

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD BATTLE MYSTERY SOLVED

A battlefield lost for centuries has been located near Lanchester. The battle of Brunanburh took place in 937, when King Athelstan of Wessex crushed an invading army of Scots, Strathclyders, and Vikings from Dublin. The victory has never been forgotten, but nobody has known where Brunanburh was.

Many suggestions have been made on its whereabouts. A favourite one is Bromborough, in the Wirral Peninsula of Cheshire, which has a centre explaining the battle to visitors. Michael Wood, maker of BBC TV history programmes, has also argued for a site on

the river Went near Doncaster.

But these and all other candidates are firmly ruled out in a lecture given to the Scottish Place-Name Society at Stirling by Dr Andrew Breeze (59), a Cambridge graduate teaching at a university in Spain.

He said 'Brunanburh is the Old English for "stronghold of the Browney", and the only river Browney which fits the evidence is the one near Lanchester. The stronghold will be the Roman fort just north of the river, on a Roman road regularly used by Scottish invaders of England.'



The field close to the site of Lanchester Roman Fort where the Battle of Brunanburh is said to have taken place.

'We know a lot about the battle from an old English poem,' he added. The Anglo-Saxon poet gloated

over the slaughter of the invaders, boasting how at the end of the day there were five kings lying dead

on the field of battle, with seven earls and thousands of others.

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VILLAGERS DECIDE ON AAP GRANT

On Saturday, 12th October, from 10 am to 12 noon in the Community Centre, the Mid Durham AAP (Area Action Partnership) and Durham County Council held a forum event.

The purpose of the consultation was to find out how residents would like to spend a £5,000 donation from the AAP. The choice was between Flood Resources or the

two community buildings in the village, namely the Community Centre and Croft View Hall. Around 80 people turned up and after registration were given information about

the two suggestions and asked to vote. The votes had to be posted in the ballot box by 11.40 am and the majority of votes were in favour of the money going to the two

community buildings. At the end of the session cheques were presented to Arthur Maughan, Chairman of the Community Centre Association, and later to Eric Hepplewhite, Chairman of Croft View Hall Association; Eric was very busy at the Croft View Autumn Fair on Saturday morning.

Also present were Planning representatives of Durham County Council who had information on the next stage of the County Development Plan. This plan does not now include the proposed development for housing on land at the top of Cadger Bank.

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Arthur Maughan, Chairman of Lanchester Community Association (centre) with Councillors Richard Young and Ossie Johnson, with the cheque received from the Area Action Partnership.



Andy Coulthard, Co-ordinator of Mid Durham AAP, presenting the cheque to Eric Hepplewhite, Chairman of Croft View Halls Management Committee.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

As a Lanchester resident for approximately 22 years, I have grown up going to the Lanchester show held on the first weekend of July every year. In recent years it has seen a huge decline I think for many reasons. Recently the committee via Facebook launched an appeal for help as without more support it was not going to be possible to continue. I went along to the meeting to find to my dismay a small committee of dedicated individuals - guess how many of them were actually from Lanchester. None whatsoever. I would like to drum up support for the local

Lanchester show. We would like to see it expand into other areas such as horticulture, arts and crafts, etc, and include more family friendly activities and more of a presence from local business and agriculture instead of just horses!

I think it would be a huge shame to lose the show and it could bring huge benefits for local businesses and bring the local community together too!

We are looking for volunteers and new committee members who are keen to work with the local community to make it a local show that local people can enjoy and benefit from, so all suggestions are welcome. Please call me on 07861 745395.

Thank you, Helen Fletcher

Dear Village Voice

I promised to write again to let you all know how I got on in my first Great North Run. Despite the wind and rain, I thoroughly enjoyed the

experience and atmosphere of the event. I managed to finish in 1hr 43m 10s - and survived to start university the next day!

A huge thank you to family, friends, parishioners of All Saints RC Church and the many other residents of Lanchester who sponsored me. Together, we raised £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support, in memory of our great friend, Graham Hayes.

Thanks again, Dan Graham, Greenwell Park

Dear Village Voice

May I, through your pages thank all the people from the village who voted for the Community Centre/Croft View proposal at the AAP vote on Saturday 12th October.

All causes were worthy of receiving the grant of money but I am particularly pleased that you choose the community venues. The £2,500 will be used to

modernise and update the only part of Croft View Halls still to complete, at the side of the sports hall. It will provide better lighting, improved storage and be redecorated to provide a better environment for all who use the premises. Of course the work never ceases and the next project after this is a new Sports hall floor but for the moment many thanks to you all.

Eric Hepplewhite, Chairman, Croft View Halls Management Committee

Dear Village Voice

My mother (Betty Calland) and I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported us on our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 27th September. We had a cake stall and raffle prizes which resulted in the amazing sum of £300. Thanks again for your support.

Betty Calland and Ann Rowe

Lanchester NSPCC Raffle

The members of Lanchester NSPCC Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to their Autumn Draw, either by buying tickets or donating prizes. Thank you to Lanchester Garden Centre, and to our friends and supporters, for their kind donations of prizes. The Draw took place on 14th October and raised just over £200 for this worthwhile Charity. A list of prizes and prize winners is available from Chris Dunn on 01207 520175 or christine.dunn@btinternet.com, who would also be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join our Committee, or offer occasional help with fundraising.

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for September 2013 is 102. The draw was made by Mrs A Horsley of the Scottish Country Dance Group.

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WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



The happy couple in Lanchester Parish Church

On 23rd August Laura Katherine Richards and Alexander John Taylor were married at All Saints Parish Church. The bride wore a vintage style lace dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses and peonies. man and Nicholas Bridesmaids were Helen Richards and James Flower, Hannah Swan Drinkall were ushers. A superb reception followed at Durham Castle and the couple honeymooned in Mauritius. Alex's friend Rob Taylor was best

THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD BATTLE MYSTERY SOLVED

Continued from page 1 with English plunder. He admits that his arguments are controversial. They will not be popular at Bromborough in Cheshire, which has featured on TV and in the national press as where Brunanburh was fought. But he is unrepentant. He is sure that his case will soon be accepted, and says, 'Visitors to the Roman fort by Lanchester can now think of how there, eleven centuries ago, thousands of Celts and Vikings lay dead after a battle for the freedom of England.'

