

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LYNWOOD HOUSE TO CLOSE



View of Lynwood House

As feared, Durham Council bosses have unanimously approved controversial plans to close seven care homes in Co Durham, including

Lynwood House in Lanchester.

The decision, which was announced on 21st July, was a Cabinet decision, the Cabinet consisting of

the Leader and Deputy Leader of Durham County Council, together with Portfolio leaders (neighbourhood, social, education, economic, etc).

Ossie Johnson, Chair of the Parish Council, said "a group of Lanchester people, including Durham and Parish councillors are trying to

put an alternative community service building on the Lynwood House site rather than housing."

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LANCHESTER SHOW

Lanchester Agricultural Society Summer Show was held on Saturday July 4th.

Full story is on page 8



4 inch scale traction engine with Nigel Scurrah and Charlie aged 5



Hackney pony Gilchrist Firefly



Dear Village....

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Dear Sirs

The Gateway Scheme
In these times of financial restraint it is interesting to see that Durham County Council can find money to install "dragons teeth", road narrowing and bollards to further aggravate the flow of traffic through the village. I am relieved to read that these potential safety hazards are not to be installed and would suggest that the available money be spent instead on repairing our disintegrating roads. As for the villagers using speed traps against other villagers, what a splendid way to break up the community.

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I wonder which bright spark came up with that little gem.

Finally, instead of painting ugly yellow lines in the Village and wasting police officers' time would it not be more sensible to provide more parking. Whatever happens people will use their cars, indeed some need to do so, and if they are unable to park they will shop elsewhere and we shall lose our valuable shops.

Yours sincerely

John Macdonald

Dear Village Voice

With reference to the picture "Parking Restrictions" in the April issue showing vehicles parked outside the library I wonder if the photographer actually checked to see if disabled badges were displayed? IT IS LEGAL to park for a limited time on double yellow lines with a blue badge, perhaps the person responsible for the article should be the one to read the Highway Code!

I park there regularly to access the library and would hate to think this article has stopped other people with mobility problems using such a valued facility.

In my view there is a much more serious problem at the junction on Durham Road and the church corner where a red car is parked on the path. This vehicle restricts the view of traffic turning onto the busy Durham Road and there have been a number of accidents in the past. Name and address withheld by request.

Village Voice response:

There are many rules regarding parking with

blue badges and this is only to be used as a guide, not a definitive list.

You may park:

(i) on single/double yellow lines providing you are not causing an obstruction for up to 3 hours in England and Wales;

(ii) in on-street parking spaces with limited times (ie 30 minutes, 1 hour) without any time limit;

(iii) free of charge at most on-street parking meters and pay and display and without time limit (however it is worth checking the meter and the pay and display machine for verification).

Apart from the above three exceptions, all other parking restrictions apply to blue badge holders.

Source of information:

www.askthepolice.uk Having checked the photographs we have printed recently in the Village Voice, our photographer does believe that in each case, an obstruction was being caused. (Ed)

Dear Village Voice

I am writing to tell you about my husband Gary Densham. He took part in the 104 miles Northern Rock Cyclone Challenge cycle ride on June 12th, completing the course in 7 hours 24 mins on his trusted mountain bike!!! This was done in memory of his late uncle Tot Jarman. He wanted to raise funds for St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham, who cared for Tot, and have also been a huge comfort to Irene, Tot's wife. Gary was accompanied

on the ride by his bike buddy Brian Haswell who gave him support and motivation on the training rides before the big day.

To date £194 has been raised. The ride was done on his birthday weekend, some present!!!

As always I am extremely proud of my husband, and would like to thank Brian for his support.

If you would like to see pain etched on Gary's face, log onto the Northern Rock Cyclone Challenge 2010 website. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored Gary and raised funds for the Hospice.

Thank you, Jill Densham

Dear Village Voice

To Derwentside College students and colleagues

On behalf of our family and especially Emma, I would like to pass on our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who took part in your recent challenge of walking Hadrian's Wall. The

determination, effort and kindness shown by you all is overwhelming, you are all a credit to your families and to your college.

Emma has recently undergone her Bone Marrow Transplant on the 9th April and although the odds of survival are against her, the courage she has shown throughout her illness will stand her in good stead. The money you have so generously raised will go towards her dream holiday to

Disneyland. She was so happy when she heard what you guys were doing for her; it has given her even more encouragement to get better.

Steven, Ruth, Kieran and especially Emma (See article, page 10)

LOCAL POLICING SUMMARY

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All of the residents of County Durham will shortly receive a copy of this year's Local Policing Summary through their letterbox. It provides an overview of how Durham Constabulary has performed over the last year and what the local policing priorities are for the coming year.

The summary illustrates the hard work and successes of the last year including a fall in recorded crime of 9.6%. It also outlines the areas of work which the Constabulary will be concentrating upon during 2010/11.

If you do not receive your Local Policing Summary, please contact Durham Police Authority on 0191 3835511. Alternatively, you can download the summary at www.durham-pa.gov.uk.

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for June 2010 is 36. The draw was made by Lesley Anderson of the Thursday Art Group.

A 90th BIRTHDAY AUDREY SHEPHERD

"Canada Day" might be the 1st of July, but for one Lanchester resident, Audrey Shepherd, Wednesday 16th June was her own very special occasion as she celebrated her 90th birthday in style to the strains of "The Maple Leaf Forever". The much-travelled Winnipeg-born great-grand-mother freely led the singing of the original Canadian national anthem to the bagpipe music of A Solo Highland Piper, Derek Millmoor. A small number of family members representing four generations helped to celebrate the birthday milestone. A special birthday cake in the shape of the Canadian

flag was duly cut after Derek's musical entertainment. Although born Canadian, Audrey is proud to declare herself British, arriving in 1930; but still wished to reminisce about her childhood years across the Atlantic. She was astonished at how tiny trains and boats were when embarking at Southampton: "just like toys!" On the other hand, the balmy winter weather of the Isle of Wight was a welcome relief from the tingling frosts of The Prairies. The long journey to finally settle in Lanchester with her husband Jack some twenty-five years ago, had taken her to almost all

parts of England. It had been Castleside before that; and previously in Gloucestershire and Humberside. Her first residence in County Durham was in Medomsley in 1962. She remembers it well: "It was the day Coronation Street appeared on television for the first time. I'll never forget the snow. I'd never seen as much - even in Canada. What on earth were we doing moving to the Consett area!" Audrey has many happy stories to tell, but some sad ones too. But one thing is sure, her 90th birthday will be remembered for a long time by those family members present.



Audrey Shepherd, thoroughly enjoying her 90th birthday

MRS MARGARET ATKINSON 90 YEARS YOUNG

Peggy was born in Lanchester in 1920 and has lived here all of her life. "I have had a lovely life and I would not want to change anything" is a frequent quote of Peggy's. She attended All Saints' Parish Church as a youngster, was baptised there, and married Arthur Atkinson there in 1942. They have one son, Keith, who lives in Darlington. Sadly Arthur died suddenly in 1975 and Peggy says she still misses him. Peggy worked as a post woman for 30 years and many still refer to her as 'Peggy the Postie'. She has been a member of the Mother's Union for over 50 years and still enjoys the monthly meetings. She worked in the Red Cross shop for 14 years and was a founder member of the WI. She ran an Old Thyme Dance Class in the Community Centre and ran a successful 'Slimming Club'. At church she was always first in line if any

catering was involved and in 1988 she formed a Catering Team and worked tirelessly to provide good food for the people who attended the Flower Festival. This team still exists. Peggy had an 'Open House' on her birthday. Everything was very well organised and there was a steady stream of visitors



A very happy lady opening her cards

during the day. She received 111 cards which is a reflection of esteem and affection in which she is held. Peggy is auntie to David Massey and Joan, his wife, had made a beautiful birthday cake for the day and another smaller one which she shared with her Amigos friends whom she sees on a Friday morning in the

Community Centre. A telegram from the Queen could be her next big celebration. Brenda Craddock

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DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY AND OPTIONS

