

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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TRAFFIC CHAOS



The end of Front Street with its junction with the A691 where the road re-alignment is to take place.

Readers will have noticed the road works at the bottom of Front Street where the re-alignment of the road is taking place. This is to improve access for buses and help with drainage of run-off water

into the Smallhope Burn. The work is expected to be completed by 13th September. Traffic has not been helped as Peth Bank re-surfacing has been taking place at the same time.



No gain without pain! Traffic queuing to go through the one-way system a long way past the A6076 turn off to Annfield Plain.

MASSIVE FUNDRAISING FOR CHARLIE BEAR



Angela (Bear Factory), David Dawson, Charlie's Bear's cousin (Bear-emy), Grace Stewart-Piercy, Angie Taylor (Charlie Bear)

Pupils at Lanchester EP School have once again pulled out all the stops to raise money for the Charlie Bear for Cancer Care Charity, part of the Northern Centre for Cancer Care. Based at Newcastle Freeman Hospital. The Charlie Bear Charity has now been established for over 30 years. It was started in 1978, by Daisy Clark MBE, from Morpeth, with an appeal for a CT Scanner. Having raised over £1 million, the scanner was installed by 1982. The unit provides additional patient comforts, new sophisticated equipment, specialised staff training, transportation for patients and funding for research.

The money raised for Charlie Bear was in the name of David Dawson who has received treatment at the unit. Whilst at the hospital David always put coins in the charity box and became a big fan of Charlie Bear. Lanchester EP pupils have been raising money all the year for this very worthwhile cause with 'bakeathons', ie, baking cakes and

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Dear Village....

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Founder member of the Village Voice, John Gray, is retiring shortly, therefore we need a replacement to take on this demanding, responsible, voluntary position as quickly as possible. The applicant should be computer literate and able to invoice and cope with electronic banking where necessary. Please call John Hurran on 01207 520288 if interested.

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Dear Sirs

I have always believed that people who write to newspapers, etc, and withhold their name and address are cowards or bullies who do not have the courage of their convictions. In last month's issue one such writer believes a red car (I think it must be mine although it is maroon) is a problem on Durham Road. This must be the same writer who contacted County Hall several months ago about the same issue as the person who came to see me from DCC said there had only been one complainant. They found no problem. If this anonymous person would like to call and see me, I would be happy to show him/her how to position their car at the junction of Peth Bank and Durham Road when turning right. You then have a clear view to the left past the bus stop on the opposite side of the road. The first danger is oncoming traffic from Consett on the church bend. It is also another of my beliefs that there are no bad roads, only bad drivers.

Glenys Gibbon, Ashfield House, Durham Road, Lanchester

THE VILLAGE VOICE

FRIENDS OF LONGOVICIUM

We are asking and looking for any artefacts, photographs, articles, newspaper cuttings and reports, that will help us with collating information on Longovicium. This information is for our purposes in building up a picture of Roman Lanchester. Any help or contact would be very much appreciated. Any personal photographs or items will be returned after copying or photographing. Better to have two pieces of information the same than none. If you prefer to meet any of us, we will be having a table at the Table Top Sale in the Community Centre Saturday 4th September (not selling Roman things), 10 am - 11.30 am. Please come and talk to us. M Williams

Contact Anne McKenzie 01207 521427, email malcolm.mckenzie@mckenzie@btinternet.com or Rodney Hawkins 0191 4103472, or email hawkins_15@o2.co.uk

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

WEDDING

On Saturday the 3rd of July, Alexander Clarke married Caroline Janes in a church ceremony on the Isle of Wight (Caroline's home). Alex grew up in Lanchester and many will remember him for his success in the Lanchester Annual Fun Run both Junior and Senior and endless

training on the 'Green Hill', also for his adventurous climbing expeditions (which he still does) and for his long association with horses. He achieved his life-long ambition and qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon. Now both he and Caroline practise in Equine Medicine in West Sussex.



Alex and Caroline pose for photographs in the Isle of Wight sunshine after their marriage ceremony.

ENGAGEMENT

Congratulations to Catterick on July 29th. Jeffrey Hollows, a Jeffrey and his parents serving soldier, currently lived for 20 years in Ford based at Catterick Camp, St, Lanchester, but now who became engaged to live at Halkirk, near Harriet Mant-Smith of Thurso, N. Scotland.

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ROYAL GARDEN PARTY VISIT

On Tuesday the 20th of July, during a heatwave in the capital city, John and Pat Wills attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and her husband Prince Philip. John received an invitation to this prestigious event in recognition of his outstanding services to the community, which include his lifelong involvement in and commitment to the Scouting organisation. He also holds positions in the Methodist Church, Male Voice Choir and Community Association. The invitation arrived in January, followed in due course with information regarding the date to attend with Pat, together with instructions about

dress, identification requirements, which entrance he could use, taking photographs was not allowed and mobile phones should be switched off. Then came the task of deciding where to stay, finding the best train fare and of course the HAT and outfit for Pat. On the day of the Garden Party a taxi was booked and John got great satisfaction in asking the cabby for "Buckingham Palace please". At the Palace the identity information was accepted and after crossing the first courtyard past the guards in their Red jackets and bearskins, into a second courtyard they entered the palace building. It was difficult to absorb the atmosphere and take in the décor as

they were ushered through the rooms that led to the terrace that overlooked the garden. There were two military bands that played alternately throughout the afternoon. The Queen and the Duke arrived to the sound of the National Anthem and chatted to people who had been earmarked for presentation. The tea was very good and the cucumber sandwiches were especially delicious. All of the guests were able to wander throughout the garden to the sound of music from the bands before leaving for photographs outside the palace gates. This was a very memorable experience that will be a talking point for many years to come.



Pat and John Wills at the gates of Buckingham Palace after attending the Royal Garden Party

ROYAL APPOINTMENT FOR TWO LADIES FROM BROADOAK DRIVE

Dressed in their finery, Mrs Ethel Armstrong and her guest, sister in law Mrs Muriel Garthwaite, were invited to The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on July the 20th. Ethel was invited as

the National Vice Chairperson of the NHS Retirement Trust, of which she has been a member for 20 years. Prior to this appointment she worked for the National Health Service for 42 years. The trust has

well over two hundred branches in the UK. "We stayed at the elegant Rathbone Hotel in London the night before going to the Palace and awoke to a beautiful summer's day about 32 degrees" said Ethel.

"We were in close proximity to the Queen and Prince Philip but were not actually introduced to them, however it was a very memorable day" added Muriel.

It has been a double celebration for Ethel as she had previously celebrated her 80th birthday on August 4th and made and decorated a cake to share with family and friends. The late Queen Mother and Ethel share the same birthday date.



Ethel left and Muriel on the right



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INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION, LOWERING CARBON EMISSIONS: HOW GM CAN HELP

The rising world population (approx 9 billion by 2050) means that an increased food production is essential. This should take place without adding to CO₂ emissions and hence increasing global warming. In 2009 the Royal Society published a review of approaches to increasing crop yields and it concluded that no single technology can solve this global problem. It provided recommendations for development including the expansion of the work on genetic modification. After an earlier rejection of GM food by UK it is considered that this debate should be renewed.

Ever since their first cultivation, the genetic make-ups (genomes) of crops have been artificially altered by methods in which a given

plant is crossed with another sufficiently closely related to it. Genetic engineering is a well-established technology and is used in the production of, for example, rennet used in cheese making and insulin used to control diabetes. The genetic modification of plants has the potential to reduce CO₂ emissions significantly by introducing genes that increase crop yields while reducing the use of fertilisers. Disease-resistant plants have been engineered through the transfer of genes that confer resistance to insects or plant viruses. This reduces the use of pesticides, which are often derived from petroleum. Plants can be made more water-efficient through the transfer of genes from drought-resistant plants. GM plants have been

produced to enhance their nutritional value: eg rice and maize.

No account to explain the predicament over our food and energy problems will satisfy everyone and no single technology offers a panacea for their solution. We need an open society that considers all technologies. The Royal Society is facilitating an engagement between scientists and the public that is essential to an open debate. Their summary report at <http://royalsociety.org/Report/WF.aspx?pageid=11210&terms=Reaping+the+benefits&fragment=&SearchType=&terms> and the review *Making Sense of GM* at www.senseaboutscience.org.uk/PDF/MakingSenseofGM.pdf provide some essential information to prepare us for such a debate.

