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MARGARET RUNS FOR THE BUS

With the help of the prayers and goodwill of village parishioners, beautiful sunshine and pace setting provided by my 22 year old son, I managed to complete the Great North Run in just under 2½ hours. I jogged non-stop from the RVI to South Shields - my only ever goal - and so was delighted.

The effort for the Village Bus received warm support once again from Karen Bravington, Anne Hayes and Liz Hurst. Their practical support via a coffee morning, timed to begin just as the starter's gun was firing in Newcastle, added an extra £100 to sponsorship coffers. The total raised is £700.



Margaret Doyle proudly poses with her medal in the sunshine at South Shields

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AWARD FOR TENNIS CLUB SECRETARY



Dennis Laycock, who won the Male Volunteer Award for 2008 for Derwentside. See page 2

OUR OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZENS

The young members of the Lanchester Partnership's "Working with Young People" group were nominated for the "Improving the Environment Award" at Derwentside D C's annual "Outstanding Young Citizen of the Year" awards ceremony. This was for their remarkable achievement in getting a big grant for the bicycle track and the play equipment, and for working with the Parish Council and others to make the whole project really happen. Being nominated for the award was great, but would they actually win it?

On 14th October, ten of them - Henry Dancer, Andrew Elsbury, Shannon Glendinning, Alex Harrison, Sarah

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SCOTTISH DANCERS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS



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Dear Village....

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Dear Sir,
On behalf of my husband Andrew and his friends Colin and Richard I would like to thank our friends for kindly sponsoring them to partake in The Czech Wreck car rally to Prague in August. In total they raised over £1000.00 for Macmillan Nurses. Many Thanks, Alice Guthrie

Dear Sir
I am delighted to report that the box I lost last month has been found and returned to me. A huge thank you to everyone who asked about it. Elaine

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Dear Sir
I have listened in horror to reports about dirty hospitals and nurses with uncaring attitudes, especially towards the elderly. The rise in hospital acquired bugs seemed unstoppable.

So, when I knew I needed surgery, uppermost in my mind was the fear of infection. However, I was determined to observe, listen and find out as much as I could about the true situation, at least with regard to the hospital I was in: the Newcastle General Hospital and the Neuro Wing's surgical ward.

Everyone here worked as a team and that included nurses, cleaners and kitchen staff. All surfaces were cleaned daily, beds changed daily. Nursing staff always made time to listen and attend to needs. Cleaners and kitchen staff were ready and willing to give any assistance or have a laugh, in what was a very pleasant ward as a result.

After six days I had to be transferred to an orthopaedic ward because my bed was needed for another patient. The first sight of the new ward left me feeling outside my comfort zone. It was big and filled with elderly patients, mostly with broken limbs due to falls. Some were also confused. Within a few hours I realised that I was privileged to be there, to

watch the lovely caring way all patients were treated.

No-one waited to have their needs seen to. All were showered or bathed every day, hair washed as needed. Food was good, plentiful and there were several choices with mid-morning and afternoon snacks. A bubbly, wonderful young woman who seemed to be jack of all trades also arranged some participation entertainment.

At the end of my stay I left enriched and I'd met and listened to so many people, who for a brief time couldn't have been in a better place.

So whatever the truth about some hospitals, I'm sure some could copy Newcastle General and find the benefit of respect and dignity for the elderly. Jennie Everitt

Dear Sir
Diane Davison and Denise McDermott (alias the twins in the newsagents) would like to thank friends and colleagues for their gifts and kind messages received when they recently celebrated their 60th birthday.

Diane would also like to thank everyone for their gifts on her recent retirement from Lanchester News especially Tony, Gillian and her work colleagues.

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

AWARD FOR TENNIS CLUB SECRETARY

Friday 3rd October saw the Annual Award Ceremony at the Lamplight Arts Centre for the Derwentside Sports Awards. Dennis Laycock, secretary of Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club was selected as winner of the Male Volunteer Award for 2008 for Derwentside.

The award seeks to highlight contributions to sport in the District, and this was why Dennis was nominated for his time and commitment to the club. In particular his work as secretary involved not only administrative duties but also attending meetings with other sports bodies in the District and County. In addition Dennis works as groundsman, ensuring the courts are cut and marked for club play.

Club social events benefit from Dennis's organisational skills and

genial personality, encouraging attendance and participation.

Dennis has encouraged a large number of children to try their hand at tennis and given initial and ongoing support to the coaching and Play Tennis sessions. This area of voluntary work has particularly benefited the club's membership, but for Dennis, his reward is the enthusiasm shown by beginners and juniors attending these sessions. Dennis accepted his award and acknowledged his delight and honour at his nomination and in being successful.

Following this selection, Dennis represented Derwentside for the title of Male Volunteer at the County Durham Sports Awards held in Shildon on 10 October. There was tough competition and unfortunately Dennis just lost out on the County title.



Dennis with his supporters: left to right, Kathleen McNamee, Sally Laverick, Tony McNamee, Dennis Laycock, Anne Hurran, Pam Graham, Rosemary Fawcett, Jane Laycock.

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CENTURIONS' PRESENTATIONS

Lanchester Cricket Club was the usual venue for the Lanchester Centurions Meeting Night but this was a very special evening, which was extremely well attended by members. The Centurions had raised £3,000 and as in previous years the Prison Service Charity Fund have also given £3,000 doubling the monies raised. The Centurions raise the funds from the annual Rally held near Lanchester, raffles, Xmas party and many other enjoyable functions. In four years the club has

raised and given to charity a staggering sum of £16,800. The Centurions Chairman Wayne Tilley and Treasurer Helen Kell thanked all the members for their great efforts in raising this vast sum, then presented with the help of Rosie Wright, who was flown to hospital by Air Ambulance following the Dreamspace tragedy, a cheque for £3,000 to Lynne Symons and Mandy Drake from the Air Ambulance. Mr. John Wright from the Prison Service Fund also presented a cheque for

£3,000 and announced that it has been agreed that whatever the Centurions raise in the next year the Prison Service Fund will once again double. A cheque for £1,000 was also presented by Chairman Wayne Tilley of the Centurions to Tony Corry of Lanchester Lions Club. Lynne Simmons from Air Ambulance and Tony Corry from Lanchester Lions thanked the members for their much appreciated support and wished them every success for next year.



Tony Corry, Lions, left, Lynn Simmons, Air Ambulance with cheque, Wayne Tilley, Chairman, Centurions, and John White, Prison Service Charity Fund Representative.

SCOTTISH DANCERS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

Lanchester Scottish Country Dancers celebrated forty years since inception with a function held at the EP School on Saturday the 18th of October. It was a superb atmosphere as about

75 people turned out for the occasion. Robert Whitehead and the Danelaw Band provided the music, and Chairman of the Scottish Dancers, David Austin, was the very enthusiastic caller.

Food was provided by the members and a magnificent cake made by Anne Stewart and daughter, was cut by proud founder members, Maurice Ridley, and David and Marlene Cairns.



Members and guests enjoying one of the many dances

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for September is 81. The draw was made by Susan Goodchild from the Pilates Class.

RECYCLING

Any old and unused mobile phones are being collected for CAFOD (the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) by Pat Cudden of All Saints Catholic church. Tel: 01207 520185.

FUNDS FOR MACMILLAN

A Coffee/Tea Afternoon was held at Lanchester EP School on Friday 26th September. Children were

involved in serving the refreshments and the sum of £19.54 was raised for Macmillan.

