

100 YEARS OF BROADWAY

Delighted audiences packed the Main Hall of All Saints C of E School on the evenings of Wednesday 21st, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd February as Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society entertained them with a musical "stroll" through 100 years of the Broadway Musical.

In a production modelled on the Hollywood "Oscar" presentations, the Chorus and Soloists of the Society enthralled the audiences as they presented the rival musical claims of the wide variety of productions to be considered "Best Musical" of the period. Songs from such perennial favourites as "Showboat", "The



The company sing "Do you hear the people sing" from Les Miserables

Sound of Music", "My Fair Lady", "Jesus Christ, Super Star", "Oklahoma", "Oliver" and "Les Miserables" were well appreciated by the audiences. The Society is to be congratulated on a polished performance of an extremely testing programme, involving as it did a range of songs

and medleys from some 40 shows. Hostess for the evening Pippa Bregazzi welcomed the audience to the "Oscars" as Musical Director David Hughes, pianist Lilian Dixon and the Orchestra accompanied the entrance of the Chorus and Soloists. From this point on it was non-stop

work for the cast, and enjoyment for the audience, as Soloists, Narrators, Chorus and Orchestra took a captivated auditorium on a two-part exploration of the Broadway Musical. The full Chorus of the Society delighted the audience with songs and medleys from shows

such as "Oklahoma", "Oliver", "Grease" and (most appropriately) "There's No Business Like Show Business". The Male chorus sang that they enjoyed "Standing on the Corner, Watching All the Girls Go By" and the ladies sang that they

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RED NOSE DAY AT 'TALKING HEADS' SALON



In the week leading up to Red Nose Day on Friday 16th March the staff of Talking Heads Hair Salon raised money by wearing their pyjamas to work.

The salon was appropriately decorated with Red Nose flags.

Our photo shows Natalie, Sarah and Michelle in full regalia.

Other Red Nose Day pictures appear on page 16.



Dear Village....

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Dear Sir

What a wonderful village Lanchester is!! Over the past 40 years we have been happy living here, but the recent death of our son, David, has shown just how caring you all are. The support from members of all three churches, from friends and from neighbours has been overwhelming. Our Church family and the Foxhills Crescent community have been extra special.

Thank you everyone.
Jean and Colin Burrows
9 Foxhills Crescent

Found

Set of keys in Park House play area. For info ring 521427.

A pair of spectacles were found on a chair after the second performance of "100 Years of Broadway" on Thursday 22nd February in the main hall at EP School. If you think you lost them please contact the Village Voice (521427).

Dear Sir,

We are hearing complaints from people who live in Lee Hill Court, and from others who walk through there, about a large dormer extension at the rear of 2, Hallgarth Terrace, which is seen prominently across the wooded green in Lee Hill Court.

On behalf of the community, the Parish Council and The Lanchester Partnership expressed strong opposition to this dormer extension when it was proposed in 2004/2005. We persuaded Derwentside District Council to refuse permission for it, despite the Design and Conservation Officer's recommendation for approval.

On appeal to the Secretary of State, the occupant claimed that local residents did not object to his proposal and the extension was allowed by the Inspector. The case illustrates the need for individuals to stand up for the protection of their local environment and for improved liaison with the Conservation Officer.

The Lanchester Partnership (name and address supplied)

Dear Sir,

I feel it is necessary to provide some advice about hunting after the letter in the last edition of Village Voice and other calls we sporadically receive. Whilst all of the headlines may scream that hunting is banned, the likes of the Braes of Derwent are still allowed to ride their horses and use their dogs. They are, however, restricted to following a drag trail. This is a trail that is created by dragging an aniseed soaked material across open land. The hunt will then follow that trail in the same manner as they would previously have followed a fox.

If in the course of the follow, a fox is accidentally disturbed and killed, that is not illegal, but it should be reported and the Police would investigate. As the trail should be across land which the trail setter had permission to ride across, then there should be no issues of trespass. Again, previously, this issue occurred time and again, as the pack had to go where the fox led them. I would reassure you that the Braes of Derwent riders are law abiding and do liaise with the Police to try and prevent any problems from taking place, and we will continue to maintain that liaison.

I hope that this provides you with some of the necessary clarification over the matter and if you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact me on 0845 6060365 ext 6642463.

Yours sincerely,
Inspector Andrew McConnell

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Sir

I found the letter about fox-hunting in the last issue of the Village Voice both rude and disturbing. Fox hunting is just as much a part of the country life as any other pursuit. It has a history spanning hundreds of years.

No-one deserves to be talked down to by someone because of what they do. The writer of this letter talks about blood-thirsty individuals, which is shameful and rude of them to say. Fox hunting is not breaking the law, as the hunt is still allowed drag-hunts and hound exercise meets.

The writer should have got his facts right. Everyone has their rights and as long as no-one breaks the law, I don't know what the problem is for the people who feel it is a cruel sport
Yours faithfully
Name and address supplied
(aged 14)

AMIGOS

The Amigos group for older and housebound people now has its maximum 12 members, and is unable to welcome any new members at present. There is a waiting list, and to add your name to the list ring 520229 or 521682.

MISSING CAT

Maiden Law Bank area, since mid-February, small female tortoiseshell, wearing a collar. Indentichipped. Reward for safe return, ring 528432.

ARENA GRANTED PERMISSION

Plans to build an arena for the purpose of indoor horse-riding at Oakwood Stables were approved at the Derwentside District Council's Development Control Committee on Thursday the 8th of March.

The plans were opposed by Lanchester Parish Council and Lanchester Partnership, whose representative Brian Masterman spoke against acceptance of planning permission. The committee nevertheless voted unanimously to approve the application.

The proposed new indoor arena will consist of a wooden structure which will measure 100 feet by 60 feet and will be 12 feet high.

Pauline and George Dodds wish to thank their supporters who wrote to support the application and who attended the committee meeting.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE HARD OF HEARING

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PRESENTATION TO JEAN HUNTER

The Community Association took time from its AGM to thank Jean Hunter for her 18 years as Treasurer. Jean is recovering from an illness and has decided now is a good time to hand her books on to someone else. Arthur Maughan, the Association Chairman, thanked Jean for her work as Treasurer but also for the big part she has played in helping run the Association. He said her service to the community had been exceptional and she would be greatly missed. Olive Simpkins who was Warden of the Community Centre for most of Jean's time as Treasurer reminisced of how she first met Jean and thought "What a nice friendly lady". She continued to say, "Jean was soon spending all of Wednesday afternoons with me and having



Arthur Maughan, Chairman of the Community Association, makes a presentation to Jean Hunter

someone like Jean to rely on and talk things over with was invaluable. Of course, being Treasurer involved not only being at the Centre on Wednesday afternoons, but also long hours at home doing the books, a task that has become more onerous over the years." Olive also thanked Jean for the help

she gave with fund-raising events. She said, "Whatever idea I came up with, Jean was always there right behind me, maybe sometimes out in front, but most importantly, always there, and for that dedication I thank her on behalf of myself and the whole of the Association."



Olive Simpkins and Liz Smith present flowers to Jean Hunter
(Photos: Eileen Whitehead)

Jean thanked Arthur and Olive for their kind words and wished every Association and her

successor. The Association is pleased that Billy Waite has agreed to take over this very important role.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

Lanchester Community Association held its AGM on Wednesday 21st March. The Accounts to 31st December 2006 were presented and for the first time showed a loss of £2,644. This occurred despite a 10% increase in room rentals and a 13% profit made by the Exercise Centre.

There were two main reasons for the loss: the withdrawal of funding for Community Education by Durham County Council and the significant rise in the cost of utilities. Gas bills were twice as high as the previous year. Nevertheless, the Association remains positive and many groups

are expanding their activities. Space to accommodate all the different groups is the major problem for the Manager, John Wilson. The Officers for 2007 will be:
President: Dr Ian Brunt
Chairman: Arthur Maughan
Vice Chairman: John Wills
Treasurer: Billy Waite
Secretary: Harry Taylor

A BAD DEBT

Pensioner Mr Arnold Hawthorn does not like being in debt, so he was most alarmed when he received a letter from Derwentside District Council which informed him that he had been overpaid, and should put the matter right.

The letter was accompanied by three pages of calculations, worked out to six decimal places, which concluded that he owed the Council the sum of £0.06. Or, to put it another way, 6p. Mr Hawthorn made haste to the Civic

Centre at Consett and cleared his debts with a cash payment which was duly credited. He wonders whether his deficit could have been added as an adjustment to his next bill. This would be cheaper than a letter, you might be forgiven for thinking.

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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

John And Margaret Brown of Oakwood, Lanchester, certainly celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in some style!

Margaret, (nee Darwin), was born and bred in Sacriston. John was born at Hamsterley but moved to Lumley at an early age. They met at a dance in Chester le Street when Margaret was only 14 years old.

Their marriage took place at St Peter's Church, Sacriston on 2nd of March 1957 at 2.00 pm. Margaret's parents also married at the same church. Margaret was baptised, belonged to the Sunday school, and was a member of the choir of this Church for some 44 years before moving to Lanchester. Their wedding was attended by 250 guests with the reception at St Peters Church Schools and was followed by a honeymoon in Ostend, Belgium.

Margaret worked at County Hall, Durham, and John was a Deputy at Sacriston Colliery. Both remained in those

posts until they retired. Their son Paul was born in 1960 and he and his wife, Susan, have twin daughters, Alexandra and Rachel.

John and Margaret lived in Sacriston until their move to Lanchester in 1987 where they were warmly received by Lancestrans.

