

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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CONSERVATION



We are thankful for the work that has been completed by the Conservation Group members who help to keep our village neat and tidy; who give their time and energy so freely; and who are out in all weathers in different parts of the village. It also helps them to keep fit. The picture shows members of the Conservation Group tidying up Station Yard by mending the fence and pruning trees. Left to right: Caroline Wardle, Mike Wardle, Peter Smith and Stephen Bailey.

FRED HELPS US - AS ALWAYS

The Lanchester Partnership pays Fred Prophet to provide the Village Link bus service. According to his contract the amount that he is paid should have been increased on 1st August to allow for inflation.

Fred knows how difficult it is to raise enough money to pay for the bus, so he has very generously agreed to accept a lower increase than that to which he is entitled and that the increase should not come into effect until 14th November.

We are very lucky to have such a kind and helpful gentleman operating the service for us!

See also our Fundraising article on Page 2, written by Karin Bravington, showing just how much the Village Link bus is valued.



‘LEST WE FORGET’



On Remembrance Sunday 14th November many of the residents of Lanchester met at the War Memorial on the Village Green to remember those from our village who gave their lives in the first and second world wars. The picture opposite shows Crucifer, Acolyte, Lay Readers and Choir from the Parish Church at the War Memorial. Wreaths were laid by representatives of the following organisations.: Lanchester Lions Club; Brownies; Parish Council; Annfield Plain Scouts; Lord Lieutenant of County Durham; British Red Cross; The Boys Brigade; WI and Durham CC. The full story and more pictures can be found on page 6.



Dear Village....

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WANTED URGENTLY

A person with an interest in figures to take on the job of Treasurer for the Village Voice newspaper. The job involves invoicing customers on a monthly basis, maintaining records of payments and receipts and producing bi-monthly management statistics. Most of the work is done on the computer, with a dedicated program, and training is available if needed for a number of months. This position would suit a volunteer with some spare time to join a friendly organisation and at the same time do some good for the community. For further information ring John on 01207 520288.

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Dear Village Voice

Just writing to the thoughtless person who dumped a large black bin bag of mixed articles, including a pair of torn Adidas trousers in my paper bin. I wonder if they realised they could stop the Council emptying my bin if I put anything in other than recycled paper, which I am careful about keeping right. The mixed bin was right next to my paper bin. Anyone with half a mind should know it wouldn't be half as serious as putting it in the paper bin, although they have no right to put their rubbish in anyone else's bin. I am disabled so had to phone Durham to explain, in case this thoughtless person decided to do this again.

Mrs M Dew, Mount Pleasant, Lanchester

To all correspondents

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FUNDRAISING TOGETHER



Karin Bravington and friends enjoying coffee

The day of the Table Top Sale to raise funds for the Village Link Bus at the Lanchester Social Club had arrived. I got up at 6 am to the most horrible weather. I thought that nobody would leave their homes. I should have had more faith in the stoic people of Lanchester! Fred, the Village Link Bus Driver, arrived at 9.00 am and we loaded the bus. When we got to the club, Trish had already set out the tables. We ended up with seven tables.

With anticipation we waited for people to arrive. The first people came before 11.00 am and I felt like jumping for joy (the old bones put a stop to that). More and more people came, chauffeured by Fred and Peter Harrison, who made sure everyone was returned safely to their

homes at the end. At 11.00 am the room was full and we all stood with heads bowed, in silence for two minutes, in respect of Armistice Day. It was a moving moment!

Shortly afterwards the chatter and buying continued. The tea ladies, Marie, Tess and Winnie worked tirelessly to serve everyone with tea, coffee and scones.

Although there were a few hiccups with shortage of cups and boiling water, it certainly did not faze those three. Thanks to them and well done! I would like to say a big thank you to those who helped make the morning perfect. The Social Club did not charge for the hall. Lynne Cassidy for organising a very successful raffle. Fred and Peter who provided the transport. Mary Hall for her mouth watering pies which

were so quickly sold. Businesses in the village who generously donated prizes for the Christmas Raffle. The Queen's Head who donated a one night stay in a 5 star hotel at Seaham and Crinnions who gave us a £20 voucher. Individuals and friends from the village contributed prizes and special thanks are given to the person who donated £100 on the morning of the event. This generosity proves of how much the Village Link Bus is valued. Finally thanks are given to all those who came out in such appalling weather to support the event and made it such a huge success. With your help we raised a terrific amount of £345.00 (beyond my wildest dreams). In the words of one lady who said to me "it was a very happy occasion".

Karin Bravington

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SUE CHARLTON - DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Lanchester Parish Council has appointed Sue Charlton as its Development Officer. Her main role will be to work on the action plan of the Locality Map document which was officially launched last May. She began work on November 1st and joins the Parish Council with some vast experience of conservation, having worked with the Durham Wildlife Trust as a Consultant Ecologist in protected species. The parameters of her job are extremely wide and her first task will be to go out into the community to meet people in rural areas to assess needs in the

areas of rural farming, training required, funding, and land management for wildlife. She will be collating knowledge of habitats and species of the Parish and will try to build links with local schools and community groups. She will talk to land owners and be able to give advice on possible grants and training. In summary, Sue's task will be to identify and deliver projects that will support the rural community, wildlife in the parish, and enhance the environment. For further information Sue can be contacted on 01207 521957.



Sue Charlton sitting at her computer posing for a photograph

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Ralph and Bessie Kasher



Ralph and Bessie Kasher photographed with the palm trees behind as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in style by going on a cruise. Best wishes are sent from all the family.

Charlie and Pauline Stewart

Charlie and Pauline Stewart celebrated 50 years of marriage on 22nd October with 100 friends and family at a banquet organised by their daughter Karen Stewart. From table plans to an unusual game of 'Heads & Tails', Karen planned every detail to perfection. There was a much enjoyed buffet of a 'Hog Roast' for everyone, with good music and a special waltz to the amazing singing of their

friend Dot Cale. They are pictured cutting their two tiered cake. Their smiles say it all. There were two tiers as Pauline married Charlie on her birthday - a double celebration. Congratulations!



Charlie and Pauline Stewart cut their cake

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WEDDING OF JILL DIXON AND PAUL KEATS



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certainly the case on Thursday 4th November when Jill Marie Dixon married Paul Jeffrey Keats at a beautiful ceremony held at Beamish Hall.

Jill, the daughter of Pauline and Derek Dixon, grew up in Oakwood Lanchester and first met Paul in Reading. Paul is a friend of Jill's brother Mark, and they began

dating almost three years ago when she moved to Leicester. They now live together in their home in Reading where Jill works as a nurse.

On the day, the bride swept down the aisle in an off the shoulder ivory gown and was accompanied by her bridesmaids: twin sister, Carolyn, sisters Michelle and Jane and friend Ellie. Her page boys were Paul's sons Jamie and Callum and nephew Jacob and niece Grace was her flower girl. In his corner, the groom's best man

was David Keats, his brother, and ushers were Jill's brother Mark, Paul's friend Dave and Jill's nephew Alex.

After the ceremony, guests were treated to dinner, dancing, entertainment by Jill's brother Mark and usher Dave and, in hindsight, probably too much alcohol. It was such a lovely day and one that we will all treasure for a long time.

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In 2009, Lanchester Dairies began supplying local produce to more than a dozen Tesco stores across the North East, and is now negotiating to extend their business when the supermarket chain opens several new shops in the region. Today, there is great public interest in the provenance of the food we eat, and the dairy is well placed to access the local market, processing more than 22 million litres

of milk annually, and supplying across a 100 mile radius. The family owned dairy is now the largest independent in the region, employing 77 people, with a fleet of 35 delivery trucks and 4 tankers collecting milk from local farms. Lanchester serves as the local hub for the Asda group of supermarkets, taking locally sourced food and drink from North East producers for distribution across the region. It also supplies its own milk and ice cream to 21 Asda stores and provides ice cream to 15 North East Tesco stores. The dairy received advice from Business Link and £120,000 grant from the Rural Development Programme for England to help them manage the increased demand following the collapse of Dairy Farmers of Britain last year. Six more staff have been employed to fulfil the extra ice cream orders, and more jobs are expected to be created in the New Year. A successful year for a local business!

