

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## ENERGY SAVING FAIR

The Energy Saving Fair, the first in North West Durham, was held on the 2nd of October in the Community Centre. The Fair, as advertised in last month's Village Voice, was for those having an interest in conserving energy, saving money, and wanting their children and grandchildren to have a healthy and happy future. It was brought to Lanchester by the Lanchester Partnership Green Group under the leadership of Steve Bailey. It provided information on water saving, solar panels, wind turbines, insulation and climate change issues. Over 150 people attended the event.

Full story on page 5.



*Pat Glass MP at the Energy Saving Fair with some of The Lanchester Partnership organisers, Sonny Shepherd and Steve Bailey.*

## RUNNING FOR THE BUS AGAIN



*Margaret Doyle competed in the Great North Run again this year and raised £760 for the Lanchester Village Bus. She ran with a picture of driver Fred, beaming from the bus window, on her back. Full story on page 4.*

## IS THIS ENOUGH?



*The Ford Road warning sign*

A new traffic speed visor warning device has been erected on Ford Road to hopefully slow traffic coming into the village. A brief observation by the Village Voice showed approximately 50% of incoming vehicles were "flashed". However some residents are questioning

if this is sufficient. They think the real danger to pedestrians comes from speeding traffic leaving the village. The only pavement is on this side of the road and it is very narrow near the end of the village where cars are travelling at their fastest.





## Dear Village....

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to thank everyone who came along and supported the Open House held at my home in August. The weather was perfect on the day and everyone enjoyed the warm sunshine. £825 was raised for Willow Burn. Special thanks go to the Rotary Club of Consett who supported the event and especially my fellow Rotarians on the Foundation Committee who worked so hard on the day. Thanks also to people who were unable to attend but still sent their donations. A resounding thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause!



*The Open House*

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Dear Sirs,

There have been some rather abrasive letters in recent additions of The Village Voice. I hope that this letter will redress the balance. Last month, I set off to catch the 15A bus to Consett Tesco with a £4 Voucher in my wallet, but when I got the wallet out ready to show my OAP bus pass, the Voucher must have dropped out. I realised my loss when I got to Tesco and thought that that was that.

However, several days later, in Lanchester Post Office, Tony Morland asked me if I had lost a Tesco Voucher. I confirmed that I had lost one for £4 and he produced it! Some kind and thoughtful person had handed it in to Tony. I should like to thank that person, not only for the return of the Voucher, but also for epitomising the "Lanchester" community spirit in which it has been my privilege to share over the last 36 years of living in this village. Thank you all.

Yours faithfully

Ian Andrew, Watling Way

Dear Sirs,

Hayley Alice Donnelly of Alderside Crescent has returned to St Bede's as a 6th form pupil. Hayley achieved the status as one of the ATEAM following her GCSE's with results being 5 A\*'s and 6 As.

Aside from these outstanding academic results during the same period she also gained Distinctions in Grade 4 ABRSM Piano & Grade 4 ABRSM Singing.

We wish to send sincere thanks to all her teachers for their dedicated support.

Hayley is now a significant step closer to her ultimate ambition to study medicine.

Extremely well done Hayley

From your proud family



*Hayley Donnelly*

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

## IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

### JUST TO SAY THANK YOU

The family of the late Rene Appleby, who died suddenly in the Coronary Care Unit at the University Hospital in Durham on August 20th, would like to thank all the friends, neighbours and everyone else who sent cards and flowers and who expressed such kind thoughts to her family. It gave all of us some comfort and great strength at this very sad time in our lives.

Also, we wish to thank you to everyone at the Methodist Church for your help and support. A big thank you to Julie at Tiger Lily Florist who did Mam's flowers from her garden that she loved so much.

Thank you Arthur for your song and music, everyone appreciated your attendance.

Thank you all again. From all Mam's family, Jean Wilson

### CORRECTION

In the article about Dora's Wood Anniversary Celebrations in last month's edition of the Village Voice, it was incorrectly stated that the trees were planted early in the year 2000. Although it was a Millennium project, the trees did not arrive from the Woodland Trust until early 2001 and they were planted on the 8th, 9th and 10th of February 2001. Thanks to Mrs Edith Pierce for this information.

### BEWARE IMPOSTERS

If someone knocks on your door asking for money or donations for Willow Burn Hospice, you are urged to alert local police 0345 6060365. These charity imposters are wearing false photo ID badges together with green outer jackets. (Willow Burn Press Release)

### COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for September 2010 is 9. The draw was made by Mrs Linda Martin of the Thursday Art Group.

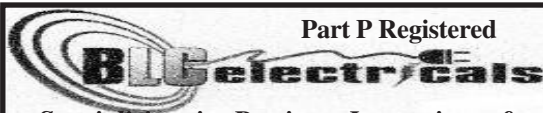


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only one vote per address and exchanges need 1,000 votes to be eligible for one of the winning exchanges but it would be fantastic if Lanchester could win and get cutting edge internet. So make

sure you place your vote and encourage all your friends and family to vote too. At the time of writing, we have just 18 votes out of a possible total of 2,599. We need 1000, **so get voting!**

## A WONDERFUL DAY!

Rachel Emmerson from Lanchester and Richard Langford from Dinnington, Yorkshire, were married on 26th September.

The marriage was held in the beautiful setting of Langley Castle near Haydon Bridge, Hexham. The bride was dressed in a stunning ivory dress and bridesmaids, Claire Walker, Marion Marshall and Helen Frost, complementing the occasion in lilac. The

men folk scrubbed up quite well too! The best man John Stimpson lived up to his title, giving a speech including humour and highlighting his friendship with Richard. The guests enjoyed the perfect setting of the castle built in 1350 during the reign of Edward III. The staff could not be faulted, making sure our day was perfect, including serving a superb meal from the banqueting selection.

The night time entertainment provided by our local DJ's Alan Bland and John Pritchard, kept a lively atmosphere and the dance floor busy. The Emmerson family were very pleased to meet Richards family who had travelled up from Yorkshire for the occasion.

The happy couple left the following day for a honeymoon in Turkey to enjoy the much needed sunshine.



## WEDDING OF JAMES BROWN AND LOTTY MAHONEY



Earlier in the year James Brown, whose parents live in Foxhills Crescent, married Lotty Mahoney in Loughborough, where they were both students. James did a Physics and Maths degree, whilst Lotty did Drama. James attended Greencroft Comprehensive, followed by Durham VIth Form Centre. They were married at Emmanuel Parish Church, Loughborough,

and the officiating clergyman was the Rev Robin Oakley, Lotty's maternal grandfather. The singing was led by a worship group made up of the couple's friends. James and Lotty are making their home in Loughborough where James is working freelance as a sound engineer and Lotty is a support assistant in a special school.

## WEDDING OF LINDSAY & BRUCE

The wedding of Lindsay McDonald and Bruce McCrea, who have known each other for over ten years, since University, took place at All Saints Parish Church on Saturday 18th September. The bride was given away by her father, Peter. Lindsay wore an ivory coloured wedding dress with a silk bodice. Her two bridesmaids were a friend from school, Kay, and a work colleague Vicki.

They wore purple silk dresses. Best man was Dave, a school friend of Bruce, Lindsay's brother Andrew was an Usher. A wonderful service was conducted by Canon Peter Waterhouse. A magnificent reception was held for 100 people at Jesmond Dene House. The happy couple honeymooned in New York and in The Maldives before returning to their home in Northamptonshire.



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## RUNNING FOR THE BUS AGAIN

What a pleasant change it was to set off on the Great North Run for the village bus in runner-friendly conditions - cool with a light drizzle. Perfect. With even more stubborn pounds of middle aged spread to carry along to South Shields, and a few weeks short of yet another 'significant birthday', I needed all the help I could get. My son was unable to join me, having suffered a double fracture and 90 degree ankle dislocation

during a 5 a side. Though well recovered from surgery, he's creaking with metal pins and plates. 13 mile runs didn't make the rehabilitation programme.

It was so uplifting on the day to know that family, friends and fellow parishioners were behind the cause. With a photo of driver Fred beaming from the bus window emblazoned on my back, I took my place in the green zone. A helpful warm up session at the start line was broadcast via giant overhead screens. Ant and Dec did their thing. The gun fired. No one to talk to; no distractions. This was it.

The first 10 miles passed in a blur. Yes, I was running fast enough for things to actually blur. Good grief. Was I possessed by some mercurial alien? I was still blurring when handed a welcome bottle of water

by the inspirational Dame Tanni Grey Thompson at the 10 mile mark. Couldn't believe how well things were going. At this rate, I stood to break my PB over 2 previous significant birthdays.

