

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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FLASH FLOODS BRING HAVOC TO VILLAGE



Incredibly someone races into the village, turns the car round and drives off, causing more unnecessary water damage. The little dog enjoys the unexpected swim.



Irresponsible drivers make matters worse with waves flowing into various premises



One of SPAR staff, Adam Wilkinson, surveys the grimy water flowing past the shop

Thursday had been a humid day - gathered late afternoon. Then it happened at about 4.00 pm. The deluge of rain was incredible. Had it not been for the enormous hailstones that rattled against windows and bounced off car roofs it could have been described as a tropical storm as the lightning flashed and the thunder roared.

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Dear Village....

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Dear Sirs

Am I alone in deploring the state of what was a neat well-kept green area which borders the line/cycle path at the back of Brook View?

This is an area widely used by dog owners and children and families. Dog owners will be unable to locate the excrement left by their animals, therefore putting children who play there at risk. I have been informed that the council plan to let this grow and leave it as a 'meadow' which seems totally unsuitable considering where it is located. It despoils the attractive village of Lanchester. I would be interested to hear the views of other villagers.

Yours sincerely, Nan Brown (Mrs), Brook View

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Dear Village Voice

I would like to thank everybody who contributed and/or attended the Coffee Morning I hosted at All Saints RC Parish Centre in May. I was delighted to have raised £200 for the Stroke Association.

I would especially like to thank the Prison Service Charity Fund for matching this amount and for their support over the past year.

Thank you

Ann Allen, Deanery View

Dear Village Voice

We would like to take the opportunity via our village newspaper, to thank for their patience anyone inconvenienced by our house build.

We have now moved into our new home and though Andrew and his team at Dickman Developments have done an amazing job, inevitably there has been a degree of noise and mess over the past few months. Our special thanks go to our immediate neighbours who have been very patient and gracious throughout.

With kind regards

Vivienne and Colin
Watson, Summerdale,
Cadger Bank



Tony and Gloria Corry celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary with their Grandchildren

Dear Village Voice

We would like to say a massive thank you to our family, friends and neighbours for all their help and hard work with the preparations for Peter's 50th birthday 'party in the barn', we all had a fantastic night. Special thanks to Ian 'Legend' Ledger with his Flashback Disco, Paul Raisbeck, Glen Coxon and Monkey Punch who provided us with their fabulous musical talent and an extra special thank you to 'our Sue' for all her help.

Peter asked for donations to Willow Burn Hospice

and North East Air Ambulance rather than presents and managed to raise an amazing £1,270.00. He didn't expect anything like that amount so thanks again for everyone's generous contributions.

Peter, Wendy, Ashley, Melanie and Callum Suddes

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for June 2012 is 25. The draw was made by Katrina Wilkinson of the Richmond Fellowship.

IN MEMORY

Joan Blades who was the eldest daughter of John and Esther Brown of Newbiggen Lane, died on 25th July 2007.

Joan, who nursed at Lee Hill Hospital and then as a District Nurse across Derwent West, is remembered and sadly missed by all of her relatives including husband Leonard of Deneside, sister Maureen, brothers Terry and Raymond, children Frederick, Lynn, Karen and Julie and her six grandchildren.

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KING OF THE ROAD QUIZ



Young people in Brandon, Castleside and Lanchester have been competing in the final to be crowned King of the Road, in a quiz organised and delivered by Durham County Council's road safety team and the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP). The final of the quiz took place on 27th June and was won by teams from Castleside and Lanchester. The quiz, which tested the young people on their knowledge of road safety, was organised as a fun activity to increase awareness of road safety. The winning teams won a Go Karting Experience at Top Gear Carting in Gilesgate.

Anne Bonner (centre), Chairperson of the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership with the winners of the Final of the King of the Road Youth Quiz. On the right are The Moonies from Lanchester: Anna Crow, Alex Trotter and Georgina Cain. On the left are Tast da Rainbow from Castleside: Ryan Taylor, Damon Kennedy and Daniel Armstrong.

NEWS FROM THE YOUTH CLUB



We have had a great year. Our average attendance has been 20 young people, on Monday evenings at Croft View Hall, from 7.15 to 9.00pm. This term we have had a session of table tennis coaching and 2 sessions on Substance Abuse. In July 3 of our girls, Anna Crowe, Alex Trotter and Georgina Cain won the Mid Durham AAP Road Safety Quiz. We ended our year with a brilliant disco.

In September the leadership will be taken over by Laura Wilkinson, a STEPS detached youth worker who is well known to young people in Lanchester. She has been instrumental in the success - amongst other things helping 8 young people to gain Duke of Edinburgh bronze awards. She will be a brilliant leader and will be ably supported by

Shane March and Simon Kennington. Jill and Sally Gladstone are retiring now and would like to thank everyone at the Youth Club for their friendship and support. You are all superstars. We will be rooting for you all in the future. And finally, big thanks to the AAP for generous funding that makes it all possible. Jill Gladstone

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It was over in under an hour but the damage caused was horrific. Lanchester Front Street looked reminiscent of the flood in the late '60s. The depth of water in the middle of Front Street was well over knee height and was devastating for businesses and many homes in various parts of the village. The drains could never hold the vast amount of water. Manholes lifted and filthy water surged out. Sandbags appeared as if from nowhere but in most cases it was too late - the damage had been done.

Water came in torrents into the village centre from Newbiggen Lane, Cadger Bank, Ford Road and Maiden Law Bank which in effect became like four fast flowing rivers. The normally calm Smallhope Burn changed into a raging river overflowing its banks in various places causing untold damage. The bypass near the garage became a peaceful looking vast plane of water. Traffic was gridlocked and it took several hours for people to make very short journeys. The village was cordoned off for hours. Several



A devastating picture of Church View from which all residents were evacuated to the King's Head

shops experienced water coming in from the front and the back of their

premises. Help was given to those affected by many volunteer villagers immediately. Residents, all elderly, from Church View were evacuated to the King's Head where they were looked after and given warm drinks. Many volunteer helpers worked for hours some until 10.00 pm and later helping the victims of this horrendous event. Most premises from the Queen's Head to the Village Green on both sides of the road suffered huge water damage. Some occupants remained inside until the water

subsided below door level. Christine Charlton, cleaner at Barclays Bank, was clearly frightened as she peered through the front door having been locked in by the time lock and failed electricity. Eventually she scrambled through the fire exit on to the flat roof at the back with the help of Michael Jackson and Phil Reed. The latter helped her down the ladder.

One or two inconsiderate drivers negotiated the flood at speed causing waves which increased the water damage to premises.

This particularly affected the fruit shop which was

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Barclay's Bank cleaner, Christine Charlton, escapes from the building with the help of villager, Phil Reed



Paul Jackson dresses 'appropriately' for the occasion as he looks at his flooded house.

being cleaned with the door wide open. Some shopkeepers were up all night or until the early hours in an effort to have their businesses

ready for the Friday. Most were able to trade for at least the majority of the day but for others it was a hopeless task. St Bede School was closed. By

Friday morning TV cameras had arrived and remained for a substantial part of the day capturing the cleaning of businesses and homes. Council workers made an early start clearing slurry and debris in the village and repairing the paths on Howden Bank.

There was good coverage on Radio Newcastle (live), on BBC and ITV local news programmes with Ged from the Lanchester Hardware, Tracey from the Red Cross Shop and Anne Suddes from Church View giving good accounts of the disastrous situation. Thanks are due to so many people who helped in Lanchester's hour of need. Names of those who helped in the village are too many to be recorded, all so appreciated, but



A sad sight - ruined furnishings strewn across the front garden of a home in Church View. Every house was affected by the flood in his area.

