

LYNWOOD HOUSE REBORN

Readers will have seen reports that Durham County Council Labour Group are committed to keeping open all 13 Residential Homes for elderly people. This includes our own Lynwood House - news that has been warmly welcomed. Many of you may also recall that at the end of the day conference in February, chaired by Hilary Armstrong, when the future of Lynwood

House was discussed, the Parish Council agreed to establish a working party jointly with Lanchester Partnership to explore ways of either keeping the home open or other ways of using the site to provide services for elderly people.

This working party has been meeting throughout the summer and, as well as Parish Councillors and Trustees of the

Partnership, has included representatives of Park House Medical Practice, Willowburn Hospice and Howden Burn EMI Nursing Home. Together they have developed a set of proposals for the development of Lynwood House itself but also for all the other services and more in a most exciting way. They believe they can offer residential care, nursing care, home care, respite care, NHS Dentistry

and enlarged medical services all in the same place. There would also be room for organisations such as Alzheimers and Derwentside Carers to have bases there if they so wished. This will mean that the wish everyone expressed in the Parish Plan - to be able to remain in their own homes as long as possible - can be fully supported from a range of first rate facilities placed in the very heart of the village.

At this stage the Parish Council and Lanchester Partnership consider that these are keen to enter into full discussions with Durham County Council about how to work with them to achieve them. A meeting has been arranged early in November, and it is hoped that a public meeting will follow eventually to inform the public about progress.

PARTNERSHIP OPEN DAY



After opening the Partnership Open Day, Anita Burdon was presented with flowers by Rebecca and James Draper



The talented youngsters from Karen Stewart's Dance Academy display their skills at the Open Day

This year's was a very successful Partnership Open Day. Held in the Community Centre as usual on Saturday 30th September, it was opened by our pharmacist Anita Burdon. In a short welcoming speech Partnership Chairman Mike Gladstone started with the bad news: The Rock

Club and Youth Club were closed but the latter had restarted and the Rock Club would soon follow. The Village Bus is likely to vanish, but a campaign to retain it was under way. The good news involved progress, in collaboration with the Parish Council, on the Parish Plan, including Flood Prevention, a

successful litter-pick, effective work to keep Lynwood House, an ongoing report on the maintaining and enhancing of the Countryside, a very prestigious award for the Village Design Statement, a Directory of Information about Lanchester which will soon be published, an imminent Film Club

and a book of walks which contributes well to Partnership funds. A large number of visitors toured the displays which included the Centurions motorcycle club, Environment Agency, Friends of the Fort, Lions, The Model Boat makers, Needlework and Lace-making, the Parish Council, Partnership,

Pathfinders, and the Wildlife Group Entertainment was provided by the junior Brass Band and for the first time a large and skilful team from Karen Stewart's dance group, both of which drew an appreciative audience, and refreshments were also available.

More pictures, pages 8 & 9



Dear Village....

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Dear Sir

Further to your article about Ford Road in the October issue of 'The Village Voice', I have to walk along this road every day to reach the bus stop to travel to and from work. The footpath between Smallhope Drive and Ford Crescent is very narrow and this part of the journey is always a worrying time. I am very concerned about my safety when I walk this route and I have outlined some of the incidents that have happened to me for your information:-

- Walking towards the village, (on the narrowest part of the footpath), a large coach was travelling at speed towards Tow Law. Luckily as I was able to see the coach approaching. I stood flat against the wall while it passed. Had I been walking with my back to the oncoming coach I would probably have been struck by its mirror as it overhung onto the path as the coach travelled along.
- Walking towards home from the village, I heard a loud noise suggesting a large vehicle was approaching from behind. I turned around just in time to see a huge wagon travelling, at speed, along towards Tow Law. As there was oncoming traffic, he was travelling right at the edge of the footpath to be able to pass the oncoming vehicle. For safety I had to quickly move onto someone's driveway, as once again there was a chance on being struck by an

overhanging mirror or the wide trailer part of the wagon.

- I have had to find refuge again in someone's driveway when two tractors (one with a trailer, one with front spiked attachment) have struggled to pass each other on the stretch of road between Smallhope Drive and Ford Crescent. As you will be aware this is the very narrow part of the footpath along Ford Road.
- Luckily these recent incidents have not resulted in any accident or injury, but my fear is that nothing will be done to alleviate the problems with this road until there has been a fatality. If the person walking along the road at the time of the above incidents had been elderly, hard of hearing, someone wearing earphones listening to music, or wheelchair bound, as is my nephew, the outcome could have been tragic.

Yours faithfully, Marie Murphy, Ford Crescent

Dear Sirs,

I refer to the latest article in The Village Voice (October 2006) relating to the fears expressed by users of this road and the bordering pedestrian pavements. Whenever fears have been expressed in the past, the argument has concentrated on the speed of vehicles using the road. I understand that surveys have been carried out to monitor the speeds, and the conclusion drawn that speeding is not a major concern. (Ref: Letter from Durham Constabulary to Mrs Gallagher (CTM/JET dated 11/1/2006) responding to complaint following the first accident of 2006 on this road. It is evident that the

numbers, weight and width of commercial traffic using the road is rapidly increasing, possibly due to the advent and increasing use of satellite navigation systems.

This is particularly noticeable during the hours of 0630 - 0930 and 1500 - 1800. Noise levels at these times are becoming a considerable nuisance in those properties bordering the road. The use of rumble strips to control speeding would greatly increase this nuisance and it is felt that the only way to control the speed problem may lie in increased policing.

A major fear, now often expressed, is the intrusion by wing mirrors and other vehicle protrusions into the pedestrian zone. This occurs mainly when commercial vehicles pass each other and on occasion vehicles have been seen to mount the pavements in order to pass, sometimes at considerable speed. In recent years there have been a number of cases where walls and a telegraph pole have been hit and partially destroyed.

How long will it be before one of these heavy vehicles totally breaches a wall and makes impact with a house? Using the pavement now means buffeting by winds pushed ahead of large vehicles, having ones umbrella knocked away and, by far the worst, an ever increasing risk of severe head or other injuries from a wing mirror.

Is there not somewhere, some person or body corporate that has a duty of care to persons using these pavements?

Perhaps the time has now arrived when, in addition to control of speeding, serious consideration be given to restricting the weight and size of vehicles using this road. It is my fear that if something is not done reasonably quickly there will be a bad accident

or, heaven forbid, a fatality.
R. Stephenson
Smallhope Drive

Dear Sir

My house backs on to Ford Road, hence my interest in the topic.

I have a copy of my neighbour's letter to you, which covers the salient points. However I have a suggestion which I think could help one aspect.