That was when I hit it. The 'wall.' Though I have heard of runners hitting that dreadful zero, total energy loss, it's never actually happened to me. The amazing speed I'd managed (by my own humble standards, anyway) completely reversed. Climbing John Reid Rd, I felt about as zippy as a ladybird with concrete legs in a Force 9 gale. I lost all the time I'd gained. This was going to be embarrassing. Fortunately I remembered my oversized arms. Like Neanderthal woman, I grimaced and swung myself uphill, forcing jellified legs along with me: my goal not to slow to walking pace. There was the TV coverage to think of, after all.

That was when I hit it. The reindeer. When the impressively antlered creature veered into me out of nowhere, my 'fight or flight' had long since

flown. Fortunately, none of the 6 legs involved were broken and no small children will be disappointed this Christmas. We both recovered a trotting pace for the final few furlongs and I was pleased to see that despite all the obstacles of miles 11 and 12, I'd still slightly improved on last year's time, making 2 hrs, 26 mins and 25 secs. Thank you God.

I want to very warmly thank the parishioners of both All Saints churches, pastoral council leaders who made the coffee morning possible, staff at the village Chemist, Crinnion's Butchers, Lanchester Hardware, Barclays plc, Buns of Lanchester, Trustees of Lanchester Partnership, close friends and family and all bus users. Your sponsorship has been crucial to the £760.50 received. Last but not least, may I thank Karin Bravington, who continues to work tirelessly to keep the bus on the road on behalf of us all.

Margaret Doyle

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*Margaret Doyle at the end of the thirteen mile Great North Half Marathon poses for her photograph whilst the Red Arrows roar overhead at South Shields sea front.*

## A NEW GENERATION



*A great, great grandson born for Norah Dent of 8 Millfield, Lanchester, making a total of five generations. In the picture, Norah, aged 87, Katherine, Darrin, Danielle and baby Ethan.*

## ENERGY SAVING FAIR

A truly GREEN day was had on Saturday 2nd October as Lanchester hosted the first Energy Saving Fair in North West Durham. It was brought to Lanchester under the leadership of Steve Bailey and the members of Lanchester Partnership Green Group with generous support from The Durham Foundation and EDF Energy Langley Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund. The Group's objective to raise awareness of some of the energy saving methods available and to assist Lanchester in its move to a lower carbon future was certainly met as over 150 people came to view the exhibits. Many and varied they were too, anything from water saving gadgets, solar panels, wind turbines, sheep wool insulation, thermally insulating blinds and information on climate change issues to name a few.

Visitors to the fair could also view work done by local schools on green projects as well as take a look around an electric car, on loan from Gateshead MBC, buy a Lanchester Green organic cotton bag to help reduce the number of plastic bags used, have their bike checked for FREE, sign

up for a new allotment scheme proposed for the village, refresh themselves with food from the Country Market or, in the well run children's crèche, learn how to plant bulbs. In fact there was something for all the family. Even a polar bear was seen roaming the streets of Lanchester inviting the visitors in. Our local MP Pat Glass was also in attendance and spoke to the gathered crowd about the importance of reducing our carbon footprint. She reminded us that this was a challenge that could not be met by government alone. Communities as well as individuals need to act now to reduce the pollution that is damaging our planet.

If you would like to be part of the Green Group that is trying to work towards a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren, in a practical and enjoyable way, then contact Sonny on 520759. Or come along to our next meeting on Sunday 31st October 7.30 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre, when we will be finding out about energy saving measures, that can be used in the home, from a Durham County expert. And if you are wondering

about the bag that Pat Glass MP is holding, it is one of the Lanchester Green re-useable cotton bags produced as part of the Energy Saving Fair idea. They are made from 100% organic cotton using renewable green energy, accredited by the Soil Association and produced ethically as checked by The Fair Wear Foundation.

The bag idea has been developed locally to try and promote the use of re-useable bags so we can all try and cut down on the number of plastic bags we use.

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## PLANNING APPLICATION RE-SUBMITTED FOR NEW WILLOW BURN HOSPICE

A planning application for the new five million pounds hospice was submitted in February this year but was later withdrawn due to a requirement by the local authority for a bat survey to be undertaken. The survey has now cleared the way for the application to be reconsidered. Willow Burn Hospice plans to create a new hospice, with increased individual bed spaces in

cottage-style rooms and have dedicated family accommodation. It will also have additional well-being facilities such as a health spa and a therapy suite. The new hospice will be a highly sustainable development which will continue to provide valuable community resources and facilities and outreach work through its Hospice at Home services.

Helen Mills, the Chief Executive of Willow Burn Hospice said: "I would like to assure the

local community that, although the building as a resource will change, the care, comfort and compassion will remain intact. We are passionate about what we do and we want people to feel valued by their service experience not just by what the building looks like. Willow Burn has been an important part of Derwentside life for the last 21 years and we see ourselves as being an integral part of the area and its communities."

## ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

Peat bogs are one of the biggest carbon traps that exist in the world. Many scientists think that peat bogs may be soaking up as much as twenty percent of our carbon emissions, and keeping them trapped safely in the soil and plants that make up the bogs. But we are stripping our remaining peat bogs at an alarming rate, for fuel and for gardening products. Not only does that release the

carbon stored in the peat, but it also helps to prevent any new peat from being formed. In the garden, home-made compost can do many of the jobs that peat is used for. If you compost your garden and kitchen waste, you not only protect the peat bogs, but you cut down on your own waste production and the fuel needed to take it away to landfill. And it is that much cheaper and more satisfying.

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# LANCHESTER'S PAPAL PILGRIMS



*A group of parishioners from All Saints RC church, setting off from Lanchester to see the Pope and attend the Papal Mass in Glasgow. They were joined by friends from Annfield Plain, Stanley and Durham.*

In bright sunshine, with everybody smiling, our merry band of pilgrims set off from Lanchester to greet Pope Benedict at the open air mass in Bellahouston Park, Glasgow. We all had different reasons for making the effort to attend, but having put to one side the controversy, headlines and anxieties, we certainly hoped to enjoy the day. There was a terrific and growing sense of excitement as the gold and white flags waved across the gathering crowds. A very strong section of sixth formers added an extra exuberant and good humoured boost to the joyousness and party feel of the whole day. Even the two mile walk there

and back from the coach to the park could not weary our enthusiasm. Canon Spence managed to hitch a ride, courtesy of the Strathclyde police, who really put themselves out in order that he could reach the tent to robe in time, and join the procession of over 200 priests. In the Park the bagpipes skirled a piercing call to prayer as we launched into the 'Magnificat' to the tune of 'Amazing Grace'. Then a remarkable and profound hush descended as the 75 thousand pilgrims waited in prayer for the commencement of Mass. With the fantastic sound system and the massive screens, we were able to participate fully as true

pilgrims and not just curious spectators. The greetings, readings and prayers echoed around the park. The strongly accented voice of Pope Benedict celebrating the Mass as a priest among priests moved each of us. Then an amazing hush descended as we strained in concentration to take in the words of Pope

Benedict as he read his sermon in his heavily accented and gentle voice. As he left he gave a really warm wave and blessing from his heart. As we poured out of the Park, to the strains of Susan Boyle's beautiful voice, we joined the flag-waving and singing hordes heading in the failing light along the two mile trek back to the coach. What a party and what an atmosphere.

To complete the celebrations, our parish

mass on Sunday echoed the Beatification Mass in Birmingham. Canon Spence, wearing the white celtic vestment he had worn in Glasgow, reflected on the holiness, ideas, prayers and influence of John Henry Newman, that great Englishman of the 19th century.

So, well done us, the Lanchester pilgrims, who felt the joy of being part of something so big, so challenging and so beautiful.

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# THE SUNFLOWERS ARE FLOURISHING!

Since its establishment in the Spring, Satley's Sunflower Club has been steadily growing and developing. Under the care of Karen Hodgson, about 20 village children, between the ages of two and twelve, have worked very hard to enhance their village environment. They have collected litter and swept up leaves, planted flower tubs throughout the village, raised organic vegetables on the green, and they have generally encouraged local people to take a very active pride in their surroundings. The group meets on a monthly basis, and Sunday the 10th of October was a busy day. All the youngsters harvested their first crop of vegetables, and all the junior gardeners - William, James, Fern, Georgia, Ralph, Joel, Florence, Reuben, Francine and Penny - were very proud and excited to see the results of their hard work. Nesting boxes, founded by local Councillor Malcolm Campbell and the Residents' Association, had to be carefully placed in trees,

and dozens of spring flowering bulbs needed to be planted.

Karen paid tribute to the many people who supported the village venture, and also thanked James Anderson for his helpful advice about the nesting boxes.

