

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER WINS Calor Gas County Durham Village of the Year 2009

The following is an extract from the award winning letter received by the Parish Council. 'Congratulations! Lanchester is the winner of this year's Calor Gas County Durham Village of the Year 2009 competition.

Your village made an impressive presentation to the judges and taken together with the written application, the overall standard of the entry was extremely high.

The judges were faced with a difficult decision but in selecting you as

winner, they felt that Lanchester displayed a unique and effective demonstration of the notion of 'community'. The judges were persuaded by the overall community spirit in evidence as demonstrated by both the written submission and as shown so capably by the representatives during the judges' visit.' Lanchester has now qualified for the North Regional Competition, ranging between the Borders and Cheshire. Eight counties will

compete. The judges will visit the village on 30th September to tour the village in the 'Villagebus', and to meet the representatives of many organisations, the clergy, and schools, (staff and children) and the Parish Councillors, in order to assess the whole village. A full report of this event will be presented in the next issue of the Village Voice, which hopefully will bring the news that Lanchester may have gone through to the National Stage of the 'Calor Gas Village of the Year 2009'.

WALKERS ENJOY LANCHESTER VALLEY WALK



Members of the Northumberland Railway Walking Society, on a walk from Langley Park to Consett and back on Sunday 6th September

THE LEEK SHOW

Story and full results are shown inside on page 6



Billy Brunton, winner of most points in show, with his champion heaviest onion, best leek in show and three gladioli



Vince Pickersgill alongside his winning flower vase with a minimum of four varieties

LANCHESTER BRASS BAND Festival for Youth



Lanchester Brass Band playing in the Millennium Square

Lanchester Brass Band are kept busy with a variety of engagements throughout the year. Recently they took part

in the Brass Band Festival for youth, in Millennium Square Durham. A small but dedicated group of young people from the band, performed in the Theatre) on 18th July. Brenda Craddock

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for August 2009 was 23. The draw was made by James Tatham of the Gym.

RAINBOWS NEED NEW LEADER

After nearly five and a half years service as leader, Kathryn Trotter has very reluctantly withdrawn from the Rainbows due to family and work commitments. Therefore, Rainbows is not able to be active as a group.

They need a new leader as quickly as possible. If any female aged 18+ is interested in taking on this rewarding voluntary post, please contact Kathryn on telephone 521226 after 6.00 pm in the evening.

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LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP IS BUSY

The Partnership's September meeting covered topics, including some successes!

More Geophys

The "Friends of Longovicium" group has won a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £6,500 to be spent in the next 2 years on geophysical surveys of more of the land that was occupied in Roman times and on more research. The public is encouraged to join in. If you would like to do so please ring Anne McKenzie on 521427.

Adventure Activities

The "Working with Young People" group has won an Awards for All grant of £10,000 to be spent in the next 12 months on adventure activities for teenagers. Any youngster who would like to take part should ring Jill Gladstone on 528114.

Village of the Year

Lanchester has won the County Durham Calor 'Village of the Year' competition! This is quite an honour, and it also has

the practical benefit that it should help fund raising. We are now representing County Durham in the North of England and South of Scotland Region Village of the Year competition. The judges will visit on 30th September, when we will briefly show some of the village and then make a presentation in the EP School hall. There is an article in this edition of the Village Voice (page 1).

Climate Change

With the support of the Parish Council the Partnership is to screen 'The Age of Stupid', which shows the tackling of climate change, at 3.30 and 7.00 pm on 11th October. Each showing will be followed by a short discussion (for those who want it) so please come and tell us what you think we could be doing! The film is advertised in this edition of the Village Voice.

10th birthday event

The Partnership was founded in November 1999. It is to hold a 10th

birthday party and celebration on Saturday 21st November. All residents will be welcome. If you would like to come along please contact any member. And of course please keep the date free and invite your friends.

Running for the Bus

On Sunday (September 20th) Margaret Doyle will again "Run for the Bus" in the Great North Run. You all know how important the village bus is and how much Margaret does for the village, so any sponsorship, even after the run would be very welcome. Please ring Karin Bravington on 520784 or Margaret Hayes on 521120.

Film Club

More than 40 people came to watch September's film, 'Slumdog Millionaire'. On Sunday October 4th at 7.30 pm the Film Club will show the film 'The Duchess', with a fantastic cast including Kiera Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Charlotte Rampling. Again everyone will be welcome!

WEDDING

On 1st August in Lanchester Parish Church, Miss Rachel Gallimore, of Charlaw Fell, married Mr Ben Summers. Rachel has attended the Parish Church since she came to Sunday School at three years of age. She met Ben in London where they were each studying for their degrees - Rachel in Veterinary Science and Ben in Classics (at Oxford) and Music at the Guildhall College of Speech and Drama in London. They will be living and working in London where there will also be ample opportunity to indulge in their mutual interest and skills in music.



*Rachel and Ben
Summers*

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AWARD PRESENTATION AT LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB ON THE 21st AUGUST



Left to right: Durham Branch Vice President Terence Watson, Albert Biggs on behalf of Brian Biggs, Lanchester Social Club Chairman Jimmy Nichol, ex-committee member Robert Brodie Hall, Number 8 Division Group Secretary John Corrigan and Durham Branch Secretary Michael McGlasham.

Michael McGlasham, the CIU Durham Branch Secretary presented three awards at a ceremony held on Friday the 21st of August in the Lanchester Social Club. These Awards were made to the following: James (Jimmy) Nichol, the Chairman of Lanchester Social Club, with a Distinguished Service Award for Forty Years service to the Club. Robert Brodie Hall, ex-committee member of Lanchester Social Club, with a Certificate

of Merit for Ten Years service to the Club. Brian Biggs, ex-committee member of Lanchester Social Club, with a Certificate of Merit for Ten Years service to the Club. Unfortunately Brian passed away earlier this year and the Award was accepted by Albert Biggs, his cousin, on his behalf. The recipients were joined in the festivities by their family, friends and representatives of other Social Clubs in the area and a good night was had by all.

Jimmy Nichol had a nostalgic night reminiscing about the history and events within Lanchester Club since he had joined just after its inception. He stated "Lanchester Club is now thriving although it would always welcome new members, and we now have a public licence for our Concert Room to enable non-members to hire it for events, functions and celebrations and is therefore a social asset".

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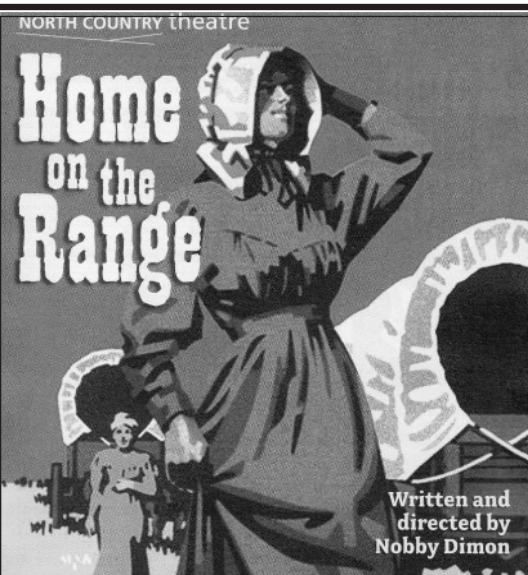


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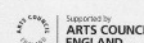
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LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL - 1

"The Lion of Scotland"

The fourth concert in the Lanchester Early Music Festival (Saturday 29th August) saw the return of Dr Michael Mullen (Viola da gamba, Quinton, violoncello piccolo and Bass viol) this time accompanied by the fine Scots Tenor Stuart Rathie, also acting as accompanist on the harpsichord and Dr Brunt performing on the Harpsichord, flute and Organ, the ensemble together forming the Beggars Benison, to present a concert of music from the Scottish Enlightenment. The Concert began with Dr Brunt performing two Psalm tune settings by David Peebles and Andro Kemp on the Organ. These were in the severe style favoured at the beginning of the Reformation full of bare and pure harmonies.

