

A NEW ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

September saw the opening of All Saints School, Liberia. The school is completely finished and it also has a newly painted sign based on the sign from Lanchester All Saints.....If you remember, last May (2005) Nathan Somersall did an appeal in All Saints RC Church and School (to get a Roof for the Orphanage) but the response from All Saints and the rest of the village was so generous that it was decided to also rebuild the school at the orphanage that had been destroyed by rebel soldiers in the Civil War.

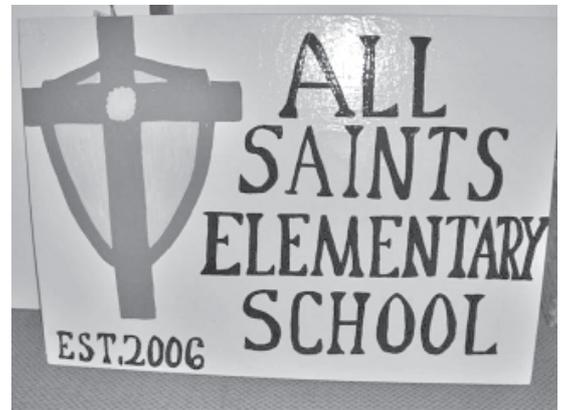
The new school has six class rooms and because most of the buildings at the orphanage are now up to standard, Christian Aid have agreed to pay for three teachers and two helpers so that it can also open its doors to children from the nearby Displaced Persons Camp as well the children from the Orphanage. Last year the Orphanage was facing closure but thanks to the generosity of the people of Lanchester, the children there are having a new beginning, their prayers for help having been answered. Thank you for all that you have done.



The new All Saints School at the Orphanage in Liberia which was built thanks to the generosity of the people of Lanchester.



Gathering for a photograph in Liberia



The school sign based on the Lanchester All Saints School Sign

LANCHESTER LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Lanchester Social Club was, as always, the venue for the annual Leek and Horticultural Show. The show was once devoted to leeks alone, but now encompassing vegetables of all sorts as well as some stunning flowers, with

dahlias being the main eye-catchers. The entries were set out and judged in the Concert Room on Saturday the 9th of September, and on Sunday prizes were duly presented and the produce auctioned.

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Leek entries at the Lanchester Social Club



Dear Village....

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Some of the walkers ready for the off outside the Brown Horse

Dear Sir,
On behalf of the Willowburn Hospice, I would like to thank Les and Eileen of the Brown Horse, Tow Law, Gary and Jane at the Black Horse, Cornsay and Paul and his staff at the Black Bull for their hospitality to all the walkers who took part in the August Bank Holiday walk. Our grateful thanks to Paul Crinnion and Fiona for once more providing us with an excellent buffet, and Mary Hall for her plate pies. Also deserving thanks are all the

volunteer drivers for transporting the walkers to the start - Steve from Castleside made three journeys. We are very hopeful that we will reach our target of £6000. This is our ninth annual sponsored walk for the Willowburn Hospice, and every year Mrs Matthews and her family have been the first to give a donation, and they have kept the record again this year. Thank you. P. Smith

Dear Sir,
Mystery of the missing streetlight
Since October last year, I have been requesting that the trees along the pathway, bordering the walkway from Newbiggin Lane through to Brook View, be trimmed back, because the street light, situated towards the bridge is obscured by the branches. It has taken until August 2006, for me to discover who is responsible for the trees, but I have had a letter saying they will be cut back when the leaves have fallen.

The tree cutters are going to be mystified, because the light I was referring to, and which I marked with an X on a small plan, has disappeared. Can anyone tell me why the street light has been removed and is it going to be replaced?

The dark nights are here again and it is already difficult to see the path through this walkway.
Yours faithfully,
Audrey Tait (Mrs.)
42 Briardene
Lanchester

COMMUNITY CENTRE FIGHTS BACK

In last month's Village Voice it was reported that Durham County Council had decided that from September Lanchester Community Association would no longer be a Main Centre for Education in the Community with a loss of £10,500. Apart from the financial loss this meant that many of the courses organised would no longer run. Well the good news is that many of the tutors have decided, in conjunction with the Community Association, to independently organise a number of courses and the following are now available: - Water Colour Painting (Mondays); Back to Basic German (Wednesdays); German Survival (Fridays); Scottish Dancing tuition (Fridays) and Yoga (Tuesdays). The Exercise Centre has organised a Step Class (Mondays); and Over 50's Keep Fit (Thursdays). Anybody interested in enrolling for any of the above should contact John Wilson (Community Association Manager) and he will put you in

touch with the appropriate class tutor. Everybody benefits by these programmes: the Village gets the courses it wants, the Tutors receive payment directly from the participants, without any bureaucratic process to complete, and the Community Centre receives rent from the rooms used. Providing the response from the village continues to be positive more courses will be organised, so if anybody would like a course or a tutor would like to organise one please contact John Arthur Maughan (Community Association Chairman) said, "The response so far to the news of the Adult & Community Learning Programme being discontinued in Lanchester has been one of disappointment, but we at the Community Centre are determined to continue with this programme ourselves and to extend courses and activity classes to all age groups". John Hurrant Fundraising and (Community Communication Manager) Community Association

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Ray Fenwick who has been a stalwart of the Computers for All project at the Community Centre has sadly left the village to set up home in Shotley Bridge. Ray has helped many people and has been a great asset to the project. Fortunately Frank

Redfearn has offered to help in filling the gap but more assistance would be useful. If you have some knowledge of computers and could spare an hour of your time on Monday or Thursday mornings please call in to the Community Centre.

AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT FOR CORNSAY VILLAGE

Cornsey Parish Council has been awarded nearly £1800 to renovate the children's swings on the village green at Cornsay.

Parents of both local and visiting children will be relieved to know that their offspring will soon be able to play on the swings without being covered in black perished rubber and rust stains!

Previously, all of the children's equipment had deteriorated to such a state that several of the swings had to be removed for safety reasons.

Jane Dancer, the landlady at the Black Horse in Cornsay Village and a Consultant specialising in fund raising, had helped the council obtain the funding.

THE WEDDING OF ANNABEL WALKER AND MATTHEW WOOD

The wedding of Dr. Annabel Jane Walker of Lanchester and Mr. Matthew Wood of Spalding took place on Friday 18th August in All Saints Parish Church, Lanchester. The marriage service was conducted by Rev Canon Peter Waterhouse. Mr. Brian Scoins was the organist and Mrs. Janet Bennett played the harp and sang during the service.

The bride was given away by her father Mr. Stuart Walker. Annabel wore an Ian Stuart gown in ivory taffetas. The dress had a draped a-line skirt and train trimmed with French lace appliques and beaded with crystals, sequins, tiny glass beads and organza ribbon string

The bride carried a bouquet of pink Dolce Vita roses and was attended by her friend Dr. Cecelia Blomberg, and her twin sisters Charlotte and Stephanie. Bridesmaids wore Alvia Valentagowns in petal pink satin with rose pink accents and carried Sweet Akitoroses. The groom's friend Mr. David Mason was Best Man, and Mr. Simon Wood, the groom's brother, and friend Mr. Shaun Mellor, supported the groom as ushers.