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CINEMA COMES TO LANCHESTER



LOTTERY FUNDED

Lanchester Community Association had some great news at the end of October; they received a grant of nearly £6000 from the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund, for new equipment to show films in the Community

Centre main hall. This will mean that everybody who uses the main hall can show high definition films on a large screen. The grant will allow the Community Association to purchase a state of the art projector,

BlueRayDVDplayerand a large screen. They will also install black out blinds; this will mean the new facility can be used during the day without affecting the overall quality of the films.

Mrs Carolyn Wardle of the Paradiso Club said "We want to offer our thanks and warmest congratulations to the Community Centre on their successful Lottery bid. This enables Lanchester to have a truly modern community cinema facility. The Umbrella Licence and

new equipment will benefit the whole community as it can be used by any group as part of their activity in the Centre. The licence permits a wide range of films to be shown, both educational and entertainment.

Arthur Maughan, Chairman of the Community Association said "We are extremely grateful to the Big Lottery for this grant, as it enables us to provide yet another valuable facility to the community of Lanchester. We need to continually

find ways of generating income for the Community Centre and by having this facility we hope not only to provide a service to our existing users but also to generate new business.

It is hoped the new facility will be up and running in the New Year, so if you are planning a party, social event, fundraisers etc, have a word with John Wilson, Community Centre Manager, to find out more about this exciting new facility available in your Community Centre.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

I had a couple of high points in the Chamber this week. I took part in a debate on credit and loan sharks in the Westminster Hall where I spoke about the effect of poverty and debt in the constituency and how legal door step loan companies, who can sometimes charge more than 200% interest and loan sharks prey upon the poorest and most vulnerable. I was also pulled out of the ballot to ask the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minister a Parliamentary Question. PQs are tools that can be used by Members of Parliament to seek information or to press for action. They oblige Ministers to explain and defend the work, policy decisions and actions of their Departments. I probed the Minister about the differences between recent statements made by President Obama and the Prime Minister on troop withdrawal dates for Afghanistan.

Back in the constituency I met some fantastic young people at Derwentside College Awards evening. At a time when there is so much negative comment about young people it was a joy to meet the award winners. One of the best things about the evening was its inclusiveness. Awards were handed out to a young man who is now studying Medicine at Newcastle University and another young man with significant special educational needs.

The 14th November was Remembrance Sunday and I attended three very different but equally moving ceremonies at Consett, Blackhill and Crook. Remembrance Day has special significance for many families, mine included. There will be few of us untouched by the Two World Wars and the many conflicts since. My great-grandfather, Alick Wright, died in

July 1915 aged 25 years old and his brother, Jack, died two months later aged 22 years old. Their names are included on the roll of honour in Tanfield Village Parish Church. This double tragedy had a profound effect on my great-great grandmother who lost two sons in three months, on my great-grandmother who lost her husband when she was just twenty-four years old and had two little girls to bring up alone, and on my grandmother, who was five years old when her father died. My grandfather served in the forces during the Second World War but thankfully returned home safely and my father subsequently served in the armed forces.

I believe that Remembrance Sunday helps us all to remember and honour those who have served this country in the past and those who continue to serve our country today. Pat Glass

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'LEST WE FORGET'

This is something the community of Lanchester will never do - forget! That is why on Remembrance Sunday, November 14th, there was a large gathering of caring, thoughtful Lanchester people, at the war memorial on the village green.

The special service there was conducted by our three clergy, Canon Peter Waterhouse, Canon Bob Spence and Reverend Gavin Hume. The choir of All Saints Parish Church were there to support the singing and all the young people's organisations were in attendance. The Brass Band was present and accompanied the hymns, 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' and 'O God our help in ages past'. Billy Bradshaw who plays cornet in the band, played the Last Post very competently and very

poignantly. He is a very talented young musician. It is always a solemn moment when the names are read out of the men from our village who sacrificed their lives in the first and second World Wars and of Stuart Laing, a young man who lived in our village and who died in the Falklands war in 1982. During the two-minute silence which followed there was much to reflect upon, before Billy played the 'Last Post'. It was then time for wreaths to be laid by representatives of various organisations which are relevant to our village. This they did with pride and dignity. The National Anthem concluded the service. The band played quietly and reverently while people dispersed to their various churches or homes. 'Lest we forget'? - Never! Brenda Craddock



Annfield Plain Scouts on the Village Green at the Remembrance Day service. Looking closely we can see that one got up very early on Sunday morning.



The Band on parade accompanying the hymns - they considered it a privilege to be invited to do this task.

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Police Authority members welcomed the reduction in overall crime in the Force area which is now at the lowest

recorded crime rates since the 1980's.

All recorded crime fell by 14.9%, equating to 3,266 fewer crimes and members were pleased to see reductions in burglary, vehicle and all violent crime, plus drug related incidents and criminal damage.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON POLICING

Durham Police Authority invites residents and businesses to have their say on what should be the top local policing priorities for 2011/2012. Residents can vote online, by text message or face-to-face at local supermarkets until Friday 3rd December 2010. Local people are asked to vote for their top three priorities out of the following seven options:

1. tackling anti-social behaviour;
2. protecting communities from terrorism and extremism;
3. reducing harm caused by organised crime groups;
4. reducing the impact of drug abuse on people and communities;
5. reducing the impact of alcohol abuse on people and communities;

6. protecting vulnerable people from harm;
 7. delivering local solutions to address and prevent local problems.
- To vote online, visit www.durham.police.uk or text VOTE to 07786027280 followed by your chosen three priorities from the list above and your postcode (your text should look like this example: VOTE2,4,5,DL147PY).

FAREWELL TO HENRY DANCER

A celebration of the life of 12 year old Henry Dancer took place at All Saints Church on November the 9th. Henry had died peacefully at home a week before after a courageous year-long battle with cancer.

He was remembered by family, friends, teachers and medical staff in a packed church. It was astonishing that the NHS and the Education system didn't grind to a halt which was a testament to Henry. The service included contributions from his friends: Harry Carson, Cameron Hume, George Grimes and Joseph Hume.

Henry will be sorely missed. Tributes were made to his sunny smile and disposition, his sense of fairness and warm, funny personality as well as his bravery



Henry and his mum, Jane

and graciousness throughout his illness. He is to receive a posthumous Braveheart award.

His Mum, Jane Natrass, would like to thank Rev Hume, Canon Waterhouse and both the EP School and St Bede's for their support, as well as her amazing friends and family. A fantastic £1700 has been

raised for the Children's Cancer Fund and CLIC Sargent as a result of the collection and donations. Thanks also to the wonderful people of Lanchester: from people working in local businesses to those we pass day to day on the street - you have shown so much concern which has been a great comfort.

Gardening in December

I know that December is more a time for lots of other things like: preparing for the festive season; the end of term; sleeping late; eating (and drinking) far too much; trying to burn off some calories with a healthy walk with friends and relatives. It is a month when the garden may well not be uppermost in your mind, but soon you may be in need of some strenuous exercise and when that moment comes your garden will be patiently waiting. Remember that the shortest day is the 21st and then it is straight ahead for spring.

Borders

Weeds never seem to take time off, even over winter. When wandering around your garden next time, take the hoe with you and remove any weed seedlings. It is much easier to do now rather than next spring. Perennial weeds

like thistle and dandelion need to be dug up, roots and all. If you have received bare-rooted roses from a supplier or perhaps as a gift and the site is not yet ready, you can 'heel in' the plants in a sheltered spot until their final place is prepared. This means covering the roots with soil and firming them in. December is the last time to plant tulip bulbs if you want them to flower next spring. If your borders are too wet you can plant them in a pot instead and stand them in a sheltered spot outside.

