

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## ANNUAL LEEK SHOW



*Vince Pickersgill triumphs with his Gladioli*

Lanchester Social Club held their Annual Leek Show as usual on the second weekend in September. Benching, and judging by Brian Young, took place on the Saturday afternoon followed by further viewing that evening. On Sunday there were more viewing opportunities with the presentations and auction taking place later.

It is such a pity that the membership has decreased to eleven during the last few years. More people are encouraged to join this enthusiastic group of vegetable and flower growers. Those who are inexperienced will



*Norman Holmes wins first prize for some magnificent Blench Leeks*

gladly be given help by expert stalwarts who have been members for many years. All

competitions except for certain categories of leeks are open to non members and several of those turned up



*Terry Barras with his successful Mixed Veg*

from Durham, Shotley Bridge and Catchgate. Where were all those Lancastrians, especially the enthusiastic

gardeners who have allotments in the village?

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# Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice  
I have recently had major surgery at the cardiothoracic unit, Freeman Road hospital, where I received excellent care. Words cannot begin to express how grateful I am for all my lovely cards and get well wishes. It makes me feel very fortunate to live in a village that is abundant with so many caring and thoughtful people. I would also like to thank the fantastic support from neighbours, friends and family. They're making my healing process so much easier. Sincere thanks  
Chris Wilson  
Church View

## BOYS' BRIGADE RECYCLING

The Boys' Brigade would like to thank everyone who is backing its campaign to recycle old printer cartridges and mobile phones and would ask that you keep them coming. We particularly would like to thank Tony at Lanchester Post Office for kindly agreeing to have a box in the Post Office where these can be left. We have currently raised over £100. We are now expanding our recycling campaign to include CDs and DVDs. Any CD Album that has the original artwork, the disc and a case with the barcode is worth money to Lanchester BB. Now is the time to sort out your collection, make room for new ones and let us have all those that are surplus to you. We would be happy to collect if more convenient. Contact either Vicky 521853 or Eric 521323.

## SOLAR PANELS ARE THEY FOR YOU?

Uncertain over the number of choices? Find out more from local people with firsthand experience of fitting solar panels. Over the last few months more and more Lanchester roofs can be seen covered with solar panels as more residents take on the challenge of producing some of their own electricity. Many others are also contemplating this home improvement as the return on the investment seems almost 'too good to be true' but an initial enquiry can throw up many tricky questions. What type of panels would I need? Does my roof have a suitable pitch? How long will they take to install? How long will it take to get some returns on my investment? Who are the best local installers? To try to answer some of these queries about the benefits and pitfalls of fitting solar panels

Lanchester Partnership Green Group have organised a meeting to provide some independent information. David Smith will be presenting some facts and then there will be an opportunity to listen to several local people share their experiences and even a chance to arrange a visit to view their installations at a convenient time. And while you are at the club perhaps a chance also to see the workings of their new solar panels too. If you're interested in finding out more come to: Lanchester Social Club Thursday 6th October 7.30pm

## TRAINERS FOUND

A pair of leather Nike brand trainers, sky blue/white, have been found at Lanchester Cricket Club playing field. Please contact Wendy on 07746053202 if they belong to you.

## 3G MOBILE PHONE COVERAGE IN LANCHESTER

The BBC has launched a map that shows 3G mobile phone coverage around the country. This shows patchy coverage of 3G in Lanchester. Coverage appears to be a little better to the west of the A691 but only 2G is shown as available in the village centre from most providers. On the BBC website you can look at the coverage for each phone company which could be useful when choosing a phone service provider. To view the map, go to [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk) and search for 3G map. You will need to enter your postcode. Click the buttons at the top of the map to reveal the coverage for each mobile phone company.

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# HADRIAN'S WALL CONQUERED!



*Brian and Linda Haynes at the end of Hadrian's Wall Path*

Linda and Brian Haynes completed the Hadrian's Wall path walk from Wallsend to Bowness on Solway on Saturday 10th September without too many blisters and only minor aches and pains. On the way we encountered stubborn cows, herds of sheep, mud, wind and odd days of driving rain, but the comradeship of fellow hardy travellers made up for any downside to the six day trek. We would like to thank, on behalf of our beautiful granddaughter Bethany and her family, all the good people of Lanchester, Scotland, Yorkshire, Cambridge and as far away as America who contributed so generously to Bethany's fund. You exceeded our expectations and it looks as though the fund will reach approximately £3000. Thank you to all of you, known and unknown to us, for your wonderful support. Linda and Brian Haynes

## LUCY EMMERSON CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY

Lucy, who currently lives and looks after herself in her bungalow at Esh Winning, celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday 13th September in some style. There were three events. On the actual day, friends and family who travelled from as far as Spain and New Zealand, gathered together for a party. The next day there was a celebration at the Durham Alliance Day Care Community Centre at Brancepeth, which Lucy attends regularly and where she has many friends. On the Thursday there was a surprise day out when Lucy and friends were taken out on a surprise trip to Lanchester Garden Centre where they enjoyed an excellent lunch. It seemed quite coincidental that Lucy was actually married at Lanchester Registry Office, seventy years ago.

It was an exciting day at the Garden Centre for Lucy, a really lively, smiling, talkative lady, who was presented with flowers and a birthday cake, and had with her a card from the Queen and a telegram from the Ministry of Pensions. During her long life Lucy worked at Mildred College, Durham, and at an ammunition factory during the war. Lucy was married for 60 years - her husband died ten years ago and she has also outlived her two sons. However, her family give her tremendous pleasure. She has seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren and eleven great great grandchildren. It was a fine day for a lovely lady.



*Lucy with carers, Lisa, Eileen and Kath at their lunch at Lanchester Garden Centre*

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# WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Councillor Ossie Johnson and his wife Linda are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ailsa to Lance Bombardier Lee White, Royal Artillery. The warm and friendly service took place in Lanchester All Saints Church on a very wet 11th August and was conducted beautifully by Rev Peter Sinclair. During the signing of the register the guests listened to a superb rendition of Eva Cassidy's Songbird sung by Kimberley Barker, a family friend who was ably accompanied by Bill Gray on piano. Ailsa wore a stunning Benjamin

Roberts draped gown in ivory gold silk, detailed with delicate beading. The bridesmaids were Fiona Johnson (bride's sister), Phillipa Jose, (bride's friend), Emma and Kelly White (groom's sisters). They wore lovely knee length, tiered dresses in amethyst chiffon and satin. The couple's son Henry wore a mini replica uniform to match his father and was very well behaved but very vocal, throughout the service! The best men were Adam Norris and David Davison who also helped the ushers to form a guard of honour for the exit from church.



*Smiles despite the rain as Ailsa and Lee leave Lanchester Church*

The wedding breakfast, at Slaley Hall, was followed by an evening celebration with singer Emma Rodham, before a disco finished off a fantastic day despite the rain. The happy couple honeymooned in the Caribbean Island of Aruba, off the coast of Venezuela, and will continue to live in Kitswell Road.

## THE WEDDING BLESSING OF AUREL AND CLAIRE STROKA

On Saturday 3rd September, the Wedding Blessing of Aurel and Claire Stroka, nee Watson, took place at the Methodist Church, Lanchester. They had been married in Albania the previous week. The bride wore a white and fuchsia gown, by Madeline Gardiner. The bridesmaids wore Teatro dresses in fuchsia. The blessing was conducted by Rev Gavin Hume and the reception

was held at Lanchester Social Club. Claire particularly wanted the blessing to take place in the village as she has worked as a hairdresser at Beryl's for fifteen years. Many of her clients and friends helped to organise and put the final touches together for this lovely occasion. Both Aurel and Claire would like to thank those people who made a tremendous effort to make it such a memorable day.