Annabel and Matthew left the church in a 1954 Bentley R Type, for a reception held at Seaham Hall. The couple spent their honeymoon in Mauritius and have made their home in Cambridge.

NEW COMMUNITY POLICEMAN FOR THE VILLAGE

Lanchester has been without a Community Policeman for some time since the departure of PC Norman Forster. However we are pleased to report that

Constable John Hutchison will take over his duties for the Village on 9th of October 2006. He will also have the responsibility for Burnhope Village.

RISK OF SMALLHOPE BURN FLOODING

In recent years the risk of the village being flooded due to overloaded drains or sewers has been greatly reduced - thanks to the efforts of the Partnership, the Parish Council, the County Council and the Northumbrian Water. In addition, the Environment Agency is trying to reduce the threat of flooding in Smallhope Burn. Two studies have taken place, one to look at introducing a flood warning service and one to investigate the different options for fighting flood risk. This process is still ongoing. However, even with flood alleviation measures, flooding is a natural process and cannot always be prevented. Within Lanchester the Agency believes that 33 properties are at risk. These properties can

receive an automated flood warning when the Agency predicts that flooding may occur due to high water levels in Smallhope Burn (this flood warning service can not predict water levels in Alderdene Burn, nor predict surface water or sewer flooding). To find out if you are at risk and whether you can receive a direct flood warning, you can phone Floodline on 0845 988 1188 and give your postcode to one of the operators.

The Agency is also encouraging Lanchester to set up a Community Flood Warden Scheme. It would like a group of voluntary Flood Wardens to co-ordinate and support community response in a flood and act as a central point of communication to other emergency services. The roles of the wardens and the level of support

required during a flood depends entirely on Lanchester's needs. Identifying these needs is a simple task and means creating a Flood Preparation Plan for which the Agency can provide a template. It includes information on flood risk areas, the availability of local resources and volunteers, members of the community that may need extra assistance and a list of useful contacts.

If you are interested in helping to set up a flood warden scheme, or have any questions, please contact Sarah Hamilton in the Environment Agency's Flood Incident Management Team on 0191 203 4333. Alternatively you can visit the Environment Agency's display at the Partnership's Open Morning on September 30th in the Community Centre.

THANKS

Mrs June Wallis and her son Ian have been overwhelmed by the flowers, cards and offers of help received during Alan's last illness, and death on the 28th August. While we were prepared for this we are still trying to come to terms with the news that our daughter Christine was found drowned near her yacht in Suffolk two days earlier. Without the caring support of friends and acquaintances this double loss would have been unbearable. Thank you for still being the caring community we found when we came to Lanchester in 1966.



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PLEA TO SAVE VILLAGE BUS

There is mounting concern in Lanchester at the imminent closure of the village bus service. This is the bus which circles the village collecting passengers at any point on request.

The importance of this loss was emphasised by Agnes Kirby, of Burnhopeside, who attended the September meeting of the Lanchester Partnership to seek help in keeping the service running. Agnes uses the bus up to nine times a week to get to the centre of Lanchester, and has found the bus service a godsend as she has difficulty with her walking. She had special praise for Fred Prophet, the

driver of the bus, for his help and consideration to her. How many bus drivers dress up as Father Christmas and give presents of wine and chocolates to their passengers?

Like many other bus users, she has been in contact with MP Hilary Armstrong in the hope that she could intervene. Another bus user has got up a 72-name petition to keep it running.

The bus was initiated by the Partnership more than five years ago, and is run in collaboration with the County Council, being managed by the Rural Transport Officer. A small group of Partnership

members including Maureen Loy and Dorothy Maskery has led the project and worked hard to obtain grants to fund it. The considerable sum needed reached £16,000 last year, which was raised from the County Council and a number of charities, including the County Durham Foundation, the Countryside Agency, the James Knott Trust, Sherburn House, and the Newcastle, Nationwide and Northern Rock building societies. However charities like to fund new projects but not to fund their continuous running. The problem is made worse because the County, which might

under any normal circumstances have taken over the service, as the Parish Council and Partnership have requested, has a hole in its transport finances, due to Gordon Brown's 'free rides for pensioners' scheme which he failed to fund adequately.

Agnes was told that the Partnership is looking for ways to keep the service going. It has written to the Chairman of the Transport Committee and its Business Manager, making a cogent argument for

continuing the service, but at present is without reply. It also continues in its quest to seek alternative funding.

An invitation has been extended by the Partnership to County Councillor Tom Forster to attend the October meeting. Top of the agenda will be the continuation of the village bus service by the County, as proposed in the Parish Council's Parish Plan. Meanwhile, Agnes waits to see how much longer Fred will be coming round to pick-up his passengers.



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Agnes Kirby at the Partnership meeting



Agnes Kirby catches the Village Bus

MY SOUTH AFRICA TRIP TO RESURRECTION HOUSE, THE AIDS HAVEN PORT ELIZABETH

I first heard of the Haven at Harvest Christian Camp at Witton Castle in August of 2005. A video was shown of the children and a request was made for people to volunteer in the hospice. I really felt that it was something I would love to do but I was about to start a 3 year full time university course of teacher training so felt I could not commit myself to such a task. However, in January I realised that the taxman owed me a refund which would cover the flight to South Africa so I started planning what was to become a life-changing trip.

In August this year, with my friend Claire from Wiltshire, I spent 2 weeks at The Haven. We did not really know what to expect but we were prepared for 2 weeks of hard work in some difficult circumstances. However, we were not prepared for the love, blessings and care which the staff, patients and children showered on us every day.

We spent most of our time working with the children and babies. The hospice has twenty three children and babies: all are infected and affected by HIV and Aids. Not only has the disease orphaned them but they are also infected themselves.

Our role in the hospice involved playing, feeding, changing and bathing the children

each day. The children want you to hold them, cuddle them and kiss them. Most of the day we had at least four children attached to us. The children are very well cared for within the hospice but the volunteers to support the staff are always very welcome. The children there are wonderful, they just love having people there to sing and play with them but mainly just want to touch you and be loved. They are so full of life and joy it fills you with the same and sometimes you can hardly believe these children are dying. It makes you realise that we are so fortunate and yet so unthankful for all we have in our own country. We bought them slippers and you would have thought we had bought them the world; they were so pleased and thankful for a pair of slippers that cost a couple of pounds per child.

Before I went, the people at university raised £150 and with this, I bought some educational resources for the children. I was also overwhelmed by the financial support given by people at the Methodist church after I told them about my trip. During one service £500 was donated and this enabled us to give £100 to the hospice on the first day to purchase nappies, which they

needed but were short of cash to buy them. It was fantastic to be able to give them the cash without any problems. This money also enabled us to purchase things that the hospice needed while we were there.