Alan Myers

CELEBRATION TIME IN DORA'S WOOD

Yes, it is ten years since Lanchester's very own Millennium Wood was planted. Many of you may recall breaking through what seemed like permafrost to plant your own sapling on a very wet and extremely chilly day some 10 years ago. And now, as a result of that hard work, we have a peaceful and pleasant "Wood on our Doorstep", courtesy of The Woodland Trust, which is full of trees native to our area.

During the year 2000 over two hundred Millennium Woods were planted all around the country and now The Woodland Trust is providing a grant

towards helping us all to celebrate this wonderful addition to the village.

Our wood was named after a 19th Century local poet, Dora Greenwell who lived at Greenwell Ford. Her poems about nature and the Browney River are still famous to this day ('To The Browney' is printed on the opposite page).

For those of you who have never walked the leafy paths of Dora's Wood, it can be found beside the Smallhope Burn just past the old iron railway bridge on the line heading out of the village towards Malton on the road to Durham.

So why not pop along on Sunday afternoon 5th September from 2.00 - 4.30 pm and join the celebration. The Lanchester Partnership Green Group together with Groundwork Trust are planning a family afternoon including a nature trail, family picnic, and a bug collection, story teller and other leafy art activities.

Bring the family along with you - a rug and your own picnic if you wish - enjoy a stroll through our woodland and find out more about the other inhabitants of the trees!!

selling them on Friday mornings, by making donations instead of sending Christmas Cards, games around the school and a Fantasy Football competition during the World Cup. All this amounted to a massive £2660.54 for the charity and a cheque for this amount was presented by David Dawson to Angie Taylor, Coordinator for the Charlie Bear for Cancer Care Charity.

Grace Stewart-Piercy and her father Simon, recently completed the 140 miles of the Coast to Coast ride on bikes raising a further £1068 for Charlie Bear. This amount was presented by Grace to Angie Taylor. Grace has also donated £1055 to Breast Cancer



David Dawson presents a cheque for £2660.54 to Angie Taylor

Charity raised at the same time. In a brief speech Angie Taylor expressed her thanks for the monies donated. The Assembly continued with end of term awards to many children who

had either improved in curricular subjects, or better vocational opportunities, or belonged to various sports teams at the school. All the awards were presented by Angie Taylor and Charlie Bear's 'cousin', Bear-emy.

Each child who received an award had a well deserved cuddle from the bear.

So many sports activities take place for boys and girls which include tennis, cricket, football, swimming, rugby and athletics. Special praise was given by Head Teacher, Jane Davis, to staff members Mark Stephenson and Peter Taylor for their hard work and dedication way beyond the call of duty. Further information about Charlie Bear for Cancer Care Charity can be obtained from Angie Taylor at angie.taylor@nuth.nhs.uk or by calling 0191 2138615 or by visiting www.charliebearforcancercare.org.uk.

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for July 2010 is 43. The draw was made by Olive Simpkins of the Thursday Art Group.



Grace Stewart-Piercy with her Dad, Simon, presents a cheque for £1065 to Angie Taylor (Charlie Bear)

TO THE BROWNEY

Sweet stream, the haunt of solitary hern
And shy kingfisher, far from busy town
Or even populous hamlet, winding down
Through banks thick-fringed with underwood and fern
And hazel thickets, where the ripe nuts turn
Unmarked and slow, to Autumn's ruddy brown:
Where gems thy single rock its feathery crown,
For naught of thine looks ever sad or stern,
With scarlet berries of the mountain-ash:
I never hear 'mid waking dreams thy dash
Above the pebbles, but I think on one
Whose course of days hath by thy waters run,
A course, like thine, of calm and quietness,
For ever raised a voice, except to bless.

DORA GREENWELL
Selected Poems

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HAPPY ‘A’ LEVEL STUDENTS



Congratulations to this group of students from St Bede's Sixth Form College who all had excellent 'A' level results. Every one of them has been accepted for a university. Left to right: Grace, Natalie, Liz Beth, Kayleigh and Liam.

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Gardening in September

The holidays are over and all the children are back at school. The sun is still warm, there are flowers to enjoy, and the tomatoes are still ripening. The bumper crops in September make all of the hard work of the previous months worthwhile, but there is still plenty to do including the taking of cuttings, pruning before autumn really sets in and continuing planting for next spring. The colours of autumn are starting at this time of the year and you can help this by feeding and watering your bedding. You need to ensure that your pots of bedding plants never dry out and a weekly feed of high potash fertilizer together with regular deadheading will help your displays to come for as long as possible right through the autumn. Many plants will keep blooming until the first frosts.

Borders

Hardy annuals can be sown this month direct into the ground while the soil is still warm. These annuals include Nigella, Annual

Poppies, Echium and Eschscholzia (Californian Poppies) and Corncockle. It is also time to prune your rambling roses by cutting out much of the old wood leaving around six lengths of new growth. The thicker cuttings can be propagated. You need to plan ahead with your bulbs this month. You can plant daffodils either in beds or to be naturalised in a lawn and as a general rule the planting depth should be three times the height of the bulbs. Cyclamen and spring flowering crocus can also be planted. To get bulbs to flower in winter indoors they need to be forced. You need to cover them in light compost, cover the pots with black polythene and place in a cool, frost-free dark place for two months.

Vegetable Plot

September is the time to lift beetroot, carrots and turnips and store them for winter but leave parsnips in the ground as their flavour improves when they have been exposed to frost. You can still sow a row of spinach now and

the seedlings will overwinter to provide a crop in late March. You can also sow chives this month and you can plant out Spring Cabbages putting the plants 9 inches apart with rows about 18 inches apart.

General

If you grow osteospermums, fuchsias, marguerites or verbenas, these are the easiest to propagate and now is the time to take cuttings for plants for next year. Taking cuttings is easy and at this time of the year. It is advisable to use hormone rooting powder to get them started, although this is not essential. You need to select healthy non-flowering shoots of about 4 to 6 inches long. Cut the stem just below a leaf joint leaving the top bit about 3 inches long taking care not to crush the stem. Trim away the leaves at the base of this joint and dip the cutting in the rooting powder. Insert the cuttings around the edge of a pot of gritty compost, water and cover the pot with a polythene bag.



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LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

The Leavers Graduation Service held at the Parish Church at the end of the Summer Term is both a happy and sad occasion. The church is always full as parents and grandparents attend to see and hear the kind and usually funny things said about the children. For the staff and children alike it is a time for reminiscing. With help from the teachers and the teaching assistants, Mrs Davis reminds the children of the time they were in nursery and reception, of the amazing, and sometimes clever, sometimes crazy things they used to do. The children are obviously charted throughout their time at the school. Everything is said sincerely, but laced with plenty of humour. This year was a similar format to other years.

The children led the service beginning with prayers of thanks and fond memories for their time at the school with a very moving Taize chant as a response. Memories from some of the children were recounted, often with self deprecating humour. All of the hymns were very well chosen and they were sung beautifully. The choir excelled themselves with a superb rendition of 'Dreamers'.

As expected at the graduation awards, some hilarious accounts of trips away to France and PGL were told, and it showed how much the children really enjoyed these experiences, as did the staff.

There were many good attendance awards generally spread among a few families. The year 2 Lanchester Lions Citizenship Trophy was awarded to Savannah Burnside. Ellie Jenkins was the successful pupil in the

same category for year 6. Ian Forster, a Lancastrian representing Consett Rotary, gave a brief talk about his village connections and the aims, goals and achievements of the Rotary organisation. He then presented the award to David Dawson for courage and determination.

The final hymn continued a theme of progressing through life to the next stage. Head Teacher, Mrs Jane Davis, expressed her thanks to pupils staff and parents and the church. Canon Peter Waterhouse who presented the Graduation Certificates and Awards and delivered the Blessing.

The retiring collection was in aid of the Charlie Bear Cancer Care appeal which was the school's chosen charity for this year.



Award winners left to right: David Dawson (Rotary award), Ellie Jenkins (Citizenship year 6), Savannah Burnside (Citizenship year 2), Ian Forster (Rotary) and Canon Peter Waterhouse.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13TH JULY 2010

Police Report: by PCSO Grey who reported that June had been quiet with only 2 burglaries, 2 off-road vehicle incidents, 1 case of criminal damage to a vehicle, 1 criminal damage, 3 neighbour nuisance and 13 rowdy nuisance. The Police are continuing Operation Livorno (tackling street drinking). They are also increasing regular high visibility foot patrols in these areas and this, is leading to fewer reports of incidents. Lanchester Show had been successful, being well policed with no incidents bar one non-injury road accident on A691.

Date of the next PACT Meeting: 7 pm on Wednesday 1st September in the Community Centre.