*Aurel and Claire Stroka after the Blessing*

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# HOLLYWOOD COMES TO LANCHESTER

Lanchester Social Club's annual leek show on 10th September provided the backdrop for a team from Newcastle Amateur Cinematographer's Association to shoot key scenes for their new production of 'The Best Place'. The film is based on a short story by local northeast writer Richard Ripon and relates to 'carrying on' on the lead up to a leek show and the eventual outcome. Dastardly deeds!

Former Lanchester resident Rod Leyland approached Social Club steward Richard Young to see if the required shots could be done there. "They couldn't have been more obliging" says Rod. "Everyone was really helpful and they even provided us with a specimen prize leek to use as a prop in our shots!" Newcastle ACA are aiming to enter the production into a

national amateur film competition in January 2012. Much editing and post-production needs to be done before then though, so quite a few late nights ahead for the team from Newcastle ACA. If any readers would like to develop their hobby of movie making please contact Rod Leyland on 01207 504616 or [rjl@anross8.demon.co.uk](mailto:rjl@anross8.demon.co.uk) for details about Newcastle ACA.



*Filming at the Social Club*

## BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

A fine morning greeted vintage motorcycle enthusiasts as they gathered for the 'off', at the New Board Inn, Langley Park, at 9.00 am on Sunday 18th September. There were 150 starters this year compared to the maximum 120 previously. The increase was due to the helpfulness of the owners of a nearby farm at Hairey Hill who offered a field for extra parking as the New Board Inn facility was at bursting point. Donations for the extra parking went to MacMillan Nurses.

The route was slightly changed this year as the garage at Alston has been closed. This enabled the organisers to reduce the mileage to 118 miles instead of the normal 129. The morning run was 69 miles (afternoon 49 miles), which meant that riders arrived at the Allenheads Inn for lunch. The proprietors there generously provided a ladies' trophy for which the five women entrants competed. Two of the ladies drove sidecar outfits which was an unusual, interesting feature of the event. During the course, of which approximately 10%

was off road, there was an historical and road safety quiz which most entrants enjoyed. The oldest bike was an AJS Big Port 350cc 1927 ridden by C Harvey. I Reavley who rode in the first Beamish Trophy Trial 40 years ago, was on the same bike this year, a Scott 498cc manufactured in 1929. Riders started to arrive back at The Board Inn by about 3.15 pm and there was a steady flow afterwards up until around 4.15 pm. The already threatening weather broke, and a tremendous downpour drenched many of them as they finished the course.

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# ANNUAL LEEK SHOW

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This year the usual suspects picked up many of the awards with Vince Pickersgill, Billy Brunton and Terry Barras featuring among them. It was good to see former member Norman Holmes

winning an award for his magnificent Blench Leeks. On Sunday evening the presentations to award winners and auction always has a great atmosphere with produce and beautiful flowers going for very low prices. It is always a great end and a very satisfactory conclusion to this exceptionally well organised weekend - a north east tradition which must be kept going.

## TROPHIES 2011

### LEEKS

1st Prize  
2nd Prize  
3rd Prize

Best Leek in Show

### VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables  
3 onions from seed  
Heaviest Onion  
Pair of Marrows

### FLOWERS

Vase of flowers  
5 Chrysanthemums  
Best Dahlia  
3 Gladioli

**Best Exhibit In Show**

**Most Points In Show**

NB Those winners without a place name are from Lanchester.

Norman Stevenson Cup  
H B Maycock Cup  
Victor Dillon Cup

O H Thompson Cup  
Federation Shield  
Lanchester CIU Club Cup  
Jim Dixon Cup

Iveson Rose Bowl  
Britannia Building Society  
Allan Whittle Trophy  
James Halpen Trophy  
Lanchester CIU Club Shield  
Tetley Cup

B Brunton (Annfield Plain)  
V Pickersgill  
T Barras  
B Brunton (Annfield Plain)

T Barras  
D Hall  
D Hall  
V Pickersgill

A Swinburne (Shotley Bridge)  
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Trish Bennett (Social Club) presents Alan Swinburne with the Iveson Rose Bowl for his winning Vase of Flowers

## BURNHOPE LEEK SHOW



Councillor Ossie Johnson presented cups for the overall champion and best leek in show to Alan Selway at Burnhope Leek Club Show which was held at Burnhope Cricket Club. Alan Selway, on the right, was accompanied by David Laight, last year's winner who came second in this year's show. The competition was a keenly fought affair with some really magnificent specimens competing for first place, and it was acknowledged by the judges that there was not a bad leek in the show.

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## CRINNIONS REOPENS

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during our refurbishment and apologise for the inconvenience. We hope you think it is all worthwhile. Please pop in and have a look around, we're still at 'work in progress' stage with a few small jobs to finish, but we're nearly there.

We now have a Coffee Shop serving breakfast from 8.00 am until 11.00 am and offering a Cafe Menu with traditional homemade cakes, scones and 'hearty fayre', with Pumphreys Coffee and de luxe Hot Chocolate to prepare for winter coming.

Our restaurant will offer a wide range of Traditional English Dishes superbly cooked by Neil Timbey, our new Head Chef. We know you will like our Sunday Lunch Menu!

We hope soon to have a full drinks licence and our wines will be priced to drink!

Finally, as we have been a Butchers business since 1959 we will still be selling local Beef, Pork and Lamb from the Foodhall, all prepared in our New Purpose Built Factory.

The Foodhall will also encompass Fruit and Veg from Ray Emmerton, our Local Greengrocer, as well as our usual Delicatessen Products.

Thanks once again for your patience and we hope you support us in our new venture.

Paul and Fiona



*Paul and Fiona enjoying a drink at their opening drinks and aperitif evening*

## NEW GIFT SHOP OWNERS

Susan and Michael Leithrow are the new owners of Lanchester Country Homes & Gifts and Gallery Coffee Shop. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Patricia Goodacre and Martin Matthews for their

help in making it a smooth handover, and wish them well in their retirement.

The Gallery Coffee Shop will now be offering All Day Breakfasts and Afternoon Teas, as well as a wide selection of

other tasty treats. Opening hours for the Coffee Shop are 9.30 am - 4.00 pm, Savoury orders by 3.30 pm.

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13th September 2011

The Police Report from the PACT Meeting (see separately) was given which included the Neighbourhood Warden report. This report mentioned litter in Kitswell Park. The bin has now been repaired by our village handyman David. **St Bede's School.** Cllr Colin Burton, in the Chair, introduced Beth Meggeson, Extended Services Co-ordinator and four students at the school, Josh Littlefair, Rebecca Sweeney, Eoin Stephenson and Philip Nixon, who had put together an impressive PowerPoint presentation. This is part of their campaign to raise awareness of the problem of the 40 mph speed limit on the road outside the school and their efforts to have this reduced. These students have already

received a Road Safety award from the High Sheriff, a £100 grant and were second in a national competition. There was much discussion and praise from Members and suggestions made, one of which was to take this to the AAP, who have a meeting shortly.

**Correspondence.** **Lanchester Allotments Association** - Minutes of their April and July meetings were received.

**Longovicium** - copies of the booklet 'A Roman Town at Lanchester' were received from Friends of Longovicium.

**Willow Burn** - a letter of thanks was received.

**Junior Football Team** - a letter of thanks and agreement to the terms and conditions of use of the field was received.

