

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## JUBILEE EDITION



### THE DIAMOND JUBILEE BIG LUNCH



Left, Aiden and Lynn Hedley arrive at the 'Big Lunch' in style. Above, Diane Tute and Jill Gladstone really look the part, Eddie Hughes helping in the background.

This was an extravaganza! It was probably one of the greatest occasions in the history of Lanchester. The crowds came in droves for the prompt start at 12.30 on Sunday, 3rd June. The two seating areas in the yard and the main hall of the EP School were filled to capacity and more tables were laid for late comers. Everyone was happy with the atmosphere buzzing with excitement. The tables were colourful as were many of those who dressed for the occasion. *continued on pages 4/5*



*The number of people and tables indicates the vastness of the Jubilee Big Lunch*





# Dear Village....

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Dear Village Voice

I would like, through your columns, to thank the lady and gentleman (both unknown to me) who came to my rescue on 31st May, near the Community Centre, when I had a nasty fall which resulted in a wrist injury and two fractured ribs, later requiring A&E treatment.

Being in a somewhat shocked and dazed state at the time I don't think I then adequately made clear just how grateful I was for the help I desperately needed to get back on my feet, so may I do so now and say 'Thank you both very much indeed' to my two good Samaritans.

Marjorie Dickinson (Miss)

Dear All

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Jane Dancer

Dear Village Voice

We would like to say a big thank you and well done to all the people who organised the Jubilee party on 3rd June. It was amazing to see the support the people of Lanchester gave to such a special occasion. Young, old, very old and very young came together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of an amazing lady, Her Majesty The Queen.

Thank you again.

Betty and Ann Calland

Dear Village Voice

I would like to offer my thanks to those friends and relatives who made my recent surprise birthday party such a success. Special thanks to my granddaughter Louise Smith who arranged the whole event in secret with military precision. Whilst I love her dearly (dearly being the operative word) I will of course not trust her in any way in future.

I'm assured by those I have spoken to that I had a great time although it must be admitted that some of the evening is a little unclear.

Once again thank you all for coming and making my declining years such a pleasure.

Tony Corry

Dear Village Voice

A big thank you to all who came to the Art Exhibition on the 9th and 10th of June.

Alan Williams

## FENHALL DRIFT LODGE BANNER

The Banner has now been returned to Lanchester under the custodianship of Lanchester Parish Council.

The banner was made in 1960 and carries illustrations of the Parish Church on one side and a Roman Figure and Miner on the other side.

Following the closure of the Fenhall drift, the banner has been relocated in several communities across County Durham before returning to Lanchester this year.

Advice has been sought on the work and repairs needed to the banner and a group needs to be established to co-ordinate the works and raise the necessary funds for the project to progress. If any members of the community are interested in becoming part of the working group please contact Sally on 01207 521957. The first meeting of the group will take place on Thursday 12th July at 4.30 pm at Park House, Station Road, Lanchester.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

13th-19th May 2012

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## COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for May 2012 is 33. The draw was made by Frank Redfearn of Computers for All.

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# LANCHESTER CARNIVAL

The Lions Carnival is a firm favourite on the events calendar of our village and is usually held in June. This year however the month and venue were different but did not detract in any way from our enjoyment of it. In the past there have been too many wet carnival days and this year it was felt that rain would not 'stop play' and Mrs Davis kindly gave her consent to the holding of the carnival in the EP school. She feels strongly that her school should be involved with the community and is always co-operative.

There was no rain which was splendid although it was a little cool outside but this did not affect the activities outdoors. Everyone was in carnival mood and there was lots of spending and fun. Lanchester Brass Band were in attendance and played a variety of marches and songs for one hour. They love performing and if you ever have occasion to need a band then they would be delighted to perform. Next to them were the Ben Hur motorbike club with several of their bikes on display. More than one young man stood gazing with admiration at the gleaming machines, perhaps dreaming of owning one some day. A few youngsters did try sitting on one, looking every inch a biker.

The very young children enjoyed the 'cup and saucer' round about while

others tried their hand at winning a coconut. Quite a few children did and proudly carried them around. You could enjoy a game of football on the field and if that exercise made you hungry you could buy a very tasty hot dog at one of the Lions stalls. Delicious ice cream was also available. The tennis club had a stall of toys and tombola, with prizes well worth winning. The Partnership had an activity stall which was popular with the children. Inside the hall there was a very delicious cake and goodies table to tempt everyone. The Lady Lions had provided this tempting food and the large number of wonderful homemade cup cakes went down very quickly. They also provided scones with jam and cream and with a nice cup of tea or coffee, it made an ideal excuse for a sit down and chat (something we ladies always like to do).

For those who enjoy board games you could indulge in a game of Ludo, Snakes and Ladders or Draughts outside, on giant boards. In the small hall there was plenty of activity. An excellent 'Punch and Judy' show took place on the hour and was very popular with the young children and their parents! Punch can always work his magic! There was also face painting and books and toys for sale in the hall. Willow Burn fundraisers

were present and had an attractive merchandise and tombola stall.

The weather may have been a little dull but the carnival was far from dull. The comradeship and friendliness and general demeanour of all who attended marked this carnival a sound success. All the people who worked so hard for it can be

congratulated and should feel proud of what they achieved. Thank you Lions and where and whenever it may be next year, we will be there!

Brenda Craddock

PS The profit from the Carnival was lower than usual this year with £700 being made on the day. However, it was a very successful day despite the

weather and all the fundraising stalls on the field reported that they had done very well and made excellent funds for the various charities and good causes which they were representing.

In the Spot the Tennis Ball competition held by the Tennis Club, the winning square was E5; the winner was Stephen Wright.



*The Punch and Judy Show*

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*Carter and Kacey Thomas had their faces painted*



# THE DIAMOND JUBILEE BIG LUNCH



*This group seem to be enjoying their lunch despite the cold*

*continued from page 1* led by Master of Storm clouds had Ceremonies, Mark gathered and it was fairly cold but at least the rain held off and all the outside activities went ahead. Nothing on this special day would have stopped people from enjoying themselves. The food was magnificent and plentiful with savouries and cakes brought to each table by the many helpers on duty. Almost 1000 people attended which says so much for The Jubilee Grace was Her Majesty the Queen



*Some great little chaps on the hoopla*



*I'm supposed to be playing croquet but I'm better at golf!*

and her 60 years dedicated reign and her loyal subjects in Lanchester! Maurice Ridley on his piano accordion played nostalgic background music in the hall while music coming through the speakers outside was also appropriate. The Jubilee cake, made by American lady, Melissa Swartz, was magnificent with fruit

depicting the national flag. Not a detail was missed in this enormous event - there was even a lost child area! Activities both inside and outside school were well used and varied. The exhibition of memorabilia, maps, old photos of Lanchester and its people was exceptional. Craftrooms were excellent as was the 1952 games room which

included meccano and bagatelle. Face painting, always popular with children did not disappoint. The queues were never ending. Mark Grimes constantly updated people with information with the roving microphone. Outside activities included tennis, football, rugby, croquet, golf putting, badminton, *continued on next page*



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skipping, hoopla, craft making and an ice cream stall. People of all ages joined in the fun.