Fruit and Vegetables

If your apple or pear trees have become congested now is a good time to prune them while the trees are fully dormant. This pruning is aimed at keeping the centre of the tree relatively open to allow light through to all of the branches and to prevent the branches from

rubbing against each other. It is also time to take fruit bush cuttings such as gooseberries and currants. Prepare cuttings from this year's growth about twelve inches long by trimming just below a bud. Choose a warm position with free draining soil and make a slit with a spade. Put a layer of sharp sand in the bottom and insert the cuttings into the sand to about half their depth. These will take about a year to root.

General

If you are buying indoor plants to give as a gift or to brighten your own home, make sure you are careful if the weather is cold or windy by making sure that they are not exposed to the cold for even a short time and that they are well wrapped - otherwise their flowering may be either set back or, in the worst case, even destroyed.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH NOVEMBER 2010

Before the meeting a consultation was held regarding the planned Gateway project which plans to introduce measures to deal with the reduction of speed of traffic entering the village. Maps showing the proposals for the six roads coming into the village and those residents who came along were able to fill in forms giving their opinions of the proposed measures. About a dozen residents were there and discussed the plans with a representative of the Highways Authority. The Chair welcomed Sue Charlton, the newly-appointed Development Officer for Farming, Wildlife and the Environment, then after the preliminaries of Apologies and the Declaration of Interest (none) and Public Participation (none), the Lead Officer read the **Police Report** in the absence of PCSO Gray.

This is as follows:- Alcohol seizures 2, Anti-social behaviour 7, Dwelling burglaries 1, bogus callers (male) pretending to be from Water Board, other burglaries 2, Theft 4.

Current Community Operations - Operation Livorno (tackling street drinking).

Cllr Bob Glass stated that the pilot scheme of a notice banning cold callers placed at the entrance to a cul-de-sac in the village has been successful and Members agreed that this pilot scheme should be extended to certain other streets in the village.

Minutes: Those of the regular meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th October and of the Planning Committee also held on 12th October 2010 were approved.

Correspondence:

Durham County Council Sport and Leisure Services Strategy 2010. This document, outlining the County Plan was received; reducing indoor facilities and ending outdoor activities, working with Parish Councils to provide facilities for all residents of the County are the main objectives. Meet the Funders - The Lead Officer and the Development Officer agreed to attend a meeting in Bowburn Community Centre on 26th November on the subject of how to access funds.

Proposed Service Delegation Scheme between the County Council and Parish and Town Councils. This proposed scheme deals with how and if County Services should be delegated from the Unitary Authority to the various Town and Parish Councils.

A letter received from a resident regarding concerns over cricket activities was discussed and it was agreed that the Lead Officer should write to the Cricket Club asking that they address the problem. Suggestions of a third net and moving the wicket were made.

A letter from a resident with regard to flood protection was to be forwarded to the Highways Authority together with a request that all gullies should be cleaned.

A letter from Cllr Pat Glass, now our Member of Parliament, resigning from the Council was read by the Chair. Cllr Glass thanked Members for their a-political work and support and expressing her deep regard for the Council. A reply accepting her

resignation is to be sent to Mrs Glass.

This could mean a by-election and it was agreed to contact the County Council with regard to the regulations.

Development Officer - Farming, Wildlife and Environment. Sue Charlton introduced herself and said that she is looking forward to the challenge and to working in such a lovely place for the next 18 months.

Area Action Partnership/Parish Councils Committee: Cllr Mrs Gray expressed concern that liaison with the Police is decreasing; a letter had been written to them for comment but no reply has been received. Also PACT Meetings do not seem to be working as few people attend them. A talk had been given by a representative of the County Council's Public Transport Department outlining cuts and how they will effect the Parishes. Pamphlets giving details of Dial-a-Bus are now available. The AAP Forum Meeting on 10th November will give details of the new priorities after the recent consultation.

Christmas Event: All arrangements have been made for the Christmas Lights Switch On which will be at 6 pm on Saturday 27th November on the village green.

Training Courses: a list of courses provided by County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership was given to members, together with the Parish Council training plan.

Newsletter: the draft quarterly newsletter was approved by members, with the addition of a photograph of the

Locality Map Launch.

Financial Report and Accounts for Payment were approved.

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING held on 12th October 2010

Planning Applications. Members considered the following planning applications.

Erection of one detached dwelling with detached garage on land to the north west of 12 Ashdown Grove, Lanchester.

In connection with this, to consider the request from a member of the public for the removal of a tree. The owner of the land, her architect and tree advisor as well as members of the public attended the meeting to participate on this item. MW gave Members a background to the application including a prior application from Shepherd Homes for a 3 bed dwelling on the site which had been approved in 2007 but which has since lapsed.

The developer's architect explained the proposal for a five bedroom dwelling with rooms in the roof and detached garage. He stated that the materials were similar to those in surrounding houses and that the application was in process with DCC. He confirmed that the proposed property will have 2 on-site parking spaces and 1 other parking space.

Two members of the public spoke and expressed concern over the following:

- (i) increased parking problems for residents and visitors;
- (ii) the proposed development would remove two current visitor parking spaces;
- (iii) it will create access problems on the estate;
- (iv) visibility lines will be affected;
- (v) the size of the development is too big and is overdevelopment of the plot.

The Lead Officer gave Members a summary of three items of correspondence objecting to the development. These included the above concerns as well as objections to the proposed removal of trees. MW informed Members of the response from the Lanchester Partnership to the application which considers the size of plot too small for the scale of the building. The owner of the land said that in comparison to the surrounding houses, the garden and house is similar in proportion. In addition, other properties have a detached garage.

Members recommended that a letter be sent to DCC objecting to the application for the following reasons:

- (i) this is a significant enlargement of the previous, now expired, planning application which Members feel they are unable to support;
- (ii) the proposed development is too large for the small plot, the scale of the proposed development being inappropriate on the size of the plot.

Members considered the request to remove a tree.

Richardson Bryson gave

PLANNING MEETING Continued

Members information on his arboricultural report which Members considered at the last planning meeting. The request was for permission to remove an ash tree and to provide mitigation. The response from the DCC officer is that the ash is a substantial tree and would not wish to see it felled. Members considered that the tree created a natural barrier to the bike track. Recommended that:

(i) an objection to remove the tree be part of the planning application response;

(ii) a letter be sent to Natalie McCreedy stating that the Parish Council would not give permission for the tree to be felled. Demolition of existing timber dwelling and replacement with two bedroom stone built dwelling at Woodlea, L a n c h e s t e r (r e s u b m i s s i o n). Members recommended that a letter be sent to DCC with the following information:

(i) M e m b e r s recognised that the resubmission is a substantial reduction in size from the previous application

(ii) Members ask the council's arboriculturist visit the site and give a view on the tree works proposed;

(iii) Members would request that if any trees are felled then a suitable replacement be provided in an appropriate location. Demolition of current hospice building and erection of a new 6 bed hospice with associated offices, day care facilities and wellbeing spa with associated l a n d s c a p i n g (resubmission) at

Willow Burn Hospice. RESOLVED; that Members raise no objection to the application.

Felling of two ash trees, crown reduction of one sycamore and three ash trees and crown thinning of two sycamore trees at 14 Railway Street, Lanchester.

Members recommended that a letter be sent to DCC with the following information:

(i) Members ask that the council's arboriculturist visit the site and give a view on the tree work proposed.

(ii) Members would request that if any trees are felled that a suitable replacement be provided in an appropriate location.

Section 106 Agreements - Training Event

Members discussed attendance at a Local Council Training session in relation to Section 106 agreements and RECOMMENDED that 4 places should be booked.

County Durham Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment Consultation

Members discussed the information received from the County Council and the map which identified potential sites for housing development in the future. The map identified several sites around the parish. These sites had been assessed by the County as suitable or unsuitable for development. Members gave their views on suitability of certain sites.

RECOMMENDED that a letter be sent to DCC expressing the view of

the Parish Council on the suitability of the sites as discussed.