The group was helped in its formation by funding from 'Grants for Groups' and what began as a gardening club is quietly and effectively developing into something much more. The youngsters are thrilled to experience nature at first hand, they are learning to work as a team, and are caring for their environment. Future plans include establishing a village herb garden. Great work, Satley Sunflowers!



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### Borders

It's not too late to plant out or divide perennials but this needs to be done soon before the soil gets too wet and cold. November is a good time to pull up the last of the autumn weeds and make sure that you remove fallen leaves from your borders. Some slightly tender perennials can be damaged by a sudden cold spell so keep some dry material handy (such as straw or dry bracken) ready to protect them.

Red Hot Pokers (Kniphofias) fall into this category and you can pull the leaves together and tie them up over the crown to give it protection. It is also not too late to plant tulips - indeed tulips planted in November are often better than those planted earlier as they are less likely to suffer from disease. The roots of containerised plants left outside can be damaged by frosts. If you cannot move them into shelter, wrap material such as sacking or bubble wrap around the outside of their containers to give extra protection.

### Fruit and Vegetables

Cold frames are a very useful addition to your garden and by insulating them with bubble wrap or even just covering them with old carpet or horticultural netting you can even keep some of your tender plants in them. November is the time to

plant out rhubarb giving each plant a spadeful of well rotted manure. Old rhubarb will benefit from a covering of old compost such as old grow-bags when you empty your tomatoes. Brassicas can be spoiled by pigeons as the temperature drops. You need to remove any yellowing leaves and cover them with fleece supported several inches above the plants.

### General

Winter is a good time to improve your soil by digging in plenty of bulky garden compost or manure. Even spent compost, the contents of old grow-bags, or last year's leaf mould if it is well rotted, will be useful improvers. If the soil is too wet for digging (if it sticks to your feet it will be too wet) just spreading the improvers over the surface, and letting the worms work it in for you, will be useful.



## BLESSING OF ANIMALS SERVICE

A celebration of the life of Saint Francis with the blessing of animals was held in All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday 3rd October at 3 pm, conducted by Canon Peter Waterhouse.

The second line of the opening hymn, 'All Creatures Great and Small' was not quite appropriate as the largest animals there were two Labrador dogs, but there were some very interesting small creatures. There were two tortoises, one of which was very small, 2 leopard geckos, 1 bearded dragon, 1 corn snake, 1 hen and seven other dogs, ranging

down to three Cavalier King Charles spaniels and a Jack Russell terrier. In spite of the atrocious weather, also present were 6 children and 29 adults, who enjoyed the delightful, moving service which gave thanks for all the wonderful creatures and pets we are privileged to own and prayed for the welfare of all animals, such as those in captivity and those which are cruelly treated.

Canon Waterhouse talked about the life of St Francis, the Patron Saint of Animals, and then blessed each animal individually. The service also included the 'easy to join in' hymns

'Who put the colours in the rainbow' and 'If I were a butterfly' when Pam Baggott, who had taken part in the service, led the movements which accompany the words, making everyone smile. During the service all the animals were as quiet as the proverbial church mouse - not a squeak, squawk or howl was heard. The service ended with 'All creatures of our God and King' but no one was in a hurry to go, wanting to see the unusual animals present. As Canon Waterhouse said, 'That was fun - we must do it again.' We will all look forward to that.



Canon Peter Waterhouse blessing the animals



Grace with her lizard Gandolph

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## GATEWAY PROJECT

The Gateway project is a road safety project which will look to develop physical gateway features at the entrances to Lanchester, the aim of which is to slow down traffic entering the village.

The project which is to be funded from monies from the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership will provide the physical elements to work alongside the Community Speed Watch Scheme and a marketing campaign.

A working group comprising of Parish Councillors, County Councillors, Partnership, Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator, Police, Durham County Council Highways Officers and

school representatives, have drawn up suggestions for each of the entrances to the village.

The working group would now like to consult the community about the proposals and seek feedback.

Information on the proposals can be found on posters around the village, on the Parish Council notice board or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 01207 521957. In addition a consultation event where the plans will be available for comment is to be held on Tuesday 9th November, 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm at Park House, Station Road, Lanchester. Please come along, view the plans and make your comments.

## THE DURHAM MODEL OF POLICING

'The Durham Model' was submitted to the Home Office in September as an alternative to the Government's plans for Directly Elected Commissioners. It builds on the Government's plans to introduce a democratically elected person whilst also ensuring the necessary checks and balances are in place. Mr Peter Thompson, Chairman of Durham Police Authority said: "Our suggestion would see Durham Police Authority be replaced by a new 'Durham Police and Crime Board'. The Board would be led and chaired by the directly elected Commissioner and would comprise 5 Appointed Non-Executive Directors. It is proposed that the five would be a mix of elected councillors and independent members drawn from County Durham and Darlington." "I firmly believe that policing at a local level

should be at the heart of our communities. The Police and Crime Board would ensure scrutiny of the Chief Constable and the Constabulary at a strategic level, whilst embedding a culture of customer focus and value for money services". Other 'Durham Model' benefits for the public include:

- Keeping politics out of policing;
  - Ensuring that local communities are fully engaged in protection from extremist views;
  - Keeping the public safe from serious crime and terrorism, and
  - Empowering the public through greater local representation so that they have a stronger voice on local policing matters.
- 'The Model' and the Police Authority's response to the Home Office's proposal are available at [www.durham-pa.gov.uk](http://www.durham-pa.gov.uk) and comments are welcomed from the public.

## TREES FOR LANCHESTER

How many people visiting our village of Lanchester pass comment on the wonderful trees that surround us? Well now we have the opportunity to plant even more trees in our parish.

Following our recent celebration of Dora's wood in September, organised by the Lanchester Partnership Green Group, the Woodlands Trust are providing a further four hundred and twenty trees to plant around the parish.

What we (the Green Group, supported by the Parish Council) now need are suggestions where these trees might be planted and volunteers to get them in the ground!!

The trees will not only provide us with wonderful all year round colour but also shelter and habitats for some of our lovely wildlife, and in the right location, shelter from the wind. These trees are for everyone to enjoy but if you have some land or a

garden where you might like to plant one or a whole bunch, as long as other people can see them, you are welcome to put your name forward. Also if you are aware of other spaces that you think would benefit from these trees then let us know so that we can approach the land owners.

**Please pass your suggestions to Sonny Shepherd 520759 or email: [paulandsonny@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:paulandsonny@globalnet.co.uk)**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Parliament returned last Monday. I travelled to London early Monday morning and was only in the House until Tuesday afternoon as I had previously received permission to be 'slipped the whip' (to be absent for voting) for the Wednesday and Thursday.

I travelled home again from London to the North East as I had a long-standing commitment to accompany a group of students from Derwentside College and Wolsingham School and Community College to the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration and death camp in Poland.

Anyone who has visited Auschwitz-Birkenau will appreciate the intensity of the day. I had visited Bergen-Belsen about twenty-five years ago but that was a concentration camp not a death camp and nothing remains standing of the camp, rather it is a large cemetery and museum.

The Auschwitz camp is huge. I had previously seen pictures of the gas chambers, the crematoria, the piles of human hair, shoes and spectacles but nothing could have

prepared me for seeing them for real. It was a deeply moving experience. There were a number of places - the punishment block in Auschwitz 1 and Block 25 at Auschwitz 2, that I could not get out of quickly enough.

The day was very long, getting up at 3.30 in the morning and getting home about midnight, but the full impact of the visit did not really hit me until later. The conflicting emotions and realisation of what I had experienced tended to come back later, when I was driving in my car on my own or sitting on a train, during the following few days.

The young people that accompanied me were fantastic, bright and inquisitive on the way there but quite subdued on the way home. They all told me that they felt that the day had been worthwhile and that the government should

continue to fund these trips. Many told me that the experience would stay with them forever.

The importance of teaching about the Holocaust cannot be overstated. Young people need to know what happened so that we can fight bigotry and hatred today.

The rest of last week was extremely busy. On Thursday I spoke at a North East Head Teachers conference, Friday was filled with constituency visits, I had two surgeries during the day on Saturday and attended an evening engagement at Consett YMCA, and on Sunday I took part in the BBC Politics Show Programme followed by attendance at a memorial service in the constituency.

All in all it has been a very active start to what looks set to be a very busy parliamentary session indeed. Pat Glass

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH OCTOBER 2010

After receiving the apologies from Members who were unable to attend, the Chair, Cllr Ossie Johnston, introduced Andy Coulthard, the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator who spoke about the work done by the AAP since its inception in 2009, concentrating on the three main priorities identified by residents. These were Road Safety and Highways, Support for the Community and Voluntary Section and Activities for Young People. At a Forum in June it was agreed that the Board would continue to work on these priorities until March 2011, but another Forum is to be held at 6 pm on Wednesday, 10th November, at Ushaw College to re-assess the priorities for 2011/12. Residents are invited to this forum or may send in their priorities.

