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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC



Lilian Dixon plays the organ decorated with flowers and Mozart's picture

All Saints' Catholic Church was transformed into a flower garden for two days on July 1st and 2nd, when the artistic and musical talents of church members and friends fused fine art, flowers, music and song.

A small committee of enthusiasts invited parishioners to submit their favourite works of art, which provided the inspiration for arrangements of relevant objects and of course, flowers.

Arrangements varied from the complex 'Architecture and Engineering', based

on images as varied as Tintern Abbey and the High Level bridge, to the delicate 'Melissa' and the simple exuberance of Ellen's Blue Elephant. The altar's image of da Vinci's Last Supper inspired one arrangement and the Madonna was accompanied by pictures of Michelangelo's 'Pieta' and da Vinci's 'Head of a Young Girl'. The theme of coal mining (The Big Hewer) was inspired by Bill Hindmarsh's painting of miners underground, and textiles were represented in the church porch by a

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LANCHESTER SHOW



Local ploughmen, Alan Butterfield from Castleside (feeling the heat minus his shirt) and Eric Storrs from Satley Photo: Gavin Clark

For the second year running, Lanchester Agricultural Show on July 1st and 2nd was blessed by good weather and was well supported by the general public and exhibitors alike.

The good weather, beautiful setting and backdrop made for a very relaxing event for visitors to enjoy. Excellent local food was available from Crinnions, and many availed themselves of the facilities provided by the Knitsley Mill bar-staff. You could even have watched England play Portugal on Saturday courtesy of the large television screens provided.

The Beamish horses proved to be a big

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PALM COURT CREAM TEA FUNDRAISER

After enjoying a super talk by the Great North Air Ambulance last year, the Thursday Club agreed to do some fund raising events for the charity. A cream tea in the Palm Court (the Community Centre Main Hall and seeing is believing - you should have been there!!) on Wednesday June 21st was the first such event. The Palm Court was full to overflowing the whole afternoon with folks sitting back, enjoying a scrumptious cream tea while being serenaded by some bluesy tones from the virtuoso on the keyboards Pam Bygate. The Great North Air Ambulance is a charity close to lots of people's hearts as is evidenced by the enormous support the Thursday Club received in putting on this event. Tickets were held and sold by the Village



Brian Cave representing the Great North Air Ambulance receives a cheque from the Thursday Club

Newsagents. Jam was donated by Asda, the strawberries by Emmerton's, cream and milk by Lanchester Dairies and butter by Spar, and a large number of donations

from folks unable to attend.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make this event such a success,

including Elaine's needlework group who put on an excellent display. £640 was raised and duly presented to Brian Cave, rep from the Great North Air

Ambulance on the day, who said he was absolutely delighted with the cheque and the occasion, and expressed his grateful thanks to us all.

RUBY WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

David and Suzanne Ward of Humberhill Drive celebrated their Ruby Wedding by visiting Singapore and Dubai. In Singapore they were treated to free Champagne at the world renowned "Raffles" Hotel as part of their celebration and they

spent time absorbing the culture of the Island in Chinatown and the Asia Culture Museum. This was followed by time in Dubai on the internationally acclaimed Jumeirah Beach overlooking the new "Palm Island" and where

Suzanne was presented with a spray of roses at the "Burj al Arab" hotel to commemorate their anniversary. On returning to the U.K. a family celebration was held at the Beamish Park Hotel with their two sons Adam and Jason and their families, where the evening was spent enjoying local hospitality an excellent meal on a

balmy summer evening under the parasols of the Hotel. David, Suzanne Adam and Jason came to Lanchester in 1976, Suzanne was a founder member of the Anchor Boys and is now Vice President of Lanchester Methodist Wives and Friends. David was involved with the Air Training Corps in Durham,

was a presenter on Hospital Radio Derwentside and is now secretary of the Derwentside Werdohl Friendship Club. Suzanne and David would like to thank all their friends and relatives for all their support over the past 40 years and for their kind wishes and gifts on their Ruby Wedding.

MADGE DAHL

As many of you may know, Madge Dahl was taken ill while on holiday with her elder daughter Jule and family. She is in hospital after having two heart attacks and is very poorly but in a stable condition. Madge and

her family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers. Anyone wishing to get in touch, please contact Madge or Doreen, care of Heathcote Cottage, Vanners Lane, Enborne, Newbury, Berks, RG20 0LB.



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SPONSORED TODDLE



Toddlers of all sizes at Park House play area
Photo: Eric Burns

Twenty small members of Lanchester Playgroup, accompanied of course by dads, mums and grandparents enjoyed a sponsored toddle around the play park on Wednesday 21st June in aid of the SPACE project to extend the Community Centre and raised the excellent sum of £258.50. Fine weather prevailed and sturdy little legs did four, or in some cases five circuits of the site before enjoying a well-earned drink and biscuit. Full use was made of the play equipment and a good time was had by all.

HEALTHY EATING PICNIC



Food, Fitness & Fun was this year's theme for National Childminding Week (17th - 24th June). The children and Registered Childminders of Lanchester Childminding Group celebrated by holding a healthy eating picnic, where the children sang and danced along to their favourite action rhymes. Gillian Nichol

SPACE DIARY

An intriguing competition has been devised to raise money for the Community Centre extension. You simply buy a date in the Space Diary by paying £1 to the person in the office, and the winning date will win £150. Drop in to the Community Centre and put your name in the diary.

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FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

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 priestly chasuble and stole, together with a cross-stitch picture.

In an alcove a fascinating work by art student Tom Gray could be seen and heard. Tom has very poor sight, and his work consisted of images he recalled from travelling to school as a small child, projected on a screen and enhanced by a sound-track of appropriate traffic noises and bird-song.

Outside in the loggia, ingenious works in crushed paper created by pupils of All Saints' Primary School were displayed.

During the two days of the festival, music as well as scent filled the air as a team of musicians played or sang to entertain visitors.

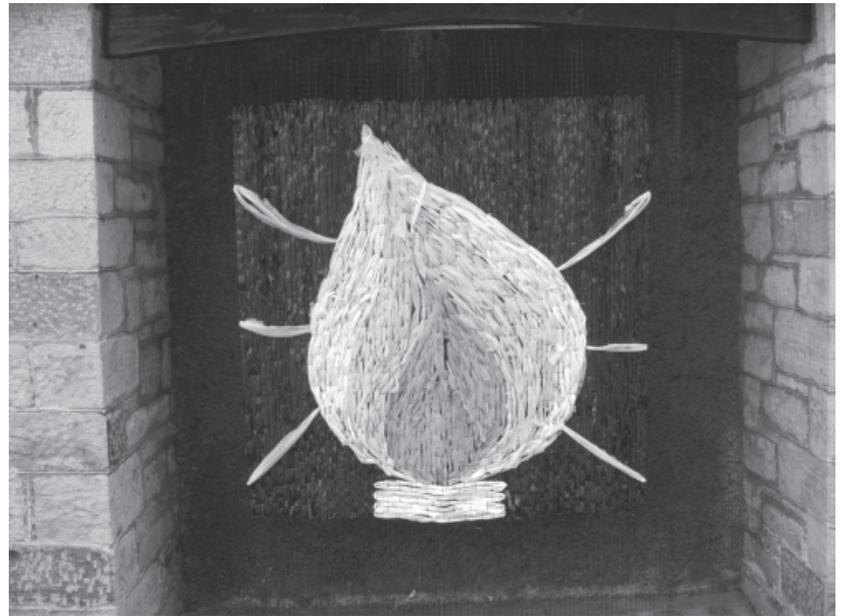
The organ was flanked by pillars of flowers in memory of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, whose picture was displayed above, to mark the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of his birth. Mozart was also honoured by the singing of the Missa Brevis at the two week-end masses by the choir, directed by Richard Woods.