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Flooding has eroded the banks of Smallhope Burn at the boundary of the Cricket Club. Steps are

being taken to alleviate this problem by installing Gabion Baskets 2m x 1m high x 3m wide weighing 4 ton, when filled with heavy stone. Frank Shields, Foreman in charge of the project, Durham CC Neighbourhood Services, was kind enough to provide this information. The work will take six weeks.

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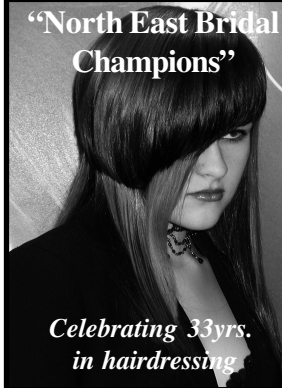
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County Council Works

The County Council is being very active in reducing the possibility of flooding.

* In recent months it has rectified problems at Ford Road and Victoria Terrace, it has partially done so on the Valley Walk and it is working on the A691 between Lancaster and Caisburn.

* It has developed an outline scheme to improve the drainage of Front Street by piping water from the Alderdene Culvert straight into Smallhope Burn downstream of the Smallhope Burn Culvert. It has applied to the Environment Agency for funding for this ambitious scheme and hopes to learn whether its bid is successful late this year.

* It has designed an arrangement to intercept flood flows down Newbiggin Lane and plans to construct it shortly.

* It is taking steps to have repairs made to a partially-collapsed culvert that is thought

to have contributed to flooding of Maiden Law Bank.

The cost of the work in hand and planned amounts to about £1.3 million.

Emergency equipment stores

Some of the funding for Exercise Valencia had been used to provide a store shed containing emergency equipment, including Hydrosacks, wheelbarrows, high-viz jackets, drainage rods, etc. Cllr Young agreed to the shed being located in the grounds of the Social Club and it is now in place with the equipment ready for use. Another one is planned, and others will be added when funding for them can be obtained. The aim is to have one within easy reach of anyone who might need emergency equipment quickly.

Community Emergency Plan

Another spin-off from Exercise Valencia is that a Community Flood Plan is being developed. It will include a “telephone tree” to facilitate telling residents when there is danger of a flood.

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These final proposals will go to Central Government for approval as the County Plan for the next 15 years. I was advised that residents should write to the County Council in support of the rejection of the plans for development on Cadger Bank, so that this would stand in good stead should the development be proposed again.

Residents were also given information about the proposed cuts in Council spending. It seems that cuts of 25%, ie £100 million must be made. Andy Coulthard, Co-ordinator of the Mid-Durham AAP, asked a few people to take part in a hypothetical exercise. A monopoly-type board had been set up with all services and

the amount of money they cost the Council laid out and we were asked to put red or green stickers on what we thought should have less or more money spent on them. After some discussion this was done and then the results fed into a computer, which magically showed that if these cuts were made, £95m would be saved. After more discussion and some adjustment, a figure of just over £100m was reached, so this was a very interesting exercise. Other forms asking for residents' views were given out and these could be filled in at the time or handed in to Park House later. The leaflet explaining the Council Budget Consultation 2014-17 had the heading 'Your Money, Your



The 6 people who were asked to take part in the hypothetical exercise of making spending cuts, in front of the 'monopoly board', (left to right) Mavis Datta, Colin Burton, Bob Gibbon, Olive Simpkins, Robin Gates and Arthur Maughan.

Views', so it will be interesting to see where cuts are made after all areas in the County have been consulted.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT - CADGER BANK

The latest draft of the County Durham Plan has been released for consultation. The previous version in 2012 identified the field on the right at the top of Cadger Bank as a possible site for a housing estate of approximately 90 houses. This latest draft of the Plan no longer has the Cadger Bank field listed for housing.

However in the last 12 months a developer has spent a lot of time having a detailed survey of the field prepared. In addition a geophysical survey has been commissioned to determine whether there are any archaeological remains in the field. It is very likely that the developer, having spent money investigating the site, will ask Durham Council to re-instate the field in the Plan. At the end of this consultation

period Durham County will finalise the Plan for submission to the government for approval. If the developer's request to re-instate the field is accepted the field will be re-allocated for housing and there will be no further opportunity to give feedback on the Plan. There will be a Lanchester Parish Council meeting at 7.15 pm in Park House on November 12th. A senior member of the County Council team will attend to present the Plan to our Parish Council. This meeting is open to everyone so if you wish to express your views, this is one opportunity.

Alternatively during this final consultation period, which runs from October 14th to December 6th, you can

give feedback by posting your views to the following address: Durham County Plan Consultation, Freepost Spatial Policy or emailing to CDPconsultation@durham.gov.uk.

If you are happy with the latest draft of the County Plan without the Cadger Bank field being allocated for housing, and you don't want to see another 90 houses built on the outskirts of Lanchester with the associated impact on the character, landscape and infra-structure, it is essential that you let Durham Country Council know, either by post or email.

If the Council do not get any feedback, we could find the field allocated for housing which would give a green light to the developer for his 90 houses.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2013 at 7.15 pm

Minutes

Ordinary meeting held on 10th September 2013 - approved.

Finance, Development & General Purposes Meeting on 25th September 2013 - approved.

Police Report - for the period 28th August -

25th September was discussed.

The Neighbourhood Warden report for August was received.

Members asked that the incidents of dog fouling on the Lanchester Valley Walk be reported to the Neighbourhood Warden.

Correspondence

The Campaign to Protect Rural England Autumn Newsletter, the Clerk Magazine and the LCR Autumn Magazine were received.

Ford Road - Members considered the narrow road and pavement on Ford Road. A member of the public spoke and expressed his concern of pedestrians using this footpath particularly with pushchairs, wheelchairs or with small children. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to consider options for addressing this problem.

Area Action Partnership & Parish Councils Committee - Members received an update on recent meetings.

Members were informed that the 'Your Money, Your Area, Your Views' AAP forum event had

taken place on 12th October and had proved successful.

Durham County Council - Environment Awards 2013 - Members were informed that the 'Lanchester Village Green Improvements Scheme' had received a Commendation at the recent awards ceremony. The Council had been presented with a trophy and plaque for display.