As a contrast to this the Lang Pavane by William Kinloch showed surprising inventiveness and virtuosic treatment of the initial material.

A set of four 16th Century lute songs followed with Dr Brunt on Harpsichord and Stuart Rathie singing. The music at times leaned towards the French chanson

and the severity of the reformation psalm setting, expertly sung by Stuart who articulated the early Scots dialect clearly.

Next followed the Sonata No 5 in G major (In imitation of Corelli) by William McGibbon, performed by Dr Brunt on flute and Dr Mullen playing the Quinton (An instrument combining the qualities of the violin and viola) The tone of the instrument added a folksy feel to the music.

A Sonata on "Bonny Jean of Aberdeen" by Alexander Monro followed, flowing variations on the folk song on the flute with continuo accompaniment.

Stuart Rathie returned to sing a selection of Songs from the Orpheus Caledonia. This showed how Scottish music had developed from the French influence and austere psalm settings to the style of music now associated with Scotland.

The first half ended with a Trio Sonata by James Oswald on Scots tunes, the influence of Scottish dance music being clearly heard.

The second half began with a brief rendition of a Scots tune played by Dr



Dr Brunt, Stuart Rathie, Dr Michael Mullen, - "The Beggars Benison"

Brunt on the Northumbrian pipes before starting in earnest with another Organ work by William Kinloch, this time his Fantassie which showed great flair and rhythmic invention. A further set of Airs for the ensemble by James Oswald followed, these being selected from his Air for the Four Seasons with each one being named after a flower. As a surprise Dr Brunt

played some of Hayden's Pieces for a Musical Flute-Clock on the organ accompanied by two metronomes to imitate the tick and chime of a clock. This acted as a prologue to a selection of Scottish Song settings by Hayden, sung by Stuart Rathie, who put both pathos and drama into his interpretations of these fine folk settings. An extended reading of Alasdair Gray's short

Story of "The crank that started the Industrial Revolution" humorously describing an alternative history of the industrial revolution in Scotland. The end was a series of delicate minuet ensemble pieces by the Earl of Kelly dedicated to Ladies and Duchess, however beneath the veneer the presence of pipe music and folk songs were not far away. This ended with a series of arrangements of well known Scots tunes. It was good to hear Dr Michael Mullen again, but also Stuart Rathie's fine tenor voice, not to mention his skills as a performer on a harpsichord and also Dr Brunt's skillful playing on the flute. It can only be hoped that the "Beggars Benison" will reform for another concert with such a varied programme at the next festival.

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LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL - 2

"At the Still Centre of the Turning World"

The fifth and last concert of the Lanchester Early Music Festival (Saturday 12th September) featured another all J S Bach programme, this time highlighting the Solo 'Cello suites, performed by Greg Pullen.

The Concert began with a selection of three recently discovered youthful chorale preludes by J S Bach, played on the Organ by Dr Brunt. Although early works they show some of Bach's musical fingerprints. The first 'Cello Suite presented was No 1 in G major, with its well known opening Prelude and dashing Menuets.

For the performance of the first two "Cello Suites Greg Pullen made the brave decision to play them from memory to heighten the spontaneity of the performance.

On paper the 'Cello Suites look like musical exercises but when performed with skill and dexterity as shown by Greg, they are masterworks.

After this astounding performance Dr Brunt played a short Harpsichord Praeludium (BWV 902) in the bright key of G major. This was a light work and acted as contrast to the intensity of the First Suite.

The Sonata in G major for viola da gamba followed. The phrasing and interpretation of the music was of the highest order and it was a rare treat to hear Greg's pure toned Gamba playing against Dr Brunt's articulate Harpsichord.

The first half of the concert ended with the dark and brooding Suite No 2 in D minor. Greg used his baroque

'Cello which brought out the darker textures of the music, prevalent in the opening searching Prelude and mournful Sarabande. The second half of the concert began with two early Chorale preludes by Bach on the organ, the first being a notable setting of "Wenn dich Unglück tut greifen."

Time seemed to be almost suspended for the performance of the next piece, the Allemande from Partita No 4 in D major played by Dr Brunt on the Harpsichord. In this Bach had clearly left the dance forms behind and created a more extended and developed structure, giving the impression of space and freedom.

This acted as a calm preface to the monumental Suite No 4 in E flat Major, with Greg propelling the faster movements with

great dexterity and momentum, slowing for the Sarabande with its nostalgic introspection until ending on the life-affirming final gigue.

There is something distinctly intimate about hearing such a solo instrumental voice; as if listening to a private conversation. Greg's performance highlighted this as it gave an exciting improvisational feel to the music as the Cello lines arched out from the under the double chevron arch into the medieval knave of the church.

Due to the rapturous applause Greg returned to give a final lively bouree before retiring.

There are a further Three Suites in the set; I hope that Greg will return in the future for a further concert to perform these.

Neil Benzie



Dr Brunt and Greg Pullen pose for a photograph during the concert

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THE LEEK SHOW

As usual the Lanchester Social Club Leek and Horticultural Show, took place on the second weekend in September. This is the only venue in the village now, and has been for many years, to keep this great traditional, autumn event going. Members are few but entries were actually more than last year.

Once again, the weather has not been kind to growers this summer so the skills of the participants had to be exceptional to achieve the high standards of produce on display. The leeks, cauliflowers and some of the onions displayed were absolutely enormous, whilst the flowers dominated the main hall with their fragrance and sheer beauty.

Familiar names cropped up again this year and the competition is strong but friendly. The atmosphere was genial between competitors and the general public who came to admire the produce. Visitors came from all over the local area. Once again the Judge was the very experienced Malcolm Richardson, from Shotley Bridge, who has now officiated for 27 years.

As is the norm, viewing was on the Saturday night and the raffle and auction and prizes were awarded on the Sunday evening. The show is not just confined to members. There must be many gardening enthusiasts in the village as all the allotments are full. Any member of the public may enter for any category except 'leeks' which is for club members only. Membership needs to increase or one day this great traditional North East event could die in Lanchester. Members are always friendly and willing to help and encourage newcomers.

LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

RESULTS AND TROPHY WINNERS 2009

LEEKS

1st Prize
NORMAN STEVENSON CUP
B Brunton
2nd Prize
HB MAYCOCK CUP
V Pickersgill
3rd Prize
VICTOR DILLON CUP
A Stewart
BEST LEEK IN THE SHOW
B Brunton

VEGETABLES

3 VARIETIES OF VEGETABLES
O H THOMPSON CUP
B Johnson
3 ONIONS FROM SEED
FEDERATION SHIELD
B Brunton
HEAVIEST ONION
LANCHESTER CIU CLUB CUP
B Brunton
PAIR OF MARROWS
JIM DIXON CUP
V Pickersgill

FLOWERS

VASE OF FLOWERS
IVESON ROSE BOWL
V Pickersgill
5 CHRYSANTHEMUMS
BRITANNIA BUILDING SOCIETY
J Fazakerley
BEST DAHLIA
ALLAN WHITTLE TROPHY
T Wilson
3 GLADIOLI
JAMES HALPIN TROPHY
B Brunton

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

LANCHESTER CIU CLUB SHIELD
V Pickersgill

MOST POINTS IN SHOW

TETLEY CUP
B Brunton

THE LEEK SHOW - Continued



A display of mixed produce including runner beans, tomatoes, and small and large onions



Jonathan, Andrew, Susan and Carolyn Robbins admire the huge onions that were on display

Gardening in October

Enjoy the beautiful autumn colour, both in your borders and the leaves on the trees, while it lasts. Many of our borders produce colour until the first frosts strike them down. Dahlias, for instance, can be used as cut flowers and brought indoors before the frost gets them. You can also plant up some of your summer bedding (like fibrous rooted begonias) and bring them indoors on a windowsill where they should flower and provide colour all winter.