Visitors were suitably refreshed with cups of tea and delicious cakes. The event was the brain-child of Michael Quigley who formed part of the design and flower arranging team of Margaret Woods, Sharon Murray, Mary Ord and Mary Jackson

As a result of the festival, more than £1200 will be added to the Organ Restoration Fund.



'The Last Supper' arrangement



A striking creation by pupils of All Saints' Primary School



The 'Architecture and Engineering' display at the Flower Festival

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A beautiful cross-stitch picture decorated with flowers



Related pictures and flowers join the resident statue of the Madonna



The artistic blue elephant by Ellen, aged 10, with attendant flowers

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

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



Re-open Manor Park Youth Club.

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

PLEASE can you help?

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

Please ring Mike at the Lanchester Partnership on 528 114



Do you remember this advertisement?

We asked for 15 more helpers. So far 8 have come forward, nearly all of them women.

Please will YOU help - especially if you are a man and would like to join in games with the youngsters.

We need only 7 more people to give up one night a month. If they do, we will be able to start again in September.

Please give the kids a chance.

LANCHESTER SHOW

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attraction and gave a fascinating, timeless ploughing demonstration on the Saturday, and if

the ground had been a little softer there would have been a repeat performance on the Sunday.

The Vintage Machinery display was highly commendable and the competitive ploughing competition on both days attracted competitors locally and from further afield. This must have brought back memories to see once more vintage

tractors "working". It was encouraging for the committee to see more local involvement as the Oakwood Riding School organised and ran unaffiliated jumping throughout the weekend, which proved popular especially on the Sunday. Still more heartening was the local interest and support shown in the companion dog shows on both days.

The trade stands, food court and craft tent all made full contributions to the weekend. As always the ferrets and their antics were popular and the alpacas drew a lot of interest and comment. The wood sculptor showed beyond doubt his art and what can be achieved with a chain saw in educated hands. A good and satisfying weekend. The increased

local interest and involvement was very welcome to the committee, who would like to see even more next year. If you want more information on the show, would want to take a part or be involved in some capacity or would like to offer ideas for the betterment of the show, please do contact the Secretaries on 0191-3734565.

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Above, the Beamish horses, Bonnie and Clyde



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CONFIRMATION



Twenty members of All Saints' Church were confirmed by Rev. Martin Stempczyk on Thursday 29th June. Our picture shows them after the ceremony with Canon Spence and Fr. Stempczyk outside the church. Also in the picture are Kirsty Hutchinson and Maria Matthews from St Bede's school who planned the preparation programme and the ceremony.

DO YOU RECOGNISE ANYONE?

Many residents of Lanchester may recognise someone in this photo, the property of Mr Tom Gibson of Satley, loaned to the Voice by Mr Ian Gibson (no relation). Please ring if you can identify any of the sitters.



EVERY STORY HAS A MORAL TO IT

A teacher gave her class an assignment. "Ask your parents to tell you a story with a moral to it. The next day the kids came to class and told their stories. Kathy raised her hand first and said "We live on a farm and we have hens that lay eggs for market. Once we were taking a basket of eggs to market on the front seat of our pick-up when we hit a big bump in the road and the eggs went

flying all over the place. They all broke. "And what is the moral to that story?" the teacher asked. "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" Kathy replied. "Very good" said the teacher. Then little Lucy raised her hand and said "We too live on a farm, but we raise chickens for the meat and poultry market. We had 4 dozen eggs once and we

made up 48 small boxes for the expected chickens. When the eggs hatched only 30 chickens survived. "And what was the moral of that story", asked the teacher. Don't count your chickens before they are hatched" said Lucy. "Excellent" said the teacher. "Johnny, I believe you had your hand up, so tell us your story. "Yes Ma'am. My Daddy

told me that my Aunt Bertha was a flight engineer in Desert Storm and her plane got hit by anti-aircraft fire. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was bottle of whisky, a machine gun and a machete. She drank the whisky on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break and cause her unnecessary injury. Unfortunately she landed right in the middle of a

hundred Iraqi soldiers. She killed seventy with the machine gun before the bullets ran out; then she killed twenty more with the machete before the blade broke. She killed the last ten with her bare hands." "Good heavens!" said the horrified teacher, "What was the moral of that terrible story?" "Stay the hell away from Aunt Bertha if she's been drinking", Johnny replied. The Village Voice Page 7

HERE IT COMES AGAIN

At the July Partnership meeting Mike Gladstone reported on a meeting between himself and Brian Masterman and Philip Wilks, owner of the Russell Close site, and his architect.

Mr Wilks said that he had intended to operate a garage on the site, but market conditions made this unviable. He therefore proposed to build 11 houses on the site and adjacent land, 7 with 2.5 bedrooms and no

garage and four with 4 bedrooms and integral garage. He was willing to create a 'cordon sanitaire' around the site. Readers will remember that David Donnelly, who once operated a car repair facility on the site, asked for a long lease and offered to re-build the garage, but he was asked to leave. The building subsequently became an eyesore, exacerbated by the abrupt collapse of its roof.

It may also be remembered that Mr Wilks and Dunelm Castle Homes applied to extend the Bishops Meadows development on to the garage site and the land behind it. Derwentside District Council's Development Committee rejected this proposal in 2003, following a carefully argued speech from Lanchester Partnership's spokesman and an impassioned one from Cllr Ossie Johnson. The site and the hillside behind are in a designated area of High Landscape Value. A Wildlife Corridor traverses the hillside above the site, and the site

lies outside the Village Development Limit. The Village Design Statement, which has been accepted by Derwentside as a supplementary planning document, argues strongly against building between Crow Trees and Paste Egg Hill. The precedent of the rejection of the previous application to build here, as well as a Planning Inspector's decision in 1989, make planning permission unlikely. However bearing in mind that a District officer blithely supported the previous application, ignoring all the contra-

indications, the people of Lanchester must be prepared to make their views known if any application to build here is made to the District Council.

Sadly, planning laws favour developers who can go on putting in applications for the same site, however undesirable. It is up to everyone to be watchful.

Finally, it was pointed out by the Partnership's legal expert that the District Council has powers under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 Sec 215 to require owners to remove eyesores.