‘Altogether Better Durham’. This is the aim of Durham County Council and, in order to achieve this, they produced a document in June 2010 entitled ‘Planning the Future of County Durham - Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper’. This document is available to the public generally, as well as to the various Parish Councils, and on 1st July a display was set up in Lanchester Library with two employees of the County Council present to advise residents about the document, which is, in fact, a book of 137 pages. Gavin Scott, Area Planning Team Leader and Josephine Ellis, Planning Policy Officer, explained that the County Council’s aim is to bring prosperity to the County in order to provide ‘an **altogether better place**,

one where people of all ages and circumstances can meet their needs, whether material, social or spiritual. As a result it will be a place where social, economic and environmental resources are managed in ways that do not compromise the quality of life for future generations or people in the wider world’. In order to do this, the County Council feels that economic development is necessary by attracting retailing, commerce, technology, engineering, etc to the area. This would mean developing transport networks from the main ‘corridors’ of the A1(M), the A19 and the main railway line as well as providing land for these new developments and, necessarily, good housing. One of the Council’s aims is to provide housing near

employment so as to cut down on carbon emissions. It is estimated by the year 2030 the net housing requirement for the County will be 28,935, to be distributed around the County, which it is hoped will be in sustainable communities whose residents have good access to employment and other facilities and service. There are two basic options, Option A being to concentrate on further developing ‘those locations which have already demonstrated strong economic performance’, in particular Durham City, but also ‘towns that have been most successfully regenerated’, ie Chester-le-Street, Consett, Seaham, Bishop Auckland and Barnard Castle. This is the preferred Option and

through this the Council believes that ‘the increased economic performance resulting from this approach will benefit the residents of the County as a whole’. Option B ‘targets the most deprived areas of County Durham to try and increase the quality of life for their residents and secure their regeneration’. However, as this has been tried before, unsuccessfully, by the Districts, the Council thinks this is ‘unlikely to deliver the step change to the County’s economy that is required’. Details of potential development plans, with various options, for all the towns are set out in the document, as well as plans for development

sites, road links, waste disposal and mineral extraction. Many other very important aspects of the County are mentioned in the document, such as the importance of its historical and cultural heritage, health and well being and education. The consultation period ends on 6th August, when replies will be scrutinised and findings sent to the Government before further action is taken. The document is available in the Library and there is a website www.durham.gov.uk/ldf and an interactive website for comments at <http://durhamcc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/>.

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

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SEWAGE



The subject of the above photo seems to be the cause of the pungent odour that has pervaded through parts of the village from Friday 2nd July making it impossible to enjoy the glorious sunshine. It is a pity that partially treated raw sewage has to be dumped and spread so near the village.

BRASS BAND PATRONS' CONCERT

The Brass Band Patrons' Concert took place in Lanchester's Methodist Chapel on Saturday 3rd July. A small but very appreciative audience enjoyed this first Patron's concert under the direction of their new conductor Rob Vallance. After a welcome by Mike Gladstone, Chairman of Lanchester Partnership, Rob introduced the theme of the evening as "the music you would hear on a Sunday afternoon at a bandstand - a park job." The concert opened with a stirring march followed by "Barnard Castle" and "Billy's Exhibition Hop". Then there was a special treat, a solo by Billy Bradshaw on the cornet - "Sugar Blues". After this we heard "When the stars begin to fall" a slower spiritual style number. The final two items in the first half were a medley of

tunes from the film "The Pirates of the Caribbean" and the "Teddy bears' Picnic" complete with Teddy bear assisting the percussion section. The second half of the programme started with another up-beat number "Officer of the day" followed by "Somewhere out there" and a "Clog Dance". Then we came to a very important part of the evening - the Presentations. The Anthony Brown Memorial Trophy for the most improved junior player went to Adam Robson with runners up Alicia Robson, Ellin Bradshaw and James Draper. The Peveller baton, the main award, was won by Billy Bradshaw. A new trophy, the Ron Clarkson Memorial Trophy was awarded to

Pete Bradshaw as the most improved senior player". The John Jennings Memorial Trophy was awarded to Susan Hayton, the member who had made the biggest contribution to the running of the band during the past year, and finally a presentation to conductor, Rob Vallance, a Teddy bear. After the presentations the band completed their concert with a medley "Miller Magic" followed by "Singin' in the Rain" and their final number "New York, New York"! It was a splendid evening's entertainment given by an enthusiastic group of musicians who contribute so much to many events in the village. Maybe for their next concert there will be a "full house" once again.



The full band looks very impressive and played superbly throughout the evening



Billy Bradshaw receives the Peveller Baton, the main award for outstanding achievement

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ALL SAINTS' SUMMER FAIR

This is the season for all kinds of lovely activities, for tennis, strawberries, and for summer fairs and fetes. The weather was kind for the event held at All Saints' Primary school on June 26th, and a large crowd was present from its opening. Avril Quigley, one of the fair's organisers, explained that this was the first joint venture between the parents of the school and the parish council, with the proceeds contributing to improvements to the car park, which have been

completed recently. Avril thanked everyone for the huge amount of help and support which was offered and was especially appreciative of the kind contributions from local organisations, including Lanchester Lions and Lanchester Nurseries.

The fair was opened by new Member of Parliament Pat Glass, accompanied by Canon Spence, who welcomed her back to her 'home patch' and wished her well in her political duties.

A wide range of stalls and activities provided interest for everyone. Toys, games, DVDs, bric a brac and plants were on sale, while refreshments were available to those needing a break. BBQ smells proved irresistible to many! Tombola, raffles, football and netball competitions were held, and many little girls enjoyed the beauty corner, where they were offered face painting, nail decoration and hair braiding.

Good luck to All Saints!



MP Pat Glass, Canon Spence,
Sarah and Kate Grey at the
opening of the Summer Fair



Sophie, Hannah and Olivia
enjoy the face painting which
was part of the beauty corner

SUMMER FAIR - EP SCHOOL

Despite light showers large numbers of people arrived for the 11.00 am start of a very successful day. As usual it was a lively, well organised event, similar to the Carnival, but with a few more specialised activities.

There were plenty of opportunities for lunch in the refreshment hall, or a BBQ selling beefburgers and a hot dog stall. Spending money was easy as well, with a variety of stalls selling toys and sweets along with

tombolas and face painting. Activities were varied and interesting. The most fun, however, was the 'soak the teacher' and the 'waterslide'. You could see the joy on their faces and join in with their laughter as children threw buckets of water at the teachers.

The EP Fayre would not be right without a football match and this year there were two. In an enthusiastic game the Girls team lost narrowly, 2-1 to the Mums (with a couple of

males included), and a competitive match between the Lads and the Dads ended in a 3-3 draw. The lads showed plenty of skill and bravery against their bigger faster opponents who lost a bit of pace in the second half. 'Friends of the School' do a great job organising the Fair and turn out in large numbers to help, along with the staff and parents who always give great support. The total raised this year was an excellent £1001.90 for the school fund.



Everyone's ambition to soak
the Head Teacher



Sandra Tatham creates a new
look for Calum

POST CARNIVAL REPORT

Despite the gloomy skies and cool breeze the Lions Carnival was a very successful event. The atmosphere was good and the World Cup theme brought a colourful array of costumes among the Lions and various shop keepers, stalls and performers. Vuvuzelas also played their part - thanks to Ged, at Lanchester Hardware.

The inquest has now taken place and the amount raised this year was very similar to recent years - in the region of £1500 net. The lack of a procession was made up for by the new Climbing Wall which proved to be very popular. Additional stalls from Stanley Lions and Derwentside Round Table also added to the occasion, especially the Round Table attempt on the Guinness World Record for eating the most Ferrero Rocher Chocolates in one minute. Any event as large as this now needs numerous people to contribute other than Lions and the latter would like to thank all those who helped in the

setting up and running of the event plus the taking down of the many stalls and tables, and transportation back to where they are stored.

There are so many thanks to be given and included in the list are The Parish Council, and in particular, Councillor Ossie Johnson, Dave Maddox (Handyperson), Sally Laverick (Lead Officer) all of whom contributed in their own particular area of expertise. The Police and Fire Brigade also attended and the latter brought much interest, information and fun for children, before being called away on an emergency. Elddis Transport were there again providing the stage and it was great to see that they brought their Willow Burn Hospice truck which gave the hospice some publicity. Lots of people came and worked very hard. These included friends of Lions, Stanley Lions and the aforementioned Derwentside Round Table. The Lions' Ladies, too, made their usual

massive contribution with stalls on the green and teas and home made refreshments in the Methodist Church. At this point it is pertinent to thank the Methodist Church for use of their facilities, and tables and chairs for the green on this important day for the Lions and village. As mentioned earlier the Climbing Wall was a great success and thanks go to the YMCA, Consett, for providing this with payment by donations, which made it accessible for young children to enjoy at a price which they could afford. The Carnival always has safety issues, more so as red tape becomes more obstructive. So thanks are due as well for Peterlee Fire Extinguishers for providing equipment and

of course the ever present Red Cross without whom the Carnival could not be held. The Police as well were prominent on the day.