Lanchester Community Emergency Plan

Operation Valencia in June had aimed to promote and develop community resilience and a group of residents and community organisations are writing a Community Emergency Plan. Members were informed of progress on the plan and considered the first draft.

Maintenance Progress Report - Members considered the report

which outlined the maintenance work undertaken over the last 3 months. Members received the report and thanked David Maddox for all his work.

Fenhall Drift Banner

Members agreed to provide insurance for the replica banner once it has been produced. Members agreed that the Parish Council organise the banner celebration event in June 2014.

Financial report - discussed and received.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 7.15pm. Members were informed that Durham County Council planning officers will attend the November meeting to present the latest draft of the County Plan.

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POLICE REPORT

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Luckily due to good security systems both attempts failed but officers are still keen to trace those responsible. If you witnessed anyone acting suspiciously in Front Street on or before 8th September please contact Police on 101.

Over the past month we have been addressing the issues of speeding on Durham Road after the issue was identified as the PACT priority. During the last month we have deployed our community speedwatch and laser equipment in the area with

over 65 drivers receiving speeding warning notices and 7 drivers receiving fixed penalty fines.

On Thursday 12th September officers from Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team located a cannabis growth at a property on Manor Grange. As a result a 42 year old male was charged with cultivation of cannabis.

The date of the next PACT meeting is Wednesday 27th November at 7.15 pm in Lanchester Community Centre; everyone is welcome.

COMPETITION - VEHICLE SECURITY AWARENESS

As part of our ongoing Winternights campaign we are promoting vehicle security awareness and running an exciting competition for motorists. With the support of South Moor MOT Centre, MD Auto Services, Chester Le Street and Corbridge Road Garage, we have four prizes worth over £30 which will be awarded to the lucky winner in December.

To enter - all you need to do is call into either

Consett, Stanley or Chester le Street Police Stations (Opening Hours 10 am-5 pm Monday-Friday) and pick up an answer sheet and successfully answer three road related questions.

All answer sheets can be returned to any of the above mentioned Police Stations to be entered into the competition. Entries will not be accepted via any other method. Please note: no current employees of Durham

Constabulary are eligible to enter.

The lucky winners will be drawn in December with the closing date Friday 29th November.



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STAY WARM AND WELL THIS WINTER

Three County Durham organisations have joined forces to launch a new campaign aiming to support elderly people across the county this winter. The 'Stay Warm and Well this Winter' campaign brings together three existing services - Silver Talk, Care Connect and Managing Money Better - offering a complete package of support to make winter more comfortable for older people and provide peace of mind for their families.

Derwentside Homes' Silver Talk service is a free

volunteer-run telephone befriending service which ensures people have regular social contact. Durham County Council's Care Connect is a 24/7 monitoring and response service that helps people live independently in their own homes, and Prince Bishops Community Bank's Managing Money Better service helps people save money on their energy bills and make their home warmer.

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LYNWOOD HOUSE - DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

As many of you will be aware, work is currently underway on the Lynwood House development on Durham Road. No doubt you will have questions about the work taking place and we hope this article will answer some of those.

Lynwood House is being built on the site of a former Durham County Council-owned 'Assisted Living' care facility for older people, which was originally opened in 1970 and closed in 2010.

In October last year Derwentside Homes acquired the site and in March this year the existing building was demolished.

Work is now underway to build a new, state-of-the-art independent living scheme for the over 55s. Once completed the development will include 33 two-bedroom apartments, 20 of which will be available for affordable rent with 13 for sale.

The development will also be home to a new GP surgery. This will

be occupied by Park House Surgery, which will relocate from its current, smaller facility in the village centre.

In addition, there will be an office which will be occupied by the Parish Council and a communal area which will be available for meetings, training and similar activities. We believe Lynwood House offers many benefits for the village - the apartments will provide much needed housing, offering older people the chance to live independently while at the same time benefiting from communal facilities such as a laundry, multi-therapy room and cinema room, as well as security features such as secure access and a support officer on site during working hours. The cost of the scheme is £6 million, with support provided by the Homes and Communities Agency, Durham County Council, Lanchester Parish Council and medical development company Assura

Properties Limited. The building has been designed very much with the local environment in mind, with the stone work used designed to give a traditional finish which will fit in with the local conservation area.

Anyone who has walked past the site recently will know that work is well underway. The main structure is going up and is currently at first floor level and we are on track to complete the scheme in March 2014. Interest in the apartments has been high, with more than 70 enquiries already. For more information about renting or buying an apartment, please contact Derwentside Homes' Older Persons Services Manager Angela Hodgson on 01207 524283.

We will bring you further updates in future newsletters as the development continues.

Steve Melvin, Director of Development and Property Services, Derwentside Homes



A photo taken on 15th October showing the progress that is being made on the Lynwood House development.

LANCHESTER GETS NEW TRAVEL AGENCY - WITH A TWIST



Karen Topping

A new kind of travel agent has opened for business in Lanchester, one where the emphasis is on personal service and that is open seven days a week - including evenings and

weekends. Karen Topping, a resident of Lanchester, has joined award winning company Travel Counsellors and can now provide Lanchester with its own travel agency. Travel Counsellors is a travel agency-with a twist. Karen works from home and is more than happy to speak to customers at a time that suits them, even if it is outside normal working hours. Says Karen: "I am delighted to have joined Travel Counsellors and have the opportunity to bring a new kind of service

to Lanchester. The technology I have at my fingertips is incredible and means I can search through hundreds of holiday options for my customers at highly competitive prices. Many people don't have time to talk or even think about their holiday during the working week, so I'm sure being able to discuss their plans at a time that suits them will prove really popular. I think my customers will really appreciate the personal service and attention to detail that I can offer as a Travel Counsellor."

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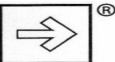
This was held on Saturday, 12th October and although there seemed to be many other events on that evening, a good number of dancers arrived at the Social Club. Weatherwise it wasn't a very good evening, but the hall was bright and welcoming, having been prepared that afternoon by willing workers.

