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SPONSORED TODDLE

The Play Group and Tiny Tots held their Sponsored Toddle at the Play Park on Wednesday July 1st. It was an extremely hot morning which involved walking

around the fenced-in area of the park three times. Afterwards they enjoyed the park, games and picnic. The total raised for their funds was £136.50.



Toddlers, Tiny Tots, Parents, Grandparents and Childminders walk around the park

LANCHESTER DAIRIES STEPS IN

When the Blaydon plant of Dairy Farmers of Britain (DFB) closed their doors recently, serious effects were felt across the whole of the north east region and beyond. PricewaterhouseCoopers, the receivers, gave no notice of the sudden closure of this plant, which meant that the Lanchester Dairies, along with other local milk processors, had to step in to try to save as much of the situation as was possible. Hospitals, schools, and nursing homes in the region and local food producers were

affected, and many of the local farms were uncertain if they would have their daily milk collected. Barry Peacock, the general manager of Lanchester Dairies said. "We feel great sadness for the farmers, and for all the people affected by the closure of DFB. The receivers simply closed the doors on the Friday afternoon and left everyone in limbo." Lanchester Dairies is the region's biggest independent dairy, and has signed up some of the famers once on contract to DFB. It

is expected that additional staff will be needed to manage the increased demand for dairy products. The company now employs sixty five people, supplying customers across the local area. Local Asda stores are also sourced by the dairy. Mr Peacock believes that matters could have been managed better by the receivers, so that disruption could have been minimised for so many people. "All three local dairies did a superb job to try to recover the situation", he added.

LANCHESTER SHOW

Traditionally, Lanchester Show was known as the Sunshine Show, always enjoying good weather. In recent years, conditions haven't been as kind, but this 57th annual event took place in bright sunshine. The Show attracted a large number of visitors and competitors, with many of the judges travelling long distances to attend. Various stalls and displays added to the carnival atmosphere. These included refreshment points, animal feeds, garden plants, art and photography, a wildlife trust, a dog rescue organisation - and of course, the bar proved a popular venue during the

warm afternoon! The dog show attracted a large number of high quality entrants, coming from a wide area, and a fine display of vintage tractors created a great deal of interest. This was the first time cattle and sheep had been included in the Show since the foot and mouth outbreak, and according to local Land Agent Tom Richardson, who organised this section, a great deal of public interest had been evident. A three year old heifer, Eilidh the Sixth of Escafeld, owned by S Haley, was declared Champion, with Reserve Champion E Halford's stock bull Dughall of Blairlogan. James Gilson's

shearling texel tup clipped won as Champion in the sheep entries, and Reserve Champion was a beltex ex texel aged tup, owned by J Stables. Christopher Grant's Dunedin Rhuann, a nine

year old grey dun Highland mare proved a worthy winner of the Show's prestigious Supreme Champion title. The Reserve Supreme Championship was awarded to Charlotte

Miller's Saxen Master Harry, a twelve year old part Arab gelding. A very successful and well attended Show ended just before the rain started! Maisie Raine



Highland Cattle, from the Highland Cattle Centre at Whittonstall

HILARY ARMSTRONG TO STAND DOWN

Rt. Hon Hilary Armstrong, MP for North West Durham, is to stand down at the next election. Coming up to the age of 65 and having served for 22 years she feels that it is time for change. The announcement was made to party members at Crook during July. She said, "I have loved working in the constituency and look forward to supporting Labour here and nationally. I still have a lot more to do as an MP, and at this stage just

want to thank people who have inspired and supported me over this time." She was formerly a lecturer at the Sunderland Polytechnic and followed her father, Ernest, into the House of Commons in 1987. He became Deputy Speaker towards the end of his parliamentary career. She left the government after Gordon Brown's appointment as Prime

Minister and was able to spend more time working for her constituents and favoured charities. She plans to keep her house in Crook. She said "Of course, I will miss being at the centre of government and being involved in strategic decisions, but I will still take an interest in projects in my constituency."



*Hilary Armstrong.
Photo taken in
autumn 2007 at
the Hedging and
Walling event*

WILLOW BURN SAYS "THANK YOU"!