**Dog litter bins** - a response by Durham

County Council to a letter regarding the bin on the mineral line walk which had not been emptied stated that the bin is now included in the weekly cleaning cycle.

**Home to School/College transport** - the Lead Officer read out the reply from Durham County Council in response to a request for consultations results. The letter, however, did not give these results but just gave the decision already made which will affect students travelling to St Bede's.

**Public Footpath Diversion** - the new route of the footpath at Malton, on completion of the new bridge, was received.

**Lanchester Lions' Bonfire and Firework Display** - Members considered a request for the use of the land at the Cricket Club and a

donation. It was agreed to send £400 as usual, subject to the Lions Club looking into the problem of parking (by writing to the Police) and also to request the Lions to display the 'Sponsored by Lanchester Parish Council' banner.

**Durham Rural Community Council** - their newsletter was received.

**Lanchester Dairies Ltd** - Members received a letter regarding the speed of their lorries. They asked to be given any specific information and that they would work with all their drivers.

**LINK newsletter** - The latest newsletters and notice of the AGM were received and Cllr Burton explained that LINK would finish in two months and become known as Healthwatch, but the organisation of the new system is still under debate.

**Area Action Partnership (AAP) and Parish Councils Committee (PCC).** The next AAP meeting was the following day and Cllr Burton read out the matters to be discussed with regard to Lanchester. He also said that he would report on the next PCC meeting, to be held on 17th September, at next month's Parish Council Meeting.

**Cricket Club Licence Agreement.** Members considered additions to the licence agreement and these were approved. It was also agreed that a date be set for inspection.

**Fenhall Drift Miners' Banner.** Further negotiations have been made with regard to returning the banner to Lanchester. The Parish Church will be delighted to have it, with provisos. The Church also thanked the Parish Council for resurfacing the parking

area in front of the Church. **Lynwood Development.** Cllr Wardle reported that a Steering Committee has been set up to form a Community Interest Company. The Committee acknowledges the work the Lead Officer has put into this and Cllr Wardle suggested that she be allotted 3 hours per week to do work for the Company. This was agreed, with an annual review.

**Nine Month Bond.** Information on the current investment was given and approved.

**AOB.** Cllr Glass stated that he is sometimes unable to access plans and planning applications on the County Council website and asked if the Lead Officer could write to the Council and ask why this happens. This was agreed.

**Date of Next Meeting.** This will be at 7.15 pm on Tuesday, 11th October in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester.

## PLANNING MEETING 12th July 2011

**Election of Chair.** Mr M Wardle was elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

**Election of Vice Chair.** Mr K Harrison was elected as Vice Chairperson.

**Planning Applications.** Members considered the following applications.

1 Demolition of existing derelict industrial building and construction of a single dwelling on land east of Officials Terrace, Malton.

Members object to this development and raise the following issues:-

i This development is seen as unacceptable development in the countryside.

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if The size and style of the dwelling is out of character with the surrounding area.

iii As there are other industrial undertakings in the area, there is concern for setting a precedent for further development.  
iv. It is requested that the arboriculturist from the County Council visit the site to consider the proposed tree felling.

2 Felling of one ornamental fir tree at 31 Front Street, Lanchester. RESOLVED: no objection.

3 Felling of one ash tree at 1 Prospect Terrace, Lanchester. Members expressed concern that the tree was protected by a Tree Preservation Order. RESOLVED: that Members ask that the matter be referred to the County Council officers for their professional opinion about TPO status and tree quality.

4 Listed Building Consent for renovations to roof including refixing of original salvaged stone slabs and ridges (replacing damaged to match existing). Replace lead flashing strip, original roof covering to front elevation and fit breathable felt laid on eaves protectors and treated counter batons and ridges at 27 Front Street, Lanchester. RESOLVED: no objection, subject to it complying with conditions for Grade II status and Village Design Statement criteria.

Members discussed the Lanchester Arms. RESOLVED: that information is sought from the County Council as to the expiry date of the current planning permission.

**Decisions of the Planning Authority.** The following planning

applications had been approved by Durham County Council.

\* Conservatory to rear at 67 Foxhills Crescent, Lanchester.

\* Replacement of front and rear exterior doors at Park House Cottage, Station Road.

\* Erection of external staircase and extension to patio to north side of property at 2 The Paddock.

\* Erection of two storey side extension incorporating a garage and erection of single storey rear extension at 13 Colepike Road.

\* Change of use from shop to hot food takeaway at 21 Front Street.

\* Replace bay window with French doors, original footprint of bay window to be maintained. Replace original felted flat roof to by window with pitched slated roof, replace original front door with window (retrospective) at 9 Officials Terrace, Malton.  
\* Conservation area consent to demolish a storage barn and replace with two detached dwellings at Greystone, Crow Hall.

\* Demolition of existing storage barn and erection of two detached dwellings at Greystone, Crow Hall.  
\* Felling of one cherry tree at 4 Lee Hill Court.

\* Retrospective planning permission to amend the external boundary wall and parking area to the south of the stables and goose house at Middle Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane.

\* Erection of timber fencing and gates (retrospective) at The Gin Gang, Newbiggen Lane.

\* Erection of single storey extension and decking to rear of dwelling at 32 West Drive.

26.07.11 to 23.08.11

Number of calls: 68

Dwelling burglaries: 1 (Brick thrown through window. Offender took vehicle keys from within and stole vehicle) + 1 attempt.

Other burglaries: 1 (Items stolen from commercial premises) + 1 attempt (Brick thrown through window of cricket club - unsuccessful attempt to gain access)

Anti-social behaviour: 9. Rowdy nuisance and neighbour disputes being dealt with jointly by Durham County Council and police.

Criminal damage to vehicles: 4. Vehicles damaged by intoxicated youths are being dealt with by Youth Offending Team. Criminal damage to premises: 1. Newsagent's window smashed - youth arrested and dealt with.

Theft: 1. Fuel taken from tractor tank on farm.

## POLICE REPORT

Operation Livorno, tackling street drinking, continues.

Community Speed Watch regularly operated in Ford Road alongside fixed speed visor. Warning letters have

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# LANCHESTER LADIES



*Lanchester Friends. Do you know any of them?*

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depict on the reverse side of the photograph who or what is shown, where it was taken and when. Therefore the information

is lost forever and there is little purpose in retaining the photograph. I hope that is not necessarily true in the

case of the photograph reproduced here. It is possible that some of you will recognise faces and hopefully will be able to answer the other two questions ie, where and when.

Those people who know me will be aware that I have lived most of my 86 years in Lanchester, (actually in the house where I was born) and whilst I can recognise a few of the faces, not many. At least, this photograph, which I inherited from my family's collection on the death of my sister, and which was produced by the Consett Newspaper (long gone) can become a talking point wherever village ladies meet. The only caption appearing on the reverse is "LANCHESTER FRIENDS".

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## **COMMUNITY DRAW**

The winning number in the Community Draw for August 2011 is 37. The draw was made by Mr N Hartley of 'Computers for All'.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

The House of Commons has just finished debating the final stages of the government's controversial Health and Social Care Bill, following the much vaunted 'listening exercise'. The Bill remains intact with only very minor, cosmetic changes and must now pass through the House of Lords before becoming law.