One person in particular made a terrific contribution this year and that was Glenn Coxon, who not only provided lively and talented entertainment but did the job of compere so well in addition to bringing classic vans and cars from Coachworks, which added to the Carnival and created so much interest. He also provided a truck for moving equipment and did his share of lifting. So 2010 despite once again having inclement weather was a success and a good social event for Lanchester village and hopefully, will be repeated for many years to come.



The new exciting event this year - the Climbing Wall - which proved to be very popular, and was provided by the YMCA, Consett.



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LANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW

The Society held its 58th Annual Summer Show on Saturday 4th July at Newhouses Farm. Entries were up on last year and over 420 beautiful horses and ponies, in-hand, ridden and driven, from a miniature Shetland pony to magnificent traditional coloured cobs and hunters took part. Many classes were qualifiers for national championships. There was also a Kennel Club Open Dog Show, with over 300 dogs of many breeds, popular and rare, varying in size and shape from miniature Dachshunds to the Pyrenean and Bernese Mountain Dogs. However, it wasn't just a Horse and Dog Show, as in addition there were 6 classes for cattle, very well supported by Highland Cattle and other breeds, as well as eleven classes for sheep. The tent

containing goats was very interesting, showing some rare breeds. Trade stands were more numerous this year too, and as well as horse and dog food and accessories, you could buy various types of home produce - gamepies, bread and cakes, eggs and plants. Vintage tractors and a built-to-scale traction engine were on display, too - plenty of interesting things to see. Of course there were the food and drink stalls, too - who can resist the smell of bacon cooking out in the open air, or an ice cream after competing? It was, truly, out in the open air as the wind, which kept off the threatening, forecast rain, grew stronger and stronger, until some of the tents had to be dismantled or held on to keep them on the ground. It was very

unsettling for the horses and dogs. Plans for a bouncy castle had to be abandoned at the last minute because of the risk from the high wind.

However, everything went off smoothly, the final horse championship not taking place until after 6 pm. It is hoped that next year there will be even more classes for other animals and classes which village residents can enter as the new committee, who obviously had worked very hard, are trying to get the Show back to where it was before foot and mouth disease and years of bad weather took their toll, that is, to a traditional, local, country show.

Next year the Committee will welcome all kinds of trade stands for a donation to the Society and always welcome helpers. Contact the Secretary on 07717326116 if interested.



Eshlaude Alice (5 months)

CHAMPION HEIFER

This was the second year since the revival of the cattle classes that Highland Cattle have been present at Lanchester Show and the numbers were up considerably.

We live locally in Cornsay Colliery and bought our first Highlanders seven years ago and began showing them as a family in 2005. We had four animals and a calf on parade and came away with one first, two second and one fourth prize. We were then delighted to be awarded the overall championship with a black three year old heifer, 'Lady Dubh of Cornsay Lodge' especially as it was our first championship with a homebred cow and at

our most local show. The cattle attracted a lot of attention from the public, lots of photos were taken and they were stroked and combed, even the bull! A great deal of preparation goes into getting them ready for a show, their coats are shampooed, conditioned and blow dried and their horns sandpapered and baby oiled (they love this pampering) so it's rewarding when they are admired after all our hard work.

Well done the show committee for bringing livestock back and here's hoping this section will continue to go from strength to strength. Lynne Ridley



The overall champion Highland cow, Lady Dubh of Cornsay Lodge, with her rosettes.

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The council claims the closure is in response to the declining demand for residential care, as more people are choosing to stay in their own homes, though financial pressures must be paramount. It is a time when the government is reducing its funding, yet the costs of maintaining the care homes are increasing.

The council has argued that there is sufficient private sector accommodation available to justify plans to close the care homes.

There are currently 25 residents at Lynwood



House, including interviewing the residents and their families in order to make decisions about their future care.

Gardening in August

August is an interesting month in the garden - the spring planting is over and you would expect that it would be the time to sit back and enjoy the fruits of your labours both literally in the vegetable plot and metaphorically in your borders. However, attention to detail is all important this month and will pay dividends in terms of extra fruit, vegetables and flowers. So, keep picking your vegetables and keep deadheading your flowers so that your plants keep producing more and for much longer. Also, keep tackling the weeds in all your garden including paths and drives.

Borders

You can get a second flush of roses in late summer and into autumn with some timely deadheading. Just prune out the blooms as soon as they fade by cutting the stalk just above a leaf joint. Other jobs for the month include: the need to keep picking sweet peas to encourage them

to keep blooming; trimming lavenders to stop them from getting too tall and cutting back straggly pansies and violas to encourage new shoots; taking cuttings using non-flowering side shoots of summer flowering shrubs such as buddleia and hydrangea and many other summer-flowering shrubs. Additionally you need to keep down weeds in your borders and spray against pests and diseases as necessary.

Vegetable Plot

We hope for adequate and regular rainfall during this month (to fall in the night of course). If the rain does not arrive, then you should apply water especially to plants that still have a lot of growth to make such as sprouts, kales, cabbages, leeks, salad crops and potatoes. August is the month to harvest your French and runner beans. They will continue to climb and crop so long as you keep picking and watering them regularly. Now is also the

time to lift onions as their stems will have bent over naturally by this time (although it can help if you do this by hand). Crops to sow this month include autumn salad leaves, winter spinach, Chinese and spring cabbage and parsley.

General

Once the plants in your flower beds have come to the end of their flowering period you can collect the seeds from your favourite ones. These can be sown in pots as soon as the seeds are ripe and dry, putting the pots in a greenhouse or garden frame for germination and over-wintering. As an alternative you can put the dry seeds in an airtight box with some silica gel and store them in a cool place until you are ready to sow them next year. You also need to be vigilant and guard against pests. This includes watching out for cabbage white butterflies around any brassicas that you have and checking under the leaves for any eggs.

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ALL SAINTS' PUPILS RUN FOR EMMA

In a lovely ceremony at All Saints' RC Primary School, Kieran Bell, brother of Emma Bell, presented a cheque for £1,387.30 to Gill Johnston, Fundraising Manager, for 'The Bubble Foundation'.

The unit was established at the Newcastle General Hospital in 1987 and a 'bubble appeal' was launched.

However, the name was formalised to the 'Bubble Foundation', a registered charity, and fundraising in earnest began in 1992 by altruistic staff and parents.

The special unit at the hospital is for babies and children with immune system deficiencies and transplantation of bone marrow.

Emma Bell, who is pupil at All Saints, has been attending Newcastle General Hospital for treatment for some considerable time. She has recently received a bone marrow transplant and her brave brother, Kieran, was the donor.

The whole school took part in the Derwentside Fun Run, and within a few weeks had raised a massive total of £1,387.30 in Emma's name, for this exceptional worthy cause.

In her brief talk to the children at assembly, Gill Johnston described the ways that the money would be used on the hospital ward and tried to allay any of the fears that children may have about ever having to go into a hospital for any reason.

Kieran Bell, brother of Emma, presents a cheque for £1387.30 to Gill Johnston, Fundraising Manager, for 'The Bubble Foundation'. John and Kathleen Gardiner, Grandparents of Kieran and Emma are also featured.



HADRIAN'S WALL CHARITY HIKE



Presentation of a cheque for £861 from students and Course Leader, Andrew McKenna, from Derwentside College, to Emma Bell's family. Left to right: Andrew McKenna, Robert Cousins, Ritchie Britton, Steven Bell with Kieran, Ruth Bell and Jason Connor.

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The Uniformed Services Course of Derwentside College has raised funds to assist Emma Bell to reach her dream of visiting Disneyland Florida. Emma, aged five, has been battling Leukaemia for 18 months and has recently received a bone marrow transplant from her eight year old brother Kieran who was a suitable match.

'To help speed up Emma's recovery we are delighted to be able to donate a small gift.' Students from the College walked the full 84 miles (135 km) of Hadrian's Wall, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award over 6 days. The total raised was £861. Staff and students wish to thank everyone who sponsored Emma Bell.