While in South Africa we spent our weekends "holidaying" as the hospice insist on this, due to the emotional nature of the work, that a break has to be taken. During these weekends, we decided that this 2-week trip would not be the end. We have come home already planning next year's trip, and committed to raising funds for the hospice and to help other volunteers to visit the Haven. Watch out for details of fundraising events coming up over the next few months.

One last request. One of the older boys (age 6) before I left asked if I could send them some videos, especially Spiderman, Batman, Wrestling and Barbie. If anyone has any children's videos they no longer watch, I will collect them and post them to the hospice.

This article is just a taster of my experiences. If you would like to donate money to the hospice or want to know more about my trip please contact me on 07762308593 or by email at the following address: annecrinson@talk21.com.

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LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

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The awards at the show were as follows:-

Leeks

1st prize (Norman Stevenson Cup) B Brunton, 2nd prize (H B Maycock Cup) T Barras, 3rd prize (Victor Dillon Cup) A Stewart. Best leek in the show B Brunton
Vegetables
3 varieties of vegetables

(O H Thompson Cup) B Brunton, 3 onions from seed (Federation Shield) T Barras, Heaviest onion (Lanchester CIU Club Cup) D Hall, Pair of marrows (Jim Dixon Cup) V Pickersgill

Flowers

Vase of flowers (Iveson Rose Bowl) V Pickersgill, 5 chrysanthemums

(Britannia Building Society) J Fazakerley, Best dahlia (Allan Whittle trophy) A Swinburne, 3 gladioli (James Halpin trophy) V Pickersgill
Best exhibit in show
(Lanchester CIU Club Shield) J Fazakerley
Most points in show
(Tetley Cup) V Pickersgill



*Winners at the Social Club's Horticultural Show
Vince Pickersgill (left) with the most points awarded in the show
and Billy Brunton (centre) demonstrating his winning leeks.
With them is Kenny Goldsmith, a founder member of the Leek Club.*



Entries for the Vase of Flowers make a fine show at the Social Club

'THE HANDYMAN' AT THE LITTLE THEATRE, GATESHEAD

On September 4th, forty-six members of the Lanchester Theatre Club were treated to a remarkable performance by the Progressive Players in the Little Theatre, Gateshead. The play: Ronald Harwood's "The Handyman", gave its audience a thought-provoking opportunity to look at many of the difficult issues including: dealing with foreign occupation; war crimes; ethnic cleansing; the selectivity of memory and the reliability of eye-witnesses. There was nothing unreliable in our eye-witnessing or our memory of the

remarkable performances we had just witnessed. The powerfully emotional performance of the handyman: Pat Campbell, had many of us moved to tears, and Sister Sophia's evidence, from the witness box, of her memories of ethnic cleansing, created an electrifying atmosphere with her superb acting. The rest of the cast, excellent directing, creative set construction, excellent music, welcome refreshments and helpful staff, all go towards making each visit a memorable one. Time after time, (monthly since July

2005) this wonderful little theatre sends us home on Alan Madrell's comfortable bus, driven by our favourite driver: Dave, buzzing with enthusiasm for what we have just seen. It might possibly be murder, sex, comedy, musical, or period drama: you name it, we have been to it. Where do they find these wonderful actors - all with day jobs, capable of stunning performances time after time? "Well done, Little Theatre." And if you're a wrinkly, your ticket costs three quid! Pam Bygate, Secretary

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TREASURE HUNT

An eager group of hunters met in the Kings Head on Sunday 27th August before setting out on a treasure trail, an event organised by Caroline Kilburn, Lindsey Bragan and Helen Emery-Scott. The object of the exercise was to follow the trail of clues around the village, ranging as far as Kitswell Road cemetery and ending with picnic of sandwiches and cold drinks, as well as a tombola, at Malton picnic site. The event raised an impressive £131.

This is part of a campaign to raise £2500 sponsorship to enable Helen Emery-Scott to walk the Great Wall of China next year in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Plans are afoot to hold an Ironathon (don't ask me), a Christmas stall and a ball, possibly at Lumley castle. Helen, whose mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer, hopes to 'walk the wall' between 28th April and 3rd May, covering 12 kilometres a day.



Helen with her Treasure Hunters in the Kings Head

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EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The concert on Saturday 9th September concluded the third year of the *Lanchester Early Music Festival*. It was given by Greg Pullen (Viola da Gamba) and Dr Ian Brunt (Harpsichord and Organ), who gave us a mixture of

solo pieces and sonatas. They started the concert with a sonata for Viola da Gamba and Harpsichord by Buxtehude and concluded the first half with "Folies d'Espagne", a piece for solo Viola da Gamba, by Marais. After

the delicious tea and cakes provided by the ladies and gentlemen of the parish, the second half began with Greg playing a solo piece by St Colombe le Fils, from the Durham University archives. It officially

concluded with another sonata by Marais, however it was Greg's birthday and he decided to share with us an encore of a solo piece of Spanish baroque music by Ortise. For me this was the best concert of an excellent third series of concerts. While I enjoyed Greg's inspirational concert last year, his playing in this concert was even better, the string crossing (over six strings) and the double stopping (playing two or more notes at the same time) were exceptionally good. The music itself was also interesting, unfortunately most of it has never been recorded. It is a shame; I would certainly buy it on CD if it were available. However, the readings by Dr Brunt, which interspersed the pieces, made for an overlong concert. A straw poll amongst members of the audience appeared to reflect that and that nearly ten minutes was a long time to listen to someone talking. Personally, I do not enjoy these talks, however perhaps some of you do. So if you attended any of the concerts, please let me know your thoughts on the matter. I can be contacted at alan.david.williams@hotmail.co.uk

or via the Village Voice; and I will present the information to Dr Brunt. The previous concert on the 26th August was given by the Hallgate Ensemble - Glenis and David Malkin (cellos) with Dr Ian Brunt (Harpsichord). They gave us a series of four Sonatas by Vivaldi played by Glenis, with her son David and Ian Brunt providing the accompaniment. They were interspersed with solo pieces by Pescetti played by Dr Brunt. I had looked forward to this concert, unfortunately I was very disappointed. that Glenis's solo cello playing made it difficult to hear her son's accompaniment; and it was totally impossible to hear the harpsichord part at all. The 2006 series of concerts has been an exceptionally good series of concerts and I look forward to next year's series and I hope that you will make a note in next year's diary to go along as well. The hard work and effort put in by Dr Brunt in organising these concerts and the excellent soloists he persuades to play for us, deserve a larger audience. Perhaps one day the Lanchester Festival will be in the same league as the Beverley or York ones. Alan Williams



David Malkin, Dr Ian Brunt and Glenis Malkin take a bow after the Vivaldi concert



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Greg Pullen played the viola da gamba on September 9th during the Early Music Festival

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One of Lanchester's oldest buildings is ringed with scaffolding. The Lodge, part of which dates back to 1596, has thick stone walls which at some point were rendered, possibly by a Mr Ornsby in the 18th century. As part of the improvements put in hand by Dr Brunt, this rendering is being removed. It is yet to be decided if any or part of it should be replaced, but it offers the opportunity to see the Lodge as it probably was before the 18th century improvements.