FLOODING - CAN WE HELP?

A group of Lanchester residents has formed a Flooding Action Group to help those whose property has been flood damaged. The group includes Lanchester's County Councillors, members of the Red Cross, the Lions, the Lanchester Partnership and all 3 churches, and it is working with the County Council's Community Flood Engagement Officer. By mid July members had visited 72

properties, 36 of which had had flood water inside them. At present the group is focusing on trying to help those who have suffered damage. Later it will look at ways of trying to reduce the danger of flood damage in the future. If you would like to help, or you have suffered flood damage, or you know someone who has, please ring Mike or Jill Gladstone on 528 114.



Russell Ward, BBC Radio Newcastle, interviews Ann Suddes and Christine Wilson from Church View. Both of their homes received severe flood damage. Christine was helping Ann to clear up at the time.

Michelle from Talking Heads was an obvious helper as she took over point duty for the police directing traffic for many hours at the bottom of Newbiggen Lane.

Thursday 28th June, which began as a typical day in a long miserable gloomy summer, will be etched in the minds of those who were affected for many years to come.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th July 2012

Railway Paths and Gateway Project. Andy Coulthard and Simon Heney attended the meeting. Feedback from residents showed the three main areas of interest were destination seats at specific viewing points, signage directing users to the amenities in the village and creating a meadow in the former station yard. Members pointed out such issues as horse deposits, signs prohibiting horse riding at horse height and the possibility of a meadow encouraging vermin. Mr Heney replied that by law nothing can be done about the horse problem and he would look into changing the height of the signs. There would be no problem with vermin by the creation of a meadow and he explained how it would be maintained. Cllr Johnston said the responsibility for the maintenance of the banks

of Alderdene Burn which passes through this area must be looked into. Mike Gladstone of Lanchester Partnership asked if low-level lighting could be provided to encourage children to stay off the road. It is hoped that signage will direct people into the village, thereby helping the economy and that the seats, at different distances and with interpretation built-in, would encourage people to use the paths more. It was suggested they co-ordinate with the Heritage Walks, giving interesting information about each specific area. An update on the Gateway Project was given. So far only the Castleside and Lanchester projects have been completed but it was agreed that the methods of reducing speed on entering the village on the A691 in both directions were not working. Cllr

Mrs Cook pointed out that people leaving the village were speeding before passing the de-restriction signs and various suggestions were made to alleviate this speeding problem. The AAP holds a Forum every year to involve residents of the 10 parishes in the Mid-Durham area and has produced forms to be completed as an engagement exercise. The Lead Officer will give them to individuals or groups within the Parish. **Minutes.** The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th June were confirmed and approved. Concern was expressed about the way Durham County Council had sprung the proposed use of the Green School on the Parish Council (see separate article on page 8). **Correspondence.** Junior Football Team. A request to use the football field

for the 2012/13 season was approved, with the proviso that the pitch was not used until the Parish Council deem it usable. A request was considered from a Second Lanchester Adult Team and Members reluctantly agreed that the field would not be able to take the wear and tear of a third team but that it would be considered next year.

Code of Conduct. Members agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct which complies with the Localism Act.

Kitwell Park - Annual Play Inspection. This has taken place and only minor maintenance is required.

Alternative Education Provision - Green School. Members decided that as long as the management of the school is satisfactory it should present no problems. The village could benefit, for example use of the facilities during after-school hours.

Lynwood. Cllr Wardle reported that Claire Kirk, Nancy Carr and Neil Graham were now members of the Community Interest Company and that all three will considerably strengthen the Board. Derwentside Homes, the Developers, have appointed an architect and are in negotiation with the County Council re the valuation of the site. Cllr Glass, on behalf of all Members, thanked Cllr Wardle and Cllr Burton for their work and tenacity on the project, which so far has been in progress for seven years.

Flooding in Lanchester. Cllr Jackson said that the wall of the Queen's Head had been identified as a weakness and suggested that the businesses in the village be asked to club together to pay for the

repair of the wall. Mike Gladstone of the Partnership told Members of a meeting held on the Sunday immediately after the floods, attended by residents, representatives from the Red Cross, the Lions and the Churches, the County Council Flood Defence Committee and County Councillors Ossie Johnston and Richard Young. Funds of over £1,000 with £300 to come had been raised and over 130 people had been contacted and spoken to. A further meeting was to be held on Thursday 14th July and Mr Gladstone asked Members to let him know of anyone who needs help. Cllrs Jackson and Glass thanked Mr Gladstone for his work and the community spirit shown.

Anyone with any insurance problems should contact the Parish Council for help under a scheme set up by Morpeth after floods there. Cllr Harrison referred to the drains which are now covered in rubbish and Members were asked to identify any they saw and report to the Highways Action Line on 0191 3706000.

Queen's Head Car Park Wall. It was agreed that the Lead Officer should write to the owners and ask them to reinstate the wall and to seek advice from the Environment Agency.

A691 - Speed Limit. Cllr Jackson said that nothing has been heard from the County Council regarding the reduction of the 40mph limit. Members agreed that it should be included in the Gateway scheme.

9month Bond. Members agreed that another Bond of similar amount and time scale be taken out.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

4th July 2012

Election of Chair. Mr M Wardle was elected.

Election of Vice Chair. Mr K Harrison was elected.

Neighbourhood Planning. Mike Allum and Andrew Wood, Policy Planning Officers from Durham County Council, attended the meeting and gave a presentation. Possible funding sources for a neighbourhood plan were identified as CPRE (Council for Protection of Rural England), NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and the Princes Trust.

Planning Applications. Members considered the following planning applications.

i Porch to front and erection of single storey rear extension at 6 The

Paddock. RESOLVED. No objection.

ii Erection of bedroom extension to rear elevation at 8 The Paddock. RESOLVED. No objection.

iii Proposed two-storey side extension at Holly House, Hollybush Farm. RESOLVED. No objection.

iv Proposed erection of a wooden storage building at Newfield Hall. RESOLVED. That Members raise no objection to the application and would wish confirmation that the proposed storage building is not used for livestock.

v Creation of a rooftop terrace above an existing single storey rear extension at 8 Ashdown Grove. RESOLVED. No objection.

Decisions of the Planning Authority.

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

* Felling of three ash trees at Pelham House, Cadger Bank.

* Installation of wood carvings on the Village Green.

* Erection of indoor horse arena at Low Meadows Farm.

* Wooden storage hut, compost storage area, creation of access and drop off point and compost toilet at Margery Flatt Farm.

* Erection of single storey extension at side of dwelling to provide additional living space and shower room at 81 Alderside Crescent.

* Prior notification of intention to erect agricultural storage shed for storing machinery and animal feed at Colepike Home Farm.

* Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling on land to the west of West Newbiggen Farm.

* Erection of single storey rear extension and one dormer window to rear at Browney Mews, Front Street.

The following planning application had been refused by Durham County Council:

* Erection of extension to existing natural burials business including new garaging workshops, showroom, entrance and reception, storeroom, Chapel of Rest, shower room, wc and retention of temporary dwelling at Chapel View, Greenfield Burial Services, Knitsley.