Correspondence: A letter had been received from the Durham Rural Community Council about the Locality

Map Launch and they wished the Parish Council success in the Project.

Village

Green Developments: Nick Jones from the County Council has given advice regarding the developments and explained the present situation. Some of the elements are improvements to the car park area outside the church, the notice board, and a grant of £12,000 has been received from CDET with the proviso that 10% is received from outside. Lanchester Dairies have agreed to provide this money and Lanchester Wines and Lanchester Lions also offered help. It is also planned to have a riverside path across the green from the shelter, with railings and a tree seat. It is hoped the plans will go to tender shortly and, as planning permission may

not be necessary, work could start in November. Cllr Johnson said that he was pleased with the rate of progress and thanked Mr Jones for his help and for attending the Meeting. **Area Action Partnerships and Parish Councils Committee.** Updates were given by Cllr Burton and included a report on Winter Maintenance (a 5-page document which was available to Members) and a report on Credit Union presentations.

LINK; Cllr Burton again gave an update on action being taken by this NHS Patient Support/Social Care Group. Due to the disappearance of the District Council, representation is now 2 people for each former district and an AGM will be held in October. Contracts with the former Government end in March and the new Government

is introducing 'Healthwatch'.

Kitswell Road Bike

Track: An independent annual inspection had been made on 28th June and there were no major problems. However it was agreed that the whole of this area would be tidied up and that Cllr Harrison and the Lead Officer would see to this. The play areas in Hollinside, Hurbuck and Manor Grange also had no major problems and the Council repeated their commitment to improve that at Manor Grange and to put it on the Agenda.

Flood Warden Scheme:

The Parish Council is keen to support this and there had been a Meeting held with various bodies including the Environment Agency on 15th June which some residents had attended. There is to be an article in the Village Voice asking for people who are interested and there will be a further meeting later.

Training Plan: Members were given a copy of the Annual Training Plan for April 2010 to March 2011 which had been compiled by the Lead Officer. The plan is an annual document developed from the principles of the training policy and provides information on the proposed training to be undertaken by Members, the Lead Officer and the Handyman.

Newsletter: A draft of the quarterly Newsletter was approved.

Financial Statement and Accounts for Payment.

These were approved and when discussing the expenses for the Locality Map Launch, Members agreed that Mrs Gillian Harrison had done a wonderful job with the refreshments she had provided.

Chairperson's Announcements.

At a later

date a decision would have to be made about the Christmas Tree on the Green together with a fence around it and the type of lights used.

Date of Next Meeting: This will be held on Tuesday, 14th September 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester.

MEETING OF LANCHESTER PLANNING COMMITTEE ON 29TH JUNE 2010.

Cllr Mike Wardle was elected Chair for the ensuing year and Cllr Keith Harrison as Vice Chair.

Planning Applications. Members considered the following:-

1. Change of use of one dwelling at 21 Front Street, Lanchester into a Takeaway at ground floor and creation of flat to first floor, installation of new windows to front elevation and external extraction duct to rear elevation. **RESOLVED:** that the majority of Members object for the following reasons:-
 - i. The application is in the article IV conservation area.
 - ii. This development will have significant impact on the character of Front Street.
 - iii. It will adversely change the mix of shops and houses in this street.
 - iv. There is concern over the extent of the proposed opening hours and the effect on other nearby residential properties.
 - v. There is concern over the noise and smell caused from a takeaway.
 - vi. There is concern over potential additional litter that may result.
 - vii. There is concern over increased parking problems.
 - viii. Members refer to the Village Design Statement.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE Continued

Members also commented on the poor quality of the application with regard to materials and finishes which made it difficult to consider the application.

2. Erection of replacement pavilion (retrospective) at Lanchester Bowling Club, Durham Road, Lanchester. **RESOLVED:** that Members raise no objection to the application.

3. Members considered the arboricultural report provided by the member of the public regarding the trees at and around the site in Ashdown Grove. Michael Hustin, the client's architect, spoke about the report which identifies the ash tree on Parish Council land which would need to be removed if a dwelling was to be built on the site. **RESOLVED:** that the report be forwarded to the County Council arboriculturist for consideration and advice. **COUNTY DURHAM PLAN**

Members considered and discussed the above consultation document. Members of Lanchester Partnership also attended the meeting and were invited to make comment. Members would wish to protect the village development limit and would ask that the Village Design Statement be retained by the County Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance. In addition, Members would ask that the County Council also acknowledge the Lanchester Locality Map. Members agreed the following:

They registered support with the overall document and welcomed the consultation process and agreed with the principle of the overall strategy so long as the infrastructure and road system could

cope with the developments. They considered that the environmental impact of the plan needs to be considered and strongly supported the scoping study. They had concern that a community may become de-populated or unbalanced. Members would wish to draw attention to the fact that villages such as Lanchester, Staindrop, West Auckland etc would not be safeguarded completely. They supported the statements regarding housing for older people, and the drive towards good quality housing and affordable housing. Members would wish to point out that there is a permanent travellers site within 3 miles of the village and that any further sites should be located elsewhere to avoid additional pressure on Lanchester. Members agreed in principle about strategic sites for opencast mining but felt that the statements/criteria should be more robust. **RESOLVED:** that a response based on the above is sent to Durham County Council.

North Pennines AONB Building Design Guide and Planning Guidelines Documents.

RESOLVED: that the documents be received.

Decisions of the Planning Authority. The following planning applications have been approved by Durham County Council: Application to make an amendment to planning permission relating to change of colour of fibre cement sheeting for roof and revised plan of access on land to the west of West Newbiggen farm, Newbiggen Lane; Felling of one silver birch tree and crown lifting to 3m of two silver birch


trees at 11 Woodlands; Erection of detached garage at Middle Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane; Application to make an amendment to planning permission to window at St Bede's RC Comprehensive School, Consett Road; Erection of extension to rear, construction of pitched roof at front and rear, alteration to driveway, installation of roof lights to rear and replacement doors and windows at White Leas, Crow Hall; Erection of wind turbine at Woodland Park Farm, Knitsley; Extension to existing garage at 55 Foxhills Crescent; Felling of two cypress trees at Greystone, Crow Hall. Erection of single storey rear extension at 4 Woodlea. Crown raising and thinning and removal of various trees at West Grange, Cadger Bank; Conservatory to rear at 20 Ashdown Grove; Crown lifting of 2 ash trees and 1 sycamore tree, pruning of apple/elder/ash from the adjacent building at Stonebeck, Front Street; Application to make an amendment to the creation of a window opening on east of the extension at Ragpathside Farm; Erection of three dwellings at Officials Terrace, Malton; Application to make a non-material amendment to planning permission relating to addition of velux windows and render on part of extension at 55 Foxhills Crescent; Erection of single storey extension to rear and side at 32 Brook View; Extension to the existing indoor training arena at Oakwood Stables, Durham Road.

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LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

MUSIC FOR THE GIRL WITH A PEARL EAR-RING

The concert on 31st July featured Dr Brunt as soloist with a programme of Northern European Masters from the 16th and 17th centuries. There was a small, but select audience, this time including two artists sketching the audience, from behind!

The evening's linking readings were from the novel "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier. Dr Brunt had even positioned a small Italian Harpsichord in the central isle of pews so the audience could experience the music as the ladies in the novel, the performer from the back.

The concert started with two short pieces of Organ music from the Mulliner book. (La bounette, La doune cela). The music was mainly homophonic in texture and abounded with dance rhythms and registration changes. The first Dutch Master (Sweelinck) came next with a set of five variations for a Duke whose identity is lost to posterity, but not his music. Next followed the English Master William

Byrd, with a Pavana & Galiard Sr Wm Petre. The next two galiards, both by Byrd, followed. They were characterised by their lighter and introverted nature.

Dr Brunt returned to the Organ to play a Canzona and set of Corrente by Frescobaldi. The Canzona was characterised by dramatic bold

declamatory chords and pedal points, contrasting with melodious passages on soft flute stops.

Some music by Scheidemann followed.

Then, bursting on to the scene was a short setting of a now unknown Carol "Een Kindeken is ons geboren" by the enigmatic John Bull followed by his characteristic almost

parodying "Dallying Alman" for harpsichord. The music of the second half was more explicit in its dance connotations, the first piece being a set of two variations on a Pavana by Peter Phillips (Sweelinck), of course followed by the original. Again the music turned to the interpretation of



Dr Brunt at the Harpsichord

popular songs of the times with William Byrd's setting of O Mistress Myne and the incomparable melancholic setting of Fortune my foe.