Borders

October is the time to plant out the spring bedding in your borders. This can include Bellis (Double Daisy) and Viola but also the traditional biennials like Wallflower and Foxglove. October is the ideal time to clear your herbaceous borders. Green vegetation can be put on the compost heap but some seed heads such as teasel, achillea and honesty make attractive indoor decorations. It is the ideal time at the beginning of the month to lift and divide perennial plants in the border which is a great

way of increasing a number of your favourite plants. It is also time to sow sweet peas in deep pots in a cold frame or cool greenhouse for planting out in early spring.

You can also replace faded remnants of summer pots with the cheerful, autumn colour of dwarf cyclamen and winter pansies which are cheap in garden centres at this time of the year.

Fruit and Vegetables

It's apple time! Over the weeks of October fruit will be reaching its peak. The appearance of windfalls under trees is the first indication of ripeness of apples. Next check by cupping a hand under a fruit, lifting and twisting it, then pulling gently. Ripe fruit should come away easily. Not all varieties store well but some do and only store healthy apples in a cool, but frost free shed or garage. Small quantities should be sealed in clear plastic bags with a few pin prick holes to allow the apples to breathe. For larger quantities store them on wooden trays. October is also the month to lift and store any remaining potatoes and

carrots. You can also sow onion sets and broad beans (Radar and Autumn Champion are the best onion sets and Aquadulce is the best bean variety for overwintering) although you may want to protect them with cloches.

Lawns

In recent years our lawns have continued in growth through October. If you need to continue cutting, be sure to raise your cutter height. Creating natural drifts of spring bulbs across areas of your lawn give welcome displays of colour through March and April. Many varieties of crocus and small daffodils make the perfect choice.

General

I talked about the great importance of composting last month and October is the month when leaves start to fall from the trees. These generally take two years to compost so I have two bins kept solely for leaves and use the two-year cycle for them. The resultant leaf mould is a joy to use.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8th SEPTEMBER 2009

POLICEREPORT for the period 1.07.09 - 31.08.09 Rowdy nuisance 19, Vehicle nuisance 2, Theft 7, Burglary 1, Criminal damage 2. Cllr Wardle mentioned the ongoing problem of children cycling on footpaths and PCSO Gray replied that she always speaks to children when she sees them doing this. Cllr Glass said that someone had been seen outside the bank, possibly trying to skim credit card numbers when they were being used at the cash machine and that people should cover their pin number when using the machine. A car being driven dangerously fast which had finished up on the village green had been reported to the police. The continuing problem of the Lanchester Arms was again discussed. Mr Alan Myers who has recently moved to the village expressed his concern about the condition of the property as he is very impressed by the village

apart from this. He was assured that every effort was being made to rectify this problem in terms of safety to the public and the appearance of Front Street but that the owners are not co-operating.

Lanchester Partnership - letters from the Partnership to Durham CC and Northumbria Water regarding the condition of the drains were shown to Members, who then discussed areas which have problems, eg Victoria Terrace and the Church Green. The County Council is doing an assessment of the whole county, identifying hot spots.

Lanchester Lions request for use of Kitswell Road ground and financial support for the annual Bonfire and Fireworks display. Permission was granted with the usual caveats re insurance and damage and it was agreed that, in view of the economic climate, the same amount as last year

of £400 be donated. It was suggested that a banner stating SUPPORTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL be produced for use on such occasions.

A letter from a resident regarding the neglected area in front of the library was read out, prompting a discussion regarding the ownership of the land. It was agreed to enlist the help of County Council officers to progress this situation.

Promotion of Film - The Age of Stupid. Members unanimously agreed that the cost of this film (£150) dealing with climate change will be paid by the Council and that the Unitary Councillors will be contacted for the other costs of advertising and the venue, totalling £100.

This vitally important, independent film will be shown on Sunday 11th October at 3 pm and 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

Area Partnership Board and Parish

Council Committee (PCC) Cllr Burton reported that at the first meeting in August, areas of concern were discussed and three working parties were set up. The concerns included Highways and support of volunteer Organisations. Speeding was one of the main problems and PCC's are to be asked to report back to the Highways Department by 25th September. Speed visors on the approach to villages are very effective and a suggestion had been made that the various Parish Councils join forces to purchase two mobile speed cameras, which are much cheaper than fixed ones, to be moved from area to area. Members agreed that becoming part of a consortium to purchase one or two of these cameras should be supported in principle but only after figures had been produced.

Calor Village of the Year Competition A round of applause from Members greeted the Chair's announcement that Lanchester had won the County Competition and is now one of only 8 villages from between Scotland and Cheshire, to go forward to the regional competition. Judging will take place on Wednesday, 30th September, with Judges leaving Park House at 9.30 am and finishing with a presentation given by various village individuals and organisations in the EP School Hall. The presentation of the County Award, which gives a prize of £800, will take place on Thursday 15th October at 10.30 am

in Witton Park Village Hall.

Handyperson - Progress Report. After reading the Lead Officer's report, Members agreed that the results of David's hard work are obvious in the village and how well he and the Lead Officer work together.

Kitswell Park Bike Track Flooding has occurred due to the exceptionally wet weather so a meeting with the contractors and Simon Green was arranged. It was suggested that three drains and an extended ditch together with two soakaways be constructed and some more topsoil added. Quotations are to be taken for these and it was agreed that Cllr Harrison would do this within a month.

Speed of traffic of the A691. Cllr Mr Glass gave Members statistics with regard to traffic speed and amount of traffic; although there is less traffic on Sundays, speed is greater. There are certain legal issues over countdown markers but it is hoped that the speed visor will be placed outside Oakwood and the Police are to be contacted with a request for one on Ford Road.

Blocked gullies in the Parish Various areas were mentioned and it was reported that the County Council is doing a survey of problem areas.

The Date of the Next Meeting was arranged. This will be in Park House, Lanchester, on **Tuesday, 13th October at 7.15 pm.**



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PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 29th JULY

Planning applications considered by Members were as follows:-

Conversion of redundant rural buildings to form two dwellings, extensions and alterations to existing farmhouse and erection of detached triple garage at Margery Platt Farm, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester.

A letter from Lanchester Partnership was presented which outlined their concerns and objections.

RESOLVED That the clerk writes to the principal authority stating that Members object to this development in its present form and see it as an unacceptable development in the countryside. Concerns relate to difficult access and the state of the buildings. A proposal to develop the farmhouse would be considered.

Erection of two detached double garages at Middle Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester.

RESOLVED That Members raise no objection to the application subject to it complying with the guidelines in the Village Design Statement.

Erection of three dwellings on land to the east of Officials Terrace, Malton. The members of the public attending raised the following concerns and comments: A desire to retain the area in its unique state; A concern about protecting the natural flora and fauna;

Concern about the proposal to put a covenant in place to protect the land; Concern about the buffer zone and where the ownership of the piece of land will lie;

Concern that other and more substantial developments may follow.

A letter from Lanchester Partnership was presented which outlined their concerns and objections.

RESOLVED That the clerk writes to the principal authority setting out the following:- The majority of the committee object to this development and see it as an unacceptable development in the countryside;

Since there are other industrial undertakings in the area there is concern for setting precedent for further development; Concern for the access into the site and the state of the bridge and its ability to deal with additional traffic.

Erection of dormer bungalow with garage at 1 and 2 Deanery Cottages, Lanchester.

Members considered the proposed design and its fit with surrounding older houses. Members of the public spoke and expressed concern at what the development may bring.

RESOLVED That the clerk writes to the principal authority setting out the following:- The committee object to this development and see it as unacceptable development in the conservation area.

Extension of dining room and study extension to front (resubmission at Broad Oak Drive, Lanchester.

RESOLVED That members raise no objection to the application subject to it complying with the guidelines in the Village Design Statement.

Erection of first floor extension above existing garage and widening of existing drive at 15 Greenwell Park, Lanchester.