## Police Report

Burglary, 7; Anti-social behaviour, 6; Theft from vehicles, 1; Off-road vehicle incidents, 1. Operation Livorno (tackling street drinking) is still going on and Speedwatch is soon to start on the A691. The police are spending 5 hours per week at the secondary school, working with pupils.

## Minutes

Those of the last Ordinary Meeting held on 14th September and of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee on 29th September were approved. Cllr Wardle reported that the Energy Fair on 2nd October, organised by Lanchester Partnership Green Group, had been very successful and referred to the use of

pvc cells on the roof of buildings in the village; it was agreed that these are possible as long as the building is not in a Section 4 area.

## Correspondence

A letter from the Junior football team of Consett Tigers thanking the Council for the use of the football field.

Details were given of the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, which picks up items free of charge, and it was agreed that leaflets would be acquired and then distributed in the village, eg in the library.

County Durham LINK - Members received the latest news update.

Lanchester Lions Club - Bonfire and Fireworks Display. A letter of thanks for the Parish Council's donation was received and it was agreed that a banner will be displayed showing the Parish Council's support.

## Area Action Partnership and Parish Councils Committee

An update of the AAP meeting on 6th October was received. The next meeting of the PCC will be on Saturday 23rd October, where there will be a review of the Community Speedwatch Scheme which is now in operation in various areas.

## Location of Small Whips in the Parish

420 whips (trees), donated by the Woodland Trust, will be delivered in November and suggestions are needed as to where to plant them in the Parish. Suggested sites were Kitswell Park, Hurbuck play area and schools. Cllr Wardle suggested that the Farming and Wildlife sub-committee and the newly appointed

Development Officer (see below) might be involved in this.

## Access on foot from Burnhopeside to Deanery View

A letter sent by a resident concerned about the condition of this path was shown to Members, together with a map of the area. County Councillors Johnston and Richard Young had been in touch with the Highways Authority but unfortunately the path is unadopted so nothing can be done. However, investigation will be made re having the path adopted and the Lead Officer will write to the resident concerned explaining that the County Council is looking into it.

## Gateway Project

This project, dealing with ways in which to inform motorists that they are entering the village, is now at the stage of public consultation, which will take place immediately before the next Parish Council Meeting. It is estimated that the cost of doing the various measures to control motorists' speed on the 7 entrance roads to the village, will be about £15,000 and will be borne by the AAP. The Community Speedwatch Scheme, whereby members of the public assist the Police with mobile speed monitors, has now been used in the village. The Police were assisted for two hours by pupils from St Bede's who had asked to help but who had to have special permission to do so. A speed indicator for Ford Road has now arrived. **Junction Works on Durham Road** Andrew Adams, a farmer in the Parish, attended

the meeting in order to express his concern at the recent junction works as he said that he now has to wait on the hatching area in order to let buses out. He also stated that the tarmac is very unlevel, so that there is standing water on the road which will be very dangerous to cross if frozen. It was agreed that the Highways Authority's attention would be drawn to these problems.

**Locality Map - Appointment of Development Officer** After a long day

interviewing five very strong candidates, the Council had appointed Sue Charlton, who will begin work as Development Officer on the 1st of November.

**Financial Information** The report prepared by the Lead Officer was approved as were the accounts for Payment.

## Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November, at 7.15 pm in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester. Prior to this, from 6.30 to 7 pm, the Gateway Consultation Meeting will be held.

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## THE TRUE MUSIC MASTER

The last concert in the Early Music festival (Saturday 11th September) began to a packed church on an uncharacteristically warm September evening.

Dr Brunt was joined by Philip Cull (oboe) and Brian Stewart (flute) together forming Hexham Collegium Musicum. The first half of the programme was dedicated to the prolific composer Georg Philipp Telemann and his diverse chamber/instrumental music.

The concert began with two short Organ Chorale Preludes by Telemann. The first ensemble piece, Trio Sonata in D from Tafelmusik followed, showing Telemann as a master of writing intelligent and memorable chamber music, the faster movements showing off some characteristic Polish dance rhythms and also the players' exceptional skill.

Next followed a short selection of dances arranged for harpsichord played by Dr Brunt. As a contrast, a Duet for Two Flutes, again by Telemann was performed by Dr Brunt and Brian Stewart. For this they retreated to the chancel area, as the music projects more from this area. The music moved from the fast articulated counterpoint of the opening allegro to the long sustained sighing motifs of the largo, finally ending in a flurry of activity in the concluding vivace movement.

The first half closed with a further Trio Sonata, this time from Tafelmusik (II). The music was slightly darker than the first Trio Sonata being in the key of E-minor. Again the music showed Telemann's inventiveness and melodic and rhythmic



Dr Brunt, Brian Stewart and Philip Cull

vitality, proving that Telemann was indeed a "music-master".

The second half of the concert featured the works of J S Bach, his sons and a pupil and started with the well known Fantasia in B minor by J S Bach (BWV 563) with its extended imitative passages for organ.

After this the only solo concerto of the evening, featuring Philip Cull, the well known Concerto in D minor by Marcello. The music began with an ornamented line on the oboe, ever flowing against the interrupted harmonies on the harpsichord. This led onto the famous adagio movement featuring a beautiful soaring melody. The musical style changed for the Presto finale referencing and hinting at syncopated dance rhythms as the oboe and harpsichord dashed through the music.

An unusual item was a Trio sonata by J L Krebs, a pupil of Bach who considered him to be an able pupil. The work was intricately written and well crafted and melodic, clearly holding the audience's attention.

The second flute duo of the evening came courtesy of W F Bach (Duet III in E flat). The music began innocently

enough in two part counterpoint before metamorphosing dramatically. The slow movement was particularly intense with its sorrowful main theme and cloying dissonance, restlessly moving until disintegrating into silence. Some of the tension was however resolved in the final virtuosic movement (Presto).

The last work in the concert was a Trio Sonata by CPE Bach. This sonata pulled together many of the musical elements presented during the evening, such as the rhythmic invention of Telemann, counterpoint and texture of Krebs and J S Bach. Thus the evening ended on the elegant strains of a baroque minuet, dancing on gracefully through the echoing arches of All Saints Church.

The quality of the performances throughout the evening was of the highest order. The instrumentalists clearly had their own personal styles of performance but blended perfectly throughout the evening.

Dr Brunt is once again to be commended on a fine series of concerts, this time the festival being in its seventh year.



## IN-STEREO

Charlotte and Stephanie Walker from Lanchester are the sophisticated pop duo IN-STEREO. They are aiming high and are set to make waves in the music scene.

They were featured in the Village Voice last year when they were touring the world as Duffy's backing singers. They have always dreamed of doing their own tours and are working very hard towards it. The singer-songwriters, pianists and producers have been writing, recording and developing their sound and are now ready to explode on to the music scene.

Following IN-STEREO's performance at this year's Great North Run events they have been asked by Real Radio to perform at Stockton Fireworks on 5th November at 6 pm,

supporting X Factor winner Joe McElderry! They will also perform on 21st November at 3 pm, at Durham's Christmas light switch on.

They have also been picked to perform at Generator's and Head of Steam's North East Unsigned band competition which will be taking place from 8 pm on 16th November at LHY, 10 Northumberland Road, Newcastle. They could win a festival slot at Evolution Weekender, a PA system and a chance to record in a local recording studio. Real Radio have described IN-STEREO as 'excellent live' so please support Lanchester's musical talent!

2011 will see the release of their first single and music video. To read more about them, visit



IN-STEREO, Charlotte and Stephanie Walker

their website: [www.in-stereo.co.uk](http://www.in-stereo.co.uk) where you can listen to their music, see more pictures and

read their blogs and news! From their website you can also follow them on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube where they will be uploading exclusive videos in the coming weeks.

## BURNHOPE ROCKS FOR HELP FOR HEROES

Residents of Burnhope turned out in force in September to help raise £1,600 at a Help for Heroes fundraiser held at the village's working men's club.

Over 150 people turned up at Burnhope Ivy Leaf Club to party with local rock band The 4 Kinnells who played at the event for free. Lead guitarist Steve Ross, who was the brains behind the event, was pleased to have raised so much in just one night. "As a Club committee member I wanted to organise a gig at the Club to support Help for Heroes, as well as to support the Club which is the focal point of the village. It was a huge success and the amount raised was fantastic." Money was raised from a cover charge on the door,

as well as from the sale of Help for Heroes wristbands and raffle tickets plus donations through the bar. The superb list of prizes, which helped draw in visitors from the surrounding areas, included a week's accommodation in Majorca, a golf day for four and a cash prize of £50. Help for Heroes was founded by Bryn and



Steve Ross

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Once again it was a pleasure to visit Lanchester Art Group's Annual Exhibition at the Community Centre. Standards seem to improve every year and 2010 was no exception. Improvements must happen by experience and self help among the artists, as no formal tuition is given.