I have spent part of recess trying to organise a public meeting in Lanchester to discuss the changes in local bus services. I have now received confirmation that Peter Huntley, Chief Executive of Go-Ahead Northern, has agreed to attend the meeting, subject to diary commitments. I am now in the process of organising a date and a venue, as well as a representative from Durham County Council. Final details will be publicised widely once they are confirmed. I have called this meeting to provide residents with an opportunity to voice the impact that these cuts are

having, but most importantly to make constructive proposals about alternative route/timetable amendments etc that could be made at limited cost but which would make a big difference to people in Lanchester and Burnhope.

Finally, many of you will have seen the Boundary Commission's proposals for the current North West Durham constituency following the government's decision to reduce the number of MPs from 650 to 600. These proposals have been made purely on electoral numbers without regard to existing community or historical links. North West Durham will be divided into two seats; Consett & Barnard Castle, which will stretch from Hadrian's Wall in the north to the Yorkshire border in the south and cover 2,500 sq kms, whilst Crook, Tow Law and Willington will form part of the proposed Bishop Auckland

constituency. Much of the proposed Consett and Barnard Castle constituency is more than 1,000 feet above sea-level and therefore it may not be possible to travel across the proposed constituency for part of the winter, especially if we have weather similar to the last two winters! Lanchester will be part of this new, huge constituency. We are now in a period of consultation. Lanchester Parish Council will be considering these proposals at their next meeting so if you have any views you would like to express about this you can go direct to the Boundary Commission website or feed them into a community response via your local Parish Councillor.

If you need to contact me on any issue, then please write to me at Pat Glass MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, email me at [pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk), or phone my office on 01207 501 782.

## Gardening in October

The abundance of spring and summer seasons is almost over but the cold of winter is yet to come. October is the time for clearing up and for thinking of Spring. The soil is still warm so spring bedding plants and spring flowering bulbs have the facility to become established prior to the onset of winter.

### Borders

October is the time to finish planting spring bedding such as wallflower, polyanthus, bellis, pansy, forget-me-not, etc before the soil cools down too much. Divide and move lily bulbs, replanting them immediately. Make sure

that all tender plants like half hardy fuchsia have been taken under cover before the first frost and lift and store summer flowering bulbs like gladioli. Cut down faded and dying flowers from border perennials to tidy-up the plants and cut a few stems with attractive seed-heads and berries for indoor displays.

### Vegetable Plot

Once you have cleared an area of ground you can dig it over and use compost from your bin for mulching and digging in to improve the soil. This is useful for emptying a leaf mould bin before filling it up again next month with fallen leaves.

Finish lifting main-crop potatoes, leaving them on the surface for a few hours to dry-up before you put them into store. Also, you can fill empty spaces with some winter onions. Continue to water outdoor crops of tomato, courgette and beans to encourage a continuation of the crops.

### General

During this month you can still lay turf before conditions turn cold; remove pond and water-feature pumps and store them for winter and empty hosepipes and watering kits bringing them inside for the winter. Any decorative glazed pots need emptying and storing in a frost free place.

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# LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

## "A lifetime burning in every moment"

The fourth concert of the LEMF (Saturday 27th July) featured an all J S Bach programme, highlighting the Solo 'Cello suites. Greg Pullen ('Cello and Viola da Gamba) returned to complete the cycle started two years previously and Dr Brunt returned to play Harpsichord and Organ. The opening chorale preludes represented different facets of Bach's technique. The first was of declamatory character, the second more introspective; the last, a highly decorated,

ornamented version of the original.

The 'cello suite No 3 in C major began with an abstract Prelude leading into more movements with a dance like character but much transformed by the genius of Bach.

The performance of the Sarabande was truly inspired with its profound statements. The music then returned to more dances interspersed with some darker moments.

The sonata in D major for viola da gamba and organ began with an uncomplicated adagio, leading to a more complex allegro. The central movement featured an

eloquent dialogue between the performers before leading the work to an ending with the calm of the opening movement. The first half of the concert ended with the dark and brooding 'Cello Suite No 5 in C minor. The texture of the opening Prelude was sparse as it became an ominous lamentation using the high registers of the 'cello. The dance movements seemed to have lost cohesion, however the Courante brought some relief before ending abruptly. The music of the central Sarabande was fragmentary returning to the lower

registers before dissipated into silence. The proceeding Gavottes contained some brutal angular melodies and rhythms, the final jig being a shadow of the previous endings bringing the work to an uneasy conclusion. Part two began with Bach's last completed work, a chorale prelude for organ, clearly reflecting early and later works with melodic figurations weaving around the chorale, culminating in a series of gentle harmonies. Dr Brunt expertly played a selection from Bach's overture in the French

style, which contrasted the works of the first half, being lighter and closer to conventional dance forms.

The concert closed with the 6th Suite for 'Cello. This time the music was exuberant and life affirming. The music seemed to leap off the page and dance triumphantly around the church as the movements proceeded each other. From the assertive opening prelude to the dancing, almost folk-like jig uplifting jig rounded off a superlative concert from two superb musicians.

## "REQUIEM FROM THE RENAISSANCE"

The last concert of the Lanchester Early Music Festival, held on the 10th of September, saw the return of The Clerks of Durham with Andrew Fowler directing. Dr Brunt returned to play the Organ.

The first half of the concert was dedicated to performing the Officium Defunctorum by Victoria. It began with a dramatic Organ Pavan which led into the first part of the Requiem, starting with a short section of

plainsong running throughout the work, acting as a touchstone for the music. Scripture readings punctuated sections of the music giving the feel of a devotional meditation, rather than simply a concert. The music making throughout was superb. The Clerks sang as one voice allowing the full colour and timbre of the work to come out. The sympathetic direction of Andrew Fowler was particularly telling in the

questioning opening movement and penultimate setting of the prophet Job's meditations on the fate of man. The requiem was a final flourish of the great composer before he put down his pen and the Spanish Renaissance receded into history.

The second half of the concert began with the austere beauty of Thomas Tallis demonstrated in a series of short Latin anthems, interspersed with a short organ work.

The Clerks sang exquisitely and brought out the free counterpoint in the music allowing it to echo around the church. Next was some music of William Byrd represented in both English and Latin settings.

Another section dedicated to Tallis was followed by two short anthems, showing the link between Tallis and the Middle Ages.

The concert ended with some more anthems and organ music by Orlando

Gibbons, cumulating in a joyful and sonorous rendition of "O clap your hands together".

The performance by Andrew and the Clerks was of the highest artistic order throughout and provided a moving and memorable evening, showing that although the composers and their times have disappeared and faded from history, their convictions, faith and music still speak to us directly through time.

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## LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Society's Meetings resumed after the summer recess with a talk by Bill Saunders entitled 'Bessie Surtees - is she really a folk heroine?' This was held in the Community Centre on Friday 2nd September and was attended by 35 people.

Mr Saunders had given a talk in September last year and in the same amusing, inimitable way he described the background to Bessie's life and how she had achieved fame by eloping out of the window with John Scott, a coal merchant of whom her parents did not approve. The house, 41 Sandhill, Newcastle, is better known as Bessie Surtee's

house. Photographs of the house, a 17th century timber-framed house, in later years and as it is today were shown together with many others of nearby buildings, in the very interesting talk which wove in many facts about other well-known, local figures. John Scott went into law and became Lord Chancellor, so perhaps his in-laws approved eventually. As he had intended going into the Church but was prevented from doing so because of the elopement, perhaps this is why Bessie became so famous.

Next month's meeting is the Annual General Meeting accompanied by a talk by Eric Musgrove. Everyone is welcome.