June 4th saw over 50 of Willow Burn Hospice's Volunteer Force turn out with family and friends to enjoy a special Thank you party laid on to celebrate the amazing contribution the volunteers make to the Hospice. Volunteers are involved in almost every aspect of Willow Burn, from direct patient care to

fundraising and as Helen Mills, Chief Executive says "We couldn't do it without them". Long service awards were presented to a number of volunteers who have ten years involvement, and there are also a few others who have been helping Willow Burn since its inception 20 years ago.



The cake says it all!

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for June 2009 was 44. The draw was made by Mrs Dobson of the Art Group.

ARTICLES

Due to the number of articles submitted this month, the Editors regret that not all of them could be included, but they will be added to the next issue.

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MRS BATES LEAVES ST BEDE'S

Mrs Bates is leaving St Bede's School this summer and her position as Head Teacher, which will now come under Mrs Matthews' equally excellent leadership. Mrs Bates would like to take this opportunity to "thank everyone warmly and sincerely for all the support which has been given to her these past seven years". Mrs Bates said, "It has been a privilege to be Head Teacher of St Bede's" and gives her best wishes for the future of the school, which rests in the hands of all its pupils and members of staff.

During her time as Head Teacher Mrs Bates was able to work with students with huge potential and she firmly believes that the school has equipped them with the skills, confidence and great qualifications to allow them to be successful in the future. Mrs Bates said that, "pupils of St Bede's are keen to make positive changes and improve the school community" and hopes that they will be able to transfer this positive attitude into their chosen career path. The work done by Mrs Bates during her time as

Head Teacher was the product of some great teamwork between herself and the dedicated team of teaching and support staff at St Bede's. This is considered as one of the main contributing factors to the school's success alongside the dedication and the commitment of the Governors, Parents, Staff and Primary Schools, working together to gain the best possible outcome for the young people of St Bede's. St Bede's is recognised as a highly successful school, judged Outstanding by Ofsted and the Diocesan

Inspection Team, which is due to the devotion of Mrs Bates and all the teachers and their focus on the pupil as an individual. Mrs Bates said St Bede's "tries to develop the unique qualities of each child. We keep children at the heart of everything that we do." In the past seven years St Bede's has undergone some vast changes, the most obvious physical aspect being the construction of the new sixth form block last year, which was sponsored by Sir Tom Cowie. This has provided students in the sixth form with modern

facilities and a good independent learning environment to perfectly set them up for their higher education; if that is the path they choose. Mrs Bates has made huge improvements in St Bede's School and can be secure in the knowledge that she has handed over the position of Head Teacher to a most worthy person, Mrs Matthews. St Bede's is sure to continue to go from strength to strength with the wonderful support of Governors, Leadership Team, Staff and Parents. Claire Hogarth



Mrs Bates and Sir Tom Cowie at the start of building the sixth form block

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Mrs Bates and Mrs Matthews accepting a picture



Pupils from last year's year 11 with their great GCSE results

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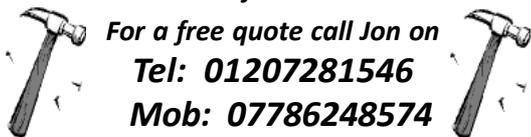
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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



*Ron and Maureen Barker who recently
celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary*

Ron and Maureen Barker celebrated their 'Golden Wedding' on 27th June, with a holiday in Turkey, followed by a special weekend in Scarborough, where they spent their honeymoon in 1959.