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YOUTH CLUB TRIAL REVIVAL

At a brief meeting on Monday September 18th at Croft View, it was decided by agreement between about 20 teenagers who were present, together with the volunteer leaders, to revive the Youth Club. Because the Youth Club in its last incarnation closed because of bad behaviour, it was stressed that good behaviour, which implies no swearing, gambling or alcohol, was fundamental to the success of the Club. The members were asked to consider what equipment was needed, and an early request for internet

MUSIC AT THE THREE HORSESHOES



One of the stalwarts of the music nights at the Three Horseshoes, George Kelly has a powerful voice and a musical sense of humour. His interpretation of the aria "Urban Spaceman" for guitar and kazoo, aided and abetted by Tom Storey, kazoo-holder extraordinaire, must be heard to be believed.

Music sessions at the Three Horseshoes are on Sunday evenings, starting at about 8pm.

access (which is present in the building) was put forward. Members also said that they would eventually like to run the club themselves. The club will now run for a trial period of 5 weeks at Croft View, on Monday evenings

from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Potential members, eventually increasing to 30, then filled in registration forms. The volunteer leaders later met to discuss practical arrangements for the smooth running of the Club.

GARDENING TIPS FOR OCTOBER

October is the month to clear away fading summer bedding. However, you can cheer yourself up by buying some spring flowering bulbs and start planning where you will be planting them for your display next year.

October is a great time to lay turf for a new lawn or repair damaged areas.

It is also the month to sow hardy annuals but you need to keep them

under cover as the first frosts are not far away. Grass needs to be cut less frequently at this time of the year and also you need to raise the blade a little to leave the grass a little longer for the winter period.

You also need to tidy up all of the fallen leaves from the trees and shrubs on a regular basis. It is useful to store these in black bags to produce leaf mould compost.

WISDOM

A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing but collectively can meet and decide that nothing can be done.

Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work. (Thomas Edison)

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.

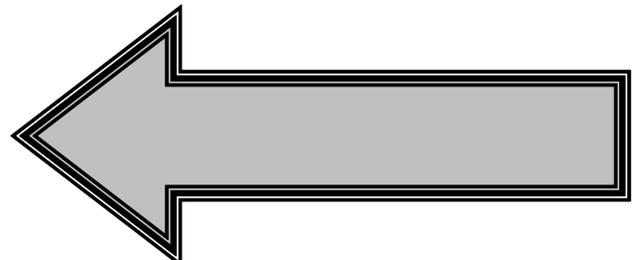
The club is normally held in Croft View Hall on Wednesday evenings, but at present it is closed because there are not enough helpers. It needs about 20 adults (of any age) to give up one evening a month to help. So far only 6 have offered.

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

MEN NEEDED



Do you remember two advertisements like this?

We asked for 20 helpers, and 20 have come forward!

This is brilliant, and the Youth Club is likely to re-open, BUT

nearly all of the volunteers are women. We need some men, especially men who would like to join in games with the youngsters.

Please will YOU give up one night a month?

MIKE LEE CREATES MAGIC AT LANCHESTER LIBRARY

Magic man Mike Lee had a popular gig at Lanchester Library on 17th August, when lots of small folks and their minders came to see some amazing magic tricks. Mike moved on to creating magic things with balloons, and there was great demand for his stretchy flowers and dogs. So much in fact that three apprentice balloon makers were selected from among the mums to make bendy doggies, which they did deftly and to thunderous applause.



Mike Lee ballooning the terrestrial way to the amazement of the children



The audience for Mike Lee's magic show

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MORE VICTIMS FOR FORD ROAD

The dangerous condition of Ford Road was underlined on 11th August, when at 3pm two cars collided, with two men taken to hospital, one having been removed from his car with cutting equipment.

Readers will remember that a site meeting involving Council officers, County

Councillor Tom Forster and Gerry Graham, the Vice-Chairman of the County’s Highways Committee, looked at Ford Road on 27th July and discussed how to make it safer. Rumblestrips were mentioned, but widening the road was said to be prohibitively expensive. It was mentioned at that meeting that another one

had mused on the same problems five years earlier. These things take time.

In the meantime, if anyone with experience of Ford Road’s dangers would like to contact the Village Voice, their report will be passed on to Lanchester Partnership, which is pressing for improvements.

IS BIG BROTHER WATCHING US?



The new CCTV camera on the village green

ORNSBY HILL CARAVAN SITE

We understand that the people who have lodged a new planning application for a caravan site near Ornsby Hill have been asked to provide

surveys of bats and badgers in the affected woodland, and an account of how many trees would need to be felled to create a new access.

As a result, the current application has been withdrawn. No doubt another (the fifth, if we haven’t lost count) will be forthcoming.

ANOTHER ACCOLADE FOR THE BLACK HORSE INN

Not content with being the only pub in the area to feature in the 2007 CAMRA Good Beer Guide, The Black Horse Inn at Cornsay Village has succeeded in a further venture.

Black Sheep Brewery have chosen 30 pubs in the UK as their 'Flagsheep' accounts. There are only 10 in the North East and North

Yorkshire and our own Black Horse is one.

Landlord Gary Natrass said;

'We have worked hard to develop the quality of our real ales and want to be known as a traditional real ale pub so we're happy that we are being recognised for this. However, the main thing for us is that customers can enjoy excellent beers

at reasonable prices.' A little bird tells me that there's more to come – there has been a gentle aroma of hops, wheat and barley in Cornsay lately. I suspect some prototypes are under development... The Black Horse is open from 7pm each evening (8pm on Sundays which is Quiz Night). Why not climb the hill to sample their fayre?!

PARISH CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning was held at the Chapter House on Wednesday 13th September to help fund the Christmas Stall at the Autumn Fair, to be held at the Community

Centre on Saturday 25th November at the new time of 10.30am. At the event there was a tombola and cake stall along with the usual coffees/teas and light

snacks. The morning was busy and the money raised was an excellent £126.90. Thanks are given to all those who supported the function.



People enjoy their coffee and socialising at the coffee morning

WEIGHTWATCHERS RETURN

WeightWatchers made a busy return to Lanchester on Tuesday 5th September. There was some initial confusion about the start time, but suddenly women arrived in droves eager to be weighed and begin the course. Certainly there were more than twenty who attended and registered, which was far too many for the room that was booked, but by the time this article goes to press this difficulty will have been addressed.