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**BISHOP KEVIN'S LAST BLESSING
COMMEMORATED AT ST BEDE'S**

Bishop Kevin was guest of honour at the opening of the new Sixth Form Block and other buildings at St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College on November 25th, 2007. He was particularly impressed with the school's new Inclusion Centre and an access corridor built to bypass the school's main hall and he made a point of blessing them. Sadly, this was his last public engagement before falling ill. The Bishop Kevin Centre consists of classrooms and meeting rooms for the school chaplain, Senior Learning Mentor, the Careers Service and

Connexions, Catholic Care counsellors, Parent Support Adviser and the Head of Inclusion. At a special ceremony on September 26th 2008, the Centre was formally named The Bishop Kevin Centre and the corridor, Bishop's Way. The ceremony took place on the last day of the school's International Week, which was organised to coincide with the European Day of Languages on September 26th. Canon Spence presided at an International Mass in both French and English. Pupils in the school who were born outside of the UK said bidding prayers

in Polish, German, French, Italian and Greek, and Mrs Bates read the Gospel of the Good Samaritan in French. The International Languages Week included food-tasting, dancing 'Bollywood-style', African drumming and writing poetry in collaboration with the French students via a video conferencing link. Pupils also met students from Hong Kong; took part in lessons such as Maths, Science, Technology and Geography in languages other than English, and Sixth Form History students interviewed a descendent of Napoleon.



Canon Spence presiding over the International Mass on the last day of the School's International Week

Left to right: touring the International Corridor - Therese Lewis, Hugh Baldry (Training and Development Agency for Schools), Maureen Bates, Virginia Hill and Maria Matthews



Serving coffees in the French Café on European Language Day are some of the students at St Bede's Catholic School

OUR OUTSTANDING YOUNG CITIZENS

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 Messenger, Jake Noble, Douglas Patterson, Anthony Sivills, Rebecca Symonds, and Dale Walker - went to the Derwent Manor Hotel for the ceremony. (Liam Eland, Greg Patterson, Alex Ridley, Dominic Scott, Michael Simpson and Ben Spraggon also had been nominated but could not go.) The youngsters were accompanied by Jill Gladstone from the Partnership, Simon Green from landscape architects, Keith Harrison (Parish Council) and a lot of proud relatives.

It was a superb evening, with food and a professional entertainer, but of course the main part was the presentation of the awards. There was great excitement as the time drew near, and the clock moved slower and slower, but eventually Richard Salkeld announced "- and the

winners of the Award for Improving the Environment are..." The rest of what he said was drowned out by cheering, but our youngsters jumped up and went forward onto the stage and were given the trophy and Alex Harrison was interviewed and they were all photographed countless times with it, and it came back in the bus with them all - so they must have won it. Congratulations to them, and big thanks to

the Parish Council and Southern Green! With luck, by next Spring we should have a great bike track and play equipment at Kitswell Road for our older children, to complement the play equipment for younger children in the Park House Play Park. And to bring you right up to date, Southern Green, on behalf of the Parish Council, formally applied for planning permission for the bike track and play equipment 2 weeks ago.



Richard Salkeld and Cllr Eric Turner build up excitement at the award ceremony

CREDIT CRUNCH? - SEW WHAT!

We are all having to cut back and economise with the Credit Crunch hitting us all. Running my business of Sew What, I get many clients who admit "I've had these 'trousers sitting in my cupboard since I bought them last year, can you alter them?"

Men are often surprised to find that the trousers they wore last year have 'shrunk' in the wardrobe!!!! A typical example of this being a pair of Evening Trousers just before Christmas! So before you spend money on new clothes it may be worth having a look in your own wardrobe first. Are there any clothes that I could

shorten, let out, take in, replace a zip, mend or alter? The list is endless. Or perhaps your curtains do not need replacing but let the draughts in? So, why not let me make some detachable thermal linings to add to them and reduce the

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LANCHESTER EP PRIMARY - GOOD SCHOOL WITH OUTSTANDING FEATURES

Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School has been visited once again by the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) for its inspection during the first two days in October, exactly three years to the month since their last visit and inspection!

They welcomed three inspectors into the school who spent two days observing the teaching and learning throughout the whole of the school, scrutinising and evaluating the children's work whilst also talking with the children.

The school has been judged to be a Good School with some Outstanding Features. The inspectors

did make specific reference to some areas which they felt were exemplary.

Behaviour, attitude and enjoyment of work, preparation for economic well-being and the contribution to the school and wider community were all graded as being outstanding - the highest category that can be awarded during the inspections.

The inspectors also graded the Governing Body as outstanding - which reflects the time and commitment they give to the school. The inspectors also made reference to the excellent relationships that exist in school between pupils and adults, the very good spiritual, moral and

cultural support given to pupils and the overwhelming number of positive comments made by parents.

Pupils make good progress in every key stage with attainment above average and in some years, significantly above average.

Teaching and learning are good, with a well balanced curriculum. Creativity Weeks and the extensive range of extra curricular activities on offer all help to strengthen the enjoyment of school. Pupils are proud of their school and willingly accept responsibility. The school council makes a very significant contribution to the running of the school

and know their opinions are valued and acted upon. Leadership and Management are good with high expectations and a secure focus on raising standards as the core of the school's work. Through very effective leadership, the headteacher has gained the trust and confidence of the whole of the school community. There has been substantial

improvement to the school environment with important learning resources acquired.

The two areas highlighted by the Ofsted inspectors for improvement in the school, involved the pupils' writing skills and the provision of a greater challenge for some of the more able and the talented pupils - both which had already been identified by the school themselves.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Trustees of the Community Centre met on 22nd October, where it was reported that the Stairlift installation was imminent and this would allow all areas of the Community Centre to be accessed by the disabled.

The Trustees expressed their thanks to the Friends of the Community Centre and to Sections and Affiliated Groups for the generous donations given during 2008 and this, together with a significant increase in income from room rentals and the Exercise Centre, has completed the financial restructuring of the Community Centre. Thanks were given to the staff and volunteers who give so much of their time in providing a service to the community but, more importantly, for providing an excellent amenity for our village.

It was agreed that room rental rates were to increase by 10% in 2009 and Membership Fees and Exercise Centre charges were to increase by 50p. This would provide small profits in the next two years that

would be used to strengthen the building reserves in case any unforeseen problems arise.

Due to the success of the new Exercise Centre, it was reported that it is planned to open on Friday afternoons and evenings and on Saturday and Sunday mornings. This would increase the opening hours from 35 to 44 hours and also increase the staff presence in the building to assist existing and new users of the premises. To achieve this it is intended to appoint two new staff to share the additional workload. A Clerical Assistant would predominately work in the office and support the Exercise Centre and an Exercise Assistant would work in the Exercise Centre and assist the Management Team in running the Centre.

The Trustees thanked the staff and Management Team for turning the finances around over a two year period and also for providing such a wonderful facility for the people of Lanchester, and surrounding areas, to enjoy.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE REACHES TARGET

After two years of fund raising the Community Centre has finally reached its target of £5,000 for the purchase of a stairlift. This will make the public areas of the Centre completely accessible to all members of the community. On Saturday 20th September an auction, organised by Arthur Dodds, of donated items was held at the Centre and was reasonably supported by members of the public.

Overtwohundredarticles were auctioned by the Centre's Chairman Arthur Maughan MBE whose repartee provided light entertainment as he kept the proceedings ticking over. Such diverse objects as bicycles, china, a feet massager and other exotica were sold and much to the organisers' delight, when the dust had settled and the takings counted a sum in excess of £300 had been raised.

This was augmented by over£60 by contributions from the sale of refreshments, a table top sale of items inappropriate for the auction and from the sale of handmade cards donated by the Needlework Group. The total money raised took the amount needed for the stairlift past the target figure. The lift can now be ordered and all being well should be in place sometime in November.



