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CARNIVAL FUN



Stuart Walker and Bryn Jones lead the Procession

The 2006 Carnival enjoyed weather as fine as last year, but thankfully not quite as hot as the last couple of weeks. The procession left Kitswell Road at 1pm, led by Parish Council Chairman Stuart Walker and Lions President Bryn Jones marching to the stirring music of Lanchester Brass Band. The Lions' "circus" theme for Lanchester carnival caused a massive

outbreak of clowns, including the Playgroup with some fine efforts, the Partnership patched and painted, and the Operatic Society in all their glory. The Lady Lions, dominated in a caring way by their lion tamer, carried carnival lion masks. Karen's dancers deployed cheerleaders' pom-poms, while the Mothers Union and Willowburn Hospice travelled comfortably in

balloon-decorated cars. The usual fun of the fair filled the Green, with the opportunity for people young and old to test their skills at kicking, throwing, and rolling, get their faces painted and try ice cream and hot dogs (separately) at the Lady Lions tent. Over on the railway walk the Oakwood Stables ponies and their helpers gave rides, while at the Methodist Church you

could have a cup of tea and a cake.

Many charities took the opportunity to deploy stalls and several businesses did a roaring trade.

Throughout the afternoon there was a varied programme of lively entertainment, with dancing by Karen's group and the Morris dancers and music from Lanchester Brass Band, Lanchester Operatic Society, Mary

Carr and friend and pop group The Gents.

The organisers, Lanchester Lions, expect to make a profit of almost £2200 which is an extremely good result. Thanks must go to everyone who helped make the Carnival such a success - helpers, entertainers, the parade floats, Red Cross, the Police and the public who spent very generously.

More pictures are on pages 4 and 5.



Playgroup float with gorgeous costumed passengers



Karen Stewart's young dance troupe go through their paces



Lanchester Operatic group are the essence of chic



The Morris Dancers entertain along the route



Dear Village....

The views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the newspaper, the editor or persons working for the newspaper. The editor retains the right to cut or otherwise amend any letter published. Letters must contain your name, address and telephone no., all of which may be withheld at your request.

Dear Sir,

Closure of the District Council's Lanchester Neighbourhood Office

I have recently learned of a proposal to close the above facility as part of a cost cutting exercise. While accepting the need to limit public spending I am dismayed at the potential loss of this valuable service that I use on a regular basis. I hope that other users who feel as I do will make their preferences known to relevant Councillors & officials at Derwentside District Council.

The Neighbourhood Office currently operates on three days each week [Tuesday, Thursday and Friday,

between 9.30 to 12.30am & 1.30 to 4.30pm] It provides face to face access to many of the Council's services: collecting payments, giving information and issuing textile recycling and dog-dirt bags.

It is refreshing to enjoy human contact when paying bills or seeking advice. Lanchester is lucky to have this alternative to automated customer telephone lines, on line payments and the relentless advance of the Direct Debit. It also benefits local trade as many users of the District Neighbourhood Office may also shop in the Village, as I do.

I urge decision makers to weigh carefully the many advantages of retaining Lanchester's District Council's Neighbourhood Office and I ask that users of the facility register their objections to its closure, as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,
[name and address supplied]

Dear Sir,

I am appalled by the number of people in this village who are still allowing their dogs to foul walkways. What makes these people think that they are 'above' picking up after their dogs?

I use the railway line to walk my grandson to All Saints School and it is a total disgrace, people are letting their dogs foul in the middle of the walkway and leaving it there, (bearing in mind that there is a bin metres away).

We should not turn a blind eye to those who think they are above the law and show no respect for others!!

Name and address supplied

MAVING AND ALMA TAYLOR

Maving and Alma would like to thank all their friends for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes they received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. They had a wonderful reception at Beamish Park Hotel, where friends and family gathered from near and far. They feel fortunate indeed to belong to such a caring and generous community.

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DIAMOND WEDDING JOY FOR RICHARD AND DORIS WHEATLEY

Thursday 1st of June was a memorable day in the lives of Richard and Doris of Durham Road, Lanchester as they held a close family celebration at their home.

They met when Richard was 17 years old and Doris was 16, at a dance in Thurcroft near Rotherham, and married at St Simon & Jude Church of England Church, Thurcroft on the 1st June 1946.

Because of the war years most of their courting was by letter, and whilst Richard saw service with the Royal Air Force in Burma, India and Africa, Doris continued to work at Hadfields Steels, Sheffield, in the factory and the office.

After the war they lived at Cornsay near to where Richard was born at Hamsteels, and he continued his work as a

butcher in Esh Winning, Cornsay, and Ushaw Moor, finishing his working life part-time at Herbie Crinnion's in the village. They moved to Lanchester in 1976.

Richard and Doris had two children, both married. Carol and her husband live in Lanchester and had two children, Steven and Hazel, and their other daughter, Elaine lives with her husband at Bury St Edmunds, and they also have two children, Mark and Ben. There is one great grandson called Sam. Richard and Doris, now 86 and 85 respectively, thoroughly enjoyed their day on 1st of June having received a lovely present from their friends and neighbours, but the surprise of the day was a special card from the Queen.



Richard and Doris proudly show off their special diamond wedding anniversary card from the Queen

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OPEN DAY AT THE PARISH CHURCH

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Church organised by Eric Gaskill and view Margaret Walters' slide show.

After all this activity there was 'tea and biscuits' in the Chapter House, which turned out to include quite a few cakes provided by the ever-hospitable catering ladies.

The attractive qualities of the event were also enjoyed by a Dutch family who just happened to see the lights on in the church and only called in for 5 minutes, but only finally left after three hours.



Happy tea ladies: Margaret Brown and Elizabeth Wharton



The sandwich makers: Joyce Thomas, Maureen Baker and Betty Reed



Happy customers enjoy the morning chatting and eating excellent food

WEDDING OF DEGNA BAILEY AND DANIEL STONE

The wedding of Degna Bailey and Daniel Stone took place at All Saint's Parish Church, at Lanchester on 27th May. The weather was excellent despite the

preceding week being a bit changeable, and there was even a rainbow in the evening.