Music was provided by the Moorcock Band and Bert called the dance instructions very clearly so everyone understood what was wanted - not that everything went perfectly all the time, though! However, everyone enjoyed the dancing and also the sumptuous supper, brought by those taking part. There was a very good Tombola stall and the raffle had many

excellent prizes. By 11 pm everyone who had danced the night away quite strenuously went home after Mike Gladstone, Chairman of the Partnership, had thanked everyone for coming, as well as the Band, the Social Club, those who had given prizes and the helpers. £400 had been raised, which, together with the help of Hilary from Barclay's Bank, will be doubled, so £800 will go into the Partnership's Core Fund. The Partnership is very grateful to the Social Club for the use their Concert Room, to Lanchester Wine Cellars, Ricardo's, Lanchester Homes & Crafts, New Image, Lanchester Pharmacy, Lilydale Pets and Lanchester Nurseries for kindly donating raffle

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

The new Parliamentary year has kicked off with a government and opposition shuffle. This is the regular shuffle of members of the Cabinet & Shadow Cabinet and all the Ministers & Parliamentary Private Secretaries (PPSs) underneath them. Maria Eagle, (former) Shadow Secretary of State (SoS) for Transport was reshuffled to the Department for the Environment, Farming & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and she took me with her so all my acquired knowledge on High Speed 2 (HS2), the franchising to Train Operating Companies (TOCs) such as Virgin West Coast and East Coast, rural bus services, air passenger tax, a new 4th runway (or not), ports, inner-city quality bus contracts and even Coastguard stations have all been bundled up and passed to

someone else and I am now trying to get to grips with a whole new area of work. The badger cull, s u p e r m a r k e t ombudsman (or not), water and sewage, flooding, farming & EU subsidies (or not), and food banks are now occupying my time and I am burning a lot of midnight oil reading up on all this. I am really enjoying the opportunity to expand my knowledge base, particularly as DEFRA issues are very topical to many areas of my constituency.

I have tried to understand the reasoning behind all this. I can understand if a SoS or Minister is not performing or has a special interest or experience of a given area being reshuffled but I cannot easily see a connection between skills and roles here. Maria is an inner-city Liverpool MP with few, if any farms in her

constituency. She was however doing a cracking job in the Shadow Transport role (even the commentators and the Press thought so), which leaves me wondering if a decision has been taken (well above my pay-grade) that the same systematic pressure that Maria has put on Train Operating Companies and the Department of Transport needs to be put on Water companies and the Department for the Environment, Farming & Rural Affairs. I have a large rural constituency with lots of farms and I have more than my fair share of experience in dealing with flooding issues so I feel quite comfortable as I come to terms with my new role. Sometimes MPs are unhappy with their post-shuffle job, but I can honestly say it's worked out well for me.

Pat Glass MP

SEASONAL FLU

To protect people who are most at-risk of serious illness if they develop flu, the Department of Health recommends flu vaccination every year. GP practices and the local pharmacy are carrying out a free seasonal flu programme for patients who are

aged 65 or over, or suffer from chronic disease, diabetes or chest problems. Pregnant women and carers can also be vaccinated. It is therefore advisable for these groups to be vaccinated against the flu. Please remember to inform the person giving the vaccination if you

have an egg allergy, had a previous adverse reaction to a flu vaccination or if you are feeling unwell.

The flu vaccine became available in late September and will run through to early 2014, however it is advisable to have your vaccination as soon as possible.

SHINGLES

Go Practices are providing the shingles vaccine for patients aged 70 or 79. If you are in the eligible age group it is advisable to be immunised against shingles. Immunisation is available for those aged 70 years on the 1st September 2013 and a

catch-up cohort for those aged 79 on 1st September 2013.

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a. People aged 70 years on 1st September 2013 - Eligible dates of births: - 02.09.1942-01.09.1943.

b. Catch-up cohort for those aged 79 on 1st September 2013 - Eligible dates of births: 02.09.1933-01.09.1934. For further information please contact your local practice.

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KOMATSU'S KINDNESS HELPS HENRY

Komatsu UK, part of the global Komatsu organisation based at its manufacturing site in Birtley, has helped local charity Henry Dancer Days to the tune of £15,000!

The charity was put forward by a member of staff who had been helping to raise funds through events and challenges and the 400 staff at Birtley decided that Henry Dancer Days should be their charity of the year 2012-13.

So began a busy year of fundraising. From Family Fun Days to Christmas lunch, to tombolas and raffles, to individual Komatsu employees taking part in sports challenges with the charity. The money is to

help Henry Dancer Days pursue its aims and help children with Bone Cancer through the isolation of treatment with laptops for DVD watching, internet surfing and skypeing friends and family so as not to lose touch.

Henry's Mum, Jane Natrass was invited to attend Komatsu's Gala Ball at the Hilton Hotel in Newcastle to receive the £15,000 cheque from Stuart Reid, Director, Finance and ICT. Jane said: "I had no idea how much had been raised until I arrived at the hotel. It's not often that I'm speechless but it blew me away. I'm so grateful to all at Komatsu UK: this amazing sum will help us to support

so many families in a tragic position. Since we began we've supported 37 cases - we can now do even more!" Stuart Reid, from Komatsu UK said: "We were very proud to be able to present Jane with a cheque for £15,000. The charity supports a very worthwhile cause and we are delighted that the money will be able to support families in need within the local community."

For more information please see www.HenryDancerDays.co.uk and the story of Henry's journey '348 Days' is still on sale in Lanchester News, priced £9.99 with every penny going to the charity.



Jane Natrass receiving the huge cheque from Stuart Reid of the Komatsu organisation from its manufacturing site at Birtley.



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morning at the Gala Theatre in Durham. Each MagiKats group provides English and Maths tuition workshops for school aged children, helping children to boost their skills, confidence and crucially exam results. Children attend a weekly workshop and work with an experienced and fully-trained mentor on topics appropriate to their age and ability, with each child receiving a tailored learning programme. The workshops complement the school curriculum and children benefit greatly

from the close attention and tuition they receive, helping children to achieve their full potential. Mentors use both traditional pen-and-paper and more creative games and activities to ensure that learning is always memorable and fun. Workshops are between 10 am and 12 noon, at the Gala Theatre, Durham. Parents and children are very welcome to attend and learn how a group works. Parents can also call 0191 378 2762 or visit www.dced.co.uk.