Auctioneer, Arthur Maughan, left, with Billy Waite, Treasurer, assisted by his wife, Mary



General helpers and runners at the Auction, led by Community Centre Manager, John Wilson

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH OCTOBER 2008

The meeting began with the **Police Report** read by the Clerk as the police had left to attend a consultation meeting in Park House for Residents. The Report stated that there had been no vehicle nuisance, street drinking or non-vehicle criminal damage during the month of September, but there had been six cases of rowdy nuisance, four thefts and two burglaries. The thefts were lead from the church roof, an ornamental tree from outside the florists, cables from a generator at roadworks and a driver leaving without paying for fuel at the service station. The burglaries were roller shutter and tools from a

farm building and plant machinery from a portacabin, both of the buildings being secure but unattended. Vehicle crime - two Satellite Navigation systems were taken from two unattended, secure vehicles in Newbiggen Lane, a 4 x 4 stolen from Malton picnic area, a suspected vehicle theft in Meadow Way and two vehicles damaged in Mount Park Drive and Newbiggen Lane. The Police Report states '*Can we please remind residents to remove all personal items including mobile phones, satellite navigation equipment (and their suction cups from windows) from unattended vehicles.*'

A multi-agency **Street-safe Operation** was held on Friday the 26th and Saturday the 27th of September in Lanchester. The public were invited to meet with representatives of the police, fire service, housing, county council and council anti-social behaviour team. Police foot and mobile patrols from the various departments including traffic were highly visible in Lanchester. Although the two days were thankfully uneventful, the joint police, fire and council surgery was poorly attended by the public. The **Street-safe Operation** was advertised in the local press and via high profile posters.

Over one hundred Smartwater kits were handed out to local residents by officers.

Public Participation. A letter was read out from the Parochial Church Council regarding the Church car park in front of Deanery Farm, which was described as hazardous and the Parish Council was asked to repair it and make it safe. This is part of the village green and provides hard-standing for church-goers' cars. It was decided that, in the short term, Councillor Harrison would be asked to repair it but if he is unable to do so, to source someone to fill the potholes. In the long term it was thought that a grant may be available from Rural Renaissance to tarmac the area and then cover it with stones to be more in keeping with the conservation area. This was suggested by Ms Kate Wicks who lives next to the area and is a landscape architect. The County Engineering Department is to be consulted over the drainage of the area.

Valley Walk, will be erected. It is anticipated that this will be at the beginning of November and an appropriate launch event is being planned.

North Pennines AONB Draft Management Plan (2009-2014). The County Council is comfortable with the management plan and the Clerk is to liaise. **Nomination of Representation** from Town and Parish Councils to the **D e r w e n t s i d e** partnership Executive Board. Ms Susan Rothwell appointed.

Correspondence. Minerals Valley Project. Invitation has been received for Councillors to attend an event to celebrate its completion and success.

Durham Police Authority and Durham Constabulary - Community Engagement Strategy. Councillor Glass and The Lead Officer (Clerk) attended this meeting.

Area Action Partnerships - public consultation. Some Members attended this meeting and there was a welcome result. Residents' views were listened to and Lanchester is to get its own area partnership, although final boundaries are still under discussion.

National Tree Week 2008. It was agreed that a grant should be applied for as trees will be needed for the

Matters Arising:

Roman Statue. Planning has gone through for the Roman Statue and, as long as a weekly inspection is completed, there will be insurance cover available for the statue. A check is to be made as to how the statue, which is to be situated on the grassed area on the left of Station Road at the entrance to the

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Continued

Kitswell Road Play Area to screen it from the cemetery. The Clerk is to make the application.

County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership. A list of various courses was discussed and considered for attendance by Members. Councillors Johnson and Mrs Gray have already attended the Chairman's training course.

National Health Service Constitution-consultation. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Gray would deal with this.

Kitswell Road Recreation Area. A good deal of work has been undertaken including plans being submitted to the Derwentside District Council. It is hoped that approval will be obtained by December.

Newsletter. A draft copy of the November edition was shown and approved. It was suggested that the Council has a logo and that perhaps a redesigning of the Rural District Council crest might be considered.

Christmas Lights Event. To be held on the Village Green on Saturday 29th November at 6 pm and to be switched on by Mr Arthur Maughan, MBE, and two children from each of the primary schools. The Lanchester Brass Band will be there too. This is to be followed by a buffet, kindly provided

by the Church ladies, in the Chapter House. The lights will be on from 4 pm to midnight, but all night on New Year's Eve. Four posters, designed by the Clerk, were shown and one was selected to be used for promoting the event.

Accounts for Payment. These were discussed and approved.

Chairperson's Announcements. Congratulations from all Members were given to Councillor Bob Glass who has been appointed to the Police Authority. The Chair and Members welcomed back Councillor Lindsay who has been very ill.

Questions from Members. Councillor Bob Glass had asked about the Council's investments in view of the present national financial situation. The Council has two accounts with Barclays. Local Authorities are in negotiation with the Government and it was agreed that the Council's finances were in no danger.

Councillor Burton has been short-listed to go to the Management meeting of LINK (Users and Social Care Support Agency). Members have full confidence in Councillor Burton to represent the Council in view of his experience in this field.

Date and time of next meeting. This will be held at 7.15 pm on Tuesday, 11th November in Park House, Lanchester.

PARTNERSHIP OCTOBER MEETINGS

Both of the Partnership's October meetings were well attended.

The young people's meeting was mainly concerned with the Awards ceremony that would be held the following evening - see separate article on 'Our Outstanding Young Citizens', page 1.

The Partnership's 'Working with Young People' group would like more girls aged 10 to 16 to join it - anyone interested should ring Jill Gladstone on 528 114.

At the adults' meeting, it was announced that the Chairman and Maureen Loy had been advising Durham County Council during the tendering process for a new 5-year contract for the Village Bus. The contract will be between the bus operator and the County Council, although the Partnership has to raise the money to pay for the bus.

It was said that the bus users, who all make a regular voluntary donation to help fund the bus, are very keen to keep the present bus company, because of the superb

service provided by the driver, Fred. His cheerful personality and helpfulness beyond the call of duty have made him a popular figure.

On the other hand, the tendering process must select the tender that provides the best value, which often means accepting the cheapest quotation. The process continues.

A County Council survey as to Lanchester Front Street residents' views on parking, and in particular on a suggested 2-hour waiting system, had been received in the form of a summary of letters received from them. Most expressed concern about parking provision for residents and the staff of businesses. Some of those present at the meeting were surprised that shop owners wanted the parking places immediately outside their shops to be used by staff rather than customers.

The Film Club had restarted on Sunday evenings with a programme for the year (see What's On). Attendance at the first

film had been encouraging.

The publication of the 'Locality Map', a document prepared by a committee of farmers and others interested in the countryside, is now closer with contracts for printing being considered.

On planning, it was reported that the Derwentside District Council had approved a block of five new stables at Oakwood Stables. Permission for changes to the farmhouse at Middle Newbiggen Farm to make it two dwellings, together with garages and extensions, had also been granted. Landscaping was due to be carried out this month at Peth House Farm to mask stables, an outdoor arena and parking area. A triple garage with first floor gym and storage had been approved at Greystone, Crow Hall. The next meeting of the Partnership will be on Monday 10th November in the Community Centre from 7.30 to 9 pm. All are very welcome to attend.



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Kelly Wright and her partner Michael Shaw took over the tenancy of the Black Bull on October 15th and were immediately hard at work with Spring cleaning. All the family were drafted in, including

Kelly's brother Jason and her parents Carol and John.

After gas and electrical work have been carried out, as well as repairs to windows, there are plans to decorate and to install

sofas in the lounge bar in place of the present bench seats.

The new tenants are both friendly people who aim to make the 'Bull' a welcoming place for Lanchester folks.



Kelly and Michael awaiting your custom at the Black Bull

LEAD THEFTS AT PARISH CHURCH YOUR VILLAGE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Lanchester's ancient parish church has suffered a spate of FIVE thefts of lead over the last 12 months or so. Other properties in the village have also suffered similar attacks which are the consequence of the world wide high price of metals, and especially that of lead. The two most recent attacks were in September and October, within four weeks of one another, the last one even during the course of the time when repair work was being carried out.