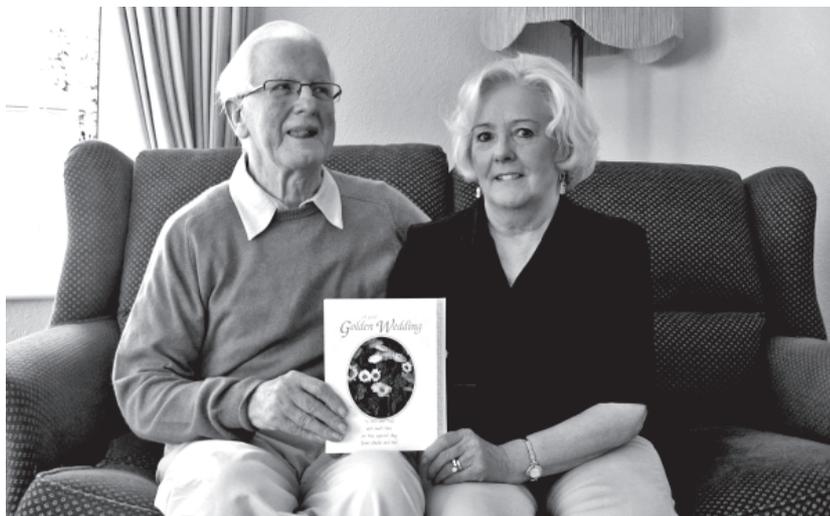
They were married in Satley Church, lived at Hollinside for 43 years, then they moved to Lanchester 7 years ago. Friends and their family all paid a big part in their celebrations. Altogether, they had a wonderful time. They would like to thank family and friends for the kindness shown to them on this occasion.

PAUL AND ANNE CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Paul and Anne Hutchinson married at Christ Church, Consett on 4th July, 1959. The wedding was conducted by Rev. Leslie Armstrong. After their honeymoon in Torquay, they lived at Low Fell where they remained for about 4 years. There followed a move to Shotley Bridge for a stay of 18 years before spending another ten years at Ebchester. Finally they came to Lanchester and have lived happily, making many friends in the village

during the last 14 years. Their Golden Wedding celebration was a family affair organised by Paul and Anne's two sons, Nigel, who lives at Leigh, Essex, and Michael who lives in London. They decided to hold a lunch at the exclusive Jesmond Dene Hotel, Jesmond. The lunch was a magnificent occasion enjoyed by all. Their celebration continued with a trip, courtesy of Nigel and Michael, on the Northern Belle, a train owned and run by the Orient Express

Company. The carriages were rather plush in the style of the old Pullman. They joined the train at Durham and travelled to Perth enjoying a 'brunch', in first class style. The 'Express' terminated at Perth. Paul and Anne spent some four hours visiting Glamis and the castle before returning to Perth for the trip home. They enjoyed an excellent silver service dinner before arriving at Durham Station. It was truly a memorable day that will always live with them.



Paul and Anne Hutchinson with a Golden Wedding Card

ST BEDE'S YEAR 8 WIN COUNTY MATHS CHALLENGE

On 26th June, St Bede's hosted the annual County Maths Challenge, incorporating many catholic schools from across the county. It was great opportunity to encourage learning while in a competitive environment so as to make it especially engaging for the children. All who participated enjoyed it tremendously and it also gave them the chance

to get to know other people their age from different schools in the area. The top mathematicians of year 8 were selected and put into teams of four to represent the school. St Bede's put forward two teams as did, St Michael's, St Anthony's, Our Lady and St Bede, English Martyrs and St Robert's, but Carmel only had the one. So it

was a great achievement for St Bede's team A to win overall, beating the other 12 teams in the process. The winning team was made up of Frances Gibson, Andrew Kitchen, Gary Crackett and Callan McCabe. Second came St Robert's team A and third St Anthony's team A. Some members of St Bede's Sixth Form were happily enlisted to help

out with the numerous activities in the competition, by setting them up and scoring the teams. They were also able to provide hints and tips for the struggling teams. This was useful as the year 8's competed in rounds such as: the 5 minute relay, where a question must be answered correctly in order to be used in the next stage of the solving

process; the Strategy game; the Round the Room activity, where they had to answer 10 questions on the walls around the room; the carousel, where they did 6 activities and the relay where they had to run in order to get the question. So overall it was a very pleasant morning and achieved a well-deserved result for the St Bede's team.

The winning team overall, St Bede's team 'A' (Frances Gibson, Andrew Kitchen, Gary Crackett and Callan McCabe) proudly holding the plaques that they had won



LEAVING PARTY FOR THE EP SCHOOL AT THE CHAPTER HOUSE

A leaving party was held at the Chapter House in honour of the following who are leaving the EP School:

- Debra Murphy, Parent Governor. Deputy Head;
- Jane Holliday, almost fifty people in Teacher; and the Chapter House who
- Lesley Suddes, all enjoyed a superb

buffet provided by the church ladies catering group. Flowers were presented to the three who were leaving and Jane Davis, Head Teacher, made a lovely amusing speech with plenty of anecdotes and words describing the care, dedication and thanks to all three and how much they would be missed by everyone. Canon Peter Waterhouse followed with a short message of

thanks from himself and on behalf of all those who were present in the room for the occasion. It was a lovely occasion but sad at the same time that three very popular people were leaving the school. It seemed quite obvious from words that were said and the atmosphere, that it was not just departing colleagues, but friends who were leaving a good hard working team.