They spent the actual day of the Anniversary opening cards and presents before Margaret attended the World Women's Day of Prayer Service at church. In the early evening there was a special quarter bell peal given by the bell ringers from the Parish Church, which was wonderful and much appreciated. They were then whisked off by stretch limousine to celebrate a surprise, close family dinner, at Lumley Castle, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

On Saturday there was a party in the Social Club for 160 guests which included best man Tom, Margaret's brother, and many people from Sacriston who attended their wedding 50 years

ago. Friends began the evening singing 'Congratulations' followed by a speech given by their only son, Paul, which preceded a lively night of dancing to a disco and enjoying a magnificent buffet.

On Sunday 4th March John and Margaret renewed their Wedding Vows at a service in the Parish Church where family and friends were present. Granddaughters Alexandra and Rachel stood as witnesses. The service was concluded with the emotional Wedding March which everyone appreciated. John and Margaret wish to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers at this very important milestone in their life. They received 150 cards, 12 bottles of champagne and many gifts. The generosity in cash and cheques was really completely overwhelming and they were able to donate £1274.00 to the Parish Church.

They are now looking forward to their Diamond Wedding!



Peter Slegg of Derwentside District Council was available in Lanchester library on Tuesday March 13th to consult Lancestrans about the Core Strategy, and to hand out consultation forms. You can still complete an interactive form on the Council's web-site, www.derwentside.gov.uk/ldf, and if you have no computer the library can help.

COMMUNITY PROJECT FACES SETBACK

In April 2006, the Community Association launched a project to extend the Community Centre. The Trustees decided that to cope with the ever-growing needs of the village we needed more space in the Community Centre. There are also plans to install a Stair lift that would make all rooms in the Community Centre accessible to the disabled. After 12 months we have raised nearly one third of the £90,000 required to complete the SPACE PROJECT. This has come about through the generosity of the people of Lanchester, including organisations such as The Lions and their Ladies, Village Voice, History Group, Art Group, Bridge Girls, Play Group and the Parish Council who have all made donations towards the project. Unfortunately once again the National Lottery has

turned its back on Lanchester but this is not totally unexpected as it had been reported in the national and local press that "dark forces" in the Treasury were planning to raid the Big Lottery Fund to plug the shortfall in financing the 2012 Olympic Games and, amongst others, this would put Village Hall funding at risk. Well, as predicted, it has happened and the Community Centre has been informed that they will not be receiving assistance to build an extension. It is also proving very difficult to find major donors who will contribute to a building project in a community that is not deemed to be in an area of deprivation. When the SPACE PROJECT appeal was launched a year ago, it was recognised that it would be difficult to obtain major donations from outside our area and that the people of

Lanchester would have to build the extension STONE BY STONE and this is what is happening now. Lanchester may not be in a deprived area but it has been deprived of facilities for many years and the Community Centre is trying to rectify this. Our Local Authorities are very supportive but they cannot help with the funding of this type of project, but Councillors Ossie Johnson, Tom Forster and John Ingham have kindly donated significant sums of their project fund allowance to the project. Applications will continue to be made for large grants when the opportunity arises but it is likely that the funding is going to have to be raised locally. The Community Centre has been grateful for the many donations it has received from the people of Lanchester but a lot more is required.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you support what the few volunteers at the Community Centre are doing to provide more facilities for the residents to enjoy, then you can help by making a donation to THE SPACE PROJECT. Please complete the donation slip below or pick up a form from the Conservatory of the Community Centre or alternatively contact John Wilson, the Manager, on 521275 and he will explain what to do. All donations should be returned to the Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester DH7 0JQ, please write "The Space Project" on the back of any cheques. Remember that donations to charities are free from inheritance tax and if you are a taxpayer, and sign the

declaration on the leaflet, then the Inland Revenue will give the Community Centre £28 for every £100 donated. The government cannot help us but why not let the Inland Revenue contribute almost a third to the project. Many people want to give a little bit back to the community but don't quite know how to do this. Here is your chance to make a difference. We are currently looking for volunteers to help spread the word and to encourage their friends and neighbours to make contributions to the Space Project. If you are interested in becoming a STONES sales person pick up the phone now and contact John Wilson. (01207 521275). Arthur Maughan Chairman, Community Association.



The Community Centre today



The proposed Community Centre building

LANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

"SPACE PROJECT"

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Full Name.....Date.....

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There was, as usual, a massive turn-out for another concert in the Methodist Church organised by Andrew Fowler and friends to support the work of Mel and Sue Somersall with the Mercy Ships. Andrew was again backed by his friends Peter Coulson and Edwin and Jessica Holmes, as well as the Cathedral Scholars

and the massed ranks of the Male Voice Choir.

The performers were introduced by Andrew Fowler, who together with baritone Peter Coulson entertained the audience with solos and a duet, accompanied by Bill Gray at the piano. They were ably assisted by Edwin and Jessica Holmes who sang and accompanied each other. The Cathedral Scholars gave a varied performance - serious and immaculately delivered in ecclesiastical Latin during the first half, and humorous Anglo-American in the second. How often do you hear an "a capella" version of Up-town Girl? The Lanchester Male Voice Choir gave their usual very polished performance, conducted with very great energy and enthusiasm by Harry Carr and accompanied as ever by Noreen

Bridgewater. As well as a few new numbers they had a few new members.

The whole was rounded off by one last song from Andrew Fowler - Flanders and Swann's Rhinoceros Song, which gave the audience the inestimable pleasure of singing the chorus about the 'bodger on his bonce'. Seldom is there heard the opportunity to enjoy so much musical talent and humour in one evening.

The performers generously donated their services, which meant that the total proceeds, including donations, of approximately £1,600 can support the Mercy Ships. Mel and Sue Somersall wish to thank everyone involved for their continued help and support.



Bill Gray, Andrew Fowler, Jessica Holmes, Peter Coulson and Edwin Holmes after their concert for the Mercy Ships

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 were "Gonna Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair". The chorus combined to insist that "Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better!"
 The soloists also delighted the packed audience with a wide range of solos which

were very well supported by the chorus. Long-time favourites were sung by Sharon Murray ("I Don't Know How To Love Him"), Richard Woods ("Make Believe"), Anne-Marie Ashman ("Don't Cry for me, Argentina"), Margaret Grey

("Getting to Know You") and Peter Bridgewater ("Oh What a Beautiful Morning"). Even the audience took part, as they were invited to participate in asking "Get Me to the Church on Time". The final results of this "Oscars Night" were awards to musicals "Showboat", "My Fair Lady" and "Les Miserables" and to composers Rogers and Hammerstein and Andrew Lloyd Webber.
 Chairman of the Society Richard Woods expressed his very great appreciation both of the continuing support of the Village for the Society's productions and the whole-hearted co-operation the Society had received

from the Head of the Lancaster EP School, Jane Davis, and Caretaker, Sue Deans, during this first production in a new and pleasingly "intimate" venue.
 The Society is to be congratulated on another excellent performance, and we can look forward to the next production, "Music to Lift the Spirit", on 13th July at 7.15 pm in Lanchester Methodist Church.



(l to r) Soloists Peter Bridgewater, David Hughes, Margaret Grey, Richard Woods (front), Anne-Marie Ashman, Lilian Dixon, Sharon Murray, Pippa Bregazzi take an interval break.

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BRAZEN THIEVES STEAL LEAD

At 4.00 pm on Monday 19th March, a vigilant citizen noticed two men loading something into a car outside the side gate to the EP School and went to ask them what they were doing. On receiving an impolite answer he noted the car number and reported the incident to the police. It was subsequently discovered that lead had been removed from the school roof, probably at night-time during the weekend, and that the good neighbour had been quite right to investigate. The police are looking into the matter, and the school will need some urgent repairs.

EASTER MESSAGE

Vivat! Vivat! He lives,
 the song-thrush sings
 From tip of highest
 bough.

And all the earth
 reflects, repeats the
 theme

He lives in glory now

Vivat! Vivat! It rings
 out loud and clear
 Above the pattering
 rain

And when the storm
 has spent itself and
 gone

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 13.3.07

The meeting began with an informal meeting between councillors and members of the cricket club, who propose to improve facilities, including the women's changing room. They will then invite other clubs to use the cricket club as their own club. In addition they intend to have the club given a quality mark by the English Cricket Club. They also offered to manage the proposed children's play area once it is built.

POLICEREPORT

69 calls in total for month ending 13.3.07, almost 50% down on last month. 8 were in respect of criminal damage, 7 with regard to vehicles, 7 suspicious persons, 2 concerns for safety, 5 road traffic accidents (no injuries) 2 burglaries at St Bede's building site and 18 others. Also there were 16 reports of anti-social behaviour,

including under-age drinking. Police patrols have been increased in 'hot-spot' areas, namely the rear car park, The Garths, Lee Hill Court and the railway line. A report had been received that day of someone hitting golf balls behind Lee Hill Court and the Sergeant stated that anyone who could give any information about this highly dangerous practice should do so as soon as possible. Also anyone with any information about the rider (without helmet) of a yellow motorbike (distinctive yellow frame and mudguard), possibly coming from Bearpark, but being ridden in the Garths/Lee Hill Court/line area. Information is also required with regard to skip fires in the village, one of which had been in the King's Head Car Park. When the manager had spoken to the crowd

of youths he had been verbally abused by them. This fire had been reported but so far there had been no police response; the manager had been told to contact the fire brigade. The Sergeant stated that it is the normal practice to inform the police of fires and that the police do follow them up later.

Councillor Jackson reported that there is still rowdiness outside Spar but that police presence had obviously made a difference and he hoped it would continue. A report of a bogus meter reader had turned out to be genuine but the Sergeant suggested that an advice leaflet be printed in the Village Voice. After this report, but before the Sergeant left, a resident from the Garths asked why telephone number 101 for non-urgent calls to Police was not in operation yet in this area. There had been three specific incidents of anti-social behaviour in the Garths in the last ten days and nothing seems to have changed in that nothing seems to be done about it, and that the youths in question are from the village and not outsiders. These 10 to 20 youths even caused problems at 1 am. Councillor Foster remarked that the 101 service was a pilot scheme and that Derwentside had declined to use it.