*Bill Saunders who gave a talk to the Society*

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

On a very rainy day last month we lightened our spirits with a meal at the Blue Bell at Kip Hill. We haven't been for while but the place is still as friendly as ever with Eddie in charge and giving the usual command performance. The Blue Bell had very kindly given a £20 voucher for the raffle at the Thursday Club's charity cream tea in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance and as one of our number had won it, we were all sharing in the

good fortune. We sampled slow cooked belly pork with black pudding and apple mash, sweet and sour pork, chicken stuffed with white pudding in a peppercorn sauce and sauteed garlic and chilli mushrooms. For pud we had a peach melba dessert or toffee crunch ice cream. As we listened to the gentle sounds of nostalgic music playing softly in the background we enjoyed a very pleasant lunchtime together once again.

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Three rides were held on the day. The junior event was a circular route of 3 miles around the Aykley Heads area. The 10 mile route went through Sacriston, Witton Gilbert and Langley Park before returning to Durham. The 25 mile route began as the former but continued to Burnhope from Sacriston through the top of Maiden Law, onto Iveston, Delves Lane then off road on the Lanchester Valley Walk back to Durham. Altogether just over 1000 riders took part and were rewarded with a T shirt, goody bag and medal for their efforts.

There were no serious injuries, just the odd fall by a few riders. Marshalling went well and judging by blogs on the website, everyone seemed to enjoy their rides.



*A group of riders setting the pace at Maiden Law with some finding it easier than others*

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## THE BEAST

'The Beast' is the name given to the 50 mile Durham Big Ride which was held on 11th September. It began at the Park & Ride, Sniprley, at 9.00 am on the Sunday morning and within half an hour the first riders from Infinity Cycling Club at Meadowfield, were climbing the twisty hill at Iveston. About 400 riders took part including the Chief Constable of Durham, Jon Stoddart. Iveston was quite an exciting place to be as riders fought to climb the hill into the village. One

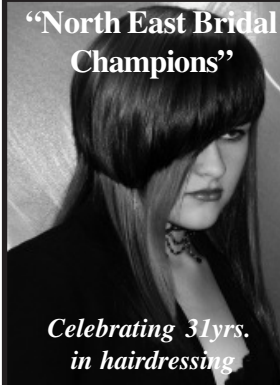
rider fell but was not hurt and several decided to push their bikes up the hill. An ambulance was waiting at the top in case there were casualties and there was a drinks station opposite the Pavilion Restaurant. Most riders completed the course in under 4 hours. Conditions were fine but windy which made it difficult for some parts of the course, which after leaving Iveston went on to Bogglehole, Knitsley, the A68 to Wolsingham, upwards to Tow Law and back to the start.



*Cyclists negotiating the twisty steep hill into Iveston*

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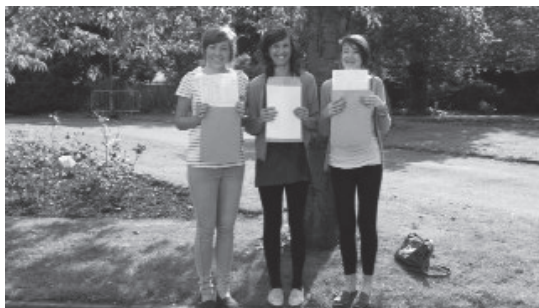
*Kieran Dodds (3A\* in History, Eng Lang/Lit, Philosophy and Ethics, A in Psychology and Extended Project), Ian McKie (2A\* Maths and Eng Lit, A in History), Ryan Bradbury (3A\* in Business, Biology and Geography), Enrica Biasi (A\* in History and Eng Lit and A in French), Maxine Hamflett (3A in Psychology, Business and Eng Lit), Rebecca Smith (Bs for Biology and Maths, A for Geography), Victoria Smith (Bs for Biology and Geography, A for Maths) Photo by Paul Green of Upmyway Photography*

Students at St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College have good reason to celebrate. In this year's A Level results, 81% of Sixth Form Students gained 2 or more A\*-C grades and there were many outstanding individual performances. Two St Bede's students secured places to study History at Oxford and Cambridge. Kieran Dodds from Consett secured 3 A\*s in History, English Lang/Literature and Philosophy and Ethics; and A grades in Psychology and the Extended Project. Enrica Biasi from Lanchester achieved A\* in History and English Literature and an A grade in French. Identical twins Rebecca and Victoria Smith got the same results in the same subjects. The twins are so similar in looks that teachers have to check their hair to work out who is who: Rebecca has one plait and Victoria has two. They are both off to Durham University to study Geography.

## BEST GCSE RESULTS IN THE COUNTY

St Bede's once again topped the tables for the best GCSE results in County Durham, with a staggering 82% of students achieving five or more passes at Grade A\* to C including Maths and English. Meanwhile, 98% managed five or more passes at Grade A\* to C.

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*St Bede students showing their enjoyment at their recent exam results*

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bars and an apple to sustain us on our way. We walked along the mineral line to Malton, along the track through the nature reserve, then cut through two fields to Biggen Farm - no beasts in the field this year. Those who wanted to take the short route then took a track back on to the line, while others continued to the road then through Blackburn Farm on to the line, then back to the King's Head where sandwiches were kindly provided.

It was a very pleasant walk; about £1,700 was raised, which will be used for the ever-increasing running costs of the hospice. However it is hoped that a lot of money will be raised in the future as the new building work will start soon. Anyone interested in making a donation or finding out about future money-raising events can visit [www.willow-burn.co.uk/](http://www.willow-burn.co.uk/) fundraising or telephone Claire Ross on 01207 523296 or Sue Fox on 523295.



Walkers meeting at the King's Head car park before setting off on the walk

## WINE @ 9 FOR WILLOW BURN

".... and I can report that the evening has raised some £1,300 for Willow Burn," said Willow Burn Trustee Paul Jackson at the end of another very successful night of fundraising for our local hospice.

The evening had, once again, begun at 8.00 pm on Saturday 17th September in the Parish Centre of All Saints Catholic Church where some 60 participants had bought tickets.

The excited chatter quietened as the evening was introduced and the first of four wines was distributed to the eager tasters. The four excellent wines - 2 x white and 2 x red - which had been generously donated by Lanchester Wine Cellars, were much appreciated by the tasters. The wines

were accompanied by an excellent cold buffet, arranged by the Lanchester Wine Club. During the evening, some other entertainment was provided by a quiz, based on local place names, which produced much scratching of heads, and a silent auction of, among some other items, wines, a Newcastle United signed shirt and works of art.

It was whole heartedly agreed by the participants that the evening had been doubly enjoyable in both the wine tasting and in the sum of money raised for Willow Burn.

A similar evening is planned for the same time next year, so look out for the advertising, and enjoy an excellent evening while raising money for an exceptionally good cause.

Willow Burn Trustee Paul Jackson announces a successful evening for Willow Burn





## SPEED INDICATOR - DURHAM ROAD

Comments have been made to The Village Voice by some residents of Durham Road about the position of the Speed Indicator and also the speed of the traffic despite it being there. It has been sited behind a bus shelter, a large leafy tree and telegraph pole. It is difficult for motorists to see the indicator because of these obstructions.



*Photo of the Speed Indicator on Durham Road incorporating the various obstructions*

The Village Voice has contacted Highways Action Line at Durham County Council. An Area Traffic Manager has explained that most Speed indicators are in

place for ten to our comments which fourteen days on a rota have now been basis which explains registered with the why the one in question department, a new risk was removed the day assessment will take after our photograph place before the next was taken. In view of indicator is installed.

## THE THURSDAY CLUB GO TO WHITBY

Over the hills and far away for the Thursday Club on August 18th as we travelled over the North Yorkshire Moors via Guisborough to Whitby for a day out by the sea.