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POLICE REPORT

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Number of calls for area 68
Number of community related calls 10 (outlined below)

Alcohol seizures 0

Dwelling Burglaries 1 (Occupier disturbed two unknown males who had jemmied open a UPVC kitchen window)

Burglary (other) 0

Bogus callers 0

Anti-social behaviour and motorcycle incidents 7

Common areas/locations:-
Lee Hill Court 1 - unknown youths reportedly banging on doors and windows of dwelling. It is suggested that the community could consider making Lee Hill Court junction with Percy Place (ie the alleyway) and The Garths a PACT priority

so that multi agency attention can be given to this location.

Front Street 1 - Unknown youths reported throwing large rocks at rear of takeaway. Enquires continuing regarding descriptions and suspects seen on CCTV.

Deneside 3 - Children aged between 9 and 12 years old reportedly causing anti-social behaviour whilst playing with football in street. Parents of one child seen and advised. Other children traced and to be spoken to in company of their guardians.

Durham Road/Deanery View 1 - report of youths on roof of former 6th form college. Gone prior to police arrival. Both security and police

patrols are frequent; CCTV is installed on building.

ASB alcohol related
Durham Road 1 - youths aged circa 12 years old reported consuming alcohol in wooded area at rear of dwelling causing anti-social behaviour. Temporarily detained by occupiers. Made off prior to police arrival. Enquiries continuing.

Criminal Damage 1 (Lanchester Road - two vehicles set alight)

All Thefts 2 (Dora's Wood information board removed; attempted theft of vehicle at Malton Picnic Site)

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GREEN SCHOOL TO BE USED FOR PUPILS WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Durham County Council has decided to use the Green School for its "Alternative Education Programme" for difficult teenagers. Sheila Palmerley and Jane Lasage of the County Council told the Parish Council on 12th June that between 50 and 70 boys and girls, 14 to 16 years old will attend the school. None of them will have Statements of Special Educational Needs but

"they will have additional needs which require an alternative, nurturing, learning environment". There will be a high level of supervision - one member of staff for every 4 pupils. The recreational facilities around the school will continue to be for public use and the County Council says that it wants "a strong partnership with the local community in terms of opportunities,

premises and involvement". However the new Head Teacher has been appointed, County Council vans are outside the building every day and it does not look as though many decisions remain to be taken.

The Parish Council thinks that members of the community may be concerned about the proposals, so it is encouraging residents to



The former Derwentside College building, known as the Green School

attend its next meeting - in Park House on Tuesday September 11th at 7.00 pm. which DCC officers also will attend. It will be held

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PAUL JACKSON RETIREMENT



Left to right: Pod, Louise, Kelly, Marie and Cathy. Background Alan Bland (Disco). Front: a cringing, now retired, Paul Jackson.

Local resident, Paul Jackson, retired from Durham CC on 30th June after 42 years and 9 months. He began his career in the Education Office, Blackhill, as a 16 year old Office Boy. He was based there for about 5 years where his mentor was Jon Podhajecki, known not surprisingly as Pod. Paul gradually moved up the ladder serving in various departments before achieving the rank of Senior Schools Finance Officer. He was in charge of school funding for all schools in the county and had contact with every Head Teacher on a regular basis. He was also responsible

for training the aforementioned and school governors in financial management. Paul's retirement function was held at the Social Club on Saturday 7th July with over 100 people attending, including colleagues, friends and relatives. A superb buffet was provided by 'The Little Sandwich' from Stanley and The Alan Bland Disco provided some lively music for dancing. The highlight of the evening was a speech by Pod who related highly amusing pranks that he and Paul had carried out together during their years at the Blackhill Office - unfortunately too many to relate in the space

available. However, it seems that Paul was a real prankster with a great sense of humour, particularly in those early years. They seemed to break every current health and safety rule in the book and tormented the life out of their colleagues and those passing by anywhere near the building. Paul would like to thank all those who attended and for the many presents and cards. It was a memorable night for this very popular man, particularly of the girls in his office who dressed for the occasion as St Trinians. It was a dream which came true!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Nothing in Parliament recently has been as dramatic as the storm that hit the NE on 28th June. It left thousands stranded across the region and hit our village hard. Many of our neighbours were left mopping up the debris and dealing with the frustrations of insurance companies. Those of you who were travelling, like me, had wearisome and even dangerous journeys home (I took 8.5 hours to get from London to home). I found myself reflecting on the contrast between the actions of local people, local businesses and public services who came to the aid and support of others - The Police, the Fire Brigade, the NE Ambulance Service, Durham County Council Civil Emergency Services, the Weardale and Teesdale Mountain Rescue Service, the Red Cross and other voluntary

agencies, the King's Head pub and its staff who took people in and fed them and the very many members of the public who stepped up and helped their neighbours. These are people who either gave their time and energies for nothing, public servants who have not received a pay rise in 2 years, or local businesses struggling to stay afloat in a challenging economic market. This was such a contrast to the other big story on the day, the manipulation of interest rates by Barclays Bank and 20+ other banks yet to be named. This story confirmed that banks have not only played casino banking with our cash and our assets but that everyone of us has paid over the odds for our mortgages, cars and borrowing. Thankfully I have a place like Lanchester to come back to, where there are ordinary people

doing extraordinary things for other people, to support their communities and their neighbours. I did manage to remind the Prime Minister at Prime Minister's Questions about the floods in Lanchester and asked if the government would be there to support people with real money and not just nice warm words. The Prime Minister said that the government would be 'generous' so let's hold him to his word. If you were flooded and are having problems getting access to government money for emergency accommodation, to get your business back up and running or to get your home re-insured or if you are having problems with your insurance claims, get in touch and I will do all I can to move things along for you, even if that means tackling the Prime Minister again.

Gardening in August

June was the wettest since records began and the beginning of July has continued in the same vein. This has resulted in a gay old time for the snails and slugs in my garden. But, surely, we are due some fine and warm weather in August - let's hope!

Flowers

This month is probably the zenith for your flower borders in terms of profusion and colour. You need to dead-head bedding and perennial plants, to stop them from both self-seeding and to encourage further flowering into the autumn. Trim any lavender plants after they have finished flowering to keep them compact but do not cut into old wood. Continue to stake tall or top-heavy plants like dahlias and lilies to prevent wind and

rain damage. Cut back herbs now to encourage new shoots which you can harvest before the frosts. Take cuttings of your tender perennials such as pelargonium and fuchsia to propagate them for next year.

Vegetables

Apply a high-potash fertilizer (such as tomato feed) once the fruits start to form on peppers, cucumbers and aubergines and continue to feed tomato plants and remove the bottom sets of leaves to help with air circulation and prevent disease. Pinch out the top of tomato plants to concentrate the growth into the fruit that has already formed. Aim to have five or six trusses per plant. Pinch out the top of runner bean plants once they have reached the tops of their supports as this

encourages the side shoots and the production of more beans and easier picking. Harvest both French and runner beans little and often to prevent them from setting seed. Keep harvesting courgettes before they become too long so as to encourage more fruits. Finally keep on top of weeds as they compete with your crops for nutrients and water.

General

Hedges can be given a final trim now before they stop growing. Water plants thoroughly when needed instead of every day. In the garden, thorough watering should support plants for up to two weeks. This month is when your compost bin really starts to fill up. Remember to turn it once a month as aerating will speed up the decomposition process.

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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT

On a night when some villagers were manning the sandbags a surprising number of people turned up for the Male Voice Choir annual concert. They must have known yet another good night's entertainment was in store.

