teaching area, stools and they have also extended their original 'FlutterBy Garden'. The aim of the school is to make the 'Five a Day and Play Garden' sustainable, with its own renewable power source and heat the polytunnel in the cold winter months. Miss Louise and her very young gardeners are to be congratulated and let's hope their garden goes from strength to strength.



## LOLA, THE BEAUTICIAN:

In last month's edition, I showed a picture of Lola, the Beautician, well, as a result of this, some of her friends, 25 to be exact, decided to call at her shop, Salon 19 to have their hair done and to be dressed. The two hairdressers, Yvonne and Lynn were only too pleased to oblige and here is a photograph of their hard work.



As you can see from the photograph on the right, the 25 friends are all dolls, which have been donated for the Shoe Box Appeal, by a lady who works at Shotley Bridge Hospital, their hair was styled and they were dressed by Yvonne and Lynn. Some children who would probably not have anything for Christmas if it wasn't for the Shoe Box Appeal, will have a much happier one this year, well done to both of you!!





### **PARTNERSHIP NEWS:**

This month's meeting took place on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 and apart from the Secretary and Acting Chair (the official chair of the Partnership, Miss Linda PEARS has been in hospital recently for a knee replacement and we wish her a speedy recovery), only three people attend so there wasn't much to report. It was mentioned that the stone built bus shelter at the bottom of Durham Road had been removed approximately six weeks and is still to be replaced. The inquiry into UK Coal's proposed open cast site at Bradley is now concluded and the planning inspector's decision is expected sometime in the New Year. I saw in last week's local newspaper an article about our M.P., Mrs. Pat GLASS, accusing UK Coal of 'commercial bullying', it seems Mrs. GLASS is on the side of the protesters. I have nothing to report from our County Councillors as neither was present.



### **POLICE REPORT for period 3th October – 9th November, 2011**

During the above period a total of 98 calls were received but of these only 6 were community related. Another month has passed without there being any alcohol seizures or reports of dwellinghouse burglaries, however there has been one incident of burglary at the recycling tip at Brooms Lane which resulted in a large quantity of scrap metal being stolen. There have been 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour, one involved a male who, after being stopped and searched, was found to be in possession of drugs. There were two incidents in the Pont Head Estate area. One of male youths throwing fireworks which were confiscated and the youths were warned in the presence of their parents: the other was of a group of female youths causing alarm and distress to horses in a nearby field, these females were taken home and warned in the presence of their parents. There were also two incidents of 'off road' bikes, again in the Pont Head Estate area, on one occasion the rider was located and warned regarding his actions. A house window was broken by an unknown person throwing an apple: a number of cars in Front Street and Green Street have been scratched and if anyone has any information, please contact us and remember any information received will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. A sat nav was stolen from a motor car parked in the St. Ives Gardens area and one male has been arrested in connection with this incident.

'Operation Hansel' which targets scrap metal thefts, is still running and the police have had some success, after stopping scrap metal vehicles property was found to have been stolen from the local area.

As a result of a house search in the Oak Terrace area, a large number of cannabis plants were discovered and one male was arrested.

The next PACT meeting will be on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011 in the Community Centre at 6 p.m. Please continue to utilise the 'Street Safe' box 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 let us know, any information received will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Any enquiries, please contact our relevant officer – telephone 0191 3752446 direct, or 0345 6060375 switchboard or e mail [Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Consett-NPT@Durham.pnn.police.uk).