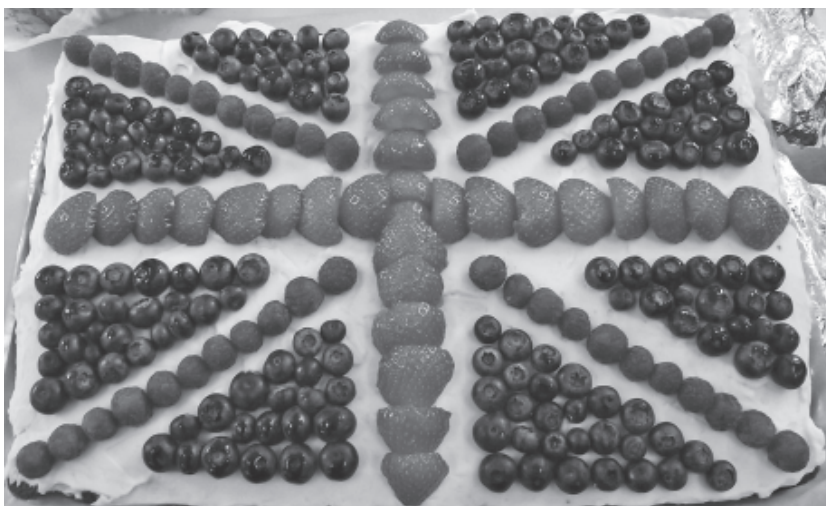
It all began at Easter with an ECG (Equipping, Calling, Going) Christian gathering at Scarborough. From that occasion The Big Lunch evolved, with Olna Andrew taking a prominent lead. Socially the Big Lunch was a huge success. Logistically The Big Lunch was a magnificent effort: Val Hill took on the publicity; Olna Andrew was in charge of transport and furniture with a large hard working team

sourcing tables and chairs from local schools and Methodist circuit churches - a mammoth task; Martin Joyce managed to find 15 stewards; Mel Polly presented everyone with a New Testament emblazoned with the Union Jack, courtesy of the three churches. Everyone who attended The Big Lunch was asked to sign a register which will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen.

Sue Somersall ran 'front of house' with 20 volunteers; Ray Hill arranged outside activities with 50 helpers. What a team of Lancestrians! They were all fantastic and worked tremendously hard. All the aforementioned are due a huge vote of thanks. Head Teacher, Jane Davis, willingly gave the school and turned up at 6.00 am with Mel, Martin, and others to open up, before departing on holiday, having returned from the final of the Comenius Project in Spain the previous night. Jane also deserves a big thank you. As villagers left the event the buzz was still



*A well used area - such a fascinating display of 'old Lanchester'*



*The magnificent cake made by Melissa Swartz*



*One of the busy inside tables with people enjoying themselves*



# VILLAGE BUS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



*A large group who dressed for the occasion of the Jubilee Fundraising event for the Village Link Bus*

Jubilee Celebrations continued when Karin Social Club on Thursday, Bravington organised a 7th June, to raise money

for the much appreciated village bus. The hall was decorated in red, white and blue and patriotic music was playing when the 50 or so people who attended arrived. As usual plenty of beautiful, home-made food had been donated (even some of the cakes were iced in colours appropriate for

the occasion) and the theme was continued in the clothes most people were wearing. The competition for the best red, white and blue outfit was won by Maureen Heron who looked delightful in white skirt, blue top and red cardigan with a lovely hat decorated with roses. Runners up

were Sheila Hunter, again in the three colours and Anne Carr, looking very regal in a purple dress with sash, jewellery and crown. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and there were a raffle and tombola with the usual abundance of good prizes. Comments overheard were 'A lovely, *continued on next page*

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*Marie Harrison in charge of the busy tea counter*





*A toast to the Queen, and the National Anthem at the fundraising event for the Village Link Bus*

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Lanchester Partnership thanked everyone for supporting the bus and Karin added her thanks. She would like to give a big Thank you to Trish and Teresa from the Club, Marie and Marion who worked so hard while having problems with the hot water supply, Lyn on tombola, Mavis and Mike on the raffle, Alan for his assistance with the

decoration, Pam for helping with the clearing up and Jill wherever needed. But most of all she would like to thank all those who attended and created the lovely atmosphere. The total amount raised was the magnificent sum of £435.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACON



*Tommy Thompson, Chair of Cornsay Village Residents' Association, lights the Diamond Jubilee beacon funded by Mid Durham AAP at the village's chilly celebrations.*

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## 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



*Meg Bell celebrates her 80th birthday with friends in Lanchester*

Meg Bell celebrated her 80th birthday with a surprise gathering of friends in Lanchester. Meg, with husband Andy lived in the village from 1968 until 2002, first in Mount Park Drive and later in Newbiggen Lane before moving to Annfield Plain in 2002. Meg will be remembered by many villagers as the person who managed Turnbull & Parkinson Estate Agents and the Halifax Building Society Agency in Front Street for 14 years. Although not living here now both

Meg and Andy are very regular visitors to the village for various social functions. Following the surprise birthday event in Lanchester Meg and Andy travelled to Newbury to see their son, Gordon, and family for another celebration on June 4th, that special date. Whilst there they were suddenly whisked off to Venice for a four night stay, courtesy of Gordon who with wife Julie joined them for this wonderful occasion. Andy and others were in on the secret but for Meg it was a complete surprise.

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## MEET MRS JANETTE MARKLEW

Mrs Marklew is a new member of staff at the EP school. She is not one of the teaching staff. Her post is entitled 'School Business Manager' and this is the first post of its kind at the school. She has School Business Management

qualifications and has already been a Deputy School Business Manager. Her role in the school is supportive but mainly in the background. She is there to make sure that the school is equipped with the best resources, at the best possible price. She will also have some influence on all the fundraising in which the school is involved. In other words she is a specialist in managing money. Already Janette is enjoying her time in the school. Mrs Davis and her staff have made her very welcome and she has already found that it is a very happy friendly

school. Although she will not be organising school events she will definitely be supporting them and is looking forward to that social aspect of the school. She also has a great interest in music, so once again the school can indulge that interest.

Mrs Marklew lives in Durham and has four children and 4 grandchildren and a puppy with whom she is sharing dog training classes. She loves taking her dog for walks. Welcome to Lanchester, Janette, we wish you a long happy successful association with the school.

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*Janette Marklew at her desk*



## LANCHESTER SHOPS DRESSED FOR THE JUBILEE



*Above, the Red Cross shop and left, Sweets & Treats, Lanchester Pharmacy and Peters were all suitably decorated to celebrate the Jubilee.*



## TOM COWIE GRANT

The Community Centre has been awarded a grant of £4,100 from the Tom Cowie Foundation to go towards the purchase of new gym equipment. The gym fundraising team has also raised £1,900 over the past two years from the sale of refreshments, books and profits from raffles. This £6,000 will be used to purchase a Crosstrainer and a Cycle to replace equipment that was bought some ten years ago. The gym is open seven days a week and offers a local facility to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Membership offers range from annual to monthly payment schemes or you can just pay as you go, with special offers available from time to time to encourage more people to use the facilities. With the Olympics in mind the gym will have a **SPECIAL OFFER** available in July 2012 of one month's membership for £20.12 and for the under 18's for £12.20 and you can come as often as you like for 31 days from taking up this offer. The gym is open for 16 sessions a week, each of at least 2 hours, so come along and give it a try.