The Students from Derwentside College on Day 3 of their walk at Birdoswald with Hadrian's Wall in the background. They walked 84 miles to raise money for little Emma Bell to visit Disneyland, hopefully next year.

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CHANGES AT ALL SAINTS RC PRIMARY

Current Deputy Head Teacher, Claire Jordan, who has been at the school for three years is moving to a larger school as Deputy head, in Gateshead Authority. All Saints sadly say goodbye to her at the end of term as she moves on to St Mary & St Thomas Aquinas school in Blaydon. She will be replaced by a member of staff who has been at All Saints for six years, Alison Conlin. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them on their new appointments.



Deputy Head of All Saints RC Primary School, Claire Jordan (right), who is moving on to a school in Gateshead, seen here with her successor Alison Conlin.

NEW PRESIDENT



The Lions' handover from Ian Murray to Martin Durkin, as the new President for 2010-2011.

Martin is a local lad, born and bred in the Stanley area. He moved with the Civil Service to London and worked in some very high profile posts. He spent a lot of his working life in Somerset House, which as we all know is a most beautiful building. He always said he would return to his North East roots; he married Jane, a London girl, who is now very settled with him in Lanchester.

WEDDING

The wedding took place on Saturday 29th May between Caroline Lesley Irwin of Croft View, Lanchester and Ian Keith Stephen of Gosforth.

The bride wore a beautiful ivory dress decorated with crystals and pearls and carried a bouquet of calla lilies, butterfly orchids and ivory and lilac roses. She was attended by chief bridesmaid Claire Hewitt, a friend from school and Kim Fishman, a university friend. They were dressed in lilac and carried calla lilies. Caroline's niece Catriona, aged 3, who wore an ivory dress decorated with lilac flowers was flowergirl.

The best man was long time friend of the groom and fellow musician, Bruce Rollo.

The lovely hairstyles were created by Claire at Beryl's Hairdressing and the beautiful flowers supplied by Joan at Catchgate.

The reception took place at the Derwent Manor Hotel, Allensford. A live band, comprising friends of the groom, played as guests arrived for the ceremony. Musicians James Evans and Tom Kincaid entertained guests at the evening reception and, of course, Keith and Caroline couldn't resist the opportunity to perform themselves! For their honeymoon, the



*Caroline and Keith on their wedding day
Photograph by Mark Wilkinson Photography*

couple hired a cabin cruiser and sailed on the Caledonian Canal from Inverness. They have bought a house in Northumberland, close to where they both work.

"May your hands be forever clasped in friendship and your hearts joined forever in love."

PROM CELEBRATIONS



St Bede year 11 girls, gather together at Giovanna's house for a reception of champagne and cake before boarding a white limousine to Beamish Hall for their 'Prom'. Left to right raising their glasses are: Megan; Christie; Sarah; Rebecca; Giovanna and Hannah.



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FENWICK LAWSON'S VENERABLE BEDE

The Feast of St Bede was celebrated in St Bede's with the blessing of the new Benet Biscop Library and the arrival of Fenwick Lawson's sculpture of the Venerable Bede.

Fenwick Lawson, the renowned North East sculptor, sculpted this beautiful piece from wood taken from the beam of the monks' dormitory in Durham Cathedral, wood, which is over 1,000 years old. The figure took almost a year to complete and Fenwick spoke with great affection about his work and the ancient wood that shaped his creation. There

are seven nail holes in the back made by a builder from another era and a medieval split in the wood, giving the piece a true historic feeling. Fenwick said, "You could say that Bede has grown out of this wood." The bronze statue now takes pride of place in the new Benet Biscop library; a fitting home for the Venerable Bede, who was a gifted teacher and author.

Canon Robert Spence, who blessed the new library and statue, spoke warmly of both great Northumbrian saints, St Benet Biscop and St Bede.

"St Benet Biscop brought from Rome to Jarrow: stained glass, the art of building in stone, music and above all - books. He built the first Benet Biscop Library at the beginning of the 8th century in Jarrow, a European capital of culture. He knew that books would transform the lives of the monks and improve the quality of life of all Northumbrians. But it's Bede that I'm thrilled to be honouring today as we gather for the blessing of Fenwick Lawson's lovely St Bede. Many of us have appreciated his Bedes at Jarrow, Washington, the Beda College in Rome and now we have our own Fenwick Lawson Bede here in Lanchester. How privileged we are to have



Canon Robert Spence, Fenwick Lawson and Mrs Matthews in the new library with the unique sculpture of St Bede in pride of place

Fenwick make this Bede for us." This has been a feast day that our whole community will remember for a long time and we have a

beautiful legacy for St. Bede's - our Venerable Bede who will preside over our new Benet Biscop Library. Claire Hogarth



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## 'CLIPPY' MAT MAKING

Those of us of a certain age and growing up in the North East might remember relatives working in their homes at large wooden frames, producing brightly coloured 'clippy' mats. Forsometime, matmaking was consigned to museums and memories, but recently there has been renewed interest in many traditional skills and crafts.

Girls from Year 10 at St Bede's School have been researching the art of 'clippy' or 'proggy' mat making, as part of their GCSE Health and Social Care course, and working with children from All Saints' Primary School to make sure the old craft is brought to life again.

The project started with an artist coming into school and demonstrating how the mats had been made, using a 'progger' on some hessian stretched across a

wooden frame. The girls were fascinated, but realised that they would need to adapt the process for younger children, and small frames and coloured ribbons were eventually used. Funding was made available by the County Durham Creative Partnership, and the venture fitted into the links programme between St Bede's and its feeder school.

Donna Young, Head of Department at St Bede's, is delighted with the positive working relationships during the course, and praises everyone that was concerned in the work. The results of the 'proggy work' will be celebrated as part of the July Fashion and Textile Show at St Bede's.

A fascinating project, well done to all!



*Girls from Y10, St Bede's, working with pupils of All Saints' Primary School on their 'clippy work'*



## **“LADIES DAY” Hexham Races June 21st**

It was an occasion when fashion came to the fore and Lesley Lister and her team from Tyne Tees Models had the almost impossible task of judging the Best Dressed Lady. The award went to Christine Boyle (formally Davison) from Leadgate, who won a champagne lunch for two, a race named in her honour at a future race meeting. She will also judge “The Best Turned Out Horse” and will present the winning owner with their prize in the winners enclosure. Christine from Davison’s dress shop in Leadgate was elegantly dressed in one of many beautiful and attractive outfits available in Davison’s. Many people might recognise Christine who worked for many years in Davison’s Dress shop in Lanchester before it closed.



*The Best Dressed Lady, Christine Boyle, with her champagne prize*

## **OPEN FLOWER EVENING**

Lanchester Flower Club on Friday 25th June held the first of two open meeting demonstration evenings in Lanchester Community Centre. Over one hundred ladies attended. The Demonstrator was

Lynda Fraser, a well known N.A.F.A.S. Area Demonstrator from Brampton, the theme was “The World of Entertainment”. It was a wonderful enjoyable and entertaining evening.

The entire evening’s flower arrangements were raffled on the night. Connie Moore and her helpers prepared a light bite for us. Thanks once again to all who supported and helped on the evening.



*Lynda Fraser with some of her creations*

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# MUSIC TO CHARM A RELUCTANT MARGRAVE

The Lanchester Early Music Festival began on a warm Saturday evening (17th July), with upwards of fifty people in attendance.

The concert saw the welcome return of Michael Smith to play the Organ and Harpsichord.

The concert opened with Bach's gentle bucolic Pastorella for Organ played by Dr Brunt. The music was uncomplicated and conjured up images of peaceful country scenes and the drone of pipes from rustic music making.

As is usual with the concert series, Dr Brunt introduced each item with a reading or brief discussion elucidating the

music and placing it in context for the listener.

The next piece saw Michael Smith join Dr Brunt on a reproduction Flemish single Manual Harpsichord, not heard before at the festival. The work performed was a reconstructed Suite in C Minor by Handel for two Harpsichords, one part having been lost.

The music showed plenty of drama opening with a sober Allemande leading into a Courante using similar material. The Sarabande, middle movement, demonstrated a delicate interplay between the two harpsichords as the themes and motifs were woven and passed between the two players. The music then finished on a short dramatic Chaconne recapitulating material from the previous movements.