Decisions of the Planning Authority

The following planning applications have been approved by Durham County Council:

(i) Erection of replacement pavilion (retrospective) at Lanchester Bowling Club.

(ii) Application to make non-material amendment to Planning Permission relating to inclusion of window on northern elevation for en-suite at White Leas, Crow Hall, Lanchester;

(iii) Site a glasonite container from between the large stable block and house garage to behind the hedgerow (retrospective) at Durham Road, Lanchester.

(iv) Reduce height to one metre above boundary wall to eleven conifer trees, reduce cherry tree by 30% and trim back branches overhanging adjacent footpath at 15 Lee Hill Court, Lanchester.

(v) Refurbishment to front entrance, realignment of ramp and new steps including soft planting at Lanchester RC School, Kitswell Road, Lanchester.

(vi) Single storey rear extension at 53 Humberhill Drive, Lanchester.

(vii) Erection of ground floor rear extension at 19 W o o d l a n d s , Lanchester.

(viii) Change of use of one dwelling into 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 at 21 Front Street, Lanchester.

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Former Quantity Surveyor, Henry Atkinson, took over the Fish Bar in the village in November 2001, exactly 9 years ago. Henry gave up his profession because of his love of cooking - his original idea being to open a restaurant in Newcastle. Love of the country life as well brought him to Lanchester. Henry has made a substantial investment in the new Lanchester Kitchen which means he can expand his cooking talents into a wider range of takeaway foods. He has a very good reputation in the village and will be opening longer hours to accommodate his customers.



Henry Atkinson outside his new premises

FUNDRAISING SHIELD - RED CROSS

The Fundraising Shield was launched at last year's forum. An anonymous donor has kindly sponsored this shield which is to be presented to either a person or group which the Awards Panel feel have made a significant contribution to the raising of funds throughout the year. The first recipients of the Fundraising Shield are the staff at Lanchester Shop for their support in fundraising. Lanchester Red Cross Shop hold a regular coffee morning on the fourth Thursday of every month (this is

never missed and the date is rescheduled when it falls over Christmas). Many of the volunteers are involved in this activity under the encouraging leadership of Brenda Gibson. Brenda arranges the rota, not just for attending on the day but also for the baking of the cakes. Raffle prizes are sought as well, and this regular event raises approximately £50 a time. Brenda makes sure that every opportunity to sell the coffee is maximized and even does a delivery service to the local businesses in Lanchester. The Lanchester shop team are very committed and work hard to maintain this event 12 months of the year.

Very well done Lanchester.



Left to right: Elva Hockaday; Brenda Gibson; Marjorie Gray; Linda Shovlin; Jessie Goodall; Elaine Williams

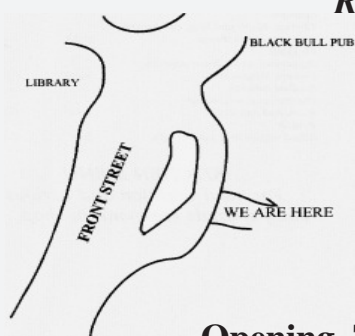
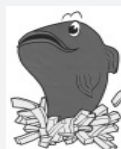


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LANCHESTER COUPLE WINS ELECTRICAL TOP AWARDS

A local couple, Stephen and Michelle with their business, "TestCal" have taken two of the most prestigious awards in the Electrical Industry.

Having been selected as a one of the seven finalists from hundreds of entrants, Stephen and Michelle attended the Electrical Industries Awards, an annual black tie gala dinner held this year at the Marriott, Grosvenor Square, London. With no

expectations whatsoever, they attended for the experience and on the evening they sat alongside the industry giants; multi million pound national and international companies. Their first surprise came when it was announced TestCal had won the Innovative Test and Measurement Product 2010. Then to add to this jubilation they went on to win the top award - Overall Innovative Product 2010,

competing against the six other winners in different Electrical categories.

From their home they designed and produced a small on-line product called the "CalCard". The CalCard is a reference device for electricians to verify their meters and to ensure the on-going accuracy of test instruments. This requirement forms part of the compliance procedures of all the trades that work on domestic electrical installations.

The existing test boxes on the market prior to CalCard cost between £50 and £150 and comprised of large clumpy plastic boxes. The CalCard solution is actually credit card sized and costs around £24. Its introduction and correct use has also resulted in electricians saving £100's

in yearly calibration costs by extending their instruments calibration period.

The CalCard was introduced to the market through the Website and has sold 1,000s to electricians. Since its introduction it has been accepted and acknowledged by all of the electrical governing bodies such as ELECSA, NICEIC and NAPIT, but the greatest accolade came with the industry recognition in the form Electrical Industry Awards 2010. This has resulted in TestCal

gaining the attentions of large distributors and suppliers such as Denmans, Senate WF, Screwfix and Toolstation to name a few.

Both Stephen and Michelle are looking forward to the future, hoping the success will enable the business to move out of the house so they can have the dining room back!



Steve and Michelle with the Calcard and their Electrical Industry Awards

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Gary Parker won an award for personal achievement at Derwentside College's annual awards on Thursday the 11th November. The award was presented by local MP Pat Glass and the introduction for his award was by Lisa Shaw from Real radio both from Lanchester. Gary, a

former pupil of Lanchester Infants and Villa Real school, continues to develop his skills further especially on the computer where he is able to up-load his favourite music by John Travolta and Donny Osmond on to his social networking page with ease.



Gary with his computer

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LIONS VILLAGE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY

This year the event took place on Saturday November 6th at Kitswell Park. It was a glorious winter day with plenty of sunshine. As the time drew near it was cold but with clear skies. People arrived in their thousands and it must have been record numbers who attended this annual event.

Light stick sellers were kept busy en route to the field, and were completely sold out as the evening began. The bonfire seemed a little smaller than in previous years but

it was soon roaring away spreading light over the massive crowd, giving out plenty of warmth as well to those crowded against the fence. The firework display which lasted about 45 minutes went like clockwork and was certainly as spectacular as usual if not better. Hard working Lions' Ladies and friends never stopped as they sold 800 hotdogs and many drinks.

Lanchester Lions Club would like to thank all those who helped to put on the event. A super looking 'Guy' sat on top



The crowd mesmerised and enjoying every minute of the display.

of the bonfire, but not for long as it was quickly consumed with flames. It was made by children from the Art Club at the EP School.

The Parish Council sponsored this hugely popular village occasion with a monetary grant which went towards the total cost of the fireworks. This was in the region of £2000. Lads from the Community Pay Back Scheme grafted in the morning moving pallets, as well as helping to build the fire and erect fencing. Thanks go to Wharton Landscaping for providing the pallets and Lanchester Services for the free van from their hire fleet. The Cricket Club were excellent hosts and provided warmth and plenty of beverages. Derwentside Round Table turned out in large numbers to help as stewards, which was greatly appreciated. The

Police presence too, was very important as were the Red Cross personnel who always come to the event hoping they will not be needed. Fortunately this was the case once again this year.

This well organised night was a huge success. There was a record profit in the region of £2200 which says everything

about the generosity of those who put donations into the collecting boxes on the gate. The money will go into the Lions Welfare fund for future worthy causes.

The Lions Club regrets any inconvenience caused to Lanchester residents because of inconsiderate parking before and during the event.



Children from Lanchester EP School Art group who made the 'Guy' for the Lions' bonfire. Also present is Lion President Martin Durkin who received the 'Guy' from the children and thanked them for their efforts in producing such an excellent figure.

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Lions' ladies and friends working hard on the Hotdog Stall.

MORE BONFIRE NIGHT PICTURES



Some of the Lions and friends who helped with the bonfire and setting up the field. Left to right: Alan Hill, Graham Harkness, Mike Stoddart, Eric Tuffee, Simon Bell, Guy Fawkes, Jonathan Harrison, Brian Naylor, Peter Richardson, Tony Corry.