We have, of course, taken additional practical security measures and we have asked the church

community to keep a watchful eye on the premises at all times. The police will be making frequent checks but even irregularly timed checks are not foolproof. So far most thefts have taken place during the hours of darkness, possibly in the early hours of the morning. As the hours of darkness lengthen with the onset of winter it would be most helpful if EVERYONE in the village can be on the lookout for activity in the immediate vicinity of the church, especially out of normal working hours, and to look out for unmarked vehicles or persons loitering in or near the churchyard or

acting strangely in any of a number of ways. The more people who are watching the church the better.

If you do see something unusual please do not hesitate to ring the police at Consett. The telephone number is 0345 60 60 364 or the Vicar, telephone 501170, or a Churchwarden, whose names and telephone numbers are displayed on the Notice Board in the churchyard. The Vicar and the Churchwardens would be very grateful for your assistance in this matter.

This well-loved historic parish church stands at the heart of our village. PLEASE help us to ensure its future safety and security. Thank you.

GRAND OPENING OF WESTLANDS

The premises of Westlands Dental Studio have undergone a £300,000 refurbishment programme and now include two treatment rooms, a beauty therapy room, central sterilisation zones, exquisite patient lounge area which boasts a refreshment area and state-of-the-art reception. It will be opened to all (including children) on Saturday 29th November, from 9.30 am until 2 pm. A free prize draw will be held for all who attend the unveiling of the practice. The first prize is the opportunity to win a £3,000 smile makeover, second prize is a tooth whitening package worth over £600 and the third prize is a year's free membership to the practice. In addition, for every new patient that books an appointment at Westlands, £1 will be donated to Willow Burn Hospice. Alongside the dental treatment, clients can take advantage of new treatments which include: Holistic Beauty Therapy, Facial Aesthetics and Podiatry. Sabrina has been a Beauty Therapist for over ten years and she has successfully run her own Beauty Salon for eight years. She takes a holistic approach to beauty therapy and she specialises in reflexology



Sabrina who is the Beauty Therapist with Richard who offers a variety of Facial Aesthetics including Wrinkle free treatments and Dermafillers



Lyndsay Derrick who is the Podiatrist for the Westlands Practice

MARGARET RUNS FOR THE BUS

Continued from page 1
Just as important, Karen's short talk about the bus at the coffee morning to those present who helped to raise its awareness and may well lead to an increase in those making use of this valuable service.

Finally, I would like to warmly thank the three village churches and parishioners, Lanchester Pharmacy, Crinnions, Talking Heads, and customers of those businesses for their excellent support. Family and friends who kindly

sponsored this effort in aid of the bus also deserve recognition for their support and contributions. May the wheels on the bus continue to go round and round for a long time!
Margaret Doyle

as well as body massage. Richard is a Harley Street Specialist Practitioner who offers a variety of Facial Aesthetics. Non-surgical procedures are growing in popularity and

are not just for the rich and famous or women alone. Lyndsay Derrick completed her BSc (Hons) in Podiatry in June 2007 at Durham School of

Podiatric Medicine. Her services are vast, ranging from basic toe nail cutting, callus and corn removal to biochemical assessment and nail surgery.



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Official opening of Westland Dental Studio

Westlands Dental Studio will officially unveil its new dental clinic in Lanchester on Saturday 29th November 2008. We extend a warm invite to the local community in joining in the celebrations complimented with a champagne lunch and entertainment for the children. There will be an opportunity to be given a tour of the new look clinic located at 26 Front Street Lanchester County Durham. The studio will be open from 9.30am – 2pm.



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Amigos	Olive Simpkins	520229	Lanchester Partnership	Mike Gladstone	528114
Angling Club	Ted Brabbam	570447	Lanchester Pathfinders	Anne Cook	529334
Art Group	Judy Lowther	581336	Library	Monica Murfin	521021
Beamish Quilters	Elaine Williams	520063	Line dancing	Lynn Nixon	231622
Benfieldside Folk Dance	Jean Longstaffe	0191 3844445	Lions	Mark Draper	529775
Bereavement Support	Mrs P. Burton	230777	Macmillan Nurses	Brenda Hall	521408
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Bowls	Ken Raper	521673	Model Boat Club	Ted Welding	0191 3733046
Boys Brigade (11-18)	Geoff Martin	520103	Mothers' Union	Margaret Brown	529714
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Bridge Club	Jan Vasey	521948	Playgroup	Liz Smith	521682
Brownies	Liz Smith	521682	Poetry Group	Isam Hussain	521181
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Chuldmindes	Gillian Nichol	520446	Reading Group	Monica Murfin	521021
Children's Society	Brenda Craddock	520749	Red Cross	Dorothy Cox	520123
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Robyn Grange and Lucy Dunn (our third member, Julia Wilmot, was unfortunately unable to attend)

First of all we would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came and supported us on the 27th of September and who helped to raise a total of £232. A steady stream of visitors kept all the helpers busy with the cakes and gifts stall and the tombola. We also held both guess

the weight of the cake and name the teddy competitions. The right weight, 11b 11, was guessed by Christopher Willmot; the teddy's name, Nora, was not guessed correctly by anyone unfortunately. We are hoping to hold another coffee morning in

OLD FRIENDS FROM LANCHESTER

On a recent visit to Menton, in the south of France, we had the opportunity of meeting up with some old friends who used to live in Lanchester. Viv and Trevor Williams, who used to live in East Lodge Durham Road, moved from Lanchester over 20 years ago. Since leaving Lanchester they have been Ski Instructors, Adventure Tour Guides, Hoteliers in Greece and most recently Estate Managers in Eza. As it was 17 years since we last met up we had a lot to talk about and Viv and Trevor have asked us to pass on their good wishes to all their old friends in Lanchester.



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CHRISTIAN AID TEATIME

Fox Hills Lenten Group held a fund raising afternoon for Christian Aid on 19th September. This was part of a national project to raise funds on the same day in various parts of the country, in a similar manner. Organiser, Judith Brown must have been extremely pleased with the attendance which

must have been well over a hundred. The timing was excellent as mothers arrived with children after picking them up from school, which really swelled the numbers. The book stall did very well and the cake stall was a complete sell out. The kitchen was extremely busy providing teas,

coffees and shortbread, all delightfully consumed by the patrons. The total raised for Christian Aid from this well organised and keenly supported event was a huge £484.00. Thanks are offered to all those who contributed and helped to make the occasion such a huge success.



Invitation to Christian Aid Tea time. Left: Ian and Mary Hole with Lara Duffy. Right: Debbie Duffy with daughter, Freya.

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Jennifer, who gained a degree in Performance at Northumbria University, has been teaching at schools in South Tyneside and also runs

the Stardust club in the Community Centre on Saturdays.

Following on from workshops in school time involving singing and improvisation, the first after-school session led from pretend washing at great speed to group singing in character - the children pretending to be old ladies was pretty accurate as well as being

funny-moving onto circle games where individual children had to speak up and make a start at acting.

This kind of enjoyable work instils confidence in children, and Jennifer said that quiet children often

excel at performing. Judging by the first session the pupils at All Saints are learning fast.



Jennifer Hastings at the piano during the after-school club

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serious writing. He stressed the need for a disciplined approach to writing, working every day. It was, he said, 'satisfying torture'. He also stressed the need to reread and edit. When choosing subjects to write about, it was best to describe what you know about, so his first book had drawn heavily on his own experiences in the 60's. His hero, Nigel Broadbent, was an adolescent who hitch-

hikes down the French route nationale 7, inspired by the hobo image of Bob Dylan. Though some characters resembled people he had known, they were significantly changed in the novel, which was written in the first person. Graham read some passages from the novel, which was available for sale after the talk. Library staff kindly provided refreshments during an interval in proceedings.