Once again the choir dug into the gold mine of musical talent that is the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and came up with a rare nugget, The Absolution Saxophone Quartet. How many of us have had the chance to listen to a



The Absolution Saxophone Quartet, guests from the Royal Northern College of Music

quartet comprising a full range of saxophones? What's more, did we know they could be used for percussion by tapping on the keys?

As the saxophone is a relatively modern instrument (invented in 1846) the quartet played largely contemporary pieces. A fine example was

Barbara Thompson's Quartet No 3, that showed both the subtlety and flair of the instrument and finished with an exuberant final movement, Carnival. The quartet's final piece, Philip R Butall's Lone Arranger went 'Sax Mad' on this occasion. The piece starts with the William Tell Overture finale then rushes headlong into a vast array of tunes - a fun way to finish an excellent musical set.

The choir always likes to give a platform to a local young talented person and this year it proved a delightful treat as Alexandra Summerson gave some fine performances of songs from the shows she obviously loves. A

polished, confident performance from a talented young lady who brims with personality. And finally to the choir itself. I think it is now safe to say the choir has successfully made the transition from a small choir to a medium sized one. They appeared more confident and tighter than on their Patrons' Evening a few months ago; the new members are fully integrated and they sounded superb. This has inevitably come at the short term expense of not introducing many new songs on this occasion but I'm sure their many fans will forgive them that. The choir is now on a strong footing both numerically and musically.



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LANCHESTER 'SUMMER' SHOW



'Autumn Fox' Supreme Champion of 2011 makes his return to the Show

The torrential rain which hit our area over the past weeks resulted in the Lanchester Agricultural Show being relocated, and its content sadly restricted. With local fields waterlogged, the new venue for the Show was Streatlam Park showground, at Barnard Castle where there were good dry standing areas available. Unfortunately, the change of location meant there was insufficient time to apply for a Movement of Animals licence to transport livestock, as required by DEFRA, and only horses and dogs could be shown.

Sunday July 1st was windy and dull, with more rain threatening to arrive throughout the morning. Despite the poor conditions, early crowds arrived in force, to find a good selection of fast food stalls had been set up, with a bar tent, ice cream vans, and coffee, tea and

c a k e s available. Visitors enjoyed seeing the dogs being groomed ready for showing, and the horses put through

their paces before the competitions. Congratulations must be given to the organising team, for their huge efforts in producing the event, with everyone hoping that a return to its usual venue will be possible, with an even bigger and better Show in 2013.



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WILLOW BURN SUMMER FAIR

Due to flood warning there was a last minute switch of venue to St Bede School. As it happened it was a glorious summer day, (the only one so far). The Fair was opened with a brief speech by Olympic Torchbearer, Nigel Cook of Elddis Transport who has raised many thousands of pounds for the hospice through his worldwide half marathon running and with the Elddis/Willow Burn Sponsored Wagon. The Fair had the usual good variety of tables which included three tombolas and the ever popular goody bags. The plant tables were particularly interesting in that they were organised by the Westgate

Horticultural Nursery, a unit within Frankland Prison, where some of the inmates are trained in these skills. Something new was the lovely Art Display and Reiki Massage where people were receiving treatment on the spot.

The atmosphere was enhanced by Ramsay's Theatre Nightmares, a musical group formed some 10 years ago and now led by talented student, Philip Richardson, who has been Director for the last three years. They entertained the visitors with some wonderful background singing as they shopped around giving the hospice their maximum support.



Ramsay's Theatre nightmares with Nigel Cook, Olympic Torchbearer

Master of Ceremonies, Terry Lewis, kept the atmosphere going in his own inimitable lively style. Refreshments in the adjacent hall were

excellent and would have augmented the funds considerably.

It was a busy, interesting, varied Fair, well organised with

plenty of opportunity to spend wisely and support the hospice at the same time. The total raised was a magnificent £4018.19.

LESOTHO DURHAM LINK - BUS CHALLENGE

The Durham Lesotho Link has been established since 1986. The kingdom of Lesotho is a country beset by poverty and extremely high rate of AIDS. 60% of the 1.8 million people are under the age of 18. The number of 'Child Headed Households' is increasing where children as young as 10 are left to look after siblings.

Edith Pierce, now 96, has once again taken up the 'Bus Challenge' to raise money to help this very worthy cause. This time last year Edith underwent a seven hour life saving operation at the RVI Hospital so it is amazing that she has the fitness and determination to accomplish this journey again. Accompanied by Elizabeth McCormick she

caught the bus at Lanchester and signed in at Consett for the first stage. Then it was off to the Metro before boarding another bus along the riverside to Gateshead. Next stop was Chester le Street for a well deserved Italian lunch at Dino's. After lunch it was on to Durham and back to Lanchester. She gained an impressive

55 points in the challenge and could have claimed a further 20 as she met the 'Joker', (a man wearing a Lesotho hat), en route. However, Edith had a pretty good idea which bus he would be on so she declined the points

as she felt it would be unfair, as there was a prize for the most points claimed.

Edith has raised in excess of £200 which is a truly remarkable achievement for a very remarkable person.



Edith Pierce holding the route map of the Lesotho Durham Link Bus Challenge



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The Ninth Lanchester Early Music Festival opened on Saturday 14th July, presenting a programme of Palestrina's Missa Papae Marcelli and Music for England's last Renaissance Prince, Henry, Prince of Wales, who died aged only eighteen years in 1612, his death provoking an outpouring of national grief.

The Clerks of Durham, directed by Andrew Fowler with Dr Ian Brunt playing organ and harpsichord, returned for their fifth programme as part of The Lanchester Early Music Festival concerts with a presentation of Victoria's Requiem. The church was filled to enjoy Eleanor Lancelot, Sarah Kelly (sopranos), Clare Wright, Mary Tyers (altos), Simon Lee, Andrew Fowler (tenors) and Daniel Tate, Edward Kay (basses) who produced a sumptuous tapestry of sound, in the Palestrina by separating the tenors and basses on opposite sides of the semi-circle in which the singers were placed. The opening Kyrie Eleison was performed from the altar steps, heard by the audience from the nave,

with the joyous Gloria choreographed from the chancel steps. The Sanctus was similarly enchanting and then the Clerks retreated back to the altar for the transcendental Agnus Dei. Palestrina's Mass setting was interspersed by some beautiful and surprising organ pieces performed by Dr Ian Brunt on the fine Harrison organ from 1907. A Toccata by Luzzaschi (1545-1607) and a Canzon by Pellagrini opened and set the tone for the whole programme, with two movements from Frescobaldi's Fiori Musicali. Following the Palestrina Missa, two motets followed, Sicut Cervus (As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams) and prefaced by Dr Brunt performing Toccata Settima by Michelangelo Rossi (1602-1656), the Motet Tu es Petrus (You are Peter and Upon this Rock I shall Build My Church), bringing the first half to a dramatic close.

The second half opened with Thomas Tomkins, A Sad Pavan for these Distracted Times, performed flawlessly on the organ by Dr Brunt. Andrew and The Clerks presented fine music by John Ward,

Robert Ramsay, Thomas Vautor, John Coprario and Thomas Tomkins, the exquisite Anthem "When David Heard that Absalom was Slain" provoking an outburst of applause from

the captivated and distinguished audience. The music which concluded this evening to remember was a rarity, "Sleep, fleshly birth" by Robert Ramsey. A hushed silence was met with

rapturous applause and such an evening of music was a rare pleasure and privilege to hear. The Lanchester Early Music Festival now seems firmly established on the Regional calendar.