PARTICIPATION BY THEPUBLIC

Mr Dodds of Oakwood Stables asked why his wife had been refused permission to take part in planning meetings on several occasions. When it was explained that a letter of complaint had to go before a sub-

committee before being discussed at a Council Meeting, Mr Dodds and the three other members of the public who were with him left.

MATTERS ARISING

A meeting had been held to discuss the statement of Parish income and expenditure to be included in the Village Voice. These details are available from the Clerk of the Council to any interested parties, but Councillor Carr suggested that an explanation of how the precept is calculated should be printed. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Jackson should write a public-friendly paragraph explaining what the £30 per household is spent on and that the formula for the precept should be included.

LOCALITYMAP

This is now going forward to the District Council and two copies are available for inspection in the library. **LETTER** of complaint from Mr Dodds.

Unfortunately Mr Dodds had left the meeting before the procedure of complaint had been explained. Councillor Johnson stressed that it is most important that the Parish Councillors act in a responsible manner and that the Monitoring Officer of the District Council should be asked for advice before taking the matter to the Parish Council Appeals Committee. This proposal was agreed and seconded. It was also agreed that the complainant should be informed of this.

DONATIONS. Several donations had been asked for, and it was decided that only local requests would be

supported, where possible. £100 was given to the Village Partnership, as a gesture of good faith, towards the cost of running the village bus for 2008; one quarter of the period of the 2007 budget runs into 2008 and funding for the bus for 2008 is required before December this year.

The Community Association also asked for a donation towards providing plays in the Centre but it was agreed that as funds are limited, anyone willing to support this request should do so individually.

ACCOUNTSTOPAY

There were several of these including £200 for trees for the North East Community Forest. Councillor Adams was thanked for his assistance in this respect, as was Councillor Carr for his part in the erection of the new seats in the village provided by the Parish Council.

The Village Map was shown to members; a meeting was to be held on the following Thursday at County Hall and any decisions would be taken by a sub-committee.

QUESTIONS FROM THEPUBLIC

A letter had been received with a suggestion that a seat be placed on Cadger Bank next to the milestone, with a waste bin beside it, as a resting spot for people walking up the bank. A sponsorship offer had been made for a seat and this would be taken up. A vote of thanks was given to Councillor Ruth Wilson for her work for the Parish Council and the Partnership and best wishes for her future given.

PLANNINGMEETING Tuesday 27th of March at 7 pm.

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School pupils from four European countries visited St Bede's Catholic Secondary School and Sixth Form College last week and worked together on various activities including an international cookery competition. Staff and students from four schools in Poland, France, Spain and Italy were at St Bede's from Friday, March 2nd to Wednesday, March 7th. On Monday, the pupils from all the nations got together to produce an international buffet. Each team contained members of all nationalities, working together to provide a tasty meal from less than £20. The visitors stayed with families of St Bede's Sixth Formers, and the school also organised visits to York, Durham and Beamish. St Bede's Language College Director Virginia Hill said: "It was a great get-together with our friends from Europe. The cookery competition was a roaring success, better than we could have imagined, and was a great example of the different nationalities working collaboratively. "It was hugely beneficial to our pupils, not just to practice speaking

languages, but for the informal contacts they make and the opportunity to learn about other cultures. "It's a real privilege to have all these schools coming to visit us here. And it's lovely to get the different nationalities working together." The schools' partnership is called 'Citizens on the Move' and the five schools have shared work about the history of each region and contemporary life in the first two years of the project, as well as holding an international competition to design a logo for the partnership. The RE, Art, Technology and History departments at St Bede's, as well as Modern Languages, have all been involved. The various schools work together on different aspects of the project and, every now and again, meet up to share their work, plan for the next stage of the project and at the same time get to know that particular school and area. Next year's theme will be the future of each region. The Polish school is the lead school of the five involved and participants from all countries visited Poland first in 2005. Last year, four staff and eleven

pupils from St Bede's met with their counterparts in Italy and France. Further meetings are scheduled in Spain and Italy in the coming year. The collaboration is part of the European Union's Comenius project, which aims to promote trans-national cooperation across Europe by funding partnerships between at least three schools or colleges across at least three countries.

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For further information please contact

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A non-uniformed position has arisen for two Training Advisors (adult members) to join our existing team within Derwentside District Scouts.

You will be responsible for ensuring that all uniformed leaders, existing and new, complete and maintain the required training within the timescales set by the Scout Association.

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CRUFTS 2007

NOT SUCH GREAT EXPECTATIONS

It was with not much hope of winning anything that I set off for the National Exhibition Centre at Birmingham with my dog Freya, a Norwegian Elkhound bitch (her

posh Kennel Club name is Cakirjo Moonlight Shadow). She is only just 18 months old, so we had to compete against much more mature bitches and she is not fully mature yet.

Unfortunately, too, she had almost lost her beautiful, thick winter coat, which is designed to keep her warm in minus degree temperatures in Norway, and this would be likely to count against her.

We left Lanchester at 1 o'clock in the morning and picked up a coach at Bowburn Services just after 2 o'clock. It was obviously an old coach because they allow the dogs to sleep on the seats, although we weren't prepared for the roof window blowing open once we got on to the motorway and it had to be held down by other passengers until we could stop. Then it was tied down with some strong string. The air-conditioning could not be switched off, either, so it was very cold for our journey.

We finally arrived, already exhausted with no sleep, at 7 o'clock in the morning. Exhibitors have to be there before 8.30 am and cannot leave until 4.30 pm so that the paying public can see the dogs.

Many people came to see the Elkhounds, most of whom did not

know what they are; they look like a small, stocky Husky but without the blue eyes. Freya loved all the attention she received, especially from the children.

We did not go into the ring until well after lunch. A friend who breeds Elkhounds had offered to handle her in the ring for me because I felt very nervous and the opposition was very strong. Much to my delight and surprise she was 3rd in her class. This qualifies her to go next year, and I only went this year because I thought she might never be able to qualify again. She had already qualified for Crufts when I bought her, just as a pet, and I did not really think of going at the time, or even showing her, which can be very boring.

Crufts is amazing, though. There are five Halls containing a total of 32 rings, as well as 2 pavilions and the main arena. As well as the show rings, the halls contain hundreds of trade stands selling just about everything

doggy and many other items. Talk about consumerism! Unfortunately as it is so vast it is impossible to see everything especially if you take a dog.

The organisation of it is quite remarkable as the classes run smoothly. There were over 5,000 dogs there in more than 2,000 classes. Security is tight so that valuable dogs cannot be stolen and dogs are not allowed out without a pass.

We left at 6 pm and arrived back at Bowburn (exhaust fumes in the bus this time) at about 11 o'clock. However, we had enjoyed our day, and I will always remember the lady from Honolulu who breeds Elkhounds who was so excited at our placing that she gave me a big hug because Freya reminded her of her very first Elkhound, saying that she was the most beautiful there. Of course I think so, too. However I had to laugh when a little boy, hearing his mother ask 'How old is she?' said that he couldn't tell whether the dogs were girls or boys. Mum beat a hasty retreat! Mavis Datta

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SUNDAY BRIDGE

On 25th February there was another successful Bridge afternoon where £182 was raised for the SPACE project; this brings the total so far to £550. The Bridge afternoons are proving very successful and it has been suggested that these Sunday afternoon bridge events should become a regular feature during the winter months. All profit would be for the Community Centre. If you are interested please let Brenda or Liz know.

BANANA PLANTATION

Global warming and last year's hot summer followed by a mild winter have encouraged a local farmer to experiment with a banana plantation in Lanchester. The location is being kept secret for the moment as it will be necessary to use poly tunnel technology and while planning permission is not currently necessary in County Durham, it has recently been introduced in Herefordshire. The farmer believes Lanchester is an ideal location as monkeys eat most of the crops of plantations in tropical areas and this will not be a problem in Lanchester. It is hoped that the plantation will produce its first fruit next year at the start of April.

WINTERING IN INDIA

The group of us from Lanchester, who spent three weeks recently in Goa, went as friends of Father Alex and Father Caetano. They are the young priests who each spent three of the summer months in Lanchester.

They were marvellous hosts in their families and in their parishes. Father Alex is in charge of a hostel on the University of Goa Campus where 33 young men, preparing for the priesthood, are doing a variety of degrees before going back to Rachol, the Seminary where they will study theology for four years, and where they asked me to preach at the Mass they were having on Peace Day, the anniversary of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi. At the end of Mass their very talented music group sang a song of welcome for me. I sat in with Father Alex at a fascinating lecture in the University Psychology Department where the lecturer (using blackboard and chalk!) got his students discussing some recent surveys done on the effects on children of having both parents out

at work full-time. The majority of the students in the University are Hindu.

Two of Father Alex's brothers, Simon and Lucas, have a superb restaurant in Calangate which they have built up from a beach-shack. We were all regular visitors there, more as family than as clients.

Father Caetano, who was in Lanchester in 2005, is now one of three priests in a teeming parish in the port city of Vasco da Gama. I had the joy of taking part in a celebration of a baptism and marriage there, in church and then in marvellous eating and drinking, singing and dancing afterwards. There are eight Masses in the parish each weekend. I celebrated the one English Mass, the others are in Konkani. The large church is full for each celebration, with all generations there.

Caetano, in his Newcastle United shirt, took us out into the Arabian Sea in a trawler owned by one of the parishioners. It was an enjoyable, if not a luxury, cruise!