The last 30mph sign for people travelling West on the B6296 is on the A691. Where the B6301 (Ford Road) joins the B6296 there is no speed sign. The act of turning South from the B6296 along the B6301 seems to indicate to some that the 30mph limit no longer applies, resulting in the excessive speeds I have witnessed, despite what the Durham Constabulary indicate in their letter of 11/01.

I did notice a diminution of speed one day recently, only to be told later that a police car had been parked at the end of the road.

I therefore suggest that a 30mph sign is sited on Ford Road together with a 'Concealed Entrances' sign, as gaining access to Ford Road from the various side roads and driveways is becoming increasingly difficult.

I hope the foregoing is helpful. I would be pleased to attend any relevant meeting if possible.

Yours faithfully, Margaret Gallagher, Smallhope Drive

Dear Sir,

Having recently spent two months in Lanchester, an ideal village in most respects and probably the best in the district, I think it appropriate to point out an important serious problem. The whole village atmosphere is being spoilt by the behaviour of groups of teenagers congregating in the "Spar" area on most evenings and sometimes during school lunch breaks.

These groups leave litter indiscriminately throughout the area (particularly noticeable on Sunday mornings when the council street cleaners do not operate) and blatantly damage the flower beds on Front Street - Rubbish bins are available throughout this area but are seldom if ever used by these irresponsible youths.

May I offer the following to those who may have some influence in remedying this situation.

1. Would it be possible to locate a TVCC camera(s) to cover this area so that the guilty persons can be identified and their parents and perhaps schools can be advised.

2. Seek the cooperation of the head teachers of the appropriate schools/college so that they can attempt to instill some civic pride among their students - probably a lost cause but worth a try.

3. Activate the littering fine - much the same as that for dogs despoiling the pavements.

4. Seek the cooperation of business interests vending "take out" food and drinks in the area. Most of the rubbish comes from their businesses. These interests should be made fully aware of the problem.

5. The community police officers should be requested to help.

In all other respects Lanchester village has a lot to offer its residents and visitors. It would be a great pity to allow the current situation to continue.

Yours etc, Ron Thompson

PAT HUSSAIN

Isam Hussain would like to thank all those who have expressed their sympathy to the family by letters, cards and words following Pat's sudden illness and death. This caring support is greatly appreciated.

CHATTERBOOKS



'Chatterbooks Children' enjoy a creativity session, based on Halloween, in the Library

BOOKSTART BOOK CRAWL



Four young persons, and Auntie Janice at Bookstart Day

Children aged from 0 to 4 were invited to visit Lanchester library for Bookstart Day. They learned that going to the library is fun, with lots of books to enjoy. They were rewarded with illustrated nursery rhymes to remind them of their visit to the library.

VILLAGE VOICE DELIVERER NEEDED

The person who delivers the Village Voice in the Manor Grange area is moving, so we're looking for someone to deliver 70 papers once a month starting with December. Could volunteers please contact 520291.

HAIR CARE FLAIR

Mary Carr, proprietor for Apprentice Employer of the year salon, has achieved through Durham the Runner Up Award Business Club.



READING MISSION AT THE LIBRARY

During the summer holidays Lanchester Library ran a Reading Mission for young children. About 40 children took part and they had to read six books during their school holidays to encourage reading whilst away from school. The two winners were James L Hall aged 5 from Burnhope Primary School, and Anna E Kelly aged 7 from Lanchester R.C. Primary School, who each received a £10 book voucher. This was a Durham County Competition and all those who took part were entered into a lucky draw. The winner will receive an Ipod. Watch this space if a participant from Lanchester or surrounding area is the lucky winner.



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LISA GOWLAND AND EDWARD HARRISON

The marriage of Lisa Gowland of Stanley and Edward Harrison of Lanchester took place on Saturday, 2nd September in the Chapel at Gibside. The marriage service was conducted by the Reverend Canon Peter Waterhouse and the Organist was the groom's great-aunt Mrs Lilian Dixon. Mrs Ann Kemp, the groom's grandmother read an extract from 'Captain Correlli's Mandolin'.

Given away by her father Mr Matthew Gowland, Lisa wore a pale gold gown and carried orchids and vendella roses. She was attended by friends Linda Bullerwell and Dawn Little who both wore chocolate coloured gowns and carried vendella roses and chocolate coloured cosmos. Small bridesmaids were Madison and Leah Long who wore ivory 'fairy' dresses. The bride's grandmother, Mrs Nancy



Lisa Gowland and Edward Harrison

Carrick signed the register as witness. Friend of the groom, Mr William Tuer was best man, his brothers Mr Andrew and Mr Richard Harrison and the bride's brother, Mr Shaun Gowland, supported him as ushers.

A marquee reception was held at Colepike Home Farm, the groom's home, followed by an evening celebration. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in Edinburgh and will make their home at Colepike.

ANNABEL WALKER AND MATTHEW WOOD



Annabel Walker and Matthew Wood, who were married in All Saints C of E Church on August 18th

ELIZABETH COLLINS AND ANDREW CLISH

Saturday 2nd September saw the wedding of Elizabeth Collins and Andrew Clish at Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland. Elizabeth, daughter of Judith and Doug Collins, wore a stunning silk gown designed by Ian Stuart. Andrew, who is a police officer from Belmont, and the rest of the male party opted for traditional morning suits.



Elizabeth Collins and Andrew Clish

Elizabeth's bridesmaids were Lyndsay Cummings, a school friend from Durham, and Rebecca Clish, the groom's sister. Both wore individually designed dresses in light blue. Elizabeth and her bridesmaids carried fabulous bouquets of calla lilies and delphiniums.

The ceremony took place in The Bishop's Chapel, Auckland Castle. It was followed by a reception for 80 guests in the castle's Great Hall, and ended with a lively evening reception in the marquee.

A personal touch for the couple was having their wedding cake made and decorated by Avril Young, who was a teacher at Lanchester EPSchool whilst Elizabeth was a pupil there.

The new Mr and Mrs Clish honeymooned in America, visiting New York, San Francisco and Las Vegas, before returning to their home in St. Leonard's, Durham.

LIBRARY COFFEE MORNINGS



Pauline Griggs and her grandson Thomas enjoyed coffee in the library in aid of Macmillan Nurses

Two Coffee mornings for Macmillan were held at the library on Thursday 28th and Saturday 30th September. An excellent sum of £118 was raised. Thanks are given to all those who contributed to those events.

BRIDGE FOR WILLOWBURN

Lanchester Bridge Club held a charity evening in aid of Willowburn Hospice, raising £78 from table fees, £90.50 from a raffle and £35 from donations, a total of £203.50. The committee made this up to £250 to present to Willowburn Hospice.