Ever ready for the emergency are Red Cross members. Left to right: Gordon, Yvonne, Ian and Elaine.



The Bonfire and Fireworks Display drew many people from outside the village who parked irresponsibly and ruined the new verges recently planted on the west exit of the village. Breakdown services had been called by some drivers to haul their vehicles off the verge.

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COMENIUS PROJECT - CULTURAL IDENTITY WEEK

Lanchester EP School has been fortunate to be accepted for the Comenius Project, informally known between the seven schools involved as 'Euro Stars'. The project is funded by the EU and it involves children and teachers visiting European Countries and learning about their various cultures. Then, on returning to their own schools they pass on the knowledge gained.

Earlier in the year Jane Davis, Head Teacher, and Chris Boddy, Deputy Head, travelled to Murcia in Spain for a conference on the Comenius Project and later learned that the school had been accepted.

Shortly, Mrs Davis and three teachers will visit Portugal, Poland and the Netherlands for 3/4

days. The children involved in the visit to Portugal will be Emily Dewar, Ellen Barnett, Oliver Bartles-Smith and Cameron Pearson. Whilst away some of the things they will learn will be traditional songs and dances from Portugal, to be performed at their own school for the benefit of pupils and teachers.

Next spring Lanchester EP School will host children and staff from all countries in the group whilst the teachers will visit Turkey, Greece, Italy and Spain.

This week has been Cultural Identity week in which pupils throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6 have been making Cultural Display Boards. They have been learning to understand



The children proudly displaying their Culture boards are: Stephan and Felicity from year 6; Matt, Alex, Tom and Daniel from Reception; Alex and Karina from the Nursery.

themselves and other cultures in readiness for their visitors next year. The aim for this special week and the Comenius Project is to understand and form links with the wider world.

Footnote. The project is named after Jan Amos Comenius, an amazing prolific educator who has been stamped 'The Father of Modern Education'. He was born on March 28th 1592 in

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The mission statement of the company is 'Bringing Education and Theatre to Food'.

Three members of the ExpoChef team were involved. Sarah McAllister, the presenter,

began with a question and answer session about healthy foods, the power of advertising on TV, and packaging of all sorts of products, but mainly those which children were familiar with. Her

responsive, enthusiastic audience were well aware of the temptations they see everyday on TV and in supermarkets and logos and slogans were second nature to them.

Chef John Perrett took over and soon had children enjoying the spotlight by helping him suggest ingredients and prepare smoothies which everyone was able to taste. Kath Dearden stepped up to prepare Fish Cakes. One of the boys enjoyed stirring the ingredients with his hands, having first used hand sanitizer. Later children helped prepare a rice dish and a stir fry.

In the afternoon children split into groups to face the challenge of changing



Kath Dearden of Expochef joins John Perrett with children at the preparation table.

established recipes which may appeal more to children, and designing packaging, using logos and slogans, with the same objective. The presentations were in the style of 'Dragons' Den'.

Costs were taken into consideration as well. The whole exercise was aimed at bringing out creative skills, financial acumen and teamwork. It

seemed to be a very worthwhile enjoyable day for the children, some of whom will no doubt like to try their new culinary skills at home.

MY TRIP TO AMERICA by David Dawson



David Dawson with the Tiggers

On Saturday 16th October I went to Newcastle airport for my trip to America. We were greeted by the storm troopers from Star Wars who took us into a room where Greggs had provided a welcome buffet for our group.

Once on the plane it took us about 45mins to get to our first destination in London. When we got to London we had a party and met up with the other 191 children along with doctors, nurses and

consultants, who were going on the holiday of a lifetime with dream flight, there were 11 groups in total. My group was the Tigger group. We stayed at the hotel over night and the next morning we boarded the jumbo jet to America.

On arrival at America it was time for us to find our rooms and go to bed ready for the next big day ahead of us, the first theme park which was Magic Kingdom. In total we went to 7 theme parks including

Adventure Islands and SeaWorld. My favourite park out of the seven was Discovery Cove where you went swimming with dolphins and tropical fish. We also saw a whale with her baby which was fantastic.

Our escorts in America were retired firemen and women who were called Clay, Chris and Rachel, they escorted us around the parks. Our theme tune for walking round the parks was - 1,2,3 COME ON TIGGERS ITS YOUR DUTY BOUNCE YOUR BOOTY; BOUNCE BOUNCE YOUR BOOTY, BOUNCE YOUR BOOTY. On the way back it took 8½ hours to get back to Newcastle.

This was a wonderful exciting adventure for me and I made many new friends who I will stay in contact with. We will all meet up again at Christmas.

It was a great holiday and I would definitely go again.



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A BLOOD WEDDING IN WENSLEYDALE

In these days of instant 'X Factor' stardom it is difficult to recognise genius when it creeps up on you. It takes the appreciation of others to confirm your own feelings. I have enjoyed the visits of Nobby Dimon and North Country Theatre for years. It was only when his adaptation of 'The 39 Steps' was taken to London and New York, winning awards in both countries, that I realised I had been watching something special. To me this was a great play but no more so than any one of Nobby's productions. Such a production was 'A Blood Wedding in Wensleydale'. Nobby's fans would recognise each strand with which he wove his dramatic tapestry. The motor bike sequence was reminiscent of the aeroplane in 'The 39 Steps'. The hats on sticks representing characters was reminiscent of 'Home on the Range' and of course Shep the dog had to get in there somewhere. There were some new strands to the tapestry this year which I enjoyed.



Nobby Dimon in his latest play in the Community Centre

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The fight sequence that doubled as a flamenco dance for instance and the way the actors sat openly at the sides of the stage when not performing. Artistically this production was arguably Nobby's best so far. He wove the plot of Lorca's 'Blood Wedding', that of 'Cold Comfort Farm' and the Spanish Civil War, in

which Lorca and British socialists died, into a plot with strong characters and much humour. The play could be viewed as just a good night out or looking more deeply to unravel the strands that went into its making. The role of the Dairymaid of Gloom for example harking to the supernatural in Lorca's original while representing

the alleged dourness of Dales folk.

Sadly the Yorkshire setting and 'in' jokes may be too parochial for this play to make it to London and beyond, but I hope not. The triumphant opening of 'Pitmen Painters' in New York suggests this play could have a life outside the village halls of Northern England.

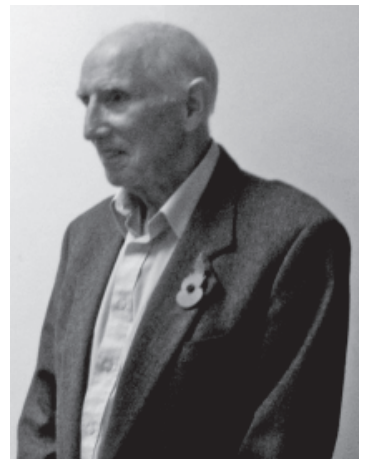
THE SPY FROM DURHAM

More than 30 members and visitors of Lanchester History Society looked forward eagerly to this month's talk on Friday 5th November and were not disappointed. Local member Arthur Dodds, who had entertained the Society earlier in the year on the fascinating subject of Aerial Surveillance, once more had his audience spellbound when he described the life of The Spy from Durham, for which he had obviously done a great deal of research.

The spy was Edward Arthur Chapman, who was born in Burnopfield in 1914. He left home early and enlisted in the Army, where he was in the Coldstream Guards. Finding this boring, he

deserted and embarked on a life of crime. By the outbreak of the Second World War he was in prison in Jersey and as he spoke German well, he became a spy for the Germans, even being awarded the Iron Cross. After being sent to various places in Europe, he eventually returned to England, where he became a double agent before the end of the war. Because of his exploits he was able to escape prison and lived a privileged life before his death in 1997. He wrote his autobiography

but could not get it published in Britain. However, it was published in Australia, where it was made into a film, starring Christopher Plummer, called The Triple Agent. Once again, a very interesting evening.