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POETRY READING EVENING

Thirty people attended a poetry reading evening at the Community Centre on Wednesday 24th September. The poets, who were all contributors to the North East Poetry Journal, came from all parts of the North East - South Shields, Darlington, Newcastle, Corbridge, Heddon-on-the-Wall, Hexham, etc. A total of 50 poems were read. Such was the success of the evening that Isam Hussain (Editor of the North East Poetry Journal) intends to make it a quarterly event in 2009.

This party was held at Ramside Hall Hotel, Durham, on September 26th by Steve and Brenda Craddock to celebrate several landmarks this year in the Craddock family. The main occasions to celebrate were their Ruby (40th) Wedding in April of this year and Brenda's 70th birthday on September 22nd. Philippa our older daughter has a birthday in September. Our youngest daughter Stephanie and her husband Andy were celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary and Stephanie is 35 years old in October. They travelled up from London to join us, which was great. Two more 5's were Annabel our granddaughter who is 5 in October and last but not least, Steve who was 65 in July. (You know it all now!)

FIVES AND ZEROS PARTY

It was with great pleasure that Steve and Brenda welcomed 150 friends to the party and it went with a swing, largely due to our own Martin Matthews and his Ceilidh Band. They were absolutely excellent! Everybody's feet were tapping and the guests did not need any persuasion to dance. In fact they were glad to sit down for a rest while they ate the delicious hot meal, provided by the hotel and which everyone enjoyed. Steve and Brenda, who have now lived in the village for 36 years, wish to thank everyone for their kindness in acknowledging the anniversary and my birthday, with cards and flowers. I am sure you will agree that Lanchester is a lovely place for making lovely friends. B.W.C.



Steve and Brenda Craddock at their party in Ramside Hall

EXTRA SEATS AT MALTON

The latest task for the working group helping at the Malton picnic area has been to improve the seating. The 2 benches overlooking the river were reaching the end of their lives. The uprights were rotting and they would soon have become unsafe. One Sunday in October a group of us from the village wielded spades and sledge hammers to

remove the old benches and the large lumps of concrete that held them securely in the ground. Then we decided on the position for the 2 new seats before the hard work started again to dig suitable new holes, drop the seats in and mix concrete to secure them before finally topping off with soil. These seats have both back rests and

arms which means that more people will be able to use them comfortably and hopefully they will provide good service for many years to come.

The story was kindly supplied by Michael Horsley, who organises the working parties to help the County Council. Thanks to Coralie Dickinson, Countryside Ranger, for the photo.



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the Undulator could reach higher speeds.

Having qualified in July '45, Bill was sent to Bombay and thence by train to Kandy in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), where the unit retransmitted messages from Britain to Singapore and vice versa. Later he moved via Colombo to Ismailia, then to Udine in Northern Italy via Naples, where he visited Pompeii. At Cortina d'Ampezzo Bill was able to learn to ski, and graduated to the highest piste.

He later went to Egypt, and to Bahrain via Iraq. At this point there were technical problems, but he soldiered on without illustration. The DVD was a very professional production and the audience were keen to see the rest of it. The talk was followed by a brief AGM of the History Society, in which Secretary Kevin Leary welcomed the Chairman,



Bill Eckford

John Thompson, after a prolonged illness and reported that the programme had gone on, without the summer visits, under his guidance with the support of the officers and members. Treasurer Peter Smith retired and in the absence of an immediate replacement the Chairman volunteered to act as Treasurer. The other officers and committee were reelected. A menu for the annual dinner at the Kings Head on December 5th was distributed and bookings requested by the November meeting.

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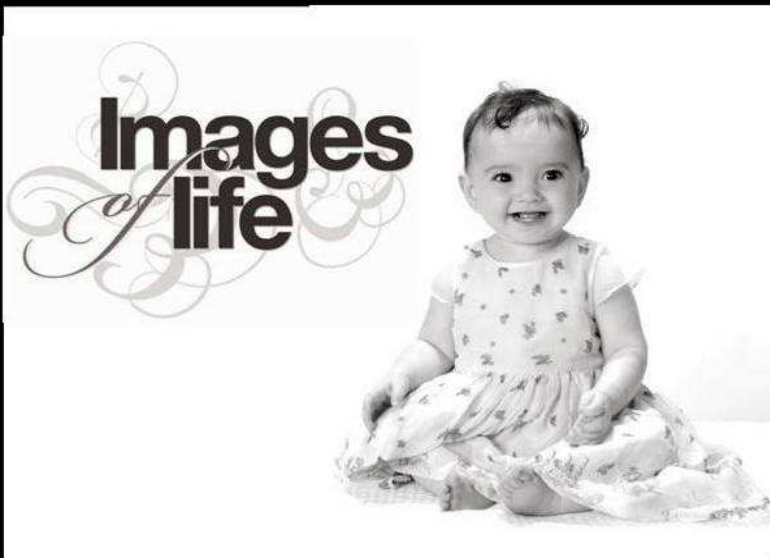
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We promised a consultation
A couple of years ago
On changing the constitution
But to hell with the manifesto

We're having a consultation
You're talking to us, it's true
It's just like a conversation
Except we don't listen to you

We're having a consultation
About scrapping democracy
We're rolling it out to the nation
And the result's been decided by me

Chorus

We're having a consultation
Isn't it just a swizz
It's causing consternation
'cos nobody knows what it is
Malcolm McKenzie

VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN

Local farmers met at the Old Mill, Knitsley, on a cold Sunday morning for their 25-30 miles journey across the moors. Some of the less brave attached cabs to their tractors! Over twenty tractors entered for the run and it was good to see one or two ladies driving along with the men.

Setting off at just after 11.00 am, the route took the participants towards Middle Dene, across the A68 to Colmes Bridges, alongside Derwent Reservoir, on to Edmundbyers and Waskerley Reservoir, before reaching Smiddeyshaw, and the Moorcock Pub for some hot broth and liquid lunch. Much of the

driving, for about an hour, was off road which made it more interesting and exciting. The return journey passed through Greenside, Saltersgate then back to Knitsley Mill, where the drivers were looking forward to refreshments provided by landlord, Alder Bradford. At the same time as the Tractor Run, some of the ladies set off on horses for a ride to Lanchester along the old railway line and headed for the Queens for a glass of punch before returning to meet the men folk at Knitsley.

In all it was a good day enjoyed by everyone, despite the cold and some rain. It was an even better day for Willow Burn who



Ian Suddes, Gordon Hockaday, Davy Vipond, with Alder Bradford (Old Mill), deep in discussion before the 'run'

will gain a substantial amount of money raised at the event, to be published in the next issue.

BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

The Beamish Trophy Trial riders assembled at the New Board Inn, Esh, on Sunday 21st September. The rally this year was organised by Tom Norman of the South Durham Section of the National VMCC of which there are about 16,000 members. Prior to this year the rally had been run by 'Friends of Beamish' for 27 years, and since 1998, by the Durham Classic MC Club.

The rally attracted a very large contingent from all over the country with one rider travelling from Colchester, Essex, and another from Huntley, which is well north of Aberdeen. Another entrant drove his BSA A65 all the way from Milton Keynes before taking part. The youngest rider by far, was a 16 year old and the real veteran of the event was 81! There really were some great enthusiasts for the sport competing.

It was a fine day for motorcycling and the 120

mile route began at 9.30 am at the New Board Inn, Esh, heading for the Moorcock at Waskerley for a break. Then it was on to Weardale, Stanhope, Alston, over to Allendale for lunch, before returning via Shotley Bridge, Burnhope and Lanchester, for a 4.00 pm finish, when many prizes were awarded to the winners of the various competitions. Some of the

testing trials were off road and en route competitors had to stop at various check points and were questioned on the history of vintage motorcycles and the sport itself. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the camaraderie at the finish was excellent when riders and the many followers were able to swap stories and incidents of the day.