ST BEDE'S BALL



Some of the Upper Sixth students about to set off for the 'Leavers Ball' attended by students and Teachers at the Radisson Hotel, Durham on Friday 22nd June. Left to right: Hayley; Gabi; Hannah; Rebecca; Giavanna; Meesha; Jill and Alex.

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BRASS BAND PATRON'S EVENING CONCERT

This event took place on Sunday evening 15th July in the Community Centre. Again this was part of the Durham Brass Festival which attracts bands from other countries and a band from Italy had been invited to perform at this concert. They had the unusual name of 'The Pink Puffers' and it is true to say they wowed the audience. There were twenty of them and they all had the colour pink somewhere on their attire. In some cases their instruments were adorned in pink. Their instruments included trombones, trumpets and cornets, drums, saxophones and the biggest of all, a sousaphone. This is an

instrument that winds round your body and the music you play is forced out of the big round top of it. Their music was lively to say the least and very vigorous. They engaged the attention of the audience effortlessly and the almost thunderous applause was proof of their popularity. They were all young people obviously passionate about music and it was good to see their enthusiasm and witness their excellent skill on instruments. With such a receptive audience, they must have felt their long journey from Italy was very worthwhile. After the interval when refreshments were served, Lanchester Brass Band

played a medley of music, which included 'No more lonely nights' 'The Toreador Song' and 'Swinging USA style' and feet were tapping to the marches, 'Ballerina' and 'March of the Cobblers'. Four members of the band were presented with trophies for their work and skill on an instrument. Three of these were won by the Bradshaw family, Pete and his daughters, Ellen and Catherine. The band is so fortunate to have this musically gifted family. Another talented young man won the 4th trophy. He is Andrew Scoins who lives in Lanchester and he has recently gained excellent marks in an examination for his playing of the



The Pink Puffers move round the audience

Baritone Brass presenting of 'The Brass Instrument. James Draper, who also lives in Lanchester also gained excellent marks for his playing of the horn. It is so good to have these young people involved in the band and the band would welcome newcomers. An added item to the concert was the

presenting of 'The Brass Book', which can be viewed in the University Library on Palace Green during the Festival. It has been compiled by writer and artist, Stevie Ronnie, who liaised with our band to produce it. It is fair to say that the Patron's Concert was a great success'. Brenda Craddock



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This year The Durham Brass Festival took place between July 6th and 22nd and the Durham Miners Gala is between these two weeks.

The 'Durham Brass Band Association' is anxious to preserve the Bands that still exist and encourage new ones to be formed. With this in mind they have been trying to visit schools and promote the playing of a brass instrument to the pupils.

Our EP school has a strong interest in music and were very fortunate on July 10th to be visited by Mr James Stretton. He engaged the pupils' interest immediately with his amusing introductory remarks. He entertained the whole school with ease as he showed his skills on a number of the brass Instruments he had brought with him. Several times he chose pupils to play an instrument with him. With clever technology, the pupils believed they were actually playing the



Pupils get the chance to try an instrument

instrument which of course is not as easy as it looks. He told the pupils that he loved the response he gets from pupils and Lanchester certainly gave a very positive response. Mrs Susan Hayton from the Durham Association of Brass Bands then addressed the pupils to say how much the association would like more young people to become interested in brass instruments. She went on to remind them that Lanchester has its very own Brass Band who would welcome anyone, whatever their age to come along and join them. The band can provide the instrument and the tuition to play it without any charge. They practise for two hours twice a week in Croft View. If anyone is interested, they should tell Mrs Davis, who will then contact the Brass Band. The times for this are 3.00 - 5.00 pm on a Sunday or 7.30 - 9.30 pm on a Wednesday. 'That was mint' I heard one pupil say as he was leaving the hall. Praise indeed! Brenda Craddock

BOYS BRIGADE HELP EP SCHOOL



Brushes to the ready and some painting going on when we took this picture of the 'work' at the nursery fence of the EP School

END OF TERM SPORTS EP SCHOOL

The Nursery group, and the Reception class at Lanchester EP School celebrated the end of the year with a sporting event. On July 12th, the 46 children currently in the Reception class were involved in a series of circuit activities, with 8 stations equipped with hoops, space hoppers, tunnels, bean bags and benches. After hearing instructions about how this equipment was to be used, the pupils were organised into work teams and set about the

various tasks with enthusiasm. All of the activity equipment offered the youngsters the opportunity to practise different skills - balancing, co-ordination, decision making, working in a team, etc. Although the event was strictly non competitive, everyone was aiming to perform to their own personal highest standard, as well as encouraging their friends to achieve a successful result. The Nursery children were also involved in their

own series of activities. They listened carefully to find out what to do, then got down to the fun. The bean bag race was very popular, and some children discovered that taking part in the sack race wasn't as easy as it looked! Once again, although the events were non competitive, the children had fun working together in teams. All the children were awarded a certificate to celebrate their achievements, and were all looking forward to a reward of a lolly!



The sack race looks as if it's being enjoyed although some might be a little impatient to get their turns whilst others wait patiently. Some find out that it's not as easy as it looks.

After a few of the postponements during both the spring and the summer due to the terrible weather that we have experienced this year, the Boys' Brigade eventually started painting the fence of the nursery at the EP school in the village. They had offered to do the painting some three or four months earlier but had to wait for a dry night and for the wood to have dried out after all the rain that we have had. Eight very willing lads had a great time as they painted a large proportion of the fence, as well as themselves, until the paint ran out. They hope to complete the job later in the year and have an equally enjoyable time when they do complete it.

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John Dalton and his flower arrangements

As well as expertise with flowers John was also an excellent raconteur and his banter as he worked on his arrangements was very entertaining and well received by his audience. He seemed to have an endless list of funny stories as he tweaked and put in place his foliage and flowers. When he came to the end of his demonstration the stage

looked magnificent with so much colour, not only from the flowers, but from the beautiful, varied containers of the arrangements and the rich purple drapes on the tables. They say beauty is in the eye of the beholder and certainly every beholder in the hall saw the artistic display as beauty personified. The raffle winners were

delighted with their prizes and the audience were able to take a closer look at the beautiful floral works of art before partaking in light refreshments. Look out for November's 'Open Evening' because it will be well worth attending and the Flower Club will give you a very warm welcome.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB JUNE ANNUAL OUTING

Lanchester Flower Club enjoyed a lovely annual outing to Walworth Castle in the Tees Valley enjoying a wonderful carvery lunch then on to Thornton Hall Gardens which we all agreed were

exceptional and enjoyed by everyone. The colours of the Lupins the Peony Roses and so many other flowers were outstanding and not a weed in sight - well worth the visit. We all

look forward greatly to our annual outing to some beautiful gardens and most definitely our delicious lunch with convivial conversation with our friends and our acquaintances.