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TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Lanchester Partnership welcomed Durham County Council officer Dave Wafer to their July meeting to discuss problems in the village, especially with reference to the Parish Plan.

It was pointed out that Lanchester's good shops attracted traffic, which at times chokes Front Street. Inconsiderate parking could and did cause chaos. It was believed that some people use Lanchester as a 'park and ride' facility, leaving several cars in Front Street and sharing. Of course the shop-workers have to

park somewhere, though the Partnership and a team of teenagers had worked to make space behind the 'Coop' for some.

Cllr Paul Jackson pointed out that the village had grown in the last 30 years, and more development continues. However no-one wants more yellow lines. Cynical voices added that the existing lines are ignored.

Mr Wafer said that traditionally disc parking could help, but only if enforced. Traffic wardens, he said, had now been subsumed into PCSO's, but they had other duties.

Regarding large numbers of parents clogging the area around our two primary schools, the schools could suggest other places to park to the parents and encourage walking to school.

After some ingenious but impractical suggestions had been discussed, Mr Wafer went away to consider two possibilities - he had high hopes of achieving the first, to provide cycle parking, and he promised to sound out interested parties about the second, a one-way system in Front Street.

GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST

Support dahlias as they start flowering, they are greedy flowers producing magnificent blooms, therefore keep watering regularly. To encourage more blooms on wisteria next May, shorten any sideshoots to encourage flower buds further down the stem. Wisteria will also have to be pruned again in Winter.

Collect Foxglove seeds once the heads have ripened and plant into pots with well watered compost, cover with a clear bag until germination. Prick out the seedlings in Autumn and keep in a greenhouse/coldframe until next Spring. Clip back lavender, take cuttings of both lavender and rosemary, but do not

cut into last year's woody growth. By pruning this encourages a bushier growth, and lavender always flowers better. Cut Summer raspberry canes to ground level, and after all the strawberries have finished cropping cut back foliage to prevent disease and encourage stronger fruiting next year.

Graham The Gardener

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON LANCHESTER PARISH

There was an opportunity for the people of Lanchester to discuss village and surrounding area issues with Steve Scoffin, Director of the Great North Forest, who is an expert on the environment, at a consultation at the Community Centre on Saturday July 8th. Mr Scoffin's work embraces six local authorities including Derwentside and Durham.

The aim of the consultation was to discuss the Parish and investigate practical and local policies for maintaining and making changes if it was thought to be necessary for the betterment of local people.

Members of the public did take up this opportunity to air their views and held discussions with Mr Scoffin, members of the Partnership and Parish Council.

Many comments were posted on areas of the locality map and aerial photograph provided. There was a balance of those who placed notes of praise for the village and certain localities, whilst others expressed concerns over the future ecology of the outlying areas as well as worries over further development of the village and lack of parking. The Partnership has secured funding to employ Steve Scoffin to assist the sub committee

of the Partnership led by Councillor Keith Harrison, to address the issues of most concern to the Lanchester public, and these will no doubt be reported on a regular basis as matters are resolved.



Steve Scoffin, Keith Harrison and Mike Wardle at the consultation event .

NEW BUS SHELTER

The shelter in front of the Lanchester Arms is to be replaced by another resembling the ones beside and opposite the Green. It is understood that work will start shortly and be completed within three months.

AGE CONCERN ON THE MOVE

Age Concern Durham County (Derwentside locality office) has moved to new offices at 16c/16d Betjeman Close, East Stanley, Co. Durham. DH9 6UD. The telephone number is 01207 280119. They have a leaflet of Activities/Events (a

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REPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Police Report

Members noted that there was no police report for the third meeting running, and asked the clerk to contact the local Inspector with a view to ameliorating the situation.

Camera Surveillance

Mr Lee Spraggon, Derwentside District

Council's Systems Integration Officer, attended the Council meeting to answer questions about the CCTV system in Park House play area and inform members about a future addition to the system.

He reported that an act of vandalism had not been recorded due to a network

breakdown, and that other technical problems resulted from using BT cables.

In response to an enquiry about lighting of the play area, Cllr Tom Forster said that cabling and a pole would cost a prohibitive £17,000, and a solar panel would not be adequate. Mr Spraggon suggested that infra-red light might aid night surveillance. Camera surveillance of Front Street was then discussed. Mr Spraggon said that a cherry-picker had been used to simulate a suitable position, and photographs of the area covered were displayed. The Councillors then went out to pin-point the site for the camera, for which planning permission has already been obtained.

Valentino's

There was discussion about the placing of tables and chairs outside Valentino's, which the Parish Council favoured. Subsequently the clerk had consulted the District and County Councils, and the officer from the latter had alleged that as the pavement was part of the highway, a licence would be needed costing £400. It was thought by Councillors that indemnification to protect the County from possible legal action should be adequate. Cllr Tom Forster offered to look into this.

Chestnut Tree

A small chestnut tree on the Green had been damaged and the Council agreed a quotation of £405 to fell and remove it. It was pointed out by Cllr Harrison that the larger trees might be too close together, so that they could not develop as they should.

Local Strategic Partnership

The Parish Council had been asked to join the above organisation, a

government-funded group designed to consult the community. It was agreed to join on a twelve-month basis to assess the relationship between Councils and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Ford Road

A site meeting had been arranged to study the B6301 ie Ford Road on 27th July at 9.30am. There were problems with the narrowness of the road, so that two lorries could only pass with difficulty, and of the pavement. Councillors, County Officers and members of the public were invited to discuss improvements, including reducing speeding.

Web-site

The Parish Council now has a web-site - www.lanchesterparish.info

Village Bus

Concern was voiced that the village bus, run by Lanchester Partnership and financed by grants, has to be phased out due to lack of funding. The County, which had been asked to run the bus as a normal service, has pleaded poverty. Though small grants may prolong the agony, it seems likely that the bus will disappear, just when it had a record use of 600 journeys per month. A voluntary service providing lifts was suggested.

Closure of Council Office

The District Council having proposed the closure of the small Council office in Park House, it was agreed to hold an August meeting to discuss this one item. Cllr O. Johnson said that all three ward members opposed the closure, but statistic analysis showed that it is not economically viable. There were remarks about the unreliability of statistics, Lanchester's ageing population and the

need to provide service as a caring council.

Youth Club

It was announced that volunteers to help with a new Youth Club had come forward, to the total of ten; however, 20 are needed to ensure supervision without overloading anyone. Prospective volunteers can contact Ruth Wilson, phone 529329.

Directory of Information

Members of Lanchester Partnership have compiled a directory listing organisations within the village and others of use to residents. Copies were submitted during the meeting. Cllr Wardle reported that it was likely to cost £1000 to print this and distribute it to all households in the Parish. Councillors decided to act as guarantors for this sum, which is expected to be raised by grants, and to contribute £200 as 'pump-priming'.

Public Participation

The clerk to the Council, Jim Owens, had drafted a consultation document on public involvement in Parish Council meetings, which Councillors will consider prior to the September meeting.