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PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Police Report

PCSO Ray Husband attended the October Parish Council meeting and introduced PC John Hutchison, our new Community Policeman, whose duties include Burnhope. The number of offences seemed large but included minor thefts, anti-social behaviour and four parking offences. He was keen to interview the person who drove his vehicle onto the Village Green on Sunday 8th October and stood on its roof in search of conkers. Concerning parking, he underlined the importance of having yellow lines repainted to avoid folks guilty of illegal parking from escaping on a technicality. He also revealed that Big Brother was not watching us, as British Telecom had not at that time made the necessary connections.

More Trees

The Parish Council has accepted an offer of a grant of £150 to plant trees. A site was not decided, but as the trees must be planted by December 3rd an early decision is likely.

Camera Doubts

Parish Clerk Mr Jim Owens, reporting on the work of the Village Handyman, commented that whenever vandalism took place, the camera overlooking the play area never had a record of it.

Cllr Ossie Johnson said they had been assured that the high-definition digital camera was working 24/7 and monitored constantly, and was assured that it had not been able to detect recent acts of vandalism. It was agreed to request a meeting with Lee Spraggon to discuss the matter.

Holes

The Council will be writing to the County Council about holes on Peth Bank, which were considered dangerous.

Village Bus

The Council agreed to meet protestors at the loss of the village bus at the next meeting on November 14th. The County Council has been asked to fund the bus. County Councillor Tom Forster said that it could not be funded as funds had dried up.

The meeting will start at 6.30pm to permit discussion, and a County official will be invited to attend.

Planning Matters

Oakwood Stables on Durham Road plan to apply to build an arena, and wished to address the Council. It was agreed that the Council would deal with the application in the usual manner.

The owner of Craigmore on Ford Road, who has recently built another

house in his garden, has applied to build a garage behind his house.

Asked to comment on an Environmental Statement in connection with proposed opencast coal mining between Leadgate and Dipton, the Council maintained its stance on opencast mining, which is that the area has suffered enough.

There was concern about increased road use, noise, industrial pollution and destruction of wildlife.

NEW PLANS FOR GARAGE SITE

Plans have been put forward for the former 'Russell Close' garage, now reportedly called 'Whitburn Garage', for ten homes to be built on the site, four large ones to the rear and the rest in a row at the front, five of them terraced. Surface water will be drained into a soakaway.

Mr P Wilks, the owner of the site, has already spoken to the Parish Council and the Lanchester Partnership about the proposal. The latter has indicated that it will oppose the plans, as they are outside the Village Development Limit and could lead to further development along the by-pass. The Parish Council will consider the plans at a special meeting early in November.

A previous plan for twelve houses on and behind the site was withdrawn after fierce opposition in the village. If anyone is interested in the plans they can be seen at the Civic Centre, Consett. The number to ask for is 1/06/0865/DM.

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Vandals strike at Community Centre again

Some time between the evening of Wednesday 17th September and the following morning, guttering on the Newbiggen Lane side of the Community Centre was damaged. The Centre has enough problems compensating for lack of County Council support without paying £155 for unnecessary repairs. Any information leading to the idiot concerned would be appreciated.

REPORT ON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF LANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

At the October Management Meeting of Lanchester Community Association held on 18th October Mr Arthur Maughan (Chairman) presented the business plan for 2007 - 2009. He outlined to the Trustees that the next 3 years will be very difficult financially, for the Community Association as it faces very steep increases in the running costs plus we have to find ways of recovering the £10,500 we no longer receive from the Durham County Council. As an example for 2007 the cost of utilities is expected to rise by £2000, this is after extensive efforts to reduce the usage and to find cheaper suppliers. With this in mind it is proposed that rates for hiring the rooms will have to be increased by 15%, this will bring in an additional £5000; an extra £2000 will have to come from new business. The "Friends" scheme has raised £2000 (with Gift Aid) and we hope that this will continue to be supported by the people of Lanchester. Significant reductions have been made in the operating costs and by closing at Bank Holidays and between Christmas and New Year reductions in the wages can be achieved. The Chairman did stress that if people wanted the rooms at these times they will be available but at a higher premium. Following a lengthy debate the Trustees present voted in favour of the amended budget for 2007-2009. An update was also given on the progress of the Space Project, to date £23,300 has been raised through local donations and grants received.

CODE NAME - DIAL

No more hunting through the phone directory for local information, DIAL is about to appear through your letter-box, hand delivered to every house in the parish. Delivery is planned towards the end of November. What is it? It is a mini DIRECTORY OF INFORMATION ABOUT LANCHESTER, listing public services, local societies, clubs and organisations in the parish. We hope the information compiled will be useful and of benefit to all present residents of Lanchester as well as acting as a welcome pack to any newcomers. In fact, it may become an indispensable guide! The Lanchester Partnership

has produced this in conjunction with the Parish Council. One of the recommendations coming out of the recently adopted Parish Plan was to improve access to information about services. Action for other recommendations is under consideration. Meanwhile look out for the mini DIAL.

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OPEN DAY



Elaine Williams and Sara Allison display the work of the Bobbin Lace group (Monday 7-9 in the Community Centre) and Needlecraft group (1-3pm Wednesday afternoons ditto) at the Open Day.



Michael Mann with Tansy, a 6 year old barn owl. The Wildlife Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Community Centre.



Above: The Junior Brass Band entertain at the Open Day.



Left: Lanchester Lions inform visitors about their activities, and sell a few books at the Open Day.

Below: Sarah Hamilton of the Environment Agency explains the measures to be taken in case of floods.



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WE NEED THE BUS

Lanchester Partnership's meeting on Monday 9th October was visited, not to say overwhelmed by 22 users of the Village Bus who were concerned that the service might close.

They were told that the Partnership started the service 5 years ago and have so far run it by obtaining grants from many sources, including the County Council. It has

become increasingly popular, with 4106 journeys in 6 months, and the Partnership thought it had enough evidence to persuade the County to take it over as a public service.

Unfortunately this came at a time when the County had suddenly lost a lot of income.

The Partnership agreed with the passengers that they need transport, especially up Lanchester's many hills, and that it was a social bonus in bringing people together. It was an essential part of "Care in the Community".

The bus users were asked to give examples of their

need for the bus to strengthen the case. They resolved to take their fight to the Parish Council.

Many of those present had never been out at night for years, and were only able to attend because bus owner Richard Cooper and Fred the Driver had generously provided free transport.

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"DOGGIE NEWS"

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Following the success of the last micro-chipping event back in June when 34 dogs were "chipped", we are hoping to arrange another event next year.

Unfortunately I am receiving complaints about dog dirt. Irresponsible dog owners/walkers are not cleaning up after their dogs on Ridgeway and along the lines. I will be patrolling these areas and anyone observed not cleaning up will be given a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice (on the spot fine).