Michael Knowles, Chair of Governors, Jane Davis, Head Teacher, Debra Murphy, Deputy Head, Lesley Suddes, Governor, Jane Holliday, Teacher, Rev. Peter Waterhouse pose for a photograph at the leaving party

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PACT MEETING 14th July

Before the Parish Council Meeting began, there was a PACT Meeting (Police and Communities Together). This was attended by Councillors, and the Assistant Neighbourhood Inspector Peter Dawson (who chaired the meeting), our two local PCSO's Vanessa Gray and John Hutchinson, as well as a representative from Durham County Council and Derwentside Homes. The Meeting was open to the public. Inspector Dawson asked if anyone had any questions and Cllr Jackson asked how does a small village such as ours get its fair share of policing when resources are scarce. Inspector Dawson replied that we have our own two Beat police who are dedicated to the village and

Burnhope but that when necessary they have to be moved to other areas where there are problems; likewise other staff would be drafted in to the village if necessary. He explained that every month there is a meeting for the Consett area, which includes Lanchester where reports are given and statistics drawn up to locate and solve problems for which groups are set up. He stressed the need for residents to report problems and incidents so that these can be noted and dealt with, particularly if a pattern emerges. Cllr Burton asked about the use of the CCTV cameras. Inspector Dawson explained how they worked with trained staff reporting incidents to cars in the area so that they could attend trouble

areas observed on the cameras. Indeed, Inspector Dawson immediately used his radio to call the camera centre and a report was given, and heard by Members, of what could be seen in the village. At this point Inspector Dawson told Members that they are trying to set up a volunteer scheme so that people with spare time could do such tasks as look at films etc. which would free police time. Of course people would be vetted for certain tasks. Cllr Harrison asked about the policing of the Rural Community and was pleased to hear that there are evening operations which respond to the road policing units. As there is a problem with rural crime, three or four forces work together, but as before, intelligence is needed. However, there is a Farm Watch and a Ringmaster which can make several calls giving one standard message, such as a warning or other useful information, and this is available for Neighbourhood Watch also. Local problems were then discussed, such as the gatherings in Dora's Wood, damage, drinking youths, children playing in the streets in a dangerous area and what has been done or what could be done to prevent these problem situations. Inspector Dawson again stressed the need for reporting such problems and incidents to the police and receiving intelligence from schools. He mentioned the Young People's Task Group monthly meeting, but Mike Gladstone of the Partnership said that he already attends. Another PACT Meeting is planned for later in the year.

MINUTES OF LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th July

Police Report

Rowdy Nuisance 16, Vehicle Nuisance 3, Theft 2 + 1 attempt, Burglary 1, Criminal Damage 3.

Correspondence

Durham County Council - Independent inspection of play areas in Hollinside, Manor Grange and Hurbuck by Zurich Municipal. These were satisfactory.

Durham CC - Keep Britain Tidy; information received with regard to the latest campaign.

Durham CC - Overview and scrutiny review regarding winter maintenance. This drew a great deal of comment from Councillors who are concerned for the village in case of another hard winter. Durham CC is asking Parish Councils to inform them of areas of importance and to give suggestions and how to implement them, such as allocation of resources. They are suggesting co-operation between town and parish in the matter of resources such as manpower, but Lanchester is a very small PC with no manpower to spare. Cllr Jackson suggested that an assessment process for the provision and servicing of salt/grit bins and that the County Council be asked now for their policy. The County's legal officers have no information about the problem of liability. Cllr Harrison also mentioned that gullies have not been cleared for some time, which is causing flooding; it is understood that the Partnership has written to the various Authorities about the condition of the drains. It was agreed that a map be prepared showing the

position of salt bins and blocked gullies and that this be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Durham Constabulary - offer of regular updates on policing issues. It was agreed the offer of these issues, to be sent out by email, be accepted.