Planning Matters

A resident of Deanery View would like branches overhanging the property to be pruned, and reported that many trees in the churchyard had been cut back, but not these particular branches. It was said that planning permission was needed to do this under Section 211. The Council decided to refer this matter to the Parochial Council as presumed owners of the churchyard.

Lynwood House wished to prune sycamore trees, and owners of a house in Humberside Drive wanted to build an extension and conservatory.

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Mr Lee Spraggon demonstrates the proposed site of a CCTV camera to Parish Councillors

POST LIONS CARNIVAL

This year, in excellent weather, the Lions are pleased to announce that the Carnival was very successful financially and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time. The members would like to thank all those from the village and surrounding areas who attended the event and particularly those who helped on the day.

Among those were friends and relatives of Lions, but in particular the EP School and Stanley Lions who grafted all day long. Lions would also like to thank the entertainers on the day and these include: New Image; The Gents Rock Group; Karen Stewart Dance Academy; the Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society; Lanchester Brass Band; the Morris Dancers; and Elddis Transport for the 'Stage'. Thanks are also given to Red Cross, Lady Lions and all those organisations who entered floats in the procession. Lots of hard work must have gone into the preparation for these, and they certainly add to the Carnival atmosphere. The Lions have received

some adverse comments about the prices charged for the 'tea cups ride' and the 'trampoline'. These shows are brought in by the Carnival Committee to add atmosphere to the event in addition to the low priced activities that Lions provide, and for extra enjoyment for the children. The committee has no control over the prices charged for professional shows, though they have persuaded them to hold prices for a few years. Comments about the duration of the rides will be brought up when the next joint meeting takes place.

Lions only receive a very small donation from the massive takings these entrepreneurs must make on the day. To all those who have been upset about this issue Lions apologise, but the matter is really beyond their control. Consideration may be given to excluding professionals in future years, but that decision falls upon the next Carnival Committee.

This year the profits would have been higher but for the Temporary

Event License which cost £21 and the Road Closure which cost £250. Once again Lions reiterate their thanks for all the support and help given by so many people this year.

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WILLOWBURN FAIR

On a glorious Saturday, July 15th, Willowburn welcomed all their friends and supporters to their annual Summer Fair.

There were lots of varying stalls including bric a brac; plants; books; toys etc, with strawberries

and cream along with other tempting refreshments. A particularly interesting stall was put on by the

Leadgate Local History Association who displayed photographs of the locality from years

gone by. The Fair was opened by Joe Watson OBE who made a lively, amusing impromptu speech.



Joe Watson OBE opens Willowburn Fair



Tommy Young of Leadgate Local History Association shows villagers his collection of historical photographs at Willowburn Fair

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Mike Stoddart accepts the chain of office from retiring President, Brinley Jones, and will serve from July 1st 2006 until June 30th 2007.

SOMME REMEMBRANCE



During Songs of Praise on the Village Green, Maureen Clarkson representing the Flower Clubs of Durham, and Rev. Mary Lloyd place a wreath in memory of those who died in the battle of the Somme.

EXERCISE CORNER

As we approach our golden years... this might be helpful.

Here is an exercise suggested for adults over 45 and seniors, to build muscle strength in the arms and shoulders. It seems so easy, so I thought I'd pass it on. Just don't over-do it. Begin by standing on a comfortable surface,

where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides, and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, then relax. Each day, you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After

a couple of weeks, move up to 10kg potato sacks. Then 50kg potato sacks, and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100kg potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each of the sacks.

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MALE VOICES AND GUESTS IN CONCERT



Lanchester Male Voice Choir in Concert

The Lanchester Male Voice Choir - Conductor *Harry Carr* - presented its 38th Annual Concert in the Lanchester Methodist Church on Friday 7th July at 7.15pm. A packed audience was welcomed by Choir Chairman *John Wills*, who also extended a warm welcome to the choir's guests for the evening, *The Roberts String Quartet* and pianist *Laura Jones*.

The evening's entertainment began with the choir demonstrating its vocal talent in Luther Greenwood's arrangement of "Deep Harmony" and R. Lee Gillam's arrangement of "My Lord, What a Mornin".

As the appreciative applause faded, the focus shifted to guest pianist *Laura Jones*. Laura, a former student at Park View Sixth Form, Chester-le-Street, and currently studying French and Music at Van Mildert College, Durham University, delighted the attentive audience with a selection of pieces which covered a wide range of styles and composers. In her first set, she played Bach's "Prelude and Fugue in B Flat Minor", Debussy's "1st Arabesque" and "Sonatine" by Khachaturian, all of which

were well received. The *Roberts String Quartet* - *Daniel Llewellyn Roberts* (violin), *Dorin Gheorghe Tuca* (violin), *Ruth Chinyere Gibson* (viola) and *Paul Grennan* (cello) - appearing by kind permission of the Principal, RNCM, presented the audience with a continuation of the highest of musical standards in their first set. Their playing of Movements 1 + 3 of Borodin's "Quartet no. 2 in D major", ending with the beautiful "Nocturne", received extended appreciation.

The Choir ended the first half of the concert with three pieces. Howard Benton's arrangement of "God's Choir" allowed the audience to appreciate the quartet singing of *John Wills*, *Kevin Meredith*, *Brian Masterman* and *John Grey*, and was followed by "Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill" (arr. Edmund Walters) and Goff Richard's lovely arrangement of the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign".

The second part was opened by the Choir singing, first, Alan Simmons' arrangements of "You Raise Me Up", with *Kevin Meredith* and *John Wills* delighting the audience with their duet singing, and continuing with a tribute to the Welsh Male Voice Choir Tradition

in "A Welsh Fantasy" which included such traditional favourites as "Men of Harlech" and "Land of My Fathers".

Pianist *Laura Jones* offered the audience a pair of *Preludes (1st + 24th)* by *Shostakovich*, followed by Brahms's "Rhapsody in G minor". The skilful playing of the cleverly juxtaposed cheeky "Preludes" and more serious "Rhapsody" confirmed for the members of the audience, if confirmation was necessary, that they had witnessed a fine performance by a talented young musician.

The Roberts String Quartet followed and played all four movements of *Joseph Haydn's "Quartet Op.18 no. 4 'Sunrise'"*, which allowed the audience to experience the wide range of skills

possessed by the group, which left the stage at the end of the performance to loud and prolonged applause.

In his remarks before the choir's finale, *Conductor Harry Carr* paid tribute to accompanist *Noreen Bridgewater*, thanked *Chairman John Wills* for his hard work and support throughout the year, and complimented the choir members on the hard work they had put in to achieve the choir's high standard of performance.

A finale entitled "Back to the Sixties" revived memories in many a member of the audience as the choir took us through *Alan Simmons's* linking of the 60's hits "The House of the Rising Sun", "Sealed with a Kiss", "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother", "Silence is Golden" and "Da Doo Ron Ron".

