

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## CARNIVAL LETDOWN IN RAIN

The Lions Village Carnival probably had their worst ever rain for their main event of the year. The rain began as people were gathering for the procession. However, the big disappointment was that the Carnival procession had to be cancelled, not because of the weather, but because Traffic Management, which is a mandatory service for road closures, failed to turn up. Many children and their organisations who did so much preparation and planning were very upset. On the bright side the village, especially children, really supported the event and for a while the sideshows were very busy especially hot dogs and teas in the church hall. Lions, ladies and children dressed up in the Pirates and Princesses theme as well which greatly added to the still cheerful atmosphere.



*Lion President Mark Draper and Pirate James and Princess Rebecca waiting at Kitswell Road for the procession - disappointed at the outcome*



*Angela and Julia - the pirates of Willow Burn*

Full story and more pictures next month.

## REV PETER WATERHOUSE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



*Rev Peter Waterhouse on the right and Rev Harry Lee on the left at the 25th Anniversary of Rev Waterhouse's appointment as vicar of Lanchester*

May 31st 1983 was a 'scorcher', Canon Peter Waterhouse observed. May 31st 2008, 25 years later, was another beautiful sunny day. He also recalled that the following day in 1983 was a nasty wet day and lo and behold the following day in 2008 was just like that! Perhaps we have a prophet in our midst but certainly we have a good, faithful and popular priest in our midst. This was very apparent on Saturday May 31st 2008 when a great many people attended All Saints' Parish Church for a special Silver Jubilee Eucharist, presided over by Canon Waterhouse himself to commemorate 25 years as vicar of Lanchester. It was a very joyous occasion for everyone. Many invited guests attended alongside members of Peter's family and the congregation. These included the Area Dean of Lanchester, local clergy in the Deanery of Lanchester and our former curate Reverend Helen Barton and her husband

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Dear  
Village....

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ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice  
My father, who lives on Durham Road, recently reached his 95th birthday. As part of his birthday present my wife decided to brighten up his garden by buying some plants in nice pots, as decoration around his front door and also to plant some others in his front garden. Almost immediately some low-life stole a potted plant and has had the nerve to come back a second time to remove not only another potted plant but to start stripping the plants from the garden. I cannot believe the depths that people can sink to. What do you think?  
Regards,  
Don Mason

Dear Village Voice  
I would like to say a great big thank you to all the people who helped with the work in my salon, Talking Heads, Gavin, Dave Crampton, Barry, Jeff and his Dad, Norman, Michelle and Natalie. Also a big thank you to my Mum for having the two girls till all hours of the morning allowing me and Jeff to be at the salon, till all hours of the morning!  
Many thanks again,  
Jeni Carson

**QUEENS AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE 2008  
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*Michael Leithrow poses for a picture with his 'Enterprise' award*

The work and effort of the Executive Director and General Manager of Northern Pinetree Trust, Birtley, has recently been recognised by Her Majesty the Queen through the Grant of Appointment of the 2008 Queen's Award for Enterprise. Michael, previously employed as Financial

Accounting Manager by Black and Decker at Spennymoor and Regional Manager (Administration Services) by Wimpey Homes and Construction both in the North East and Home Counties has supported the community for many years. Michael, a resident of Cadger Bank, Lanchester, was instrumental in setting up the Northern Pinetree Trust as a social enterprise and registered charity, dedicated to helping the most seriously disadvantaged in the North East. Formerly a Trustee and since 2002 its General Manager, Michael has helped develop the Pinetree Trust into a leading specialist enterprise agency working predominantly with people with a disability who wish to consider working for themselves. Michael also acts as General Manager to the Spirit of Enterprise Loan fund which makes over 30 loans per annum and has lent in excess of £500,000 to emerging North East businesses. Northern Pinetree Trust helps over 100 people a year with a disability or from disadvantaged communities to establish businesses of their own and many more to explore the possibility of doing so. Specialist programmes are available working with offenders, ex-offenders and the long-term sick. More recently the organisation has

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## OUT OF SIGHT?

Thomas Gray, a local student, has graduated with a first class honours degree in Fine Art from Newcastle University. Thomas's achievement assumes even higher recognition when it is learned that he is in fact, partially sighted. He has never let this hamper him, however, and has used his unique perspective on everyday life to great effect in his creative art. His achievements and activities have been well documented by The Village Voice, including his ranking amongst AQA Exam Board's top five A-level Art and Design marks in the summer of 2004, when he gained 100%, and his exhibition of *Out of Sight* at Lanchester All Saints Catholic Church in the summer of 2006. The village itself has often been an important point of reference in Thomas's work, as he

has sought to explore the place in which he grew up and from where he gained his independence. In 2006, he created *Out of Sight*, a six-minute video piece which retraced a familiar childhood journey through Lanchester, from home to school. Thomas explains "I began by collating video and photographic documentation of the route and it became apparent that my memory of the journey was influencing my documentation of it, attracting me to specific landmarks and pieces of imagery that I had become so familiar with throughout my childhood. Many of these places had attained such high levels of significance through their being specifically chosen for me as places of refuge or safety. I utilised this



Local student Thomas Gray who has graduated with a 1st Class Honours degree in Fine Art from Newcastle University

familiar imagery, take place for the viewer, at the Hatton Gallery Newcastle. He intends to further develop his skills base in film and video by undertaking a Masters degree in Digital Media at Newcastle University in September of this year. extracted it from its original context and animated it through a black background. The video allows a process of familiarisation with the imagery, and therefore the village, to familiar imagery, akin to my own experience." Thomas has continued to develop his concepts through video and his degree show, entitled 'Pauses' ran from the 30th May to 17th June

### WADE'S BOOK REPRINTED

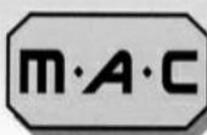
Author Fred J Wade lived in Annfield Plain and played a leading role in a popular walking group. He was an authority on the history of the area and wrote fascinating books about the Derwent valley as well as South Moor, Stanley, Tanfield, Annfield Plain and the Lanchester area. His book about Lanchester and Satley, originally published in 1970, is to be reprinted and will be available for sale at Lanchester library, price £7, with all of the profits going to charity.