If anyone has any information or would like to speak to me regarding this article please telephone me on 01207 218309. Lynn Copeland

NEW FACES AT QUEENS HEAD

By the time readers see this article the Queens will have been up and running as from October 6th. The new lessee of the business is John Hanley, who had a butchers shop in Langley Park for 26 years. He currently owns the Glendenning Arms at Witton Gilbert, which has been successful under his direction for the last three years. The Queens has been newly decorated throughout and has a new warm feel to it. Food will be available with lunches, evening meals and sandwiches beginning with morning coffees from 10.30am each day. Managing the Queens will be David and Natalie Mortemore. David will run the bars whilst Natalie will be the chef. Both have joined John in his new venture from the Travellers Rest at Witton Gilbert. Natalie was previously

chef at the Centurian at Langley Park, whilst David has worked at O'Neills in Claypath, Durham, and has completed many relief management duties for that company. Both are looking forward very much to the challenge of running the Queens and getting to know the people of Lanchester. They intend to provide good, wholesome, traditional pub food. Beers on sale will be real ale Blacksheep as a regular, with two other guest beers. The Christmas menu will be out soon and orders can be taken for the Christmas period. There will also be a New Year's Eve party. John will leave the general running of the pub to his managers David and Natalie but will be available at both the Glendenning Arms and the Queens Head on a regular basis.

Right: John Hanley - Proprietor of the Queens Head.

Below: David and Natalie Mortemore - Managers of the Queens Head.





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About 200 year 7 children recently embarked on a Sponsored Walk from Durham back to the school in Lanchester, in aid of the school funds for the new building. They were taken in buses to Neville's Cross in the morning and had an enjoyable picnic lunch at Langley Park, arriving in the village soon after 2.00 pm just as it began to rain. It is thought that a considerable amount of money has been raised but at the time of going to print this figure is still not known, and will be published in the next issue.



Children from St Bede's College almost at the end of their long Sponsored Walk, but still smiling.

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SCOTTISH DANCING

The Scottish Dancing Group, which meets on Friday evenings in the Community Centre, holds a training session for new members from 7 till 8pm.

Here Doris Jackson patiently talks her pupils through Jill's favourite dance.



Some well-dressed dancers at the Scottish Dancing Group's event on October 13th.

RIDING THE BOUNDS

On Sunday, 1st October, a group of riders met at Knitsley Mill to ride part of the Lanchester parish boundary, something that is done in the Borders (called riding the Bounds).

A route was organized to stay close to the boundary but not on the public highway all of the time. The first section was ridden at a brisk pace and fences jumped along the way before the first stop for refreshments at Oliver Ford. Another brisk pace brought riders down the valley from Rippon Burn, through Sawmill Wood and up onto the top of Humber Hill but as it was raining, not all the Parish could be seen from this view-point.

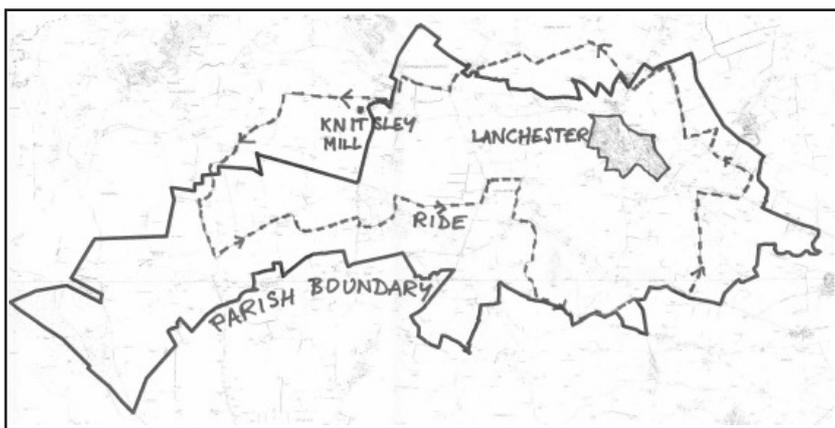
After a rest and refreshments for horse and rider at Colepike, we set off heading through fields for Ragpath,

Hamsteels and Malton. From here, we headed up the Howel to the Mast at Burnhope, slowing to a walk, enjoying the sunshine and drying out after the soaking we had just after lunch. Following a refreshment stop we headed through Greencroft to Esp Green with riders joining us and a junior rider joining in at Hurbuck. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and finishing back at Knitsley.

A huge 'thank you' to farmers and landowners who allowed us to go over their land and make it such a memorable day. Thank you also to those who had provided refreshments and to Ian Wright, Alan Chapman and Keith Harrison for putting the route together and you never know, it may happen again next year.



Riders set off from Knitsley Mill.



A map showing Lanchester Parish Boundary and the route of the ride

GOLD CHILDMINDERS AWARD

This important award is for the smoke-free childminders. Breathing other people's smoke is

known as 'SHS' (Second Hand Smoke) which contains 4,000 toxic chemicals of which 60 are known to

be cancer causing. Also, research has indicated that children exposed to second hand smoke are at risk

of contracting pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma attacks, middle ear disease, decreased lung function and sudden infant death syndrome. The Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health [SCOTH], conclude that [SHS] is a controllable and preventable form of indoor pollution and that no infant, child or adult should be exposed to it.

Ofsted set out guidelines that childminders must not smoke in the presence of children and no one else in the home should smoke in the presence of the children. County Durham and Darlington follow

these guidelines but in addition have introduced the Smoke Free Childminder Award. Winners of this award have to meet the criteria of the National Clean Air Award [NCCA]. The aims of this award are to keep children safe and healthy and reduce the impact of second hand smoke. In fact there should be no smoking at all in the home or garden environment.

Lanchester Registered Childminders meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 9.15.a.m. in the Community Centre. They would like to recruit more members. For further information ring 01207 520446



Smoke-free childminders gold award winners - right to left Caroline English, Michelle Allison, Angela Lee, Gillian Nichol, Kathi Day and Tracy Jewitt.

CREATIVE WEEK - LANCHESTER EP PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lanchester EP primary school had a Creative Week starting Monday 9th October.

During the week all classes had walks organised by the Groundwork Trust, and as well as the school's normal work they were visited by:

Artist Asha Pobbath and Programme Manager Vidya Sarangapani of Kalapremi, a group fostering Indian art, who taught the children to make an image in clay of Ganesh, the Hindu god of Wisdom and Prosperity. Ganesh looks rather like an

elephant, though one tusk is shorter than the other and it is said that he has no tail. The children produced some wonderful statues of him and enjoyed themselves a lot.

Ravinda Cheema visited the school to tell the children the amazing story of the Blue Jackal, an Indian folk tale, and later made sock puppets with the children to illustrate the story.