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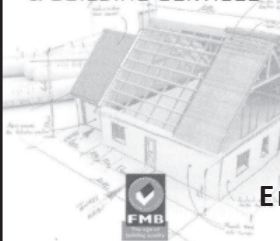
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## LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12th June 2012

After the usual preliminaries, Sheila Parmerly, Durham County Council Strategic Manager and Jane Lesage from Durham County Council Children and Young People Department discussed with Members the proposed future use of the Green School, namely that of Local Education Alternative Education Provision. This will be for 50-70 year 10 and 11 students who cannot cope with mainstream education for one reason or another but who are not statemented or have special needs. A full report will follow next month.

### Correspondence

A letter from Lanchester Adult Football Team, requesting the use of the football field for the 2012/13 season was considered. It was agreed that consent be given with the proviso that the commencement of

playing might have to be delayed due to the very wet weather and consequent state of the pitch.

### Signs and seats on Front Street

The Lead Officer read out a letter from a resident concerned about obstructions on the public footpath and it was agreed that the resident be informed that this is a matter for the Highways Authority.

### Lanchester Heritage Walks Leaflets

Letter has been received from a resident in praise of the walks.

### Area Partnership/Parish Council Committee

The next Meeting is on 11th July.

### Code of Conduct

The Lead Officer informed Members that after 1st July a new set of Codes will have to be adopted. In the meantime the present Code was re-affirmed.

### Lanchester Show

Arrangements were made for Members' attendance at the Show and which activities, publications etc would form part of the Parish Council display in the Craft Marquee.

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**Nine Month Bond** Members received information on the current investment and future bond opportunities were discussed.

### Chairperson's Announcements

Cllr Johnston said it was good to see the hanging baskets up again and he thanked all those involved in decorating the village green for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

### Questions from Members

Cllr Jackson asked if the subject of the 30 mph speed restriction outside St Bede's School could be put on next month's Agenda as nothing had been heard about this.

### Date of Next Meeting

This will take place in the Conference Room, Park House, at 7.15 pm on Tuesday, 10th July 2012.

## POLICE REPORT

Reporting period: 24/04/12 to 23/05/12

Number of calls for the area: 59

Community related calls (ie those listed below): 11

- \* Burglary 1 (shed)
- \* Anti-social behaviour 4
- \* Criminal damage 5
- \* Thefts 1

### Community Operations

L A N C H E S T E R PUBWATCH has now been set up, resulting in two persons banned from the Lanchester and Derwentside area.

### Positive policing results

Males found guilty of two in one burglary circa Christmas 2011 and given 3 year prison sentence.

### Update regarding the former 6th form college

The Estates Officer at Durham County Council has advised the following:

'...brick pillars which have collapsed, we originally thought this was due to criminal damage however a recent inspection has confirmed

that the collapse is due to a structural problem with the wall.'

'We have also increased the night time patrols however we cannot employ 24 hour cover as we don't have any budget to do so.'

'The building is due to be occupied again from September this year by the Council so hopefully the incidents will die off. In the meantime works will be commencing to bring the building back to a habitable state so there should be more on site presence over the coming weeks.'



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

I was honoured to be asked to open the Lanchester Lions Carnival on 19th May. The weather was not great but the rain stayed away for most of the day. I have the greatest of respect for the Lanchester Lions who do a huge amount for our village, some of which is very visible like the Carnival, the OAP Christmas lunch and the bonfire night fireworks, but much of which goes on quietly behind the scenes. I

was really pleased to be able to announce that the bonfire fireworks will go ahead this coming November but I want to call on people who can and who are interested to get involved with the Lions, to support their work in the village and to make sure that work can continue into the future.

In the wider world the two big summer events so far this year have been the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

celebrations and the journey of the Olympic torch through our county. On both occasions the weather has been less than kind but that has not taken anything away from the occasions. I stood in Langley Park last Saturday afternoon with rain dripping down the back of my neck waiting excitedly, along with hundreds of other people, for the torch to come into sight. I wish to congratulate those

who carried the torch through our region, people who represent the best in our area and our society, on doing such a special job. It was great to attend a truly fantastic once in a lifetime event.

Finally I want to say a few words about the buses. I have been approached by a number of people who are very pleased that we have managed to get some limited weekend services reinstated but who are worried about the future. I just want to

remind readers that the reinstated bus services are part of a pilot to evaluate take-up and usage and that if we do not use them we will lose them.

I am always keen to hear from constituents so if you need to contact me on any issue of concern, please write to me at Pat Glass MP, Gledstone House, 26 Newmarket Street, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 5LQ, by email at pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk, or phone my office on 01207 501 782.

## THANKS FROM WILLOW BURN

### Tea@3 - a massive success

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed to Lanchester Barclays' Tea@3. Some of the hospice staff got down to sample the delights baked by the bank staff and other well-wishers, and we were genuinely delighted at the friendly atmosphere created by Ken's team. It was nice to see so many customers and fellow shop keepers, getting involved and offering donations whilst enjoying a snack or picking up plates of lunches. The hospice is extremely grateful for the effort put in by the team, and especially Kim Gourlay who even managed to get Leadgate Sorting Office involved, by holding a morning Tuck Shop on the same day.

### Shaken and Well Stirred!

Willow Burn would like to extend a big thank you to Mr Paul Jackson for holding his annual Charity Cocktail Evening in June. The event in the Parish Centre, which featured

free brandy-based cocktails, canapés, buffet supper, raffle, quiz and an auction, was very well attended and raised a magnificent £1100. Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and supported Paul in making the night such a huge success.

### St Bede's School Shows Its Support

The hospice would like to express its gratitude to staff and pupils at St Bede's School for raising the sum of £2500 by way of various charity activities throughout 2011/12. This is a fantastic amount of money and will of course be put to good use.

### Cool Collecting

Thank you to everyone who has supported Terry Pinnegar, our Lanchester and Burnhope Collection Box Volunteer, who has been able to add another six collection boxes to his round.

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## SUMMER FAIR AT ALL SAINTS

Several local events lately have found themselves at the mercy of uncertain weather conditions, so it was a pleasant surprise to see the morning of Saturday, May 26th turn out to be warm and sunny in readiness for the Summer Fair at All Saints' Primary School. Early shoppers found a variety of stalls and activities had been set up on the school's playing fields, with tea, cakes and coffee available to provide a rest from the shopping. The BBQ proved popular, sending out delicious smells of sausages and burgers, tempting everyone away from thoughts of a summer diet. The face painting facility was popular with younger children, and the

young ladies pampered themselves in the Beauty Corner, where they could have their nails decorated and their hair braided. A popular visitor to the Fair was 4 year old Ben and his Police woman handler. Ben is a black Labrador, and with Jet, another Labrador, the dogs tour schools and events, meeting the public and reminding youngsters of the ways they can keep themselves safe. Stalls across the field sold sweets, books etc, and a raffle attracted many who



*Ben visits the fair, bringing important messages for children*

fancied a flutter. A coconut shy, 'Hook a Duck' game and a Bottle Stall provided fun, and as always, the Tombola was a very popular attraction. The pleasing total of £2,767 was raised, and this will provide the school students with equipment to enjoy outdoor activities. Well done everyone!