Durham CC - Local Development Framework. This was considered by Members.

Installation of Bollards and Bike Racks in Front Street. The wrong bollards had been delivered but the right ones are on order and should be installed on 27th July.

Litter A letter was read out to Members from St Bede's Catholic School stating that every effort was being made to prevent litter in the fields around the school and the village.

Area Action Partnership Board Members were given details of the AAP including its Members and appointed co-ordinators.

Tree Survey of Land to rear of Cricket Ground. The Lead Officer informed Members that the Forestry Commission had no objection to the felling of two sycamores and some elders and that a quotation for £450 had been given for this work; it was agreed that the work should proceed.

Lanchester Parish Plan It was agreed that 80 copies should be reprinted at a cost of £417.

Condition of Roads in Lanchester Members reported on some areas of concern and it was agreed that a list of these and any other areas be drawn up for future action.

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Calor Gas Village of the Year Competition.
 Members agreed that the draft document prepared by the Lead Officer for this competition was very well put together.

Power of Well-Being

Members considered whether the Council complies with the conditions of eligibility for adopting the Power of Well-being, these being: A minimum of two thirds of vacancies on the Council filled at the last ordinary election; 80% of Councillors trained in the use of the Power of Well-being; A qualified Clerk trained in the use of the Power of Well-being;

The Council having a published Statement of Community Engagement. As all the criteria are met, it was agreed to adopt the Power of Well-being.

Financial Information and Accounts for Payment.

These were considered and approved. The date of the next Meeting was arranged, that being Tuesday 8th September at 7.15 in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester.

At this point it was mentioned that at the Lanchester Partnership Meeting the previous evening, Sonny Shepherd had asked if £40 could be provided for the purchase and licence of a film dealing with climate change etc with a view to it being shown in the village. It was agreed that this would go before the Finance Committee at the next meeting later in the month.

The Meeting then closed.

MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 7th July

Members considered the following planning applications;

Conversion of farm buildings to create two dwellings and one holiday cottage at Hollybush Farm, Lanchester. Members expressed concern over the lack of detail in the drawings and felt that more detailed drawings would have aided them in considering the application fully.

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised to the application subject to the development complying with the appropriate guidelines in the Village Design Statement.

Agricultural determination for the erection of cattle shed at China Hall Farm, Millershill Lane, Knitsley.

RESOLVED: that no objections be raised subject to complying with the appropriate guidelines in the Village Design Statement.

Creation of permanent outdoor horse riding arena with sand and rubber surface and erection of flood lighting at West Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester.

RESOLVED: that no objections be made subject to the development complying with the appropriate guidelines in the Village Design Statement. Also that

the Members' concern be noted regarding the floodlights and that consideration be given to the operating times for the floodlights.

Erection of new dwelling at Woodlea, Browney Bank, Lanchester.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the principal authority setting out the following:- Members are not aware of any recent occupation of the existing property, An objection be made to this unacceptable residential development in the countryside as specified in DDC retained policy,

Members consider the scale of the proposed development in the countryside to be unacceptable.

Erection of detached building to include 4 garages and 2 self-contained flats above loft at Ragpathside Farm, Lanchester.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the principal Authority setting out the following:- Members are unconvinced of the applicant's case for the need for staff accommodation, and that there is no supporting business on site which requires on-site staff and the estate does not seem to warrant staffing of this level.

An objection be made to this inappropriate development in the countryside.

CRINNIONS

When the 'For Sale' sign went up above the Delicatessen the rumour mill in the village started, suggesting that the shop was closing down. As has

been planned for some considerable time, the Delicatessen is moving just along Front Street, into their long established Butchers shop which will

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LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE

The EP School Year 6 Leavers Service held at the Parish Church on the penultimate day of Summer Term was very much an atmosphere of mixed emotions. The welcome extended by Evie Harkin to this children-led service, followed by prayers for the future and further prayers with Taize chants, belied what was to follow.