The group was formed in 1980 with a membership fee of 15p. There is now a waiting list and members pay £35.00 per annum.

There was one new exhibitor this year, Christopher Wilmott, who added to the high quality which already existed with some wonderful works. The exhibition is always a pleasant occasion as the coffee and lunch buffet is so tempting and there is a good opportunity to chat and discuss the paintings. Attendance was high and so much hard work has gone into this long weekend which undoubtedly has been very successful.




*Brian Hedley, Rhoda and Martin Joyce and Judy Lowther admire the paintings of Betty Reid.*



*The works of new exhibitor Christopher Wilmott*

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## AWARD FOR LOCAL ACTOR

Lanchester resident Paul Monaghan was delighted to be placed first in the category of Best Supporting Actor at the Sedgefield Drama Festival for his part in "Grandad" by Chester le Street Theatre Group. The group featured prominently in nominations for all categories and the adjudicator was very complimentary about the play and the cast.

Paul will perform next in Calamity Jane in Stanley (see What's On). His next role with Chester le Street Theatre Group will be in "A Nightingale Sang" by C P Taylor, a superb play that tells the story of a Newcastle family through the war years, a play with music, humour, romance and pathos. This runs from 6th to 12th February 2011.



Paul Monaghan as Father O'Neil in "Grandad" with his award

## TALES FROM THE NORTH COUNTRY

Readers who enjoy historical novels with a North East location may well be familiar with the books of Janet MacLeod Trotter. Writing in the tradition of Catherine Cookson, Janet is the author of many books, including 'A Child of Jarrow', 'The Suffragette', 'A Crimson Dawn' and 'The Tea Planter's Lass' which was nominated as Romantic Novel of 2008. Janet and her husband Graham offered an informative and entertaining session for Lanchester book lovers in the village library on October 14th. Janet gave several readings from

her books, accompanied by Graham, sporting a selection of fetching hats! Then, in a question and answer session, Janet gave details of her life and described how her books came to be written. We learned that her association with writing began even before she was born, when a gypsy told her mother that the child she was expecting would become a famous writer. She was born in Newcastle, moved to Durham where her father was a school teacher, and now lives in Northumberland. Fiercely proud of her Northern roots, Janet has

located many of her tales in this region. Incidents and experiences from her childhood have influenced her stories, and she calls upon family history to illustrate her writing. Memories of ancestors active in the WSPU in Edinburgh inspired her book 'The Suffragette' and family connections with Northern India provided the idea behind 'The Tea Planter's Lass'. An enjoyable evening for fans of J M Trotter, and an encouragement for others to try some of her stories!



Janet MacLeod Trotter and husband Graham present a question and answer session

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**LANCHESTER HISTORY SOCIETY**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 2nd October in the Community Centre, when the speaker was Rodney Hawkins, Chairman of the Friends of Longovicium, who told members of the interesting work carried out by the Friends. This includes finding the present whereabouts and cataloguing items which have been found at the Fort (some are in the British Museum, some are in Fulling Mill, Durham

as well as elsewhere) and also the recent project. This was a geophysical survey of the area next to the Fort where it was thought there might have been a vicus, or civilian settlement. This produced some interesting discoveries, including the possibility of a temple and the settlement appears to have spread north almost as far as Marjorie Flatts. Mr Hawkins was thanked by Secretary Kevin

Leary, in the absence of Chairman John Thompson, and then the AGM took place. The Annual Reports of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were given, then the election of Officials and Council took place. Tributes were paid to Malcolm McKenzie and Edna Thornborrow, who had passed away during the year, both of whom will be sadly missed. Among the business part of the



Rodney Hawkins, Project Manager, describes the work being done by the Friends of Longovicium

meeting, it was agreed that any visitors to meetings would be asked to pay £2 per meeting after they had attended two meetings without charge (to begin this year); this is regrettable but necessary due to rising costs and it was also agreed that from October 2011 the Membership Fee would rise to £10 for the same reason.

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH**

**Good-for-you granola**

This is an easy to make and energy-boosting breakfast cereal. The amounts can easily be doubled.

(makes 8 servings)  
1 tbsp vegetable oil  
62ml/2fl oz maple syrup  
1tbsp honey  
1tsp vanilla extract  
150g/5oz rolled oats  
25g/1oz sunflower seeds  
2 tbsp sesame seeds  
25g/1oz pumpkin seeds  
50g/2oz flaked almonds  
50g/2oz dried berries (eg cranberries)

25g/1oz coconut flakes or desiccated coconut  
1. Heat oven to 150C/fan 130C/gas 2. Mix the

oil, maple syrup, honey and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Tip in all the remaining ingredients, except the dried fruit and coconut, and mix well.

2. Tip the granola onto a large baking sheet/tray and spread evenly. Bake for 15 minutes, then mix in the coconut and dried fruit, and bake for 10 to 15 mins more. Remove and scrape on to a flat tray to cool. The granola can be stored in an airtight container for up to a month.

**On the run breakfast bars**

Makes 12 bars  
Prep 10mins Cook 30mins  
100g/4ozs unsalted butter  
3 tbsp golden syrup

85g/3ozs demerara sugar  
140g/5ozs porridge oats  
half tsp ground cinnamon  
50g/2ozs desiccated coconut

2 tbsp linseeds, lightly crushed

1 tbsp sesame seeds  
100g/4ozs chopped nuts

eg hazelnuts or almonds  
1. Heat oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Butter a 22cm square baking tin.

2. Melt the butter, syrup and sugar in a pan. Pour in the oats, cinnamon, coconut, seeds and nuts, mix and pour into tin. Bake for 30-35 mins.

3. Leave to cool for 5 mins, then cut into slices. Will keep for 1 week in an airtight container.



## BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL



*One of the leaders, riding a Triumph, enters the field at the finishing point*

A showery day greeted riders as they gathered at the New Board Inn, Hilltop, Esh, on Sunday 19th September, for the 39th Beamish Trial Trophy. The previous two years, the 'Trial' had been held in glorious weather.

About 130 competitors came from all over the country to take part in this ever popular event in the vintage motorcycle calendar. There was a tremendous variety of quality classic motorcycles on view at the start, including sidecars, trikes and scooters, as they set off on the 49 mile trip to the Allenheads lunch stop via Stanhope, Nenthead and Alston.

The return trip was 70 miles and took somewhat longer, which included the villages of Rookhope, Stanhope and Lanchester. The leaders began to arrive back at the start venue

just after 3.00pm looking rather bedraggled - many with soggy, unreadable map cards. The route was varied. There were 'on' and 'off road' sections and areas where testing questions were asked of the riders. In other parts of the course riders were 'observed'. A 'Hill Climb' was included as well. From all the aforementioned tests, competitors were able to gain points to assess their overall position in the 'Trial' and win one of the many trophies available.

Some riders got lost, and Frack's Transport recovered several motorbikes for those unlucky enough to break down. The intermittent rain possibly spoilt it for some, but most of those arriving back seemed to be in good spirit, happy enough to have travelled through pleasant countryside

without much traffic around them. Even the rain soaked Marshals managed to raise a smile. The last few competitors arrived back around 5.00 pm just as the sun made its long awaited appearance. Next year the Trial will be held on September 18th, hopefully in better conditions.

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

On a lovely autumn day we travelled through the magnificent Northumberland countryside to Edmundbyers where we visited The Punch Bowl. From a varied menu we sampled fresh salmon in asparagus cream sauce, roast partridge, slow roasted belly pork stuffed with black pudding in a cider sauce,

scampi and chips and fresh haddock and chips. This was followed by hot gooey chocolate pudding with cream, sticky toffee pudding with lashings of custard and toffee sauce and summer mixed berry meringue filled with cream and served with ice-cream, all to die for. Yet another place to revisit.

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# CRICKET CLUB JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

Saturday 16th October marked the junior presentation night at the Cricket Club and with five teams to present to, it was a packed event. First team batsman Paul Underwood was on hand to present the trophies to our young players guided by our coaching team. The under 9s is a new venture and they played in a competition at Consett in a combined team with Annfield Plain and came away winners. This is something we will hope to develop next year.

The under 11s were run by Robbie Selby, Vicky and Simon Kennington and the following players picked up awards:- Chris Tully batting and catches, David Selby, bowling and the fairest and best went to Zak Glendinning.