### WELCOME

Kate Anne Burdon was born on the 12th of June at 11.38 am to the Lanchester Pharmacy's popular pill and potion dispenser Mrs Anita Burdon and her husband Mark. The 6lb 1oz baby and her mother are both doing well.

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# REV PETER WATERHOUSE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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Reverend Stephen Barton, not forgetting of course our friends from St John's Church Burnhope for whom Peter is also priest. It was a very ecumenical occasion in that friends from the Methodist and Roman Catholic churches in our village, including Father Spence, also attended. The sermon was preached by a long-term friend of Peter's, Reverend Harry Lee. After establishing that he and Peter were 'Billingham Boys' he gave some amusing and interesting anecdotes of their friendship and made reference to the kind, caring, and 'thoroughly committed and spiritual' person that Peter has always been and still is. It would seem that humour has always been a part of

Peter and we are not surprised, as we all know that he has an endless supply of witty stories for every occasion!

After the service there was a sumptuous feast of goodies prepared by our catering team, under the leadership of Sarah Allison and to which many of our church community had contributed.

After tea there was a presentation for Peter, from our church family, to thank him for his ministry over 25 years and to show our appreciation of all that he has done for us over the years. Mr Stephen Burt, a Lay Reader in our church, paid tribute to Peter's leadership and guidance and personal friendship and the Area Dean, Reverend Gary Birchall,

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*The Bell ringing team prepare to ring a Plain Bob Minor in honour of Canon Peter Waterhouse's 25th anniversary of his appointment as vicar of Lanchester*

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# REV PETER WATERHOUSE'S ANNIVERSARY

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 spoke of the respect and high esteem in which Peter was held in the Deanery and obviously in the community in which he lives. Peter responded by saying how happy his 25 years have been with our church family, referring collectively how much he has always appreciated the many members of his congregation who have

been so supportive and helpful during his 25 years of working with them. Peter also referred to his kinship with the Lanchester community who are an integral part of his life. 'All wonderful people' he said. They say that behind every good man there is a good woman and so we must not forget Sheila who has always been a supportive wife, in the very demanding

job which Peter has. Mrs Margaret Brown, who is our Mother's Union leader, presented her with a beautiful basket of flowers. Thank you Peter from all your 'Lanchester Saints' for the last 25 years. Thank you God for all your provision for us, and especially for your gift of a faithful caring priest. Brenda W Craddock

## BELL RINGING EXHIBITION



Anne McKenzie peruses the Bell Ringers' exhibition at the Parish Church

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2008

As there was no-one able to give a Police Report, the next item on the Agenda was the confirmation and approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and Ordinary

Meeting which was held on the 20th of May 2008. **Matters Arising.** The Annual Report for 2007/08 was discussed. It was agreed that a List of Councillors would be included and that the

telephone numbers of Councillors would be given, together with their address or c/o Park House, whichever the Councillor chose. It is to be delivered to everyone in the Ward by a delivery company at a cost of £150.

**Village Handyman.** Mr David Maddox has been appointed as handyman and started work on the 16th of June. The Parish Clerk showed Councillors all the paperwork involved in his employment and she suggested that training in the use of certain implements, etc. be given as necessary for Health and Safety requirements and Cllr Mrs Cook stated that training courses were available at County Hall and also through British Conservation Trust Volunteers.

**Nominations for County Durham Association of Local Councils.** Two Councillors would apply for the post of executives.

**Primary Strategy for Change.** The Clerk gave Members the latest information; the nearest primary schools to be affected were Hamsteels and Esh Winning. **Minutes of Meetings** held by the Recreation, Planning and Finance, Development & General Purpose Committees were approved.

**Kitswell Road Recreation Area.** Mr Simon Green attended the meeting and gave Members the plans for the proposed development. These showed two separate areas for play and a cycle track at an estimated cost of £80,000 for which a grant for half the amount had been applied for.

About a dozen children had helped to complete the forms and had been involved in the design of the cycle track, having visited three local tracks with Mr Green, Mrs Gladstone and Cllr Burton. It was agreed that a consultation evening be held to ask the opinion of local residents, the meeting to take place at the cricket club. Tuesday 1st July at 6.30 pm was provisionally arranged, with information to be delivered to local residents beforehand. Members thanked Mr Green and Mike Gladstone for their work involving the young people and for coming up with this scheme; Mr Gladstone replied that the young people had thanked the Council at their meeting.

**Correspondence.** A letter had been received from the Department for Communities and Local

Government asking whether the Council wished to have Parish Council elections in two years time. It was decided that it would be too expensive to run this election on its own and the next elections should take place at the same time as the next Local Elections, even though this would mean that Members would be serving the Council for a longer period.

**Appointment of independent member to Durham Police Authority.** This would involve some 10 to 12 hours paid attendance per week. Members were asked if they were interested although applications are open to anyone, not just Councillors.

**Summer Activities** A request from Leisureworks to use the Park House recreation area for summer activities was considered. This is to be run by Play Rangers and daily sessions would be tailored to the needs of the children who would attend. The scheme is to be Lottery Funded. It was agreed that permission be granted as long as any damage that was incurred would be made good. Details are available from the Leisureworks magazines and their new website.

**CiLCA Course** It was agreed that the Clerk attend these training sessions and that the Council pay the fee.

**Developing Mental Health services for aged in Co Durham and Darlington**

A consultation document was shown and Cllr Burton agreed to peruse this and comment at the next meeting.