Principal Lorraine Stephens with students, left to right, Dominic, Isabella, Joseph, Ailsa and Lucia.

RED CROSS COFFEE MORNING



At the Red Cross Coffee Morning held at the Methodist Church on Thursday 19th September, £172.40 was raised. Helping Manager, Tracey Dobson, were: Elva Hockaday, Marjorie Gray, Linda Shovlin, Brenda Gibson and Ann Horner.

CROFT VIEW AUTUMN FAIR

Croft View led the way with the first of the village Autumn Fairs this year with a very interesting event held on Saturday 12th October.

Entertainment was the order of the day with a lovely delivery of Performing Arts by Activate Theatre with about 50 children aged between 4 and 13 years taking part. This was well attended and the children did themselves proud with singing and dancing, putting so much feeling, animation and discipline into their half hour spot. This was followed by Lanchester Brass Band who played a variety of marches, Beatles music and other well known numbers, which were well received by a very appreciative audience. In the upper hall there were tables run by members of organisations who regularly use Croft View. The Youth Club had a large table full with

bric-a-brac, toys and puzzles. The Boys Brigade exhibited some fabulous cup cakes and the Badminton Group displayed some mouth watering savoury home made products. The Brass Band had a display of historical photos and one of the church members organised an amazing collection of 'old Lanchester' photographs coupled with a quiz. Teas, coffees and refreshments were available as well. This area was extremely busy, filled mainly by parents supporting children from Activate Theatre. The whole show was completed in just 2 hours and made an excellent profit of £323.50. In addition the indoor Bowls Club which meets at Croft View donated a further £250, making a grand total of £573.50 towards their funds. Thanks are given to all who helped and supported the event.



Activate Theatre, consisting of about 50 children between 4 and 13 years of age, who performed so well with a lovely delivery of Performing Arts



A large variety of goods on the Youth club table



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LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

At this year's Annual General Meeting, held on Friday, 4th October, the Members were disappointed to read, in the Chairman's Report distributed before procedures began, that this would be the last year of the Society's existence. This was due to the retirement of Secretary Kevin Leary, who has worked very hard over the last 16 years to provide speakers of a very high calibre and a varied, interesting programme which has kept up numbers at meetings. However, when Chairman John Thompson spoke to Members and guests to welcome them, it was to

announce the good news that Member Arthur Dodds has volunteered to take on the role of Secretary for the next year. Members, naturally, were delighted.

The Chairman thanked Members for their support during the previous year and stated that it had been a healthy year for the Society. Treasurer Don Mason also said that it had been a healthy year financially.

John then introduced the speaker for the evening, Mike Richardson, who once again enthralled Members with his photographs of Durham in the past, this time going a long way back, even to

the last two decades of the 19th century. Mike never ceases to produce a fascinating evening, as he adds comments and includes his audience in his talks. He has already agreed to come again next year, much to everyone's delight.

Next month's speaker is Arthur Dodds with a talk entitled 'History of the CIA'. Arthur, too, is a regular, very popular speaker, and everyone is welcome to attend the meeting which is certain to be very interesting. It will take place on Friday, 1st November, in the Small Hall of the Lanchester Community Centre, starting at 7.30 pm.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

The Club's Chairperson welcomed all to the September Meeting when we had our usual Flower Demonstration by Christine Ogle of Morpeth - her theme was 'A Touch of Glass'. Everyone enjoyed a most interesting lively and entertaining afternoon and the flower arrangements were raffled in the usual way. After this tea and biscuits were enjoyed by all present.

Our next Open Evening is to be held in Lanchester Community Centre on Friday 22nd November at 7.00 pm. The Demonstrator for the evening will be Mildred Stafford, a very well known arranger, and her theme will be 'The Magical Mystical Season'. There will be light refreshments served; the tickets will be £6, everyone welcome. Tickets can be obtained

from Helen Tomlinson 503667, Norma Jenssen 520574 and Lestrine Kelly 521494 or any committee member.

The Northumberland and Durham NAFAS Federation Annual General Meeting will be held in the Lancastrian Suite at Dunston on Monday 18th November. Tickets are £25. There will be a contingent attending from Lanchester.

THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

Our Coffee morning held on Thursday 26th September in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance was a resounding success and congratulations must go to the group of ladies who brought that about. It was a very busy, noisy and social occasion which managed to raise a whopping £391, and we thank everyone who helped in any way to make it such a success. However we must just

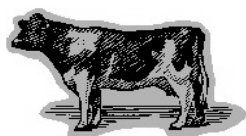
mention and give thanks to the Blue Bell at Kip Hill for offering 4 dozen scones and to Fiona at Crinnions for offering milk, jam and butter to help the proceedings along - we were most grateful to them. The Coffee morning we held earlier in the year for the same cause raised £288, so we have been extremely pleased to be able to send £679 to the Air Ambulance Fund for the 2013 year.

Recent meetings have seen us being both highly entertained and educated with an informative talk on 'Silversmithing' by Les Howe. In October we learned all about 'How to beat the Burglar' with Ian Wilkinson.

It is now time to look forward to our Christmas outing to Castle Howard on Monday, November 25th, coach leaving from the Green at 9.30 am.

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WI NEWS



WIA Sue Fox presenting the Nancy Walker competition cup to Ann Carr who was the overall competition winner for the year.

Vice President Ann Carr welcomed everyone to the AGM and was very pleased to report that our President Jennifer Macdonald is well after her operation. Ann then introduced the first speaker of the evening, Romey Chasser, who gave a very interesting talk on Macular Degeneration. Treasurer Angela Velleman gave her report and then Secretary June Wallis gave the committee's annual report. Ann Carr then gave her Vice President's address in which she thanked all members for the help and support everyone gives which enables us to continue to grow (we now have 50 members) and makes Lanchester WI the friendly and vibrant group it is. Jennifer is an inspiring President, we have a wonderful committee and our lovely members help and support everything in anyway they can, this

also means we can visit and support other WIs and group events so a big thank you to you all. A vote was taken to increase our visitor charge to £2; everyone agreed. June Wallis won the raffle and the overall competition winner was Ann Carr with Jennifer Macdonald second. WIA Sue Fox conducted the election of President and I am delighted to say that Jennifer was voted in and has accepted for another year. Rev Rupert Kalus then gave us a very interesting and amusing talk on his journey through life which brought him here to Lanchester to be our Vicar. Sue Fox then told us how she became an adviser and how much she enjoys it. Ann gave all the votes of thanks and this very busy meeting ended with refreshments.