The new Leader is Joanne Parkinson from Blackhill, Consett and she was a former attendee of WeightWatchers who reached her target weight and successfully maintained it, so it would seem that she is well qualified for the job and fully understands the pitfalls. The meeting lasts for about an hour, which includes weighing in and discussion, with hints and support given about how to reach target weights. Clients set their own goals. There is free

registration at present with a weekly fee of £4.95, with concessionaries asked to pay £4.25. The meeting takes place every Tuesday at the Community Centre at 6.30pm. Joanne invites new members to come along and enjoy a relaxing, fun, interactive time, which hopefully will achieve the required goals. Further information about WeightWatchers may be obtained by telephoning 08457 123000 or by visiting weightwatchers.co.uk

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TWENTY-FIRST BURNHOPE VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY

Established in 1986, this 'friendly rally' has grown in size over the years with the entries for Sunday 20th August numbering 120 vehicles, dating from twenty five years old as far back as the first world war.

The rally began at 8.30am - 11.00am and finished mid afternoon with bar facilities etc at the Burnhope Picnic Site. The route of 120 miles took competitors through some lovely villages and North-East countryside.

The morning section included Iveston, Edmundbyers, Blanchland, Slaley, Allendale and Raby Castle, returning after a mandatory stop for lunch via Middleton in Teesdale, Evenwood, Toft Hill, and Satley checkpoint before reaching Burnhope.

Results and presentations then took place after the return of all vehicles. Prizes were awarded for various classes of vehicles: Best turned out car; Best turned out Motorcycle; Oldest Car to complete the Run; Oldest Motorcycle to Complete the run; Best Performance by a Newcomer Car/Motorcycle; and the John Murray Memorial Marshal's Award. Joe Wilson, who has organised all 21 rallies with the help of committee members, is always looking for marshals for this event. This can be for as short as an hour or all day. Joe can be contacted on 01207 280101 and would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping at this annual event which takes place on the 3rd Sunday each August.



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“LETS FLY”

It is now time for Floss a 7-year-old Springer Spaniel to be reunited with her owners Paul and Wendy Kelly, who emigrated to Perth, Australia in March. Many will have seen Floss being walked around the village by Paul's parents Alan and Lestrine, Floss has been living with them since November and they have enjoyed looking after her immensely, but it was time for Bon Voyage. On

the 4th of September they travelled with Floss to Heathrow Airport where she stayed over-night at Airpets Kennels, then flew out to Perth on the 5th September. Floss will stay in quarantine for 30 days but Paul and Wendy are able to go and see her, then eventually they will be totally reunited. PETS LEAVE LITTLE PAW PRINTS ON OUR HEARTS.



Floss ready to fly away

FROM KAMPALA TO KITSWELL

David Edwards, 19, has just returned home after a year in Uganda, teaching music at the Kampala School of Music under the auspices of Project Trust.

David was a pupil of St Bede's before winning a scholarship for his Sixth Form studies at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. David plays on a cello made by local luthier Tarquin Bolton of Langley Park.

As a 'Thank you' for the generous sponsorship received from family, friends and parish, David, most ably accompanied by Bill Gray, gave a recital on Saturday September 9th in Lanchester All Saints in Kitswell Road.

With images of Uganda projected behind him, the recital began with an excerpt from the prelude to Bach's unaccompanied 'cello suite no. 5. David explained that this piece of music is of particular interest through its use of 'scordatura.' He tuned his A string down to G. This makes the 'cello resonate more and makes the sound softer and rounder

David then played a work by Beethoven – twelve variations on a theme from Handel's oratorio, Judas Maccabeus—a theme more commonly known as the popular Easter hymn 'Thine be the Glory'.

As Bill Gray showed the audience, this work is not so much a 'cello piece with accompaniment but rather a piano piece with 'cello accompaniment. David dedicated this piece to the memory of his good friend and



David Edwards with accompanist Bill Gray after the concert

mentor Ces Summers, who sadly died at Christmas whilst David was away.

In contrasting mood, he then played Rachmaninoff's Vocalise. David explained that originally a Vocalise was an oral exercise sung with two or more vowel sounds. David certainly made his cello sing!

The recital ended with the virtuosic Schumann Fantasiestucke Op 73 in 3 Movements

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The audience were further treated to a glass of wine and some nibbles at the back of church before David gave a short presentation about his experience of Uganda. He explained how he taught the very poorest of Uganda's Aids orphans and the most

privileged children of the expatriate community as a means of bringing in income for the School, housed in the basement of the YMCA!

He highlighted the vivid contrasts of Uganda with its exotic wildlife and lush vegetation, its richness and its poverty.

At the end of the concert Maureen Summers, Ces's widow, presented David and Bill with a small token of appreciation.

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Youth Fellowship leaders and helpers: Peter; Helen; and Hannah Lown with Beth Lloyd, serve coffee to Mary Slater

A coffee morning was held at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 9th September in aid of a hospice and orphanage in South Africa where AIDS/HIV is rampant. Anne Crinson, one of the leaders of Youth Fellowship, has recently made a visit there and this is reported elsewhere in the paper. On sale at the Coffee Morning, which was well attended, were Fairtrade Products from Tradcraft. The sum of £55.43 was made at the event and donated to this worthy cause.



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JULIAN HARROP

Lanchester Local History Society welcomed Julian Harrop, Assistant Keeper of Beamish Museum's resource collection, on the first meeting of the new programme on Friday September 1st.

New material is constantly arriving at Beamish, with Julian creating some of it, like the photo of Ellington pit after refurbishment and just before it was closed, and Blenkinsop Colliery near Haltwhistle, a two mile long drift mine which had passed through mediaeval mines.

He had photos of Stanley pit, now superseded by Asda and the complex of railway lines and brickworks at Cornsray Colliery.

There were stations – Beamish, Streatham and Rowlands Gill, coke ovens at Highfields, and a view of Vickers Armstrongs works from a balloon above Wickham.

Julian's title, "A Change of View", became clear when he showed 'before and after' pictures of Bishop's Mill, Durham,

Newcastle's Royal Arcade, and some of Gateshead's streets before the town became a roundabout punctuated with tower blocks. Part of Bishop's Mill later contained the generator for the ice rink, the arcade gave way to a

gruesome block of flats, Quayside warehouses have been gentrified. These are only some of the fascinating stories Julian told, and only a sample of the vast collection of photos which the public can see at Beamish.