RESOLVED As above **Felling of one sycamore and crown reduce** and reshape by 50% of one variegated holly at All Saints Catholic Presbytery, Kitswell Road, Lanchester.

RESOLVED that the clerk writes to the principal authority setting out the following: i Members raise no objection to the application

ii The felled tree be replaced with a suitable alternative.

Crown reduce and prune two apple trees (section 211 notice) at Brook Villa, Lanchester.

RESOLVED that Members raise no objection to the application.

Decisions by the Planning Authority. The following planning applications have been approved by Durham County Council.

Felling of one birch tree at 11 Lee Hill Court, Lanchester.

Erection of summerhouse at 30 Lee Hill Court, Lanchester.

Installation of windows to front and rear at 45 Front Street, Lanchester.

Erection of first floor extension above existing garage at 3 Alderside Crescent, Lanchester.

Erection of detached double garage at garage site to the west of Croft Cottage, Woodlands Hall, Knitsley.

Felling of one conifer tree at 35 Front Street, Lanchester.

Conversion of farm buildings to create two dwellings and one holiday cottage at Hollybush Farm, Lanchester.

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METHODIST TABLE TOP SALE



Plenty of chit chat going on here during morning coffee

The Methodist Church have a really active Fundraising Committee for their new kitchen, and their third function within a few weeks was held on Saturday morning the 22nd of August, with Eddie Hughes running the event.

The hall had a busy feel about it and all tables were full most of the time during morning coffee, which was followed by sandwiches and hot soup for lunch.

The Table Top sales seemed to go quite well with plenty of excellent opportunities to spend money on cakes, bric a brac, cards and toys. Derek Ramage had volunteered to have wet sponges thrown at him using the notice board outside the Methodist Church as 'stocks'. Children and adults thoroughly enjoyed giving him a real soaking and the money taken augmented the kitchen fund.

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MORE FUNDS FOR KITCHEN

Mel Somersall organised a somewhat traditional night with a difference as a fundraiser for the new kitchen at the Methodist Church, on 5th September. Despite the frailties of the old kitchen he managed with his helpers to produce 'chicken in a basket' for the adults and hot dogs and fries for the children, which were eagerly consumed by the many families who attended. The evening continued with cartoons for kids, (Wallace and Gromit). They also enjoyed a 'sing



Hungry adults patiently queuing for that tasty looking chicken

along' to songs from High School Musical while tucking into their ice creams. As some of the adults with younger children departed, those

who remained thoroughly enjoyed a screening of the old Peter Sellers classic, 'Pink Panther 2', which finalised a very entertaining evening.

MORE "GEOPHYS"

Congratulations to the Friends of Longovicium, who have received a grant of £6,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund! The Friends of Longovicium are a working group of the Lanchester Partnership, set up to find out more about our Roman fort, Dere Street and all other local Roman remains, including the civilian settlement around the fort, its aqueducts and dam, its cemetery and evidence of other Roman roads. The civilian settlement is very important because it was large and the traces seem to be better

preserved than those around many other forts. With the co-operation of land-owners Mr Nick Greenwell and Mr John Brown, the Friends group intend to map its extent both south and north of the fort - particularly along Dere Street - and also hope to find the site of a Bath House that antiquarian writers believe to be in the area. The Friends will spend the fund money on geophysical surveys and publications for schools and the wider community. They will work with the local schools and will also encourage volunteers to

take part in all that they do.

The Durham County Archaeologist has offered advice and support and Durham University Archaeological Services will supervise the surveying and provide an initial report.

When the research is complete there will be an exhibition in the village, material for schools and a general booklet will be published.

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TABLE TOP SALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was another very busy morning for the Community Centre organisers as yet another Table Top Sale took place on Saturday, the 5th of September. It was coupled with Lanchester Country Markets, who served coffee and cakes in the small hall, where their excellent products were on sale.

The event was well supported with lots of people admiring and purchasing bric a brac toys, and toiletries, and the like. The total amount of money that was raised, mainly from renting the tables, was £184.00, but probably equally important was the community spirit engendered by those who ran the stalls, and the many villagers who attended.



Some very full table tops surrounded by lots of would be purchasers when the Table Top Sale at the Community Centre was in full swing on Saturday the 5th of September

Martin Durkin and family, with items from their loft, raising money for the NSPCC, with several prospective customers



TROPHY WINNER



Mrs Eveline Cowan, who sells home made produce (jams) at Lanchester Country Markets, proudly displays the Tom Hopper Perpetual Trophy which she won recently at the Industrial Section of Sedgfield Show. Also in the picture are two shelves full of her jams all of which are well labelled.

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LANCHESTER TO PERU AND BACK

After all of the fund raising leading up to our big trip to Peru, it's now all over. We thought that since it was the generosity of the people of Lanchester village that helped us to meet our target, we would like to share with you some of the highlights of our trip of a lifetime. It is hard to pick only a few of the experiences that we shared, however these are the ones that stand out for us.

The trek was our first major activity, which took place in the Colca Canyon. We set off from the village of Cabanaconde, near the top of the canyon and made our way down and across and eventually back up and out again, over a period of five days. This was hard work at some points but enabled us to see a vast array of landscapes and ways of life as we stayed in huts in a

different village every night. The Project was the most important part of our expedition as we were able to live and work closely with the people of Luquina Chico. This village was on a peninsula in the highest lake in the world, Lake Titicaca. The children we found to be some of the most friendly people we have come across, they stayed, intrigued by us, from the early hours of the morning until late at night. We were able to play games with them with the toys which we provided; teach them English and often in return they would teach us some Spanish. During the week that we were there, we finished building a Pier into the lake. This was extremely hard physical work. We also painted and furnished their library during this week. This was an excellent task to involve the children with and it was their ideas and designs

that we used to decorate the library, giving them as much input as we could. To say thank you they prepared a performance which they involved us in, dressing us in national costume and teaching us their native dances. Prior to arriving on the peninsula, we had visited the Uros Islands, famous in Peru as they float on the lake and it is not unknown for them to move.

The final thing that we would like to mention is our trip up to Machu Picchu. This took place almost at the end of our expedition. We set off at 4 am from the village of Aguas Calientes, which is near the bottom of the mountain, so that we could see the sunrise from the top. We managed this, which was beautiful to see, and spent the day exploring the ancient site. We would like to say one last thank you to everyone



Lucy, Julia and Robyn during their expedition in Peru

who contributed and supported our expedition, it was an amazing once in a lifetime experience, it is something we will never forget. Lucy Dunn, Julia Willmot, Robyn Grange

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CONSERVATION ACTION GROUP

The Conservation Action Group met on the Valley Walk near the embankment towards Hurbuck Cottages on Sunday, September 6th as planned. However, as the timing coincided with the Durham Big Bike Ride and as the railway line was inundated with cyclists it was decided to clear a 'wild flower meadow site' alongside the walk. Those present, doing some really hard work, were

Dave Liddle of Durham County, Deborah Ferguson volunteer Co-ordinator, with Mike Horsley, Mike Wardle and Kevin Atkinson, from the village - the only volunteers to turn up. Mike Horsley has stressed the importance of this type of work on this well used path way by many villagers and others and would really like to see more people volunteering to help. A

typical case of many hands make light work!

There will be another Action Day towards Christmas so look at the Village Voice for information about this in the What's On page. You may also contact the following for information about the Action Group: deborahferguson@durham.gov.uk michael@horsley.me.uk carolynwardle@yahoo.co.uk



Action Group hard at work, but very satisfying: Left to right: Dave Liddle, Durham County; Deborah Ferguson, Durham County Volunteer Co-ordinator; Mike Horsley, Kevin Atkinson, Mike Wardle, all volunteers.