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WI SUPPORT TREES FOR LIFE

We are again collecting Yorkshire Tea tokens to support Yorkshire Tea's Trees for Life campaign. They undertake to plant a tree for every token saved. Since 1990 they have funded the planting of nearly 3 million trees in tea and coffee growing countries, as well as in the UK. Last year through the tokens collected by WI members, and working with Oxfam, a 200 acre 30,000 tree 'WI Wood' was planted in Harerghe, Ethiopia. As reported by two WI representatives who went to Ethiopia the "trees haven't just been good for the local

environment, they've also helped to build communities. Not long ago women, along with their children, walked up to 25km a day to collect firewood. Now with fast growing trees nearby women can use their time more productively and children can go to school. According to one of the beneficiaries: *two years ago the land was dry and useless. Now it's green and green means hope*". If you can help please give any tokens to a WI member, or post them through the letterbox (in an envelope please) at 17 Woodham Court. Thank you.

NEW COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST

A County Durham Primary Care Trust (PCT) was formed on Sunday 1st of October 2006 by merging Derwentside, Durham and Chester-le-Street, Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield PCTs. These had been formed in April 2002. It is hoped that this merger will result in at least a 15% saving on management costs, which will be

reinvested in frontline NHS services. Lady Ann Calman is chair of the PCT, and one of the region's top NHS managers, Yasmin Chaudhry, has been appointed as chief executive. County Durham PCT will serve a population of around 497,000 across Durham county.

The Chief Executive of the new Primary Care Trust is Yasmin Chaudhry



OFSTED PRAISE FOR ALL SAINTS

All Saints' R.C. Primary School has recently undergone a very successful inspection by Ofsted, achieving the classification 'Good' in every category of: teaching and learning; achievement and standards; personal development; and leadership and management.

'As a staff we are really pleased with the report as it represents our strongest performance yet under the Ofsted system', said head teacher Tony Reather. The inspector was particularly impressed with the strong sense of community in the school and the children's personal development, describing the pupils' contribution to the school and local communities as 'excellent'.

In the past three years the school has benefited from a major building programme giving them a new classroom, ICT Suite and opening up the whole infant department. Eighteen months ago

they upgraded their I.T. facilities to provide interactive whiteboards in every classroom, and last year over £8,000 was spent on improving the outdoor provision including the installation of an adventure play trail for the children. "This very positive report recognises the academic and personal development of the pupils so we feel we have made real progress across all fronts", said Tony Reather.

The spiritual dimension is particularly important to All Saints' and their recent R.E. Inspection has praised the strong partnership between school, home and parish.

"Both these reports give the school an excellent platform to move forward for the future", said Mr Reather, "and I would like to thank all the school community, staff, governors and parents for their tremendous hard work and support during this busy time".



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HARVEST SERVICE BY LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL

A delightful Harvest Service was held at the Parish Church on Thursday 5th of October. The choir sang some beautiful harvest songs and hymns, some along with the large congregation of parents and friends. The singing was interspersed with some relevant, clear, confident readings by the children. Some of these courageous readers were as young as seven. Displays of harvest artwork were held up along with the relevant readings. This was altogether a lovely children-led service, which was appreciated by everyone who attended.



Children proudly hold up their harvest artwork



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HARVEST SUPPER

Mel and Sue Somersall, with the aid of their many friends and supporters, provided a Harvest Supper for a vast number of people on September 23rd in the Methodist Church. The diners were warmly welcomed by Maurice Ridley and a quiz to do while waiting for the delicious braised steak (or vegetarian choice) and a vast range of vegetables, followed by a range of assorted harvest fruit pies and other delicacies, with lashings of cream. This was followed by tea or coffee (with mints as advertised). The entertainment continued in the form of harvest hymns to be sung from the projected words; perhaps rather too many for non-hymn fanciers. It was all, of course, in aid of Water for Africa, which provides fresh water in Ghana for people who have to walk 4

miles and back to reach a source of water. Mel thanked those who had helped by creating flower arrangements (Elsie Cuthbert and team), playing (Maurice Richardson and Lilian Dixon), lending a van, working in the kitchen, peeling vegetables for hours and working the electronics. As a result of the Supper, donations and a coffee morning the large sum of £1107 pounds went to the charity.



Ron Cole and Mel Somersall lead the singing after the Harvest Supper



Maurice Ridley provides entertainment before the Harvest Supper

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FUND RAISER FOR WILLOW BURN

People arrived non-stop at the Community Centre on Thursday 28th of September for a lovely Cream Tea provided by the Lady Lions. There was a fabulous cake stall, a splendid raffle, and a treasured tombola stall, all of which proved to be very popular indeed. The main hall of the Community Centre was full between 2.00.p.m. and 4.00.p.m where everyone sat and enjoyed their jam and cream home made scones, chattering away, but also listening to the relaxing music of Pam Bygate on her keyboard. Julia and Angela, fund-raisers from Willow Burn, raised

£120 from their own stall and the total raised by Lady Lions was a magnificent £403.22, so an excellent £523.22 will be going to the hospice. Very many thanks are due to especially Pam Bygate for her superb contribution, to the milkman John Toomer who supplied the milk free of charge, to ASDA who supplied cream, butter, jam and some raffle prizes and Paul Crinnion who donated a meat voucher. Other prizes were supplied by friends of Lady Lions. Thanks are also given to all those who generously supported this well-organised event which turned out to be a huge success for all.



Lion President Mike Stoddart, accompanied by his wife Andrea, [Chair of the Lions Ladies] presents a cheque for £403.22 to staff at Willow Burn. Left to right: Angela Lowes, fund raiser; Andrea Stoddart, Chair Lions Ladies; Julia Brown, fund raiser; Margaret Webb, Nurse Manager; and the Lion President Mike Stoddart.

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MORE LANCHESTER HISTORY

Margaret Southworth returned to the subject of Lanchester's history in an illustrated talk in the Community Centre on October 12th.

The high points she described were the Roman occupation, the collegiate church founded in 1283 by Bishop Bek and the workhouse. One of the many new photographs showed traces of a Roman road from Lanchester to Chesterle Street, and there were also several views of the Green before the Smallhope Burn was canalised, the railway and Lanchester station, and multiple views of the Workhouse in its heyday. The lavishly illustrated talk was well received by an audience of 82, who

were thanked by the Centre Chairman Arthur Maughan for supporting the SPACE project to extend the Centre. He said that £23,000 had already been raised, with help from groups using the facilities, and it was hoped that a grant would soon enable work to be started.

This talk was the first use of a new projection system in the main hall, which makes possible film shows and other talks using Powerpoint.