*Early shoppers enjoy the sun*



*The Beauty Corner was popular with fashion conscious young ladies*



## SPONSORED TODDLE



*Nursery children with parents set off for their Sponsored Toddle for Barnardos*

Nursery children and parents etc gathered on a glorious day, Wednesday 23rd May, for their Sponsored Toddle for Barnardos. They began with a preliminary toddle around the yard led by teacher, Mrs Sarah Hume, to the catchy tune of the 'Toddle Song'. Then they toddled off to the play park where they enjoyed games and a picnic before toddling back to the nursery for home time. The total sent to Barnardos was the huge sum of £508.50.

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## Gardening in July

July is the time when schools break up and all of the family can make good use of the garden. This can be rugs on the lawn and meals outside. Just ignore any weeds that you see whilst you are eating!

### Flowers

The main jobs this month involve keeping up a good watering scheme for containers as well as beds and borders, removing faded flowers to encourage a continuity of blooms, and sowing biennial seeds for next year.

Rising temperatures bring extra demand for water but the use of the sprinkler is not really viable even though, thanks to Kielder, we do not have a hosepipe ban. You need to concentrate your supply on plants that

need it to keep them flowering and cropping but leave established plants to fend for themselves. Pots and baskets need daily water but do this in the evening and use hand watering methods to ensure that it gets to the roots. All plants will benefit from the removal of dead blooms but particularly sweet peas and roses so that flowering will continue until autumn. Also cut back lupin heads so that a new one will form just below your cut. Seeds that need to be sown this month for next year include Bellis (Double Daisy), Sweet William and Violas all of which are good value, easy to grow and which can be used for spring flowering of beds, borders and baskets.

### Vegetables

July is the month to enjoy picking and eating fruits such as strawberries, raspberries, cherries and currants. With summer fruiting raspberries, blackberries and hybrid berries, cut down the fruited canes once you've finished harvesting. You need to increase your watering of tomatoes and feed them regularly once the first truss has set. As soon as crops have come to an end, like broad beans, you need to lift them and make more use of the land.

### General

Cut your lawns regularly not forgetting to trim the edges and put your clippings to good use by turning them into compost. Remove any suckers from the base of roses, trees and shrubs.

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The event, held on 2nd June in Satley Village Hall was attended by 80 residents from in and around the village. The Joint Stock Ceilidh Band

provided the excellent entertainment funded by the Parish Council. A faith supper was enjoyed by all, and the hall looked beautiful

decorated with homemade bunting and flowers. Everyone had a great time as you can see from the photo above.

## HERITAGE WALKS 5 - South Ridge

A dry day tempted me to do this 7 mile walk before the forecast rain arrived, so with my friend and our four dogs we set off up Cadger Bank with a strong wind against us. We turned off the busy road just before Hollinside and walked through a farm and fields, most of the stiles on the way having a convenient, user-friendly

gate next to them. One stile, however, which was high and narrow, with not much of a gap between the rails for the dogs to squeeze through, was into a field in which there were four horses. On seeing us, they started galloping about, bucking and kicking, coming alarmingly close, the biggest one coming nearest, of course. It was rather unnerving, but we continued through the property into another huge field, where the horses were curious but did not come too close, until we reached a quiet lane. This led us to a long field, at the other end of which was another lane which we followed until we reached a road. We began a long, steep climb, tiring at this point of the walk as we had been out for some time. Then through a cornfield; keeping to the edge where the ground was uneven and hard going. There were quiet,

open fields all around us with only sheep and lambs for company; we forget sometimes how much lovely, unspoilt countryside is all around us. Another track led to a road, and eventually we were turning for home. The rest was road work; we could have taken a short cut across a field according to the map, but the grass in it was very long, so we kept to the road, which was just as well as we probably couldn't have got the dogs over the stile at the other side. Eventually we reached Bargate Bank, which as usual was busy with fast traffic, and by the time we got home (having walked an extra half-mile each way to the village starting point), we had been out nearly 4 hours. This is the only walk where I have been stiff the next day, and I must be fitter by now!

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# IT IS BLOSSOM TIME IN THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD!

For those of you who do not know where we are, the orchard is at Margery Flatts Farm, just up Newbiggen Lane. After the article in the April edition of the Village Voice where it was reported that the first trees had been planted, we are all pleased to see the first blossom. Although we will not let the trees fruit for a few years yet, so that all the effort goes into maturing the tree, we are looking forward to some soft fruit from our other plantings soon.

The orchard is a Lanchester Partnership project, part of the Environment Group, to help make the community greener and to help reduce 'food miles'. If you are interested in joining, the subscription this year is £10 per household. This ensures a share of the fruit eventually, in return for some work in the orchard, physical effort as well as

helping to run the group. However there are other ways to help us. Several very generous people have donated unwanted tools for the allotment plots that are on the same field. The orchard group is also keen to help recycle any unwanted items. You can be assured we will put them to good use. Contact details below.

Also, having had some success grafting our own trees last year, this summer we are going to try another method of increasing the tree stock, budding. For this we need prunings of new wood from suitable trees. If you have a good apple, or any other fruit tree, pear, plum, damson or cherry tree and you would like to help add to the number of trees in the orchard, please let us know. It would entail the collection of the normal summer pruning wood, short twigs of about



*The first blossom in the Community Orchard*

500mm long. This pruning normally takes place in late July/early August and we would be grateful if you could make contact, if you would like to donate these stems so that we can grow on trees with a local origin. The fruit trees, when the

orchard is fully planted, will be arranged around the newly established allotment garden plots managed by the Margery Flatts Allotment Association. More about this venture below. There are still some plots available for which it

would be possible to cultivate this year. Contact Kate Wicks if you have any queries about the Lanchester Community Orchard or would like to donate any unwanted tools or prunings, Tel: 01207 520258.

## MARGERY FLATTS ALLOTMENTS

Despite the very inclement weather which we have been experiencing this year, in what is supposed to

be our summer season, the 'allotmenters' are all enjoying the opportunity to grow their own fruit and

vegetables in what is some very pleasant surroundings. Some of the current members are taking the

opportunity to try different methods of organic gardening, for example some are using a 'no dig' approach, while others are following the more traditional methods of digging over the soil and planting their seeds and/or small plants. For those budding gardeners out there who feel they would like the opportunity to 'grow their own' there are now some full (10 sq m) or half size allotment plots

which have become available.

Even though the season is some way through the plots can be worked for planting leeks or autumn vegetables or indeed worked for planting next year.

If anyone is interested please contact Bob (who is the allotment chairman) at bob@bobrussell.plus.com or Gemma (who is the allotment secretary) gem.eaton@gmail.com.



*An overall view of the allotments which gives some indication of both the size and scope of the individual plots*

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## A DAY FOR MEMORIES AT ALL SAINTS!



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The whole of Britain celebrated the Queen's Jubilee this summer, and on Friday June 1st, All Saints' Primary School joined in with their 'Red, White and Blue Day'. All the pupils came to school dressed in these patriotic colours, wearing a whole range of clothing and accessories, and creating a really striking and colourful picture. This was a 'Making and Doing Day' in which the children researched different aspects of this special time, and prepared for a traditional street party on the afternoon.

Mrs Bedford's Class 3 had watched footage of the

Queen's coronation, and had concentrated on the jewels worn on the occasion. They then made their own royal crowns, which they would wear during the afternoon street party. Year 1, Class 2 were making scrapbooks of the royal family, and enjoyed painting and colouring portraits of the Queen. In fact, the whole school was affected by the excitement of this special day.