Some of the party with Fr. Andrew, who plans to visit Lanchester

Both he and Alex were very grateful for the £1,300 we brought out from Lanchester, including a generous donation from the Lions. They are going to brief us on how they use the money to help poor children and families for whom they are caring.

We had a moving Mass with Father Caetano when we prayed for everyone living in Lanchester, especially the friends Caetano had made who had died since his time here.

Afterwards we were entertained to a Goan meal, hosted by the very musical Parish Priest, who is a great promoter of the very distinctive Gaon music and drama. I keep the memories alive by playing his CD's in my car!

In July Father Andrew, who was Father Alex's Parish Priest, is coming to Lanchester for three months. He had the choice of spending his sabbatical in New York or Lanchester. He told me that Alex and Caetano had sold Lanchester so well, the choice was very easy! We all went up North to his parish in Arambol. Every village has its annual feast. We were there for Arambol's Feast. There was an outdoor Mass under great awnings. The music was accompanied by an excellent band and choir. It was all in Konkani (including the 25 minute sermon!), but the structure of the worship was familiar so

we all felt part of the whole celebration. Father Andrew invited us all to the Goan lunch afterwards. After two hours of high temperature worship a cool Kingfisher or two is very welcome! In the afternoon there was a football match - Arambol v. Mapusa. Father Victor, the curate, played for the home team. I was really impressed by the standard of play. Young Goans are avid watchers of the Premier League on television. Bored, as I frequently am at St. James' Park, I actually enjoyed watching Newcastle draw 2-2 with West Ham, sipping a cool Kingfisher in a late evening temperature of 80 degrees.

We are all looking forward to welcoming Father Andrew to Lanchester in the summer. We are lucky to have these young priests in a part of the world where the young priest is an endangered species! Canon Bob Spence



Visitors to Goa with father Caetano, featuring his Newcastle United shirt

LANCHESTER LOCALITY MAP

Arising from the Parish Plan, the Locality Map is being drawn up by Steve Scoffin of the Great North Forest on behalf of the Parish Council and Partnership. This very thorough document includes a number of maps to illustrate the wide variety of land use in the parish and outlines a strategy to manage the landscape to the benefit of all.

The many considerations include creating jobs on the land, starting a farmers market, growing biomass crops, creating habitats for wildlife, identifying 'heritage trees', creating wetlands, strengthening hedgerows, managing drove roads for biodiversity, creating more public access, assessing tourism potential and impact, opposing open-cast mining, and much more.

Copies of this final draft of the Locality Map are available in Lanchester Library. The 35-page booklet is well worth reading, and a tribute to the committee, which included Parish Councillors and over 30 members of the farming community, which has helped to create it. Comments are welcomed, and after this consultation period the Locality Map will be published.

LANCHESTER MAP BOARD

Plans are well under way for maps of Lanchester's streets and footpaths to be prominently displayed adjacent to the main car park. The idea for the map board arose from Lanchester Pathfinders, a small but active group which has worked hard to improve local footpaths, providing dozens of new stiles. As a member of this group and a Parish Councillor,

Anne Cook also involved Lanchester Partnership, Friends of the Fort and the County Council, which is now providing the know-how to design the two maps which will be combined in a double-sided board opposite Peters. Planning permission is now being sought and consultation taking place to finalise the design.

LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Fund-raising to finance the running of the Village Bus is being pursued by bus users, with help from All Saints RC church and the Black Bull. The bus passengers are also paying fares, although as pensioners they don't have to. The Partnership is also seeking grants. It was announced that the final draft of the Lanchester Locality Map is available in the Library.

It was reported that Brockwell Farm has permission to erect a chalet for the sale of the farm's products, and that Ragpathside Farm has permission to store vehicles under cover only. Following a meeting of residents of the Ford Road area, a letter had been sent to the County Council putting forward the residents' suggestions for dealing with safety concerns on Ford Road. A reply had been received from the Council, and another meeting was to be convened to consider it.

WI NEWS

Despite the inclement weather there was a good turn-out at the March meeting. Jesse Goodall recited an amusing poem about trying to diet but that it never seems to be the right time... Les Howe gave an informed and humorous account of his life as a silversmith specialising in Celtic jewellery inspired by the Lindisfarne Gospels. Les trained at 'Cleveland College of Art and Design' and launched his business in 1976 u n d e r t a k i n g ecclesiastical, corporate

and private commissions. Members were shown the various stages involved using traditional tools such as bow and twist drills. Les' thumbs are flattened and hard after so many years of intricate piercing, scratching and etching! It can take 40 hours to make a brooch. A Cuthbert's Cross, commissioned for the Bishop of Durham, took 6 weeks to complete. Maureen Barker, using a practise copy of the Cross, ably demonstrated Newton's First Law of Motion, the

'Law of Inertia'; after genuflecting the Cross returns to the front side. However, the original chain had to be shortened as it dangled in the Bishop's soup! In 2002 the Northumbrian Association commissioned the 'Harry Hotspur Award' which has since been presented to celebrities such as Alan Shearer, and the Duchess of Northumberland. Les copied a spur owned by the Charlton family at Hesleyside Hall, North Tynedale. When the

larder was empty the lady of the house used to put the spur on a plate to indicate that it was time for the men to go hunting. Les was presented to the Queen at the opening of 'Bede's World' in 2002 when he was commissioned to make a brooch. Members entered many lovely silver jewellery items into the monthly Competition. A Victorian brooch engraved with birds and a brooch with a purple Cairngorm stone were judged to be the winners.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR?

The ladies in the "Amigos" did a variety of interesting jobs for the war effort! BETTY CALLAND started work in 1940 at Villa Real isolation hospital looking after patients with diphtheria and scarlet fever. No uniform was allowed to be worn off duty. The nurses stayed in the nurses' home. Every Friday morning matron gave the nurses a dose of cod liver oil. Hygiene was very important. In the morning nurses did

a thorough cleaning of the beds, floors and lockers in the wards. After sitting an examination in Lanchester library Betty was promoted to staff nurse and went to work in Maiden Law isolation hospital (Villa Real, Tanfield and Langley Park isolation hospitals were closed). Visitors had to peep through the windows as they were not allowed inside. In 1946 Betty went to train nannies at Peele Home in Shotley Bridge.

When asked "What did you do in the war?" BETTY HARDMAN responded "Which war?" BETTY HARDMAN was bom in 1910 and she remembers World War 1. Her mother died in 1917 and she went to live with her grandma. During World War 2 she worked in a laundry office, and in 1942 replaced a man in the Midland Bank in Blackpool. A year later she married a reserve plumber.

Registration for service was by ages. Over thirty-fives and certain occupations were exempt from service in the armed forces. WRAF officers billeted in South Shore hotels were served by Betty in the bank. There were five people working in the small branch - two girls, one manager, one head cashier and one junior. In 1944 she left to have a baby daughter.

NORTHERN SPIRIT SINGERS



Northern Spirit Singers with Musical Director Andy King (far right)

An enthusiastic audience welcomed the return of **Northern Spirit Singers** to Lanchester on Saturday 10th March 2007 at 7.30pm, eagerly anticipating the opportunity to hear, once again, the excellence of this premier North-Eastern choir. In their accustomed village venue of the Lanchester Methodist Church, Northern Spirit enhanced their reputation with a display of vocal virtuosity which left the audience breathless as the choir left the stage to rousing and prolonged applause at the end of the evening's entertainment. As usual, Northern Spirit's programme began with a first half dedicated to sacred music. Under the baton of Musical Director Andy King, ably assisted by Assistant Musical Director Mike Summers, the Choir began with Byrd's "*Sing Joyfully*", Victoria's "*O Magnum Mysterium*" and "*Laetentur Coeli*" by Jacob Handl. These were followed by excerpts from Rachmaninov's "*Vespers*" ("*Priditie*" and "*Bogoroditsa*

Dyevo") and Whitacre's "*Lux Aurumque*". The final piece of the first half showed the choir's abilities to the full as they delighted the audience with a truly fabulous presentation of Tippett's arrangements of "*Five Negro Spirituals*", which featured soloists Helen Lidstone (Soprano), Rebecca McLoughlin (Alto), Tom Asher (Tenor), Ross Furmedge (Baritone) and Mike Bunch (Bass). The second half began as a male quartet, led by Musical Director Andy King, took their places "on stage" and began an intriguing, entrancing and most entertaining choral work without words. In Mike

Brewer's "*Tourdion*", the choir presented a Vocal Interpretation of Medieval Dance. The music swelled and diversified as small groups of singers entered in turn to join the singers on stage to receive a rousing appreciation from the audience. The secular music of the second half continued with three madrigals - Bennet's "*All Creatures Now*", Dowland's "*Come Heavy Sleep*" and Stanford's "*Bluebird*", the final song featuring the delightful voices of Sopranos Rhianne Strange and Emma Withill. - and "*Balulalow*" by Allain. As usual, the Choir presented a piece sung by the ladies - "*Dream a*

Little Dream of Me" - and one sung by the men, in this case a choral presentation without words of the theme tune to "*Hawaii Five-0*". The theme to "*Ghostbusters*" (arr. Summers) and Allain's "*Gonna Set Down*" were followed by that Louis Armstrong

classic "*What a Wonderful World*" and Cole Porter's "*I've Got You Under My Skin*". It was a finale which demonstrated those vocal skills which had entranced the audience all night and have made this choir master of such a demanding range of music.