*Arthur Maughan,
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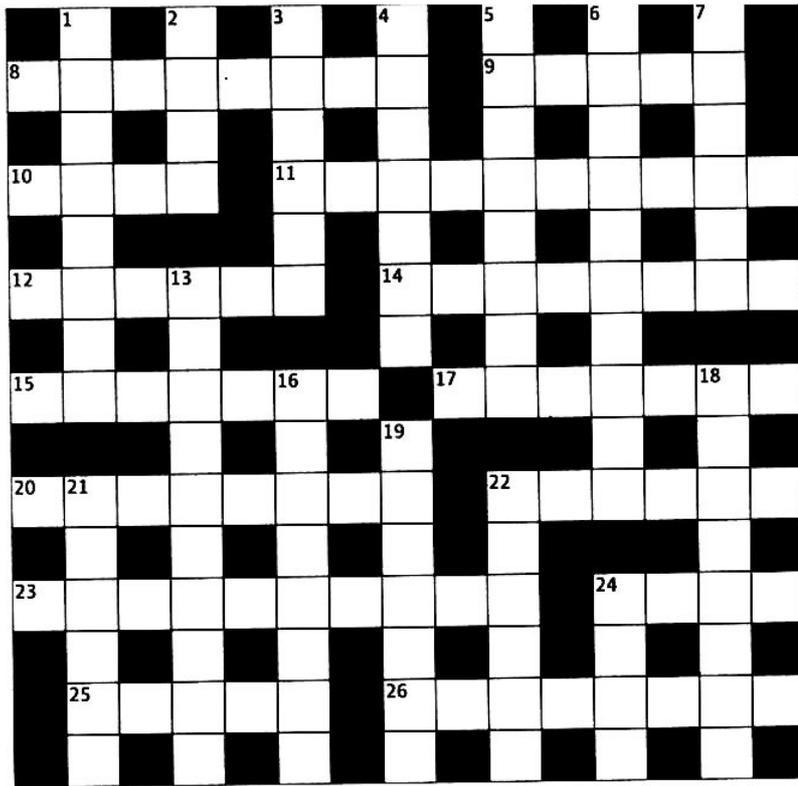
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PRIZE CROSSWORD 6

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Name:

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ACROSS

8. Commemorative building (8)
9. Cover up for Muslim women (8)
10. Fiddling emperor (4)
11. Can meat pie be free? (10)
12. Flexible (6)
14. Central American country (8)
15. No friend of a jumbuck? (7)
- 17,20. Buyer beware when dealing with him (3-4,8)
20. See 17 across
22. Swampy (6)
23. Disagreement takes sides on sin (10)
- 24,25. Projection for puss (4,5)
25. See 24 across
26. Major disturbance (8)

DOWN

1. Salad sounds like Merry Old Soul's rule (8)
2. Loud board game (4)
3. Race mentor covers binder (6)
4. Case for diplomat? (7)
5. Runs away (8)
6. Revised poor pun meets the German proposer (10)
7. German tragedy includes incantation (6)
13. Pugnacious (10)
16. Tell off (8)
18. Two articles point to Ian, a Greek citizen? (8)
19. Refix quite an old relic (7)
21. With enthusiasm (6)
22. Quite a while (6)
24. Tidy (4)

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

ACROSS

1. Exotic
4. Steeple
9. Emaciated
10. Greet
11. Niece
12. Incursion
13. Lambast
15. Rabbit
17. Knotty
19. Proverb
22. Scavenger
24. Khaki
26. Later
27. Unscented
28. Singlet
29. Adorer

DOWN

1. Eternal
2. Orate
3. Itinerant
4. Seducer
5. Eager
6. Precipice
7. Extend
8. Strict
14. Manhattan
16. Blockhead
18. Yoghurt
19. Parish
20. Builder
21. Psalms
23. Enrol
25. Actor

SAINTS' AHEAD

All Saints' R.C. Primary School football team head the Conroy League at the halfway point in the season after making a good start to the fixture programme. So far they are undefeated after a 5-0 win against Ebchester, a 0-0 draw with Moorside, a 1-0 win against Dipton Colliery and a 5-1 win against Castleside.

The school team also did well to qualify for the second round of the Bishop's Cup with wins against South Moor and Ouston St. Benet's (6-0 and 2-0) and a 0-0 draw with St. Mary's Blackhill. They narrowly failed to qualify for the second round of the Eden Colliery Cup after a win, draw and defeat in the opening round.

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An excellent amount of £96.31 was raised

for Rainbow funds, and thanks are given to all who attended the morning and gave so generously.

DINING OUT

The "Light of Asia" in Leadgate is not only a Takeaway with a local delivery service but it also has a very pleasant restaurant. There are blue and white cloths and fresh flowers on every table. The polite and attentive staff are dressed in a smart uniform with a navy waistcoat. Whilst waiting for our order to arrive we were given poppadoms served with various chutneys. The gentlemen chose Tandoori mixed kebab and Bhuna prawn puri starters. The ladies decided to wait for the generous main courses.

Four sizzling dishes - chicken Rogan Josh, king prawn Kartush, chicken Jalfrezi and lamb Tikka Coriander - were placed on heaters. The food was delicious with the accompanying Peshwary Nan and mushroom and onion pilaws. Soft Indian music played in the background. It was an excellent evening. If you do decide to go don't forget to take your own booze as there is, at the present time, no alcohol licence. Mr Anwar, however, is happy to open and serve the contents of your bottles! Amy Lowt

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MP SURGERY

Hilary Armstrong, our MP, will be available to speak to local constituents at Citizen's House, Consett on Saturday 11th of November at 11.00 a.m.

AGRI-CULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday 29th November at the Knitsley Mill from 7.00 p.m.

AUTUMN FAIR

The C of E Parish Church holds an 'Autumn Fayre' on Saturday November 25th, starting 10.30am in the Community Centre

BARGAINS AT THE REDCROSS SHOP

From time to time the Red Cross Shop builds up a stock of high quality donations and holds a special sale. On 8th November a week long Household Sale will be held in the room above the shop, followed by a Linen Sale. It will be open from 9.45am till 4pm on week-days and on Saturday from 9.45 till 12.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Willow Burn Hospice Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday the 18th of November 2006 in Lanchester EP School between 10 a.m. and 12 noon.
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LIONS VILLAGE BONFIRE NIGHT

The Bonfire and Fireworks Display this year will be held as usual at Kitswell Park, on Saturday November 4th. The fire will be lit at 6.30 p.m. prompt, followed by a spectacular firework display which this year has cost just under £2000. As usual, there will be no set charge for admission but donations will be accepted at the gate. Light sticks will be sold at £1 each in various parts of the village. The Lady Lions will be manning stalls to sell hot dogs, soup etc. at very reasonable prices.

Safety is of paramount importance on the night and the Lions would ask that no sparklers or any fireworks at all are set off on the field. Sparklers can be extremely dangerous when lit amongst crowds, as young children may walk into them and suffer facial injuries or burns to their clothes. The bonfire is built to set safety standards with pallets from one source, so no garden or household rubbish can be collected, or even accepted on site, for building the fire.