### **APPEAL FOR INFORMATION:**

On Bonfire Night, several wheelie bins were stolen. It is thought they were used as fuel for a bonfire in The Squares. Although this may seem like petty crime, most of the residents will have to pay £40 to replace their two bins and not all families have this much money to spare so close to Christmas. If you have any information about who has stolen these bins, please contact me. I will never disclose person information without your consent and you can remain anonymous.  
**PC 2551 RAMSHAW, Leadgate Beat Officer, [louise.ramshaw@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:louise.ramshaw@durham.pnn.police.uk), 0345 6060365**

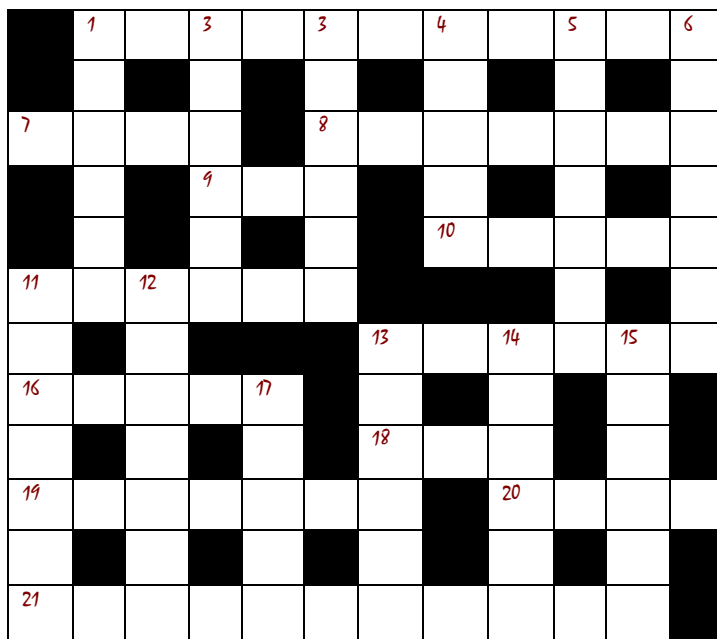


### **VET TO BE PRESIDENT:**

Everyone knows Leadgate has its own Veterinary Surgery, but what many may not know is the owner and principal vet, M's Jacquie MOLYNEUX has recently been elected president of the body which oversees the work of vets across the United Kingdom – the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and will take up her position in July, 2012. M's MOLYNEUX who founded her practice in 1984 has recently opened a second surgery in Washington and is a former president of Derwentside Rotary Club.

On behalf of everyone I should like to offer M's MOLYNEUX heartiest congratulations.

## CROSSWORD



## CLUES

### ACROSS

1. Basic (11)
7. Group of footballers (4)
8. Teller (7)
9. Woman's long scarf (3)
10. Slack (5)
11. Turn into ice (6)
13. Imitates (6)
16. At the right moment (2,3)
18. Chew and swallow (3)
20. Unsightly (4)
21. Wife's mum (6-2-3)

### DOWN

1. Tentacle (6)
2. Agile (6)
3. Secret or mysterious (6)
4. Artist's stand (5)
5. Libyan capital (7)
6. Pantries (7)
11. Floatage (7)
12. An extract (7)
13. Breakfast food (6)
14. Reciprocal (6)
15. Large wading to wed (5)

(Answers overleaf)



### LEADGATE BOWLING CLUB:

The Club held its annual presentation in Leadgate Workingmen's Club on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2011 and the Committee would like to thank everyone who attended and showed their support and made it a great evening.

The Club has had a very successful 2011 season, winning the North West Durham Saturday Leadgate, the North West Durham Mid-week League, the League Cup Knockout and the Shimeld Bowl Knockout. This is the first time this has been achieved in the club's history. The veterans were also runners up in their two North West Durham Leagues.

On an individual level, players representing the club were successful in their competitions, with representatives in the North West Durham Singles final, the North West Durham Triples final, two players in the Durham CIU Singles final, a team in the Durham CIU Pairs final and the Durham CIU Triples finals.

If you would like to enjoy a game of bowls (all ages are welcome), the new season will start in April, 2012 and the club would welcome new players and new faces to its membership.



### CHRISTMAS JOURNEY:

Between Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November and Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2011 from 9.30 a.m. until 3.45 p.m. Leadgate Methodist Church will be telling in stories, pictures and with puppets, the 'Christmas Journey'.



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

The winning numbers for October are as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize – No. 9: 2<sup>nd</sup> prize – No.64



### CO TLY:

Look out for Book No. 13 in the Leadgate Series, it will be out in December, 2011.