Barry Jones on his 1966 Greaves was one of the earlier finishers

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LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Flowers from Flanders Fields

The fifth and final concert in the Lanchester Early Music Festival in All Saints Parish Church on Saturday 13th September featured the music of Josquin des Prez and his contemporaries. The concert was directed by Andrew Fowler featuring the Clerks of Durham and Boismortier Consort (Renaissance recorders). The music began with Dr Brunt playing a series of early organ pieces from the late 15th Century. Despite the age of the music it was remarkably fluid in its harmony and direction occasionally developing into fragmentary counterpoint. The first piece performed by the Clerks was des Prez homage on the Death of Ockenhem, a statement of Musical intent by Josquin. The Clerks filled the church with the ever changing texture of the music as the voices processed and faded with the ebb of the music. Next followed a set of two works for recorder ensemble on La Sol Fa Re Mi by Orlando de Lassus and Tiburtino. The first setting was rather sparse

in two parts and followed by a richer setting in 3 parts, both excellently played. Immediately following this was a setting of the same theme by Josquin demonstrating how composers of this period "borrowed" themes from each other and put a distinctive stamp on the music. A secular setting of Mille Regretz by des Prez was featured first. Again a series of borrowings on the initial theme by des Prez followed. First a pavan for recorder ensemble by T Susatio that dramatically altered the character of the piece. Second a darker more intense setting by Gombert and finally the Missa Mille Regretz by Cristobal de Morales. A short renaissance dance piece for organ led into the plainsong hymn Pange Lingua which was sung by the whole of Clerks and also soloists distributed throughout the church giving a spatial perspective on the music. Des Prez Missa Pange Lingua followed. This was a remarkable piece allowing members of the Clerks to shine as the music divided

the choir into two halves singing motoric motifs as if they were two large wheels spinning in opposite directions. The music ebbed away towards the end as it dissolved into sparse counterpoint, accentuating the words of the Agnus Dei. The second half of the concert began with a secular song Scaramella by des Prez which featured the Clerks accompanied by tabor processing round the church. Next followed some more early organ music, this time more advanced in style but still very fluid and wonderfully articulated by Dr Brunt.

A secular song by des Prez beautifully executed by the Clerks followed again echoed by another composers (Tiburtino) setting for recorder ensemble. The penultimate set was another series of different takes on Amy Souffrez, in up to seven parts for choir and the latter by P Attaignant having a rather darker texture with the addition of lower parts. After a reading toward the end by Dr Brunt elucidating the composition techniques of des Prez the concert finished, much as it had begun with an Elegy, this time on the death of Josquin by Vinders. This utilized

all the forces, the Clerks, Boismortier Consort and even Dr Brunt singing. This brought the concert to a peaceful close wishing eternal rest to Josquin, who was most admired among his contemporaries, reminding us of the impermanence and transience of life. The concert was excellently directed and sung throughout and it is clear to see/hear why Andrew Fowler, the Clerks of Durham and Boismortier Consort are held in such high esteem. It can only be hoped that they return again next year for a further concert of such high artistic calibre and variety.



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LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month found us leaving Lanchester up the back lanes towards the A68 and onwards then to Riding Mill and 'The Wellington'. After all the dreadful rain it was a pleasantly warm, clear day and the run out on the A68 was as enjoyable as ever. Once there we managed to fit ourselves around a smallish, but adequate oval table - our favoured type, so conducive for a good and flowing conversation 'cos we not only lunch - we also put the world and his mother to rights every month!

At the Wellington we found very attentive and obliging staff, a good menu with chef specials and a summer special menu of 2 courses for £10 and 3 for £12. We sampled for starters prawn cocktail, garlic and pesto mushrooms on toast, leek and potato soup and tomato and mozzarella salad. Main courses were sausage and mash, breast of chicken with mozzarella wrapped in bacon and a super food salad. Puds were berry romanov, medley of luxury mixed ice cream,

rich chocolate cake and treacle pud. The food was absolutely superb with the exception of the super food salad which was most disappointing. However, this matter was quickly and efficiently dealt with. We all were most impressed with the Wellington, its food and staff. The Christmas menu was out and looked excellent so we've booked ourselves in for December and we'll keep you posted.

The Gourmet Girls

WI OCTOBER 2008

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members, WIA representative Tina Bickerdike and new members Pat Cotrell and Irene James to the 2008 AGM.

The records of the last meeting were read out by secretary June Wallis with the 2007 AGM minutes placed on the table for members to read. Treasurer June Wallis presented the yearly financial statement. The committee's annual report was also given by secretary June Wallis. Jennifer Macdonald then gave her President's address which included thanking all the committee members for the work and the support they have given her throughout the past year. She also thanked all the members for attending and contributing to coffee mornings and other events.

The raffle was won by Phyllis Reed.

The annual result of the competitions was Jennifer Macdonald first with 7 points and Ann Carr runner up with 5 points. Tina presented them both with vouchers. Members were reminded about the arrangements for the November Birthday meal which is lunch at the Riverdale Hall Hotel at Bellingham stopping at Corbridge on the way for coffee and Xmas shopping, the bus leaving Peters at 9.00 am. Mrs Bickerdike asked if the committee were willing to stand again - they all were. She then held the election for President, Jennifer was proposed and she accepted for another year. Mrs Eileen Curnow spoke from the floor thanking all the committee for their hard work with a special mention to Jennifer for the excellent job she has done as President. The enthusiasm she has brought to the post has

not just been enjoyed by existing members but has brought new members in. Tina then addressed the members saying how impressed she was by the warmth she felt at the meeting and the way we not only helped and supported each other but other WIs and county events.

She then went on to talk about links between Lady Denman and Denman Hall the WI college which was opened 60 years ago with

£41,000 raised by members. Then as now it was seen as somewhere for members to be able to go and be inspired and encouraged to do new and exciting things.

Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with tea and biscuits.

WICoffeeMorning

The WI held their Autumn coffee morning on Wednesday 8th October. This event was well supported by both

members and the public. As well as tea and biscuits there was a raffle and a harvest stall full of home made cakes, pickles and other produce. The hall buzzed with everyone enjoying a chat with their drink whilst meeting friends old and new.

A big thank you to everyone who helped on stalls, kitchen and raffle as well as those who supported by bringing and buying.



WI Competition winners Ann Carr and Jennifer Mcdonald receiving their vouchers from W.I.A. Tina Bickerdike