The uncertain weather meant that the location of the party couldn't be decided until the very last minute, but when the sky cleared, tables were rapidly prepared at the

front of the school, where the event could be seen and shared by the passers by.

Head Teacher Karen McKenna talked to the children, reminding them of the importance of the day, before asking them to join her in saying 'Grace' before the party began. Three students sang 'God Save the Queen' very enthusiastically, and then the food appeared. Despite the fact that lunch had been eaten earlier, pupils showed their enjoyment of the feast!

This was the kind of day which will always be remembered by All Saints!



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# JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT THE EP

The last day before half term was an ideal occasion to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Staff and children really entered into the spirit of the occasion with picnic lunches being held both outside and inside the school in various year groups.

This was followed by the nursery, years 1/2 and reception children with the parents included, enjoying some traditional songs and dancing around in three large circles, with plenty of appropriate actions for each song. This took place in the nursery yard and

adjacent grassed area, led by Mrs Hume. It seemed like lots of fun for everyone.

The older pupils had a really wild time playing old fashioned games on the school field, thoroughly enjoying themselves as did the staff and watching parents.

The whole afternoon was a very colourful affair and a wonderful tribute and contribution to the Jubilee celebrations.

The Royal family were there in the form of models on poles in the garden area. They are well worth a look as they are extremely well made.



*Some year three pupils enjoy a picnic outside despite the cold*



*Traditional songs to music with actions led by Mrs Sarah Hume*



*One of the many bewildering traditional games*

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## LANCHESTER IN BLOOM

At this time of the year, with so many beautiful blooms available, the members of Lanchester and District Flower Club have a tremendous choice with which to work their magic.

The Flower Club is preparing for its 40th birthday celebrations next year, and planned activities include a special meal for the members, and a birthday cake to share. This is a friendly, lively group of women, and they enjoy a wide range of activities. On May 23rd, Wendy Smith, area demonstrator for the National Flower Arranging Society, led a demonstration and a workshop. Wendy is a regular visitor to Lanchester, working with

several groups and organisations.

Two beautiful but very different displays were created, the first being long and low in form, using orchid flowers and foliage, based around a central candle. The second arrangement was tall and elegant, set in a high pot and used wood and beads to enhance the overall look. In the workshop, members had the opportunity to develop their own ideas. The art of flower arrangement may hint at a genteel, refined pastime, but these Lanchester ladies are extremely knowledgeable about their flowers, and talk confidently of the use of colour, texture, shade and depth in their work.

The Flower Group meets in the village Community Centre on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 2 pm and offers a warm welcome to newcomers who would like to know more about their work. Original and individual displays can be made, at a fraction of the cost of those produced by flower shops, within a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. On June 22nd, at 7 pm, there will be an Open Demonstration, an opportunity to meet the members and find out more about their art. Refreshments will be available, and information about the event, and about the Flower Club, can be received by contacting Helen Tomlinson on 503667.



*Flower Club members admire the arrangements of  
Area Demonstrator Wendy Smith*

## NSPCC COFFEE MORNING

The very unseasonal weather didn't spoil my Coffee Morning which took place in my home on 7th June. The rain stayed away and the temperature was mild as my visitors came to

enjoy coffee, biscuits, cakes and scones, and try their luck at the well-stocked Tombola Stall. I would like to thank everyone who came and spent money, baked, provided tombola prizes

and helped out in any way. The result was £170.00 raised for the NSPCC which will be used for children in need in the north east of England. Thank you all.  
Chris Dunn



The unseasonable cold, showery weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the 24 members who attend the outside meeting. Led by Georgina Plowright, who is curator of the four English Heritage Museums on Hadrian's Wall, members were taken by minibus to the temple of Antenociticus at Benwell. Hidden in the midst of a quiet estate of semi-detached houses, the remains of the temple and two altars were well-preserved (some parts being replicas as the originals are in a museum). Georgina gave an interesting explanation of the Romans in this area, Antenociticus having an important position in the Army. Next we went to Hexham, where, after an hour and a half to have lunch and browse round the shops, we were met in the Abbey by historian Margaret Snape. She told us about the history of the Abbey and in two groups we went into the tiny crypt which contains



*Temple of Antenociticus at Benwell*

many interesting Roman stones taken from various Roman sites. After this we drove to Carrawburgh, not far from Chesters Roman fort, Georgina pointing out interesting facts about the Wall as we passed parallel to it. Here we plodged over wet fields, sheep taking no notice as they must be used to humans passing by, to see the remains of one of the three Mithraen temples found this section of the Wall. Again, Georgina told us many fascinating facts about the worship of Mithras and the

construction of the arriving back in the village temple. We set off for just after 4 pm. Chairman Lanchester along the John Thompson thanked Military Road, again the bus driver and also running alongside the Georgina, to whom he Wall, vallum and ditch, gave flowers, for her time

and the work she had put in preparing her talks. Judging by the comments as we all departed, everyone had thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER

### An Evening with Professor Paul Murray

On 17th May members from all the churches in Lanchester and Burnhope were addressed in Lanchester Methodist Church by Professor Murray, Head of the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University. Paul Murray is currently undertaking research in 'Positive Ecumenism', a mouthful, but which, as he explained, is simply about encouraging all the denominations to learn from each other and as a result grow stronger themselves and closer together. Professor

Murray impressed with his easy style, the obvious depth of his international reputation, but yet his 'feet on the ground' interest in local churches. He was impressed with the efforts Churches Together have made in Lanchester and Burnhope, and encouraged us now to seek to tackle some of the more difficult issues out of which he believes even greater progress towards unity can be made. There was a lively question time at the end and refreshments were enjoyed by all.



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# RED CROSS NEWS

On Saturday 12th May we had a street collection raising £154.34. I would like to thank everyone who gave donations. The Bikers in the village contributed to the large amount collected.

On 26th April volunteers from the shop attended a Red Cross Forum where members were presented with Long Service Medals. Those presented were:

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Jessie Goodall  
30 yrs Ian Gibson

## RED CROSS FREDA



*Red Cross members gathered together on Thursday 24th May to celebrate the retirement of Freda Smith seen here with her lovely smile and a bouquet.*

*Freda, one of the original volunteers, has served for 21 years.*

*Those in the photo who received Long Service Medals are (left to right) Ann Allen, Ann Suddes, Freda Smith, Ann Horner, Ian Gibson, Jill Davison and Jessie Goodall. Liz Marshall, Pat Campbell and Susan Weir also received the same but were not available for the photo call.*



## TEXTILE WORKSHOPS FOR RED CROSS

As a result of four days of workshops from 12th-14th May by highly acclaimed textile artist, Frances Pickering, the magnificent sum of £1805 was raised in Lanchester for the British Red Cross KwaZulu-Natal Orphans Appeal in South Africa. The realisation of this amount was only made possible by the generosity of those taking part in the workshops and the talents and very favourable terms given by Frances and her husband which made these workshops such a resounding success.

Frances lectured in textiles and taught embroidery for many years but now spends most of her time making stitched and illustrated books on many different subjects although nature and the countryside are her first loves. She uses unorthodox methods to decorate and fill the books

that she makes, recycling as many things as possible to turn them into something of worth and beauty. It was these skills which she demonstrated and passed on during the four days she spent in Lanchester and the sample books she brought demonstrated her very remarkable accomplishments as well as serving as a source of great inspiration to those taking part.