Mr Arthur Dodds giving his talk to Lanchester History Society

THE FESTIVE SEASON STARTS AT SATLEY!

The festive season began in earnest on November 6th, when Satley Residents Association held their Christmas Fair. Chrissie Clark, Secretary of the Association, expressed her delight at the large number of early morning shoppers exploring the stalls, manned by local volunteers, all hoping to raise funds for their favourite local good causes.

The Tombola stall proved very popular, with profits contributing to the Parish Christmas party for the village children. Arts and crafts, books, bric a brac and home made cakes, pies, jams and chutneys were on sale, but the event was more than a shopping experience. Satley is a vibrant community, with a strong sense of identity and this was a great opportunity for people to

come together, meet with friends and enjoy refreshments. Entries for the Junior Wildlife Photo competition were on display. All were of a high standard, with Grace Campbell coming first in the over 12 age group, and Fern Hodgson the winner in the under 9 category.

Councillor Campbell, helping out at the Fair, took time out to praise the strong sense of community present in Satley, with local folk

always prepared to support events. Satley inhabitants are of a diverse age group, and last year, the Residents Association was established, to bring people together and to become a focus for people from outlying houses and farms. Events such as lunches and a line dancing club are proving popular, and the annual summer show is also an opportunity for social interaction. Christmas came early to Satley!



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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR CHARITY CONCERT

Saturday 23rd October saw a charity concert in Lanchester Methodist Church given by the Lanchester Male Voice Choir (LMVC) and guest, this time in aid of the Mityana community development foundation. Before the concert started a short presentation was given by Gavin Rankin from the charity outlining their work in Uganda. From the presentation it was clear the profits from the concert were going to a worthwhile cause improving health and literacy in the small town of Mityana, west of Kampala.

The concert started in earnest with the solemn hymn tune Aberystwyth to the words "Jesu lover of my soul". This showed the choir's ability to produce rich, deep harmonies. This was then contrasted by a lively rendition of "Riders in the Sky" telling an old cowboy legend depicting a spectral cattle chase. The first set then ended with a rendition of the inspirational ballad

"You raise me up". The concert saw the welcome return of Jane Westwater to sing a classically orientated set. The first piece was a beautiful and delicate setting of Ave Maria by Charles Gounod/J S Bach sung impeccably. Next followed a rendition of "Summertime" conjuring up the languid world of the American South in Porgy and Bess. The short solo set ended with "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables". Throughout the set Jane was able to convey the atmosphere and drama of the music through her excellent singing.

The LMVC returned to close the first half of the concert with "Be Happy" arranged by the choir's own Brian Sharpe. A softer contrasting ballad "To where you are" followed allowing the tenors of the choir to be highlighted. The lively song "Sit down you're rockin' the boat" ended the first half of the concert leaving the audience ready for more. The second half began with the LMVC singing



Lanchester Male Voice Choir at the concert for Mityana

the patriotic "Dam Busters March" paying homage to the RAF, followed by the ever popular "Can't help falling in love". The set ended with a rendition of "Portrait of my love", made popular by Matt Monroe.

Jane Westwater returned to sing a series of well known pieces by Andrew Lloyd Webber. First the delicately sung "Pie Jesu" from Requiem then an animated and heartfelt "Don't cry for me Argentina". Jane finished the set on her favourite "Wishing you were here again" from "Phantom of the Opera". Jane proved she was as much at home with show tunes as well as

classical numbers. However the sensitive and thoughtful accompaniment of Noreen Bridgewater should not be overlooked.

The concert concluded with a final set from the LMVC beginning with "Entrance and March of the Peers" from Iolanthe by Gilbert and Sullivan full of vocalisation of Brass sounds. Next followed a delightful medley of easy listening classics which the choir seemed quite at home with. This led to the dramatic "Anthem" from the end of act one musical "Chess". This gave the choir another chance to show off the sonorous harmonies,

that can only be produced by a male voice choir.

However the evening would not be complete without singing the national anthem.

At the end Jane Westwater was presented with beautiful bouquet of flowers as well as Noreen Bridgewater, the Choir's accompanist.

It is always a pleasure to hear the LMVC in concert and a lot of hard work must go into the preparations from Harry Carr and the members of the choir to deliver such a polished performance. For more information on Mityana visit: <http://mityanacharity.org>

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LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last month saw a return visit to The Stables at Beamish, not too far away and a very pleasant place to eat. A lovely waitress catered to our every whim and we were soon enjoying a really good meal which was a feast for the eyes before ever it began to tickle our tastebuds. We sampled for starters, tomato and basil soup, garlic king prawns with bruschetta, seared scallops with black pudding and bacon and a Stilton and broccoli tart with a green salad. Main courses were pan

fried chicken breast with barley risotto in a bacon and herb sauce, slow roasted belly pork with black pudding and steamed leeks and a 'melt in the mouth' ham shank on a bed of mash with root vegs. Puds were white chocolate and cherry fondant with spiced berries, homemade ice cream and Irish coffee crème brûlée. We were in the 'stables' after all, so it was 'odds on' we'd get a good meal. Maybe you should give it a try.

The Gourmet Girls

HALLOWEEN FUN



Trick or treat

Among the many excellently dressed up children playing 'trick or treat' (pictured left) were left to right back row: Anna Crowe, Charlie Scanlon, Amy Rowland and Faye Rothwell; front row: Ellie and Luke Crowe.



SPAR Staff, Alison (left) and Lesley, raise money for All Saints Primary with their huge collecting box. SPAR are supporting the fund to buy staging for the school by asking customers to donate their change. All Saints need staging to have more brilliant productions like 'Archibald's War', which was a huge success.

Halloween Party

On the afternoon of Halloween a very successful party for children was held at the Community Centre. It was well attended by both children and parents. An excellent disco run by Margaret Cooper sisters, Michelle Carmichael and Vicky Brown who thoroughly enjoyed this annual event themselves and were pleased to donate the profit of £129.84 to Cancer Research UK.



Young Halloween revellers stopped dancing for a second to gather together for a photograph for the Village Voice!



Michelle and Gillian from Peters join in the fun of Halloween for their customers

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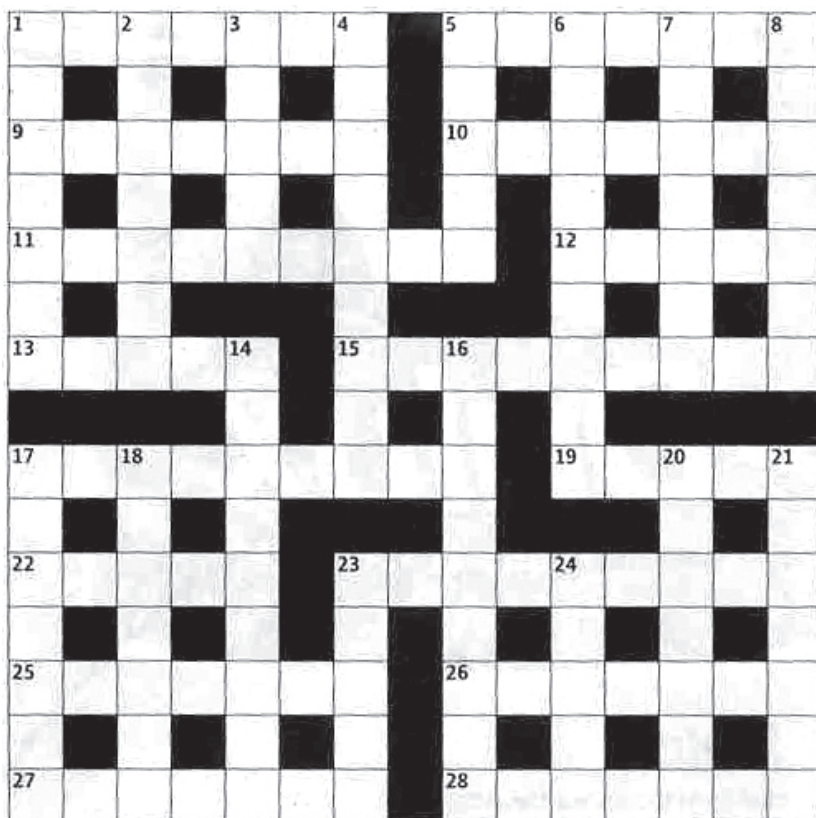
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CROSSWORD 55