The weather was extremely kind and we had blue skies and sunshine all day. Our coffee stop at Guisborough Hall was most refreshing with a good cup of coffee and crispy shortbread all ready and waiting for us. Once in Whitby itself we all went in different directions for lunch, some eating at the famous Magpie, some at Trenchers, some at Greens and some at a lovely restaurant overlooking the sea. There were treks up the 199 steps to the abbey, others went to view Captain Cook's memorial and the whale jaw bones. There was plenty of retail therapy and sitting by the sea enjoying the views.

At the end of the day it was agreed by all, we



*A good view of the harbour*

had had a splendid time superb fresh Whitby and some had even crab to take home for a managed to buy some treat.

## MALTON BRIDGE



*Although traffic has been crossing the new bridge for a few weeks the contractors finally left the site on Wednesday 14th September. Everything looks fine with landscaping, road signs and bridge priority signs in place.*



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## CONSETT GOLF CLUB CENTENARY YEAR

Visitors to the Library may have seen that in addition to Lanchester Tennis Club, this year is also the 100th anniversary of Consett Golf Club. The Golf Club was formed in May 1911 by a group of local professional and business men, several of whom were senior managers at the then prosperous and enormous Consett Iron Company. In fact, for much of its history, the Golf Club was the Company's Club, with iron workers able to have their membership fees paid directly from their wages, and managers filling most of the key positions. For the first decade there were only nine holes, but in 1922 the full course was designed by the six times

Open Championship winner, Harry Vardon. The following year the Consett Iron Company provided a 'state of the art' Clubhouse, built on a prominent position overlooking the developing course below. Since then, hundreds of trees and shrubs have been planted to enhance the vistas, and fairways and greens have replaced the original course built on farmland. Many members are pleased to see that the iconic Clubhouse still remains, despite some modernisation and expansion. Over the years many people from Lanchester have enjoyed membership, the twice English Amateur

Champion, Harry Ashby, was also a life long member.

For those of you who have never seen the course, it is well worth a visit, as it provides wonderful views to the north and west. The clubhouse is open to non-members and is an excellent place for a meal out, a drink with friends, or a venue for a function. For those interested in playing golf, there are a range of different types of membership. To encourage new ladies there is an introductory taster scheme, and to develop juniors there are arrangements for coaching in the schools. Congratulations to Consett Golf Club and all the best for the future.

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## YOUNG TENNIS COACH AWARD

As Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club nears the end of its year, it was terrific to add another highlight to an already packed season when under 16 boys captain, Grant Ridley, was selected as Young Coach of the Year at a ceremony held at the Empire Theatre in Consett on 16th September. The event was

organised by Leisureworks, Stanley and is held to honour coaches and volunteers who have been instrumental in delivering sport in Derwentside. Since Grant was successful in obtaining his Level 1 tennis coach award earlier this year, he has worked at the tennis club, in local schools and sports

centres in the region. He subsequently obtained his Level 2 accreditation in August and, at 16 years of age, it is a fantastic achievement for someone still at school.

He was accompanied to the ceremony by his parents Michelle and Mark and also club secretary Dennis Laycock.

## A NEW FOOTBALL SEASON

The new football season started on 14th August with the Division 3 champions facing Blackhill in the first fixture of the season in Division 2. Lanchester fielded three new signings in their starting line up - Ross Grundy, Mattie Callaghan and Dean Pearce and a fourth, Brian Kinsman came off the bench. Lanchester dominated the game from start to finish and secured a comprehensive 4-1 win which should have been even far more comprehensive. Peter Edgell resumed from last

season with a tap in, Nathan Burnett scored twice and skipper Phil Bowes scored with a thunderous free kick. The midweek fixture was the big local derby as Lanchester CC entertained Annfield Plain CC. It was a fantastic game which APCC threatened to win as they led 3-2 with ten minutes remaining. However, as we saw last season, there is a great fighting spirit and the side roared back to win 5-3. Nathan Burnett bagged a pair again with Phil Bowes also on the score sheet

again. Ross Grundy scored his first goal for the club and Chris Hughes wrapped up the points with a screamer. Since then the side have had wins against the Duke of Wellington and Beamish and lost twice to Consett Top Club. Their most recent game saw the side beat the then league leaders Stanley Hibernian by 7-3 to move within one point of them in third place. Nathan Burnett has been top scorer so far with seven goals, whilst Richard Pearce and Phil Bowes notching four each.

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# THE END OF ANOTHER BOWLING SEASON

The outdoor bowling season has sadly ended. In fairness it was not one of the best. The Saturday team came off worst with a good number of games cancelled due to rain and waterlogged greens. We also did not do as well with results as usual. In the past few years we have at least got a runners-up spot in one of the competitions but sadly only mid-table positions for us this year. Nevertheless I do not want to finish on a down note. We had a couple of enjoyable friendlies to finish off the year - a

visit from a team from Framwellgate Moor and a nice away trip to Wolsingham. We have been playing out the season with friendly rivalry in fun 'jumbles' competitions.

All of the club competitions have now been completed. Four of the finals were played on a special 'Finals Day'.

Here are the results:

## **Club Championship 4 Woods**

Winner Alan Wharton, Runner-up Tom Forster

## **3 Woods Trophy**

Winner Stan Easten, Runner-up Peter Harrison

## **Andrew Jobling Trophy 2 Woods**

Winner Dick Ball, Runner-up John Hurran  
**Bryan Carr Trophy (Handicap)**

Winner Stan Easten, Runner-up Paul Monaghan  
**Crinnion Bowl Pairs**

Winners Tom Forster and Paul Monaghan, Runners-up Rosemary Fawcett and Dick Ball

## **Ken Tate Memorial Trophy Ladies**

Winner Christine Monaghan, Runner-up Pat Rose

## **Challenge Trophy**

Winner Pat Rose, Runner-up Joe Newton.

See picture on page 24 of the competitors who played on Finals Day. Please note the club Annual General Meeting will be held in the pavilion on Thursday 13th October at 7 pm.

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## **HOWZAT!**

The first team picked up another trophy for the club as they romped to victory in the Tom Burn Cup held over from last year. The match was against Kimblesworth and was played on their ground over 35 overs. Despite this, Lanchester batted first and scored an impressive 221 with pro Nathan Hudson leading the way with 65. Paul Underwood, Graham Brinton, Simon Tweedy and Daniel Storey all contributed well in the total. The score proved to be way out of Kimblesworth's reach as Graham Brinton and Masoud Mirza took five and four wickets respectively to skittle them out for 110. Stu McPhail only got to keep the trophy for a week as it was needed for this year's final!

The firsts also made it to the biggest cup in the area facing Durham Academy in the Justsport Trophy. The team acquitted themselves well against the higher league opposition falling short of their opponents total. In the league, the side finished in sixth spot with

Paul Underwood and Nathan Hudson featuring in the top ten league batting averages,

The second team also picked up a trophy as they defeated Evenwood in the John Hodgson trophy at Etherley. The game was low scoring but the side did enough to see off the opposition by 18 runs. In the league, the side recently defeated the last year's champions Ashington to retain fourth spot in their division. Paul Burn leads the league batting averages with an average of over one hundred, including three centuries. The thirds finished runners-up to Durham City in the league, losing only twice in the season on each occasion by one wicket. They were also runners-up in the Bob Langford Cup when they lost to Sacriston. Andy Smith scored one hundred and five fifties during the season but sits second behind James Robson in the averages, whilst Andy's son Craig tops the bowling averages. All in all it was an excellent season for the team.