The workshops, held in the village Community Centre, were organised by Red Cross members Elaine Williams and Brenda Craik, and although they have done this as an annual fund-raising event for various Red Cross

Appeals for several years now, the amounts raised have never been on such a grand scale as this. The KwaZulu-Natal project cares for orphans and children affected by HIV in South Africa. A generous donor who visited the

project was so impressed with the work being carried out there that he pledged to match every donation given to this appeal. Consequently the total value of this event will be worth £3610 to the project - a truly impressive outcome.



*A sample stitched and illustrated book*

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## A DIFFERENT VIEW OF JESUS

This was an exceptional, if not unique art exhibition by local amateur artist Alan Williams. Apart from two fabulous, but entirely different paintings of tigers, and one landscape, the remaining twelve were the main theme of the display as the title suggests. It certainly was a different view of Jesus with the works in numerical order beginning at the Nativity and ending with the Ascension. The pictures

were created in various mediums. They were all striking - mainly drawn in straight lines, with few curves. His use of colours was pleasing on the eye and the finished pictures did have an emotional affect. Prices ranged from £5 to £50. Alan is a man who certainly has hidden talents! He first began to paint in 1973/4 continuing until 1988. For some reason which even he cannot explain he has resumed painting again

with some excellent results. It was a successful and well liked exhibition as shown by the comments book and some very good sales. It was a fine exhibition enhanced by the presentation on boards made by Alan and draped with some wonderful colours of hand dyed scrim, courtesy of his wife Elaine. It was a good team effort. Hopefully Alan will produce another collection of his work in the not too distant future.



Local amateur artist, Alan Williams, discusses his works, 'The Last Supper' and 'Man Alone', with visitors, Joyce Burt and Pat Campbell

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

We haven't been to the Manor House at Carterway Heads for a while and we felt particularly brave going when we did 'cos it was cold and rainy - it's generally even more cold and rainy when you venture up onto the A68 - but inside of course, it's a different story.

We found ourselves a most cosy spot, 3 tables were pushed together to accommodate us all and

then the very kind and attentive staff lit the log fire for us. They have a good bar menu written out on the blackboard (the restaurant is only open in the evenings) from which we sampled fish pie, slow roast belly pork on a bed of red cabbage and parsnip puree, honey roast ham salad served with pease pudding, new potatoes and crusty bread, a free range egg omelette with

mushrooms and a game pie - venison, hare, pheasant and pigeon cooked in a mushroom and red wine rich gravy. For puds it was Baileys Irish cream lumpy bumpy and a milk chocolate ice cream with coffees to follow.

The food was excellent with everyone thoroughly enjoying their meal. All in all, a meal to savour.

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## LANCHESTER AND BURNHOPE CHURCHES SUMMER FAIR

Despite the continued gloomy June weather, plenty of people turned up to support the Summer Fair at the Chapter House on Saturday 16th June. There was a lively feel about the place as people squashed themselves in to enjoy the Coffees/Teas, Strawberry and Cheese Scones. All the stalls which included Bric a Brac, Books, Toiletries, Cakes and Sweets and Tombola were extremely busy, and the welcoming people on the raffle were inundated with those crowding around to buy raffle tickets. It is a fairly small Fair but excellent in quality and the total raised was a remarkable, very satisfactory figure in excess of £700.



*The always busy cake table*



*Eric Gaskell welcomes everyone with an amusing speech*

## PLAYGROUP AND TINY TOTS CELEBRATE JUBILEE

On 5th June there was plenty of noise, activity and fun as the Playgroup held their own celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee. Disco Margaret, who came for expenses only, livened the place up as the children ran about and danced to her music. There was a raffle, face painting, word search, crafts and lots of games including Statues and 'Pass the Crown' rather than the parcel. The committee was helped with food, hot dogs etc by SPAR and Morrisons, to whom they are very grateful. The total raised at this colourful, noisy, but extremely happy event was a very satisfactory £317.51 which will go into the funds to keep the Playgroup in business. The names of the children who attended will be sent to the Palace for the Queen.



*Children playing a topical 'pass the crown' as opposed to the usual option of passing the parcel*



*Great game for children and the watching parents - Statues*

## JOHN O'GROATS TO LAND'S END (8½ YEARS)

Jim Rafferty, a long term resident of Lanchester, celebrates the completion of the John o'Groats to Land's End bike ride with friends Colin Barrass (right) and Gavin Mayhew (left). The ride took them a mere eight and a half years, but Jim said they had thoroughly enjoyed it all. "We didn't actually intend to do this. It was only when we'd ridden to Edinburgh in 2003, and over the Humber Bridge to Scunthorpe the following year that we decided we might as well continue in each direction. So our route was a bit unorthodox, and as we could only get limited time off work together, it took us a bit longer. We did one stage a year for a few years,

then quickened the pace by doing a stage each spring and autumn, getting the train each time to the last finish point." Highlights of the trip included an impromptu organ concert at Blair Atholl church, touring the Glenmorangie distillery, riding through the steel works at Scunthorpe and along the canal to Stratford upon Avon, Coventry cathedral, a dowsing lesson from a lady in a pub in Lydford, and seeing the Welcome to Cornwall sign. "We had a lot of fun, saw many interesting parts of the country, stopped for scenery, coffee, live music and book shops, and learned a lot - including not to do it again!"



*Jim Rafferty with his friends Colin Barrass (right) and Gavin Mayhew (left) have their photograph taken at Land's End with the signpost showing their furthest point to be a mere 874 miles away*



# AURA HEALTH BEAUTY AND HOLISTIC - ABOUT JACKIE

Jackie Brough re-located her business from Langley Park, where she spent 8 years above The Salon, to Front Street Lanchester, on 7th June. She is a qualified nurse who has worked for the NHS in the North East and Scotland for a number of years before pursuing her career in complementary medicine. Jackie comes to the village as a very highly qualified person in her field with a Higher National Diploma in Beauty Therapy from Caledonian University in Glasgow, where she was awarded 'Student of the Year'.

On returning to her native North East Jackie set up a Reflexology Clinic in Alnwick, and was involved in a BBC TV programme involving the progress of an IBS patient who found great relief from

her condition through this method.

After her marriage Jackie moved to Durham and lectured in Beauty Therapy for Teesside Education Authority. After further studies Jackie attained the status of Reiki Master and is fully qualified in the art of relaxation and pain relief.

Her current business has been established since April 2004 with an excellent client base and reputation.

Jackie is always keen to update her skills and provides clients with friendly informal surroundings. She is fully insured and a member of The Guild of Professional Therapists. We wish her every success in what is a very established business in a new location.



*Jackie prepares new client Anna for a facial*

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## BOWLING TEAMS OFF TO A GOOD START

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The Saturday team has won 5 games out of 7 played and the Monday team 4 wins from 5 matches with one game rained off. Quite the best start to a season for some time.

On Sunday June 17th we entertained a very strong Bowls Durham Presidents' team - a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with a fine tea. At last the weather has broken a little and players have the chance to get some of the club knock-out games played. We keep our fingers crossed for the remainder of the season.