ACROSS

1,5 across

- Bonus (fig.) (5,2,3,4)
 5. see 1 across
 9. Main connection (7)
 10. Shorten big read (7)
 11. Income check (5,4)
 12. Arabian peninsular state (5)
 13. Welsh town in E Athlone (5)
 15. Non-participant sailor precedes dyer (9)
 17. Vanish (9)
 19. French composer (5)
 22. Square (5)
 23. see 8 down
 25. Veteran (3-4)
 26. Honest (7)
 27. S American state (7)
 28. Dead (7)

DOWN

1. Savage (7)
 2. Nineteenth state of the Union (7)
 3. Informer (5)
 4. Quasimodo's home (5,4)
 5. Characteristic (5)
 6. Too soon to know Lady Sayer (5,4)
 7. Body part (7)
 8,23 across
 Wife of Edward 1 (7,2,7)
 14. Unsystematic (9)
 16. Harsh Dales river is limitation (9)
 17. Disapprove of old peer (7)
 18. Berlin prison that held Hess (7)
 20. Set off (7)
 21. Put up (7)
 23. Request (5)
 24. Tie (5)

Name _____

Address _____

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 54

There were 23 entries in last month's competition.

The winning entry in the draw was sent in by Hilary Edwards of Parkhouse Surgery who will receive the £10 prize. Could you be a winner in John Wilson's latest challenge?

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 54

ACROSS

5. Chopin
 6. morals
 9. vacuum
 10. at a pinch
 11. Dali
 12. near Durham
 13. engineering
 18. inhabitant
 21. carp
 22. Geronimo
 23. astute
 24. Trajan
 25. simnel


DOWN

1. solution
 2. hitman
 3. colander
 4. rapier
 5. cravat
 7. social
 8. paracetamol
 14. inimical
 15. nicotine
 16. intent
 17. brutal
 19. anorak
 20. tragic

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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LCC SENIORS PRESENTATION NIGHT

There was a good turn out on 13th November for the senior presentation with some of the younger members turning out in their whites! The chairman, Neil Graham got things under way and introduced respected umpire and former Detective Superintendent Harry Stephenson, who said a few words and kept the audience entertained before presenting the trophies. The third team captain Andy McConnell announced that Mattie Callaghan had won the batting and bowling with his first half of the season performances before rising to the second team. Player of the year was vice captain Stu Beaumont.

Steve Murray championed the second team and gave the batting once again to Andy Smith, despite missing many games through injuries. The bowling went to Ashton Hughes in his first season in the second team, whilst Darren Wingfield proved to have the safest pair of hands and won the catches. Player of the year went to wicket keeper Daniel Storey. The seconds had the one trophy to celebrate after their victory in the George Coated Cup. Stu McPhail delivered the plaudits for his first team after they had finished third in the league and reached two cup finals, losing twice to the teams who finished above them

in the league and one final to be played next season. Simon Tweedy picked up fielder of the year, whilst the bowling went to Hayden Petch in his first season in first team cricket. Nineteen year old Graham Brinton picked up the batting award and the player of the year and confirmed that he would stay with the club next season. Special awards went to Steve McPhail, Darren Wingfield and George Wilkinson, for their contributions off the field. George was also made an honorary vice president. Finally many thanks went to John Bell was his tireless work on the field and to the people who provide such excellent teas every week.

FOOTBALL LATEST

The cricket club's football team have had an awesome month winning four out of four. They had 3-2 and 8-1 wins in the league, which coupled with the resignation of the Hamsteels who had taken the only points off the team thus far, pushed them to top of the league. The game against the Freemasons was closer than it should have been as wanton finishing threatened to undo the side. However they kept their collective nerve to win. The 8-1 saw off

Consett Demi, who turned up without a recognised keeper, a fact that the side exploited well and could have had so many more goals. The other two victories were in the Jack Grigg Memorial cup and were both against higher division opposition. Firstly they saw off the Scotch Arms from Division 2, by 4-2. The team were quickly out of the traps scoring three times in the opening ten minutes. The Scotch Arms eventually came back into the game and

scored two goals in quick succession before the break to set up a tense game. After the deluge of first half goals, it stayed the same until ten minutes remained when Lanchester caught the Scotch Arms on the break and wrapped up the victory. Three weeks later they entertained first division Number one club and ended up five all after extra time. It was the cricket club who held their nerve and won the penalty shoot out to put the side in the quarter final.

THE MIDWEEK WALKING GROUP

This year, we have walked mostly in Derwentside but have also ventured into Durham, Waldrige, Weardale and in June, to Keswick. Many more people have led walks this year and there are in excess of 50 on the "contact list". We walk

on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month starting from outside the Methodist Church, usually at 9.30am. Our year concludes on 8th December with a walk to Witton Gilbert and a meal at the Traveller's Rest. Once again, Ian Andrew will be producing a booklet

of the Group's walks in 2010, with a suggested donation of £3 per copy to raise funds for Willow Burn Hospice. Hopefully, the booklets will be available on 8th December from Ian (telephone 520664). Please contact him if you would like one.

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Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

This year the event will take place on Saturday 27th November at 6.00pm. The lights will be switched on by Sue Charlton, Development Officer from Lanchester Parish Council, accompanied by four children.

All Saints' Christmas Fayre

All Saints' R C Primary School will be holding their Christmas Fayre on Saturday 4th December, from 10.00 am to 12.00 at the School and the Parish Centre. There will be lots of activities for children and families to enjoy and a huge variety of tombolas, games and stalls, with opportunities to buy your Christmas presents. This is always a lovely event so do come and support the school during the Festive Season. All are welcome.

Theatre Sale

A sale of ex theatre wardrobe items is to be held at The City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Back Silver Street, Durham, on Fri Dec 3rd 7-9pm, Sat Dec 4th 10-4 and Sun Dec 5th 12-2. Items include: ladies dresses, hats, top hats, bowler hats, boaters, furs, uniform jackets, dinner jackets, fabric and shoes. A great chance for fancy dress outfits and retro/vintage clothing.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on 8th December is the Advent Evening, a collection of hymns, prayers and readings relating to Advent, followed by refreshments, starting in the Chapter House and going into church for 7.30 pm.

Open House

On Thursday 2nd December in the Chapter House, a sandwich lunch will be served between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm.

Lanchester Social Club Entertainment

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Paradiso Club

We meet monthly for a social at 7 pm, usually on the first Sunday of the month. Anyone is welcome to enrol as a member at £5 pa and the charge for each 'Social', which includes raffle, refreshments and a film, is £2.50.

The Community Centre now has an 'Umbrella Licence' which allows us to choose from a wide range of films: old, new, mainstream, foreign, classics, comedy, costume drama etc. We aim to encourage members to have an input into programme selection.

The next 'Social' will be on Sunday December 5th at 7 pm in the main hall of the Community Centre. We will be showing the hilarious classic comedy film 'Duck Soup', starring the Marx Brothers. This is definitely not to be missed! (please note this is a change of programme as the Charlie Chaplin film we had hoped to show is not covered by the Licence).

WHAT'S ON?

WI

Our Christmas Party will take place on Monday 6th December in the small hall of the Community Centre starting at 7 pm. Leadgate WI are our guests this year. Lanchester Male Voice Choir will be singing (and joining us for their supper), Sue Marshall will have Christmas Crafts and we will be having our ever popular Chinese Raffle. This party is always a lovely start to the Christmas Celebrations as we enjoy the delicious faith supper as well as spending this special night with WI friends old and new. We send Christmas and New Year Greetings to members who are unable to attend and look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Lanchester Library Children's Craft Sessions

Monday December 20th, 2.15-3.30 pm - 5-11 years of age. Tickets £1 available from the Library. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Country Market

The December event will be on Saturday 11th at 10 am. Come early for all your fresh produce.