(l to r) Steven Dixon, James Ramsden, Mike Bunch, James Potter begin the second half with "Tourdion"

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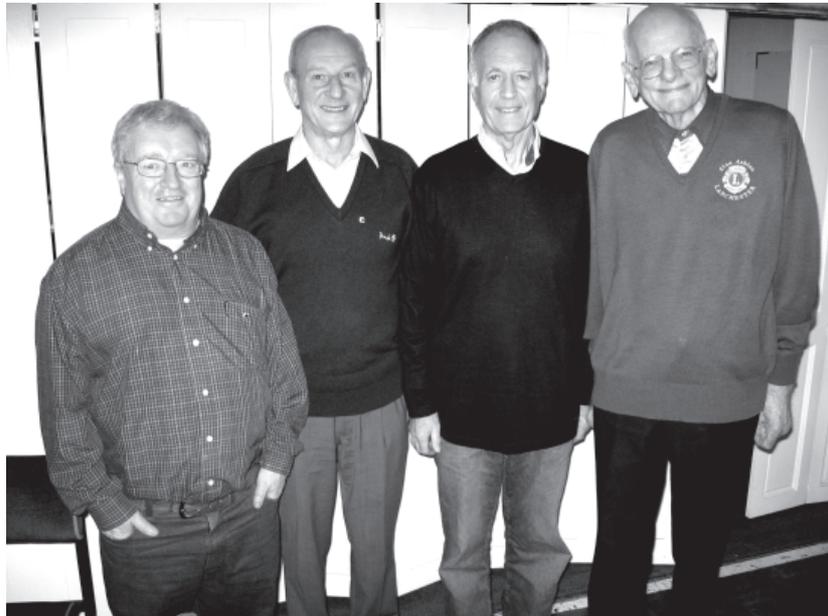
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Beware! Stan Ashton, Arthur Maughan and Brian Oram are still on the prowl after 40 years in the den they call Lanchester Lions Club. These three helped start the Club way back in 1967.

Martin Durkin is the newest member. He joined recently after moving to the village and got Stan, Arthur and Brian to chew over a few memorable 'kills' from their 40 years of voluntary fundraising and helping others in Lanchester.



Martin Durkin with long-serving Lions: Arthur Maughan, Brian Oram and Stan Ashton

1967 We deliver coal and logs at Christmas - many people still had coal fires.

We start making birthday visits to residents of Lynwood House - continues to this day.

1968 First Bonfire organised.

Floods in Front Street, Lions help emergency services to rescue trapped people. It even makes national TV.

1969 Purchased a Meals-on-Wheels Van for the WRVS (cost £450). First village

Carnival organised.

1971 A sponsored drive to Lands End and back in 24 hours (No speed cameras!).

6 members and friends do the Lyke Wake Walk, all 42 miles, in 16.5 hours.

1972 Funded the building of the Rose Garden alongside the by-pass.

1975 24 Hour Music Marathon.

1976 Funded building of Adventure Playground on

Kitswell Road Sports Field. Sadly no longer operational.

1977 Air Sea Rescue helicopter drops in at Carnival. Lions sleep at Lynwood House during the Firemen's strike.

1978 A new Meals-on-Wheels Van for the WRVS (cost £1600).

Real lions at the Carnival courtesy of the Martin Lacey Circus.

1981 We started organising holidays for elderly and

disabled people in Filey, Norfolk and Scotland.

1984 French Night (oh la la) helps to raise money for another Meals-on-Wheels Van.

1987 Rob-a-Supermarket raffle. Started fitting smoke detectors for the elderly.

1988 We begin offering Diabetes testing at events. 900 people take advantage, 16 referred.

We stage two Boxing tournaments to raise money.

1991 The first of many sponsored Bike Rides, an 18 mile and a 32 mile route.

1994 Purchased a speech synthesiser to help a local resident be more independent.

Community Centre has to close. We raise £7700 to help with refurbishment costs.

1995 A group climb Ben Nevis and a further £3400 is raised for the Community Centre.

1997 House-to-house collection is organised and raises £1500 towards Christmas lights after District Council declares it cannot afford to provide them for Lanchester.

1998 Titanic Night raises £700 - went down a treat.

2003 The OTT Players help us raise £800 with a saucy School Days performance.

2004 £2000 donated to Community Centre for new Fitness Equipment.

2005 Theme Nights based on Stars in their Eyes and the



In 1978, the Lions hand over a new Meals-on-Wheels van to the WRVS (Photo Eric Burns)



A group of pensioners leaving for a holiday with Gatehouse-of-Fleet Lions Club in 1983 (Photo Eric Burns)

THE LIONS' DEN

Italian Job raise £1200.
 2006 £1000 donated to Community Centre for 'Space' project.

These are just a few of the more memorable events from the last 40 years. Each year other regular but equally important events continue to mark the Lions Club's contribution towards village life - bookstalls on Front Street, birthday visits to Care Homes, Santa's postbox, Christmas parties and bus trips for pensioners, the Carnival and the Bonfire, fund raising nights, donations to help individuals, schools, local organisations, world disasters and Lions International projects. Not bad for a small group who give up a bit of their time.

All this nostalgia also makes you wonder:

- How many Christmas meals have we served at the Senior Citizens Party? **At least 4000.**
- How many hot dogs and ice

creams have we served at Bonfires and Carnivals? **Over 50000.**

How many birthday cards and presents have we delivered to residents at Lynwood house and other local care homes? **Over 1500..**

How much have we raised and spent over the years? Close to the **£200,000** mark and that includes 4 years pre-decimalisation!

None of these things would have happened without the support of our wives and friends. Not only do they help at events but they in turn raise lots of money through fashion shows, shopping trips to York, cream teas etc, etc. Where would we be without them and the people of Lanchester who have given so generously over the years.

It is interesting being in the Lions Club. We have a lot of fun, we have made lots of friends and most



Carnival Day at the Green School in 1976 (Photo Eric Burns)

importantly the Club has been able to give a helping hand to a lot of people.

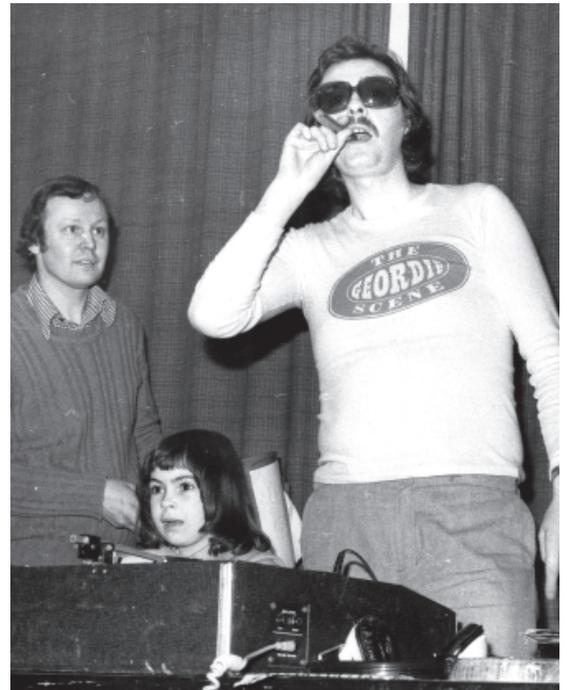
As nice as it is to look back, we need to look forward. We want to keep the momentum going for a few more years yet. We are always on the prowl for new ideas. If you think you might like to join Martin as a new member, why not give our Brin Jones a ring on 520372. We are almost like humans really and you can come as a guest to our

meetings and events to see whether it really is for you.

There will be a display in the Library of photographs taken at

Lions events over the past 40 years. Perhaps you were in the crowd somewhere?

Brian Naylor Lanchester Lions Club



DJ Ken Gardiner during the 24 hour Music Marathon in 1975 (Photo Eric Burns)



Real lions at the Carnival in 1978 (Photo Eric Burns)

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BOUNCEATHON

Emily Parkes and friends decided to get together to raise money for Red Nose Day by having a 6-hour Bounceathon in

her garden. There had to be at least one person on the trampoline during the period of the event. Luckily it was a cool

day for such strenuous exercise and the total raised was £286.52 which was a brilliant effort by the girls, all aged about eleven.



Standing in front of the trampoline for their unique fund raising idea are: Left to right: Ellie Allport; Robyn Place; Georgia McGrath; Stephanie Rogers; Emily Parkes; Beth Tulip; and Annabel Knowles.

N.B. Kate Whiteside missed the picture.

CREATIVITY WEEK

Lanchester EP School's 'Creativity Week' (26th February to 3rd March) was built round the books 'Rainbow Fish' and 'Stig of the Dump'. The infants' work involved weaving, paintings, puppets, decorating paper 'shells' and real biscuits, all with a fishy theme, as well as written books. Nicky Hughes of 'Early Years Service' was the visiting artist who worked with the infant classes, who were also visited by a dancer. The older children's work was based on 'Stig', the story of a stone age man who lives in a chalk pit in

modern times and is befriended by a boy who is staying nearby. On the Friday morning children from Burnhope School joined them to see and participate in a musical version of Stig's story, led by three members of 'Image Musical Theatre'. The morning was divided into a 'workshop', during which ten volunteer pupils were coached by Paul to play roles in the production and the majority practiced the songs. These were sung, and the accompanying actions done, with great gusto and enthusiasm.

The second part of the morning was of course the musical play, which involved lots of action, quite a bit of humour and of course the songs, well remembered by the audience. The young volunteer actors played their roles as animals, ragamuffins or neanderthals perfectly. As their Head Teacher said, it was obvious that everyone had enjoyed the production. During the Friday afternoon there was a book sale, and some of the children's work was on display.