Next followed music depicting "The primrose" and "The fall of the leaf". The music mirrored the scene of the primrose gently blowing summer breezes where

as the falling motif of the leaf suggested regret and acceptance. The final piece on the organ was Poolse almande (Sol es sein), again by Sweelinck. The music built up momentum over a series of variations, some soft and simple, others full of running semiquavers and rapid figurations.

The evening ended with the appropriate Bull's Goodnight, this time showing the Bull did not "Dally" when taking his leave.

Dr Brunt's playing throughout the evening was exemplary. Early music can be filled with life and vitality, as was clearly shown at the concert.

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL ...

There is still £16,000 worth of small grants available to the community and to voluntary groups who are operating in the Mid Durham area.

Durham City District Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) and Mid Durham Area Action Partnership started their small grants pot in April of this year and so far eighteen different groups have benefited from grants of up to £400. The pot is aimed at the supporting of local

groups to continue to provide the much valued local services that they have been providing for many years. Whether it be promoting their group through the creation of a local newsletter like the Ushaw Moor Action Group formally known as Hunters Gate Association or to help supporting the opening of a new play park in Brandon, it's all about providing local people with a small amount of money that can usually make a

great deal of difference. Other groups supported so far include 'We are Langley Park', an active group of local residents where the pot has helped supply them with a petrol lawn mower so that they can work closely with other local partners to volunteer to help keep the village neat and tidy; the Waterhouses Community Association, who had applied for monies towards a coach trip for the young people

of their village and for the Residents Association of Cornsay Colliery who developed an inter generational project to bring the young and the old of the village that much closer together.

These are just a few of the projects the pot has managed to support over the last 4 months and Durham City District CVS are keen to encourage more of those hundreds of groups out there in the Mid Durham patch to

come forward and access some of this money.

The Mid Durham patch includes the villages of Castleside, Burnhope, Lanchester, Cornsay Colliery, Waterhouses, Langley Park, Esh Winning, Ushaw Moor, Broom Park, Brancepeth and New Brancepeth, Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor.

For more details or an application pack you can contact Durham City District CVS on 0191 384 4801.

GOD'S TIME IS THE BEST OF ALL

The third concert in the Early Music Festival (14th August) began to a packed audience, seeing the return of Dr Peter Carey (baritone), Philip Cull (oboe) and Dr Brunt playing organ and harpsichord.

The programme focused on the Sacred Cantatas of J S Bach, beginning with "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit". Next came the bass Aria "Es is vollbracht", one of Bach's later works. The music highlighted the fine singing of Dr Carey and Philip Cull's oboe playing.

Dr Brunt then played the Organ Chorale prelude on "Vater unser in Himmelreich".

The music was introspective and

insistent in character, sometimes uncertain of direction before coming to a clear and optimistic ending.

Philip Cull then joined Dr Brunt, this time on the Harpsichord to play the short, light and tuneful Arioso from the F minor Harpsichord Concerto.

The main work of the first half followed, the Cantata "Ich will den Kreuzstab". The performers sustained an atmosphere of claustrophobia till the last part of the Aria where the text allowed some relief through the hope in salvation.

Next was the dramatically sung Recitative, Dr Carey capturing all the

dramatic nuances. The next Aria "Endlich, endlich wird mein Joch" was lighter in tone and featured an obligato oboe part. The burden of the Cross having being lifted, the music became more joyous and dance like in its connotations. The climatic chorale pictured death as sleep and life as a nautical journey until the safe harbour of salvation is reached.

The second half began with Organ Prelude "Erbarm dich mein" with undulating never ceasing chords, like the heartbeat in the opening prelude. Another Organ Prelude "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" followed. This featured a highly ornamented version of

the chorale melody set against a complex accompaniment of moving bass and divergent counter melodies.

Dr Carey returned to sing the joyful "Et in Spiritum sanctum Dominum" excerpt from the Mass in B Minor emphasising joy in the Holy Spirit. This provided a short interlude before the final piece of the evening which was the beautifully set Cantata "Ich habe genug".

This beautiful aria was followed by a dramatic recitative which led into the major Aria of the Cantata "Schulummert ein" with the baritone voice almost at times singing a lullaby.

The final aria was a joyous setting featuring lighter music in the manner of a dance (gigue) as the soul leaves all earthly suffering and meets with God.

The music throughout the night was excellently presented and performed, from Philip Cull's cantabile oboe playing to Dr Carey's dramatic and sensitive interpretation of the bass/baritone lines, always of course ably supported by Dr Brunt's sympathetic accompaniment. It was a very moving evening as the performers presented Bach's faith in music from suffering to joy, death to eternity and peace.

HENRY DANCER AWARDED BOYS BRIGADE COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE

As part of our annual Parents presentation night the boys of 14th Boys Brigade North West Durham Lanchester company received badges that they had worked hard towards during our Wednesday night sessions and plaques for Battalion events that they had taken part in and won. These events included:

- * General Knowledge and Scripture Quizzes;
- * 5 and 7 aside Football tournaments;
- * a Unihoc competition; and
- * Pool and Table tennis matches.

Well done to all of the boys for their hard work this year!

A very, very special award was presented to Henry Dancer who has been a member of our company since he



Henry Dancer receives his award from the Boys Brigade Chaplain

was in Anchor Boys. Henry, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer, was presented with the

Brigade President's Commendation Certificate for, 'The courage that he shows and the challenges he

faces and overcomes'. There are only one or two of these awards presented nationally each year and Terry

Hurst who is the Boys Brigade chaplain came to present the award. Well done Henry! Vicky Davison

A MONTH IN THE LIFE OF A NEW MP

As this is my first column for the Village Voice, I would like to start by thanking everyone who supported my campaign and promise that I will work hard for the whole constituency, however people voted.

A great deal of responsibility and trust has been invested in me by you and I intend to be a hard working constituency MP who will fight for North West Durham in Westminster. I thought I would give you a few insights into what I have been up to this month.

The main story is the Academies Bill. This is being rushed through Parliament by the Coalition Government in 4 days using emergency Parliamentary procedures that are designed for counter terrorism legislation. Having spent 25 years working in education before becoming an MP, I am extremely concerned. This Bill, which has not been subject to proper scrutiny, will carve up the state education system as we know it, re-introduce two-tier education and open the door for companies to run schools for profit.

I have spoken many times in the House on the Academies Bill, in particular intervening to question whether it is sensible to include special schools in the academies framework. The special needs profile is changing fast and by allowing special schools to become academies, and therefore free from any kind of change for 7 years, we run the risk of having a special school system that fails to meet the changing and emerging needs of pupils. I also believe that any

changes to special schools should involve full consultation with parents, which the government's plan for academies does not require.

I have been holding government ministers to account by asking lots of 'Parliamentary Questions' on a range of subjects, including Consett Academy and Building schools for the Future. I receive a great deal of correspondence from constituents asking me to sign Early Day Motions (EDMs). These are used to draw attention to specific events or campaigns, and to demonstrate the extent of parliamentary support for a particular cause or point of view. I have lent my support to a number of EDMs on topics such as the Civil Service Compensation Scheme, show the red card to racism, beak trimming of laying hens, rail in the north and child tax credits. Recently I attended the 'Save Our Schools' rally in Westminster with local teachers from the constituency. The rally was organised by the teaching unions in protest at the Coalition Government's decision to axe Labour's Building Schools for the Future programme. It felt great to be holding a placard again and marching through the streets of London. This is a shameful decision by the Coalition government, which demonstrates their willingness to put children and young people at the top of the list for their cuts.

I am pleased to report that I have gained 1 of only 5 Labour places on the Education Select Committee. This is a powerful committee that



MP Pat Glass with her winning smile at the count of the votes on 6th May

not only scrutinises proposed legislation on education but also holds the Secretary of State for Education and his ministers to account. Ministers can be 'summoned' and questioned about their plans. I will use my education experience to ensure that children, young people and their teachers get the very best and that there are no stealth cuts in provision and funding. I was also recently elected as vice chair for the All-Party Parliamentary Group for local democracy. The APPG for local democracy is a grouping of MPs and peers from all parties who meet to raise awareness of the important role that town and parish councils can play in supporting local government. During my time on Lanchester Parish Council, I have seen first hand the excellent things that parish councils can deliver. I know how crucial parish and town councils are to bringing government and decision-making closest to the people.