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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**The Financial Report** was given by the Clerk and the accounts were presented for both approval and payment. **Newsletters.** As part of becoming a Quality Parish Council, a quarterly Newsletter is proposed to be produced. The Clerk had created a very interesting display

showing various types of size and font, colour or black and white, print or photocopy (comparative prices) and distribution. Suggested publication dates are August, November, February and May. The newsletter also needs a name. **Statue on Valley Walk** Groundwork have suggested that the 6-

foot statue of a Roman soldier be donated by them for siting on the Valley Walk. It was agreed that before a decision is made, the Clerk should enquire about Third Party Insurance and maintenance. **Date of Next Meeting** Tuesday 15th July at 7.15pm in the Conference Room at Park House, Lanchester.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

A Meeting was held by the Planning Committee after the Ordinary Meeting to consider the following two applications:

1. The erection of one agricultural building at the Stobbilee Farm, Lanchester. **NO OBJECTIONS.**
2. Felling of a monkey puzzle tree to the ground at No2, Colepike Hall,

Lanchester. It was agreed that some independent advice with regard to the health and vitality of the tree would be taken from the County Arboricultural Dept before a decision is made. **Decisions of Derwentside District Council** Erection of dwelling house and apartment at rear of the

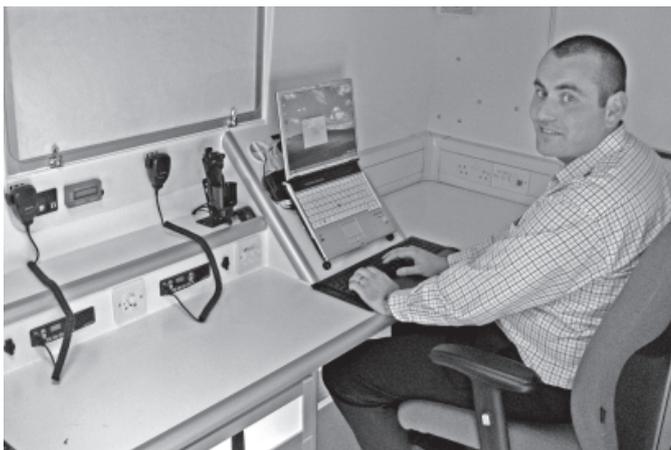
Lanchester Branch Library, at Newbiggen Lane, GRANTED. Witbank Garage. The erection of a single storey extension, together with the demolition of a partially collapsed section to south side of the unit, the installation of two underground tanks and the erection of some security fencing. GRANTED.

## 'THE MASTER' COMES TO LANCHESTER

Red Cross workers in the area come together twice a year to compare notes and socialise, and on Saturday 7th June the meeting was held in Lanchester Community Centre. After lunch provided by Crinnions and a little networking, they listened to a talk by Martin Hewitson on the work of the Red Cross at the scene of major disasters. A major piece of kit which has been

on call in the North East for only eight weeks is the Renault Master, a medium-sized van which contains the Command and Control System. A lap-top computer can control any number of independent units working on the site and communicate with them all to ensure maximum efficiency. This vehicle, one of the first in the country to move into action, was available for inspection

by the delegates, who could also see displays by each local group. Lanchester's display proudly announced that we have over 40 volunteers, all unpaid, who mainly staff the Red Cross Shop. This recently held the title of top shop in the area. Two members provide Red Cross services at the Lions' carnival and bonfire and Operatic Society events.



*Martin Hewitson at the controls of the 'Command and Control System which is situated in the Renault Master van*



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## WILDLIFE WORKING PARTY

The third working day Saturday June 21st, guided organised by Lanchester Wildlife Group was on Saturday June 21st, guided by County Council Ranger Coralie Dickinson.



*Mike Wardle clears weeds from the bank of the Browney*

# MORE SUMMER FAYRE PICTURES



*Ann Hutchinson and Audrey Wright take the raffle very seriously*



*Dick Rose and Dick Hunter enthusiastically selling the tickets on the Bottle Tombola*



*Margaret Brown, Sheila Waterhouse and Phyllis Reed joyfully sell cakes to Maureen Bennett*

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**COLEPIKE FARM  
OPEN DAY**

Keith and Gillian Harrison opened Colepike Home Farm to visitors as part of the national Farm Sunday event on Sunday June 1st.

Visitors were invited to visit the farm with a view to informing the public about farm work. Unfortunately rain poured down during

opening hours, but visitors unwilling to squelch round the fields could inspect a few cattle and sheep which had been brought into the barn. A few chickens were also on view, and a display on hedge-laying reflecting the national competition held last year.

Visitors could also learn about the 'passport' system affecting all cattle, which creates extra paperwork for the family.

In spite of the vile weather a few local people made the effort to visit the farm, so the effort made was justified.



*Keith and Gillian Harrison, whose farm was opened to visitors, admire the hedging display provided by Andrew Adams (right)*

**KITSWELL ROAD  
RECREATION AREA**

**Possible Up-Grade**

A special meeting of the Lanchester Partnership's Youth Group was held on Thursday the 12th of June in the Community Centre to work on plans and put together a grant application for a bike track and teen play equipment.

As reported in a previous edition of the Village Voice, some young people had visited bike tracks around the region and had started to draw plans of the most desirable lay-out.

The Parish Council had already indicated that its land at the Kitswell Road recreation area could be used, and would consider helping to pay for it.

Lanchester's District Councillors had also expressed support and said that they would consider financial help, and the group had been encouraged to put in a grant application for the Youth Capital Fund. The meeting went very well and the grant

application has now been made.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council is making all of the necessary arrangements to consult the local residents and the cricket and rugby clubs.

Page 6 of this edition of the Village Voice in the Parish Council section reports on a discussion that the Council subsequently had regarding the development of this recreation area.