Pupils from Mrs Hume's class decorating paper shells, part of the Creativity Week



Stig, his friends and the audience enjoy the theme song "Stig of the Dump"



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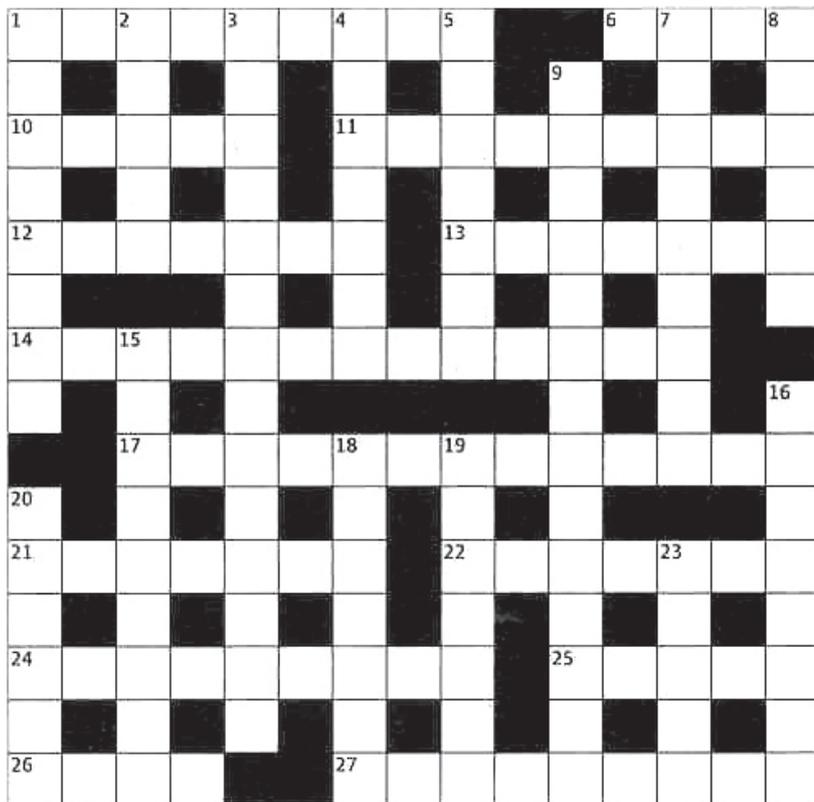
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1. Competitor of unknownability (4,5)
6. Soot speck (4)
10. Colour of light! (5)
11. Harshly (9)
- 12,21,26. Pouring down (7,4,3,4)
13. Blemish on the page (3,4)
14. Sir Paddy Boyle is nudist (4,9)
17. All alone (5,2,4,2)
21. See 12
22. Mince pie with light weight witticism (7)
24. Sleigh pullers (9)
25. Type of duck (5)
26. See 12
27. Point to OAP's with sound quality for soft rock (9)

DOWN

1. Tirade (8)
2. Religious leader (5)
3. Hastened hither (7,7)
4. E.g. helium, neon or argon (4,3)
5. Sandy is a vile mule reformed after dropping me (7)
7. Carlo Ponti's bride (4,5)
8. Secret meetings (6)
9. Mischievous behaviour (6,8)
15. Refrain from acting (2,7)
16. Trade (8)
18. Eternal (7)
19. Yachtsman's paradise? (4,3)
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There were 14 entries for crossword No. 10, and the winner from the Scrabble-bag is Tim Cannam of Fir Tree. His £10 prize is on its way, and we invite our readers wheresoever they live to attempt John Wilson's eleventh crossword this month.

BRIDGE

by Pont Viewer

S Q104
H K932
D A54
C 832

S K93
H 85
D QJ109
C AQ109

S 8765
H J10
D 876
C J765

S AJ2
H AQ764
D K32
C K4

The North East Bridge Association recently organised the Spring Simultaneous Pairs event in aid of the Alzheimer's Soc. Most EBU affiliated clubs took part in this worthwhile event and over 200 pairs participated. Lanchester resident Ken Durkin with his partner Ernie Richardson came 2nd with a 66.21% score, playing for Durham Club. Today's hand is dealt and played by South in 4H. On the surface this looks impossible to make as there are four losers - 1

each in spades and diamonds and 2 in clubs. But there is a way - it is called strip and throw in. West leads Q diamonds. Win in dummy with the A and take the spade finesse which loses. J of diamonds is played; win with the K, take trumps out and play out all your spades. Play your last diamond. West wins but is helpless. If he plays a diamond he gives you a ruff and discard in clubs. If he plays a club, he gives you a trick of K clubs. You make 10 tricks.

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ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 10

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1. Baroque
5. accused
9. assuage
- 10,12. tribute bands
11. atavistic
12. see 10
13. tweak
15. ransacker
17. throttler
19. noted
22. retch
23. crossword
25. intense
26. impinge
27. retired
28. silvern

Down

1. blatant
2. roseate
3. quasi
4. electoral
5. antic
6. chilblain
7. Sputnik
8. dresser
14. Kitchener
16. narcotics
17. terrier
18. rat-a-tat
20. trounce
21. dudgeon
23. creed
24. sepal

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BETTY



The Amigos group dedicated their 16th March meeting to card-making, and during their lunch also celebrated the 97th birthday of Betty Hardman (third from left) with a chorus of 'Happy Birthday to You' and a glass of something fizzy.

DINING OUT

The Black Door Brasserie at The Biscuit Factory, Newcastle upon Tyne - Visited 17th February 2007

This restaurant was suggested to me by The Black Door Restaurant at Central Station in Newcastle when they were fully booked one evening and they suggested their brasserie as an alternative. On arrival we were offered welcome drinks accompanied by complimentary olives and bread. I decided to order a glass of the rose' champagne and my partner had his usual pint. We were then settled in a lovely warm atmospheric and informal restaurant setting surrounded by black and white photography and impressive décor. My first course of Tempura king prawns with chilli sauce and salad arrived as did my partner's linguine with spring onions and pancetta. Both were gorgeous and drummed up serious enthusiasm for our main meals. My main was corn fed chicken with rosemary gnocchi and fennel and my partner's was a rump steak with turnip and potatoes, however I'm sure both were described much more

elegantly in the original menu, which I've since lost, so my description is purely memory of what was on the plate. Both mains were absolutely delicious and neither of us could fault any part of the meal at all so far. For dessert I decided upon Apple 'tarte tatin' with salt butter caramel and white chocolate panacotta, and my partner chose baked egg custard tart with Horlicks ice cream. We were both rather hesitant about our individual choices, neither of them being what we would usually go for, but we were both really glad once they'd arrived. They were fab to say the least. Mine was particularly sweet though, so if your tooth isn't up to it then maybe the baked egg custard is for you as it was equally as gorgeous. We were offered coffee and liqueurs but seriously couldn't manage it so requested the bill which arrived having missed off the champagne at £9.50 a glass, one pint of lager and a large mineral water. We mentioned the mishap to

the staff, who thanked us for our honesty and gave us them as a thank you any way. Our bill without these came to £65 including 2 further drinks.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is always held on the first Friday in March. The day begins at dawn over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific, continues across each continent until the last service is held back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world for about 36 hours.

In Lanchester the service is held in a different church each year, this year we met in All Saints' R C Church and were welcomed, not only by our friends at the entrance but also the sun streaming through the stained glass windows.

The service is prepared by a different country each year, this time it was the Christian ladies from Paraguay with the theme 'United Under God's Tent' and we began with some very moving words 'We have the assurance that God's tent covers us wherever and whenever we meet in his name.'

As we followed the order of service we were given an insight into the lives of several Paraguayan women and the difficulties they face.

Demetria, a country woman who was brought up to believe that she must

serve the men, first her father and brothers, now her husband and sons. She says her experience is common to many country homes where a woman's value is not recognised.

Susanna, an Enxet woman, married with four children, living in the Chaco region, an area without electricity, running water or even a hospital.

Angelica, described as a working child living in a house of cardboard and plastic, an eleven year old going to school in the morning, washing windscreens on the street afternoon and evening.

Rosalba, a University graduate whose parents made sacrifices so that she could study. Now a pharmacist, she encourages other young people not to give up their studies.

Anahi, born into a family of travelling musicians, able to visit other countries to make Paraguayan music known and thankful that she has been given the gift of music from God.

Mercedes, a Nanduti weaver. This is a delicate national lace, a spider web lace in which all the threads are united at one point, there are no loose

threads. The lace can incorporate fifty-three different designs implying diversity as well as unity.

Just as these women illustrated their diversity, so were we made aware of our own diversity and unity as we worshipped for an hour on this special day and of course we enjoyed a cup of tea together afterwards.

In 2008 the women of Guyana will be responsible for the service and the theme will be 'God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding.'
Betty Whaley

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SALTHOLME NATURE RESERVE

The speaker at the Wildlife Group's March meeting was Keith Bayes, who gave an excellent account of the current work at Saltholme Reserve near Middlesbrough,

illustrated with images of work in progress.

With the support of the Teesside Environmental Trust, the RSPB and grant-aid for economic development, derelict farmland near existing lakes is being turned into a massive nature reserve.

A 15-acre tip has been sealed with clay, a new lake created, and shallow trenches made for drainage. A 50-acre reed-bed is being established in the hope of attracting bitterns and marsh harriers. Deeper trenches were made to attract lapwings, with instant success. An island in the lake was scattered with cockle-shells with terns in mind, and this has been a conspicuous success,

with 265 pairs taking up residence.

When the reserve is officially opened in August 2008, a magnificent visitor centre will be in place, in 'kingfisher colours', incorporating a heat-retaining rammed-earth wall, solar panels, a boiler burning wood-chips, and a reed-bed to deal with sewage. An education room will cater for school parties, and a cafe for visitors, with panoramic views of the lake. It is hoped that all this will attract 103,000 visitors a year, provide 23 jobs, and put 1.4 million pounds into the local economy.

Lanchester's group are greatly impressed and are already planning an visit to Saltholme.



Keith Bayes, speaker at the Wildlife Group

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RYTON MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Saturday 10th March the EP School Junior Choir entered in the Unison Song Class and Hymn Singing Class.