### FESTIVE TREAT:

How about a change to the normal Christmas pudding, here's a recipe for a 'Frosted Christmas Pudding' Place **6ozs. mixed dried fruit** and **2 ozs. chopped glace cherries** in a bowl, add **2 tablespoons brandy** and soak for 30 minutes. Mix **2 level tablespoons custard powder** and a **tablespoon sugar** with a little milk. Heat **half pint milk** and make custard. Leave to become cold. Add fruit mixture and **2 ozs. grated plain chocolate** to cold custard and mix thoroughly. Whip **half pint double cream**, fold into custard and spoon into a one and a half pint pudding basin or mould lined with cling film. Freeze for 2 or 3 hours until firm. Remove from freezer about 30 minutes before serving.



# DIARY FOR DECEMBER, 2011



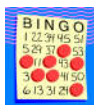
3<sup>rd</sup> Two coffee mornings and a Christmas Fayre today  
 Leadgate Methodist Church coffee morning at 10 a.m.  
 Salvation Army Christmas coffee morning at 10.30 a.m.  
 Leadgate Community Centre is hosting a Christmas Fayre at 2 p.m.



4<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army is having a Gift Service at 6 p.m.



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



6<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's 'Cameo Club's is holding its Christmas Lunch today



7<sup>th</sup> Leadgate and District Carers meeting held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.  
 Leadgate Gleemen present an 'Evening of Festive Music' in Leadgate Methodist Church at 7 p.m., which will be followed by light refreshments (retiring collection in aid of church funds)



8<sup>h</sup> Leadgate and District Historical Society meeting held in the Methodist Church at 2 p.m., presentation by Mr. C. FOOTE-WOOD entitled 'Victoria Wood's Mum'

10<sup>th</sup> Two coffee mornings today:  
 Pont and Bradley held in Bradley Chapel Hall at 10 a.m.  
 St. Ives' Church held in the Community Centre at 10.15 a.m.



11<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church has a Gift Service at 10.30 a.m.



12<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army's Ladies' Fellowship are having a Christmas Buffet in the Army Hall at 7.30 p.m.



18<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Methodist Church Carol Service at 6 p.m.  
 Salvation Army is having a Carol Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by a 'faith tea'  
 St. Ives' are having Nine Carols and Lessons at 3 p.m.



19<sup>th</sup> Leadgate Women's Institute Christmas meeting held in the Community Centre at 2 p.m. and the competition is a 'Christmas Card'



20<sup>st</sup> 'Open Arms' volunteers and clients are having a Christmas Show in Leadgate Methodist Church between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., everyone is welcome, so why not go along and give them your support.

21<sup>st</sup> Leadgate and District Carers Christmas meeting/buffet held in the Community Centre at 1.30 p.m.  
 Police and Communities Together meeting held in the Community Centre at 6 p.m.



26<sup>th</sup> St. Ives' Church bingo held in the Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. (may be cancelled at later date)



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

### Christmas Eve Services:

Brooms' Church at 6 p.m. St. Ives' Church at 9 p.m. – may be changed

### Christmas Day:

Brooms' Church Christmas Mass 8.30 a.m. St. Joseph's Hall 10 a.m. St. Ives' Church at 9 a.m.  
 Leadgate Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Salvation Army at 10.30 a.m.



This is the last Newsletter for 2011 the next to be published will be in January, 2012, 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 and don't forget, anything to be published or advertised, please let me know before 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, 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

### CROSSWORD ANSWERS:

**ACROSS:** 1 Fundamental: 7 Team: 8 Cashier: 9 Boa: 10 Loose: 11 Freeze: 13 Mimics: 16 On cue: 18 Eat: 19 Serious: 20 Ugly: 21 Mother-in-law: **DOWN:** 1 Feeler: 2 Nimble: 3 Arcane: 4 Easel: 5 Tripoli: 6 Larders: 11 Flotsam: 12 Excerpt: 13 Muesli: 14 Mutual: 15 Curlew: 17 Elope