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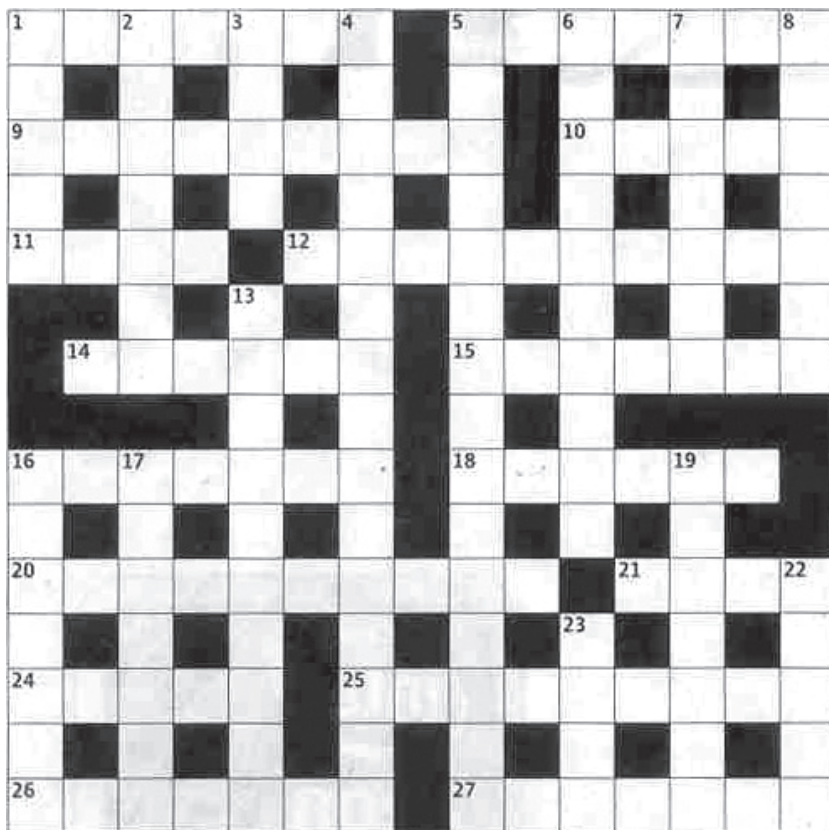
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# CROSSWORD 65



## ACROSS

1. Book about help (7)
5. Old apes turn into water carriers— (7)
9. — on the Rock? (9)
10. Elgar transposed (5)
11. Hole in full air bed (4)
12. Merry maker with exotic tan in pointless rehab (10)
14. Alcove (6)
15. Everlasting (7)
16. Goes with cheese, garden and pie (7)
18. Help (6)
20. Trendy (3,3,4)
21. Paw (4)
24. Elgar played again (5)
25. Consuming too much (2,1,6)
26. Appoint again (2-5)
27. Mean (7)

## DOWN

1. Elgar rearranged (5)
2. Glorious (7)
3. Horse hair in retro-antiques (4)
4. Brood (3,4,5,3)
5. Unacceptable Latin? (7,3,5)
6. Asian form of Montezuma's Revenge (5,5)
7. Cases (7)
8. Cloud layer (7)
13. Versatile sportsman (10)
16. Mistake that's dropped? (7)
17. All I get for working the land (7)
19. Relative (7)
22. Re-order Elgar (5)
23. Precedent for transfer (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 64

### ACROSS

8. phonetic
9. chivvy
10. upwind
11. Cheshire
12. mace
13. go-betweens
15. elation
16. kowtows
18. yield power
19. eons
20. thoughts
22. excite
23. ursine
24. Ebenezer

### DOWN

1. The Pearl Fishers
2. incidental music
3. study group
4. ice cube
5. oche
6. tighten the screw
7. every now and then
14. too ordered
17. twister
21. heed

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 0PB.

## CROSSWORD 64

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

Congratulations to Mrs J Suckling of Woodham Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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



## W I NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors to our September meeting, Jean Forster read a humorous reading and transport arrangements were made for visits to Edmundbyers Fashion Show, Group Meeting and History Wardrobe. The tea party at Ann's was a great success as were the visits to Lanchester Dairies. Heather Muir won the raffle, competition winners were Jennifer Macdonald and Shirley Lamb. Our speaker this evening was Hazel Stephenson

who against all odds wrote a book called Land girls and Lovers. Hazel left school at 15 but had always loved books and reading and three years ago she decided to write a book based on her Grandmother's cottage in the Dales. Her husband discouraged her telling her she was not clever enough but this spurred her on to write her book and prove him wrong. When finished she sent it to author Anne Fines who encouraged Hazel but surprised her husband who thought Anne would say it was rubbish. Hazel bought a computer and

spent £160 on the copyright before getting in touch with a publisher, she then went ahead, sold her books and did a reprint.

Writing this book meant Hazel has gone to places and done things which she never had the confidence to do before. She is now on her third book and is a great example of proving people wrong, widening her mind and life despite being told she would never do it.

Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with refreshments.



*W I members enjoying the sun at the Burnside Grow a Fiver  
W I tea and cup cake event*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Lemon and Raisin Bars

(Moist chewy bars with layers that blend together as you bite into them)

Makes 12

#### FORTHEBASE

85g/3oz self raising flour  
85g/3oz porridge oats  
50g/2oz light muscovado sugar

85g/3oz butter

#### FORTHETOPPING

25g/1oz butter

3 eggs

175g/6oz light muscovado sugar

140g/5oz raisins

85g/3oz desiccated coconut

grated rind of 1 lemon,  
plus 2 tbsp juice

#### FORTHEICING

50g/2oz icing sugar

finely grated rind of 1  
small lemon

2-3 tsp fresh lemon juice

1. Preheat the oven to  
180C/Gas 4/fan oven

160C. Put the flour, oats  
and sugar in a bowl and

rub in the butter. Tip into  
a shallow 26 x 18cm

10 x 7in tin, then press  
with your fingers until

smooth. Bake for 10-15  
minutes, until pale

golden.

2. Meanwhile, make

the topping, melt the  
butter and cool. Beat  
the eggs in a bowl and  
stir in the other topping  
ingredients. Pour over  
the base and bake for  
20-25 minutes, until the  
top is set and golden.  
Mark into 12, then leave  
to cool before cutting.

3. Make the icing: put  
the icing sugar in a small  
bowl with lemon rind.  
Stir in enough lemon  
juice to make a smooth  
icing. Drizzle diagonally  
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## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

## Country Market

The next market will be on Saturday 1st October from 10.00-11.30am. The usual cakes, scones, pies, jams, crafts and plants will be on sale. Refreshments also available.

## Short Circuit Walks

1st October, Rothbury, 5 miles. Meet at Riverside car park, NU057015 (pay at meter). Even paths with some steep ascents/descents. Stunning views.

15th October, Slaley, 5.5 miles. Park in village and meet at Parish Church, NY972578. A figure of eight walk with good views of forests and hills. 29th October, Bolam Lake and Shaftoe Crags, 6 miles. Meet at Visitors' Centre, NZ082820 (pay at meter). Easy walk to the Crags with breathtaking views.

## WI

Our next meeting will be held in the small hall of the Community Centre on Monday 3rd October at 7 pm. This is our AGM and we would like members to please bring photographs of WI events you have attended to make a display.

We also need the balance for the November birthday meal, thank you. Items for the coffee morning sales table will be welcomed at this meeting or can be brought along with any fresh items on the day.