In each class, we were awarded a merit for our performance. The Unison Song class test piece was 'Said the Little Mouse' composed by Eric Swallow, who was in the hall. He and Keith Downie, the composer of the hymn

were present for the classes, and it was the first time both songs had been heard in public! Our own choice song was the 'Skye Boat Song'. The hymn test piece was 'Praise the Lord', and our own choice was 'I Lift My Eyes to the Quiet Hills'. Again, we were awarded a merit for our performance. For the two classes, we were awarded three different

trophies. However, we were also awarded another additional trophy, as it was decided that we were the best choir overall from the whole festival which was a really nice accolade!

The following weekend - 17th and 18th March, the choir also performed in Consett Empire Theatre as part of Pauline Cooper's Dancing Show to over 1,000 people over the

course of the weekend. The theme was 'A Voyage of Discovery', and the children had yet more words to learn for some

new songs! Once again, they performed really well with lots of lovely comments being made about their singing.



The proud EP choir with their trophies from the Ryton Festival

FILM CLUB PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Although I had already seen this film, I was quite happy to go again as I had really enjoyed it the first time. I did not see the TV production of this novel, so could not compare them; quite a number of people prefer the T.V. film. However, to me Keira Knightly and Matthew McFadyen portrayed the main characters beautifully. She was clever, thoughtful and caring about her family and friends. Mr Darcy was brooding and reserved, but as it turned out, caring too, and rich enough to do something for others, thus endearing him to Lizzie who had thought so badly of him. Donald Sutherland and Brenda Blethyn were superb as Mr and Mrs Bennett. His laid-back character was a foil to her perpetually

harassed state. 'You know I have nerves!' - Yes I've been living with them for 24 years'. I don't know where it was filmed, but the scenery was stunning and was Mr Darcy's stately home in reality Chatsworth House? Well done to Fiona, too, who ran home and brought back her own film when the hired one didn't work. I hope the film club continues. Membership is now available at a cost of £5 which entitles members to a reduction of £1 on tickets. Otherwise tickets cost £3.50 - cheap at the price! The next film, The Constant Gardner, will have been shown by the time this is in print. Again a very good film I will be happy to see again. However, I haven't seen

the film after that, The Seduction of Mr Lewis, which is very funny, I believe, which will be in great contrast to the serious issues dealt with in the Constant Gardner. So it looks as if the club is going to give us great variety.

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HANNAH HALL

The life-story of this impressive lady was researched by her great-grand-daughter, Margaret Hedley and described with excellent illustrations to Lanchester Local History Society at the March meeting.

Hannah was born in 1820 in Great Lumley, where her father worked in one of the six local pits, earning up to 2/6 (12.5p) for a twelve-hour shift. The family moved to Thornley in 1837, where Hannah learned dressmaking from her mother. At 20 she was pregnant, but did not marry the father, possibly because his father was a publican and Hannah's parents were Methodists. Two years later she was again pregnant and married the father, John Porter, a miner.

The houses provided by Thornley Coal Co. were damp. They had two rooms downstairs and a ladder to the upper space, which was too cold in winter and too hot in summer. The sewage system was a dung-hill in the middle of the road and water came from a well half a mile away.

The next move was to Sherburn Hill, noted for drinking, gambling, and Chartist (union) activity. Hannah came there with two more children, then had another two. Four of her children died of TB. The next move was to Paradise Row, Shadforth, where Susannah was born. At this time John Porter, with others, was arrested at Liverpool by Lord Lambton's agents, fined and made to work the six weeks of his

contract. John then went to America, probably with the intention of bringing his family out later. Hannah had photos made of herself and her children at this time to send to her husband.

In 1866 John Porter had returned and was mining at the Thornley Coal Co.'s Ludworth pit, but he was killed in 1874, his family had to leave their tied house, and Hannah had to rent a house and keep herself by dressmaking. The next record of Hannah was when she remarried at the age of 66, but four years later was on her own with a shop



Margaret Hedley shows a photo of her Great Grandmother Hannah, with children Sarah and Susanna to the History Group

and taking in lodgers. She died in Trimdon in 1901, after an unusually long life full of vicissitudes in which she broke the stereotype for a woman.

All this information was unearthed by Margaret Hedley in the course of tracing her family roots back to the 1500's, and formed the basis for her MA dissertation.

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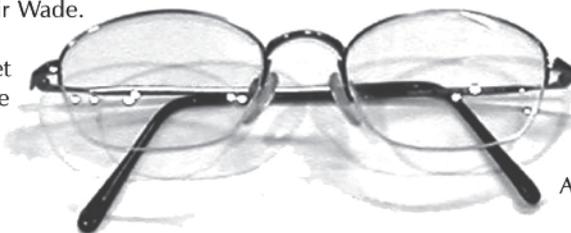
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MORE WHAT'S ON

Pilates

A new activity in the Community Centre is Pilates, a gentle but intensive kind of exercise which works your 'core muscles', increasing tone, alignment and posture.

The sessions are run by Judith Demkiw, begin on Sunday 15th April from 6.30 till 7.30pm and continue till summer.

Alzheimer's Fund Raising

Alzheimer's is an illness that knows no boundaries; it can affect young and old alike. One day your loved one can be leading a normal life, the next they can be affected by Alzheimer's. In a terrible twist of fate it not only changes the life of the person struck down but also those who have to look after them.

Within Derwentside we are fortunate to have a charity organisation that raises money to help and support those families affected by Alzheimer's, based at their charity shop at 4 Market Street Consett. The organisation not only runs the shop but also organises various fund raising events throughout the year.

The next event is a Pie & Pea supper and Quiz at the Consett Steel Club on 25th April. Tickets are £3.50 each and can be purchased at the shop or by calling 01207 505150. If you would like to find out more about the Alzheimer Society please contact Mrs Coombe on 01207 561835.

Are you interested in walking? Do you want to get fit?

"Annfield Plain and District", your local walking club, started their summer programme with walks of 9.5 and 6 miles from Richmond on Saturday 17th March.

On the 31st March the walks are in Weardale, starting from Westgate, with a coffee stop at the Dales Centre in Stanhope. The 14th April sees us travelling to Bamburgh where the walks follow St Oswald's Way (coffee stop at the popular Heighley Gate garden centre).

The coach picks up in Stanley, Annfield Plain and Lanchester, and there is a superb range of outings up till the end of October. Further details available from Margaret Palmer on 01207234370.

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Coming Shortly

A fund raising coffee morning for the Walsingham pilgrimage is held in the Parish Church on Wednesday 18th April, 9.30-11.30am.

Lanchester Operatic Society presents "Music to Lift the Spirit" on 13th July at 7.15 pm in Lanchester Methodist Church.

The Hexham and Newcastle Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 3rd to 10th August. The Walsingham

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

The Leeds Library Players will perform The Wind in the Willows on 4th October in the Community Centre

North Country Theatre will present The Electrical Wizard of the North on 8th November.

Organisers, please try to avoid listed events dates Planning ahead? Let me know when and where. Ring 521427.

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Annual Village Conference

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The Conference will be immediately followed by the regular Parish Council meeting, which anyone may attend, but can only speak on matters in the Agenda early in the meeting.

Country Market

The Country Market will set out its stalls in the Community Centre on Saturday 7th April, with the usual range of cakes, pies, jams, vegetables, crafts, eggs and more. Tea, coffee, and scones can also be enjoyed. Opening time 10 am.

Easter Craft Session

A craft session for children will be held in Lanchester library on Thursday 5th April from 2-3.30pm. Please bring a hard-boiled egg.

Short Walks

The Byways & Bridleways Group offers a walk on Tuesday 17th April at the Castleside Inn, The Grove, Moorside, starting at 7pm. For further info ring 583429. The 'Short Circuits' RA group meets at Kibblesworth outside the Plough Inn (but don't use the pub car park) at 10.30am on Saturday 28th April for a 4.5 mile walk. Acorn Amblers meet at Smiddy Shaw Reservoir car park for a 5 mile walk starting at 1.30pm on Sunday 22nd April.

Eggs At Easter

April 9th is Easter Monday, and this means that young folks (and adults too) should assemble at 10 o'clock behind the Green School aka Derwenside College, Lanchester branch, carrying an egg. Members of the Wildlife Group will advise how to wrap this egg in foliage, then in the onion skins and cloth provided, ready for boiling. An option is to bowl the said egg down Paste Egg Hill, which is also provided. If you're under 8, bring a minder. It's good fun, do come.

Mothers' Union

At our meeting on April 11th, at 7.30pm in the Chapter House, the speaker will be Craig Robertson from the National Legal Service.

WHAT'S ON?

Cricket Club Activity Day

Saturday March 31st will be a day of great activity at Lanchester Cricket Club as the club moves towards the ECB's Club Mark accreditation designed to improve the club's facilities, coaching, atmosphere and membership. Everything begins at 11am when there will be a Bring and Buy sale with proceeds going towards the development of youth sport in our village. All donations for this sale can be made at the Cricket Club after 7.30pm every evening or if collection is required please call David on 07748035056 (evenings please.) We will be having a barbecue and members of the club are invited to take part in various DIY projects including painting and decorating, plastering and gardening to hopefully vastly improve the look and feel of the club. Anyone interested in playing cricket at any age or level is invited to come down to the club and have a chat with numerous players and members who will be on hand and maybe even have a bat in the nets!! We will be accepting membership applications and hopefully enjoying a beautiful warm spring day! So come down, meet new people, pick up some bargains and get involved in sport in our village, it promises to be a great day. David Rafferty

Bowls Spring Meeting

Winter is over and the verdant sward of the bowling green beckons. The bowls club is holding its spring meeting on 19th April at 7pm in the bowls pavilion. All current and potential new members are welcome to attend. Last year Lanchester was one of the few bowls clubs in the area to increase its membership and the buzz is that there are more new members expected. All leagues that the clubs' teams play in are mixed so women are welcome along with men. Those not able to attend the meeting will find the green open from the start of May.