The evening ended as *Chairman John Wills* thanked the Choir's musical guests for their contribution to the evening and also thanked the members of the audience for their support. He paid tribute to the work of *Conductor Harry Carr* and echoed his appreciation of the invaluable support of accompanist *Noreen Bridgewater*. On behalf of the choir, he thanked long-time choir member tenor *Douglas Malone*, who is leaving the area, for his contribution and wished him well in his new post. The evening ended with bouquets of flowers being presented by the choir to *Laura Jones*, *Ruth Gibson* and *Noreen Bridgewater* and a delighted audience left, looking forward to the choir's next concert.



Male Voice Choir Conductor Harry Carr (left) with guest artistes The Roberts String Quartet (centre) and pianist Laura Jones (right)

EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Third Early Music Festival opened in style on Saturday, July 15th, when seven of the region's finest singers gave a concert of music by William Byrd. The evening showed up all that is most valuable in what has already become a well-established summer series, as enthusiasm and scholarship allowed a vivid and deeply-felt performance.

The Chapter House Clerks of Durham - three women and four men - brought the effortless skill of those accustomed every day to singing at a high level to Lanchester's ancient church and, encouraged by the depths of feeling in the music, brought to vivid life what can so often sound in performance dull and unconvincing.

The first half consisted of a series of motets interspersed with well-chosen pieces for solo organ played by Dr. Ian Brunt, an arrangement that kept each vocal piece discrete, while reminding us of the breadth of Byrd's musical character.

A voluntary from Lady Neville's Book introduced the exuberant, ringing echoes of Sing Joyfully unto God. Ave Verum Corpus, deeply felt and wonderfully controlled, was its antithesis.

The sequence leading to the interval was particularly effective as the Agnus Dei from the Mass for Four Voices, sung by the men, gave way to Teach Me, O Lord, a verse anthem featuring Emily Hodkinson, whose soft tone and gentle yet precise phrasing was nicely underpinned by the organ, and ended with the wonderful cross-rhythms of Haec Dies, This is the

day that the Lord has made. Here at last the church lost the distracting deep pedal note sounded by the bellows, the price for interpolating organ music into the programme. If the first half was a well-programmed survey of Byrd's music, the second had an altogether more focussed intent as the Chapter House Clerks performed the Mass for Five Voices, complete with music written for the service on Easter Day. The Director, tenor Andrew Fowler, whose direction had proved so far clear and astute, set a good tempo and invested the music with a keen sense of rhythm. With the various combination of duets and trios, every singer had a chance to show character, from the clear bell-like tones of Sarah Kelly to the wonderfully resonant bass of Peter Coulson. In between, Thomas Glendenning was a plangent alto, while Andrew Fowler's tenor was both natural and focussed. But it was, finally, as a body of voices that the Chapter House Clerks of Durham moved its audience as they reigned in their tone and volume for the most sensitive Agnus Dei. The music had told its ineffable story, and the sense of the place and its souls having been part of the telling was apparent as the voices faded to a silence that held as a distant echo of England 400 years ago. To invite a few Durham choristers up the road to sing Byrd may have seemed the most obvious of programming choices, but actually it proved the most inspired since the festival's inception. Arthur Haswell.

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DALGUISE

Ever volunteered for something then regretted doing so? As we entered Dalguise PGL and I saw the climbing tower in the grounds my regrets surfaced! I couldn't see myself climbing the tall structure (I've a very real fear of heights) so how the children would possibly manage I couldn't imagine. As it turned out there was more than me who conquered their fears. PGL Dalguise is set in the grounds of an old Scottish manor, a beautiful location within large private woodland. Our accommodation was behind the main building in a series of chalets, compact but clean and tidy (not for long though). The party was split into two groups each of which had a "groupie" to organise everyone for the day's activities. The system worked very well so that each group was taken for meals, introduced to their

instructors for each event and returned to their chalets after evening entertainment. The enthusiasm of the PGL staff was a delight to see, keeping everyone entertained with songs and games between events. The activities themselves covered a wide range of tasks. Climbing, abseiling, zip wire and trapeze all used the tall towers we had passed as we entered the camp. The unbelievable sight of the children scaling the various trees, ladders and poles had to be seen to be appreciated. Seeing their expressions as they mastered their fears, then the exhilaration as they flew through the air was a sight to behold. Safety was always a major consideration and no one was pushed to perform a task they did not want to (except for the teaching staff that really had to show the way, didn't they!) As well as the climbing there was also an opportunity to try quad biking, kayaking, rifle

shooting, fencing and archery, something for everyone. One event I somehow missed was the Challenge Course. What started off as a fairly standard assault course quickly degenerated into a huge mud bath, believe me you did not want those mud caked old clothes in your washing machine! I find it hard to believe getting so dirty and smelly can be that much fun! Everyone deserved a medal for their participation in the week and it wasn't hard to identify one or more reasons for each child to feel very proud of themselves, they all achieved a great deal. It was a pleasure to see them all enjoy themselves so much. If you get the chance in 2008 to volunteer put your name down quick, just don't get on the giant swing with Mrs Davis! (And make sure you take a maxi-sized insect repellent!) M.A.

LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL FAIR



Soak the Teacher, the most popular stall

Organised by 'Friends of July in sweltering and many hundreds of the School', the Fair took sunshine. The fair was people attended making place on Saturday 15th mainly geared to children, it a rip-roaring success.

There were, of course, Stephenson and Miss lots of sales stalls, Stoddard who all went tombolas, face painting, into the 'stocks' and got etc., and some brilliant a real soaking from their side shows. However, key pupils. Perhaps they features of the day were: actually enjoyed it on Mountain Rescue, who such a hot day. The day did a wonderful went on from 11.00 until demonstration; Pony about 3.00 pm when rides; Dog Agility which everyone who helped must entailed Crufts standard have been quite exhausted. dogs racing around an Thanks are given to all obstacle course those who helped prepare accompanied by children; the event and, of course, Karate display; a five those who gave their time to help on the day itself, 'tea cups' and bouncy not forgetting parents, friends villagers and children who turned up to support the fair. A massive £2007.05 was taken and a profit of £1700 will be added to the school fund.

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'ROMAN IN THE GLOAMING'



Pupils from All Saints and EP School enjoying the Roman Day

On 29th June a group of twenty-three 'Roman' enthusiasts from class 3 at All Saints' sallied forth to join like-minded pupils from several local primaries for an historical workshop at the EP school.

Led by Lester Crawford, the local Regeneration Officer responsible for promoting Lanchester's Roman identity, all the children had the opportunity to explore a range of workshops

about aspects of Roman heritage. This included learning about the more bloodthirsty methods the Romans employed to dispatch their enemies, why the Romans came to Britain and an enjoyable practical session on building Roman aqueducts using construction apparatus.

'TEMPEST' GOES DOWN A STORM!