Degna is a designer, so naturally she designed and made her own dress (cream

crepe satin) as well as the black crepe satin dresses for the bridesmaids, Degna's sisters Lavern and Bernadette Bailey. The Flower Girl was Maya Stone, the couple's

daughter, and the Best Man was Simon Williams, the groom's brother. The flowers at the church were arranged by Norma Jenssen and the team at the church, the bouquets

of cream roses and coloured freesias were made up by the florist at the greengrocers.

The afternoon reception was held at Valentino's restaurant, Lanchester.



Degna and Daniel are showered with confetti outside the church

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This quirky adaptation of John Buchan's novel, set just before the second world war, was absolutely sensational. A full audience on a sweltering night at the Community Centre laughed throughout this hilariously funny play. This plot was not important. The play may well have been called the 'Great Escape' as the fugitive hero travelled from London to Scotland and back to the South Coast.

The quick changes of the most ingenious simplistic scenery were as fascinating as the play itself. A few step ladders, some unusual folding chairs and a couple of tables were all that was needed to construct a railway carriage, a car, a

room and the Forth Bridge. The sight of the hero clinging to the Forth Bridge having jumped off a train and the villain flying the plane was exciting as well as humorous. The use of miniatures, such as the train going over the Forth Bridge, the little car and the ship was a clever and funny way of illustrating what was supposed to be happening. The light hint of innocent romance, with unrequited love for the woman added to the mystery and intrigue of the story line which involved espionage and would-be spies just before the war.

The use of comic accents depending on where the play was situated at the time added great flavour

to the atmosphere, particularly when all except the hero were speaking in 'Russian'. Props like the clever dog plus the sheep made the audience laugh so much. The up to date humour referring to 'leaves on the line' and metatarsal bone brought a modern sense of humour to the play. The acting, of course, by all characters was absolutely brilliant. Nobby Dimon and his team never ever let Lanchester theatregoers down with their performances. In a complicated plot it was almost a relief to actually find the 39 steps at the end. Some reviewers of John Buchan's book have said, 'it's a must read'. This particular adaptation of the book is definitely a 'must see'.



The hero and the villain

PENSIONER TRIP TO WHITBY



Lion Stan Ashton sees off a party of Burnhope Pensioners on their trip to Whitby, courtesy of Lanchester Lions Club

A BALANCED PILGRIMAGE

Five of us from Lanchester joined 30 others from North-West Durham in a very hot but happy pilgrimage to Lourdes at the beginning of June - Sheila Mann, Dorothy Maskery, Pat Rutter, Canon Bob Spence and Jean Suddes.

Our coach took us to Hull and we did the very comfortable crossing to Zeebrugge. Next morning we made our way to Nevers, where St Bernadette lived her last years and is buried.

We had the opening Mass of the pilgrimage there. Next day's journey to Lourdes was endured in tropical temperatures.

The two most important pilgrims were twelve year old Dalton and five year old Mia. They were both severely disabled, but their cheerfulness and their marvellous mothers made us forget the rigours of the journey.

We did all the usual things in Lourdes - joined in the great

international Mass in the Underground Basilica with thousands from all over the world, enjoyed the torchlight procession, made the Stations of the Cross, prayed at the Grotto which is the heart of Lourdes. Before we left we carried a huge candle to burn there, symbolising our prayer for all those we had left behind in Derwentside, especially those who were sick.

We had a day away from Lourdes climbing

in our coach up the Pyrenees to just over the Spanish border. The coach descended very much heavier with our incredibly cheap wines and spirits! We spent the rest of the day cooling off on the beach at the lovely Basque resort of St Jean de Luz.

The only disappointing couple of hours during the pilgrimage was watching the miserable English performance against Paraguay in our favourite Lourdes bar. It would take more than a miracle for this team to

win the World Cup! In many ways it was a good Chaucerian pilgrimage - full of prayer, laughter, good eating and drinking and above all, friendship. I suspect not a few of us will be going back!

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The celebration began with a 'street party' behind the school. The flags fluttered in a light breeze and both pupils and staff had dressed in the red white and blue spirit of the party. Rows of tables were set out for the children's feast, and unlike a similar party for the Golden Jubilee three years ago the sun shone throughout. Meanwhile, while the preparations were

taking place, the singer and guitarist Colm Doyle, wearing a Union Jack jacket and with a pith helmet, entertained the school with renditions of the 'Lambton Worm' and 'Grandfather's Clock' with good audience participation.

The party was followed by an assembly, during which a medal was presented to each pupil by Head Teacher Tony Reather.



The 'Street' Party at All Saints primary school

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OPEN HOUSE

The first Open House at the Parish Church was held on Thursday June 1st. There was a very good turn out of people who enjoyed fresh sandwiches made to order, with the happy tea ladies serving teas and coffees at the table. The whole lunch time session was very convivial, with those who wished going into the church to look around or pray and perhaps meditate in the new prayer corner, with the opportunity to write and place a prayer on the prayer tree. These 11.30 am - 1.00 pm Open House mornings will be held on the first Thursday of every month and is an idea from the newly formed Shared Ministry Team. Everyone is welcome and Eric Gaskell thanked all those who had attended the initial function.

RACE NIGHT

On May 12th 'Friends of Lanchester EP School' organised a Race Night. This was a super, exciting evening for families, held together by teacher Mark Stephenson in true horseracing style. Jockeys literally had to wind up the wooden horses to make them move across the hall, so there was much excitement as everyone encouraged their favourites. There were races for both children and adults. There was an excellent attendance and £341.51 was raised, which has already been spent on a seating area with benches and flowers in the school grounds. Thanks are given to all those who helped at and supported the event.