The under 13s had a tremendous season finishing runners up in the league and in two cup finals. Greg Patterson represented the county, whilst Nathan Somersall and

Cameron Metcalfe played for the league side. Greg Patterson won the batting with an incredible average of 87.3. Jamie Allen won the bowling whilst the catches were shared by Chris Tully and Cameron Metcalfe. The most improved player was shared by newcomers John Lawson and Cameron Metcalfe. Finally, Cameron also received a special award for his knock of 75 not out at Langley Park.

The under 15s had a tough season with a young team who will win more games as they get older. Lee Murray won both the batting and the bowling with Greg Patterson getting most catches. Jack Ramshaw was presented with the coaches player of the year award.

The under 18s had an excellent season finishing runners up to Blaydon in the league and the cup. Kieron Taylor won the batting, whilst Ashton Hughes once again won the



*Members of the under 11 and under 13 Lanchester Cricket Club teams who had a very successful season, especially the latter. Some of the lads can be seen holding their trophies presented the previous evening.*

bowling and Hayden Petch had most catches. Hayden was also named coaches player of the year. It is rare for a player to take a hat trick but the team had two this year. Mattie Callaghan took four in four balls against Consett whilst Ashton Hughes took a hat trick against Shotley Bridge. Craig Smith picked up Personality of the year. Finally in a double wicket

competition for the 15 and unders, Chris Tully and Sean Lawson were the winners and received their trophies. The night included a race night and raffle that raised funds to provide whites for all the juniors next season.

The following afternoon some of the under 11's and under 13 teams were photographed by the Evening Chronicle and

the Village Voice. The Cricket Club has been collecting tokens for the 'Wish Foundation'. The regional paper distributes money to charitable and sporting organisations who return the tokens. Many tokens have been sent in by members and friends of the Cricket Club.

The senior presentation night will take place on 13th November.

## DEMISE OF LANCHESTER RUGBY CLUB

Lanchester Rugby Club was formed about 7 years ago by rugby enthusiast Dick Parry assisted by his wife Dorothy, a fully qualified coach, with two other coaches, Jack Wilkinson and Stephen Mitchell.

Rugby is in Dick's blood. He played for 36 years and finally retired at 50 and at the age of 44 he was still in the first team at Blaydon. He also represented the county on many occasions and made guest appearances in many parts of the UK. Dick and Dorothy began coaching in Lanchester in 1992 at the EP School where Dorothy was

Deputy Head. The teams there were very successful and played friendly matches against other schools and rugby clubs. Many former pupils went on to form the nucleus of players at the Lanchester Rugby Club which at one time had 62 members and at various times ran under 14's, under 16's, under 17's and under 18 teams. Five players represented the county and nine represented the District Team.

In the 2007/8 Season the under 16 team were 6th in the league and qualified to play in for National Rugby Cup. However, they had to

withdraw for cost reasons.

So many training hours, other times trying to obtain sponsorship from local businesses, organising buses, made the job of running the club central to Dick's life.

There have been many good times and Dick is devastated at having to wind up the club. It has been hard to recruit and retain players. Some joined other clubs, some played football, others lost interest and many moved on to college or needed to work part time.

By the beginning of October this year it was

difficult to raise a minimum of 15 players for a match at under 17 level so it was with great reluctance and heavy heart that Dick decided enough was enough. Dick did receive support during the 7 years from various people and organisations for which he is truly grateful and would like to pass on his thanks.

Those who gave sponsorship were vitally important as was the Parish Council, St Bede School, the Cricket Club, especially two of their members, some of the parents, the coaches already mentioned, and of course those loyal

players who remained with the club until the end.

Whatever funds are left will be given to further sport in some capacity to be decided.

It should be noted that this interview with Village Voice was not instigated by Dick Parry but by a member of the public who felt that Dick and Dorothy Parry should have recognition for the time and effort they have put into running the club which has kept youngsters off the streets, given them a healthy and sporting occupation which may stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives.



# THE VASELINE DIARIES

## Land's End to John O'Groats

In August Dave Algeo cycled 1033 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats (LEJOG) in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Recalling the journey recorded in his own journal and on Twitter, Dave now shares his experiences.

**Twitter entry 21st July 2010:** Top tip: when trying clip pedals the 1st time, don't do it in the middle of Ch-le-St. Bike fell over with me attached.

**Journal entries:** Christmas 2009. Stu suggests we cycle Land's End to John O'Groats next summer for charity. Having downed several beers already, it immediately appeals to my sense of

adventure (not normally present during sobriety).

January 8th 2010. Following a spate of emails from Stu about our route, the accommodation and the mileage, I get scared.

January 9th. My first training session on my turbo trainer. Lasted a grand total of 10 minutes before a combination of boredom and backside cramp persuades me to stop.

March. Terror is a great motivator. Managed to increase my daily turbo trainer time to 2 hours (thanks to lap top and dvd's!). Ready to try cycling outside.

April. So far so good. My new touring bike is great. Feel confident.



*Dave and Stu at Land's End. Little did they know....*

July: The clip pedal incident! Never used them before and forgot to practise disconnecting my feet from the pedals before I; a) have nothing to hold on to, and b) am in the middle of a busy market town. Escaped injury free,

but embarrassment factor high as two white van men enjoying a pasty had front row seats. Hope they choked on their pasties! July: Training highpoint. Literally. Reached the top of Castle Hill, Harrogate. If I can climb that, I can climb

anything that LEJOG throws at me...

How wrong I was.  
(to be continued)

## LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB REPORT

The season is over and the Lanchester Bowling Club goes into hibernation. Some of us will be playing indoors at Consett or Stanley and looking forward to next May when the club will come alive again.

The AGM was held in the new pavilion and it was so well attended there were barely enough seats to go around. The expenses of the new pavilion have meant that our contingency fund has disappeared but a small increase of membership fees of £5 to £40 in 2011 will help with that. You must admit it is still extremely good value. In what other sport could you get five months of practice, competition and enjoyment for £40?

The presentation and dinner will be held as usual in the King's Head on Wednesday 10th November; we hope all

members will be able to attend.

Competition winners are listed below:

**Club Championship 4 woods**

Winner S Easten, Runner-up M Stoddart

**3 Woods Trophy**

Winner M Rose,

Runner-up S Easten  
**Andrew Jobling Trophy 2 woods**

Winner R Ball, Runner-up H Davison

**Bryan Carr Trophy (Handicap)**

Winner M Stoddart, Runner-up R Ball

**Crinnion Bowl Pairs**

Winners R Ball and S Easten, Runners-up A Wharton and J Hurran

**Ken Tate Memorial Trophy Ladies**

Winner C Monaghan, Runner-up L Smith

**Challenge Trophy**

Winner C Monaghan, Runner-up M Rose

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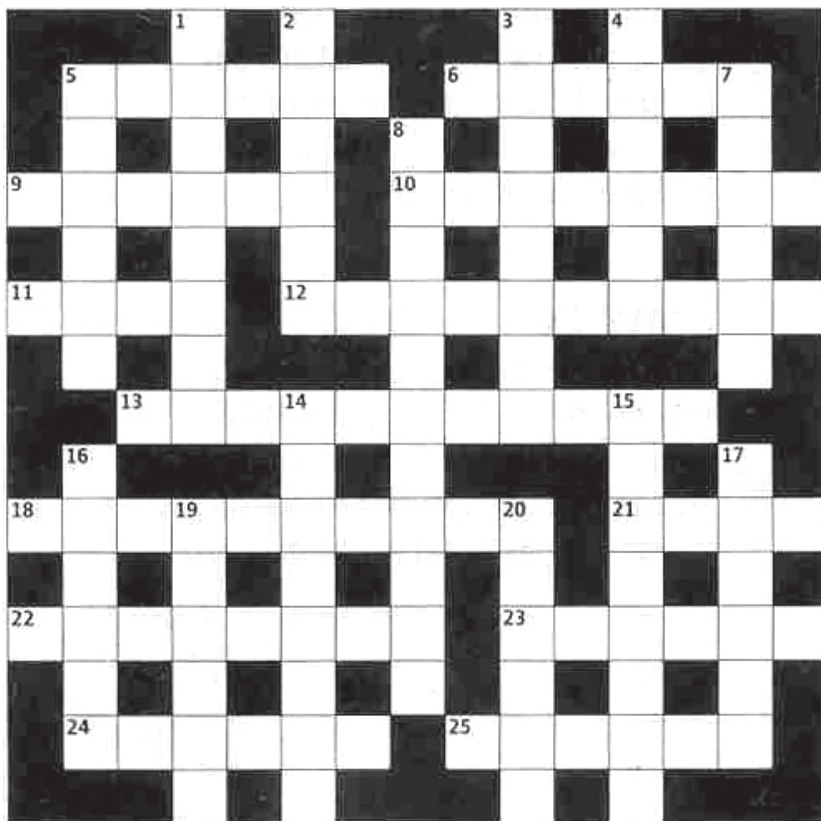
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# CROSSWORD 54