Lanchester Lions hope that everyone has a most enjoyable time at this annual village event and that the large crowds expected use their common sense with regard to all safety issues. Funds collected will be put towards Christmas welfare activities.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The third Christmas Tree Festival will be held in the Methodist Church on the week-end of the 8th to 11th of December in conjunction with a 'German Market'. Plan designs for your decorated tree now.

On Friday 8th December will be the Opening ceremony with Leadgate Salvation Army Band. Stalls will be selling bratwurst and gluhwein etc. On Saturday 9th and Sunday afternoon on 10th December there will be a German Style Christmas Market and Christmas Tree festival with 'Guest' appearances by various music groups inside and outside the church. Afternoon teas will be served.

On the Monday the Christmas Tree Festival continues with Coffee and Lunches and some stalls. It is hoped to make this a VILLAGE event with Christmas Trees from as many groups as possible. For more details contact Mel 529153 or Eddie 521874

COFFEE & PUMPKIN PIE?

The Thursday Club has planned a coffee morning for Wednesday 1st of November in the Community Centre. Tickets will be priced £1 with the prospect of coffee, cake and pumpkin pie, a delicacy rarely sampled in these parts. Profits will go to the Air Ambulance.

WI

The 6th November is 81st birthday night. They will be celebrating the Women's Institute's pursuit of truth, justice, tolerance and fellowship since 1915, among other things, in the Community Centre from 7pm.

WHAT'S ON?

COMING SHORTLY

The Community Centre's 'Cash For Space' auction is on October 28th at 10.30am.

The Male Voice Choir and Operatic Society Celebration of Christmas is on 18th December.

The Choral & Operatic Society sing their way through 100 years of Broadway in February.

A Ball will be held at Lumley Castle in aid of Breast Cancer Research on 10th March 2007. Tickets from info @ challenge-helen.co.uk

The Walsingham Pilgrimage will be from 14th -16th September 2007.

DO YOU PLAY BRIDGE?

If you are a Bridge player and would like to spend a Sunday afternoon in the company of other players and at the same time helping to raise money for the Space Project, please contact Brenda on 01207 520204. Two dates have been organised, Sunday 12th November from 2-00pm and Sunday 17th December at the same time. Everybody is welcome so give Brenda a ring. Tickets £3-00 each.

FLOWER CLUB

The Club has one of its Friday evening meetings, at 7pm in the Community Centre on 24th of November.

This is an Open Meeting, with visitors welcome, with a Christmas Demonstration by David Ryland of Armathwaite.

TAIZE WORSHIP

Taize Worship will take place at the C of E Parish Church on Thursday 16th of November at 7.00 p.m., where everyone is welcome and can enjoy an hour of contemplative prayer and music.

If you would like to familiarize yourself with Taize Chants, practices are held each Thursday evening between 6.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. finishing promptly. This starts on 28th September and continues each week until the event takes place.

No singing experience in necessary and everyone is most welcome. Anyone who can play a musical instrument is also invited. Further details may be obtained from Margaret Walters on 521214.

THE MARC INFORMATION VEHICLE

The travelling office will be parked on Lanchester Front Street on the second and fourth Tuesday morning of every month (November 14th and 28th). Someone there can advise on claiming housing benefit or council tax benefit, filling in forms for pension credit, attendance allowance, general welfare rights advice, debt counselling, home security, housing applications, recycling information or any other matter to do with Derwentside District Council, which provides this service.

The MARC vehicle is in Front Street from 9.30am to 12 noon on the above dates.

MUSICAL EVENING

Durham People's Opera Group presents a Concert on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm in Lanchester Community Centre in support of "Breathe Easy" – the British Lung Foundation's self-help organisation, supporting those with lung disease. If anyone would like to take part and sing with the choir they are invited to come along to the afternoon rehearsal at 2:00pm.

Andy Jackson's "Gospel Requiem" will be performed as the second part of the programme. It was performed last autumn at the Sage Gateshead to great acclaim. For tickets, which will be £3.50, including refreshments, please phone Jill Gladstone on 528 114. Please tell your friends and come along.

007 BALL

The Willow Burn Hospice 007 Ball will be held at the Derwent Manor Hotel, Allensford on Saturday 18th November 2006.

Groups can be accommodated at tables of 10 for this themed event, which includes reception drinks, three course meal, coffee and mints, followed by entertainment by Chameleon and Maxine Barry, who sounds a lot like Shirley Bassey.

There is also a themed casino, a raffle and many more prize-winning games. Tickets price £35 from Miss Moneypenny, Willowburn Hospice, Lanchester DH7 0QS or ring 528167 for information.

WILDLIFE GROUP

The November meeting is on Tuesday the 14th, starting at 7pm in the Community Centre. Noel Jackson's subject will be 'Tigers and Tortoises'.

KEEP WARM, KEEP WELL & KEEP SAFE

The above event, promoted by Age Concern, will take place at the Lanchester Library from 9.30-11.30a.m. on Thursday November 30th. Keep Warm, Keep Well packs will be distributed to all those people aged 50+ and will include information and advice on looking after yourself through the winter months, together with a free gift of a room thermometer, carbon monoxide detectors and stocks permitting, a free energy saving light bulb or night light.

LITTLE RED YOU KNOW WHO

This play with puppets for children aged 3 to 7 will be presented at the Community Centre on Sunday 3rd December at 3pm. Taking the well-known story as a starting-point, the play follows an unconventional path through the woods, it promises beautiful visual effects, inventive puppetry and original music on harmonium, bass melodica, piano, cello, recorder, flute, voices, wind chimes, small drum, Turkish cymbals, Maddy's violin, claves and bicycle bells!

This production of the Freehand Theatre is under the auspices of 'Elements: the County Durham Drama Initiative' costs £3 to adults with concessions and children £2.

HOSPICE CHRISTMAS FAIR

This event will be held in the EP Primary School on Saturday 18th November starting at 10 am.

SHARING FAIR

On Saturday the 28th of October and Sunday 29th of October a sale of top quality crafts will be held at All Saint's Catholic Church.

Sister Lucinia Wogan of the Good Shepherd Sisters will speak about this new Fair Trade initiative at the 6.30 p.m. Mass on Saturday the 28th and the 10.00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. 29th October. The crafts produced by women and children in some of the poorest countries in the world will be on sale in the Parish Centre after each Mass.

SHORT WALKS

Acorn Amblers offer a five-mile walk starting at Burnhope picnic area (at the top of Peth bank) at 1.30pm on Sunday the 19th of November.

'Footsteps to Fitness' have Sunday walks on 12th of November (4 miles long and starting in Bent House Lane, Sherburn at 10.30am) and 19th of November (three miles long and starting at the gateway to Austin's Bar, Durham County Cricket Club at 10.30am).