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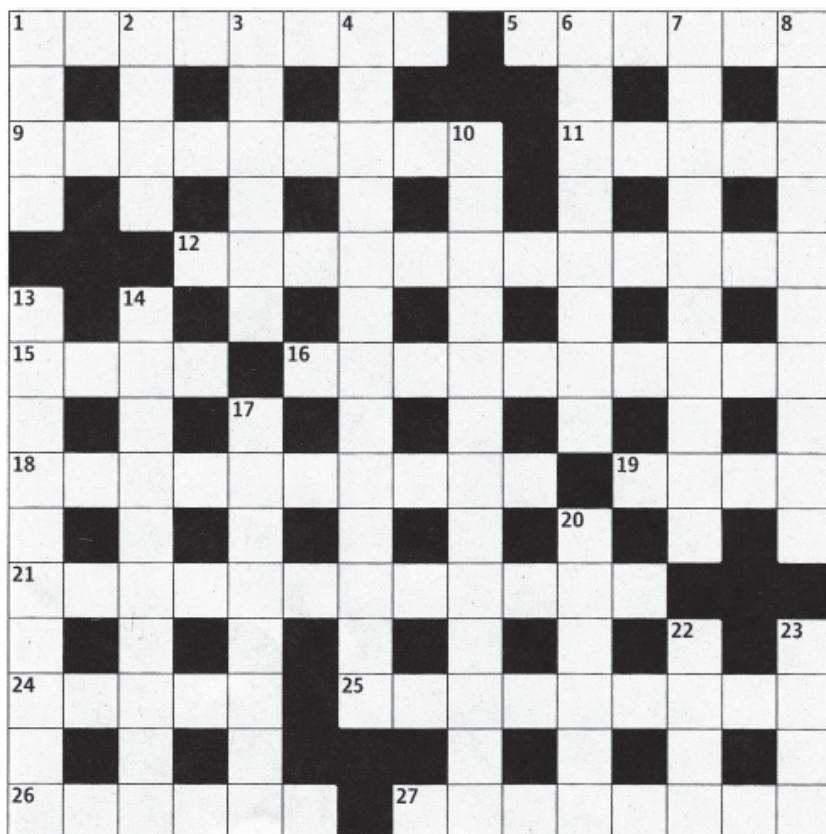


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# CROSSWORD 74



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## CROSSWORD 73

There were just 16 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Neville Hartley of Foxhills Crescent who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

### ACROSS

1. Good shot (8)
5. Vessels that smell slightly ? (6)
9. V-1 (9)
11. Chinese port on the Pearl River (5)
12. Fuel supplier (4,8)
15. Retreat (4)
- 16,3. Place where hard choices are made (fig) (4,6,6)
18. Play by Schiller (3,7)
19. Goes with bread, water and ash (4)
21. Tea's greyness is source of fossil fuels (6,6)
24. Pyromania (5)
25. Rascal (fig) (3,2,1,3)
26. Sprightly (6)
27. Purveyor of doom and gloom (8)

### DOWN

- 1,2. Shoved up (4,4)
2. See 1 down
3. See 16
4. Overly cheeky (fig) (2,4,2,5)
- 6,14. Copy fickle mission theme (5,3,8,2)
7. Gesture of contempt (4,1,5)
8. Draw a map (4,3,3)
10. Charisma (5,8)
13. In vogue (3,3,4)
14. See 6
17. Accommodation (8)
20. Prevent (6)
22. Fruit that sounds unpleasant (4)
23. Creep (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 73

### ACROSS

9. as plain as the nose on your face
10. abyss
11. earth
12. obedience
13. Premier
14. See 9
17. knead
19. bus
20. ankle
21. assayer
22. tycoons
24. digestion
26. loins
28. See 8
29. awe-struck

### DOWN

1. See 9
2. sparse
3. bad hair day
4. See 9
5. asbestos
6. taxi
7. hymn book
8. Isle of Man
13. pukka
15. emasculate
16. evens
18. easy game
19. Barbican
22. tandem
23. odious
24. doom
25. sink
27. sika

## 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.

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

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## WI JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

We held our Jubilee party (dress code: elegant) at June's on Wednesday 13th June. Fingers were crossed for fine weather and the committee prepared a beautiful afternoon tea for the members to enjoy. We had a lovely day; 25 ladies attended and as well as the delicious food we enjoyed playing games in the garden including croquet and hula hoops as the weather did stay dry most of the time. It was a special afternoon full of fun and laughter catching up with friends, eating and



*Five ladies wore hats and fascinators: they were Heather Muir, Jennifer Macdonald, Ann Carr, Maureen Barker and Jean Forster.*

enjoying ourselves, a lovely end to our Jubilee celebrations. Thank you June for inviting us to use your home for this special WI event.

## WI

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors informing members a list is out for a Kimono talk on 2nd August.

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

Ann Grosvenor won the raffle, competition winners were Jean Forster and Heather Muir.

Will members who are doing the walk and swim please include details of number of miles and where the activity was done, photos and leaflets. The trip to Paxton House will leave outside Peters

at 8.30 am on Wednesday 11th June.

Simon Nagi from Croft View Podiatry and Chiropody gave a short talk, details can be found on [croftviewpodiatry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:croftviewpodiatry@hotmail.co.uk).

Our speaker this evening was Sid Slawther speaking on his time behind the lines at Wimbledon. Sid took us from the 1960's at Whitley Bay ice rink when professionals toured, to when he was invited to Wimbledon. Then the outside courts had no "Hawk-Eye" so players often disagreed with the calls. It was also very easy to be distracted or as Dorothy Cavis-Brown did

in 1964 actually fall asleep. In 1979 Sid was given the 'high chair' until at last he was chosen for the centre court where he was told he had to sit with his knees together as he was in front of the Royal box. He carried on to umpire the finals for many famous players. Sid said that Wimbledon is like a huge garden party, a wonderful place to people watch and to use the outside courts for free viewing.

This was a very interesting, informative and humorous talk. Heather Muir gave the vote of thanks before the evening ended with a strawberry supper.



*Members Ann Arnell, Vee Wintrell, Maisie Raine, Jean Forster and Muriel Gibbons with speaker Sid Slawther.*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Chocolate Fudge Shortbread

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4ozs castor sugar  
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#### Fudge topping

4ozs margarine  
4ozs granulated sugar

4ozs golden syrup  
small tin condensed milk  
Boil altogether to 'soft ball'.  
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6	5	3	8	2	4	9	1	7
8	2	1	9	7	6	4	5	3
3	8	5	2	6	9	1	7	4
7	6	4	3	1	8	5	9	2
9	1	2	5	4	7	3	6	8
5	3	9	6	8	2	7	4	1
1	4	8	7	3	5	6	2	9
2	7	6	4	9	1	8	3	5

## Junior/Family Wildlife

1st July, Lanchester Valley Walk to Hurbuck. Meet at 10 am in the Community Centre car park.

22nd July, visit to Bishop Middleham Quarry. Meet at 9.30 am in the Community Centre car park.

## WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd July in the small hall in the Community Centre at 7.00 pm.

There has been a change of speaker and we now have Tina Fuller giving a wet felt demonstration. Members who wish to take part can make a felted flower to take home, the cost of materials will be £1.50. The competition is a flower brooch.

If you would like to come along and spend the evening with us, you can be sure of a friendly, interesting time and a warm welcome.

## Derwentside Byways and Bridleways

3rd July. Meet at the Smelters Arms at Castleside, where the A692 meets the A68.

17th July. Meet at the Crown & Cross Swords, on the main road (A694) through Shotley Bridge. Walks start at 7 pm.