A lighter piece, Quartett in E minor, by Telemann followed showing the still underrated Telemann's gift for invention and ability to surprise with the mini overture Adagio to the gently rocking Dolce slow movement and fast outer movements.

Next came a transcription for two Harpsichords of Bach's Orchestral Suite No 2 in B Minor highlighting the dance movements. Listening to the music on two harpsichords was a revelation, the textures and detail in the music became clearer. Every nuance and note could be heard throwing the music into a more intimate perspective. The music sounded somewhat darker and troubled than in the orchestral version, in particular the Sarabande with its light texture and chromatic melody, the Polonaise with a driving rhythm and recurrent motif turning in on itself. The Suite of course ended with the famous Badinerie. It was not difficult to imagine Bach and his sons playing the Suites at home.

The first half finished on a delightful and exciting Sonata in F major from Telemann's Tafelmusik which had the grandeur and excitement of a concerto. The second half of the concert opened with Michael Smith playing the Adagio section from Bach's Toccata, Adagio and Fugue. The work started with a slowly



*Dr Brunt and Michael Smith*

undulating bass line, similar to that of the "Air on a G String".

Michael Smith then again joined Dr Brunt on the Harpsichord to perform another transcription, this time The Orchestral suite No 3 in D major. This was a more extrovert work, almost festive in character and packed with memorable melodies and intricate part writing. The performance began with the famous "Air" with its rising and falling bass and then followed a series of excellently played dances, full of colour and life,

enhanced by the use of the "buff" stop on the harpsichord.

Next a transcription of a Telemann Concerto in D Major displayed Telemann's virtuosic writing style to good effect showing off passages of imitation between the two Harpsichords and frenetic outer movements that frame the darker more reflective largo.

The concert ended with Bach's Fourteen Canons on the First Eight notes of the Ground bass from the Goldberg Variation; the music is in turn simple, playful and profound.

The famous portrait of Bach shows him holding forward a sheet of manuscript paper; on this is canon 13. Perhaps Bach believed that he had captured some of the Harmony of the spheres and universal order through the rising and falling of the canons and the constant chiming bass from the Goldberg aria.

The playing and interpretation of the music was of the highest order throughout with both Michael and Dr Brunt having prominent parts in the duets. One can only hope that Michael will return next year to perform more music for two Harpsichords.

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# LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT

Friday the 2nd of July saw the 42nd Lanchester Male Voice Choir (LMVC) concert open to a full Methodist Church on a sultry summer's night.

The concert began in earnest after a short and humorous introduction from Choir Chairman John Wills. This led into the arrival of the Male Voice Choir conductor Harry Carr and the first number "Rachie". This was a rousing hymn showing off the sonorous deep toned harmonies of the choir, which was followed by the quieter more gentle "Softly as I Leave you" showing a different side to the choir's abilities to sing gently and lightly. The next set was performed by the young local Soprano, Hayley Johnson, singing a selection of well known songs from West End musicals, accompanied by Bill Gray. She charmed the audience with "I feel pretty" leading into the more sorrowful "I dreamed a dream" from Les Miserables, finally ending with a bright and cheerful rendition of "Who will buy" from Oliver.

The Scherzo Brass Quartet performed next. They were a group of young performers, recent graduates from the Royal Northern College of Music (Manchester). For their first set they played through a selection of dramatic test pieces showcasing their

control of the instruments and ability to play together as a small ensemble. They also performed some arrangements of more well known tunes such as "Autumn Leaves" and "Abide with Me".

The LMVC returned to close the first half of the concert beginning with a well crafted arrangement of "Be Happy" by the choir's own Brian Sharpe. This was followed by "Bridge over troubled water", ending with the lively gospel style "Sit down you're rockin' the boat" from the musical Guys and Dolls leaving the audience wanting more.

After a short interval the second half began again with the LMVC singing the patriotic "Dam Busters" followed by the soulful and heartfelt "To where you are" showing the choir's ability to sing in an intimate and tender manner.

The Brass Quartet returned again with some more lyrical numbers, notably "Romantica" by Denis Wright written in a nostalgic manner with echoes of hymn and folk tunes never far from earshot.

They finished the set with Joseph Horvitz's Variations on a Theme of Paganini, ten in all cumulating in a virtuoso tour de force of Brass articulation and control of dynamics.

Hayley Johnson returned to sing for the second time, giving an animated

rendition of "I could have danced all night". This was followed by the more soulful "Cry me a river". She finished her set with a nostalgic rendering of "A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square". It was clear from the audience's reaction to her singing that Hayley can captivate and hold an audience with her clear and pleasing voice, and it looks like she has a big future in music ahead of her.

The concert concluded with a final set from the LMVC beginning with the ballade "The Rose" made famous by Bette Midler, followed by the moving "Walk Away". The concert finished as it began with a stirring Hymn, this time "When I survey the wondrous cross", to the tune Morte Criste.

I have heard the Male Voice Choir singing



*Hayley Johnson*

before, but I have never heard them sing so well as at this concert. The choir were excellent throughout the evening and were supported by the sympathetic and musical accompaniment of Noreen Bridgewater, who deservedly received a bouquet of

flowers at the end of the concert along with Hayley Johnson. This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening of contrasting music from the West End musical numbers to contemporary Brass music and of course resonant hymns.



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# EP SCHOOL JUNIOR SPORTS DAY

Storm clouds gathered but the rain did not happen until later so the Sports Day went ahead with the usual enthusiasm in the carousel events, and competitiveness in the serious races. Once again the day began with a carousel of varied games which needed different

skills thus giving everyone a chance to enjoy taking part without the pressure of winning, with teams changing events about every 5 minutes. The games were interesting, well organised and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and the many parents, grandparents and

childminders who attended. The competitive races were cheered on by the crowds at the side of the track and both the straight running and skipping were all run to the limits of the competitors' ability and it must have been difficult to decide who the winners were at times.

Not wanting to be left out the Mums had their race which was won by Rachel Young and the Dads event was won for the third time in row by Mr Beddingfield. The most controversial race was the 'joined at the wrist' egg and spoon race for the staff. Such was the competition among staff members that there was a protest at an alleged egg being dropped by the winners Mrs Helen Startup

and Mrs Rachel Jones, who clearly won the race, according to line judge, Mrs Jarvis.

The protest was probably all in good fun, or was it - the competition amongst staff is pretty fierce at the EP school!

The end was exciting as Mrs Davis, Head Teacher, announced the medal

winners for the serious races. The Normans walked away with the Trophy for Sports Day 2010 by a substantial number of points. Helen James and David Dawson accepted the cup on behalf of their team and raced around the field holding it aloft in the manner of triumphant football teams.



*Thoroughly enjoying the Basket Ball event*



*The winners were the 'Normans', captained by Helen James and David Dawson who proudly hold the cup*



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## GREAT SPORTS

It was Sports Day for the Nursery and Reception Classes, (Foundation Stage) in the EP School on Wednesday July 14th. Every pupil a winner of course and how true this was. The little ones entered into the spirit of the afternoon with their usual earnestness and enthusiasm and there were plenty of adults to cheer them on. The sport activities were typically well organised into 8 sections, and there was a drinks table for a refreshment stop. It was a lovely sunny day though a playful

breeze was blowing, but this by no means affected the children who were intent on participating in their team activities. The teams were easy to define as they were colour coded and the set activities were performed in rotation. There was a variety of races inclusive of egg and spoon, sacks, water filled cups, obstacles, quoits on heads, dressing up and scooters. All of these demanded a certain amount of skill and were amply mastered and enjoyed by the children. I am sure they all felt a

sense of achievement which is a vital part of their development. It was smiles all round at the end of the afternoon when all the pupils were given a certificate of achievement by Mrs Davis who praised their efforts, and the cool ice lolly was very welcome after all that running and activity. Parents and other family members, child minders and friends could be justly proud of their children who all gave an excellent performance. It was an afternoon to remember! Brenda Craddock



*The obstacle race*

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## SPORTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS

What a glorious day and good turnout of spectators for All Saints Sports Day held on 2nd July. The sun shone, the ice cream van did a good trade as the children lined up for their many races. Normal running, egg and spoon plus skipping and hurdles were just some of the varied competitive races. The toddlers joined in as well and received a lanyard with

a picture of a teddy on it for their effort in taking part. Mums did the egg and spoon race as did the Dads and this was thoroughly enjoyed by their supportive families. Worthy winners on the day were St Cuthbert's Team who gained a 5 points advantage in the morning event, increasing this to 7 points in the outdoor

sports in the afternoon. However, the real winners were all those parents, grandparents, childminders etc who attended on a beautiful day with a great atmosphere, as they watched the children take part with such enthusiasm and fun. Special thanks are given to Mrs Phillips who organised the day along with all the staff at the school.