The Flower Club members enjoy a seat in the garden summer house

FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS AT THE THURSDAY CLUB

On a dull, miserable and rainy 21st June Wendy Smith came along to the Thursday Club and brought in a ray of sunshine with her beautiful and colourful flower arrangements. There was something to please everyone as Wendy arranged her flowers long and low, tall and elegant, and also in contemporary style, all of them quite lovely. We had decided to hold a competition for the garden flower buttonhole that Wendy liked the best - one of the demonstrated arrangements being the designated prize - and it was won by Joan Pinkney who chose the long and low arrangement as her prize. A most enjoyable and entertaining meeting was



Wendy with her delightful floral arrangements

had by everyone and, after names and deposits were taken for our Christmas outing on 6th November and also for our conducted tour of

Durham Cathedral and cream tea at Gadds Townhouse on 15th August, the evening ended with a welcome cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

THURSDAY CLUB CREAM TEA

In the middle of this persistently wet summer we were well blessed to have a dry day with maybe a hint of a little sunshine on July 4th, the day chosen for our cream tea. All the hard work had gone on well before the day and everything was prepared and ready. As ever the surrounding businesses had been their usual generous selves - the Air Ambulance is a charity that obviously resonates very loudly in a lot of hearts and we have to thank Lanchester Garden Centre, Crinnions,

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people enjoying the afternoon of socialising, eating, listening to Neville Hartley play the piano (and we thank him for doing so). Elaines' Needlework girls had put on a stunning display of their work and Maving Taylor had provided the lovely floral table arrangements. The Cream Tea afternoon is a culmination of a lot of effort by a good few people and we thank them all on behalf of the Air Ambulance charity which benefited from a £600 donation. A good afternoon all round.



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MARIE HARRISON'S SUMMER CONCERT

For the students of Marie Harrison, the month of June generally carries feelings of excitement and (slight) trepidation, as they prepare for the annual Summer Concert, this year in aid of "Sight Savers". These concerts are always a delight to watch and perform in, and All Saints Catholic Church was filled with family and friends. In keeping with tradition, the familiar tunes to songs from the Sound of Music began this year's selection, as local students, from the ages of 6 to 18, performed their chosen pieces with flair, and always to great applause. Each year promises something new, with pieces ranging from Bach and Handel, to the Little Mermaid and



The performers

Phantom of the Opera, being played on the piano and sung brilliantly. The concert was compered brilliantly by Connor Hall. Again in keeping with tradition, both the students and audience sang 'Edelweiss' to finish the concert, followed by much deserved thanks. After the concert, there was a happy (and by that

I mean delicious) faith tea in the Parish Centre, as congratulations were given out amongst the performers. In all, the concert managed to raise £162 in aid of Sight Savers, a great achievement, as £5 can aid up to 20 people in struggling areas of the world. A great success, and thanks to all involved. Michael Kelly

SUMMER FAIR AT EP SCHOOL

Saturday July 14th was a clear and fine day, which was rare this summer, and very lucky, as the Summer Fair at our EP School could go ahead with stalls and attractions set up outside. Early morning shoppers could enjoy a variety of stalls selling sweets, games for children, books, bric a brac and toiletries. There were many other attractions - a very popular bottle stall, the traditional 'Roll a Penny' game, locating loot on a Treasure Map,

and throwing balls through some hoops. Children made a beeline for the large bouncy castle, or to do face painting. Ice cream and hot dog stalls did good business, and drinks, scones and cakes were available to shoppers who needed a rest after shopping till they dropped.

The longest queue was to 'Soak the Teacher' where members of staff stood in the stocks and were pelted with wet

sponges. Many staff joined in the fun, working on a rota and offering themselves for the punishment for a very long period of 50 minutes. All the proceeds from the Fair will go into school funds, and help to provide a playing pitch. As the cost of the pitch will be around £40,000, it's hoped that many members of the public come along to future events and offer their support to the venture. Good Luck, Lanchester EP School!



*"Thank goodness it kept fine!"
Early shoppers check out some of the bargains in the Fair.*

WHEELS DAY

Tuesday July 10th was 'Wheels Day' at the EP School and the rain did not daunt the pupils who thoroughly enjoyed riding their scooters and bikes even in the rain. Several nursery children were pushing dollies' prams. Inside the school there were activities based on the theme of wheels and there was an 'industry' in every classroom. 'Wheels' can become a wide theme for learning and there were signs of research. An opportunity is never missed to further knowledge and learning. Rain could never stop 'play' in this school.

Brenda Craddock



Almost singing in the rain

SPORTS DAY - ALL SAINTS



Well done lad - Harlem Globetrotters look out.

It was planned to have Sports Day on the 26th of June. In the morning the children enjoyed a non competitive carousel of several different activities changing over at about 10 minute intervals with the serious

competitive events on the grass in the afternoon. However, the races had to be postponed for some health and safety reasons as the grass was very wet and very slippery. Subsequent dates also had to be

cancelled for the same reason. Hopefully next year we will get a summer with some sunshine (instead of all the rain that we have had this year) and the normal competitive sports day races will go ahead.

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

The rain continues to decimate the Cricket fixture list. The **first** team almost finished a game last week, amassing 296 at Burnopfield with Graham Brinton smashing a hundred off sixty balls and Greg Patterson scoring forty, but then the rains came at tea time and the players never got back on the field. The **seconds** have had better luck picking up two wins to keep them at the top of the league. Newcastle were bowled out for 56 with Hayden Petch taking 6-13. Morpeth were skittled out for 92, with Andy Allen taking 4-21 and Lee Murray 3-25. The **thirds** have played twice and have lost to Burnmoor and Houghton. The **under 18s** have played two, losing at Sacriston and

then an even closer win over Annfield Plain. The **under 15s** managed two games and won both, easily beating Ryton and Whickham in the process. The **under 13s** finally got a game this past weekend and had a very easy victory over Ryton whilst the **under 11s** just can't get a game of cricket. Off the field, the club's coaches have delivered eight sessions to the children in the top two years of the All Saints Primary School. The kids enjoyed the sessions and hopefully some of them will come along to the club and take up the sport full time. Under 11s have coaching sessions on a Monday night at 6 pm and play on Tuesday nights.

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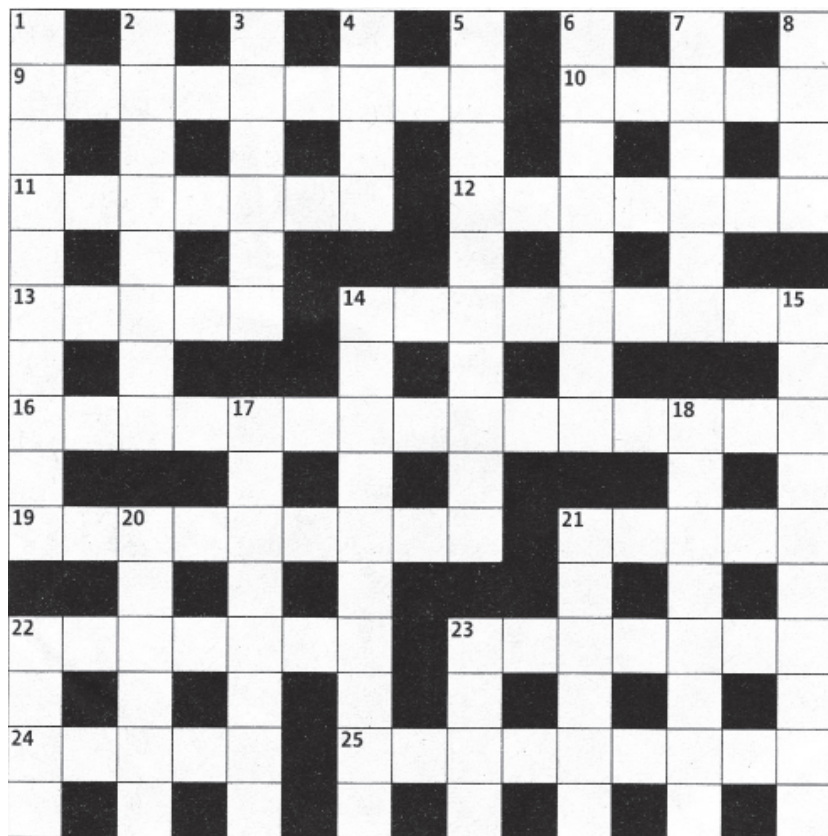
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CROSSWORD 74