ANNUAL AWARDS AT THE DURHAM AND TEESSIDE RED CROSS FORUM



Alan Klottrup, Joyce Burt, Elaine Williams, Joan Hall, Brenda Gibson, Judith Job and Olive Trustwell with their long serving presentation badges at the Red Cross forum

Many of the members of both the Durham and the Teesside Red Cross met in

Lanchester for their Annual Forum and for the presentations of their Annual Awards. The forum was held in the Community Centre on the evening of 18th of May.

As hosts, Lanchester Red Cross were very well represented and they served refreshments with tea and coffee.

There were speeches from the President of the Red Cross Geoffrey Berriman, the Public Policy Officer Nick Starkey and Judi Evans, the Operations Director. The presentation of the 46 certificates and badges to long serving members followed the speeches.

Among the awards that were presented were

Joyce Burt for 20 years service, Joan Hall and Elaine Williams for 25 years and Brenda Gibson, Olive Trustwell and Judith Job for 30 years, while Alan Klottrup had 15 years service and the Voluntary Medical Service Medal, meaning that Alan had managed to keep his First Aid certificate valid for 15 years. Some of these are seen in the photograph above.

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WISDOM

He has a rage for saying something, when there is nothing to be said. I don't want to speak ill, but he was an attorney. The more contracted power is, the more easily

it is destroyed. A country governed by a despot is an inverted cone. Dr Samuel Johnson comments on 18th century life

Like teenagers everywhere, Lanchester teenagers have lots of energy. Most of them find healthy ways of burning it off, but some don't always, and can be a nuisance in the village.

A report confirms what most people already thought: to make things better for all of our young people, and for everyone else, the first priority should be to



Re-open Manor Park Youth Club.

The club is normally held in Croft View Hall on Wednesday evenings, but at present it is closed because there are not enough helpers. It needs about 20 adults (of any age) to give up one evening a month to help. So far only 6 have offered.

PLEASE can you help?

You will need CRB clearance, but we can arrange that. If you want it, we can probably arrange free training leading to NVQ certification, which might be a way for you to get into professional Youth Work.

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extension of the Bistro with as much delightful ambience as the interior. We both ate salmon nicoise followed by blueberries in lime and mint sugar for one and chocolate terrine with a passion fruit sorbet for the other. This was accompanied by cool refreshing fruit juice. Two of the Gourmet Girls at their all-time favourite restaurant enjoying another scrumptious meal in blissful surroundings. Nirvana.

FUN AND FITNESS

Yes, keeping fit can be fun, as the children at the Lanchester EP School proved during their recent Creativity Week, beginning on Monday 22nd May with all children encouraged to walk to school. The day began and ended with Freddy Fit who took various classes throughout the school for: Dancing Warm Ups; jump mat competitions; lots of exercises; skipping; circuits; and many other fun and fitness activities. Freddy also encouraged healthy eating with large posters, and books given to each child encouraging them to eat 5 vegetables and fruit each day with many diagrams of regular exercises. He made another visit on the Friday and even the teachers were observed to be joining in quite happily.

On Tuesday it was fun and games, mainly outside with non-serious races, netball and hockey included in the programme. There should have been a joint activities afternoon with All Saints School on Tuesday as well, but this was postponed till Tuesday June 13th. After school there was a football competition for boys in years 5/6 and girls in years 3/4 against Witton Gilbert School. On Wednesday the whole school except the Nursery left the premises early and were coached to Craster where they set out for a beach walk to Embleton. On the way they enjoyed a picnic, ice cream and also made sand castles.

Thursday was Wheels Day and the amount of bikes etc being ridden to school that morning had to be seen to be believed.

Skates, skate boards and scooters were included in play-yard activities for some of the younger children, whilst the older ones did a bike ride from school to Ushaw Moor and back, some 16 miles, enjoying a picnic lunch on the way. Fifty children completed this enjoyable, worthwhile fitness task. Some volunteers from Nike also attended the school to help out, and a Swimming Gala was also included for years 5/6 pupils. So this fabulous, fun active week ended with everyone learning how to eat healthily, keep themselves fit and perhaps they will be encouraged to walk to school more often and take regular exercise. Teachers and pupils alike all deserved the half term break after a very busy time.

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Above: Children and pupils practise warm-up dancing for Freddy Fit

Left: The Nursery group were the first to enjoy "Wheels Week"



Year 5 and 6 children on their bikes

JOINT SPORTS DAY FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS



Children having fun with hula hoops



Youngsters try hockey at the sports day

On a lovely sunny June afternoon All Saints Primary, Lanchester EP and some children from Burnhope Primary met at The EP School for a non-competitive, fun Sports Day. Altogether there about 360 children involved and they all seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the occasion. The event was actually part of the EP School Creativity Week which had been postponed because of inclement weather.

Games organised by staff from the schools involved were: Sack Races; Hula hoops; Hockey Netball; Shark Under There; Egg and Spoon Races; Parachutes; Obstacle Course; Tennis; Over and Under; and various team games. All children took part in every activity, changing around after about ten minutes. School seemed to a very nice place to be on that sunny afternoon for pupils and staff alike.

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There's a shark under the sea

VILLAGE VOICE PRESENTATION

Before the school sports event (left) began, it seemed opportune for the Village Voice to announce winners of their logo competition. Readers may remember that the Village Voice is now sponsoring the Lanchester Brass Band and they needed a new logo for their bannerettes. All Saints and the EP School were invited to submit twenty logos for the competition completed in school time and judged by members of the Brass Band. The standard of paintings was very high and it was difficult to pick an outright winner so four

pictures were used to create the final version of the bannerette. The children who won were: Ryan Robson and Rebecca Pull from All Saints School; Millie O'Dare and Sophie Taylor from the EP School. They were presented with national book vouchers worth £5 by Christine Monaghan and Anne McKenzie of the Village Voice, and Malcolm McKenzie, Editor, presented both Head Teachers with a cheque for £30 as a token of appreciation in allowing the children to take part in the project.