## ACROSS

5. Polish composer (6)
6. Standards in interim oral submissions (6)
9. Emptiness (6)
10. If necessary, chain Pat (2,1,5)
11. Spanish painter (4)
12. Location of Lanchester (4,6)
13. Goes with chemical, electrical, genetic and civil (11)
18. Resident (10)
21. Fish that beefs? (4)
22. Apache chief (8)
23. Intelligent statue (6)
24. Roman Emperor (6)
25. Ms. Neil makes a cake (6)

## DOWN

1. Oslo unit provides the answer (8)
2. Assassin (6)
3. Strainer (8)
4. Sword (6)
5. Neck scarf (6)
7. Coal is for communal use (6)
8. Painkiller (11)
14. I claim in hostile formation (8)
15. Poison found in tobacco leaves (8)
16. Aim sounds like it is under canvas (6)
17. Cruel (6)
19. Jacket for a geek? (6)
20. Sad (6)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 53

### ACROSS

1. on another planet
9. crib sheet
10. nitre
11. see 22 down
12. artwork
13. sic
14. awakens
17. tactics
19. locusts
22. see 16
24. cut
25. earlier
26. aerosol
28. op art
29. extra firm
30. not much to look at

### DOWN

1. once in a blue moon
2. alibi
3. on stage
4. hueless
5. retract
6. lunatic
7. not mobile (or motive)
8. the sky's the limit
15. accordant
16. not so fresh
18. ago
20. shiatsu
21. screech
22. start to imitate
23. farrago
27. slick

## CROSSWORD 53

There were 21 entries in last month's competition.

The winning entry in the draw was sent in by Neville Hartley of Foxhills Crescent who will receive the £10 prize. Test your skill with John Wilson's latest challenge.

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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.

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



## WI NEWS

Our AGM started with President Jennifer MacDonald welcoming members and WIA, Mrs Christine Turnbull.

We all enjoyed listening to Pauline Griggs' short story entry for the Lady Denman Cup. The subject was Generations. Pauline's story was of a lady in her 80's remembering her life spent in the same house and the 4 generations who had shared the house with her. We all enjoyed this very much and it was lovely to have a member entering this competition. Well done Pauline.

Ann Carr presented long standing member Mrs Jessie Goodall with flowers and a card for her 80th birthday then Jean Forster told us about the visit to the Centre of Life.

Treasurer June Wallis presented the financial statement which was seconded and accepted. June thanked Breda Branscombe and Pat Campbell for all the help and support they had given her. June then put her secretary's hat on and gave the committee's annual report which was proposed and seconded. Jennifer gave her

President's address in which she thanked the members and committee for all the support they have given her during the past year. Jennifer also invited members to come on to the committee and asked if anyone would consider taking over the treasurer's job.

Mrs Eileen Curnow thanked Jennifer and the committee on behalf of the members for all the hard work they have done to make meetings and trips so enjoyable. Muriel Gibbons won the raffle and the first winner of the Nancy Walker Competition Cup was Jennifer MacDonald with Maureen Barker and Ann Carr joint runners up. Christine Turnbull presented the cup and vouchers to the winners.

We then had the elections. All the committee members had agreed to stand again and Jennifer was re-elected as President. Christine then shared with us stories of her life as a WIA from the time she trained in 1998 to this year when she has helped a new WI open in Shildon. She had many amusing stories

and after Jennifer gave the vote of thanks, Christine joined members for tea and biscuits.

We have had a very busy time since the September meeting with members attending various events organised by the WI. Three members went to the Centre of Life to learn about DNA and how it has progressed since it was discovered in 1950. Nine members supported Annfield Plain's Grand Charity Evening. Eleven members had a wonderful time at Spennymoor where the DFWI had arranged a delicious buffet meal followed by a talk entitled Fabulous Fifties and seven members attended the DCFWI Autumn Council meeting at Bishop Auckland. Our Autumn Coffee Morning was a great success with lots of home baking on sale as well as other quality goods and a raffle, all donated by members. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped in anyway to make this such a very enjoyable event.



Competition runners up Maureen Barker and Ann Carr, WIA Christine Turnbull and Jennifer MacDonald, winner of the Nancy Walker Competition Cup.

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## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

## WI

Our Birthday Outing is on Monday 1st November when our coach will depart from opposite Peters at 9.15am. We will spend time at Darlington where we can buy coffee and shop or perhaps explore the Wynds and Art in the Yards before proceeding to award winning Headlam Hall for lunch. We will be leaving for home at 3.30.

## Lanchester History Society

### The Spy From County Durham

Following his fascinating talk on Aerial Photography, Surveillance and Intelligence gathering, Mr Arthur Dodds is to give another talk to the Society on Friday, 5th November, (Guy Fawkes night) and it promises to be a cracker! Arthur's talk will describe the dangerous double life led by an agent during the Second World War, the spy in question being a relatively local man of dubious character with an unenviable criminal record, but as Arthur will show, he was also a very brave man and a staunch patriot. The talk will be held as usual in the Community Centre and may be accompanied by a background noise of fireworks (sound effects), and the evening promises to be entertaining and educational.

## Open House

All are welcome at the Chapter House on Thursday 4th November. A sandwich lunch will be served between 11.30am and 1.00pm.

## Country Market

The November event will take place on Saturday, 6th November from 10am to 12 noon. Be there early to stock up on local produce.

## Christmas Fair

Satley Residents Association are holding a Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall, Satley on Saturday 6th November from 10am - 2pm. Stalls, tombola and refreshments. Entry 50p.

## Short Circuit Walks

6th November, 10.30 am, 4.5 miles, St Peter's to Seaburn and return. Meet at St Peter's Metro Station, NZ395575 (parking available at Sunderland Glass Centre, 10 minutes away).  
20th November, 10.30 am, 4.5 miles, Beamish and Grange Villa circular. Meet at Eden Place car park (free), just north off A693 then immediately left (before Beamish museum), NZ219536.

## Social Club Entertainment

Saturday, 6th November, Sonia Michelle, Sensational Vocalist  
Saturday, 13th November, Patrick Hibbert, Award winning vocal  
Thursday, 18th November, Karen Kennedy, Class Female Singer **AND** Stevie Stephenson, Fabulous Male Vocalist  
Saturday, 20th November, Karaoke  
Saturday, 27th November, Tony Washington, Top Class Vocalist with a touch of comedy

## Lions Village Bonfire Night

The Bonfire and Fireworks display will be held at Kitswell Park on Saturday 6th November. The Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm prompt, followed by a spectacular display of fireworks.

There will be no set admission charge for this huge village event but collecting boxes will be available at all entrances to the field where donations will be gladly received. Light sticks at £1.00 each will be available on the way to the park, and at the entrance.

Hot dogs, coffee and soft drinks will be on sale at very reasonable prices, courtesy of Lions' Ladies. Safety on the night is of paramount importance, therefore the public are asked not to bring their own fireworks including sparklers to the field. Anyone seen lighting fireworks will be asked to put them out immediately. Toddlers and other young children are particularly vulnerable to accidents through fireworks in dark crowded surroundings. The general public are also asked not to bring household or garden rubbish for the Bonfire prior to the evening. The fire will be built with pallets only, as a safety measure.

Members of the Lions Club hope that everyone has a very enjoyable evening. If any profit is made this will go into the Welfare Fund.

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th November at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre. Speaker to be arranged.

## Junior Wildlife

Sunday 21st November, Malton. Meet at 10.00 am in the car park.

# WHAT'S ON?

## Sunday Bridge

The next Sunday Bridge afternoon will take place on 7th November at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. Cost £3. Everyone welcome.

## Paradiso Club

The Paradiso Club is holding a social at the Community Centre in the Main Hall at 7 pm on Sunday November 7th.

Anyone is welcome to enrol as a member of the club at £5 for the year. Entry is £2.50 for the social which will include refreshments and a raffle. The film 'CINEMA PARADISO' will be screened at 7.30 pm (there is no additional charge for seeing the film).

This Italian film is a classic which was nominated for an Oscar for best foreign language film. It is a funny, joyful and sometimes poignant story of one man's love affair with film and the tale of a very special friendship. In effect it is a heartfelt tribute to the role of cinema in everyday life and is the reason we have chosen to call ourselves 'The Paradiso Club'. Do come!

## Mothers' Union

At our meeting on 10th November, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, Alison Shepherd will speak on the environment.