LIBRARY CRAFTS

During the schools summer holiday, there has been a craft session for children aged 5-11 for six weeks in the Library. It has been led by Janice Conroy and our own librarian Monica has also led some sessions. They have been very much enjoyed by the participants. A sizeable group of children has attended each week and they are kept busy for the whole hour with various crafts, among which are colouring, cutting out, painting, sticking or pasting, and word searches too. Each session has had a theme. I witnessed the pirate theme and some very colourful parrots were made to put on the shoulders of the pirates, which had been cut out and coloured in by the children. It is good to see the library being so involved with children.

Brenda Craddock



Lily and Joe, Lauren, and Rebecca enjoying their craft session

GREAT NORTH RUN

Serving soldier, Staff Sergeant Simon Bell, of the 4th Artillery Regiment, is to run in the Great North Run for ME/North East. Simon will be doing this with three handicaps. He will be wearing army boots, carrying a 15k Bergen on his back and will be suffering from lack of sleep due to his wife Amy giving birth to their new daughter, Alice Olivia, on 13th September. If you would like to Sponsor Simon, please visit www.justgiving.com/dinga2131

Simon has already completed one tour of duty in Afghanistan and will be serving there again next year.

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JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUN



Eleven year old twins, Francesca and Harry Lawson, are taking part in the Junior Great North Run on Saturday, 19th September, at the Quayside. The course is two and a half miles. The children live in the village and attend Park View School, Chester le Street. Both have been training hard and are looking forward to the occasion.



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LIFESTYLE FITNESS SUPPORTS WILLOW BURN

The teams at the Lifestyle Fitness Group based in Consett and the Louisa Centre, Stanley, raised an amazing £1,140.59 for Willow Burn Hospice. The money was raised over a 12 month period

and involved the whole fitness team creating fundraising activities that included raffles, tin collections, and fitness days. The team were keen to raise awareness for Willow Burn as they know

it provides such a vital service to the Derwentside area and as such they were keen to show their support and give something back by helping a local charity.



Dale & Sarah from Lifestyle Fitness presenting the cheque to Margaret Toberty Community Fundraiser for Willow Burn Hospice

SKILLS TRAINING WALK FOR WILLOW BURN

The young men training in the motor vehicle and electrical sections of the Skills Training Centre, Annfield Plain, decided to put their walking boots on for Willow Burn.

Several members of the group have had their lives 'touched' by the

service and care offered at Willow Burn and were keen to say thank you for the support Willow Burn gave their relatives and families alike.

The teams completed a sponsored walk from their training centre at Annfield Plain to Consett town centre,

stopping for lunch before making the return journey to the centre. Their joint efforts raised £327.63. Whilst everyone was worn out at the end, they all thoroughly enjoyed the day and are looking to make this an annual event in support of Willow Burn Hospice.



The Motor Vehicle and Electrical Sections at Skills Training Annfield Plain

WILLOW BURN SPONSORED WALK



Some of the happy participants

On August Bank Holiday Monday, 72 people set off from the 'telescopes' in Consett to walk approximately 6 miles to Lanchester Social Club on Willow Burn Hospice's Annual Sponsored walk.

OPEN HOUSE FOR WILLOW BURN

On Saturday 22nd August the sun shone for a lovely fund-raising event for Willow Burn Hospice. This was held at 'The Nook' Lanchester which is the home of Mrs Maureen Bennett who is a member of Rotary, and who has a special interest in and admiration for the hospice. She was assisted in this event by members of the Foundation Committee of

the Consett branch of Rotary. Almost everyone sat outside in the sunshine, in the lovely garden, to enjoy a beautifully prepared and delicious buffet. The latter was the work of the Rotary Foundation Committee, Maureen and several friends and Crinnion's, our village butcher. The whole ambience of the occasion was special, as of course are all the

patients and staff at Willow Burn Hospice and we know that the amount raised, £700, will be very much appreciated. Maureen would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make her 'Open House' so successful and all the guests thank you Maureen for a lovely afternoon in your gracious home. Brenda Craddock



Maureen and some of her guests

It is anticipated that over £5,000 will be raised this year.

There were families, small children in pushchairs and some very well-behaved dogs and fortunately the weather was kind, in spite of it being a bank holiday. There was only a strong wind and a little, light drizzle to contend with. The walk took about two hours and finished with a refreshing drink at the Social Club, although everyone was given a bottle of water and a snack box for sustenance and refreshment on the way. Volunteers who work for the Hospice and members of NAMPAC, a company on the Industrial Estate who support the hospice, together with their families, were among those

taking part. Everyone set off immediately after registration so there never appeared to be so many people making the journey at the same time.

The walk was started about nine years ago by Mr Paul Smith, Snr, to raise funds for the Hospice who had cared for his late wife. At first the walk was from the Brown Horse at Tow Law through Satley (stopping for refreshment there) but now the walk is much safer and more pleasant on the new route.

The walk is now organised by the Fundraising team who would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in hearing about other fundraising events or the work of the Hospice itself. Contact number is 01207 523299.

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DURHAM BIG RIDE

Over 750 participants were expected in the Durham Big Ride on 6th September, but more than 1100 eventually took part. Three rides were planned. The 3 mile junior ride took place in the vicinity of Aykley Heads. The 25 mile ride from Durham along many back roads, skirted

Annfield Plain and Leadgate, joining the Railway Walk in the Consett area for the return to Durham, off road. The 'Beast', which was a prospective new event - a 50 mile ride along a similar route but then branching off to Wolsingham and back to Durham, was not able

to take place. After lengthy negotiations lasting many weeks Durham County could not get full Police support to insure this 50 mile ride. It was cancelled very close to the event and competitors registered were offered a half price deal to join the 25 mile ride. This must

have put the numbers up for this ride, considerably. Many riders, however, undertook the 'Beast' ride without official backing and at their own risk. Some riders made a quick start and were passing Maiden Law in just under 40 minutes. At that point the leader was ahead by

some five minutes or so and eventually finished the course in just under 90 minutes. There were some riders including families, still on the old railway line in the Lanchester area well into the afternoon. As it was a 9.00 am start, it was almost a full day out for some weary young legs.



One of the leaders at Maiden Law, absolutely flying



Riders seemed to be enjoying the Railway Walk part of the ride without too much effort

TOUR OF BRITAIN AT MAIDEN LAW

Sponsored by the Prostate Cancer charity, Stage 2 of the Tour of Britain from Darlington to Newcastle/Gateshead passed through Maiden Law at about 11.45 am on Sunday 13th September. A large crowd had gathered and cameras and camcorders were ready for the action. The race was preceded by dozens of

police motorcyclists, and police traffic cars. The police did a superb job controlling the road closures. Then there were the inevitable team support cars and vans loaded with spare bikes and decorated with supporting sponsors' logos. The atmosphere became excitable as riders could just be seen over the brow

of the hill on the road coming up from 'jaw blades' to the 'T' junction at Maiden Law. A group of three almost touching took the bend at Maiden Law with only inches between them - Rai Reus (Rabobank), Alexander Kristoff (Joker Bianchi) and Edvald Boasson Hagen, (Team Columbia) were leading

with the peloton a few minutes behind. There were 99 starters, (one had been eliminated) and 17 teams in this stage of the race. They swept around the bend, a mass of colour, to the ripple of applause and some cheering from the crowd. Then it was over - so quickly - but so well worth seeing - such an exciting spectacle.

As they reached Newcastle/Gateshead, Reus succeeded in taking the Yellow Jersey from the other two riders as a tail wind helped them race to a very tight finish. The Dutchman took the coveted Jersey just 9 seconds ahead of the two Norwegians who just headed the following peloton.



The breakaway group of leaders at Maiden Law



The Peloton takes the bend

W I NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and 3 visitors to the September meeting before giving a very funny reading called "I wish I could be slim again" which described the lure of chocolate and made many of us chuckle ruefully.

Correspondence included the 2010 subscription rates which will be £29.50 and are due in January and details of an End Violence Against Women Quilt Appeal in which all WI members are being asked to cut 6 cm squares of material in red, yellow, blue and green which will be sent away and made into a patchwork quilt to bring attention to the patchy service which is offered to women who seek help, another postcode lottery. The full cost for the November birthday meal of £19 or any balance still to be paid is due at the October meeting.