Malcolm McKenzie presents cheques to the Head Teachers



Christine Monaghan and Anne McKenzie present vouchers to logo winners



Children from both schools at the presentation

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CENTURIONS DONATE TO GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE



Brian Cave, Great North Air Ambulance, receives a cheque for £3000 from Wayne Tilley, chairman of Centurions and John White, Senior Prison Officer, Frankland Prison with about a third of the 83 members of the Centurions present

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At a ceremony at the Queen's Head on Wednesday evening 31st May, Wayne Tilley, Chairman of the Centurions and John White, Senior Prison Officer at Frankland Prison, who administrates the Prison Service Charity Fund, presented a cheque for £3000 to Brian Cave, fund raiser for Great North Air Ambulance.

Four members of the Centurions are Prison Officers and they are able to draw on the Prison Charity Fund for very worthwhile causes. This fund is often used for seriously ill children or medical equipment. Wayne Tilley introduced John White, who gave a brief history of the charity fund and how

money is raised. Brian Cave, in accepting the cheque, gave a brief account of the Air Ambulance Service and how important it is to receive charitable gifts, their only source of income, in order to keep their 3 helicopters flying. What they had received this evening would be the equivalent of two days flying and possibly the saving of two lives!

The Centurions have now, with their many fund raising activities, donated £6200 to the Air Ambulance and have a target of £10000 by 2008. John White indicated that the Prison Fund may be able to help towards this next year with matched funding.

'FRIENDS OF SCHOOL' CHARITY CONCERT

'Friends' of Lanchester EP School held a Charity Concert at the Social Club on Thursday 15th June. This well-attended event enjoyed music and singing from the 60's onwards. An excellent raffle was provided by the following sponsors of the event:

Pavillion Restaurant; Country gifts; King's Head; New Image; Queen's Head; Hall Hill Farm; Knitsley Mill; Lanchester Pharmacy; SPAR; Oakwood Stables; Lanchester Hardware; Lanchester Carpets; Valentino's; Talking Heads; Lanchester Country Store; Post Office/Lanchester News; Lanchester Fruit and Veg; Crinnions Butchers; Lanchester Paint shop;

Black Bull; Davisons Fashions. All those business people who gave raffle prizes, those who helped on the night, and of course, all the people who attended the evening are thanked for their contribution to the event. The excellent total raised was £505.90 which goes into the school fund for development of the outside area.



Entertainers at the 'Friends of School' Charity Concert

GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

The biggest job to do in July is to cut hedges, but taking care not to cut too far into the growth, there is a fine line between cutting back and too far.

Keep feeding your containers, window boxes and hanging baskets and dead-heading is the key to continuous flowering. Prune lilac trees with faded flowers, cut down old flower stems of Euphorbia but leave new shoots.

Lift and divide irises to give better displays next year, or to give to a friend or neighbour. Divide the rhizome and cut back the leaves,

replant keeping the rhizomes at the surface.

Take cuttings of Forsythia, Fuchsia, Hydrangea and Buddleia. As follows:-

Take new non-flowering shoots, take off lower leaves, dip into rooting compound and plant into gritty compost, cover with a plastic bag and put in a bright warm position but not in direct sun. Cuttings taken in July will root this summer and can be potted up in Autumn. Keep under cover during the winter.

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THE AURORA DUO

Durham County Council's "Live in the Libraries" initiative brought Dawn Miller and Kate Smith to Lanchester library on Friday May 26th with a concert of classical music. The series has introduced us to every kind of music, and we have come to expect an enjoyable evening. We

were not disappointed. They had selected a varied programme which included well-known pieces like 'The Swan' from Saint-Saens' 'Carnival of the Animals' and the 'Meditation' from Massenet's opera 'Thais' (maybe we didn't know the name but the tune was familiar), part

of Mozart's one and only concerto for flute and harp (which he was never paid for, we learned) and two demanding modern works by Ian Clarke, Dawn's teacher at

Trinity college of music. The duo have been playing together for six years after meeting at college, and have clearly developed a close understanding as well as

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The Aurora Duo in Lanchester library

CHRISTIAN AID

Every year in May there is a collection for Christian Aid in our village, and the week before the actual week of the collection a coffee morning is held in the Methodist Church. This year the date was Saturday May 12th. There was a steady trickle of visitors during the morning and £75 was raised towards the final total raised by the collection, which is in excess of £2000.

Contributions are still coming in. Thank you to all those who attended and especially to the lady who brought some delicious home-made scones, together with butter for a special treat. They went like hot cakes or rather scones, as the saying goes. Thank you Judith Brown. It is always good when children show initiative and really want to help, and so we

were delighted when two children came to set up their own stall. They made £40 and we wish to thank them very much indeed for their efforts. Both children live in Briardene, and their names are Josh Littlefair aged 11 and Frances Gibson aged 10. They are delightful young people who enjoy raising money for good causes. We hope they will come next year.
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RESCUE

Two young girls who live at Satley but attend the All Saints Primary School and belong to Rainbows and Brownies in the village were praised by the Coastguard at Sandy Bay, Northumberland, for their prompt action in saving a man's life as he struggled in the sea. Below is an account of what happened written by the two girls Charlotte George aged 9 and her sister Amy aged 6, with a little help from their mother. Charlotte and Amy were on a weekend break with their grandparents. 'We were walking along the beach and we saw a man in the sea. We thought he was surfing but after a while, we noticed that he was waving his arms and shouting for help. We went to get my Gran and Grandad and told them what we could see. My Grandad called for the Coastguard who then got another Coastguard. Then we saw the speedboat coming to the beach. After a few minutes we saw the 'Sea King' helicopter coming in to land. Our Grandad helped drag the man out of the sea - unfortunately he accidentally kicked the Coastguard's boot and broke his toe! Then afterwards the 'Sea King' helicopter flew off with the man who had been struggling in the sea.' The next day, the Coastguard found out where the children were staying to thank them personally for their help and to give them 'Goodie' bags as a reward. He said, 'They did exactly the right thing. The girls went to get help quickly'.