## CLASS 3'S TRIP TO SEGEDUNUM

Children from Year 3 and 4 All Saints had a fabulous day out at Segedunum in Newcastle following a large project on History of the Romans. This trip consolidated everything the children had been learning and gave them some fabulous opportunities to imagine what life was like in Roman Britain.

When we came back to school, all of the children entered a competition to write a recount of the day to be published in the Village Voice! They were all fantastic and we had a very difficult time choosing who would be the winner! Here are two super articles describing the day and the rest are displayed in school!

Our Trip to Segedunum  
On Wednesday 21st May 2008, my class and six adults waited for the coach to travel to Segedunum in Newcastle. We were all chatting on the bus with excitement.

When we got there, we saw a big tower. First we went to the reconstructed Hadrian's Wall. We filled in our worksheet and we even got to go up on top of the wall and pretend we were Roman soldiers. It was great! After that, we

went to the remains of the Roman Fort. There were little signposts and we had to read them and fill in the worksheet. The signposts were telling us about the artefacts that had been dug up in the site.

Then we went to the Bath House. There were a couple of different activities there, like working with the artist Simon Terry on a large mosaic of the Emperor Hadrian or doing some little mosaics. The main thing in the baths was a guided tour around the rooms like the hot and cold room.

After the baths, we went up the tower. It was a great view. Meanwhile the other groups were downstairs at the shop then we swapped over. Finally it was lunchtime, I was starving!

After lunch, we went to the museum. There were lots of interesting things and you could watch a video, see the artefacts that had been dug up in the fort, read the information and get dressed up!

We had to go home, that was the best day ever, although I was tired!

Written by Emily Morris, Year 4

Our Class Trip to Segedunum

On Wednesday 21st May, Class 3 went to Segedunum. We went to Segedunum to learn more about the Romans. Class 3, Mrs Jordan, Mrs Selby, Mrs Lawson, Miss Poezevara, Sean and Mrs Summers went on our school trip. We got there by coach.

Firstly we went to Hadrian's Wall and then we went to see the Fort Site. Next we went to the Roman Baths. Firstly I made a mosaic with an artist, then we met a lady who showed us the cold room, the warm room, the hot room, warm room two and warm room three. Then I coloured in a mosaic.

Next I went up the tower and into the shop and I bought four posters to colour in and some sweets. Then I had some lunch. We ate lunch near the cloakroom.

After lunch, we went into the museum. We looked at lots of artefacts. Then the coach came and we had to go back to school. I was sad on the coach. I'd had a brilliant, fantastic, super time.

Written by Emily-Kate Tiplady, Year 3



At Segedunum, All Saints children contributed to this mosaic of the Emperor Hadrian which was made over a two day workshop with the artist Simon Terry. The mosaic was then to be displayed in the museum.

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**VETS4PETS**

A competition was held recently which was open to all children in primary schools throughout Durham, to design a poster to encourage pet owners to keep their pets healthy. Apparently most pets, whatever variety, suffer from obesity and it is thought that over half the pets in the UK are overweight. Sophie Taylor, aged 11, who attends Lanchester EP School, came third in the competition. She was rewarded with a visit to Durham Vets4Pets Surgery accompanied by her younger sister Chloe and Head Teacher, Jane Davis. Whilst there, she met up with the other two winners, plus siblings, saw a dog having an operation and learned



Sophie Taylor proudly displays her prize

lots of interesting poster which she information from the vet. created, was two tickets Her prize for the excellent to Diggerland.

**AUTHOR AT ALL SAINTS**

Author and illustrator Jules Burnett visited All Saints Primary School on June 13th to tell the children about his book 'Let's Go Flying, Kites'. He showed the children the pages of his book on the white board and explained how two red kite chicks, Squawk and Squeal, were fed worms by their parents and exercised their wings to prepare for flight. Men came to the nest to give them leg rings, wing tags and aerials so that they could be tracked

throughout their lives. The chicks were born in May, and at eight weeks old, when they were as big as their parents, they flew. Jules stretched his arms out on both sides to show the wing-span of a kite. Jules, who also happens to be Project Administrator for the Red Kite Project, had enjoyed drawing the story and had included members of his own family and actors who have played Dr Who among the humans visiting the kites.



Author Jules Burnett with his book 'Let's Go Flying, Kites'

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# ALL SAINTS CELEBRATE EUROPE DAY

Friday 9th May was Europe Day. This is a special occasion where we celebrate the unity between members of the European Union.

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The European Union is based on four main goals:

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3. To allow us to share skills and information we need from each other.

4. To allow us to transfer and invest money between countries.

Children at All Saints' RC Primary School took the opportunity to take a tour of four countries in the European Union and learn more about our friends abroad.

Class 1 studied Spain, Class 2 studied Italy, Class 3 were Greeks for the day and Class 4 learnt more about life in Poland! The children came dressed in the colours of the country's flag and bunting was put

up in each classroom. The morning consisted of fact finding and researching new information about the life and traditions of each country. The children were able to answer the register, count to 10 and say some simple greetings in their chosen language.

The afternoon was the really fun part as the children participated in a food tasting session! We decided that Class 2 were very lucky as they tasted pizza and pasta. Class 4 were horrified to learn they were tasting beetroot soup, however, all participated with

enthusiasm and very little was left!

The day ended with a celebratory assembly where we all presented our new-found knowledge and displayed the hard work completed.

A good day was had by all and so it's "adios", "arrivederci", "adio" and "do widzenia" from All Saints until the next European Day!