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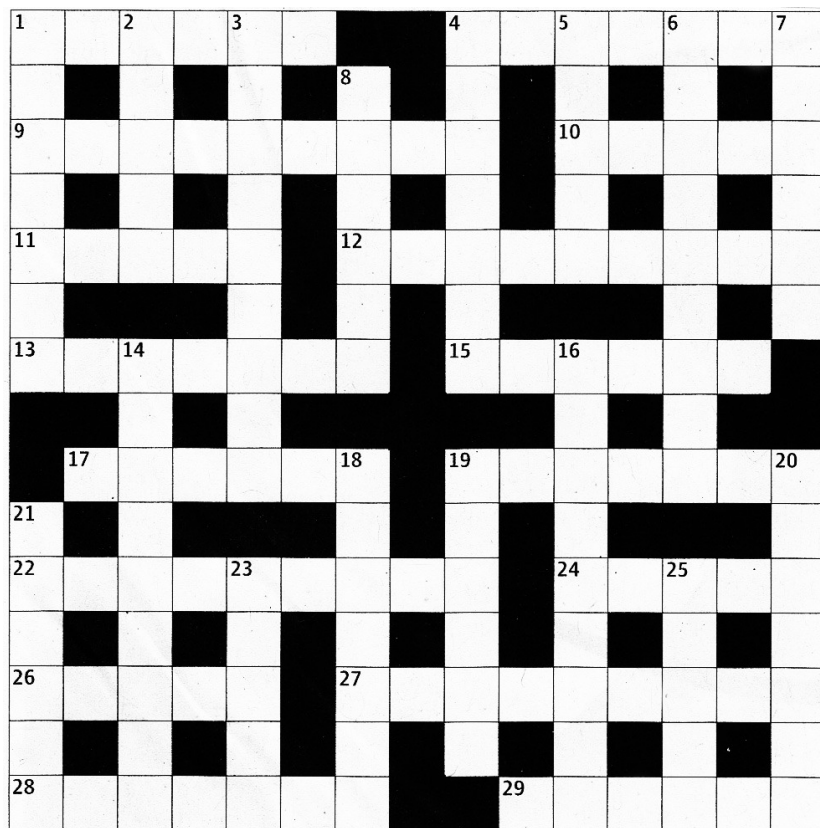


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CROSSWORD 90



ACROSS

1. Balkan republic (6)
4. End so cruel (7)
9. Be inadequate (4,5)
10. Instil (5)
11. Tree exudation (5)
12. Self-employed person (9)
13. Goes with fuel, energy and waste (7)
15. Bride's bits and pieces (6)
17. Greek goddess of wisdom (6)
19. Person who is in control (7)
22. Discordant noise (9)
24. Constituent of healthy soil (5)
26. Hen (5)
27. Fuel transporter (3,6)
28. Lowers (7)
29. Bagpipe sounds (6)

DOWN

1. Orange-yellow colour (7)
2. Holds sway (5)
3. Perfidious (9)
4. Ignore (3,4)
5. Window in manor I elope from (5)
6. Stubborn (9)
7. Cricket team (6)
8. Chest found in relic of ferry (6)
14. Disaster (9)
16. Standard (9)
18. Loving (7)
19. Insect sounds as if it could take-off (6)
20. Holiday centres (7)
21. Climbed (6)
23. Weatherproof coat (5)
25. Creator (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 89

ACROSS

9. nourished
10. coral
11. overarm
12. seismic
13. opal
14. escallonia
- 15,21. treetop height
17. desired
19. everything
22. Asap
23. origami
24. spheres
26. Lille
27. houseboat

DOWN

1. on top of the world
2. numerate
3. mica
4. thumbs up
5. Odessa
6. Achilles heel
7. Bremen
8. glacial deposits
16. toy maker
17. dinosaur
18. rest room
20. edible
21. See 15
25. See 6

CROSSWORD 89

There were 21 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Jill Ramsay of Percy Crescent who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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

LADIES WHO LUNCH

On our last outing we were down in numbers and feeling a little bereft - a safe harbour close by was called for. We headed, like homing pigeons to Finbarrs in Durham. It was well filled including a small wedding party but we were warmly greeted and escorted to a lovely table up on their small balcony area. Menus arrived along with water, fresh brown and white bread and scrumptious (and I

really do mean SCRUMPTIOUS) olives - a veritable feast in itself. The new Autumn menu is out and at £13.50 for a 2 course and £15 for 3, is tremendous good value. We sampled for starters, celeriac soup, and pork and pistachio pâté with toast and pickle. Main courses were pan fried sea bass fillet with beetroot, pancetta and a mustard dressing, and mozzarella and onion tart with a rocket salad. For puds we had

soft shelled meringue with roasted plums and pistachios. As always a most enjoyable and well-cooked lunch. It was a beautiful Autumn day, the restaurant looked quite delightful with each table enhanced with a gorgeous yellow and red tipped fresh rose bud. Add a nicely chilled glass of Sauvignon Blanc and you've more or less got the perfect lunch. At least - we thought so - and we will be back!

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GREEN SCHOOL COFFEE EVENT

There was a happy, atmosphere at the Green School, now in its second year, at a coffee afternoon as part of the Great Macmillan Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Research. This took place all over the world on Friday, 27th September, but was held between 1.30 and 2.30 pm at the school to fit in with their timetable. £154 was raised. A thin but steady stream of people went to the school where there were delicious cakes, some home-made, as well as drinks available. A tombola stall had several attractive prizes (how is it

I never, ever, win one?) and there were other items to buy, such as stocking-fillers and wrapping paper. All the students had taken part, having special jobs, including serving the refreshments and had obviously worked hard. It had been organised by member of staff Margaret Birbeck, some of whose

family had suffered from cancer. She is intending to put on a 'Tickled Pink' event, also in aid of cancer research, in the near future, followed by a 'Children in Need' function. So watch out for posters in the village so you can support these worthy causes and the school.