Wildlife Group

The meeting on 14th December, at 7.30 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre, will be the AGM and Social.

Junior Wildlife

Sunday 19th December, walk towards Hurbuck on the Lanchester Valley Walk. Meet at 10 am in the Community Centre car park.

Celebration of Christmas

The Lanchester Male Voice Choir will be holding our Celebration of Christmas in the Lanchester Parish Church of All Saints on December 20th, at 7.30 pm. The choir will be supported as usual by the Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society. All welcome.

Thursday Club reminder

Our December meeting which is on the 16th of the month, is a workshop. Members can come along and just watch or take part. If joining in, do remember you need to bring all your own equipment, container, green, flowers, oasis, scissors and any Christmas embellishment you intend to add. Joan and Olive look forward to seeing you there.

Recycling

The Boys' Brigade would be pleased to recycle for you any used printer cartridges or old mobile phones. Tony at Lanchester Post Office has kindly agreed to have a box in the Post Office where you can leave these but if anyone can save several through work or other means we are happy to collect (contact either Vicky 521853 or Eric 521323). There will also be a collection box at Croft View Hall.

Apology

Reference the article on the October 'What's On' page 'Fundraising Together', we printed the correct date but the wrong day. We would like to apologise to organisers Karin Bravington and Jean Brown for this error, and to those who may have turned up on the wrong day and were disappointed to miss the event.

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W I BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Members seated ready to enjoy their birthday meal

Lanchester WI was started 85 years ago and to celebrate this, 28 members gathered opposite Peters on Monday 1st November and off we went to enjoy a day of good company, shopping and a special meal.

Once again we had the weather we ordered. Our first stop was Darlington

where we enjoyed coffee and shopping. It's a very interesting town but our meal was booked and we had to depart with only a small part explored. We arrived at award winning Headlam Hall for drinks and a wonderful meal made from locally sourced ingredients.

Three members had previously made a great

sacrifice and sampled lunch there before reporting back to members, but the meal served was even better than the lunch the ladies had enjoyed. We were shown into a private drawing room where we were all seated round one large beautifully-laid table - the service was excellent. All three generous

courses were delicious and were followed by coffee and mints. June Wallis our secretary had packaged two special chocolates for each member and there was a free raffle which was won by Angela Velleman.

After lunch we had time to explore the gardens and discovered lots of windfall apples. We were given permission to help ourselves so bags were produced and filled and I for one have enjoyed a

delicious apple crumble. We would like to give a special thank you to Jennifer and June for all the work they did to make our 85th birthday such a special day.

Five members travelled to Newton Aycliffe WI to join with them in a soup and sweet evening which included three puddings. They had a very enjoyable evening and some members even had room to go back for more !!!

WINE AT NINE

Lanchester Wine Club hosted its third 'Wine at Nine Night' to raise funds for Willow Burn Hospice on Saturday 25th September. The evening followed the well trusted format of wine tasting, quiz, raffles, fund raising games, refreshments and auction. Jack Clifford's quiz tested the grey cells

and the refreshments provided by the Wine Club members nurtured the body.

The sixty or so people that attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves and aided and abetted by Phil Flint gave very generously. Early indications are that £1300 was raised for the hospice.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chocolate truffle Christmas puds

Serves 6 – Prep about 30 mins Cook 5 mins

Rich and silky smooth, these little puds can be made a day ahead and chilled, or frozen then thawed. If you can't find chestnut spread, stir 100g golden castor sugar with 2 tbsp boiling water. Beat in 175g canned chestnut puree, then press through a sieve so it's smooth.

Ingredients

2x 100g bars good-quality dark chocolate, broken
284ml carton double cream, at room temperature
3 tbsls Baileys
25g/1oz golden castor sugar
200ml carton crème fraîche, at room temperature
250g can chestnut spread
FOR THE SAUCE
4 tbsps double cream

2 tbsps milk

1 tsp castor sugar

TO DECORATE

Cocoa powder, for dusting
6 chocolate truffles and holly leaves

Method

1. Melt 140g of the chocolate then cool.

Line 6 x 200ml mini pudding-shaped tins with cling film, smoothing it to fit and leaving a slight overhang.

2. When the chocolate has cooled but is still runny, whisk the cream, Baileys and 25g sugar to soft peaks (don't over whisk). Beat the crème fraîche so it is the same consistency as the cream, stir into the cream. Gently stir the chocolate into the cream mix. Briefly stir in the chestnut spread, swirling it through for a

soft marble effect. Spoon into the lined moulds, cover with the cling film, smooth the tops and lightly tap the tins on the work surface to settle the mix. Chill for 3-4 hours or overnight (or freeze for up to 5 days).

3. For the sauce, finely chop the remaining chocolate, set aside. Bring the sauce ingredients just to the boil in a small pan. Remove from the heat and stir in the chocolate until it has melted.

4. Unmould the puddings onto plates, peel off the cling film. To decorate each one, dust generously with sieved cocoa. Place a chocolate truffle on top and a drizzle of the chocolate sauce around the base and a holly leaf.



Paul Jackson with one of the auction items

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BOWLING CLUB'S PRESENTATION NIGHT



Prizewinners at Lanchester Bowling Club's annual dinner and awards ceremony at the King's Head on 10th November. Left to right: Christine Monaghan, Anne Hurran, Peter Coulson (President of Bowls Durham who made the presentations), Malcolm Rose, Mike Stoddart and Stan Easten. Anne and Christine jointly won the most improved player of the year award. Dick Ball also won trophies but was not at the dinner.

WESTLANDS' DENTAL STUDIO SPONSORS ST BEDE'S FOOTBALL

The new football strips for St Bede's photographed with Westlands' Practice Manager, Sharon Gilderoy. Since receiving the strips, St Bede's teams have not lost a match. Headteacher, Maria Matthews said: "Our students are delighted with their new strips and even more pleased that they appear to have brought

them good luck. We are very grateful to Westlands' Dentists for their generosity to our school and our PE Department. Students are always proud to wear our school colours and we hope that their performance on the football field will also bring credit to Westlands' Dental Studio".



THE VASELINE DIARIES (part 2)

Dave Algeo, in a bid to cycle from Lands End to John o'Groats continues his training.

Twitter entry 30th July 2010: Two weeks today. Brickinit. Raised £750 so far-excellent!! £267 to go to my target.

Journal entries:

July 31st. My God! Less than 2 weeks to go. If I haven't done enough it will show soon enough.

August 1st: 9 am. Gonna try and shift a few pounds of weight before the ride. Am I being silly? Will I rob my body of much needed energy stores later or be thankful for having less weight pressing down on my backside?

9.30am: Internet research suggests I should be 'carbo-loading' not trying to lose weight. What is 'carbo-loading'?

10.30 am. Apparently, 'carbo loading' is the process of cramming as much pasta and potatoes down your neck as possible. How hard can it be?



Dave fixing the first of many punctures

6 pm. Might have overdone it. Have eaten it with tuna, salads, chicken. Oh and pasta. Got another 8 days of this. Wonder if riding mile after mile will be as gruelling as carbo-loading? Can't be! August 9th. Dreamt about pasta. Woke in a sweat as a bunch of fat bottomed pasta twirls on bicycles were about to ride over me. Not sure this is good for me. August 11th. Two days to go!

Twitter entry 12th August 2010: 5.50am. Time to put Operation 'Sorbuns' into action. Breakfast, shower, then train to Penzance. Agent Dave - Ready!

Journal Entry

August 12th-5.50am Ride starts tomorrow. Feel sick. 10.30 am - Stu gets on at Wakefield. The team is together and ready.

6pm. First puncture of the trip and not even 100 yards from Penzance Railway Station. Can't believe I am changing a tyre already!

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