Charlotte and Amy proudly clutching their 'Sea Smart' Goodie bags

SUCCESS FOR SCHOOL CHOIR

Lanchester EP School Choir were successful in winning two more trophies at the Consett Music Festival, held on May 20th at Blackfyne School. In the Hymn Singing section they beat two other choirs, and won the 'class' overall as well, for their own choice hymn, so they were absolutely delighted once more with their performance. The choir was quite depleted, as the event clashed with the Brownie activity day, so they really did do themselves proud.

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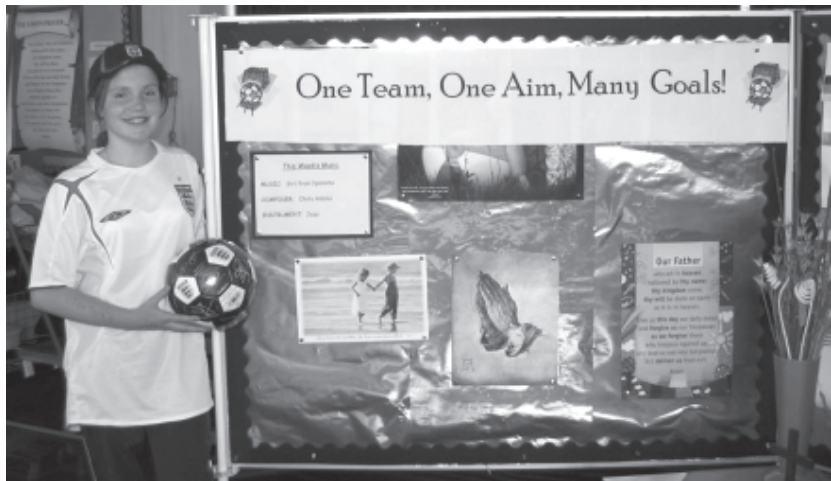
NEW MOTTO FOR LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL

Lanchester EP School has decided to have a school motto, and invited all the children and staff to submit suggestions for this important decision. When it came down to the last two the whole school again voted for their preferred motto. The winner was 'One team, One aim, Many goals. This was thought of and submitted by year six pupil Alexandra Clewlow. The motto will now be added to all uniforms and headed note paper etc.

At the presentation during assembly, Mrs Davis, Head Teacher, congratulated Alexandra and said that her motto would remain for many years after she has left the school and she will be remembered for it. Alexandra was

presented with a World Cup signed football.

This particular assembly was at the end of International Week so most of the children and staff wore various football strips. Children held up greetings from the various countries at the World Cup, read them out, and the whole school responded. During the week, languages, history, geography, social customs and food of the countries at the World Cup had been explored by the children and some of the food had been tasted. Each year group was divided into 8 groups as per the World Cup. Each class studied the aforementioned aspects of four countries and the class who has the team which wins the cup will receive a prize.



Alexandra Clewlow who has provided the motto for Lanchester EP School

PUPILS REWARDED FOR HARD WORK

On Wednesday 17th May there was a visit to Valentino's by 37 year 6 pupils and this is Hannah Howd's response to the event on behalf all the children who attended: 'On Wednesday 17th May, Year 6 pupils from Lanchester EP School

visited Valentino's Restaurant for a post SATS treat. The children enjoyed a fantastic meal of pizza or pasta and ice-cream with fizzy drinks. Favourites included margarita pizza, lasagne and arrabiata pasta. Head Teacher Mrs Jane Davis organised the

treat as a celebration of the hard work and commitment from pupils during their recent SATS preparations. All pupils agree - it is an evening that they will remember for years to come'. Hannah Howd, Year 6 pupil.

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CRICKET NEWS

At last some warm sunny weather which makes all the difference when watching or playing. This was the case on the 2nd June when we hosted the Durham County Schools U13s v Cumbria, with many parents watching from the boundary as Durham won by 6 wickets. Our under 15 side have won 5 and lost 2 matches so far with a nail-biting last ball win over Lintz recently the best performance of the season. Their home fixture this month is v Burnopfield on the 3rd July.

The under 18s entertain Lintz on the 4th July and Consett on the 18th. Our Australian professional John Raywood is holding some coaching sessions for juniors in the school holidays. These will be on the 31st July and the 1st, 7th and 8th of August at the cricket field.

Under 13s will be in the morning from 10 till 12 and other juniors in the afternoon from 1 to 3.30. Whether you are already a member or are simply interested in playing please feel free to come along and join in.

Our senior teams home fixtures for July are:- 1st X1 v Morpeth (currently top of the league) on the 8th July v Seaton Burn on the 22nd and v Percy Main on the 29th. We are currently in mid-table having won 3 and lost 4 league games.

The 2nd X1 are in second position in the league behind Leadgate and they

are at home to Ryton on the 1st July and Shotley Bridge on the 15th.

The club were dealt a big blow when in mid-afternoon on the 24th May the groundsman's garage was broken into and cutters and other valuable equipment stolen. To enable games to go on in the short term replacement equipment was purchased out of members own pockets until the insurance comes through. What sort of people are they who profit from stealing items like this?

The annual barbecue is this year on Saturday the 5th August with tickets priced £6 available from Robbie Selby or at the club.