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Children in Class 2 studied Italy and enjoyed tasting pizza



Class 3 were studying Greece, and tasted pitta bread with a selection of Greek dips, olives and feta cheese

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# DERWENTSIDE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

The Athletic Championships for Derwentside Primary Schools took place on Thursday 19th June. Twenty three schools entered year 6 teams in the competition, which

was held in cold, windy weather on the open field of Blackfyne Sports College, Blackhill. Races included 60m Sprints and Hurdles, 800m and Relays. The field events were Shot, Javelin, Long Jump and Triple Jump.

Both All Saints RC Primary School and Lanchester EP School took part and seemed to enjoy the experience but did not finish in the first three team places. The weather became so bad with rain starting to

fall, that only the team places were announced and all medals and trophies will be sent to schools later. However, Sarah Haswell from the EP School did particularly well to win the 800m race.



Sarah Haswell, winner of the 800m



EP School Athletics Team



All Saints School Athletics Team

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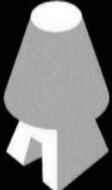
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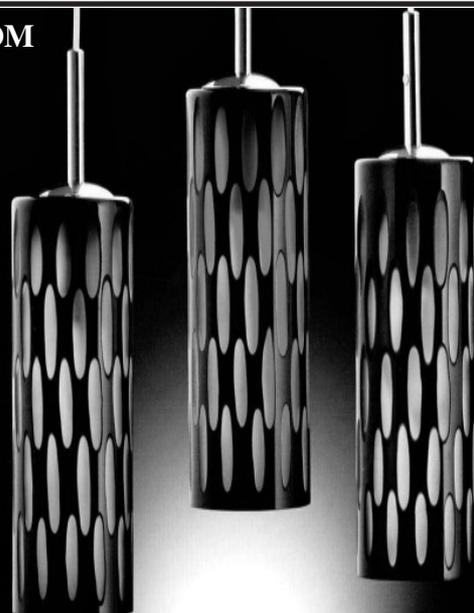
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## FAMILY PICNIC

'Churches Together' held a family picnic in glorious weather at the All Saints School field on Sunday 8th June. About 80 or so people attended and the atmosphere was excellent. Games included Rounders, Cricket, Football and Corners. All were played with good spirit with a little competitive edge (mainly adults) creeping in with some of those playing Rounders. After games and picnics were completed, everyone

gathered around and sang a hymn to the guitars of Rev Gavin Hume and Geoff Martin, and the day was concluded with a prayer. It was a very successful family occasion for 'Churches Together'.



The young cricketers having a great time with plenty of help from the adults

## QUEEN'S HEAD NEWS

A collection in the Queen's Head taken by the bikers during their recent weekend rally raised £315 for Willow Burn Hospice as well as a similar amount for one of their own chosen charities, the Air Ambulance. Landlord Richard Windmill hopes

to continue fund raising for Willow Burn on a regular basis and contributions are always welcome. His plans for the future include a three course dinner with a free bottle of wine for each table on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for

£15.95, a Quiz night, also on Mondays which will be accompanied by a free light buffet, and music on Friday evenings with live bands playing a variety of music including 60s, 70s and blues. There will also be a raffle with the profits going to Willow Burn.



Richard Windmill of the Queen's Head presents cash collected at the bikers' weekend to Hospice Fund-raiser Angela Lowes

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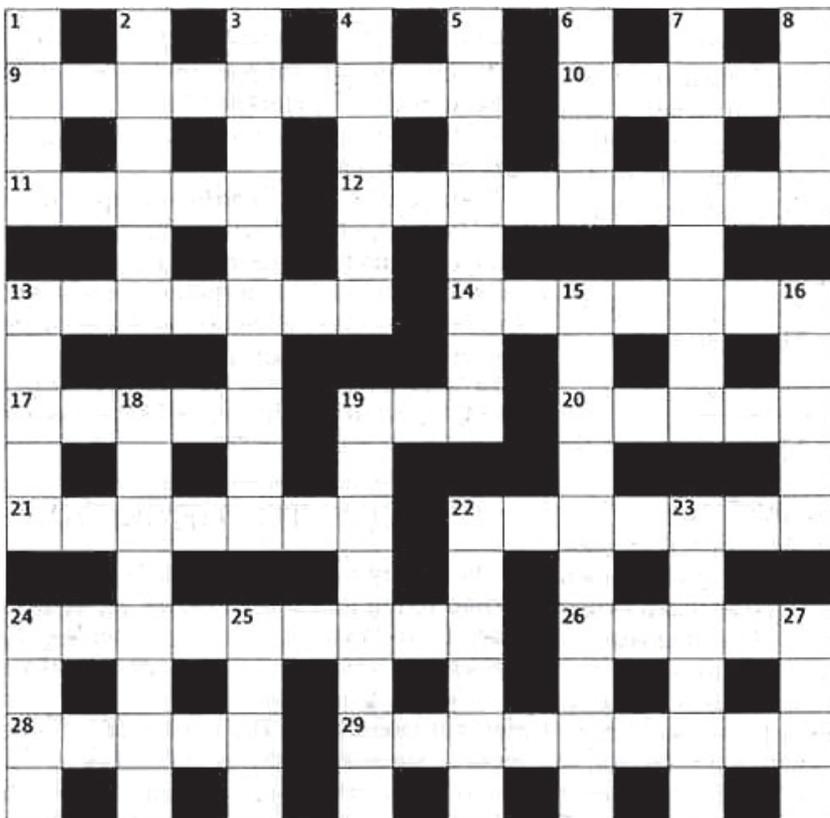
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# CROSSWORD 26



## ACROSS

- 9. See 1 down
- 10. Board yes in French and German! (5)
- 11. Matched (5)
- 12. Lose control (9)
- 13. Obliquely as a neck (7)
- 14. See 6
- 17. Natty vehicles in reverse (5)
- 19. Group of whales (3)
- 20. Open voter (5)
- 21. Spouse (7)
- 22. Trumpet in coral (7)
- 24. Reprobate in Lire bet (9)
- 26. Arabian peninsula country (5)
- 28. Recess (5)
- 29. Melodies from the heart? (4,5)