## Open House

Everyone is welcome at Open House on Thursday 5th July in the Chapter House of the Parish Church, when a light lunch is served from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm.

## Country Market

On Saturday 7th July, 10 am - 12 noon, come along to the Country Market in the Community Centre for your fresh produce, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, eggs, plants, etc, and crafts.

## Willow Burn Summer Fair

Saturday 7th July from 1 pm - 4 pm in the hospice grounds, 50p admission. Cake and Pie Stall, Raffle, Refreshments, Kids Corner, Tombola, Live Music, sale of merchandise, Bric-a-Brac, hand-made cards and books, plant stall.

Nigel Cook, who ran ten half marathons in ten cities for Willow Burn and who also ran part of the Blackhill leg of the Torch Relay, will be attending with his Olympic Torch. Nigel will be offering the chance to individuals to have their photograph taken with the torch, in exchange for a donation to Willow Burn.

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## Social Club Entertainment

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Short Circuit Walks

7th July, Bellingham and Hareshaw Linn, 6 miles. Meet in the public car park in centre along lane opposite the Police Station, NY840834.

21st July, Corbridge Castles, 6 miles. Meet in the village car park at SW end of bridge over river, NY988640.

Walks start at 10.30 am. Unfortunately dogs are not allowed on these walks.

## Wildlife Group

On 10th July, there will be a visit to Gosforth Park Nature Reserve. Contact M Williams 01207 520063 for details.

## Concert

Music for Brass and Strings, Tuesday 10th July, 6.00 - 7.00 pm (free entry) in Lanchester Methodist Church.

The concert will feature gifted and talented Brass and String musicians from Lanchester Schools, who will be performing a selection of solo and ensemble pieces they have been preparing for Music exams during the 2011/12 school year.

## Mothers' Union

The July meeting on the 11th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House is the AGM which will be followed by a Faith Supper.

## Flower Club

On Wednesday 18th July at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, Wendy Smith will give a demonstration entitled 'Metaflora'.

## PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th July at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

## A Heavenly Pair!

Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society's summer show this year features the music of Gilbert and Sullivan. However 'Bridegroom and Bride' is a story with a twist. G and S are now in heaven and decide to invent a new plot around the topic of weddings; a subject which featured very strongly in many of their original shows.

As usual everything starts to go wrong; not surprising since Gilbert and Sullivan decide to get involved on stage themselves and inevitably get mixed up in the story.

The show with original script by society member Harry Watson is full of fun and features well known characters and tunes from many of the G and S operettas. Producer and Musical Director David Hughes comments that in the society's 40th anniversary year it was felt that to feature Gilbert and Sullivan again after several years was most appropriate as their operettas featured strongly in the society's programme for over 30 years.

'Bridegroom and Bride', fully costumed and with live band, plays at Lanchester Methodist Church on 19th and 20th July. Tickets £7 are available from any society member or 521458 or 520172.

## Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be on 19th July at 7.15 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre with John Roughley giving a talk entitled 'A tasteful evening'.

# OLYMPIC TORCH

*continued from back page*

The atmosphere was electric! Police cars continually drove past with officers waving and smiling. Outriders on motorbikes were giving onlookers on the pavement 'high fives'. Dennis's appearance was preceded by three vehicles of young lively people giving out goodies sponsored by Samsung, Lloyds/TSB and Coca Cola. They provided great entertainment.

Suddenly, from behind several vehicles Dennis appeared running at a fair pace resplendent in white tracksuit, torch aloft, confident, happy and smiling. Then it was over in a flash. The kiss was made with the other relay runner's torch who had by this time been ushered to the centre of the road. His torch was lit and Dennis raced off to a waiting bus. The whole exercise was quick, slick and perfect.

Dennis's journey had begun earlier that afternoon in Tow Law where there were massive crowds. Amongst other Torchbearers on the bus was Matt Baker. The bus proceeded to Esh then Langley Park where there were large crowds waving flags. At Sniperley Park and Ride, Dennis was driven on a 1920's motorbike with open sidecar, until he reached County Hall where he began his run.

Dennis said of his experience "I am excited, proud but humbled by stories from other Torch Bearers". He would like to thank all those who came to support him especially as conditions were wet and cold. Dennis has now been approached by local schools to show the torch which has 8000 holes - one for each UK torch bearer.

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# TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL BARBECUE

About sixty people attended this very popular event despite the cold and ever threatening rain clouds. Fortunately the rain held off. One or two enthusiasts played tennis and there was a mini Olympics for the many children who came with parents. Under the direction of Sally Laverick and Dennis Laycock the children enjoyed timed races and ball skills. The BBQ went well, as usual, but the highlight of the afternoon was left to Dennis who came out of the dressing room at a



*People settled under the gazebo waiting for the BBQ*



*Children showing their skills*

suitable time fresh from brandishing the Olympic being an Olympic Torch. As if by magic Torchbearer the previous evening, dressed in his white tracksuit, individual pictures with the children alongside Dennis. It was a day to remember for all of the Tennis Club members who attended.

## RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY ...

And don't come back until late September!! After the last cricket report we finally started to get some games played but back came the rain and washed out last weekend. It's not only frustrating for the players not to get a game, but it hurts the club, as we rely heavily on our bar revenue during the season to get us through the year.

The first team picked up a first win when they defeated Percy Main in a rain affected match. They have done well in cups winning three times in the past month to make progress. The last month has seen South African Jacobus Langenhoven arrive to try and develop his cricket skills in our country. 'Cobus' as he likes to be known is a little relieved that the weather has cancelled games as he broke a finger in only his second appearance and would have had to sit out the majority of the games. Cobus is a leg

spinner who bats and should add a good bit of variety to the team.

The second team are still unbeaten and head their division, with three wins in the past month against Shotley Bridge, Ponteland and Percy Main. They have also

managed a league cup win against Leadgate.

The thirds have won two league games but have lost narrowly in both cup competitions to their disappointment. With so few matches played the league has yet to take shape.

In the junior section, the under 18s have only played twice and have lost both games. The under 15s have managed three games in the month, losing twice but winning off the last ball at Swalwell when Connor Hunt smashed a four.

The under 13s have won their only game whilst the under 11s have also picked up a win after going last season without one, well done to all.

Surely it has to get better and we have to see some sunshine soon, so fingers crossed for a heatwave.

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# LANCHESTER OLYMPIC TORCH BEARER

Saturday evening 16th June, Dennis Laycock (affectionately known as Tennis Dennis), Secretary of Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club, reached the pinnacle of his 46 years of his successful dedicated life as a volunteer in sport. Nominated by the British Olympic Association he was chosen to cover 800 metres from the roundabout at County Hall, Durham, along North Road almost to the entrance to the Railway Station, as an Olympic



*The 'Kiss' is completed*



*Dennis arrives at the change point with the Olympic Torch*

Torchbearer. It was an opportunity of a lifetime. The weather was atrocious with cold and constant heavy showers, but it was carnival time in North Road Durham with plenty of banter and laughter from the large crowd, many of them from Lanchester, including Dennis's relatives, friends, Tennis Club members and villagers who turned out to support him.

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## TENNIS CLUB ANNUAL BARBECUE



*Dennis Laycock produces the Olympic Torch that he carried in Durham on the previous day, at the Tennis Club Barbecue and poses for a photograph with the many children that attended the event.*

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### NEXT DEADLINE

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

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