The featured member for this month is our steward Bill Underwood who became involved in the club over 15 years ago when his son Paul, now a prominent member of Blaydon's 1st team, started playing for Lanchester. He was a full-time musician years ago touring with a band, and is still involved in mixing and recording music. He looks after the bar from a Thursday to Monday night and his easy going, laid back manner goes down well with the members. He is a mine of information on horse racing, although he specialises in backing seconds, and is a lover of anything chocolate yet never puts on any weight! Graham Davison

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS 9. rusticate, 10. preen, 11. gourd, 12. annulment, 13, 14. treacle pudding, 17. Capri, 19, 24. Old Pretender, 20. salon, 21. trapeze, 22. provoke, 26. vital, 28. wrong, 29. sticklers. DOWN 1. prig, 2. astute, 3. vindictive, 4. manage, 5. senna pod, 6. opal, 7. remedial, 8. knot, 13. tacit, 15. Dostoevsky, 16. genre, 18. placebos, 19. overdose, 22. permit, 23. outlet, 24. pawn, 25. edge, 27. list

BOWLS RESULTS

Veterans League

Triples (Mondays)

Away v South Moor, Won 6-4; Home v Consett A, Lost 1-9; Home v Consett B, Won 8-2; Home v Sherburn Park, Won 6-4

Fours (Tuesdays)

Home v Consett Park, Won 8-2; Away v Annfield Plain, Lost 4-6; Away v Sherburn Park, Won 6-4; Home v Leadgate, Won 8-2; Home v South Moor, Lost 2-8

Midweek League

Home v Consett A, Won 6-0; Home v Leadgate, Lost 0-6; Away v Burnopfield, Lost 2-4

Saturday League

Home v View Lane, Won 10-0; Away v Annfield Plain, Won 6-4

North West Durham League Cup

Home v Burnopfield, Won 67-35 (shots)

The current league positions are as follows:

NWD Veterans Triples League as at 05/06/06

<u>Played</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
6	Leadgate	43
6	Burnopfield	42
6	Consett Park 'A'	35
6	Dipton	33
6	View Lane	33
6	Lanchester	30
6	Consett Park 'B'	29
6	Sherburn Park	23
6	South Moor	23
6	White-le-Head	9

NWD Veterans Rinks (Fours) League as at 06/06/06

<u>Played</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
6	Annfield Plain	38
6	Dipton	38
6	Lanchester	33
5	Leadgate	32
6	Consett Park	32
6	South Moor	24
6	View Lane	21
5	Sherburn Park	12

July home fixtures (2pm)

4th v View Lane
5th v Annfield Plain (6.30)
8th v Consett
10th v View Lane
17th v White le Head
18th v Annfield Plain
25th v Sherburn Park
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31st v South Moor

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Lanchester Agricultural Show

The annual show will be held on the usual site on the 1st and 2nd of July. This year there will be a good vintage machinery display, with at least 19 entries, 16 of which have entered the ploughing competition over the two days. This competition has attracted some of the best ploughmen in the country. In addition there will be an excellent opportunity to see a demonstration of ploughing by Peter Brassett with a pair of Clydesdale horses from Beamish museum - Bonnie and Clyde. These horses demonstrate throughout the country and are in great demand. We are therefore delighted that they are coming to this year's show. A large and diverse horse and pony presence is assured with unaffiliated jumping classes starting at 10 am on both days with classes for all abilities.

Why not bring along your much loved dog to the companion dog show, again being held on both days. There are some quite creative classes on offer and prizes will go to the best in show and best puppy in show as well as rosettes for all classes. Dog agility sessions will take place on Saturday. A chain saw sculptor will give frequent demonstrations of his art. The ferret people who appeared last year are keeping their cards close to their chests but are planning "displays" for one of our rings. As always there will be a range of trade stands, a variety of food vans, a bar and a large craft marquee. All enquiries please to Carol and Bill Cliffe 0191 3734565.

St Cuthbert's Musical Summer

The Argus Singers are holding their Summer Concert in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice on Saturday 8th July 2006 at 7pm in St Nicholas Church, Durham Market Place. The Conductor is David Harris and the Accompanist is Bob Watson. The programme for the evening has something for everyone and will include Folk song arrangements from various countries, together with arrangement of standards such as 'Ain't Misbehavin', and 'I Got Rhythm', as well as modern songs such as 'Fields of Gold' not forgetting pop classics such as 'Tears go by' and a Beach Boys medley. Tickets are £5 each and are available from the Hospice on 0191 386 1170 and The Durham Tourist Information Centre.

W I

On 3rd July the WI meet in the Community Centre at 7pm for a Strawberry Supper and bring and buy sale.

Country Market

The usual range of cakes, vegetables, jams, eggs and other desirable things will be on sale in the Community Centre from 10am on Saturday July 1st.

Parish Council Notice

Weekly lists of 'Applications for Planning' are normally found in the Post Office. The new Post Office situated at Lanchester News is having a special board made for this facility, but until this is ready the Library will be displaying this important information.

Countryside Ranger Roadshow

The Countryside Rangers, who carry out voluntary work for the County Council reporting on and repairing footpaths, stewarding guided walks and caring for trees, are having a series of public consultations.

The idea is to find out what the people who use County sites and cycleways would really like to see, ask how they assess the service provided and give them the opportunity to become involved too.

The Rights of Way section is using the sessions to consult on the Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This means checking how rights of way meet the needs of the public, notably in enjoying exercise and open-air recreation. How accessible are they to people with sight or mobility problems?

The bus and some display panels will appear in Lanchester on Saturday 29th July at Newbiggen Lane car park. It will be manned from 10.30am till 3pm. Anyone is welcome to drop in.

Blood Donors

The blood transfusion service is coming to the Community Centre on Friday 14th July. Donors are asked to check with the service on exact times.

MP's Surgery

Our Member of Parliament, Hilary Armstrong, will hold a 'surgery' at the Civic Centre, Consett on Friday 7th July at 6 pm.

WHAT'S ON?

V V V

The Methodist Church in Lanchester will be echoing to the sounds of Voices, Viola and Violin when the Lanchester Male Voice Choir presents its Annual Concert on July 7th 2006.

Once again the choir has engaged artists from the Royal Northern College of Music in the shape of the Roberts Quartet. This string quartet was formed only last year by four first year students who made their first public performance in January. Our local young artist is to be Laura Stephanie Jones, a talented young lady who will show her skill at the piano.