The 'Short Circuits' Ramblers offer a four and a half mile-long walk from Langley Park railway station (when travelling from Lanchester turn left just before Langley Park and then turn first right) on Saturday 11th November at 10.30am and a five-mile walk from Blanchland main car park on 28th November at 10.30am.

TIDYING UP

On Saturday 4th of November there will be a Lanchester Park Conservation and Management event, which is to say that the Play Area will be tidied, safety will be improved and berried plants will be left alone for the birds. Tools will be provided, but volunteers should bring gardening gloves, warm thorn-proof clothes plus a drink and/or packed lunch. Come along from 10am till 3pm.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

A brief AGM on Friday 6th was followed by members' talks.

On this occasion John Thornborrow described the castles built from 1277 onwards in Wales to control the rebellious population, with photos and diagrams of Flint, Rudland, Conwy, Caernarvon and Harlech castles.

Anne McKenzie gave a talk on the early Indian tribes of Arizona with illustrations of their mud-brick houses and cliff dwellings.

At the next meeting on November 3rd, George Naim will be talking about the History of Pickfords and Heavy Haulage.

SCHOOL HELP

Anyone whose home overlooks Lanchester EP primary school, or who walks past the school could help to prevent trespass during out of school hours. Recently there has been a break-in and minor damage and it is important to catch the culprit or culprits and prevent further trouble. If you see anyone in the grounds when the school is closed, please inform the police by ringing 0845 6060365, mentioning recent damage. If you observe a break-in, ring 999.

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Riley, (a new boy), scored his first goal for the club and this was added to by Andy Sword (2), Ray Wilkinson and Steven Poulter.

Stockton Hebron were next to visit our new "home" in the Charity Shield Group. Lanchester annihilated the opposition blasting home an 11-1 win. Lots of people scored including Andy Sword but a notable scorer was Karl Hepplewhite, who is now hopefully clear of his injury curse.

Yarm Emmanuel away in the League saw the lads earn a creditable 1-1 draw from the long trip, this with a few 'first teamers' missing the action. Andy Sword swashbuckled his way to another goal but we could just not hold on to that lead as Yarm scrambled their equaliser.

A home game against Whitley Bay Churches (the best of the three Whitley Bay teams) in the Charity Shield Group ended in a 1-1 draw. Karl Hepplewhite scored Lanchester's goal but a disputed deflection (reminiscent of Paul Parker's own goal against Germany in the 1990 World Cup) after a blatant foul on Graeme Hall in midfield, equalised. No hard feelings though as both teams progressed from the group stage in the knock out rounds of the Charity Shield. Yours in football
Jeff Parker

VOICE FOR THE BLIND?

It has been suggested that blind or partially sighted people in Lanchester might like to have the Village Voice in audio form, like the newsletter issued on tape by the Royal Society for the Blind.

For this to be done in practice would need extra help, but firstly we would like to know if there is any demand for such a service. Any feedback on this subject would be welcome.

AMY BELL

For the third year running I took part in the Great North Run, raising funds again for the charity ME North East, a charity that offers help and support to sufferers of ME/CFS (Myalgic Encephalopathy or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome) their carers and families. I raised £245 for the charity and would like to thank all the people who sponsored me. Each year I say: 'Never again', but it is such a fantastic occasion and a worthwhile cause, that all aches and pains are soon forgotten and I find myself signing up for another year. If you would like to know more about the charity you can log onto its website www.menortheast.org/. Thank you again, for your support. Amy Bell



Amy Bell and fellow-sufferer

CRICKET NEWS

A busy time is ahead for the club with several functions coming up over the next few weeks. As ever the Lanchester Lions are holding their annual fireworks and bonfire display in the cricket field on Saturday 4th November. They will be providing hot dogs, burgers etc and the bar is open for liquid refreshments ranging from soft drinks to lagers, beers, and spirits. Why not try our newly installed Extra Cold Fosters and John Smiths, just what you need on a cold

November night to warm you up!

We are presenting a Grass Roots Arranged Sports Show on Friday 17th November from 7 pm. Alan Oliver and John Beresford will be the comperes with music and chat from Bernie Lamb. There are some excellent football items to be auctioned with a raffle and Pies and Peas. Tickets are in great demand so please contact Steve Robinson on 07834 762 265 or call in at the clubhouse.

Don't forget we have coverage of Premiership

Football and ICC Champions cricket with Skysports.

In an effort to secure equipment for our junior sections for 2007 we are collecting Tesco Sport Vouchers, if you shop there and have no use for the vouchers please pass them on. It will be a great help for our youngsters next season.

To enquire about membership or find details of forthcoming events log on to our website at www.lanchestercc.co.uk Graham Davison

BOWLS NEWS

Lanchester Bowls has now finished for the season and the following were elected onto the committee for next year.

Chairman:

Ken Raper;

Vice Chairman:

Ron Cole;

Treasurer:

Eric Westgarth;

Secretary:

Alan Wharton.

The club had a relatively successful season and finished in the following positions for the year.

Saturday Team:

- 4th Last season 6th;

Wednesday team:

- 6th Last season 9th;

Vets Triples:

- 4th Last season 4th;

Vets 4's:

- 2nd Last season 2nd;

John Warren Trophy:

- 4th Last season 2nd..

Next season commencing

May 2007 will be the

club's 25th anniversary,

so why not come along

and be part of what will

hopefully be an even

better year. If you would

just like to come along

and practice on the green

you will be made welcome

and who knows, you may

be the bowling find of the

century. Why not give it

a try – what have you got

to lose?

NEW SEASON AND NEW HOME FOR CHAPEL LADS

Lanchester Chapel FC returned to preseason training with gusto, and many thanks to Adrain Walker for his hard work sorting out structured (torture) sessions.

Players worked so hard some actually cried or vomited. Preseason games went well winning every game we played as we basked in glorious sunshine in what was officially the hottest summer ever.

Anyway the serious stuff started in September and a League trip to Jesmond saw Lanchester fall at the first hurdle. Jesmond were 2-1 up at half-time, Andy Sword scoring for the Chapel. Lanchester improved after the break and Andy scored his second with a superlative 40 yard lob to make it 3-2 but as the lads pushed on

in search of an equaliser Jesmond broke away late on to score and finish the game 4-2 winners.

Away again in the League the lads made the trip to Hope House Sunderland and put on a much improved performance and came out 3-1 winners.

Home games for this season are being played at Crookhall playing fields (behind Tesco's) in Consett. This is due to the pitch at Kitswell being unavailable after a large drain from the new housing development cut right across the width of the pitch and rendered it unplayable. Our first game at our new home was in the Charity Shield (group stage) against Whitley Bay Baptists. An easy game saw the lads run out 5-0 winners. Mark

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Please send any contributions for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday, 14th November.

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