There were just 9 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Roy Sunley of Watling Way who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

9. Intrigue (9)
10. Dull (5)
11. Tedium (7)
12. Self-inflicted handicap (3,4)
13. Banish (5)
14. Practice (9)
16. Stay calm (4,4,5,2)
19. Do again (9)
21. Actor in Lurex track-suit (5)
22. Greek letter about a saucy dance (7)
23. God (7)
24. Person who runs 1609 metres (5)
25. Electric charge holder (9)

DOWN

1. Point to bike racer as party promoter (10)
2. Sounds like one's cereal is a pain (8)
3. Waddle and potter along (6)
4. Goes with ends, sun and engine (4)
5. A good (or bad) conjecture (10)
6. Slang I've used for control freak (8)
7. Send-ups (6)
8. Superstar sounds unemployed (4)
14. Exercise used in army training (10)
15. Clean hairs cover county (10)
17. Freeholding peasants (8)
18. Smarten (8)
20. Spot (6)
21. Code of behaviour (6)
22. Floppy (4)
23. Trick (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 74

ACROSS

1. marksman
5. smacks
9. doodlebug
11. Macao
12. coal merchant
15. lair
16. last chance
18. The Robbers
19. soda
21. energy assets
24. arson
25. son of a gun
26. elfish
27. Jeremiah

DOWN

1. made room
2. See 1 down
3. See 16
4. as bold as brass
6. mimic the likeness of
7. cock a snook
8. show the way
10. great presence
13. all the rage
14. See 6
17. lodgings
20. stifle
22. ugly
23. inch

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.

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

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courgette and Tomato Linguine

Serves four as a starter, or can be used as a main course, at this time of year when courgettes are in season and plentiful.
2 tbsp olive oil
140g/5oz diced streaky bacon
300g/10oz baby courgettes, thickly sliced on the diagonal or 3 medium courgettes, cut into chunks
2 garlic cloves, finely chopped (optional)

pinch dried chilli flakes
pinch castor sugar
1 tbsp red wine vinegar
2 x 400g cans good quality plum tomatoes
400g/14oz linguine
handful parsley, chopped
1. Heat the olive oil in a frying pan. Cook the bacon until crisp, add the courgettes, then sizzle for 4 mins until golden. Add the garlic and chilli to the courgettes, cook for 1 min, then sprinkle

with sugar and splash in the vinegar. Tip over the canned tomatoes, turn up the heat, season well with salt and pepper, then simmer for 10 mins.
2. While the sauce is simmering, cook the linguine, then drain. Toss the pasta through the sauce, then scatter with parsley and drizzle with a little more olive oil.

WI

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors to our July meeting introducing Mavis Parker from Castleside WI who gave her report on the National AGM.

The group Fair will be held in October, we have been allocated the accessories stall, all accessories will be welcomed.

The list is out for Diaries and Calendars and for the Nutcracker ballet 7th February and the Mousetrap 13th February 2013 at the Theatre Royal, tickets around £20.

The date has changed for the Headlam Hall Ladies Day from the 19th to the

26th of September. Will those ladies attending please bring their cheque payable to Lanchester WI for £20 (in a named envelope) to the August meeting.

Pat Cotrell won the raffle, competition winners were Shirley Lamb and Janis Suddes.

Will members who are doing the walk and swim please include details of number of miles, where the activity was done, photos and leaflets.

Tina Fuller brought along lovely yarns for members to create a wet felt flower.

She learned this craft down south as the only person she could find up here lived

in Barnard Castle and charged £50 per hour.

We needed four things to make our flower - wool, water, soap and elbow grease. We pulled fine strands of wool over bubble wrap in layers, dampened with soapy water then folded the bubble wrap on top of the fine merino wool and pummelled, rubbed and rolled to weld the wool together to make the felt for our flower. It was such fun and we made a very interesting assortment of flowers!!!, another new skill learned.

Rhoda Joyce gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with refreshments.



Michelle Hoult, Janis Suddes and Angela Velleman creating their wet felt flowers

BOWLING CLUB UPDATE

The team of the month must be our Saturday team. Unbeaten since the last issue of the Village Voice and now in third place in the league, far higher than they have achieved for a good many years. A close second must be the Monday team with 3 wins. They blotted

their copy book a little with a narrow defeat 4-6 to the local rivals from Leadgate but still lie second in their league. While handing out accolades a mention must be made of our bowling green. Time after time this year it has been flooded yet next day there it is

completely playable, quite remarkable. The club internal competitions struggle on in the bad weather. The first round is just about complete, a month late. Surely the rain must stop sometime and we can catch up on these matches.



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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

Country Market

On Saturday 4th August, 10 am - 12 noon, come along to the Country Market in the Community Centre for your fresh produce, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, plants, etc, and crafts.

Short Circuit Walks

August the 4th, Pauperhaugh and the River Coquet, 6 miles. Meet south of river over bridge off B6344, NZ101995.

August 18th, Roman Wall, to be confirmed. Contact Ian Hunter on 0191 2745723.

WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 6th August in the small hall in the Community Centre at 7.00pm.

The speaker will be Glynis Grainger on Mary Eleanor Bowes (the Scandalous Countess) and the competition is an item of Royal Memorabilia.

If you would like to come along and spend the evening with us you can be sure of a friendly, interesting time. Age does not matter; our members are in their 30s upwards. Why not come as a visitor; you can visit three times before deciding if you wish to join and you can be sure of a warm welcome.

Derwentside Byways and Bridleways

August 7th, 7.00pm. Meet at the Derwent Manor Hotel, off the A68, just north of the River Derwent at Allensford.

Lanchester Early Music Festival

Saturday 11th August at 7.30 pm, The Parish Church of All Saints, Lanchester. "Sebastian's Friends". Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord and organ) presents A Recital of Music for Harpsichord and Organ by Johann Sebastian Bach and his Circle of Friends, Family and Students, Krebs, Kirnberger, Goldberg, Homilius and Muthel.

Saturday 25th August at 7.30 pm, "Connoisseurs and Music-Lovers". Philip Cull (oboe) and Dr Ian Brunt (flute, organ, harpsichord) present a programme of Masterworks for Oboe and Flute by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach and Georg Philipp Telemann, with Organ and Harpsichord Works by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach and Franz Joseph Haydn. Tickets £8 / £5 concessions free. Admission at the door or reservations in advance by enclosing an SAE to Dr Ian Brunt, The Lodge, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0LF, with cheques made payable to "All Saints Lanchester PCC".

Thursday Club

There will be no meeting of the Thursday Club in August, but members going on the Durham Cathedral tour on Wednesday the 15th of August need to assemble in the Community Centre car park ready to depart from the village at 12.30 pm. Our September meeting is on the 20th, at 7.15 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. We shall be welcoming Kathleen and Harry Gilbert to share their 'Postcards from Brazil'.

PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday the 22nd of August at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Lanchester Reading Group

The group begins on Tuesday 25th September at 2 pm until 3.30 pm once a fortnight. Our choice of books for this session is 'The Hungry Tide' by Amitav Ghosh and 'The Vanishing Life of Esme Fairfax' by Maggie O'Farrell. We would welcome new members. Contact Suzanne Eckford on 01207 529155 or bill_eckford@talktalk.net for further details.