The concert is to be held in Lanchester Methodist Church, Front Street at 7.15pm.

Tickets are available from choir members, or by ringing 520249.

Tennis For All

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club - situated off Ford Road - will be holding a PLAY TENNIS DAY on Saturday 15th July from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. The event is free and open to all ages.

No equipment? - tennis racquets and balls will be available.

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Prior to this event, the club is holding a Strawberry Tea on Sunday 2nd July at 4.00pm at the courts. 'Your own Wimbledon in Lanchester'.

For further information of both events contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278.

A Night at the Opera

Lanchester & District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society are once again rehearsing for their annual Summer Concert entitled 'A Night at the Opera' which will be held on Friday the 21st July, at 7.15pm in the very popular venue of Lanchester Methodist Church.

Soloist this year is Rachel Off, a leading soprano who sings regularly with Northern Opera and is an established concert performer in the North East. Rachel will sing popular arias such as The Jewel Song from Faust and The Laughing Song by Strauss, and will accompany the choir in the Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana. The Grand March from Aida, the Habanera Chorus from Carmen and the Chorus of Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco are just a few of the choruses that will help to make the evening one to enjoy and remember.

Programmes cost £5.00 (including light refreshments) and are available from members of the society or by ringing Lanchester 01207 521458.

Flower Club

The club meets at 2 pm in the Community Centre on Wednesday 26th July for a demonstration by Malcolm White from Forest Hall called 'Summer Breeze'.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on 12th July at 7.30 pm in the Chapter House adjoining the Parish Church is our AGM, which will be followed by a Scripture Market.

Changes in the Village and Parish

All who live in the Village and the Parish are aware that changes are happening all the time to both the village itself and the countryside in which it lies; overall this is good as a sign of a living community. The questionnaire circulated to every household as part of preparing the Parish Plan, demonstrated very clearly that everyone valued the setting of the village in its very pleasing countryside. Some live in it, some work in it, for some its value lies in simply being there - a backdrop to daily living. Others value access to it for healthy exercise or observing wildlife. For others it's a mixture of all these things and more. Similarly the village itself has many qualities important to all who live in and use it for shopping and leisure. The Village Design Statement prepared by Lanchester Partnership has set out these as they relate largely to buildings in the Parish. It is now used regularly by the Parish Council when planning applications are being considered as it now stands as Supplementary Planning Guidance with Derwentside District Council.

However, the work involved in preparing the Village Design Statement and the Parish Plan also highlighted the fact that people have concerns and reservations about some changes or lack of change. The Village Design Statement reflects these in the guidelines and aspirations it offers when building development is being planned, whether by individuals or major

developers. These have helped avoid things like a four-storey block of flats opposite the church. Nothing like this exists for the whole landscape and countryside of the Parish. It is to take these concerns forward that the Parish Council and the Partnership are working jointly to produce a Locality Map for the Parish. This will help those - farmers, local authorities and others who carry responsibility for development and land management decisions - in their thinking about how best to carry out that responsibility. It will assist farmers as their industry copes with major changes in its funding base and in the expectations the community nationally has of it. Both organisations recognise very clearly and the Parish Plan states that a viable farming community is the best safeguard for the countryside. The issue is how we achieve both that and retain everything which farmers, walkers, naturalists and you and me all value.

Your opportunity to contribute to the discussion comes on Saturday July 8th at the Community Centre - come along from 10.00 and chat to Steve Scoffin who is helping create the map, bring your photos, write your opinions on "post-its" and stick them on a giant map or photo of the Parish, write them in a book, tape-record them or just chat. What is important is that you share your ideas. To help safeguard the inheritance that we hand to our children, future residents and workers in the Parish, your ideas are needed now.

Lanchester Early Music Festival

Another series of Chamber Music Concerts with music from the Baroque and Early Classical periods begins on Saturday 15th July at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church. Entitled "A Byrde I Have That Sings So Well". It is the Mass for five voices with propers for Easter Day, anthems and organ music by William Byrd, performed by the Chapter House Clerks of Durham Cathedral. Director: Andrew Fowler with Ian Brunt (organ).

On 29th July at 7.30pm the subject is "Airs for the Seasons", twelve suites by James Oswald (1711-1769) from 'Airs for the Four Seasons' with readings from 'The Gardener's Monthly Directions' (1688). The musicians are Marion Hillier, Noel Broome (baroque violins) and Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord and organ).

There will be contemporary readings from journals, eyewitness accounts and letters of the period. Refreshments will be served in the Chapter House during the interval. Tickets are £8, concessions £5, under 18's and students free, paid at the door or by enclosing an SAE envelope to Dr Ian Brunt, The Lodge, Lanchester, DH7 0LF, with cheques payable to 'All Saints Lanchester PCC'.

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 11th July the members will meet in the Community Centre car park at 6.30 pm for a visit to Harehope Quarry which is just outside Frosterley.

LANCHESTER E.P. SCHOOL

ARE HOLDING A

SUMMER FAIR

on

Saturday 15th July

11am - 3pm

ENTERTAINMENT AND DISPLAYS INCLUDE

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| ✓ BOUNCY CASTLE | ✓ MOUNTAIN RESCUE |
| ✓ SOFT PLAY | ✓ KARATE DISPLAY |
| ✓ PONY RIDES | ✓ DOG SHOW |
| ✓ FACE PAINTING | ✓ FIVE-A-SIDE |
| ✓ SIDE STALLS | ✓ REFRESHMENTS |

Swimming Pool open for family swim sessions

COME AND ENJOY ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR

Charity Masquerade Ball

For the fourth year running a Masquerade Ball is being organised by Michelle Anderson. The event is at Beamish Hall on Saturday 29th July, and includes a three course meal, reception drink and live music.

All proceeds go equally to Macmillan Cancer Relief and Marie Curie Hospice, Newcastle, and tickets, priced £35, can be obtained by emailing or phoning Michelle on 07743642075.