Students at the Tombola stall

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Winter Casserole

(for 4 portions)

1 large onion
 2 carrots
 2 ozs mushrooms
 1 small green pepper
 1oz butter or lard
 1½lb middle neck of lamb, cut in chops
 2 sticks of celery, sliced
 ½ oz plain flour
 1 small (8oz) can butter beans
 2 rounded tablespoons tomato puree
 1 level teaspoon salt
 ½ level teaspoon pepper
 3 tomatoes
 Chopped parsley

1. Prepare a cool oven (325 deg F, Gas Mark 3).
 2. Peel and thinly slice onion and carrots. Wash and quarter mushrooms. Cut green pepper in half lengthwise, discard seeds, core and white pith; cut pepper into strips.
 3. Melt the lard in a large frying pan; fry chops quickly, to brown, then place in a 4-pint casserole.
 4. Add onion, carrots, celery, mushrooms and green pepper; fry for 3 minutes. Place in casserole.

5. Add flour to remaining fat in pan; mix well. Stir in the butter bean liquor, ½ pint water, tomato puree, salt and pepper; bring to boil, stirring; pour into casserole. Cover; cook in oven for 2 hours.
 6. Place tomatoes in a bowl; cover with boiling water and leave for 1 minute, then drain, peel and quarter. Add tomatoes and the butter beans to casserole; cook for a further 15 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

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WHAT'S ON?

History Society

The next meeting will take place in the Dining Room of the Community Centre on Friday 1st November at 7.30 pm. Regular favourite, Arthur Dodds, will speak on the 'History of the CIA'. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 2nd November from 10 am - 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. Free entry. Get there early for the best Christmas gifts. Lanchester Country Market will also have stalls.

Short Circuit Walks

2nd Nov, Brockley Whins, 4 miles. Linear walk from Metro station (NZ346629) to Marsden Rock, return by bus.

16th Nov, Stamfordham, 5 miles. Park carefully and meet between Bay Horse and church, NZ077720.

23rd Nov, AGM, 2 pm at Friends' Meeting House, West Avenue, Gosforth.

30th Nov, Palmersville, 5 miles. Linear walk from Metro station to South Gosforth through Rising Sun Country Park. Some parking near Palmersville Metro, B1505, Great Lime Road, NZ294700.

All walks start at 10.30 am.

Junior/Family Wildlife

On Sunday 3rd November, meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am. The aim is 'Looking for Fungus'. Venue to be confirmed.

Sunday Bridge

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon playing Bridge in the Community Centre on 3rd November at 2.00 pm. Only £3. Everyone welcome.

Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Saturday 2nd November. Preparations for the event are moving along nicely but we are still waiting for official confirmation from the County Safety Advisory Group that the event can go ahead, so check the Cricket Club website for confirmation. We propose:

5.30 pm Kitswell Road closed, Brass Band march to cricket ground.

At the ground, Brass Band to play a set, Fairground rides, Face painting and hot food and drinks by Crinnions.

7.00 pm Motion Tourist play live set

8.00 pm Bonfire Lit

8.15 pm Fireworks start

8.35 pm Fireworks end

9.00 pm Further set by Motion Tourist

Both of our primary schools have been invited to design a guy to sit atop our bonfire and Councillor Johnson will select the winner. Residents of the Kitswell Road area have been issued with passes to travel through the road closure but travel in that area should be kept to a minimum for pedestrian safety.

We would ask that each person contributes £1 so that we can cover the costs involved. Lanchester residents are urged not to drive to the event as parking is limited and people attending from beyond the village will need to get parked. If you are travelling to the village, please park considerately. Police and wardens will be out and anyone parking illegally could be issued with a ticket and may get their car removed.

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Our next meeting on Monday 4th November is our 88th birthday trip. The coach will be leaving from the bypass lay-by outside the green school at 10.00 am and members will then spend the day at Horsley Hall, Stanhope. When we arrive there will be drinks and scones followed by a cookery demonstration. We will sit down to a three course set lunch with coffee and chocolates then spend the afternoon making sugar craft flowers for a Christmas cake before leaving for home at 4 pm. Thank you Angela and June for arranging this very special birthday treat for us all.

Open House

Everyone is welcome at the Open House in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 7th November, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

Paradiso Club

The next Paradiso Social is on Sunday, Nov 10th in the Main Hall of the Community Centre, at 6.30 pm, to around 9 pm. There will be the usual Refreshments, Raffle, and a chance to see the film 'SONG FOR MARION', starring Terence Stamp, Gemma Arterton, Christopher Eccleston and Vanessa Redgrave. It is a heart warming story about living life to the full. Grumpy pensioner Arthur is persuaded by his wife Marion to join her local choir ... He embarks on a journey of musical self-discovery. It is hilarious, yet poignant; it is impossible not to be moved.

All are welcome. Entry £2.50 for members (membership is £5 pa), £3.50 occasional visitors, £2 children.

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 12th November at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, Graeme Skinner will give a talk on Reptiles.

Mothers' Union

The speakers at the meeting on 13th November are Steve and Cath Bailey who will give a talk with slides on their trip to India. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm in the Chapter House.

Village Voice AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Voice will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 17th November in the Dining Room of the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

Flower Club

On Friday 22nd November at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre there will be an open meeting with a demonstration by Mildred Stafford of Rushyford, entitled 'The Magical, Mystical Season'.

Willow Burn Christmas Fair

St Bede's RC School, on Saturday 23rd November, 11 am - 1 pm.

Christmas gifts, cards & wrappings, raffles, tombola, sensational hand-made goods made by our lovely Willow Burn nurses and supporters, good quality nearly new bargains, books, wreathes, seasonal floral decorations, fresh just made cakes and pies, some background entertainment, refreshments and friendly folk all contribute to the unique Willow Burn Fair atmosphere.