## DOWN

- 1,9,24 Hectic existence (4,2,3,4,4)
- 2. Impressed (6)
- 3. Boot (10)
- 4. Capital of the Punjab (6)
- 5. Emphasised (8)
- 6,14 Vivaldi's masterpiece? (4,7)
- 7. I profane dress (8)
- 8. Rave in Saharan tents (4)
- 13. Storyteller from Mae's opera (5)
- 15. A space ploy produces havoc (10)
- 16. Cloth (5)
- 18. A god takes in pen exercises (8)
- 19. Quietly feature tiny amount (8)
- 22. Split (6)
- 23. Protected against 1999 UN point (6)
- 24. See 1
- 25. Stink (4)
- 27. 25 detector (4)

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Please send your entries to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0JQ.

## CROSSWORD 25

There was a bumper entry in our competition last month.

The first correct entry in the draw was from Roy Sunley of Watling Way who will receive the £10 prize.

Test your skill with John Wilson's latest challenge.

- 4. damsel
- 6. Nebraska
- 9. largos
- 10. Oklahoma
- 11. wallflowers
- 15. run over
- 17. inshore
- 18. refugee host
- 22. appliers
- 23. mosaic
- 24. Michigan
- 25. eulogy

- 1. tee off
- 2. beekeeping
- 3. Arkansas
- 4. Delaware
- 5. Maryland
- 7. sloe
- 8. alas
- 12. on referral
- 13. Colorado
- 14. Kentucky
- 16. Virginia
- 19. exodus
- 20. calm
- 21. epic

## SUDOKU

There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. See next month for answers.

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

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# NORTHUMBRIAN NIGHT



*Dr Ian Brunt, Andrew Davison, David Malkin, Glenis Malkin, Brian Stewart and Calum Stewart entertain at the Northumbrian Night*

Live performances of music are usually anticipated with high hopes if not a frisson of excitement. At a recent Community Centre Northumbrian Night the performances certainly did not disappoint the audience. The evening's entertainment was organised by Dr Ian Brunt, President of the Community Centre and musician extraordinary, in order to raise funds for the Centre. He gathered together for the occasion an ensemble of highly talented long-standing friends in Rosie Midgley (mezzo-soprano), Glenis Malkin (violoncello), Andrew Davison (Northumberland Pipes), Brian Stewart and Calum Stewart (flutes) and David Malkin (classical guitar). Ian himself played

the harpsichord, flute and Northumberland Pipes during the course of the evening. The programme of traditional music, composed mainly in the 18th century, had a strong Scottish slant reflecting the turbulent history of the region. It is to be remembered that the Northumberland - Scottish border was in a state of flux for centuries, Berwick for example, being finally attached to Northumberland only in 1885. Renditions of tunes such as Jimmy Allen, Whittingham Fair, Sleep Well My Darling, Swindon, The Flowers of the Forest, Blow the Wind Southerly and many more were much appreciated by those present. They not only had the opportunity to

hear this music played on traditional instruments but also to see such rare tools of the trade at close hand. As is usual with Ian Brunt's "productions" he interspersed the music with thoroughly researched, apposite readings from the contemporary writings of Thomas Bewick and Walter White. The show stopper however was a recitation about the time when Nosey met Boney at the Battle of Waterloo delivered in impeccable dialect! The night's entertainment was brought to a finale with a sing-along to the tunes of Geordie Henny, Bobby Shaftoe, Billy Boy and the Keel Row. Amazingly most of the audience knew the words!

## SKIPPING AT ALL SAINTS



*Skipping expert Chris made a return trip to All Saints Primary School on 4th. It's still fun.*

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## ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

## 40th Annual Concert

Lanchester Male Voice Choir will hold its 40th Annual Concert in Lanchester Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Friday July 4th. Tickets are available from choir members priced at £5.00, Patrons £4.00 and Children £2.00.

## WI

The next meeting will take place in the small hall of the Community Centre on Monday 7th July at 7 pm. It is a strawberry supper with entertainment by the Annfield Plain Entertainers and an auction. If possible would members please bring something for the auction, thank you.

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a branch of the charity Samaritan's Purse which each Christmas delivers shoeboxes full of small gifts to some of the poorest children in the world who, otherwise, would have no presents. For many years now we have supported this work. This year a few of us have decided to make it more of a priority. Some of the items that were knitted for last year's boxes proved very popular with the children and so we plan to have two or three days before collecting time to produce as many as possible.

We will meet for the first time on Wednesday 2nd July in the Methodist Church between 10 am and 3 pm and we invite you to join us. You can come and go as you wish. Coffee and tea will be provided but if you plan to be there

## Lanchester Show

Lanchester Agricultural Society's 56th Annual Show will take place on Sunday 6th July at Esp Green Farm (just off the A191 west of Lanchester). Admission is £3.00, concessions £2.00. There will be a wide range of

## All Saints' Summer Fayre

All Saints' RC Primary School PTA would like to welcome the Village to our forthcoming Summer Fayre. Come along on July 5th to our school grounds for an afternoon of fun, entertainment, games, tombola and raffle. We will be repeating our successful barbecue so give lunch a miss and join us 1 pm-3 pm.

## MP Surgery

Our Member of Parliament, Hilary Armstrong, will be available to give advice and hear complaints on Friday 11th July at the Civic Centre, Consett starting at 6 pm.

over lunch time then bring your own packed lunch. So what will we be doing? The main job will be knitting so come with wool, needles and suitable patterns (though some will be available). Some people like to knit but hate sewing up so those who don't mind sewing can do that. Others can make the essential cups of tea and coffee. Lists of suitable gifts will be available so that you can start collecting both the contents and the actual shoeboxes. If none of these activities appeal you can always call in for tea/coffee and a chat. Donations of wool will be gratefully received and can be given to any of us. Any queries to: Olna Andrew (520664), Jean Carr (520676), Val Cole (520029), Pat Davies (521882), Norma Polley (520520).