Julian Harrop at Lanchester History Society

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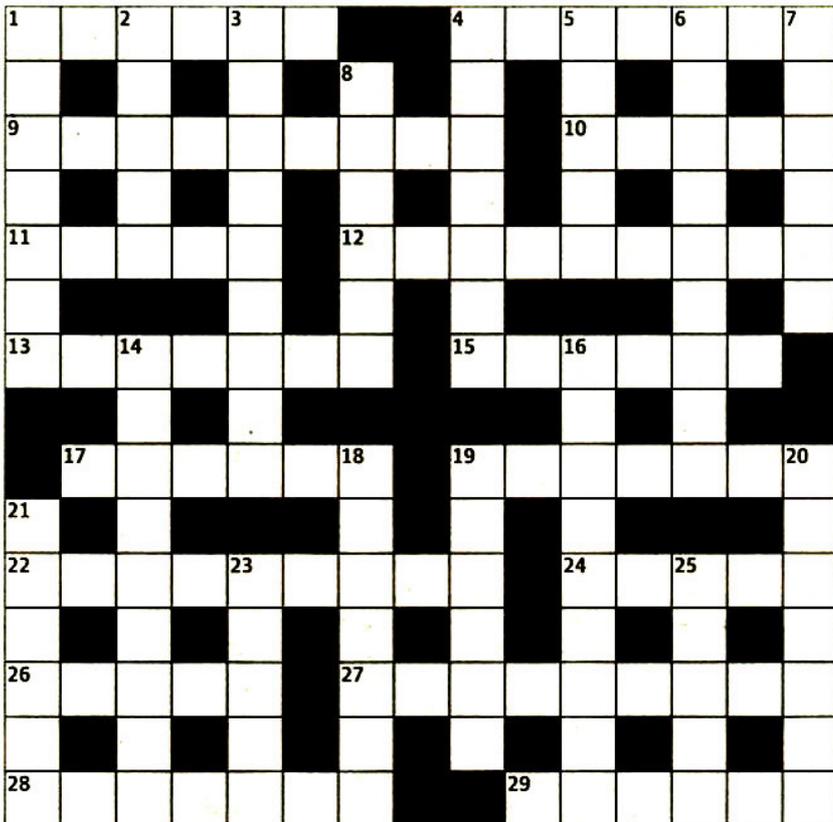


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John Wilson's 4th crossword drew 8 entries, of which 6 were perfectly correct. The winner drawn from the Scrabble-bag was Emma Scott, of Mount Park Drive, who shall have a prize of £10. Now let's set a new record for entries in crossword 5. Please send entries to the Editor by 17th October.



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Address

- ACROSS**
- Strangely alluring (6)
 - Make alert afterwards (5)
 - Ten dunces are odourless (9)
 - Vest (7)
 - Fan is roared (6)
 - Icon's ruin leads to attack (9)
 - Harangue (7)
 - Animal stuck in Arab bitumen (6)
 - Difficult kind of problem (6)
 - Pithy saying (7)
 - Punisher from South Carolina is refuse eater (9)
- DOWN**
- Military colour (5)
 - Stretch (6)
 - Severe (6)
 - Cocktail from New York (9)
 - Stop top teacher creating idiot (9)
 - Milk based dessert (7)
 - Local government area (6)
 - Bob's job? (7)
 - Melodic Old Testament book? (6)
 - Register confused loner (5)
 - Thespian (5)

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

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|----------------------|----------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 4. Danton | 1. cornea |
| 6. blowback | 2. glitterati |
| 9. lacuna | 3. sweet tea |
| 10. steerage | 4. delusory |
| 11. sausage meat | 5. nocturne |
| 15. rancour | 7. See 17 |
| 17,7. an apple a day | 8. keep |
| 18. ethnic group | 12. earthquake |
| 22. half-hour | 13. spoonfed |
| 23. boffin | 14. reopened |
| 24. Pembroke | 16. over here |
| 25. tended | 19. glower |
| | 20. whip |
| | 21. clam |

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WINE AT NINE

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The leader of the revels, Jack Clifford, offered a roomful of folks in the Parish Hall at All Saints RC church six wines to taste. They were asked to identify the wine from a list of eight, four red and four white.

This pleasant task was interspersed with quizzes devised by Jack, identifying songs by a single line and countries from musical clues, and an ingenious modernised rendering of The Miner's Dream of Home. All this and cheese and biscuits made for a convivial evening. Volunteer Coordinator Linda Burt thanked the company,

and was supported by trustee John Poland who detailed the work done, including respite, treatment and care for patients and families, and mentioned that the hospice costs £1600 a day to run, of which £700 is funded and the rest comes from donations.

The contribution raised from this event was £385.65.



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LADIES WHO LUNCH

We decided to experience the high life and as we had a £17.50 3-course lunch offer we felt we could afford it. We're in the lovely setting of Seaham Hall and it is lovely.

A beautiful mid-September sunny day was ideal for our table in the window, in the sun, overlooking the garden.

A small, intimate dining room and unhurried service made for a very leisurely, relaxed lunch. We were treated to a tasty variety of appetisers followed by the main menu. The food was delicious - we sampled starters of crab ravioli or pate, main course delights of salmon/pork/duck followed by nougat glace

with plum sorbet/hot chocolate fondant with vanilla ice-cream for sweet. Our meal was rounded off with coffee and treats, sitting out on the terrace overlooking the lily pond.

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The Gourmet Girls



Seaham Hall

BOWLS NEWS

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did not have a scheduled match so they were particularly disappointed when a week later struggling White-le-Head called off their game because they could not raise a team. Nevertheless it is good to report that despite their long lay-off the team quickly got back to winning ways with a 6-4 home win against one of the top teams, South Moor.

To fill the gap in fixtures, the club had a friendly with Birtley Town which was won easily on all rinks and an aggregate score of 84-56 to Lanchester. Also Ken Raper has been organising a series of jumbles matches which have proved popular with club members. Club knockout competitions have nearly finished (results below).

Some club members are now thinking of the indoor season at either Stanley or Consett. Beginner sessions are held at

Consett at 10.30am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. It's a good way to get into the game in wintertime.

Latest results:

Veterans Triples League
Home v Sherburn Park Won 6-4, Away v Burnopfield Won 8-2.

Final league placing: 4th.

Club Championship (Lanchester Dairies)

Winner K Raper, Runner-up M Stoddart

Vets 4 Woods

Winner R Cole, Runner-up K Raper

Vets 3 Woods

Winner K Raper, Runner-up E Westgarth

Peter Cain Trophy (Over 65s 4 Woods)

Winner F Ledger, Runner-up R Cole

Crinnion Bowl (Pairs)

Winners R Ball & P Harrison, Runners-up E Westgarth & S Easten

Ernest Robinson (Vets Pairs)

Winners K Raper & F Tonks, Runners-up E Westgarth & R Cole.

QUEEN'S HEAD

Lancastrians concerned about the future of the Queen's Head might be interested in the following statement from the owners, Punch Taverns.

"We are currently looking to recruit a new licensee for the Queen's Head in Lanchester.

"The business has previously been driven by food sales and therefore the ideal candidate would have experience in running pubs with a food offering.

"The pub may be opened in the near future with temporary management in place and anybody interested in running their own pub business in the long term should contact the Punch Taverns recruitment hotline on 0870 1261711."

Punch Taverns is the UK's biggest pub operator with

over 9,200 'outlets'. Formed in 1997, they have absorbed Inn Business Group and Pubmaster among others.