I have attended a number of meetings in Parliament concerning bringing broadband internet to areas which do not usually get a signal. This is a crucial issue in North West Durham, especially in areas like the Dale. In the age of the digital revolution access to the internet is a vital necessity and the move would be a boost for businesses in the area. On Fridays and weekends I have been busy in the constituency holding surgeries to try and help constituents with their problems, meeting local businesses and employers, attending fundraising events and visiting local schools. I recently visited Hartside primary school in Crook and spent lunchtime dressed up as a dinner lady dishing up free school meals. Free school meals are an excellent initiative which have been found to improve children's behaviour and concentration in Durham. It was a wonderful afternoon and the children were

extremely bright and curious. I have also been on a tour of International Cuisine, one of the largest employers in the constituency.

I would like to pay a special mention to the Durham Miners' Gala. I was extremely privileged to be officially invited to attend this year. I cannot begin to tell you what this meant to me coming from a mining background. I have attended the Gala many times with my family and was always so proud to walk in with a brass band under a colliery banner, to walk past the County Hotel and see our leaders on that balcony and then sit with a picnic listening to the speeches. To be on that balcony and part of it at that level - I do not think I have been prouder of anything in my whole life.

If you need to contact me on any issue of concern, then please write to me at Pat Glass MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, e-mail me at p.a.t.g.l.a.s.s.m.p@parliament.uk, or phone my office on 01207 501782.

MARRIAGE OF COLIN JOYCE AND LOUISE CARTHY

The wedding of Colin Joyce and Louise Carthy took place on Saturday the 31st of July at the Coulsdon Manor Hotel in Surrey. Colin's young niece and nephew, Lucy and Adam Joyce, who both live in Lanchester, were memorable attendants as bridesmaid and page boy, whilst a friend of the couple, Kelly, acted as chief bridesmaid. They were all joined at the ceremony by family and friends from a wide area - with guests from as far away as Australia, Russia, Spain and Scotland present to witness the happy occasion and join in the celebrations which lasted well into the night! Several old school friends of Colin were able to attend including Adam Bird who did an excellent job as Best Man with a wonderfully humorous

speech at the wedding breakfast.

Colin is the youngest son of Rhoda and Martin Joyce, and is a former pupil of Lanchester EP and Greencroft Comprehensive Schools. Louise is the only daughter of Peter and Jackie Carthy, from Forest Hill in London.

The couple met whilst both were working at Standard Chartered Bank in the City of London, but each has given up the world of finance for other pursuits. Louise re-trained and now teaches History at a Secondary School in Sutton, whilst Colin is a business manager with an automotive repair company in Kent. After a honeymoon in Scotland the happy pair will live in Bromley.



All smiles amongst the bubbles after the ceremony as the bride and groom, Colin and Louise, show just how much they are enjoying the occasion.

THE WEDDING OF LOUISE REES AND CHRISTOPHER WEBSTER

The wedding of Louise Rees and Christopher Webster took place at Forbes of Kingennie Golf

resort in Angus Scotland on the 6th of August. Louise is the elder daughter of Irene and

David Rees of 12 Deanery View Lanchester.

Israel (i z) Kamakawiwo'ole's

version of 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' greeted the bride's arrival to the wedding ceremony as somewhat appropriately a rainbow appeared over the golf resort during the service.

Pachelbel's moving piece 'Canon' was played as the newly weds met the 60 guests assembled in the hotel garden. Friends and family had travelled from Scotland, Cumbria and as far away as Spain in order to celebrate the marriage. The bride's father, best man and groom each spoke lovingly with humour and emotion after the wedding ceremony. Louise and Chris were led into the wedding

breakfast to the musical strains of the ballad 'Have I told you lately that I love You'.

During the evening the guest numbers rose to a 100 as friends of the couple joined the celebrations to enjoy an eclectic range of music which included a ceilidh, and all genres from the 50's on.

The radiant couple left at midnight, to enjoy a brief honeymoon in St Andrews which will be followed by an autumn visit to Spain.

Louise wore a white chiffon lace dress studded with Swarovski crystal. Her bouquet was studded with pearls. Her bridesmaid, younger sister Madeline, wore a turquoise satin dress.



Louise and Christopher at the signing ceremony

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There was great dismay among the supporters and friends of Willow Burn Hospice earlier this year, when thieves stole most of the items due to be raffled at its 21st birthday event. Prizes for the Tombola and raffle at the Summer Fair were also taken, but local people and businesses all rallied round to help. Margaret Toberty, Willow Burn's Fund Raising Manager, thanked all those

who have volunteered help in so many ways. Margaret hoped the Fair would further enhance Willow Burn's profile in the local community, as well as raising funds to help meet daily running costs. Local people turned up in large numbers on the day, browsing at the many stalls selling books, home made jams and cakes, plants and bric a brac.

The Fair saw the launch of an attractive range of arts and crafts from Willow Burn. Items on sale include bags, greeting cards, jewellery and decorative boxes. More information is available by calling the Fund Raising Team on 523299 or 523295. The talented young performers from Pauline Cook's dancing troupe entertained the shoppers,

and the local YMCA provided a climbing wall for those daring enough to try it. Consett fire station sent along an engine to view, and there was also a display of classic cars. The ever popular Tombola and a summer draw attracted the crowds, and the very satisfying sum of £4,200 was raised. As the Fund Raising Team put it: "Thieves 0, Willow Burn 4,200!"

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THURSDAY CLUB SUMMER OUTING

We seem to have taken a liking to Matfen Hall so that's where we went for our August outing and we were rather lucky with the weather - it was torrential rain as we set out from Lanchester - then the heavens cleared, blue sky appeared and we had a lovely sunny day. The journey up to Matfen Hall is most pleasant with fantastic

scenery along the way. Once there it was service with a smile as we were served a delicious cream tea while sitting in the big bay window in the drawing room enjoying the views over the fabulous rolling countryside. Some of our number went for a walk in the extensive grounds but most stayed inside enjoying a very decadent, sociable occasion.

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be back in the Community Centre on September 16th to hear all about the 'Magic of Morocco' with Kathleen and Harry Gilbert. You can also catch up on all the latest news and photos of the Thursday Club online at www.communitate.co.uk/ne/lanchestercommunitycentre



Thursday Club members enjoying their cream tea at Matfen Hall

WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors before sharing with us phrases about bees including "better have one bee than a host of flies" and "if you let a bee be it will let you be".

The WI now has on-line learning and members wishing to take advantage of WI Moodle (the name given to the site) need to give Jean Forster their email address.

Pat Cotrell won the raffle and the winner for the competition for a honey item was Jennifer Macdonald with Ann Carr and Maureen Barker joint second.

Our speaker for the evening was Tony Jefferson who spoke about what bees do for us. His day job is an

engineer but somehow Tony who is one of three generations of bee keepers with over 100 years of experience between them manages with his father and nephew between 60-80 colonies of bees. They spend 1 hour per week on each colony stopping them swarming and as bees are no different from other animals keeping them clean and well. It is an all year round occupation as checks also have to be made in winter for successful breeding in the spring. A hard winter like last year can mean a third of hives lost but a good summer increases the honey yield. Bees pollinate 90 commercial crops and contribute £165 million through pollination, an

example of this are apples which have an increased yield of up to 90%.

Tony also exhibits at shows and this year at the Great Yorkshire Show he not only won prizes for his bees and honey he took great pride in telling us that he beat all the ladies to win first prize for his cake entry. This was a very informative talk and we now have a much better idea of the work that goes into a jar of honey.

As WI members we also enjoy spending time with other WIs and on Wednesday 14th July 8 members were invited by Castleside WI to join them for their Strawberry Supper. We had a lovely evening not only enjoying a delicious supper and very good

entertainment but also coming away with 5 raffle prizes between us. We were made very welcome and met up with friends old and new.

Monday 12th August saw 10 of us joining Annfield Plain WI on their Summer trip to Helmsley and Castle Howard. We

had a lovely day stopping at Helmsley for coffee then on to Castle Howard where we explored the house and gardens. This was a very enjoyable trip because not only had we no arranging to do, it was also another opportunity to spend time with friends from another WI.

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WI members Rhoda Joyce, June Wallis, Jean Forster, Jennifer Macdonald, Ann Carr, Shirley Mair and Kathleen Morris enjoying coffee at Helmsley.

SUNNY SMILES



Slimming World members and families sporting their bright red Smiles T Shirts, complete their four laps of the village raising money for the NSPCC. Their walk began at the Social Club where Karen holds her meetings every Wednesday at 6.30 pm. The total amount raised was £190.

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ARCHIBALD GOES TO WAR



In the air raid shelter. "Cheer up Granny!"