Conditions were not exactly stormy – in fact beautiful sunshine and a warm summer's day – but the atmosphere of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest' was perfectly recreated in the open air at Blackhill Park on Wednesday 5th July. There to see Mad Alice Theatre Company's modern adaptation of the bard's famous play were class 4 from All Saints', as well as children from other local primaries. The

children also benefited from an earlier workshop led by company leading actress Michelle Parker who gave the class an insight into transforming Shakespeare's plays for a modern audience. The play was enjoyed by all – particularly, I suspect, Caliban's inventive entrance strumming a wireless controlled rock guitar as he walked across the park's rolling green lawns!

ALL SAINTS' TRAILBLAZERS!

After many, many months of fund-raising efforts All Saints' children are now enjoying a brand new adventure trail which has been recently installed. This is part of the school's long-term development of the outdoors environment for the pupils and has cost over £6,000 to

purchase. Much of this cost has been financed by the PTA, with help also from funding sourced by the school's deputy head, Mrs. McKenna. Mrs. McKenna works closely with the pupils' School Council which had identified this as a major target based on pupils' suggestions.

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SUN-DRENCHED SPORTS DAY FOR ALL SAINTS'!

Like most of the country Lanchester All Saints School was blessed with gorgeous weather on Monday 17th July when they held their Sports Day. This time there was a change from the usual 'races', with instead Houses working in teams to earn points for a variety of timed events. These included morning games such as hockey dribble and basketball shoot, and an afternoon sponsored 'fun run' round the field to raise funds for new library books. Overall Bede House came out top on points, and the children and parents were well supplied with drinks, ice-creams and cream teas respectively, courtesy of the P.T.A. Pictured below are children doing a parachute activity.



CLASS 2'S VISIT TO PRESTON HALL MUSEUM AND PARK

On Tuesday at quarter past nine the bus arrived and class 2 got on the bus. There was a lot of noise because we were all excited. When we arrived at Preston Park there was a lady called Ruth who worked at the museum. After we met Ruth group 1 went with Miss Kendall and Ruth. Group

2 went to the Victorian street with Mrs Phillips and Mrs Freeman. First we went to the Chemist. After that we went to all of the shops. Next we had to go with Ruth. It was great fun. We had to feel in the feely bag and describe what was in the bag. There was a blancmange mould, hand

bellows, copper bed warmer, and a poss stick and a carpet beater. After that class 2 went for lunch I had ham sandwiches, crisps, a rocky and a drink. After lunch class 2 went to the park. Finally class 2 went to the gift shop I bought some coins. I had a great day. By Emily



Some of the children at Preston Park

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FLOWER CLUB

On Friday 23rd June the Community Centre was the venue for a colourful demonstration and display of flower arranging organised by the Lanchester and District Flower Club. About 90 members and friends filled the main hall to welcome Olive Dalrymple from Gilsland. Olive is no stranger to the Lanchester Club who have visited her home on the Roman Wall a couple of times for generous hospitality and demonstrations. The audience were enthralled as she demonstrated the art of flower arranging while keeping up a constant commentary of anecdotes about family and friends together with useful tips about flowers. The final arrangements



Olive Dalrymple with her creations

were raffled at the end of the evening and several lucky ladies had the problem of how to see

over the top of their prize to find their way to the car park. A very entertaining and instructive evening.

CRICKET NEWS

continued from back page
 The home fixtures coming up are:-
 29th July v Percy Main (currently 2nd)
 12th August v Alnwick
 2nd September v Ryton.
 The 2nd XI are lying 5th with 5 wins and 6 defeats having slipped from second place after 2 consecutive losses.
 They have Jim Potts in the leading averages with 254 runs at an average of 63.5 and Alan McPhail has taken 16 wickets at a cost of 14 runs.
 The home fixtures are:-
 5th August v Consett
 19th August v Greenside
 26th August v Leadgate..
 After the heights of last year, having won the League and 2 cup competitions, our Under 18s are struggling with only 1 win so far. There are several players who are still under 15 and hopefully they will come to the fore next season.
 The under 15s are 7th with 5 wins and 4 defeats and we hope we will have representatives in the league side who compete for the Justsport Trophy in the school holidays.
 Coaching sessions have been well attended with up to 40 youngsters aged from 8 to 14 coming along on a Saturday morning.
 Once the holidays begin there are midweek sessions lined up; the details are on the notice board.
 Andy Allen runs a weekly meat draw which is becoming more popular, with an excellent prize each week. This is sponsored by Crinnion's the Butchers and our thanks go to Paul Crinnion for his continued support.
 On a similar subject this year's BBQ is to be held on Saturday 5th August with tickets available from Robbie Selby at £6 each.
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BOWLS RESULTS

The latest results are:
Veterans League
Triples (Mondays)
 Home v Burnopfield Won 6-4, Away v Leadgate Lost 2-8, Home v View Lane Lost 4-6, Home v White-le-Head*
Fours (Tuesdays)
 Away v Dipton Won 8-2, Home v View Lane*, Away v Consett Park Lost 0-10, Home v Annfield Plain Won 8-2
Triples Knock-Out Cup
 Away Burnopfield Lost 1-3 (rinks)
 Home friendly v Barnard Castle Won 86-66 (shots)
N.W.D. Midweek League
 Away v Dipton Won 4-2, Home v Annfield Plain Lost 1-5, Away v White-le-Head Won 4-2, Away v Pelton Fell Won 6-0
N.W.D. Saturday League
 Home v White-le-Head*, Away v South Moor Lost 0-10, Home v Consett Park Lost 1-9, Away v Leadgate Lost 0-10
N.W.D. League Cup
 Away Pelton Fell Lost 1-2
 * Opposition could not make a team, 10 points to Lanchester.
 The current league positions are:
N.W.D. Veterans Triples League as at 26/06/06

Played	Team	Points
9	Leadgate	62
9	Dipton	59
9	Consett Park 'A'	56
9	Lanchester	50
9	View Lane	50
9	Burnopfield	48
10	Sherburn Park	47
9	Consett Park 'B'	45
10	South Moor	34
9	White-le-Head	9

N.W.D. Veterans Rinks (Fours) League as at 27/06/06

Played	Team	Points
10	Annfield Plain	58
8	Leadgate	56
9	Consett Park	56
9	Lanchester	51
10	South Moor	48
9	Dipton	45
9	View Lane	27
8	Sherburn Park	21

On Saturday afternoon 24th June, from 1 pm - 4 pm local dog owners were able to attend the Community Centre to have their dog micro-chipped. This important service for dog owners was organised by Lyn Copeland, Dog Enforcement and Education Officer, from Derwentside District Council, who was accompanied by Local Authority Dog Warden, David Costello, who carried out the chipping. The information about the dog is then transferred to a Pet Log, from where the owner receives a certificate of registration. Micro-chipping is the most efficient way of identifying lost or stray dogs. There is no set charge for this service but donations are accepted. Further information about the Dogs Trust, [Charity Number 227523] can be obtained on hotline 0845 6063036.