*An exhilarated winner crosses the line in the hurdle race*

## HEALTHY EATING AT ALL SAINTS

Parents and children have been invited to attend a course after school on healthy eating. Sadaf Butt from Durham County

Council and Darlington, is the Health Improvement Officer and provides healthy menus with tuition for the families taking part.

On this occasion there was a choice of sweet potato wedges with garlic and herb dip or strawberry muffins to make.



*Andrea Moran and Thomas make the sweet potatoes. Max and Dylan Eyers with Mum tackle the strawberry muffins. Sadaf Butt, Health Improvement Officer is at the back.*

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# COCKTAILS FOR WILLOW BURN

On Friday 9th July at 8.00 pm, a full All Saints' Parish Centre enjoyed a most interesting and informative evening in support of Willow Burn's current fund-raising programme.

Guests were welcomed with a Champagne Cocktail, then Willow Burn Trustee Paul Jackson, who organised what will now be an annual event, introduced presenter Noel

Jackson - no relation - Science Education Officer from the Centre for Life, Newcastle. Noel then led a rapt audience through an informative and amusing general history and science of alcohol, the facts, and myths, of hangovers and their cures and, specifically, the history, the ingredients and the techniques of mixing cocktails. During this presentation,

the enthralled audience was offered tastings of Vodka (which sample was traditionally, and which industrially, produced?) and Scotch (see how adding water changes the taste and smell) which illustrated his talk. Finally, bottles of Vodka, Bacardi and Gin, with cartons of Orange, Cranberry and Grapefruit juices were distributed and the audience was invited to "Make Your Own Cocktail".

In the aftermath of this exercise - expressions round the room spoke to the success and otherwise of these attempts - an invitation to try a "real" cocktail in aid of Willow Burn was made. Certainly in this reporter's experience, the genuine "professionally mixed" Mojito was a vast improvement on its earlier DIY cousin. Throughout the evening, an attractive selection of delicious canapés was offered.

The evening was rounded off by Irish coffee, a raffle and an auction. The event was voted a great success and raised over £800 for Willow Burn.

Your next opportunity to support Willow Burn, this time in a Wine Tasting, is on Friday 17th September, 2010, when the annual "Wine at Nine" fundraising event will take place in All Saints' Parish Centre. Tickets, price £10, are available from Paul Jackson on 521508.



*Happy Tasters at The Willow Burn  
Cocktail Evening*



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## LADIES WHO LUNCH

We've been back to 'The Black Horse' at Beamish. We were returning 'cos one of our members had missed previous visits and we had all been so effusive in our praise of the establishment that she really wanted to try it out for herself. Well, another leisurely meal was

enjoyed, we all ate off the lunch menu and sampled for a starter smoked salmon rarebit, main courses were goat's cheese on Portobello mushrooms with beetroot, chicken supreme with Dijon mustard, haddock in a cream sauce and a specially requested mushroom

omelette. Pudding was a custard tart with Chantilly cream.

The verdict was - she thought the whole experience had been quite delightful, even down to making the acquaintance of the legendary pirate.

I'm quite sure we'll be going again. **The Gourmet Girls**

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Somerset Barbecued Chicken

An excellent way of baking chicken pieces in a well flavoured sauce. Leave the chicken to marinade in the sauce for an hour or so before cooking Serves 4.  
680g (1½ lb) chicken pieces eg drumsticks or breasts skinned.

*For the sauce*

1 teaspoon mustard powder

1 teaspoon ground ginger  
2 tablespoons caster sugar

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon tomato puree

6 tablespoons orange juice

Dash of Tabasco sauce and Soy sauce

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Method**

Mix together all the ingredients listed for

the sauce.

Arrange the chicken pieces in one layer in a greased shallow dish or roasting tin.

Brush each piece thoroughly with the sauce to coat evenly. Pour over any remaining sauce and leave to marinade in the fridge until ready to cook. Set oven to Gas Mark 6, 200 deg C.

Cook in the heated oven for 25 to 30 minutes basting every 10 minutes, until the chicken is thoroughly cooked.

Serve hot or cold.

**Savoury Fried Rice**

The perfect accompaniment - serves 4

50g/2oz unsalted butter  
100g/4oz frozen peas

3 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 onions thinly sliced

4 slices of rindless bacon, chopped

2 eggs

200g/8oz cooked long grain rice (100g/4oz uncooked weight)

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Method**

Melt the butter in a saucepan. Add the peas and cook over low heat for three minutes, or until the peas are cooked through.

Heat the oil in a large, heavy frying pan or wok. Stir in the onions and bacon, cook over a high heat, stirring

continuously, until onion has softened and bacon cooked through. Add the beaten eggs and when almost set, stir quickly to "scramble" eggs. Stir in

rice, peas and seasoning, and quickly stir-fry over high heat to heat the rice thoroughly.

Serve immediately.



# THE THURSDAY CLUB CREAM TEA

After the deluge of last year, when even Front Street was closed off because of the flash floods, we did wonder whether anyone would dare risk coming again to our Cream Tea.

Well, we needn't have worried, glorious weather brought everyone out and the room was very soon filled to bursting point. A busy team of ladies ensured that visitors were quickly served with tea/coffee and the requisite creamy scones and strawberries, all the scones being homemade by the Thursday Club ladies. The tombola did a roaring trade throughout the

afternoon whilst raffle ticket holders waited to see which of the super prizes their ticket might entitle them to. An animated buzz continued throughout the afternoon as folks chatted away to the soothing sounds of Neville Hartley on piano as they enjoyed a good convivial social occasion. The Thursday Club would like to thank Lanchester Dairies, Spar, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury, Tesco, Barclays Bank, Beryl's, Lanchester Fish Bar, Home House Prison Officers Association, Lanchester News, Lanchester Nurseries, Lanchester Social Club, Lilydale Pet Supplies,



*A full hall in the Community Centre where the visitors enjoyed the chat. The photo shows more scones and strawberries ready for any latecomers.*

Middlesborough AFC, Morrison Road Nurseries, Nicholson & Weston, Sunderland AFC. World Choice Travel, Elaine's Needlecraft ladies for a

lovely display of their work, Maving Taylor for flowers and Neville Hartley for his piano playing, for their support of our effort. Plus a big thank you to everyone

who came along and helped to make the occasion such a success. £801 was raised for the Great North Air Ambulance charity which is such a worthy cause.

## WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors, including Mrs Glenys Paterson from Australia whose husband is on a one year teacher exchange and living in the village.

Marion Forrest from Edmundbyers WI gave a report from the national AGM at Cardiff. It was very interesting to hear that WI branded goods will be for sale in the Co-op with the WI being paid for the use of its name. Among the speakers was Ms Parry Jones who is the boss of a Nuclear Power Station. She told a story of going to talk to some of her workers; one man said how good it was to see a lady taking an interest and did she like working in the canteen!

The resolution put forward this year for clearer food labelling was passed 99.13%. Other speakers included Ann Harrison from Denman and John Burko who spoke by video about

making parliament more accessible to all.

Jennifer thanked Marian and mentioned the group meeting on August 20th, a night out at Spennymoor on September 29th, The history of DNA on 13th September and the AGM at Bishop Auckland on 12th October.

WI members and friends enjoyed a super summer outing on 30th June stopping at the Croft Hotel for tea and biscuits before continuing to Northallerton where we did what we ladies do best, we lunched and shopped. We then drove to Kiplin Hall where we explored the house and grounds (and had more tea and cake). The sun shone all day, it was lovely.

Ann Carr won the raffle and the winner for the competition for a first aid tip was Ann Carr with Heather Muir second.