Lanchester was whisked back to the year 1939 when pupils of All Saints' RC School presented the musical play "Archibald's War" on 19th and 20th July. Archibald is a teddy bear, belonging to Maggie, and when they are both evacuated in the early days of the Second World War, he is lost on the journey. Archibald spends the war with new owner Jack, while Maggie and her friends stay in the countryside for the next five years. The play, written by Kane and Kane, is both funny and sad, and describes the hopes and fears of the young evacuees, making a new life with host families. Life in war time Britain is illustrated in the songs, bombing raids, "Digging for Victory", the presence of American GIs, and Princess Elizabeth's moving radio broadcast to the children of the nation. A twist in the tale comes at the end, and all of the young performers, too many to mention, were absolute stars. Profits from the show will help to buy staging for future performances, and children and staff of the school must be congratulated for an excellent production. Mrs Jordan also thanked the parents for their support, in everything from providing the authentic wartime fashions to becoming word perfect in the songs along with the children! Bravo, All Saints' School!

BIG HAIR AND EVEN BIGGER TALENT

Between the 19th-21st of July St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College presented Hairspray as the yearly school production. All the performances were eagerly attended by parents and the general public revealing the huge support given to the pupils and their chosen charity. Refreshments and raffle tickets were available in the interval thanks to Michelle Breen and the Tech Team.

The musical Hairspray is set in Baltimore in 1962 and follows the character Tracy Turnblad, played by Grace Robinson, whose passion for dance elevates her to the status of teen celebrity. Tracy then attempts to use her newfound fame and lead role in 'The Corny Collins Show', to end racial segregation on TV and discrimination on a larger scale.

Grace Robinson was a fabulous Tracy and Daniel Dickinson was perfect for

the role of her on-stage mother, Edna Turnblad, a repressed laundress. Hairspray also revealed another brilliant performance by Carina Smith as Motormouth Maybelle; Carina had earlier starred as Nancy in the production of Oliver. A special mention for Andrew Ewart who filled the position of Corny Collins so well despite only having two weeks' notice. Also Holly McElhone starred as Velma von Tussle and her energetic performance made it clear to the whole audience that she has a promising future on stage.

Hairspray was amazing. I can't praise it enough! There were so many excellent performances that displayed such talent in the young people at St Bede's. I wish them every success in the future and remember, according to Wilbur: "you gotta think big to be big". Claire Hogarth

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POETRY PRIZE WINNERS

Lanchester Creative Writers have announced the winners of their first Poetry Competition. This was launched during Lanchester Carnival. Would-be poets had to complete a poem in eight lines or less that began with the line 'I have a tiny ginger cat'. Most of the entries were from children under twelve years old, very few from adults and none at all from teenagers. Therefore an extra prize was awarded in the children's section. The winners are as follows: Over 16 (adult), Janice Conroy for her poem about a cat that changes shape.

Under twelve years, first prize Ellen Barnett who wrote about a very fierce cat and second prize Oliver Bartles-Smith whose cat turns into a rather silly vampire.

Janice won a copy of 'The Ode Less Travelled' by Stephen Fry, Ellen a copy of 'The Tales of Beedle the Bard' by J K Rowling and Oliver a large hard backed notebook. The two poems that were considered the best are printed below.

Ginger Cat

I have a tiny ginger cat. He is cute and very cuddly. But don't be mistaken,

don't be taken in; he has very sharp claws and when he meows he really roars!

Ellen Barnett

Ginger Cat

I have a tiny ginger cat - lives on my bed - just think of that.

A zip that opens up her gut.

That's where my jimmie jams are put.

So when I'm up she's very fat, and when I sleep she's very flat.

But - no matter what the time of day, 'I love you puss in every way'.

Janice Conroy

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ANYONE FOR GOLF?



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Recently a professional Golf Coach, Iain Macfarlane, visited the EP school as part of their Fun and Fitness week to demonstrate the skills of playing golf. Much to their delight he involved the pupils, a class at a time, (years 3-6) in his very well thought out, detailed presentation.

He divided each class into four teams according to their particular house colour, red, green, blue and yellow, and so a very amicable competitive element prevailed. He had prepared certain activities which cleverly entailed the basic skills of golf. 'Teeing off' was the favourite, I think, as each was helped by Iain to turn their body

and move their arms to get a good swing at the golf club, so that they could hit the golf ball off the 'tee'. Who knows, with such good tuition, one of the pupils could become an excellent, famous golf player - and you heard it here first! There were points to gain in each activity, particularly the relay race and a degree of numeracy was required for this, as well as enthusiastic 'cheering on'. Certainly the enthusiasm of Mr Macfarlane was catching and I am sure some of the pupils will use the skills they have learnt when they are older. Meanwhile they might have better skills for 'Crazy Golf' this summer.

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2010 WORLD CUP COMPETITION

Philip Richardson, aged 16, was the winner of the 2010 of the World Cup Competition held at Lanchester Library from 11th June - 11th July. He borrowed and read three health books from the library Healthzone and was entered into a prize draw. The books contained information on improving health, and well being. They included as well information on everything from cookery, exercise, methods of

relieving stress, and specific medical conditions.

The prize draw was made by Councillor Eunice Huntingdon, who is the Portfolio Holder for Healthier Communities, and Rosemary Laxton, who is Head of Service for Libraries, Learning and Culture. There were 441 entries. Philip was one of the fortunate ones who won an Adidas JABULANI football worth £79.99.



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CRICKET CLUB NEWS

The season is entering its final stages and it has been a difficult transition to the higher divisions for all the teams. The first team have done enough to be sure of top flight cricket next year whilst reaching two cup finals so far. They were soundly beaten by title contenders Shotley Bridge in the League Cup Final, whilst they are due to face either Kimblesworth or Boldon in the final of the Tom Burn. They are still also progressing in a third competition at the time of writing. The seconds have had a bad run and need a couple of wins to ensure their safety. The thirds endured a similar run but then pulled off a shock by beating, then top of the table, Felling. That should see them safe for the season. The under 18s finished runners up in league and cup to a very strong Blaydon side. The under 13s finished

runners up in the league to Shotley Bridge, the title being decided when the two teams met in the penultimate fixture and Shotley winning out. The two teams meet the top two from the Durham Senior League in a competition to determine the County winners.

The under 15s and Under 11s won a couple of games each and should improve next year, whilst the club also fielded an under 9 side for the first time in a tournament. Representatives from each age group have been selected to play for County and League sides.

The club has produced a football team this season who will start in the third tier of the Consett Sunday League. The team will play at Kitswell Road but start with an away fixture at Dipton on August 14th. Early season there are matches on Tuesday nights too.

Three club members are taking part in a coast to coast walk in September to raise money for Willow Burn Hospice, whilst the club held its annual fun day on August 1st where it raised over £500 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. Finally, the club is able to show all of Newcastle and Sunderland's premiership matches and everyone is welcome to come down and watch.

BOWLS REPORT

View Lane Bowling Club has featured prominently in our recent matches. On Saturday 14th August we beat them 8-2 at Lanchester but the special occasion was on the following Monday when our triples team played the inaugural match on their new green in East Stanley. The club has led a vagabond existence for the last few years playing all their matches on away grounds while their new green and

pavilion were being built. They have done remarkably well to keep their club going in such adverse circumstances and we wish them well. Sadly I have to say we got them off to a good start in their new surroundings - they beat us 7-3.

We are hoping to hold a finals day on Saturday 11th September where all finalists in club competitions are asked if possible to arrange their finals matches.