Litter Pick

Lanchester Partnership and Parish Council, with support from Earth Watch and Morrisons, hope to clean up every area of the village, and need your help. Please come and join in Lanchester's Community Litter Pick on Saturday 31st March. Come to the Village Green between 10am and 2pm, wearing gloves and strong shoes.

Fashion Show

A fashion show of separates by "Kays" of South Shields will be held at 7pm on Saturday, 28th April in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. Entry is by ticket only and the £1 tickets are available from WI members and also from "Beryl's" Hairdressers. As part of the Raffle "Kays" have donated a £10 voucher, and there will also be other good prizes.

MP Surgery

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Charity Dinner

The Cricket Club hosts a four-course dinner in the cricket club marquee and suite on Thursday April 10th in aid of Willowburn Hospice.

The evening will be compered by comedian David Greener, and entertainment will be provided by comedian Brendan Healy and Neil 'Razer' Ruddock.

Attractions include a late licence, 'heads and tails', a sports auction and 'roll the dice to win a brand-new car'.

The dress code for the event is 'shirt and tie', tickets are £40 and can be obtained from Stephen Robertson by ringing 528757. It starts at 7pm.

Charity Race Night

It's Race Night in the Cricket Club on Friday 27th April in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The show starts at 7.30pm and the £3 ticket includes pies and peas. For tickets ring 521402 or 521408.

WI Meeting

The next meeting at 7pm on 2nd April in the Small Hall, Community Centre, is 'Tempering Chocolate and Moulds' and the Competition (not compulsory!) is 'A Chocolate Novelty'. As usual visitors are most welcome but not if they are dieting... **HAPPY EASTER!**

Wildlife Group

At the meeting on Tuesday 10th April in the Community Centre at 7.30pm John Bragg and Jaqui McHugh will be talking about "Woodlands and Wetlands on Previous Coal-sites", referring to the West Durham coal-field.

Easter Services

All Saints Catholic Church

Thursday 29th March 7.00pm Service of Reconciliation

Friday 30th March 10.00am School Mass preparing for the Big Week

Saturday 31st March 6.30pm Blessing of the Palms and Mass

Sunday 1st April 10.00am Procession of Palms and Mass

Thursday 5th April 7.00pm Washing of Feet and Mass

Friday 6th April 11.00am Stations of the Cross

Friday 6th April 3.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday 7th April 8.00pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 8th April 10.00am Easter Mass

6pm Churches Together United Service

Methodist Churches Lanchester

Palm Sunday 10.30am All age Worship

6pm Churches Together United Service

Maundy Thursday 7pm Circuit Service at Annfield Plain Central

Good Friday 10.30am Good Friday reflections

7pm Make Way for the Cross with the Circuit Choir

Easter Sunday 8am Easter

Communion followed by breakfast

10.30am All age Worship
6.00pm Easter Evening Service

Burnhope

Palm Sunday 10.30am Family Service

Good Friday 10.30am Service

Easter Sunday 8.00am Service at Road Ends

5.30pm Easter Communion

Parish Church

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday - Usual morning services with the blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses

6pm United Service 'Journey to the Cross' (at Lanchester).

Maundy Thursday Solemn Eucharist of the Last Supper 7pm (Lanchester)

Good Friday United Service on Lanchester Green 9.30am

All Age Service (Lanchester) 10am

Devotional Hour (at Lanchester & Holmside) 2pm

Easter Eve Easter Vigil 8pm (Lanchester)

Easter Day Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion 8am (Lanchester)

United Service on Lanchester Green 9.30am

Lanchester Social Club

Apologies for the statement last month that non-members are welcome, as events are only open to members and associates. However membership only costs £1, and among the activities available are Saturday entertainment in the lounge bar, Friday evening 50/50 dancing, Monday evening line dancing, Thursday evening bingo, men's

darts and dominoes and ladies' darts, dominoes and quoits.

Free Saturday evening entertainment in the lounge bar includes brilliant male singer Gas Jenson on April 7th, an old favourite by popular request Angie Benson (formerly Angie Rich) on the 14th, Nigel's Karaoke on the 21st and exciting young singer Mark McCann on the 28th.

Carnival Theme

The theme for the Lions' Village Carnival on 16th June will be 'BIRTHDAYS' as it is the 40th Birthday of the Lions Club.

Library Closure

Lanchester library will be closed for Easter from April 6th to 9th inclusive.

Lanchester Film Club

On April 22nd, at 7.30 in Lanchester Community Centre, the Film Club presents 'SEDUCING DR. LEWIS', the winner of the Sundance Film Festival world cinema audience award.

'Set in the little harbour village of St-Marie-La-Mauderne, the vanishing fish stocks of a once thriving community have plummeted and pushed the village into decline, forcing the fishermen to rely on government welfare.

When a small company considers building a factory on the island, the villagers see a chance where they can finally stop their once beautiful village declining and restore it to its former glory. Complications arise as it becomes clear that the factory cannot be built without a resident doctor, which is one of the things which the small town does not possess.

Seeking to attract the young Dr Lewis (David Boutin), Germain (Raymond Bouchard) leads the village into transformation. It's the beginning of the seduction. Everything is done for the doctor to try and please him, from the women's dress code to the food, even the patient's illnesses. Even the most disillusioned villagers rally to the cause. The entire village works together and with huge dedication towards trying to convince the doctor that St-Marie-La-Mauderne is the ideal place to live.'

Lions of Zululand

One of South Africa's foremost traditional Zulu music and dance groups can be seen at Lanchester Primary School on Wednesday 5th April at 7pm. The group promises vibrant action, music and dance, with Zulu proverbs, dialogue, music and dance in fast paced action.

This production is open to all and tickets price £3 for adults, £2 for children are available from the school office, telephone 520436.

WI Events

A COFFEE MORNING (50p ticket at door) with a Rainbow Stall and Raffle is to be held in the Community Centre from 9.30am on 4th April. Everyone is also welcome to a **FASHION SHOW OF SEPARATES** by "Kays" of South Shields at 7pm on Saturday, 28th April in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be a good selection of ladies Spring separates to suit all sizes. Entry is by ticket only and the £1 tickets are available from "Beryl's" hairdressers or ring Jennifer (01207 520012). As part of the raffle "Kays" has donated a £10 voucher.

Flower Club

The club's April meeting on Wednesday 25th will be nice and dry in the Community Centre at 2pm, though the subject of the demonstration, by Christine Ogle of Morpeth, is "A Stormy Night at Sea".

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SPORTSNIGHT AT THE CRICKET CLUB

A packed Cricket Club on Friday 16th March enjoyed a tremendous evening featuring John Beresford, the former Portsmouth and Newcastle player and Eric Gates, the ex-Ipswich, Sunderland, Carlisle and England player. Comper for the evening was Graeme Forster, who did a first-class job prompting the two former footballers to relate the various significant events in their football lives. Both footballers had considerable experience of the media, which showed in the confident, humorous way in which they described the unusual happenings in the world of top class football. Many famous names were featured, including Sir Bobby Robson, Kevin Keegan, Laurie McMenemy, Jack Charlton, Paul Gascoigne, Ian Wright and Peter Beardsley, to name but a few. Both players came over as honest, sincere and not at all boastful. In fact, the humour in many of their stories, which included themselves, was quite self-deprecating. They both came from quite humble backgrounds and appreciated everything that had happened for them during their football careers. They obviously loved their sport and knew so many football people, and could tell those who were passionate about the

game and those who were just there for the money. Many of the things spoken about were said with almost naive candour. Had some tabloid news people been at the event they would have had a field day with some of the anecdotes that were told.

Ned Kelly, a local 'blue' Comedian came on for a half hour spot and had the audience in stitches. The club could have raised even more money had a swear box been operative. In fact, Ned Kelly would have probably negated his fee! However, the main thing was that he gauged the audience, and he did what all good comedians do, rapidly built an excellent rapport, and made them laugh. Perhaps the few ladies present were made to blush a little, if not outwardly, maybe inwardly!

At the interval there was an excellent meal of either Curry or Chilli, with Rice, Jacket Potato and Pitta Bread. This was supplied by Crinnions Catering and proved to be very popular.

After the interval John Beresford and Eric Gates took the stage again in a question and answer session and once more dealt with the questioners in an informed, sometimes serious, sometimes humorous way.

The evening ended with an auction of sporting memorabilia. Various framed pictures and shirts



John Beresford, Graeme Forster and Eric Gates

were on offer auctioned by Graeme Forster. Eight items were auctioned, the lowest successful price bid was for a Peter Beardsley shirt at £175 and the highest was for a picture of Henry Cooper with a boxing glove, framed for £275. Altogether about £1370

was spent at the auction which was divided in some way between G.R.A.S.S. Roots Arranged Sports Shows and the Cricket Club.

The evening was finalised with a raffle, again featuring some sporting goods. It was a well-organised, very

successful event which was both entertaining and enjoyable. An extremely pleasing total in the region of £2000 was raised for the Cricket Club who would like to thank everyone who helped and supported their Sportsman Night.

ICE SKATING COMES TO SCHOOL

'Friends' of the EP School organised a synthetic ice rink in order to raise money for the school grounds development. The event took place after school on Thursday 15th February.

Lots of children accompanied by some adults enjoyed the fun on the ice with lots of tumbles. When they were not skating children could enjoy a tea of hot dogs, crisps and juice,

which gave childminders and parents alike some respite from the usual evening chores. The price for the skating was £3.00 per head and the profit made was £319.32



Children and adults enjoying the rough and tumble of ice skating at EP school



Comedian - Ned Kelly

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by 17th April. The deadline for **adverts** is 15th April.

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