## Flower Club Celebrate Anniversary

In collaboration with other local clubs, Lanchester Flower Club is celebrating the 40th anniversary of the NAFA at Lintzford Garden Centre near Rowlands Gill on 5th and 6th July. Special displays will be created in the entrance and restaurant areas and members will give mini demonstrations. The centre is open from 9 am till 6 pm on the Saturday and 10.30 am till 4.30 pm on Sunday. Food is available, including Sunday lunches.

At the monthly meeting on Wednesday 23rd July at 2 pm in the Community Centre, Rita Braithwaite of Cotharstone is to give a demonstration called 'Wishes and Dreams'.

## Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday 9th July, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is the AGM followed by a Faith Supper.

## Wildlife Group

Senior and Junior Members will meet in the Community Centre car park on Saturday 12th July at 9.30 am for a trip to Seal Sands on Teesside. A packed lunch should be brought if planning to go for the day.

## Craft in the Library

Craft sessions are planned for Thursday 24th and Thursday 31st July in Lanchester library, from 3 till 4 pm. Tickets will be £1. Please book with the library.

## Weardale Railway

On July 6th there will be a Classic Car Rally and on 2nd/3rd August a 'War on the Line' weekend. Visit [www.weardale-railway.org.uk](http://www.weardale-railway.org.uk) for more information.

# WHAT'S ON?

## Country Market

Pies, pastries, cakes, eggs, vegetables, jams and crafts are available in the Community Centre on Saturday 5th July, starting 10 am. You could have a cup of tea and a scone as well.

## Georgian Psalmody Workshop and Evensong

On Saturday 9th August, in association with the Lanchester Early Music Festival, north-east based West Gallery Quire 'Joyful Noise' invites choral singers and instrumentalists to a one-day workshop, led by Sally Drage, who is well-known as an expert in both Early Music and West Gallery psalmody. The workshop will be held in All Saints' Church, Lanchester, from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm and will be followed at 6.00 pm by a traditional Evensong. Non-performers are warmly welcome to attend the Evensong.

The cost for the workshop is £7 (£6 concessions) payable on the day to cover music and light refreshments. Bring and share lunch on site.

If you would like to take part, please contact Chris Gardner, 32 Denesyde, Medomsley, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 6PX or email [win@clarence8.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:win@clarence8.fsnet.co.uk) (by Friday 25th July please) with the following information: Your name, address, post code, telephone number, email address, voice register (S A T B) or instrument. (NB Instruments should conform to standard A440 pitch.)

## Dog Training

Dog training sessions will be taking place in the Community Centre on Sundays from 11 am till 1 pm. Ring Vicky Welsh on 0191 4102325 for details.

## Willow Burn AGM

Willow Burn Hospice invite people to find out more about their local Hospice by attending the Annual General Meeting on Thursday July 1st 2008.

This is an opportunity to meet Trustees and Senior Management staff while learning what we do and celebrating our recent achievements. The meeting will take place at 7.00 pm in the All Saints RC Church, Parish Centre, Kitswell Road, Lanchester. For further information about the evening please contact (01207) 523291.

## Coming Shortly

The Kiteman will be at Lanchester library on Thursday 7th August from 10 till noon. Tickets £2.

Book Magic is in the library on Tuesday 12th August from 3 till 4 pm, with Magic Marvin. KS1 age but all welcome. Tickets £2.

Wriggly Roadshow in Lanchester library with the Zoolab people on 21st August 2.30 till 3.30 pm. Aimed at 3-5 year olds but all welcome. Tickets £2. Nobby Dimon's North Country Theatre present 'The Prisoner of Zenda' in the Community Centre on November 29th.

Organisers, please try to avoid listed events dates.

Planning ahead? Let me know when and where. Ring 520559.

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

There had been mention that 'The Honest Lawyer' at Sunderland Bridge was well worth a visit - so we decided to call in and give it a try. What a pleasant place - lovely restaurant - plenty of people in the bar but we were the only ones in the actual restaurant itself. Tables were put together to accommodate us all, by the super modern fire which was switched on just for us.

The meal started out with light as air bread buns with individual pots of butter. We were beginning to feel quite pampered! Having said all that there was a mixed

reaction to the food. One of us had a starter and sampled the soup then the main course was pork with mash, chicken supreme and roast duck, all served with fresh vegetables which were somewhat more than adequate. The puds were melon with fruit and mascarpone, crème brûlée and apple and cinnamon tart with cream followed by coffee and chocs. We felt the food was quite good but let down by being served on less than hot plates. A nice venue, pampering staff, but all in all, not anywhere we would add to our list of favourite eateries.

**The Gourmet Girls**

## MIXED RESULTS FOR LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

We were all shocked when we turned up at Consett Park to find that they, who were considered one of the strongest clubs in the area, could not field a full team. We have subsequently learned that they have been forced to withdraw one of their teams from the league.

Fortunately Lanchester has been able on most occasions to turn out full teams but it is essential we continue to attract and encourage new bowlers even though they may not be as good at the moment as established players who are the backbone of the teams. This inevitably creates dilemmas for our

selectors. Considering that the club has a lot of members who have only been playing a few years, our results are encouraging and we all hope we can keep our club going because we enjoy the game so much. Visiting teams enjoy coming to Lanchester because the bowling green is in such a pretty setting.

Anyone interested in taking up bowls should contact Ken Raper on 521673 or come to the bowling green most afternoons if the weather is fine.

Thanks go to Ken Raper, Paul Monaghan, Mike Stoddart and Ken Jose for painting the pavilion.