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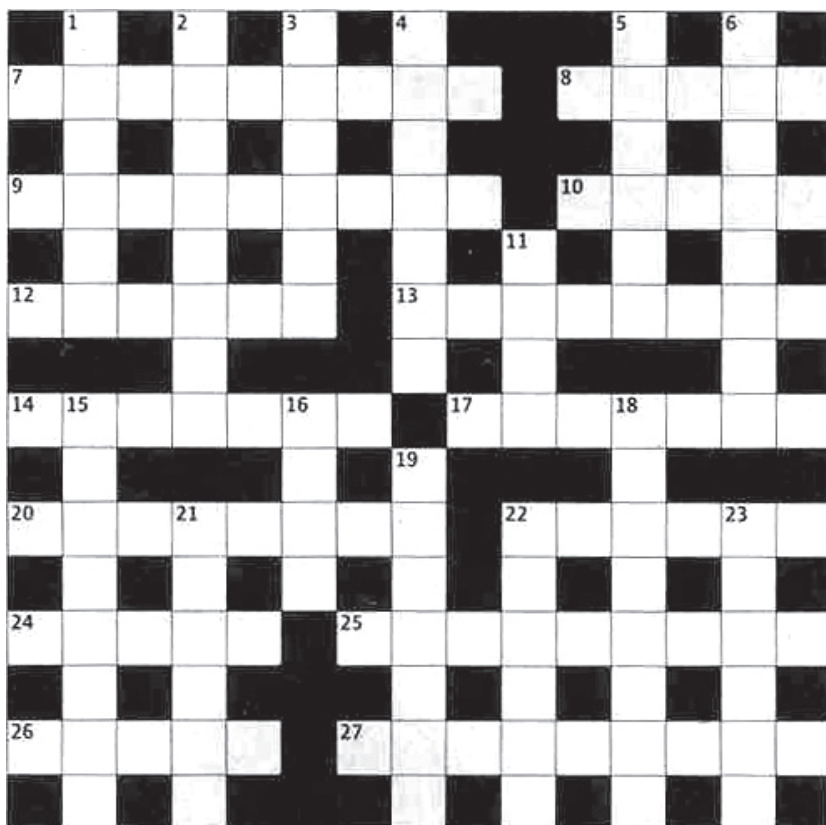
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CROSSWORD 52



ACROSS

7. China (9)
8. Norwegian composer (5)
9. Decide on reform of merit need (9)
10. 15th August 1945 (1,1,3)
- 12,25. French gift to USA (6,2,7)
13. Town dweller (8)
14. Planet (7)
17. Investigate (7)
20. Wealth changes N.E. couple (8)
22. Rangle (6)
24. see 5
25. see 12
26. Gem with 21 (5)
27. Trick tried with five is laboured (9)

DOWN

1. Powerful cognoscenti remove scion (6)
2. Diverse, elite, 100cc remake (8)
3. Set on fire with brandy (6)
4. European capital (7)
- 5,24. Tantalizing trap (fig.) (6,5)
6. Wine bottle (8)
11. Mountain goat (4)
15. Worker (8)
16. Goes with tone, binder and fence! (4)
18. Eavesdrop (6,2)
19. Bounty from the briny (7)
21. Sheen (6)
22. Spirited (6)
23. Regard (6)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 51

ACROSS

1. cashpoint
6. fade
8. grilling
9. menace
- 10,11. summer solstice
12. sinner
15. sinecure
16. atypical
19. yellow
21. pick'n mix
22. tear up
24. Isolde
25. conflict
26. Scot
27. Doncaster

DOWN

1. Corfu
2. Solomon
3. Prior
4. ingests
5. Tom Clancy
6. fanatic
7. deck-cargo
13. intrinsic
14. recommend
17. pikelet
18. lexicon
20. leaflet
22. Tonga
23. ulcer

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CROSSWORD 51

A bumper crop of entries last month, though pick 'n mix caused a few problems. The winning entry in the draw was sent in by Hilary Edwards of Parkhouse Surgery who will receive the £10 prize. Test your skill with John Wilson's latest challenge.

SUDOKU

There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. See next month for answers.

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FILM CLUB

Advance notice, hot off the press - Change of NAME to 'PARADISO CLUB'.

The Film Club, initiated by the 'Lanchester Partnership' and open to anyone, is about to metamorphose into 'THE PARADISO CLUB'.

The Community Centre is in the process of acquiring an 'Umbrella License', which will enable any groups meeting there to show films. It will hugely widen the choice of the films we are able to show.

The Paradiso Club will be launched on Sunday October 10th 7pm - 9.15 pm.

We will start with a raffle, refreshments and nibbles at 7 pm. We hope to enrol

members into the Paradiso Club, membership will be £5 for the year. There will be no actual direct charge for viewing the film but we need to levy £2 per person to cover costs, so entry will include refreshments: wine, soft drinks, and nibbles and entry to a raffle as well as a chance to see the film.

We will continue to advertise the films in the Village Voice and in the Community Centre on the notice board but it is not permitted to advertise externally with posters in the Village. Anyone who becomes a member will leave their e-mail or phone number so they can be circulated with relevant information about the next show etc.

The first event will be on Sunday October 10th, when we plan to show the award winning film 'An Education', more about this film in the next copy of the Village Voice. Other dates booked so far are Sunday November 7th and Sunday December 5th. The films 'Bright Star' and 'Roman Holiday' (Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn) may be shown on those dates. With this new arrangement we aim to hear from members their suggestions of the kind of films they would like to see.

The Community Centre hope in due course they may be able to install a big drop down screen which will greatly enhance the experience!

NSPCC COFFEE MORNINGS

Lanchester NSPCC Committee has held two successful coffee mornings in the village recently. The first was at the Methodist Chapel on 3rd July which raised £82. The second took place courtesy of committee member Colleen James and her family, who

opened up their home on 28th July for this fundraising event. The weather was kind and the event was well attended, resulting in a total of £236 being raised from refreshments and a tombola stall which was a sell-out. The committee members would like to

thank everyone who supported these events in any way. If you would like to become involved in the NSPCC in Lanchester, or would like to take a small collection box into your home or work, please contact the committee on 01207 520175.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last month saw us trying out a recommended destination - the Boatside, in a very pleasant spot, Warden on the far side of Hexham. For the more energetic among us there is evidently a most enjoyable walk along the river bank between Hexham and the Boatside, stretching approx 2 miles - which is one good way to work up an appetite. We of course didn't need such exercise, we can work up an appetite just by reading the menu and this particular menu was very varied. We sampled chicken stuffed with brie

and cranberry in a white wine sauce, haddock and chips with mushy peas, crab salad and a smoked salmon and prawn salad, both salads containing lots of fruit wedges so that it was like having a starter and main course in one. Puds were chocolate torte, ice cream in coconut, rum and raisin, double butterscotch and ginger with bits flavours, Banoffee pie, rice pudding, Eton mess and the most gorgeous looking and tasting ginger sponge we have ever come across, we know that 'cos most of us had to have a taste. All our

meals were beautifully presented and quite delicious. A good appetite is needed as meals come in good sized portions, however, it's a place that allows you to indulge in a pud and watch your waistline - most of them can be ordered in 1/2 portions. Outside the Boatside is a joy to behold with fantastic hanging baskets and flower beds, inside the staff are welcoming and most attentive, with sweeties handed out along with the bill. We just might have to go back.

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6	3	5	2	4	7	8	1	9
4	1	7	5	9	8	6	2	3
9	2	8	6	1	3	5	7	4
5	6	9	4	7	2	1	3	8
2	7	3	1	8	9	4	6	5
8	4	1	3	6	5	7	9	2

Lanchester History Society

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE COOP MOVEMENT
If you can remember your Coop 'divi' number, or perhaps that of your parents, then you must be over the age of 21 or more - but we won't go into that here. However, we can go into it at the next meeting of the Society when Mr Bill Saunders, a Coop Historian from Whickham gives a talk on the Coop's history from its inception in 1863. Bill Saunders spent most of his working life in the Printing trade, but for the past 8 years he has been a seasonal helper at Beamish Museum, where you may have seen his smiling face behind the counter of - where else, but The Coop. The talk will be held in the Community Centre on Friday 3rd September at 7.30 pm, and promises to be an evening of pure nostalgia.

Lanchester Social Club Entertainment

Saturday, 4th September, CHERISE, Top Female Singer
Saturday 11th September, KROCKETT, Super Vocalist
Saturday 18th September, KAROAKE
Saturday 25th September, CONNOR, Knockout Male Vocal

Table Top Sale and Country Market

This will take place on 4th September from 10 am to 12 noon. This is the last Table Top Sale this year. Only £10 per table. Contact the Community Centre on 01207 521275.

Service on the Green

Churches Together welcome you to a Service on the Green at 6.00 pm on Sunday 5th September. If the weather is wet the service will be held at All Saints' Parish Church.

LMVC

The Lanchester Male Voice Choir will resume rehearsals on 6th September. The next performance will be a charity concert in Lanchester Methodist Church on 23rd October. The choir meets in the Community Centre on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm. All men interested in singing are welcome.

Mothers' Union

We begin our new programme on Wednesday 8th September, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, when the speaker will be Kathy Webster who was MU Diocesan President until the beginning of this year. Her talk is entitled "Life At The Top" and is about her time in office.

Lanchester Energy Fair

Everyone is invited to Lanchester's FIRST Energy Fair at Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday October 2nd. Organised by the Lanchester Partnership Green Group, if you come along, you can see how to reduce your energy bills and save money.