WHAT'S ON?

Autumn Fair

Croft View management committee are holding an Autumn Fair at Croft View on Saturday 13th October from 11 am - 2.30 pm. There will be several stalls selling cakes, savouries, cup cakes, b r i c - a - b r a c and refreshments. As well as an exhibition of some old photographs of Lanchester and the surrounding area, we are hoping to include photographs of "The Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch" and the recent "Big Flood". We would ask anyone who took photographs of either or both of these events to contact us so that we can include them in the exhibition. All photographs will be returned and acknowledgements given to the people who supplied them. Please contact any member of the Croft View Management Committee or Eric Hepplewhite on 521323.

Ceilidh

Lanchester Partnership is holding its Autumn Ceilidh at the Social Club on Saturday October 27th. To reserve places ring 01207 528 114 or ring any Partnership trustee.

Tanfield School Centenary

Tanfield School celebrates its 100th Anniversary with a party in October for former pupils, staff and members of the Association. Included on the guest list will be two local Members of Parliament, Pat Glass and Kevin Jones, former Head Teachers and well known prominent ex pupils. Both MP's will speak at the function. There will be a buffet and a celebration cake. A book entitled '100 Not Out' will

be published at the time of the event priced at £12 but may be ordered now at £10 per copy from Peter Brown.

The function will take place at the school on Saturday 13th October, at 6.30 pm. for 250 people. The same function will be repeated on the following Saturday, 20th October, at the same place and time for a further 250 places. Tickets are priced at £15.00 per head.

Contact for further information: Fred Westwater on 520152. Contact for tickets: Peter Brown, 9 Edencroft, West Pelton, Stanley, Co Durham, DH9 6SF. Tel: 0191 3701652.

Have fun and keep fit

If you feel you have not been able to get much exercise this summer due to the dreadful weather, why not come along to the Low Impact Circuit Training at the Community Centre. It is held on every Tuesday at 2.15 pm in the Main Hall and lasts for an hour. We really enjoy ourselves and we can make it as energetic as we wish. Led by Harry, the session starts with warm-up exercises done together, then we go in pairs round the 'circuit', doing different activities, so if you feel you might not know what to do, a partner will show you. For the last 15 minutes we do relaxing exercises on a mat on the floor, which nevertheless tone up the muscles. Cost is ONLY £3 per session. Everyone welcome, ladies and gentlemen, young and old. Come and try it!



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WALNEY TO WEAR CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

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Following a structured and hard winter training period the group very enthusiastically departed from Chester-le Street in their support vehicle ready to complete the 153 miles over the weekend of 11th-13th May 2012. Day

1 involved a gruelling 63 miles of undulating terrain from Barrow in Furness around the southern edge of the Lake District, culminating at Orton. Day 2 involved a shorter distance of 32 miles but took in the highest climb of the weekend over the

top of the Yorkshire Dales stopping for a pint at the famous Tan Hill Inn (Britain's highest pub at 1732ft). The final day involved 58 miles of familiar surroundings following disused railway lines taking in Barnard Castle and Durham City

before reaching the sea front at Sunderland on the afternoon of Sunday 13th May. After 5 weeks of sponsorship collection all that was left to do was to hand over a cheque for the sum of £630.00 to Mr Paul Adams of the North

East Riders Branch of the Royal British Legion. A big vote of thanks goes out to all of the personnel from the village that kindly supported and sponsored the event. **YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE!** Jeff Maughan

LYKE WAKE WALK TREK FOR HENRY DANCER DAYS

On 16th June, twenty nine walkers set out on the Lyke Wake Walk, a forty mile trek across the North York Moors. The walk was organised by Trina Hodgson and Jill Archer back in November, when they decided to do the walk in aid of Henry Dancer Days, a charity set up by their friend Jane Natrass, in memory of her son, 12 year old Henry who died of Osteosarcoma, a very aggressive bone cancer. When Trina and Jill began to talk about their intentions, people began to volunteer to do the walk with them. They could never have imagined that they would end up with so many walking companions.

They set off from Osmotherley at 5.45 am. The conditions were overcast and raining. The backup teams waved them off with clear instructions where to meet the walkers at each checkpoint with food, refreshments and with masses of encouragement. The first 20 miles, although difficult, were clear to follow with pathways. The next 20 miles were much harder as the terrain changed to boggy moorland. The weather leading up to the walk had been rainy for a number of weeks and the conditions were particularly difficult. The

paths were running streams and the walkers had to pick their way through the heather to find dry patches to step on. The small streams they had to cross were raging torrents, resulting in long diversions being taken in order to pass over. By this time, many people were suffering with blisters, chaffing and exhaustion. Although a few of the walkers dropped out, they had all done extremely well having all covered 20 miles plus.

Jill led the first group of walkers back at 10.30 at night, with Trina coming in with the last group of walkers at 1 am. Jane was there to greet them all with hugs and thanks and presented them with their Lyke Wake Walk badges. Although everyone was exhausted, they were all elated that they had completed this immense challenge. They all agreed that they could not have done it without the fantastic support that they had received from the backup team. Trina Hodgson "I would like to thank the organisers, walkers, their sponsors and support drivers who raised an amazing £9,342 for Henry Dancer Days by doing the Lyke Wake Walk." Jane Dancer

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WALNEY TO WEAR CHARITY CYCLE RIDE



The group at the finishing point in Sunderland

In the autumn of 2010 seven personnel from the Chester-le-Street Bus Depot of Go North East initiated a plan for a charity cycle ride which would be completed in May 2012. With a large contingent of Ex-Servicemen working in the establishment it was decided to raise funds for the local branch of the Royal British Legion. With the charity and individuals signed up all

that was left was to select a challenging cycle route. The traditional Coast to Coast cycle route is a significant challenge; however, a number of the group had already completed it. So a unanimous decision was made to complete the Walney to Wear route which is a less popular version of travelling from the west coast of Cumbria to Sunderland.

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LYKE WAKE WALK TREK FOR HENRY DANCER DAYS



The Lyke Wake Walk participants pose for a photograph during their 40 mile trek which raised £9,342 **Story on Page 23**

LOWEST TO HIGHEST CHALLENGE

This bike ride, from the face of Boulby Potash mine to the summit of Ben Nevis a ride of 330 miles. There were 14 riders with 2 support crew, raising funds for Cancer Research.

"We started our journey at the deepest part of Boulby Mine on the coast 12 miles north of Whitby with the aim of reaching the top of Britain's highest peak over 5 days using muscle power alone as far as possible, apart from the shaft at the Mine. We all eventually arrived at Slaley Hall for the first stopover after one or two hiccups earlier with someone's pedal falling off, buckled rims with riders colliding, some of us getting lost!

For the next 3 days we cycled with further one night stops at Peebles and Callander, some of it tough going before all of us arrived safely at Fort William on the afternoon of Thursday 21st. My cycle computer recorded 330 miles over the four days.

On Friday 22nd we reached the summit of Ben Nevis, Mission Accomplished".

It's always nice to have visitors using the village facilities, especially those raising funds for a good cause. The riders raised over £1000 for the charity. If anyone else wishes to donate, they can do so on www.justgiving.com/Dan-Armstrong.



Thanks to Bob Glass who came across these intrepid travellers during a refreshment stop in Lanchester

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by **Tuesday 21st August**. The deadline for **adverts** is **19th August**.

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