For further information tel. Claire Ross on (01207) 523296 or email cross@willowburnhospice.org.uk

Durham Dramatic

The Society is mounting a production by Alan Ayckbourn, at the City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Durham City between Sunday 24th Nov and Saturday 30th Nov. Performances start at 2.30 pm on Sunday and at 7.30 pm on Monday to Saturday. Tickets cost £6.50; concessions available at £5.00 on Sun and Mon only. Tickets may be purchased at the Gala Box Office, Millennium Place, Durham; tel: 0191 332 4041. In this sharp and imaginative comedy, Arnold, the chairman of a writers' group, tries to persuade the authors to co-operate on a piece of writing - but it is no go. However, when Arnold is alone after the meeting, some very strange and weird things start to happen.

PACT Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th November at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Christmas Fair

On Sat 30th Nov, Satley Village Hall will be holding a Christmas Fair between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. There will be crafts from local artists, local jams and chutneys, great Xmas ideas, refreshments, tombola and much more. Admission only £1.

Help open eyes to disability

Do you have a disability or know someone who does? Do you like to enjoy yourself? If you do, we are inviting you to join us to establish a new social group and bring along your skills and ideas. If you would like more information, contact Anne on 07792158651 or email hettietaylor@hotmail.co.uk.

WHAT'S ON? CONTINUED

Table Top Sale for the Village Bus

A Table Top Sale will be held on 5th December from 11 am till 1 pm in Lanchester Social Club to raise funds for our Village Bus. Tickets are £3.00 and are available from Fred, the bus driver or at the door. This includes a finger buffet and unlimited tea or coffee. There will also be a Tombola and tickets for the Christmas Raffle will be on sale. Anyone who would like a table to sell some goods for some extra money for Christmas or raise some funds for their favourite charity, can book a table for £5 by phoning Karin on 520784. Or you can just come along, have a browse and then chat with

your friends, while having a cuppa. You might just find that little Christmas gift you were looking for. The last few table top sales have raised substantial amounts of money for the bus. Without it Lanchester would lose a lifeline for many people who use it to get from the hilly estates into the village to do their shopping, Doctors appointments etc, or meet up with friends. The bus also benefits the businesses as it brings customers to them. All in all, the Lanchester Village Bus is essential; please support it. Remember 5th December and come along.

Metafit

Metafit, the revolutionary bodyweight training system is being delivered at Croft View Halls every Thursday between 7.30 and 8.00 pm (register from 7.15 pm). The concept is a mix of strength, compound and some plyometric exercise which is effective in increasing fitness and burning fat. There is a warm up before a set routine of exercises where you will work at a maximal rate over varying periods. A stretch concludes the 30 minute session. Admission fee is £3.00 per session with an option of paying a one off subscription of £10.00 where the first session is granted free and subsequent sessions are charged at £2.50. For further details please contact Bobby on 07803 426832.

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LATEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB

It's that in between month, with presentation nights and other events to come next month and the season already a month past. We've waved farewell to our Aussie pal, Michael Lukic and packed everything away for the winter months.

With all the cricket news to fit in there was no opportunity during the season to pass on our pleasure at securing two particularly successful grant applications. We secured a grant from Sport England and were able to get a new set of lightweight covers to protect the wicket. Derwentside Homes also gave us a small grant to purchase coaching equipment. Both of these items will be really useful in the development of the club and we are grateful to

both parties for their generosity.

We have a joint senior and junior presentation night on Saturday 9th November. Prior to that are the Tyneside Senior League and Hetton Lyons Sunday League presentation nights. At the club, we have a quiz night on 24th October and of course the Bonfire and Fireworks display on 2nd November. Everyone is welcome to both events. The club has had a lick of paint and some new curtains and thanks are due to Irene Cooper and some of her 'willing' helpers from Probation. If anyone wishes to use the club for a private function free of charge, then please contact Jim Potts on 07973249760 or Neil Graham on 07717516759.


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DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD EXPEDITIONS



From l to r: John Lawson, Zach Glendinning, Kieran Jewitt, Joseph Trotter, Ryan Dobson, Andy Swinbank, Thomas Rothwell and Callum Suddes.

The lads completed weather as there was very little rain until the Sunday. The group camped at Baxter Wood Farm, Crossgate Moor. All of the young people completed the practice expedition and are looking forward to their qualifying expedition which will take place from 26th October in the Yorkshire Dales.

BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

The Beamish Trophy Trial now in its forty-first year received more support than ever. There were 160 riders who set off in glorious sunshine on September 22nd for their 120 mile ride around the Northern Dales of Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria. The now established starting place is the New Board Inn at Esh where riders assembled for a 9.00 - 9.30 am start before heading off to the A68 via Comsay towards Corbridge, then turning off into the country - a scenic route taking in Muggleswick, Edmundbyers, Stanhope and Alston. Lunch was arranged at Allenheads which is a compulsory stop and with a 1.30 pm re-start. The event was well controlled at the many checkpoints by Marshalls particularly at tricky areas, such as the hill climbs and a ford. There were 'on and off' road sections where points could be gained from answering some testing questions to win one or more of the many trophies which were available. Participants were of all ages, both men and women, though

predominately they were men. They come from all parts of the country for this ever popular event in the Vintage Motorcycle Calendar. There was a good variety of motorcycles, trikes and scooters on view at the pre-start gathering. The return trip included passing through Tow Law, Castleside, Consett and Lanchester before arriving back at the starting place between 3.30 pm and 5.00 pm. The weather held out well for what was a perfect day for this type of event.



Two keen riders line up ready for the start



A large line up getting checked for the start

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE



Stuart and Marie at the top of their first peak, Ben Nevis in Scotland.

On 24/25th August, we completed the Three Peaks Challenge, venturing up the three largest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales successfully in 23½ hours. Starting on 24th we ascended our first mountain, Ben Nevis conquering the UK's highest peak in 5 hours. Driving through the night, we set off at 4 am to tackle

Scafell Pike, watching the sun rise at the summit before descending in a total of four hours. With two down and one to go, and many friends made along the way, we headed for our final challenge, Snowdon in Wales. With the sun on our backs and the end in sight we pushed on and accomplished our goal with half an hour to spare.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for their generous donations and much needed support which made this venture so worthwhile. Without your help this would not have been possible. We look forward to presenting the Tiny Lives Trust with a cheque for over £1250, a truly life-changing amount of money. S Whitesmith and M Carter

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any articles for the next Village Voice by Tuesday 19th November.

The deadline for adverts is 17th November.

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