From simple measures such as improved insulation and the use of low energy appliances, to ways of generating your own electricity using renewable forms of energy, see what a difference you can make!

As well as practical advice, there will be displays of research and innovation. Local schools will exhibit their energy projects and there will be activities and puzzles for the children.

So drop in at the Community Centre any time between 10 am and 3 pm and find out what you can do to reduce Lanchester's carbon footprint and play your part in reducing global warming.

You can even bring your bike and have it checked over while you're viewing the displays and enjoy refreshments courtesy of Lanchester Country Market.

Play it cool; come and see how we can all save money and conserve energy!

WHAT'S ON?

WI

Our next meeting is on Monday 6th September in the small hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm where the speaker will be Chrissie Clark talking about her life as a mounted police officer and the competition is anything to do with horses. Visitors are very welcome, so do feel free to come along and see what the WI can offer you.

Money for the birthday meal will be taken at this meeting.

Short Circuit Walks

11th September, Allenheads, 5 miles. A circular walk on quiet roads/footpaths through moors/hill farm land, taking in the old lead mining settlement. Meet Allenheads Car Park NY860453.

25th September, Great Lumley, 5 miles. Start at Community Centre, Great Lumley, Ref NZ294492.

Ramblers' Association Derwentside

12th September, Page Bank, 8½ miles. Meet in the car park.

26th September, Meet in the Forest Car Park, Simonside, near Rothbury, 8 miles.

Walks start at 10.30 am.

Art Exhibition

The Lanchester Art Group Annual Exhibition will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday, October 16th - 17th from 10 am till 4 pm. Admission 50p. Refreshments will be available.

A lot of the unique, original pictures will be for sale, so come along, enjoy the show and maybe take home a masterpiece!

Wildlife Group

The next meeting on Tuesday 14th September at 7.30 pm, in the Small Hall of the Community Centre, will feature Hakuna Matata of Tanzania.

Junior Wildlife

The meeting will take place on Sunday 12th September at Malton. Meet in the car park at 10 am.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 22nd September at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, Carol Grieves of Brampton will give a demonstration entitled "Inspired by ...".

Lanchester Early Music Festival

The last concert in this series, "The True Music-Master", a programme of Virtuoso Trio Sonatas and Chamber Music by Georg Philipp Telemann and his circle, performed by Hexham Collegium Musicum, will take place on Saturday 11th September at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Parish Church.

Lanchester Valley Walk Conservation Group

We will be planning a day of ACTION in October, date, time and projects to be confirmed in the next Village Voice publication. The project may be tree planting as Lanchester has been given a large number of trees as a gift from the Woodland Trust to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Dora's Wood. There is also a possibility of some cutting back and clearing around parts of the line near the Village Centre. Any new volunteers will be warmly welcomed!

Lanchester Community Centre Sunday Bridge

Sunday Bridge will be held on the following dates. entrance is £3 starting at 2-00pm, everybody is welcome so put these dates in your diary.

Oct 3rd 2010
Nov 7th 2010
Dec 12th 2010



Jan 9th 2011
Feb 6th 2011
Mar 6th 2011
Apr 3rd 2011

North Country Theatre

The North Country Theatre are coming again to the Community Centre on 30th October. The play this year is A Blood Wedding in Wensleydale. This will be the normal mixture of farce and tragedy, which we have become accustomed to from Nobby Dimon and his travelling theatre company. This year the play has been adapted from Lorca's famous Spanish tale of feuding families, re-set in the farming communities of the Yorkshire Dales. When Leonard returns from fighting with the international Brigade in the Spanish Civil War he finds his childhood sweetheart about to marry an old rival. He should accept his fate but in true theatre style events kick off to give us an evening of excellent entertainment. Tickets are £8.00 and are available from the Community Centre or ring John Wilson 01207 521275.

Durham Theatre

Durham Dramatic Society Presents 'Perfect Murder' by Ken Cotterill at The City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Back Silver Street, Durham, from Sunday September 19th until Saturday 25th September. Performances times, Sun 2.30pm, Mon-Sat 7.30pm. Tickets available from Durham Tourist Office (01913847641) from Sept 1st £6.

'Grandad'

Chester-le Street theatre group are performing 'Grandad' by Tom Casling from 28th September to 3rd October at Chester le Street Community Centre starting at 7.15 pm. Lanchester resident Paul Monaghan has a part in the play. He said "Our group is long established over twenty five years and where possible we like to perform new plays where the quality of the writing matches those of the established theatre repertoire. Sadly sometimes audiences are reluctant give a new play a viewing. On this occasion they will miss out big time if they do not come and see 'Grandad'.

Tom is a local writer, he has had many plays published and performed in places such as the Gala in Durham and the Georgian Theatre in Richmond. In my opinion 'Grandad' is his best yet and a very funny play. Although funny, the play is not a farce; the humour comes from the situations and the human spirit of the main character Grandad that shines out through adversity. Do not miss this great play." Tickets £6, concessions £5, can be obtained by telephoning 0191 3883778 or 0191 3885957.

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Serves 6 (can be easily divided for a smaller number and cooked in a smaller dish).

This dish can be made ready to bake several hours ahead, or frozen, so it's perfect if you want to get the initial cooking out of the way early.

Ingredients

400g/14oz good quality pork sausages
1 tbsp olive oil
1 onion, chopped
1 large carrot, grated
150ml/1/4 pint red wine
300ml/1/2 pint vegetable stock
3 tbsp tomato puree

For the Sauce

50g/2oz butter
50g/2oz plain flour

600ml/1 pint milk
Freshly grated nutmeg
500g rigatoni or penne
200g/8oz fresh spinach (or use frozen leaf spinach)
140/5oz mature cheddar cheese, grated

Method

1. Slit the sausages and remove them from their skins, then chop them into small pieces. Heat the oil in a pan, add the onion and fry for 5 minutes, until softened and lightly browned. Stir in the sausages and fry until lightly coloured. Add the carrot, then stir in the wine, stock, tomato puree, and season.
2. Bring to the boil, then simmer uncovered for about 15 minutes until thickened. Taste and season. Set aside.
3. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil. Add the pasta, stir well, and then cook uncovered

for 10-12 minutes, until tender. Remove from the heat, stir in the spinach and when just wilted, drain well.

4. Preheat the oven to 190C/gas 5/fan 170C.

5. Put the butter, flour and milk in a pan. Gently heat, whisking, until thickened and smooth. Add a sprinkle of freshly grated nutmeg, season, and then simmer for 2 minutes.

6. Tip half the pasta/spinach into a shallow ovenproof dish, about 2.2 litre/4 pint and level. Spoon over the sausage sauce, then cover with the remaining pasta/spinach. Pour the white sauce evenly over the top and sprinkle with the cheddar.

7. Bake for 20-25 minutes until golden brown. Leave for 5 minutes before serving.

CASEY AND RACHEL - GOLD MEDAL WINNERS



Casey (left) and Rachel proudly displaying their Gold Medals

At the end of July, Casey Coxon from Lanchester, won British Tumbling Champion in girls 9-10 age group. There were 20 in her category from all over Britain. Rachel Davies of Langley Park won British Tumbling Champion in girls 11-12 age group. There were 19 competitors in her section. The event took place at the NIA in Birmingham. The girls train with Deerness Valley Gymnastic Club in Ushaw Moor. The Head Coach at Deerness is Glenn Wharton. Casey would like to thank Lanchester Lions Club for their support.

NEW BOWLING GREEN



Ron Cole, President of Lanchester Bowling Club presents a certificate to View Lane to commemorate the inaugural match against Lanchester at their new facilities. Story, page 19.

A VICTORIAN EXTRAVAGANZA



Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society in all their finery

I am going to have to stop writing about the Choral and Operatic Society and their productions. I am running out of superlatives.

We were presented with a Victorian Extravaganza ranging from Theatre to Chapel via the Music Hall and the Parlour (sitting room). As always, the singing was superb, the orchestra very good and the choice of hymns and

songs wide ranging and popular.

It was good to see new faces and hear fresh voices in the choir. The soloists were all extremely good, the costumes colourful and appropriate, and the setting was super. We could all see and hear everything. The audience were invited to join in certain songs and choruses but we felt so involved we added our

voices more and more as the evening progressed. The touches of humour were unforgettable - one man not knowing where

his heart was, a second racing up and down the aisle at top speed while singing 'The Galloping Major' and another's

determination to sing 'The Road to Mandalay', which was eventually achieved. This was a superb concert. C.

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