Our speaker for the evening was Ian Martin, a volunteer from the Air Ambulance who talked

about their aim to give us the highest standards of pre-hospital care in the region using helicopters and a land ambulance when the helicopter cannot be used. Ian explained that most of the work tends to be next to motorways especially the A66 and showed slides of some of the accidents they attended. We then saw a video showing mountain rescues; this is a very skilled job and a lot of the pilots are ex-military. The Air Ambulance was started by the NHS, then the AA sponsored it for a year but then there was nothing until in 2001 £50,000 was raised to restart the service which now costs £3,725,000 per year to run. All the money comes from donations, regular giving, tins, lottery, legacies and gifts but by far the most money is raised from the bags we fill and donate. Ann Carr gave the vote of thanks and a donation was given to Ian for the Air Ambulance.

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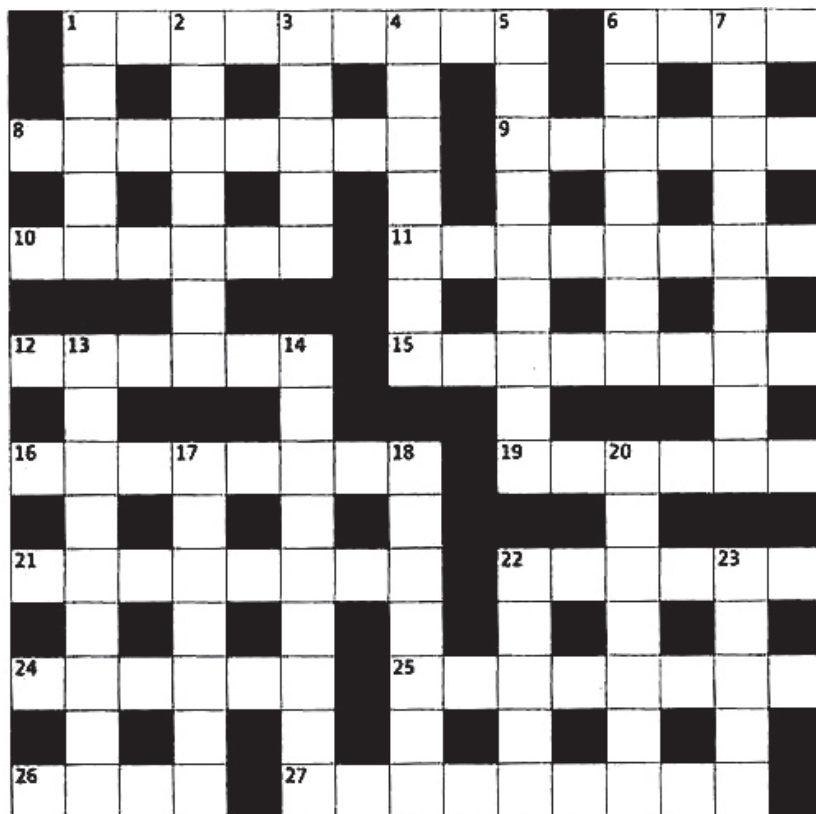
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# CROSSWORD 51



## ACROSS

1. ATM (9)
6. Grow dim (4)
8. Interrogation (8)
9. Threaten me with broken cane (6)
- 10,11. Cross mule's time is when sun hits Cancer (6,8)
11. See 10
12. Offender is in nervous state (6)
15. Workless paid post from NE cruise (8)
16. Unusual talc I pay for (8)
19. Cowardly (6)
21. Choose your own (4,1,3)
22. Rend (4,2)
24. Tristan and \_\_\_\_ (6)
25. Dispute (8)
26. Celt in England's Cotswold Hills (4)
27. Home of the St. Leger (9)

## DOWN

1. Greek island (5)
2. Wise man alone on Monday (7)
3. Deputy head of monastery (5)
4. Gin Tess swallows (7)
5. Best selling author of Cold War thrillers (3,6)
6. Extremist (7)
7. Freight seen at sea (4-5)
13. Tic in RN is essential (9)
14. Advise about little commercial fix (9)
17. Fish to allow crumpet (7)
18. Dictionary (7)
20. Flyer left ale to brew (7)
22. Kingdom in Polynesia (5)
23. Sore in painful cerebellum (5)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 50

### ACROSS

9. Yom Kippur
10. helix
11. oblique
12. Abraham
13. elite
14. unstinted
16. u n n u m b e r e d house
19. emolument
21. album
22. fishnet
23. bonanza
24. skein
25. undiluted

### DOWN

1. hypotenuse
2. emulsion
3. risqué
4. epee
5. broadsheet
6. sharpish
7. old hat
8. exam
14. uneventful
15. dream cards
17. mourning
18. urbanity
- 20,23. oyster beds
21. annuls
22. fuse
23. see 20

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Please send your entries (by deadline date on back page) to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0PB.

## CROSSWORD 50

There were 15 entries in the June competition though not all were correct.

The winning entry in the draw was sent in by J Suckling of Woodham Court who will receive the £10 prize.

See if you can solve John Wilson's clues this month.

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## 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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# OCEAN WORLD



*Pretty girls depicting the beauty of an ocean coral reef*

It was very hot sitting in a packed hall at the EP School on Wednesday June 30th but it was a good day to be transported to the depths of the ocean, as the audience watched the performance of a musical entitled 'Ocean World'. It is actually an ecological musical, that follows the journey of a whale through the oceans and the dangers she faces. The musical was written for middle school children, aged 12-14, but under the very competent direction of Mrs Davis and her staff, pupils from Years Two, Three, Four, Five and Six gave us a remarkable production of this unusual and quite difficult musical. All the singers and narrators did their job wonderfully well. Special mention must be made of the central

characters, namely the whale and her baby. These parts were beautifully sung by Helen James and Lauren Petrie and it was particularly poignant when the whale lamented the death of her baby due to the pollution of the ocean. There were one or two teary pupils and people at that point. The musical was raising awareness of the dangers of pollution and how each of us has a responsibility to prevent destruction and pollution of our living world. The pupils have learnt that they have a big part to play in future years of a pollution free environment. The scenery for 'Ocean World' was made by the children and the costumes mainly by staff and parents though pupils did help. Some of the costumes the latter

made were rubbish! No, I am not being rude. Big black bin bags were used to attach all kinds of rubbish, eg crisp packets, tin cans, sweet wrappers, lolly sticks, cigarette packets and take away meal containers. They were very effective. The younger Year One pupils designed the cover of the programme and thanks were also given to Nursery and Reception children, so the whole school worked together as a team to make 'Ocean World' such a success. The very enthusiastic clapping of the audience showed just how much they appreciated the performance. I am reserving my front row seat for the next mega production at this school. Brenda Craddock

## CHILDMINDERS' PICNIC



Lanchester Childminders and children enjoyed celebrating on a blazing June day. This year's theme was 'Reading the Right Notes' and we all enjoyed making shakers, action songs with a percussion instrument accompaniment, and singing the specially written 'Ode to Childminders' song. This was followed by a trip to the play park, after a liberal coating of sun cream.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Summer Activities in the Library

**Craft Sessions** for children aged 5 years and over. Tickets £1.00 per session.

Thursday 29th July, Thursday 5th August, Thursday 26th August. Time 2.15 pm - 3.30 pm.

Children under 8 years **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

**Nature Walk** organised by Groundwork, Durham. No charge.

Tuesday 17th August and Tuesday 24th August. Time 2 pm.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Ramblers' Association Derwentside

1st August, Snods Edge, 7 miles.

15th August, Frosterley, 7 miles. Meet in the public car park.

29th August, Causey Arch, 8 miles. Meet in the picnic area.

All walks start at 10.30 am.

## Derwentside Byways and Bridleways

3rd August, 7.00 pm. Meet at Knitsley Mill pub and restaurant, immediately south of Delves Lane Industrial Estate, Consett.

## Service on the Green

Churches Together welcome you to service on the Green at 6.00 pm on Sunday 1st August. If the weather is wet, it will be held in the Methodist Church.

## WI

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd August in the small hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm where the speaker will be Tony Jefferson talking about bee keeping, what bees do for us and the problems facing them. The competition will be a item connected with honey. Visitors are very welcome so do feel free to come along and see what the WI can offer you.

It is our turn to host the group meeting which takes place on Friday 20th August in the Community Centre. There will be a speaker, entertainment, food and the opportunity to meet up with friends and members from the other WIs in our group.

## Country Market

The next Country Market will be on Saturday 7th August in the Community Centre from 10 am. Be early for your cakes, jams, veg, plants, etc, as well as a cup of tea.