The latest results are:  
Derwentside Veterans League Monday Triples  
Away v Dipton 0-10, Home v South Moor 7-3, Away v Consett Park A 7-3.

Derwentside Veterans League Tuesday Rinks  
Away v South Moor 2-8, Home v Dipton 4-6, Away v View Lane 4-6, Home v Consett Park 8-2.

North West Durham League Wednesday  
Away v South Moor 0-6, Home v Consett Park 3-3, Home v Pelton Fell 0-6, Away v Dipton 0-6.

North West Durham League Saturday  
Away v View Lane 4-6, Away v Pelton Fell 2-8, Home v Annfield Plain 5-5, Away v Consett Park 2-8.

## W I REPORT

The June meeting started with President Jennifer Macdonald welcoming members and visitors (including men) to a special meeting in which the speaker Geoff Bryant spoke of his experiences training the Iraqi police force.

Geoff had been a policeman for 31 years before going to Iraq where he worked for 3 years training young

men as Iraqi policemen. He explained that before the war Iraq was stable but then everything changed, no employment, leadership, electricity, water or education, only the oil still moving as before. This meant there were no jobs so the young men who were trained in Jordan to work as policemen came from all walks of life from airline

pilots to shepherds who had never worn shoes before. Geoff was a deputy commander, the young men were in groups of 50 and the training took 8 weeks. He found them good humoured, open hearted and eager to learn and said it was a very humbling experience for him to train these young men. We have all read about all the atrocities that take place in Iraq and things became so bad he had to leave but the memories he brought home both good and bad will always be with him. His sister told me after the talk that Geoff had been awarded a Bravery Medal by the army for assisting them in a operation. It was an eye opener to hear about some of the history behind the headlines.

Ann Carr gave the vote of thanks and presented Geoff with a bottle of wine.

Winner of the raffle was Mr Ronnie Barker.

Secretary June Wallis read the minutes of the last meeting. Jennifer went through the business which included reminding everyone going on the trip on Wednesday 2nd July that the bus will pick up at 9.00 am at Peters. County office offers members opportunities to go and enjoy demonstrations so on Friday 16th May Shirley Mair attended a cookery demonstration with Chef Mike Aldridge where the meal cooked was eaten and enjoyed afterwards. Shirley said that although she knew no-one she was made very welcome.

June is sending Yorkshire Tea 3 sheets of tokens which means we have saved 22 trees in the rain forest, we are still collecting tokens to save even more trees. The meeting finished with everyone enjoying tea and biscuits. The group meeting at

Satley on June 9th was attended by 7 members. It started with the singing of Jerusalem. Speaker Chrissie Clarke gave a very humorous and informative talk about her life within the mounted division of the police force.

Edmundbyers won the competition which was a flower arrangement in a cup and saucer and then June Wallis gave a report of our institute's activities during the past 12 months before we enjoyed a delicious plated supper.

We all sang Happy Birthday to our member Lilian Downs and the entertainment was provided by Samantha Hutchinson who had a lovely voice. WIA Tina Bickerdike spoke for the county pointing out all the activities provided by county office. This very enjoyable evening finished with votes of thanks and the singing of the national anthem.



*Ann Carr presents speaker Geoff Bryant with a bottle of wine*

# TENNIS FAMILY FUN DAY

On a sweltering Sunday afternoon lots of families arrived at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club where there were courts laid out suitable for children, along with the adult ones. It was a hive of activity as various competitions took place for all ages.

Michael Hume, Derwentside Community Coach (Tennis) was on hand to give advice and encouragement when needed. Refreshments were available which included sausage sizzlers which members enjoyed cooking.

It really was a relaxing, but fun afternoon in the sun. Competitions were not taken too seriously, but medals and trophies were awarded at the end to winners and runners up in the various age groups. The day was organised in accordance

with the Derwentside District Council 'Grants for Groups' scheme. Coaching sessions are regularly held in the village on the hard courts behind Derwentside College and will continue throughout July on Monday evenings for age

groups 5-9 years 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm, 10 - 15 years 7.00 pm-8.00pm and also for adults 8.00 pm - 9.00 pm. Everyone is made very welcome and further information may be obtained by phoning 529415 or 520278.



Tom Symonds (left) and Kieran Bell shake hands in the traditional manner after their thrilling, hard fought match



Members and friends gather around awaiting their sausage sizzlers

## LANCHESTER COUPLE AIM TO CROSS EUROPE NORTH TO SOUTH ON A TANDEM

A Lanchester couple are aiming to be the first people to ride the Eurovelo route 7: The Sun Route, all the way from Norway's North Cape to Malta, on a tandem. Neil and Kathryn Gander, from Hollinside, are more likely to be seen on mountain bikes but fell in love with the idea of the long distance cycle route which will take them through nine countries in five months. Although they're doing the trip for the challenge, they've also decided to use it as a means of raising money for two charities:

The Huntington's Disease Association and SOS-Children's Villages. The journey begins on July 24th when they leave North Shields by ferry for Bergen in Norway. From there it's a five day voyage north by sea to Nordkapp, over 500km inside the Arctic Circle and as far north as it is possible to get by road in Europe. Then it's simply a matter of heading south - through Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, the Czech Republic, Austria and Italy to arrive in Malta sometime around the end of 2008. Neither had ridden a

tandem until last summer but chose the unconventional means of transport as the best way of making sure nobody gets left behind. The husband and wife team will be keeping a blog at <http://eurotandem2008.spaces.live.com> which includes links to their charity pages at [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com). The Lanchester Lions have already pledged £100 towards their chosen charities. For more information contact: Neil and Kathryn Gander 01207 529650, Mobile 07985 321203 Email [neilgander@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:neilgander@tiscali.co.uk).



Neil and Kathryn Gander with their tandem

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