No details of financial arrangements are available, but a tenant could well expect to pay £700 a week rent and would have to buy stock through Punch.

A local businessman had hoped to buy the pub and develop it as a bistro, but was only able to lease. This and difficulty in finding a suitable chef ended his interest.

KEEP US INFORMED

Please send any contributions for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday, 17th October. Thank you.

Kundalini Yoga

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alive and fully loving. It brings physical, mental and emotional strength, health, clarity, and wisdom. It is deeply spiritual in that it gives expression to the divine creative energy that is in us all.

It was brought to the West from India in the late 60's by Yogi Bhajan, who has become globally recognised as a spiritual leader who worked to promote world peace and healing. Through his teachings Kundalini Yoga has developed internationally, although in the UK the teacher training has only been available in the south so that the availability of classes has tended to be also focussed there.

Kundalini Yoga can be physically challenging, and students are encouraged to reach and go beyond what they believe might be their limits in order to achieve deeper physical, emotional and spiritual awareness. However, this is always at the individual's discretion and students are advised to build up their strength and tolerance at their own pace.

I hope you will come along and experience a way of developing a more vibrant, healthy and positive sense of yourself, as well as having the social support of being amongst others who share these aspirations. Classes are open to adults, and both men and women are welcome. The cost is £6 per session, or £5 per session if prepaid for one term (ie. 12 sessions). Please do contact me if you have any questions related to the classes, and to arrange attendance.

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Art Exhibition

The annual exhibition of Lanchester Art Group will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday October 21st and 22nd from 10am to 5pm.

A large number of paintings by club members will be on display, with most available for sale. Why not buy your Christmas presents early, as well as one or two to hang on your wall?

There will be a raffle with proceeds towards the Community Centre extension plan and refreshments will be on sale. Admission cost 30p.

Auction For Space

An auction will be held in the Community Centre on 28th October in aid of the Space plan to extend the Centre. Doors are open at 10am and the auction will commence at 10.30.

Refreshments will be available.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

Once again Macmillan Cancer Support will benefit from coffee mornings all over the country on or about Friday 29th September.

Lanchester Library will certainly be offering coffee, but on Thursday 28th and quite probably Saturday 30th, and other events may be organised nearer the day. You can certainly support Macmillan by enjoying a coffee at the library.

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 6.30pm 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 Shopping Trip to York

Willow Burn Hospice is organising a Christmas Shopping Trip to York City and McArthur Glen Retail Park on Saturday 4th November 2006.

Two coaches will be leaving the Hospice, on the Maiden Law Hospital site, at 8am prompt and arrive in York at approximately 10am. Shoppers can enjoy five hours in York City Centre and return to the coach to leave for McArthur Glen at 3pm.

The return journey from the Retail Park will start at 6pm. Tickets are £10 each and are available from Willow Burn Hospice Fundraising Office, Tel: 01207 528167. Please note tickets must be paid for when they are booked.

Country Market

The market will set up shop in the Community Centre on Saturday 7th October, with the usual range of cakes, pies, jams, vegetables, crafts, eggs and more. Opening time 10am.

Wildlife Group

The speaker at the October meeting of the group, on Tuesday 10th at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, will be Craig Best, who is Wildlife and Community Project Officer for Hedleyhope Fell.

WHAT'S ON?

Christmas Tree Festival

Plans for the Christmas Tree Festival and "German" style Christmas market at Lanchester Methodist Church are well in hand.

On the evening of Friday 8th December there will be a blessing of the Festival with Leadgate Salvation Army Band (outside Methodist Church) and stalls selling Bratwurst and "Gluhwein" etc.

On Saturday 9th December there will be a German Style Christmas Market and Christmas Tree festival all day with "Guest" appearances by various music groups ... inside and outside church.

On Sunday 10th Dec in the afternoon the Christmas Tree Festival continues with more "Guest" appearances and Afternoon Teas being served.

Monday 11th Dec All day - Christmas Trees, Coffee and Lunches and some stalls.

We are hoping to make this a VILLAGE event and we would really like to see Christmas Trees from as many groups as possible. For more details contact Mel 529153.

Junior Wildlife

The group will meet on Saturday 14th October at 10am at Malton picnic area. All are welcome to join expert Noel Jackson to explore the local wildlife, especially children and their parents/grandparents.

MP Surgery

Our MP, Hilary Armstrong, will hold her monthly surgery in this area on Friday 6th October at 6pm in the Civic Centre, Consett.

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 help to raise money for the Space Project, please contact Brenda on 01207 520204. Two dates have been organised: Sunday 12th November from 2pm and Sunday 17th Dec at the same time. Everybody is welcome so give Brenda a ring. Tickets £3.00 each.

Halloween Night

The first Lions event of the Autumn will be a fantastic Halloween evening incorporating the 'Rocky Horror Show'. The night will include a three-course meal, disco, fun and games. So get your tickets early, organise your fancy dress, which is encouraged but not mandatory, for Saturday 28th October at the Community Centre at 7.00pm. Just call Graham McVeigh on 528016 or contact any Lions member. Oh, and don't forget to put on your best face for this great event from which the proceeds will help the Lions carry out their service work at Christmas.

Flower Club

The club meets on Wednesday 25th October at 2pm in the Community Centre for a workshop with Audrey Swinburn and Joan Laidlaw.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting is on the 11th, at 7.30pm in the Chapter House, when Bill Eckford will give a talk with slides about his experiences in the RAF during and after WW2.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty one days' notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 12th November 2006 in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, Lanchester. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

National Bookstart Day

The 6th October is National Bookstart Day, and to mark the occasion there will be a story-time and craft session in Lanchester library on Thursday 5th October from 2 till 3pm for pre-school children. This is a free event and everyone is welcome.

Reading Group

A reading group meets in Lanchester Library once a month to discuss a previously read book. There is no charge for attendance and a new book is provided every month. The next meeting is on Tuesday October 17th from 10.15 to 11.30ish.

Short Walks

The 'Short Circuits' RA group meets at Allensford Country Park in the car park nearest the A68 (map ref NZ077502) at 10.30am on Saturday October 14th for a walk of 4.2 miles. Ring 521427 for details.

'Footsteps to Fitness' has Sunday walks at 10.30am on 1st October at the lay-by on the A183 below Penshaw Monument (3-3.5 miles), on 15th October at Deerness Leisure Centre car park, Broompark (3 miles) and on 29th October at the wooden sculpture, Front Street, Great Lumley (3 miles).

The same scheme has Wednesday walks at 10.00am on 4th October at the wooden sculpture at Front Street, Great Lumley (3 miles), on 11th October at the entrance to Houghall (3 miles), and on 18th October at Rainton Meadows nature reserve (3 miles).

Acorn Amblers offer a walk on Sunday 22nd October starting at 1.30pm at Bishop Ramsey School, Medomsley.