This could be the last such event due to time demands on the organiser, and it is hoped that it will again be a great success.

Junior Wildlife

The group meets at the Community Centre on Saturday 8th July at 10am to visit Greencroft Nature Reserve.

Flower Festival and Missa Brevis

All Saints RC Church is holding a flower festival during the weekend of 1st/2nd July 2006 from 10am to 5pm each day entitled 'We are all God's work of art'. The theme is favourite works of art encompassing painting, sculpture, textiles, and there will be a full programme of live music and refreshments. Entrance is free, but donations are in aid of the organ restoration fund. To coincide with the 250th anniversary of the birth of Mozart in 1756 the choir will sing Mozart's Missa Brevis in C at both the Saturday evening and Sunday morning masses.

Playgroup Sale

Lanchester Playgroup is holding a tabletop sale on Saturday 15th July from 9.30am to 12 noon.

Short Walks

Acorn Amblers have a walk at Greencroft on Sunday 23rd July, meeting at Greencroft Industrial Estate at 1.30pm. The Byways & Bridleways group have walks on Tuesday 11th July from The Oak, Medomsley at 7pm (for details ring

506890) and on Tuesday 25th July at 'River View', Blackhall Mill at 7pm (details ring 505477). The 'Short Circuits' RA group has a 5-mile walk on Saturday July 8th starting at Stanhope Visitor Centre car park at 10.30am.

WUNDERBAR!... WUNDERBAR!



Pupils from All Saints primary school, Lanchester and the Maximilian-Kolbe school, Schermbeck form a joint football team

Five children from All Saints' School have experienced World Cup fever more closely than most of us, as they have just returned from Germany as part of a special Anglo German World Cup Project. This initiative, fostered by the International Relations Department in County Hall, has partnered twelve Co. Durham primary schools with a like number of schools in the Kreis Wesel area of the Lower Rhine, with the aim of promoting good relations

between young children of both countries. The sixty English children and twelve teachers stayed in two local youth hostels, and had the opportunity to visit their partner school and to participate in an Anglo German football mini World Cup tournament where each team was a mixture of English and German boys and girls. The five All Saints' children, pictured below with their partner colleagues from Maximilian Kolbe school in Schermbeck, had a

wonderful time and made lots of new friends. Head Teacher Tony Reather said, "It was a fantastic experience for them and it was lovely to see how well the children from both countries mixed together. The language was not a problem, as children have a natural way of communicating and making themselves understood. We hope this new partnership will continue to flourish and we certainly intend to keep in touch with our friends in Schermbeck".

PRIZE CROSSWORD

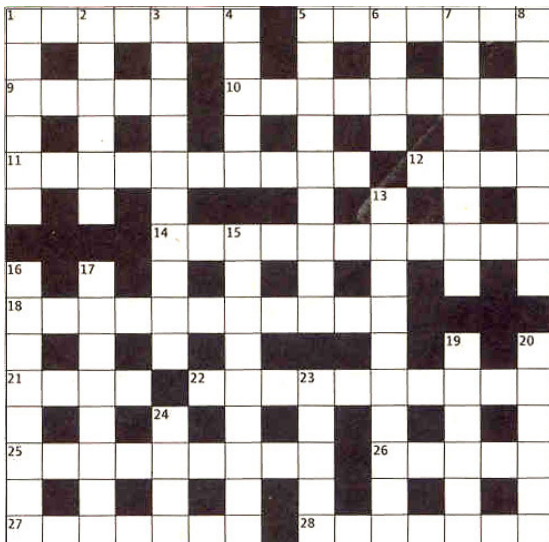
There was a gratifying response to John Wilson's crossword challenge, with six correct contenders. The winner, drawn from the Village Voice Scrabble-bag by a helpful librarian, is Mr F.W. Heppell. A crisp tennner, or perhaps a rather tatty one, is on its way. Now that you know it can be done, why not have a go at John's second crossword. The prize is a feeling of inexpressible joy and £10. Entries to be in by 18th July.

ACROSS

1. Mailers search for authenticity (7)
5. Dilute acetic acid (7)
9. Royal racecourse (5)
10. Colossal US groom in shake up (9)
11. Positioned (10)
12. Pitcher (4)
14. Book printed before 1500 (11)
18. Suggestive about small perfume (11)
21. Implement (4)
22. Copies from SS mica file (10)
25. Ascended (7,2)
26. Citizen of Muscat? (5)
27. Greek letter covers a dance (7)
28. Harsh (7)

DOWN

1. Senora can draw conclusion (6)
2. Top of the planet (6)
3. Into tennis designs (10)
4. Molten rock (5)
5. Retribution (9)
6. Informer (4)
7. Virtuous testament begets benevolence (8)
8. Platforms (8)
13. Temperate sailors met returned debts (10)
15. Never believed Greek prophetess (9)
16. Use crop tool procedure (8)
17. Large shop (8)
19. Split asunder (6)
20. Wish for modified praise (6)
23. Brownish colour (5)
24. Pop group covered by drab band (4)



For last month's answers, see page 19

SELECTORS ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS

As reported in last month's Village Voice, Lanchester Bowls Club has a number of new members this year. Most of them were new to competition bowling at the start of the season. Despite this, the team selectors have done their best to encourage the new

members by selecting them for the teams. This has meant that some of the club's best bowlers have stood down on occasions to let the newcomers play. Often the club's teams will have three or four novice bowlers in them yet the club is still getting quite good results. It is to be

hoped this far-sighted approach is beneficial to the club at a time when some local clubs are struggling with a drop-off in membership. It is not too late to join the club as bowling goes on to the end of September. For the latest results, see page 19.



One of Lanchester's skips, Frank Tonks, bowls in the team's 8-2 victory over Leadgate

NEWS PLEASE

Please send contributions for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday, 18th July. Thank you.

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