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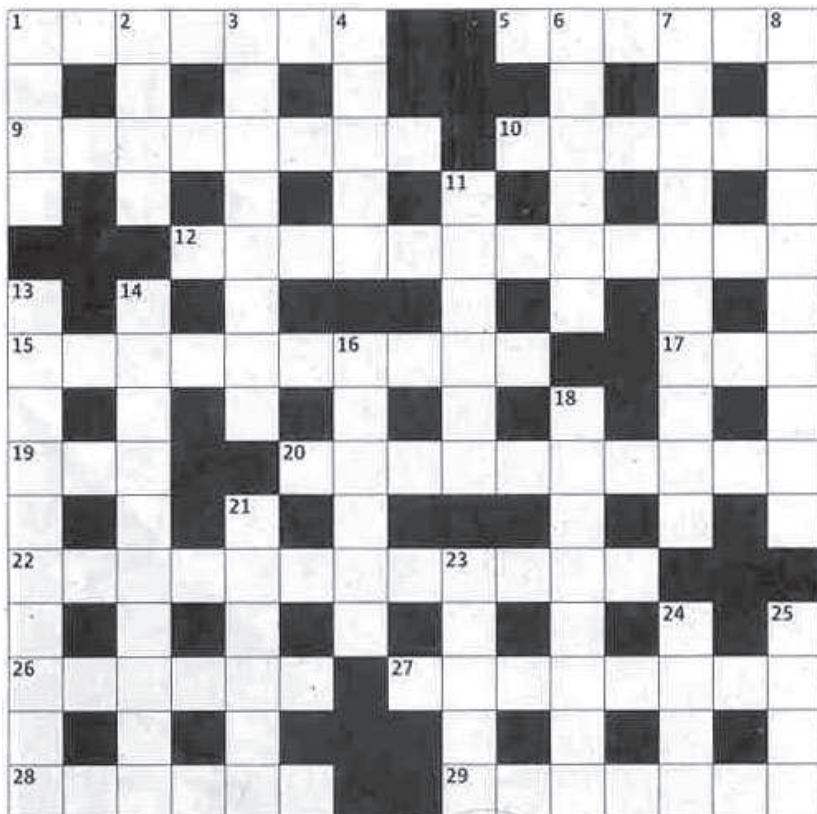
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CROSSWORD 30



ACROSS

1. Surround (7)
5. Base (6)
9. Unreal, sick US Tory loses time (8)
10. Tarzan (6)
12. Italian Renaissance Painter (12)
15. Bee keeping (10)
17. Fiction (3)
19. Line (3)
20. Result of hands on hips (4,6)
22. Exclusivity (12)
26. Messy (6)
27. Mam with *e coli* makes medicinal tea (8)
28. Yes Captain (3,3)
29. Steel we inserted to cook fish (4,3)

DOWN

1. Anagram of Levi (4)
2. Anagram of Levi (4)
3. Very attractive (8)
4. Dry up (5)
6. Wolflike (6)
7. Pseudonym (3,2,5)
- 8,21. Result of a binge on Saturday night? (8,2,6)
11. Distress signals (6)
13. A court Arab produces majestic fish (10)
14. Let his twin reform instrument (3,7)
16. Songbird (6)
18. Piste (3,5)
21. see 8
23. Approaches (5)
24. Anagram of Levi (4)
25. Anagram of Levi (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 29

ANSWERS

1. mathematics
9. lanyard
10. nuances
12. front bench
13. snag
15. parasol
17. prayer
18. see 14
20. allude
22. Yerevan
26. lame
27. lighthouse
29. brothel
30. Reuters
31. interpreter

DOWN

2. avant-garde
3. hedgehog
4. menace
5. thaw
6. Cockney
7. aloft
8. Angora
11. sugar
- 14,18. greenhouse gas
16. lay
19. seahorse
20. ad lib
21. lampoon
23. amulet
24. fillip
25. yeast
28. ghee

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

CROSSWORD 29

There were 16 entries in our competition last month.

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BOWLS REPORT

A well-attended annual general meeting of Lanchester Bowling Club was held on 9th October to round off the season. A few changes to the club's constitution were agreed to facilitate possible grant applications. Thanks were given to those who helped with maintenance of the pavilion, to Ken Raper for his work in preparation for grant applications and to the ladies who provided teas for bowlers. At the meeting it was good to see Eric Westgarth who is standing down as veteran's secretary after giving exceptional service to the club.

The results of this year's Club competitions are as follows:
Club Championship
Lanchester Dairies Trophy
Winner: A Wharton
Runner-up: R Ball
Bryan Carr Trophy (Handicap)
Winner: M Stoddart
Runner-up: R Ball
Peter Cain Trophy
4 woods
Winner: A Wharton
Runner-up: R Burton
Britannia Shield
3 woods
Winner: P Jose
Runner-up: K Jose
Andrew Jopling Trophy
2 woods
Winner: R Ball
Runner-up: R Burton

McCombie Shield
3 sets
Winner: R Ball
Runner-up: P Monaghan
Ken Tate Trophy Ladies
Winner: P Jose
Runner-up: A Hurran
Veterans 4 woods
Winner: R Cole
Runner-up: A Wharton
Veterans 3 woods
Winner: R Burton
Runner-up: R Stewart
Crinnion Bowl Pairs
Winners: K Raper & W Young
Runners-up: R Ball & P Monaghan
Ernest Robinson Trophy Veterans Pairs
Winners: P Harrison & D Bailey
Runners-up: R Stewart & J Newton

JAMES RUNS FOR CANCER CHARITY

James Doyle, son of Margaret ran the Great North Run for the first time. He ran in aid of a cancer charity and managed to get his face on the front page of Monday's Mirror and page 7 of Monday's Sun, attracting the cameras with his mask - the face of Shearer, handed out at the testimonial. He looked really funny and drew a lot of supportive cries of 'Shearer!' and 'Come on Alan!' from supporters in the crowd, from tiny tots (who thought he really was Alan Shearer) to men even older than our next door neighbour, Alan



Shear delight

Reed. James raised £600, at Manchester based on contributions from Metropolitan University, from family business completing his Legal Practice Certificate.

DURHAM BIG BIKE RIDE

On Sunday 21 September the Durham Big Bike ride came through Lanchester. Over 800 riders entered the event but only those riding the full 25 mile route passed through Lanchester along the railway path on the return leg to Durham City. While the ride is not a race, the fastest riders completed the route in about 80 minutes and most took less than 3 hours. The riders appeared to be enjoying their day out as they passed through the village or were they just glad they were nearing their destination.



Some of the cyclists on their way through Lanchester

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Members of the Girls Football Team at Lanchester EP School showing off their new strip, sponsored by Castleok. The strips were



organised and presented by John Johnson, Regional Operations Director, Castleok, who made a short speech to encourage the girls, and emphasise teamwork. Left to right: Front Row: Rhiannon, Sarah, Georgina, Alex, Kate. Middle Row: Left to right: Kirsty, Chloe, Rachel, Olivia, Zoe. Back Row, Peter Taylor, Team Manager, John Johnson, Regional Operations Director, Castleok.

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Country Market

Pies, pastries, cakes, eggs, vegetables, jams and crafts are available in the Community Centre on Saturday 1st November, starting 10 am. You could have a cup of tea and a scone as well.

Short Walks

The Short Circuits R.A. group meet at 10.30 am on Saturday 1st November for a 4.75 mile walk starting at Causey Arch car park (NZ205563), and on 22nd November for a 5 mile walk starting at Marsden Grotto (399649).

The Prisoner of Zenda

Nobby Dimon's latest drama, a swashbuckling Ruritanian Romance, is staged in the Community Centre on Saturday November 1st. Hope you haven't missed it!

Remembrance

There will be a Service of Remembrance on the Village Green on Sunday 9th November, at 9.30 am.

Book Fayre

Lanchester Red Cross Shop will be holding a Book Fayre from 6th to 20th November, with good books including novels, non-fiction, cookery books and a very good selection of children's books.

The sale is held in the Red Cross room above the shop from 10 am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10-12.30 on Saturdays.

There is also a coffee morning in the same room on 27th November from 9.30 till 11.30 am, with home made cakes, coffee and tea and also a jewellery sale.

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Entertainment for November:

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8 Nov Gary James Top Vocalist
15 Nov Karaoke
22 Nov Kelly Anne Smith Voted Best Vocal Newcomer 2007
29 Nov Marty Scott Top Class Vocalist

WI

Our November meeting on Monday 3rd is a birthday lunch at the Riverdale Hall Hotel Bellingham stopping at Corbridge on the way for coffee and Christmas shopping. The bus leaves Peters at 9.00 am.

Our Christmas meeting on Monday December 1st will be a faith supper with entertainment.

Sunday Bridge

Following the first bridge session in aid of Community Centre funds in October, the next Sunday bridge session will be held in the Community Centre on November 9th. Start of play is 2 pm and entrance £3. See advert below for future dates.