Members were reminded tickets are for sale at 75p each for our Autumn Coffee Morning which will take place on Wednesday 7th October, produce and items are needed for the stalls. Colourful items are also needed for the DCFWI Fair on 17th October where our stall is a Rainbow Stall, contributions for either or both will be welcomed at the next meeting. Will members please bring their unwanted jewellery in the Heart Research envelopes to the October meeting. Barbara Sproat won the raffle and Jennifer Macdonald was first in the competition for a Holiday Picture with Pat Cotrell second.

The speaker was Mrs Brenda Beveridge assisted by husband Noel. Brenda gave a very interesting and informative talk and slide show on the month they spent last year visiting Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia. It was meant to

be 3 weeks but due to the airport closure at Bangkok they also managed to see Malaysia on their new route home. This was a tailor made holiday, just themselves and their guides, which meant that they saw and visited many places not usually visited by western people. They found the people very friendly but the living conditions and lack of the basic amenities we take for granted were a great contrast to the luxurious hotels they stayed in and the wonderful temples in Bangkok and Cambodia. Brenda and Noel became millionaires for a while as there were 29 thousand dong to the pound and their £200 became nearly 6 million dong.

They also visited the killing fields of Cambodia and the Cu Chi tunnels in which the Vietnamese hid during the American war. The slides shown of these places we had only heard and read about really made us think about the effects of war on countries and people.

Food was a big part of this adventure especially the street food and markets which were everywhere and such a contrast again to the hotels.

This talk gave us a wonderful insight into very

special countries full of contrasts and with cultures so different from our own and made us aware of a whole world out there still to be explored and discovered.

Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and presented Brenda and Noel with wine and flowers. The evening finished with tea and biscuits.



Brenda and Noel with Mrs Lilian Downs who is admiring an embroidery they bought in Vietnam

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RUNNER-UP SLOT FOR BOWLERS

Lanchester Bowling Club finished second in the Tuesday Veterans league. In a close-run finish we ended up just one point above South Moor. A satisfying result for the club but we have a long way to go if we are to match runaway Dipton who have also won the Monday league by a big margin. Respectable mid-league positions are expected for the Monday and Saturday teams when the final positions are known.

The club competitions have now been completed. This year the

number of competitions was reduced and all competitions were well supported with the winners having to battle their way through a lot of tough rounds to win their trophies. Well done to them.

The results are as follows:

Club Championship 4 woods

Winner R Carr,

Runner-up A Wharton

3 Woods Trophy

Winner S Easten,

Runner-up H Davison

Andrew Jobling Trophy

2 woods

Winner R Ball,

Runner-up G Peacock

Bryan Carr Trophy Handicap

Winner S Easten,

Runner-up R Cole

Crinnion Bowl Pairs

Winners G Peacock and

H Davison

Runners-up P Harrison

and P Jose

Ken Tate Memorial

Trophy Ladies

Winner C Monaghan,

Runner-up P Jose

AGM

The AGM will be on

Thursday 15th October

at 7 pm in the Pavilion.

Presentation Dinner

This has been arranged

for Wednesday 11th

November.

TABLE TENNIS IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thanks to a generous donation from a local resident, Bill Woods, Table Tennis may be coming to Lanchester if there is enough interest, particularly from the youth of the village, but all will be welcome, experienced as well as learners. Bill has provided funds for at least one good quality table for which the Community Centre is very grateful.

If you may be interested in taking part, or even wish to become a volunteer, please

call into the Community Centre on any morning to register your interest. If sufficient interest is shown, it is intended to purchase one good quality table to test the demand for the facilities before we seek funding for additional tables. The English Table Tennis Association is supporting the project and they will provide free coaching sessions for the volunteers and the participants. Frank Clarke

has agreed to lead the project and he will be assisted by Adrian Evans. It is likely that this will take place in the Dining Room on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9pm but other locations and times will be considered depending upon the interest expressed. If you want this to happen, we can make it happen, but only if you register your support.

Arthur Maughan, MBE, Chairman

CONSETT TIGERS

Consett Tigers are an under 10's team that play in the Monkton League, South Tyneside. They are managed by Mark Ord from the village, who is assisted by Paul Milburn

and Ian Hall, also from the village. The players are from Lanchester and surrounding areas and they train at the EP School. They are sponsored by FTL, Langley Park who

have just provided them with new strip and local farmers and business people, David and Lynne Hobbs who have provided smart new rain jackets.



The team proudly wearing their new strip, courtesy of FTL, Langley Park, and rain jackets given by John and Lynne Hobbs. Back row, left to right: Paul Milburn, Billy Johnson, FTL, Mark Ord, Manager, and Ian Hall.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL AT ST BEDE'S

Despite the autumn drizzle on Monday 14th September, St Bede's students and staff warmly welcomed a team of young, gifted footballers from Peru. Accompanied by Father Joe Plumb from the diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, who has been working diligently in Peru since 2000, the team were eager to show off their football skills and educate others about their native country.

Whilst working in his parish in the rainforest of Peru, near the town of Iquitos, Father Joe was instrumental in setting up a parish football team - "Club Deportivo Juventud Bellavista". He worked with a group of twenty young men to help them learn responsibility to others, advance their self-esteem and master discipline with the aim of

supporting them into higher education if they could develop and show their commitment. The young men with this amazing opportunity truly lived up to these high expectations.

Besides the training, the football team has worked hard to raise the funds for their air fares and visas with the help of Father Joe. Given that most of them have never been in a city before or flown in an aeroplane, this has been a huge adventure for them.

For many of the young men involved, this visit to England is a dream come true and it has the potential to change their lives forever due to the opportunity to perform in front of many football club scouts during their stay. They are residing at Minsteracres and each day

during their stay, will travel to one of the diocesan secondary schools for an intense football match.

On Monday, St Bede's students had the opportunity to watch exceptional football, reminiscent of the style of Peruvian Newcastle player, Nobby Solano, and also experience the entertainment provided by the young men, two colourful tribal dances.

Also, Father Joe gave a powerful presentation to the school community highlighting the problem of deforestation in the Amazon and the threat this poses to the beautiful environment. It certainly raised awareness to the

situation that these young people and their families have to cope in, as rich petroleum companies take over much of the land and make small communities vulnerable to exploitation. After lunch, the footballers joined a year 11 Spanish lesson that allowed our students the opportunity to practise their language skills. Through speaking to the Peruvian young men the students were able to learn about another culture so different to our own and discuss the contrasting features of day-to-day life. St Bede's supports Father Joe's mission in Peru and were delighted to be able to present him with a cheque for £1,000. This will

make a huge impact on the lives of the young men. The Peruvian team also presented St Bede's with a plaque, carved from wood from the Amazon.

The rich experience gained by all involved on Monday was priceless. Mrs Matthews said that, "the young people's own experience of life was humbling" and the St Bede's footballers had a great lesson in playing a completely different style and highly skilled game of football.

The very talented group return to Peru on 26th September and St Bede's will continue to support Father Joe's mission.

Claire Hogarth

BEN RAISES £1000

Ben Broome, who recently travelled from Edinburgh to Newcastle on his Unicycle (see July issue) has raised almost £1000 at the time of going to press, with more to come in. The ride was very hard and was achieved in a record five days, but it was great fun. He enjoyed

camping on some nights and some B & B when the weather was not so kind. Ben would like to thank all those supportive people who sponsored him for his 'Dorothy's Well Project', a locally based charity, funding the drilling of a well in Tanzania.