Why not come along as a visitor when you can be sure of a interesting evening and a warm welcome.

## Paradiso Club Social

Refreshments, a Raffle and a Big Screen Film On Sunday October 2nd we will be holding a Social in the Main Hall of the Community Centre at 7pm -9.15pm.

Anyone is welcome to join. Membership is £5 and lasts a year. Entry to each Social is £2.50 which covers everything. Occasional guest visitors £3.50.

Screening on that night will be the award winning film *THE KING'S SPEECH*, starring Colin Firth as King George VI, Helena Bonham-Carter as Elizabeth, and Geoffrey Rush as Lionel Logue. 'Following the scandalous abdication of his brother, King Edward VIII, Bertie who has suffered from a debilitating speech impediment all his life, is suddenly crowned King George VI. With the country on the brink of war and in desperate need of a leader, his wife Elizabeth seeks out the help of an eccentric speech therapist, Lionel Logue.'

The next Social will be on Sunday November 6th at 7 pm when 'Tamara Drewe' will be screened.

## Sunday Bridge

Come along to the Community Centre (small hall) on Sunday 2nd October at 2.00pm to play Bridge with a friendly group of people and at the same time help the Community Centre raise some much needed funds. Cost of entry £3, including refreshments.

## Give Bridge a Try

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Contact may be via the Secretary Jan Vasey on 521948 or mobile 07802721003 or email janvasey@aol.com.

It isn't just for silver tops, it does help to keep your brain active and it doesn't cost very much to have some good clean fun. Go on, what are you waiting for?

## WI Coffee Morning

Our Autumn coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 5th October in the dining room of the Community Centre from 9.30 until 11.30am.

Tickets are £1 and as well as coffee you will be served with a delicious home made scone. There will also be a raffle, sales table and cake and produce stall.

Everyone is welcome and you can be sure of a friendly and relaxing morning.

# WHAT'S ON?

## Open House

Everyone is welcome at 'Open House' on the first Thursday of the month. A light (and delicious) sandwich lunch is served from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. in the Chapter House of the Parish Church. Why not try it and bring a friend!

## History Society

Lanchester Local History Society will hold its Annual General Meeting in the Small Hall of the Community Centre on Friday, 7th October, at 7.30pm. The AGM will be accompanied by a talk by Eric Musgrove and everyone is welcome to attend.

## Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 11th October at 7.30pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, Ian Bond will give a talk on 'Big Cat Life'.

## Junior Wildlife

The October meeting on Sunday 16th will take place at Malton. Meet at 10 am in the car park.

## Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group is holding its Annual Exhibition of Paintings in Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October from 10 till 5 both days. Admission is 50p.

Up to 40 artists will be exhibiting their work, which covers a wide range of styles and subjects, with many paintings offered for sale.

Refreshments are also available and will include teas, coffee, sandwiches, cakes, pies, scones etc.

## Mothers' Union

At the meeting on 12th October, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House the speaker will be Ian Enticott talking about the work of the African Pastors' Fellowship.

## The Rocking Horse Winner

Nobby Dimon's latest play will be performed at Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday 22nd October at 7.30 pm. It is an adaptation of D H Lawrence's novel and takes young Paul on a wild ride in search of two things; the approval of his mother and the place where Luck is.

Tickets £8 are available from the Community Centre, tel 01207 521275 or the village newsagent.

## Lanchester Flower Club

We will be holding a Flower Workshop on Wednesday 26th October in Lanchester Community Centre at 1.30 to 3.30 pm. This is to encourage anyone interested in flower arranging to maybe learn a few tricks of the trade. The demonstrator is Karl Brunton a very well known lady in the flower world and her theme will be 'Autumn/Christmas'. Even if you do not want to take part, come along to watch; it's very interesting and enjoyable. To do the flower arrangements the fee is £5. To come and watch the fee is £3. For the details of the flowers and foliage you need, phone Mrs Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667 or Mrs Lestrine Kelly on 01207 521494.

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Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 13th November 2011 in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, Lanchester. All members of the public are welcome.



## New Writing Festival

Durham Dramatic Society is holding a New Writing Festival at the City Theatre, Fowler's Yard, Back Silver Street, Durham, on Friday, 30th September and Saturday, 1st October.

It will consist of the performance on each evening of 3 new plays, written by members of the Society. The First Sign of Madness by Chris Neville Smith, concerns the relationship between Joanna and Craig; Plan C, by Alan Godfrey, depicts the members of a terrorist cell when their Plan B fails; Crossing the Line, by Chris Joby, concerns the artist Mondrian in dispute with a fellow artist and an intervention from an unexpected source. Performances start at 7.30 pm. Tickets cost £5.00 and are obtainable at the door.

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held in Satley Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December, 10 am - 12 noon. Tables may be booked for £5 to sell your Christmas related wares. For further details contact Karen Hodgson 01388 730091.

## JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUN SUCCESS

Congratulations to Josh Dunn who completed the Junior Great North Run on Saturday 17th September. Josh decided he would like to do something for charity and applied to the CLIC Sargent Charity which provides a range of services and ongoing support for the families of children and young people affected by cancer. They provided him with the necessary information he

## Lions Bonfire

This year for once in a while the event falls on 5th November. The venue as usual will be Kitswell Park. The fire will be lit at 6.30 pm. More details to follow next month.

## Red Cross Christmas Fair

The Red Cross Christmas Fair will be held at their premises on Monday 7th November until Saturday 12th November inclusive. The shop will be open usual times except for Monday 7th when they will open at 9.00 am and stay open until 8.00 pm that evening, with Mince Pies and Ginger Wine available. There will also be a raffle. Please come and support the Red Cross and at the same time get those bargains you have been looking for at Christmas.

## Taize Worship

Taize worship will take place at Lanchester Parish Church at 6.00 pm on Sunday 13th November. All are welcome. Practices in the Church from 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm on the following Thursdays: 29th September; 6th October; 13th October; 20th October and 10th November. If you enjoy singing do come along. No experience needed.

## Table Top Sale

As last year's event to raise funds for the Village Link Bus was a great success, another sale will be held in the Social Club on Thursday 10th November from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. There will be stalls with nearly new (and new) items, books, toys, etc for sale and also a tombola and raffle with prizes donated by local people and businesses. Please put the date in your diary now.

Anyone who would like to raise money for their own charities/good cause or just a little extra money for Christmas, is welcome. Tables cost £5 and can be booked in advance by phoning Karin Bravington on 520784.

## Lions' Christmas Shopping Trip to York

This shopping trip will take place on Saturday 12th November. The bus departs 9.00 am from the Village Green and arrives back at approximately 9.00 pm.

Tickets are £13.00. Please contact Rosemary Naylor on 520087 or 07803106615.

## PACT Meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October at 7.15 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

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## JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUN SUCCESS



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*Josh Dunn, aged 12, proudly displays his Junior Great North Run medal*

## CONSETT GOLF CLUB CENTENARY YEAR



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*Some of the Lanchester members preparing for a round of golf at Consett Golf Club which was founded in May 1911 - just 100 years ago*

## YOUNG TENNIS COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD



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*Grant Ridley with his parents after receiving the award of Young Tennis Coach of the Year*

## THE END OF ANOTHER BOWLING SEASON



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*Competitors on Finals Day on 10th September: left to right, John Hurran, Tom Forster, Dick Ball, Paul Monaghan, Stan Easten, Alan Wharton and inset, Christine Monaghan and Pat Rose.*

## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by 18th October. The deadline for **adverts** is 16th October.

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