WHAT'S ON?

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 11th November at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, Noel Jackson will present 'Heading North' - the promise of another excellent talk by Noel.

Mothers' Union

At the meeting on 12th November, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, Eric Gaskill will give a talk with visual aids on the holiday in Canada which he and Hazel enjoyed.

Taize Service

A service based on the enduring work of Brother Roger in Taize in central France will be held at All Saints Parish Church, at 6 pm on Sunday, 16th November.

All are welcome to join in the service.

Flower Club

Friday 21st November is the date of one of the Flower Club's special Open Evenings, when Derek Armstrong of Carlisle will offer a demonstration entitled 'At Home for Christmas'. The evening starts at 7 pm in the Community Centre.

Dog Show in Lanchester

A dog show is to be held in the Community Centre on 16th November from 11 am till 4 pm. This is definitely not a Crufts lookalike, but a "proper" companion dog show with classes to suit all - Heinz 57, best 6 legs, waggiest tail, dog most like its handler etc. Entries will be taken from 10.30 to start at 11.00. We understand that further information can be obtained from Sharron at the Prince Bishops Vet Centre, Leadgate.

Film Club

The film, 'La Vie en Rose', will be screened at 7.30 pm on Sunday 16th November in the Community Centre. All are welcome, £3.50 admission or £2 for members.

This film is a portrayal of the legendary French singer, Edith Piaf, and pays tribute to her life and music in a biopic revealing the woman behind the icon. Her journey from reluctant street singer to international star is linked with personal problems that make her most famous song, "Non je ne regrette rien", ring out as a cry of defiance in the face of adversity. Marian Cotillard gives an Oscar winning performance as 'Piaf'.

The films for the rest of the season will be as follows: December 14th Atonement, January 18th When did you last see your Father?, February 15th The Counterfeiters, March 15th The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, April 19th The Magic Flute (Bergman).

Watercolour Display

There will be a display in Lanchester library of work done by Dave Anderson's watercolour class during the month of November. The class is held in the Community Centre on Monday mornings.

Willow Burn Coffee

There will be a coffee morning (and afternoon) for Willow Burn Hospice at Lanchester library on Thursday 20th November.

So far the total raised by library events has been an impressive £786.54, but more would be useful.

Lanchester Community Centre



Sunday Bridge



For all you Bridge fans the monthly Sunday Bridge has started. Entrance is £3.00 starting at 2.00pm on the following dates. All proceeds towards the Community Centre funds. Everybody is welcome so put these dates in your diary.

Nov 9th 2008

Jan 25th 2009

Feb 22nd 2009

March 22nd 2009

April 26th 2009

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'One Fine Day'

On Saturday 22nd November at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, Dr Ian Brunt will present a concert by 'One Fine Day', a trio of talented musicians: Calum Stewart (wooden flute), Nikolaj Busk (piano/harmonium) and Hal Parfitt-Murray (fiddle/viola), playing Scandinavian and European folk music. Dr Brunt will also play some Northumberland pipes/flute duets with Calum. The trio are performing at the Rothbury Festival, at Allendale and at The Sage, Gateshead the same week, so Lanchester residents can have the luxury of staying in the village, rather than an expensive trip to The Sage.

Musical Night

Lanchester, Burnhope and Castleside Branch of the Labour Party are sponsoring a Musical Night at Lanchester Social Club, Newbiggen Lane, on Saturday, 29th November, beginning at 8.00 pm. The entertainment will be led by an 8 piece band 'ON BROADWAY', playing songs from the shows. There will be a Monster Raffle and an Auction of a House of Commons bottle of Blended Whisky, signed by Prime Minister, Gordon Brown. All proceeds from this attractive function will go to Willow Burn Hospice. Tickets are available from Ossie Johnson on 01207 521937, Colin Burton on 01207 520840 and other branch members.

MP Surgery

Our Member of Parliament, Hilary Armstrong, will be available to speak to constituents about their worries and woes on Saturday 8th November at Citizens' House, Consett, starting at 11am.

Learn About Longovicium

The group formed to study the Roman fort of Longovicium at Lanchester will hold its November meeting on the 27th in the upstairs meeting room in the Community Centre.

Members will be able to study the report on the group's second geophysical survey, which has revealed another section of Dere Street and buildings on both sides of it, and make plans to trace the line of the Roman road between Lanchester and Chester-le-Street.

Another major project is the recording of objects which have been found in and around the Fort. Some of these are easy to find: one is in the Parish Church, and others are in museums in Durham, Chesters and elsewhere. However some folks in Lanchester may well have come across some object in local fields, and the Friends are interested in any 'find', however small.

The major finds have been altars, which the garrison erected to thank their gods for favours granted or expected, but even such small objects as tiles, beads, or pieces of pottery are of interest. The plan is to measure and photograph the objects and return them to the finders. Anyone who can help is asked to contact the Village Voice, or ring 521427.

Church Fair

The C of E Parish Church will hold its Fair in the morning of 29th November in the Community Centre. A wide variety of goods will be on sale, many of them eminently suited to be given as Christmas presents.

Willow Burn Events

It's a busy month for fundraising for Willow Burn Hospice, with three events lined up.

On Saturday 8th November there is a shopping trip to York and McArthur Glen, leaving at 8 am and returning at 7.30 pm, tickets £10.

The Christmas fair will be held at St Bede's this year on Saturday November 22nd from 10 till 12. Donations of goods to be

sold at the fair can be left at the Hospice.

On the 29th there is a Charity Ball, which is held in the new SAS Radisson Hotel in Durham. The theme is 'A day at the Races' and the dress code will be black tie and glamorous frocks, hats optional. Guests will enjoy a four-course dinner, entertainment and a lot of fun. Tickets, price £55 per person can be had from

the hospice by ringing 523294 (Julia) or 523292 (Angela).

Village Voice AGM

The Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications, who publish the Village Voice, will be held on Sunday 16th November at 7.00 pm in the Dining Room of the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Aerobics with Harry

Do you want to keep fit and have fun at the same time? Leisureworks is holding an Aerobics class for unfit and fit people at Lanchester Community Centre every Friday at 1.15 pm, for an hour.

Top coach in the region, Harry Robertson, is running the class and

plays Low Impact Aerobic Music which is thoroughly enjoyed by those who attend. Harry is an Exercise Consultant at the Louisa Centre, Stanley, and as part of his job takes people on Walks and Bike rides as well as instructing GP Referrals for Cardio and

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Some of those already attending the class are: left to right: Liz Hall, Christine Gibson, Jean Surtees, Harry Robertson, coach, Jill Gladstone, Jean Suddes and June Harkis.

Exercise in the Library



Members of the gentle seated exercise class which started in the Library in October, on Tuesday afternoons, 1 - 2 pm.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Yveta Dzurikova, from Slovakia, with some of the pupils who dressed up to celebrate European Day of Languages.

Friday 26th September is European Day of Languages which was celebrated at Lanchester EP School with the whole day revolving around the language, customs and culture of different European countries. Many children came to school dressed in traditional costume or in the colours of the flag of the country which they were representing. The school has recently been hosting Slovakian Teacher, Yveta Dzurikova. She teaches English and Russian to 10-18 year old pupils in her home town. In Lanchester she has been working with the children to develop an international awareness and has been teaching them a few simple words and phrases in her own language.

European Day of Languages has also become a tradition at All Saints primary school, to make all the pupils aware of other countries and their languages

On September 24th every class made such a study at a level suitable for their age. For example, class one looked at copies of the same book in English, Spanish and German, wrote down the translations and illustrated them. They also looked at flags, and learned the numbers one to ten in Italian.



Our picture shows some charming children from class one with their illustrations, while one young man shows the books in Spanish and German.

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