Wednesday League as at 12/07/06

Position	Team	Points
1	South Moor	44
2	Dipton	42
3	Leadgate	34
4	Craghead	32
5	Pelton Fell	26
7	Lanchester	24
8	Burnopfield	22
9	Annfield Plain	16
10	Chester-le-Street	15
11	White-le-Head	6

Saturday League as at 15/07/06

Position	Team	Points
1	Leadgate	94
2	Consett Park	83
3	South Moor	66
4	Pelton Fell	51
5	Lanchester	46
5	Dipton	46
7	Annfield Plain	44
8	Sherburn Park	42
9	Burnopfield	37
10	View Lane	27
11	White-le-Head	14

DOGS TRUST



Lesley Chaney from Langley Park, with her pet dog Scruff, a Bearded Collie Cross, along with Local Authority Dog Warden David Costello.
 In all, 34 Dogs were micro-chipped.

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Trip to Alnwick Gardens

Willowburn Hospice is organising a bus trip to Alnwick Gardens on Saturday 5th August. The coach will be leaving Willowburn at 9.00am on that day, and will return in the late afternoon or early evening. The fee of £15 will cover coach hire and entry to the gardens, but not refreshments. Could those interested please contact 528167 to reserve a place.

WI

At the meeting of Lanchester Women's Institute on 7th August Mavis Datta will be talking about 'Help with stress through complementary therapy', and judging will take place for the competition, subject 'a candle'. The WI meets in the Community Centre at 7pm.

Memory Walk

Alzheimer's Society, which works for dementia care and research, is organising a walk to be held at Allensford Country Park on Sunday 24th September at 2pm, in order to raise funds. There will be a three-mile walk in this attractive riverside setting and a one-mile one suitable for small children and buggies.

For further information ring 591835.

Wildlife Group

The group will meet on the second Tuesday as usual (8th August), but will meet earlier at 6.30pm in the Community Centre car park for a trip to the restored Saltwell Park, Gateshead.

Bats in the Library

Bat Man Gerry White of the Bat Protection Group will be in Lanchester library from 2 till 4pm on Monday 1st August to expatiate on these charming creatures, show some slides and demonstrate a bat detector. He promises to bring along at least one (very cuddly) bat.

Tickets, costing £1, should be bought in advance for this event, and under 8's must bring an adult.

Short Walks

The Byways and Bridleways group has a walk of about 5 miles from the Burnhope crossroads car park at the top of Peth Bank, starting at 7pm on Tuesday August 8th. Ring 521427 for details.

Acorn Amblers have a 5-mile walk on Sunday 20th April starting in Satley. For details ring 07966 330025.

Extra Council Meeting

Following on from concern at District Council plans to close the Lanchester office in Park House, a special meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 25th August at 7pm in Park House.

Normally at Parish Council meetings, members of the public can speak, so concerned people might consider attending this meeting.

Magic Show

Lanchester library will be more magic than usual from 2 till 3pm on Thursday 17th August, when there will be a Magic Show. Tickets, price £1, must be bought in advance. Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult; the good news is, adults don't pay!

Brush up your Bridge

A Bridge Refresher Course is being planned to commence in September this year. It should attract people who have played Bridge sometime in the past and would like to take it up again. The class is planned for Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 7.30pm to be held in the Catholic Church Hall along Kitswell Road. If any of this appeals to you then please make contact with Jan Vasey 521948 or e-mail janvasey@aol.com to book your place.

Walk For Willowburn

On bank holiday Monday the 28th of August we are holding our annual sponsored walk to raise money for the Willow Burn Hospice. The format is the same as in previous years; starting from the Brown Horse, Tow Law from 11am onwards, walkers go down a minor road to the Black Horse, Old Cornsay and finish at the Queen's Head, Lanchester.

The distance is just over six miles, and transport to the starting point will be available from the Queen's Head car park from 10am onwards.

This is the ninth walk that we have held, and each year, thank God, we have beaten the previous year's fund-raising. Last year we managed £4,362 and with a few more walkers I am hoping for £5000.

Please get out those walking boots and come and join us. To receive a sponsor form ring 01207 528167 and a form will be posted to you, otherwise call at the hospice. Thanks in advance Paul Smith Willow Burn Hospice fund raising committee.

WHAT'S ON?

Early Music Festival

The festival continues in Lanchester C of E Parish Church during August with two more concerts.

'Music For a While' on Saturday 12th August, starting at 7.30pm, brings Peter Carey (baritone) to Lanchester for a recital of English Restoration song written by Henry Purcell, John Blow and Pelham Humphrey, together with harpsichord and organ works played by Dr Ian Brunt.

Readings will offer an unexpected view of Purcell's England through the work of contemporary diarists and commentators.

Saturday 26th August sees the return of violincellist Glenis Malkin, in the company of her son David, also a gifted young musician. They will be performing the programme 'Glorious Vivaldi', some recently discovered Sonatas by Antonio Vivaldi. They are joined by Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord and organ), and there will be some organ sonatas by Vivaldi's contemporary Giovanni Pescetti.

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

Profits from the concerts go to Lanchester Parish Church.

Free Computer Courses

Sheila Forster will be providing accredited Level 1 and Level 2 courses as well as a 3-week job-seekers' IT course in Burnhope Primary School in September.

The free courses under the Skills4Life Project are aimed at people aged 16 to 55 who are actively seeking work. They begin on September 8th and run between 12.45 and 3pm. For more information ring Sheila on 0191 3834943.

Reading Mission

Summer is a good time to relax and spend time with your family. It's also time for the young folks to get to know their library and read some great books.

Each small person aged 4 to 12 will be given a Mission Pack, with puzzles to solve, codes to crack and specially designed to make reading fun for children. If they complete the mission by reading six of the thousands of books in the library, the mission is completed. There is a certificate or medal.

There's a Reading Mission web-site too with ideas for books to read, authors to find out about and activities for children to enjoy. If you haven't got a computer, the library has.

75% of children have said the Summer Reading Challenge makes them better readers. 96% look forward to taking part in the next challenge.

All you have to do is go to Lanchester library, the coolest place in Lanchester for all sorts of reasons!

Music at the Three Horseshoes



Peter Thompson and Ian Tute at the Three Horseshoes

Music nights at the Maiden Law hostelry continue through the Summer months, with about a dozen singers and musicians regularly appearing and welcome visiting performers

adding their talents to the mix. A wide variety of styles are heard in a singabout format, usually launched with a musical overture from organiser Ian Tute ably backed by Pete

Thompson, after which the musical baton passes round the room, with perhaps a poem for variety. All are welcome to come along any Sunday from 8.30pm onwards.

Genealogy Session

Genealogy expert John Milburn is holding an extra holiday session in Lanchester library on Thursday August 3rd from 10 till 12 noon. John regularly holds sessions on tracing family

history on the last Thursday of the month, such as 31st August (9.30-11.30am), when he uses the internet to pursue family links, and he wants to give an extra opportunity for newcomers to his free service.

Coming Shortly

The Thursday Club plan a 'Pumpkin Pie' event on November 1st in the Community Centre in aid of the Air Ambulance. Lanchester's Creative Writing group will be relaunched on 12th September. Writing is the new sudoku. Margaret Southworth will give an in-depth talk on Lanchester's history on September 12th. There will be a Harvest Supper in the Methodist church on Saturday 23rd September.