## Lions Christmas Shopping Trip

The Lions Christmas Shopping Trip to York will take place on Saturday 13th November, leaving the Village Green at 9.00 am. (note later time), arriving back at approximately 9.00 pm. Tickets are £13.00. Please contact Rosemary Naylor on 520087.

## Library Talk

There is to be a talk entitled 'Romans on your Doorstep' in the Library at 7.30pm on Thursday 4th November. The talk will be given by Rodney Hawkins who belongs to 'The Friends of Longovicium Group'. Admission is free but tickets are available from the library.

## Fundraising Together

Karin Bravington, Fundraiser for the Village Link Bus, and Jean Brown of The Dementia Centre at Consett, are holding a Table Top Sale in Lanchester Social Club on Saturday 11th November, from 11.15am - 1.00pm.

If anyone would like to raise some funds for their own projects or even a little extra cash for Christmas, please call Karin on 520784. A table costs just £5.00. There will be a Raffle, Home Made Cakes and Pies for sale. Why not come along and browse, sit around for a chat with a cup of tea or coffee and a mouth watering home made scone.

Tickets are available from Karin or at the door and will cost £1.00.

The Village Bus will pick up/drop off half hourly en route.

## Village Voice AGM

The AGM of Lanchester Publications, publishers of the Village Voice, will be held on Sunday 14th November at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room of the Community Centre. All are welcome.

## Taize Worship

A Taize Worship Service will be held at Lanchester Parish Church on Sunday 14th November, beginning at 6 pm. All are welcome.



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## Parish Church Autumn Fayre

All Saints Parish Church Autumn Fayre will be held at the Community Centre on Saturday November 27th, at 10.30 am. Admission is free. Refreshments are available for just £1. Other attractions include: a Grand Raffle, Tombola and Bottle Stall, Home Made Cakes and Savouries, Jams, Preserves and Ginger wine, Hand Crafted Goods, Cards and Pictures, a £1 Stall, Christmas Decorations, Jewellery, Toiletries and Scarves.

Please come along to support the Parish Church, shop for your Christmas bargains, and enjoy a true Christmas atmosphere.

The church has been given a beautiful large framed print of a watercolour picture of anemones by Edwin Byatt (1888-1948). There will be a silent auction of the picture at the Autumn Fayre.

Edwin Byatt's outstanding ability was recognised in his time, having works accepted at the Royal Academy, the Paris Salon and the Royal Institute. The series of prints, of which this is one, was published between 1929 and 1935 and the quality is superb. The depth of colour and quality of the paper are outstanding. In February 1991 it was said that a small number of these prints had been recently discovered and had become available for sale. Do come and see it for yourself at the Autumn Fayre and place your bid! All proceeds to Church Funds.

## Amigos

There are places available at Amigos. If you would like to join the group, please contact Olive on 520229 or Liz on 521682.

## Thursday Club Outing

To Matfen Hall on Wednesday 24th November. Will anyone who has special dietary requirements ie vegetarian or food intolerances, please let Eileen know by the end of October so that she can advise the Matfen Hall in time for the chef to make arrangements. The coach fare is £8.00. Please let Liz have this no later than the October meeting. The coach will leave from outside Peter's at 9.00 am.

## Birthday invitation

Betty Calland is celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday 20th November. Betty would like to invite family and friends to an open house 1 pm - 4 pm. Please no presents, just your presence in celebrating this special occasion. Any donations will be shared between the Air Ambulance and the Society for the Blind.

## Flower Club

On Friday 26th November at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre, there will be an open meeting with a demonstration entitled "Magic and Sparkle" by Malcolm White of Washington.

## Calamity Jane

South Moor Musical Theatre Group will present "Calamity Jane" from Tuesday 16th November to Saturday 20th November at 7.00 pm in the Lamplight Arts Centre, Stanley. Tickets £10 (£8 concessions, £30 family,

all tickets £8 on Tuesday.) from the box office or call 01207 218899. In the lead roll is Lindsay Kellegher who is well known for her superb performances. Lanchester residents Pat Rose and Paul Monaghan are also in the cast.

## SUCCESS FOR LANCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET PRODUCER

Jane Pegram who produces for Lanchester Country Market had a very successful day at the recent Durham Horticultural and Craft Show held in County Hall when she won first prize for her Orange Marmalade and also her fruit scones.

She also won prizes for her hand knitting and cakes.

*Jane Pegram  
(pictured right)  
with her award-  
winning jam*



## THURSDAY CLUB HELPS GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE

It was a very happy Thursday Club which welcomed Rob Cosgrave to their meeting on September 16th. He had come especially to receive a cheque of £821 which

the club had raised at their Cream Tea back in July. Rob thanked the group for their generous donation and stated that such support was absolutely vital in

enabling the Great North Air Ambulance to save lives and suffering 365 days of the year in our region. The evening then continued with guest speakers Kathleen and

Harry Gilbert taking us on a humorous and spectacular journey through Morocco, their talk and slide show being entitled 'The Magic of Morocco'. Indeed, a truly magical journey unfolded by two gifted storytellers, who not only entranced us with words but also delighted us with their actions when they most kindly donated their fee for evening towards the GNAA cheque, making our £801 up to the £821. All in all a really enjoyable evening out with goodwill all round.

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be on October when Norman Dunn will be taking us all to the Music Hall.



*Liz and Eileen present the £821 cheque at a very happy meeting*

# AN 'ELECTRIFYING' EVENT TO END THE SEASON

On September 26th Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club completed its season with an 'Electricity Switch On'.

It may seem unlikely in this age of technology but, due to the logistical problems and costs, the tennis club has never had the benefit of electricity.

This year the club decided to address these issues and a project was developed to have the utility connected to the club. The biggest hurdle of funding the project was tackled with fund raising events, contributions from members and ex-members and the application for grant funding.

The club was indebted to receive funding from local

charity County Durham Community Foundation enabling grants to be provided from EDF Energy High Hedleyhope Wind Farm Community Benefits and Grassroots Grants, which are held within the foundation. Money was also received from Durham County Council, Lanchester Parish Council and Mid-Durham Area Action Partnership.

The installation of the electricity cable, including digging a 120 metre trench and wiring of the clubhouse, proceeded throughout the summer and the completion has already provided benefits to members and guests at coaching sessions, league matches and social events.

To mark the occasion, the club was honoured to have representatives from our grant providers Brenda Dye (CDCF), Andy Coulthard (Area Action Partnership) and Ossie Johnson (Durham County Council). Together with Noel Hedley, an honorary club member and active member for many years since joining the club in the 1950's, they were invited to 'pull the switches' and light up the clubhouse.

All participants and guests at the event were treated to wine and an extensive buffet provided by club members.

The afternoon also saw the presentation of club tournament trophies by

Club President Rosemary Fawcett.

The winners were:-

**Ladies' Doubles**, Sally Laverick and Julie Walker  
**Men's Doubles**, Barry Coulthard and Dennis Laycock

**Mixed Doubles**, Jane Laycock and Dennis Laycock

**Boys' Singles**, Thomas Souter

**Most Improved Player**, Grant Ridley

Congratulations to all.

Within the Northumberland and Durham League, the Men's Veteran team secured their league with an unbeaten run of matches. Played 5, won 5. The junior boys meanwhile were runners-up in their

respective league. Well done to all players.

Although the season has now closed on the grass courts, coaching for the younger age groups continues indoors at Croft View Hall on Monday nights.

From achieving Clubmark at the end of last year to winning the District Sports Club of the Year at the end of 2010, it has been a truly momentous season and we look forward to building on this in 2011 as the club reaches its centenary year. Anyone wishing to enquire about the club can contact club secretary Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278 or visit [LTA.org.uk/lanchester](http://LTA.org.uk/lanchester) for more information.



*The Trench*



*Noel Hedley pulling the switch*

## FOOTBALL UPDATE

At the time of writing, the team were sitting in second place behind a side from Washington having just beaten the previously second placed side Consett 5-0. Lanchester have played one game fewer than Washington and are three points behind and the two teams are still to meet. The team remain unbeaten in

the league but have lost their way in a couple of cup competitions. Steve Murray's side are starting to pull together as a team and delivering some sterling performances. They also look to have found a goalkeeper after using six different people

in that position so far!! If you want to check out how the team have done or who they play next, just search on the net for Consett Sunday league and you will find the updates. Remember at the minute, it is division 3 but hopefully not for long.

## CONSETT TIGERS

From October, on Sunday afternoons at 1.30 pm, Consett Tigers Football Club will be playing their matches at Kitswell Park. Many of the players live

in the village and attend Lanchester schools. Do come along and give some support. A fixture list may be available in the next issue.

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## DEADLINE

Please send any articles for the next Village Voice by 16th November. The deadline for adverts is 14th November.

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