BRAVE PENTATHLETES

Congratulations to our daughter Sarah Haswell and her friends who competed in a Pentathlon at Scunthorpe, it was a very long day in

awful weather conditions. They all did very well for their club, Durham City Harriers. Well done girls. Brian and Angela Haswell



Left to right: Sarah, Georgia and Teresa



The Peruvian visitors entertaining St Bede's students in one of their tribal dances

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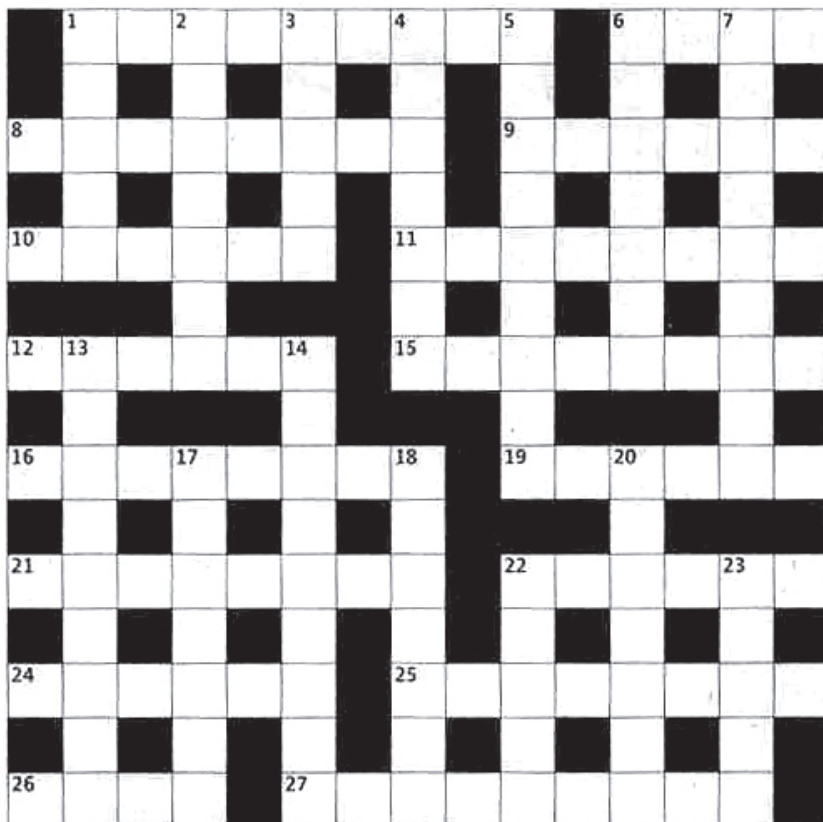
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CROSSWORD 41



ACROSS

1. Very severe (9)
6. Expletive deleted from boat house (4)
8. Can be carried (8)
9. Style found in Chicago thicket (6)
10. Reformed Tesco fifty found in cupboard (6)
11. Hint at (8)
12. £10 back for cheese making agent (6)
15. Close encounter (4,4)
16. Residence of one who is out of favour? (8)
19. Badge (6)
21. AA police produce baldness (8)
22. Part of a diocese (6)
24. See 20
25. A large number (8)

26. Native American tribe in absolute sense (4)
27. Slain goat gives rise to longing (9)

DOWN

1. Slaver (5)
2. A strain for workman (7)
3. Curved course (5)
4. European peninsula (7)
5. Ordeal sounds like dark horse! (9)
6. Ideal (7)
- 7,23. Journey made by youngsters annually? (4,2,3,5)
13. No! Let lime mix be salve (9)
14. Baton (9)
17. Sixties dropouts (7)
18. Use rams for Dutch scholar (7)
- 20,24. Intense craving (7,6)
22. Spanish island resort (5)
23. See 7

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 40

ACROSS

1. to save
4. turnip
9. kale
10. runner bean
11. marrow
12. respects
13. delay test
15. film
16. pity
17. aubergine
21. broccoli
22. potato
24. untold fear
25. leek
26. prefer
27. carrot

DOWN

1. teacake
2. steer
3. very wet
5. uneasy
6. noble king
7. phantom
8. in trust united
14. artichoke
16. parsnip
18. emporia
19. not sent
20. noodle
23. tiler

CROSSWORD 40

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition.

The first all-correct entry in the draw was Mrs Sheila McGarry of Brook View who will receive the £10 prize.

Maybe you could be a winner in this month's challenge by John Wilson.

Name _____

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Please send your entries (by deadline date on back page) to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0JQ.

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SUDOKU

There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. See next month for answers.

			3			1	5	
3		9			1			
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		2				4	6	
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	4			6				
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TRIPLE TRIUMPH IN CRICKET CLIMAX

Lanchester cricket club were partying all the way at the climax of the season, with all three senior teams celebrating their successes. The first team led by Stu McPhail, came from behind in the final weeks to win the league title. Rivals Chopwell stumbled at the final hurdle losing their last two matches, whilst our boys powered on to victory. All of this without the services of pro Andy De Boorder who missed the last three weeks through injury. Paul Underwood just missed out on the league batting averages, finishing second, but ably supported by Graham Brinton and Andy De Boorder who finished 5th and 6th. Andy came out

top in the bowling averages to ensure it was a fantastic season for our top team.

The second team led by Steve Murray were pleased to win promotion in second spot but disappointed as they had led the table going into the final month. Two defeats, including to rivals Morpeth, put paid to title aspirations, but the team were still well clear of third place. Andy Smith topped the league batting averages, whilst seventeen year old Haydn Petch was top of the league bowling averages.

The thirds pulled off a league and cup double, beating Burnopfield to win the Stan Patterson Salver in the most

incredible of finishes. Burnopfield needed just four to win and had five wickets left, but the team's never say die attitude shone through as they took four of the wickets and prevented

Burnopfield from scoring, to win by one run. D J Wingfield's side then wrapped up the league title with victory over Burnopfield again, to secure the league title. These were the first trophies that the thirds had ever won and is testimony to the strength in depth of the club.

Chairman Neil Graham was delighted to comment 'It goes without saying that this has been a brilliant season for the whole club and the best in our history'.

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JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held its annual junior tennis championships on Saturday 5th September. There were three competitions to be played, under 8's, 8 to 10 year olds and 10 plus.

Although the number of competitors was small, the overall standard of play was excellent. All players had attended the club's coaching sessions throughout the summer and this was reflected in the closeness of the matches.

In the under 8 tournament, the players competed using mini-tennis rules. This involved using a smaller size court, smaller rackets, softer tennis balls etc. Played as a round-robin competition, where each player plays each other, Christian Graham was the victor, winning all of his matches on the way to the title.

Only two players were in the 8-10 group. A three set match was played between Dylan Graham and Callum Thompson

with Dylan coming out the winner by 2 sets to 1.

The 10 and older group also played their matches as a round-robin competition. 6 boys were involved and games were hotly contested. Two players, Nicholas Andrews and Thomas Soutar, finished joint top of the mini league and the winner, Nicholas, was decided on percentage of games won to games played!

Well done to all competitors and congratulations to the winners.



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

Scottish Country Dancing For Beginners

Do you know your right from your left? Then why not try Scottish country dancing. This is an excellent form of aerobic, weight-bearing exercise with lots of hand-holding and eye contact!

The class, run by qualified teacher Doris Jackson, will start on Friday 2nd October. We meet in the Small Hall of the Community Centre from 7 to 8 pm. It costs £2 per evening. Light-weight flat shoes are best. We look forward to meeting you!

Country Market

The next Country Market will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 10 am in the Community Centre, so come along for your cakes, vegetables, jams, etc.

Lanchester Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, speaker Karen McArthur of Durham Wildlife Trust will give a presentation about Water Voles. Find out about these important creatures in Durham county.

Lanchester History Society

James William Fawcett, BA, LLB, 1862-1942

James Fawcett, linguist, interpreter, author, traveller, adventurer, holder of 13 honorary degrees, aide-de-camp to Lord Kitchener and, adding to his accomplishments, he was the first man to shoot down a Zeppelin. He was also a local man who never forgot his roots, and who returned to the village of Satley, where he spent his final days.