Poetry Group

The Poetry Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Room 3. Each person in turn reads a poem, which is then briefly discussed. Some members write their own poetry, others read favourite poems. All welcome to the meeting on October 2nd.

"Not Quite Write"

Lanchester Creative Writing Group and Chocolate Biscuit Appreciation Society meets in Lanchester library from 2 till 4pm every Tuesday.

If you've always thought you could write excellent stories and/or poems if only you had the opportunity, this is it.

For details contact Peter on 0191 4161677 or peter.andrews1@ntworld.com.

The MARC information vehicle

The travelling office will be parked on Lanchester Front Street on the second and fourth Tuesday morning of every month (October 10th and 24th). 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.

Sing in the Shows

The Broadway musical will soon be brought to life by Lanchester Operatic Society in their next production. Songs from the 'Shows' are always popular, and most of us will be in the audience to enjoy them.

Why just listen? Most people can sing, but never get beyond serenading the bath-taps. This is a good time to get involved with this popular musical society, as rehearsals will soon be starting in All Saints RC school at 7.15pm every Friday night. Singers of all ages will be welcomed and helped to develop their skills.

Give your lungs a treat and sing. For information ring 520427.

History Talk

On 12th October Margaret Southworth will give a 3rd talk on local history. This time she will cover in more depth Lanchester and its people, with some new photographs and maps showing how the village has developed from the past to the present day.

Scottish Dancing

Though no longer part of the formal education system, the Scottish Dancing group still devotes an hour to beginners during their Friday evening sessions. New dancers are welcome from 7 to 8pm in the Community Centre.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday 10th October in Park House, starting at 7pm. Any Lanchesters who have anything to say to the Councillors, or are interested in the matters to be discussed, can attend the meeting.

WI

The Womens' Institute holds its Annual General meeting on Monday October 2nd, starting at 7pm in the Community Centre.

There will be a Coffee Morning with a 'garden theme' on Wednesday 4th October, also in the Community Centre.

Coming Shortly

The Methodist Church has its Open Fair on 21st October.

The Community Centre's "Cash For Space" auction is on October 28th.

The Thursday Club plan a 'Pumpkin Pie' event on November 1st in the Community Centre in aid of the Air Ambulance.

Willow Burn Hospice Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 18th November in Lanchester EP School between 10am and 12noon.

The Willow Burn Hospice 007 Ball will be held at the Derwent Manor Hotel on Saturday 18th November. Ring 01207 528167 for information.

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

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

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.

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

Kundalini Yoga

A new class begins on Thursdays from 7.30 to 9pm, starting on 28th September in the Community Centre.

You will probably be familiar with the idea of yoga as a series of postures, some of which are pretty challenging if you're not a contortionist! Kundalini Yoga is different. I would describe it as *moving meditation* which brings together aspects of yoga that have been lost or marginalized in other traditions. The word "yoga" means "to unite," or "to join together." It is a practice developed to unite individual consciousness with the infinite consciousness. Through the practise of yoga the individual self can merge with the infinite creative consciousness which many call God.

In addition to the postures (asanas), which are practised as rhythmical movements as well as static positions, Kundalini Yoga integrates breath-consciousness (pranayam), hand postures (mudra), meditation, and chanting (mantra) to stimulate the physical body and the subtle energy systems within (eg. the chakras), in order to awaken the *Kundalini energy* which lies dormant at the base of the spine.

This Kundalini energy has been described as "the thread of the infinite pushed through the small eye of the finite needle of creation." It is the energy of *awareness*, enabling positive life choices through strengthening the will power and deepening the intuitive capacity, and is the way to experience being truly

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TENNIS SEASON ENDS ON A COMPETITIVE NOTE

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held their tournament finals on the middle weekend of September.

The weather was perfect with the grass courts playing well, contributing to some excellent tennis. This was especially evident for the two mixed doubles tournaments, with the closeness of the scores reflecting the competitiveness and determination of all players.

The boy's singles was well contested by Stuart Whitesmith and William Haines, both showing an increased degree of skill. Winners of the competitions were presented with their trophies by Club President Rosemary Fawcett.

Results:

Ladies Singles - Jane Laycock

Mens Singles - To be completed
Boys Singles - Stuart Whitesmith
Ladies Doubles - Sally Laverick and Anne Hurren
Mens Doubles - Dennis Laycock and Dougal Reed
Mixed Doubles Championship - Jane Laycock and Dennis Laycock
Mixed Doubles Friendly - Pam Graham and Dennis Laycock
Most Improved Player - Sally Laverick.

Due to autumnal work on the grass courts, these will be closed at the end of September, however members will continue to play tennis, throughout the winter, on the courts behind the college. If anyone is interested in joining in, please contact Dennis Laycock Tel 520278 for playing times.



Some of the finalists and runners up with their trophies

BOWLS NEWS

Team matches have been few and far between this month. The veterans finished off their triples league matches with two wins to finish in a respectable fourth place but the Saturday team

was hard hit by the weather. Games against View Lane and Annfield Plain were rained off, the former only minutes before the start. The following week the team

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Ken Raper bowls to victory in the Club Championship watched by an appreciative "crowd" of seven people (and a dog). His opponent Mike Stoddart battled valiantly and only went down 21-20. Mike is a new member of the club and he has surprised many club members by the quality of his play. It's to be hoped that Ken has a big sideboard for the 3 trophies he has won.

CRICKET REPORT

With the season now over once again, it's time to reflect on a few performances of note and look forward to the new projects under way for the winter.

Our 1st X1 finished in 5th place having won 8 and lost 8, with 2 matches cancelled. The leading run-maker was Mark Small with 384 League runs and our professional John Raywood took 22 league wickets.

The 2nd X1 were also 5th, winning 7 and losing 8 with 3 cancelled for

weather. The batting was led by veterans Jim Potts, with 405 runs, and Neil Graham with 287. The bowling was dominated by the younger element with Alan McPhail taking 29 wickets and Chris Hughes 23.

The "school report" would probably read "could have done better" but with a total change of personnel from last year all players should be congratulated for their efforts.

Off the field the club have Presentation Nights on the 7th October for the Junior divisions and 21st October for Seniors.

In an effort to provide better facilities for next season the club are seeking business or personal sponsorship for a variety of items ranging from equipment for youngsters to kit for players, to numbers for the Score box. Anyone able to help please contact Kane Halliday at the club

or by emailing Kanehalliday@aol.com.

We have been made at present some garden seats to be placed around the ground, which we hope will make the field more attractive to members and guests. The club will provide plaques should anyone wish to make a donation towards one, and any other garden benches or picnic tables "going spare" would be greatly appreciated.

With membership of the club costing from as little as £1 and our competitive bar prices combined with Sky Sports being shown, why not pop in over the winter, a warm welcome is guaranteed.

Further details can be found on the revamped club website at www.lanchestercc.co.uk which is updated regularly with news of events and functions thanks to Kane Halliday. Graham Davison

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