## Social Club Entertainment

Saturday 7th August, SONYA, Fab Female Vocalist

Saturday 14th August, KAREN McMANUS, Fabulous Female Vocalist, Ex Touch

Saturday 21st August, KAROAKE

Saturday 28th August, JEFF WRIGHT, First Class Vocal Entertainer

## Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 10th August at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, Julian Thompson (one of Gerry's past students) will give a talk on Radio Tracking Mammals.

## Junior Wildlife

On Sunday 22nd August, there will be a trip to Pow Hill, Derwent Reservoir. Meet at 9.30 am in the Community Centre car park.

## A MUSICAL EVENING

An appreciative audience were treated to "Music For a Summer's Evening" at All Saints' School on Tuesday 13th July. This was a collaboration with St Bede's School, and the proceeds contributed towards the purchase of new resources for the Music department of All Saints.

St Bede's School brass ensemble performed a programme of music ranging from Haydn's stately trumpet concerto to the lively "Let's Call the

Whole Thing Off" from the Twentieth Century. Several of the compositions had recently been played as exam pieces, and the musicians were accompanied

by Mr Robinson from St Bede's. A selection of spirituals, and the lively "Steppin' Out" followed. These talented young people recently took part in the Consett Music Festival, where they were awarded a very creditable second place. All Saints' School choir presented a medley of songs from their forthcoming production, "Archibald's War". Various themes from the Second World War were illustrated - children

gathering at a railway station for evacuation, seeking refuge in an air raid shelter, the advent of the Yanks with their gum and jitterbug music - and finally, the time when the guns fell silent and the children were re-united with their loved ones.

The evening concluded with refreshments of strawberries and cream being served. Students and staff must be commended for their hard work and polished performance. Well done!



St. Bede's School brass ensemble perform their programme of spirituals

## Early Music Festival

On Saturday 14th August, Dr Peter Carey (baritone), Philip Cull (oboe) and Dr Ian Brunt (organ and harpsichord) will present 'God's Time is the Best of All', a programme of cantatas and music by Johann Sebastian Bach.

On Saturday 28th August, The Hallgate Ensemble, Glenis Malkin (violin cello) and Dr Brunt (harpsichord and organ) will present 'A Georgian Gentleman's Serenade from Durham', concertos by John Garth with music by his contemporaries Charles Avison and Thomas Arne.

An additional fringe event concert will be held on Friday 27th August. 'One Fine Day',

Calum Stewart (traditional transverse flute) and Heikki Bourgault (guitar) will be joined by Dr Brunt (organ, harpsichord and Northumberland pipes), presenting traditional music from around the world.

All concerts will start at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church. Tickets to include refreshments £8, concessions £5 and those unwaged, under 18 years or full-time students free.

## Coming Shortly

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# OFFICIAL OPENING OF BOWLING CLUB PAVILION

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carried out by the contractor, J Lillie & Son of High Spen, during the Easter college recess, in order to cause as little disruption as possible, and the management staff of Derwentside College are to be thanked for allowing their car park to be used for the storage of a large container and building materials during the construction works. Indeed, they went out of their way to be helpful. The cost of the new pavilion has been financed from the club's own resources, members' voluntary contributions and donations. Grants

were also received from the Area Action Partnership Small Grants Fund and Lanchester Lions respectively toward the costs of a new carpet and new window blinds. By far the largest grant, however, (36% of the total cost), came in equal amounts from the County Council Neighbourhood Budgets of county councillors Richard Young and Ossie Johnson and without their backing and financial support, the club would not have been able to proceed with the scheme. We are most grateful for their help.  
Ken Raper, Secretary

## BOWLS TEAMS RETURN TO FORM

Our Saturday and Tuesday teams have seen a return to form since the last issue of the Village Voice. Both teams won four of their last five matches to revive hopes of high league positions by the end of the season. Above is the report from Ken Raper on the opening of the new

pavilion. What Ken has not included is how much effort he personally put into getting the pavilion built and paid for. It must have been a stressful time for him and I'm sure all the bowling club members are very grateful for what he has done for us.  
Paul Monaghan

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*Pictured right is the front cover of the book (available in Lanchester Library) showing Bobby Robson in his West Bromwich Albion strip.*

## TENNIS CLUB SERVES UP A TREAT

On Sunday 11th July, on a sunny but windy day, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held its annual Strawberry Tea. Over 60 members and friends enjoyed an afternoon of tennis followed by fresh strawberries and cream, shortbread and a glass of Bucks Fizz to wash it down! Courts were available for juniors of all ages to challenge their parents to a game of tennis or just have some fun hitting tennis balls together. Other recent events have included the club providing a Tombola and Toy stall at the Lanchester Lions carnival. £195 was raised on the stall, a brilliant

effort, thanks to all who donated items and helped on the day. Monday night coaching continues to flourish with excellent participation in all 4 sessions. A new introduction this year of cardio tennis is proving a hit with the ladies. The coaching looks set to carry on up to and including 23rd August. The Men's team have just completed their fixtures with a victory over a team from Blyth Ridley. Their record of played 5, won 5, ensures promotion next season. The under 16 boys team won 3 out of 4 matches in the Northumberland and Durham league and as they

are all available for selection again next year, the club can look forward to further success in 2011. The women's and mixed teams still have matches to complete. With four teams performing well in the Mini-Tennis leagues also, the future looks good for tennis in Lanchester. The club is celebrating its centenary in 2011, and would like to hear from anyone with stories, anecdotes, photographs or memorabilia of the club. Please contact the secretary Dennis Laycock with any information on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Village residents and football enthusiasts, Mark Ord and Paul Milburn arranged a football tournament for 11 year olds which took place at Lanchester EP School grounds on the morning of the Carnival. The teams taking part were as follows: Lanchester EP School, Consett Tigers, Ryton, Redby, Consett Cougars, Consett Cannons, Annfield Plain and South

Tyneside. It was an excellent tournament with some high quality, exciting football with each match lasting 12 minutes. In the final Ryton beat the EP School 3-0. The winners received a magnificent cup donated by Paul Milburn, of DEME (Durham Electrical and Maintenance Engineers), who also coaches Consett Tigers along with Mark Ord. David and Lyn Hopps, local farmers and business

people, donated the medals for the competition. Player of the tournament was Liam Smith from the EP School team. Mrs Jane Davis, Head Teacher of Lanchester EP School presented the trophies. Mark and Paul would like to thank Councillor Ossie Johnson who lent his support and attended as many matches as possible before officiating at the Carnival, parents who always support their children and made refreshments, Jane Davis, Head Teacher of the EP School for the use of their grounds and for presenting the trophies. Sponsors to whom Mark and Paul offer their sincere thanks are: Crinnions, SPAR, Country Homes and Gifts, the Post Office and Newsagent, Tiger Lily Florists, Lanchester Hardware and The Card Shop. This was an extremely well organised event which the footballers, parents, coaches, managers and spectators thoroughly enjoyed a friendly competitive sporting occasion.





# OFFICIAL OPENING OF BOWLING CLUB PAVILION



*President of Bowls Durham, Peter Coulson, with Mike Stoddart, Chairman of Lanchester Bowling Club, ready to cut the ribbon*



*Durham County Presidents team and the Lanchester team in front of the new pavilion before their annual match*

## RACE FOR LIFE

Staff and customers of Lilydale Pet Supplies Lanchester and Lilydale Pet & Equine Delves Lane undertook the Race for Life at Saltwell Park on Sunday 16th June. Dressed in their best pink they did the 5k run (or walk!) for Cancer Research. Best time was Louise in 25 minutes, last woman home was Margaret in 65 minutes. In total 9 ran, raising just short of £600.00. Thank you to all our generous customers for their support.



*Margaret with customers Alison and Sheila at the finish line, just as the heavens opened and we all got soaked.*

## FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On 20th June, Lanchester Bowling Club's new pavilion was officially opened by Peter Coulson, President of Bowls Durham, the county bowling association, prior to an annual match between the club and the county association. This was the culmination of five months of activity by club members to secure a new pavilion, before the commencement of the new bowling season, after irreparable storm damage to their old pavilion in January. Much of the work was

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*Members and family enjoying the annual Strawberry Tea at the Tennis Club  
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## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by 17th August. The deadline for **adverts** is 15th August.

*Team captains with organisers and Consett Tigers coaches, Mark Ord and Paul Milburn (who donated the cup) and Mark Stephenson, coach of the EP School, before the start of the football tournament on Carnival day.  
Full story on page 23*

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