The intriguing story of James Fawcett will be presented by local historian Mr Ray Thompson at the next meeting of the Society, to be held in the Community Centre on Friday 2nd October at the usual time of 7.30 pm.

New Fitness Class At Community Centre

Due to increased demand and the support of his other fitness classes, top coach, Harry, has begun a new class on Tuesdays 2.15 - 3.15 pm. He will be teaching High/Low Impact Circuits (you choose). Do come along and have some fun with Harry, and get fit at the same time.

Film Club

Sunday 4th October at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre.

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All are welcome, £2 entry for members, £3.50 non members.

MP Surgery

Hilary Armstrong will hold her next advice surgery on Friday 9th October at 6 pm in Consett Civic Centre.

WHAT'S ON?

WI

Our next meeting will be held in the small hall of the community centre at 7 pm on 5th October, this is our AGM and the visiting WIA will be Audrey Dinning. The competition winners for the year will be announced and the Heart Research jewellery envelopes will be collected along with the rest of the Birthday Meal money. Items for the coffee morning sales table can be brought to this meeting with fresh produce etc welcomed on the morning. Items for the DCFWI Rainbow stall will also be collected at this meeting.

W I Coffee Morning

The WI will be holding their Autumn Coffee Morning on Wednesday 7th October in the Community Centre 9.30-11.30 am. Entrance is 75p either by ticket or at the door and there will be food, preserves, sales table and a raffle. Everyone is most welcome, bring your men and children and meet up with friends old and new.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our meeting on 7th October at 1.30 pm in Lanchester Community Centre will be a workshop given by Cath Dawson from Durham, which will include a Christmas flower arrangement. If you would like to join us or for more information telephone Mrs Helen Tomlinson, on 503667.

On Wednesday, 21st October, we intend having a trip to Heighley Gate Garden Centre, Morpeth. If you would like to join us contact Mrs Tomlinson, on the above number.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on 14th October, at 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, when Mrs Nora Fisher will speak about her time as Mayoress of Durham.

Art Exhibition

The Lanchester Art Group will be holding its Annual Exhibition the weekend of October 17th - 18th in Lanchester Community Centre. Doors open 10 am till 5 pm. Admission 50p.



Lanchester Community Centre Sunday Bridge



For all you Bridge fans the monthly Sunday Bridge will start in October. Entrance is £3.00 starting at 2.00 pm on the following dates. Everybody is welcome so put these dates in your diary.

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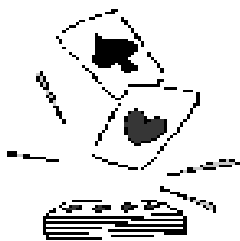
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Lanchester Male Voice Choir Concert For NSPCC

Lanchester NSPCC Committee have enlisted the services of Lanchester Male Voice Choir who have kindly offered to perform a concert in aid of the Charity. 'An Evening with Lanchester Male Voice Choir' will take place on Saturday 14th November in Lanchester Methodist Church, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available from NSPCC members and members of the Choir, or you can pay at the door.

Lanchester Male Voice Choir are in great demand and we are delighted that they have found a window in their busy schedule to support this worthy charity. Please come along and join us for an evening of guaranteed first class entertainment.

The Age of Stupid

The must-see environmental film of the year will be shown in the Community Centre on Sunday 11th October at 3.00pm and 7.30pm and it is completely free. Lanchester Partnership has arranged its showing in our village as the message it carries is so vital to our future wellbeing as individuals, a community and of course globally. The film lasts 90 minutes and is rated as a 12A. There will be a short discussion immediately after the film but if you can't stay, a further meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Community Centre for anyone interested in taking more action. For more information contact Paul and Sonny Shepherd Tel: 01207 520759.

Home on the Range

North Country Theatre's latest production 'Home on the Range', written and directed by Nobby Dimon, will be at the Community Centre on 31st October at 7.30 pm. Based on the diaries of women on the famous Oregon trail, the play tells the tale of the incredible journey they made from the lead mining communities of Northern England to the Wild West of America. Tickets £7 available from the Community Centre (Tel: 01207 521275) or the village newsagent.

Children's Halloween Party

Following the huge success of the event last year, organisers are planning a repeat on Sunday 25th October from 2.00-4.00pm for all children up to 11 years old. The price will be £2.50 with under 1's going free. All proceeds will go to charity.

Short Circuits Walks

3rd October, Dipton, Pontop Pike and Low Ewehurst. Meet in the free car park in centre of Dipton, NZ154536. 6 miles.
17th October, Allen Banks. Meet in Allen Banks National Trust car park (charge for non-members), NY798640. 5 miles.
31st October, Bywell. Meet St Andrew and St Peter's churches just off the B6309, NZ048615. 6 miles.

Social Club Entertainment

Sat 3rd Oct, **Johnny Reynolds**, Knock out Vocalist
Sat 10th Oct, **Red**, Terrific Vocalist
Sat 17th Oct, **Karaoke**
Sat 24th Oct, **Michael**, Dynamic Vocalist
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Ceilidh

Durham Dramatic Society are holding a Ceilidh at the Social Club on Saturday 17th October. Tickets £6. Bring your own food. Doors open 7.30 pm. Contact Lesley on 01207 521789 for tickets.

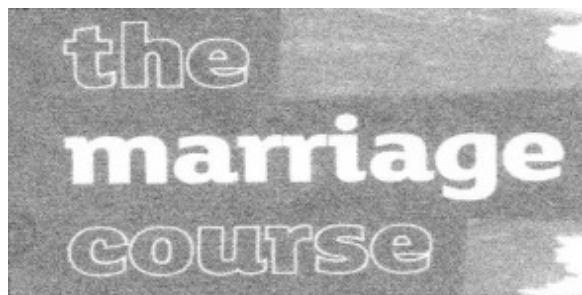
Coming Shortly

Lions Bonfire will take place at Kitswell Park on Saturday 7th November. Satley Residents Association will hold their Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th November from 10 am to 2.00 pm in the Parish Hall. Craft tables available £5 - Contact The Secretary, Mrs Chrissie Clark on 01388 730900 to book.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last month one of our group reached the milestone of an 80th birthday so we were in fact having an early birthday celebration as much as a lunch out and the venue chosen for the occasion was the Beamish Park Hotel. It is a while since we visited and the hotel has been very pleasantly refurbished. The whole place is most welcoming with lovely floral arrangements throughout which are always a delight, while the restaurant itself is very light and airy with extensive views over the surrounding countryside. We sampled one starter, pate with pear and date chutney, main courses were lemon chicken and Mediterranean omelette with chips and garlic mushrooms with bacon and chips, the puddings were raspberry and lime leaf brulee and sticky toffee pudding. All most enjoyable. Just to make the outing extra special we had a red kite fly past - which is always good for the soul.

The Gourmet Girls



Lanchester Methodist Church is running this successful 6 session course between September and December. The course is DVD-based with questions and activities for couples to discuss on their own rather than in groups. It covers topics including resolving conflict, Parents and In-Laws, Good Sex and Love in Action. The course, while based on Christian principles, is very helpful for any couple with or without a Christian faith or church background. Whether your relationship has hit a rocky patch or you just want to make a good marriage better, this course is for you.

The sessions will be held at Lanchester Methodist Church. Dates are: 29th September, 13th October, 20th October, 10th November, 24th November, 8th December. The first and last sessions are 7.30 - 9.30 pm, all others are 8.00 - 9.30 pm.

For further information or to book a place on the course please contact Tracey Hume (01207 520604) tj.hume@btinternet.com

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LEAGUE AND CUP DOUBLE



The victorious 3rd team from Lanchester Cricket Club

For full story of a great cricket season for the whole club, see page 21

WILLOW BURN WALK



Walkers registering at the start of the Annual Sponsored Walk

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Competitors in the 10 and over age range

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BEN RAISES £1000



Ben Broome unicycling on the North Sea Trail on his way to Newcastle

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The deadline for **adverts** is 18th October.

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