Lanchester Partnership's Open Day will be on Sat Sept 30th. October 28th will see the Community Centre "Cash for Space" Auction. The third Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Methodist Church on the week-end of 8th-11th December (so plan designs for a decorated tree) in conjunction with a 'German' Market. If anyone is making forward plans for an event, would you like to add it to the Coming Shortly list?

PRIZE CROSSWORD 3

There were again 6 correct solutions to John's crossword last month, but not all the same people. The winner was Ann Lee, whose reward is on its way. Now you too can win £10 and be insufferably smug (optional). Just solve the crossword and return it to the Editor or any of his cohorts by Tuesday 15th August.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 2

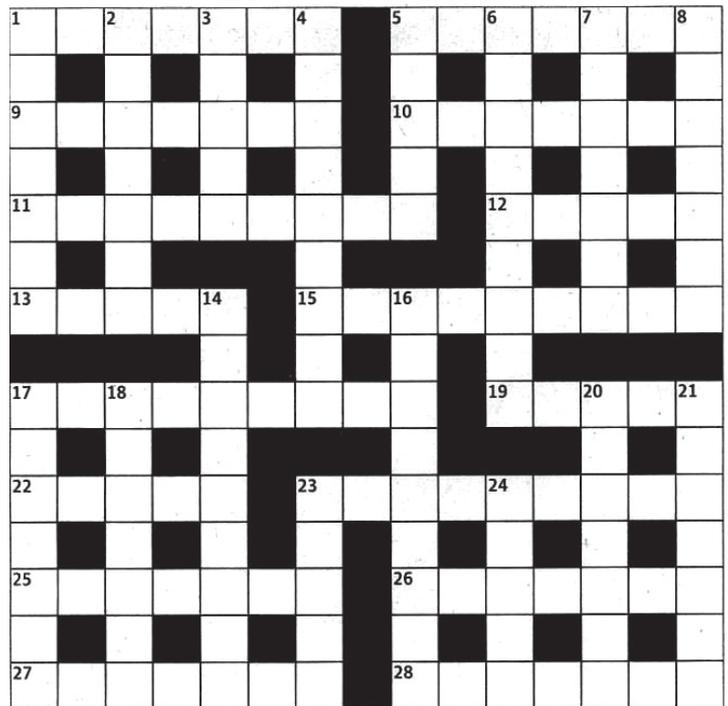
- Across 1. realism, 5. vinegar, 9. Ascot, 10. ginormous, 11. orientated, 12. ewer, 14. incunabulum, 18. reminiscent, 21. tool, 22. facsimiles, 25. climbed up, 26. Omani, 27. lambada, 28. austere
- Down 1. reason, 2. Arctic, 3. intentions, 4. magma, 5. vengeance, 6. nark, 7. goodwill, 8. rostrums, 13. abstemious, 15. Cassandra, 16. protocol, 17. emporium, 19. cleave, 20. aspire, 23. sepia, 24. Abba

ACROSS

1. Pass: I've turned inactive (7)
5. Backward oaf with some endless flowers (7)
9. Consider (7)
10. Burdensome (7)
11. Number on the register (9)
12. Short drunkard (5)
13. Male singer (5)
15. Copycats rescued from Isle of Man Strait (9)
17. Firearm that shoots on its own ? (9)
19. The Royal Marines are unit for heat (5)
22. Imply (5)
23. Freed fifty I scolded (9)
25. Perpetual (7)
26. Hard labour after Victoria and Albert in different trial (7)
27. Its card is extreme (7)
28. Order small teddy turned round (7)

DOWN

1. Faultless (7)
2. Colour from crocus (7)
3. Flawless concept inside allegory (5)
4. Reims text reworked for fanatic (9)
5. Derogatory noises with time, help (5)
6. Result of spendthrift economics ? (9)
7. Zodiac sign (7)
8. Bringers of good luck (7)
14. Dutch painter (9)



Name

Address

16. Young scout enters reformed Iran to get life supporter (9)
17. Organise edict covering flavour (7)
18. Grease up cheese cloth (7)
20. Pull out (7)
21. Confused (7)
23. Syringa (5)
24. Sunday joint ? (5)

TENNIS COACHING FOR YOUNGSTERS

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held an open day on Saturday 15th July. Tennis Coach Gavin Mason from Shotley Bridge was on hand to give all the young people who turned up

some useful tips on playing tennis. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon, which was probably one of the hottest days of the year.



Members and youngsters who were at the Tennis Coaching Session. Coach, Gavin Mason is on the back row left. Featured in front is the new automatic 'ball returner'.



Ann Hurrin, Heather Murray, Steve and Belinda Travis enjoying their Strawberries and Cream at the Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club Function

PLEASURE AND PAIN

"There are worse things to do on a sunny day than get beat at bowls" said one of Lanchester's Bowls team. It's a good thing that kind of spirit was around last month because bright sunshine brought fast greens and a number of defeats for the club. While the veterans and the Wednesday team are giving as good as they get, it has been a difficult time for the Saturday team as they were up against some of the league's top teams. Most disappointing was the narrow defeat away to Burnopfield in the Veterans' Knockout Cup which was followed the next day by an exit from the Northwest Durham League Cup at the hands of Pelton Fell. All the results are on page 19 (those of a nervous disposition should skip the Saturday results). Congratulations to Jimmy Rogan and Cyril Pearson of Consett Park in winning the County pairs. We wish them success in the national championships.

CRICKET NEWS

The sun continues to shine and it makes the wonderful game so much more enjoyable in glorious weather. The first X1 are currently fourth in the league, having won 6 and lost 5 so far. They are hoping for a winning run to challenge for one of the top two places and promotion. The performance of the season to date was on the 15th July when Greg Halliday scored 125 not out, then took 6 wickets for 42 runs at Whickham. The Australian professional John Raywood features in the league averages at half-way, having taken 16 wickets at 19 runs each.

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NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any contributions for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday, 15th August. Thank you.

A THRIVING YOUTH CLUB



The Masac gym, Annfield Plain

Several members of a local youth club will be competing in a kick-boxing championship meeting in the region, with a world championship at stake. They are all members of the Masac gym, just off Front Street, Annfield Plain, where Lanchester resident Goff Bates has turned what had been a small youth club into a popular sporting centre with a waiting-list for membership. Every night sees a succession of boys and girls making use of the excellent facilities, created with the help of

parents who rally round to raise money and to give practical help. Youngsters of primary age can be seen from five till six in the evening working on their karate skills, then it's the turn of the young kick-boxers, helped by several seniors. Currently 133 young folks between 8 and 16 are learning skills in the gym and gaining in confidence.

There is a purposeful atmosphere, with good behaviour expected and no complaints about hard work. The results can be seen in the success of Lancastrians Craig Richardson, who was a junior champion in 2000, and Goff's son Jamie who already has a fistful of championships.

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