The appropriate readings and hymns continued in the same vein until the memories section, when children read out their favourite memories of their time at school. Some of these were hilarious and the atmosphere changed completely as laughter resounded around the church.

The Graduation Ceremony is what everyone looks forward to and no one could have been disappointed. The children who

obtained full 100% attendance awards were clapped enthusiastically and there was a special mention of some pupils who had achieved this award with underlying difficulties. However, the Year 6 Graduation Ceremony which followed could easily be re named the 'blushing and laughter ceremony'.

The teachers know the pupils so well and some of the reminiscences about the pupils brought tears of laughter to themselves, the teachers and the congregation. Some blushed with pride and some blushed with embarrassment, but it was all good fun and taken in fine spirit. Each child received a Graduation Certificate, a Scripture Union Guide about moving on, and a Memories Book.

The Lions Awards for Citizenship year 2 went to Sam Wilson. Lucy

Watson won the same award for year 6 pupils. These were presented by Canon Waterhouse. The Eco Rangers won the Rotary Award presented by a member of Consett Rotary Club. A surprise special award of a lovely clock went to Canon Waterhouse in recognition of his work

and dedication as Chairman of the Governors for 20 years. This was presented by year 6 pupils William Tatham and Ben O'Neill. Towards the end the mood changed again to the emotional, as Head Teacher, Jane Davis spoke at length about the sadness in losing

two members of valued staff who are moving on, and the tragic circumstances which four families with children in the school have had to endure this year.

Canon Waterhouse concluded the School Leavers' service with the blessing.



Sam Wilson, Year 2 and Lucy Watson, Year 6 win the Lanchester Lions Awards for Citizenship

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William Tatham (left) and Ben O'Neill, who presented Canon Peter Waterhouse with his special award in appreciation of his dedication and service to the school governors



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Libby Wright (left) and Katie Waller accept the Consett Rotary Award on behalf of the Eco Rangers Team

PARISH CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

By the time half an hour had passed the Chapter House was full to bursting point. The Catering Ladies in the kitchen and the Tea Ladies were continually on the go as more and more people crowded in to sample the mouth watering offerings of strawberries and cream on scones.

All the stalls seemed very busy for most of the time. Cakes are always a winner and went pretty quickly, helped by the staff who kept nibbling away as they served! The bottle stall, cards, books, toiletries and bric a brac, the raffle, all played their part in increasing the funds. The atmosphere was very friendly and the vicar seemed very relaxed as he enjoyed a chat and a cup of tea!

A tremendous effort was put into the occasion by members of the church and it all seemed worthwhile when a profit of £630 was announced.



Enthusiastic Sheila Waterhouse and Margaret Brown on the busy cake stall



Joyce Thomas, Freda Hunter, Betty Reed and Sheila Waterhouse sorting out the catering



Anne Hutchinson and Di Oram with plenty of would-be buyers on the Bric a Brac



Jean Young serving the toiletries

WILLOW BURN SUMMER FAIR

Willow Burn changed the venue this year to St Bede's School and it proved to be very successful. As Chief Executive, Helen Mills, introduced Nicola Cook (local authoress), who opened the Fair, the crowds came pouring in eager to part with their money for what is always a good cause.

The main hall was filled with good quality stalls. Picket Fence was an interesting new stall selling American traditional crafts as was the Nail Bar which was well used by the ladies. There were two cake stalls, one by Sainsburys, who have taken on Willow Burn as one of their priority sponsorships this year.

The antique stall was exceptional in its quality as was the plant table. There were so many opportunities on many stalls to spend money with excellent value given. The Line dancers provided the entertainment for the day.

Outside the building were a couple of classic wedding cars and the

Elddis Transport lorry complete with Willow Burn advertising and logos.

Coffees, teas, scones with cream were the mouth watering refreshments available. The Fair was a hugely successful event, not only from the social point of view, but it raised £2893 on the day with more money still to come.



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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB DEMONSTRATION EVENING

Lanchester Flower Club met on Friday 26th June to hold one of their two annual open meeting demonstration evenings. It was very well attended by over one hundred ladies. The Demonstrator was the well known National Demonstrator Vivien Bolton who comes from Corbridge. The theme of the session was "Summer Evening Glows".

It was a wonderful enjoyable and entertaining evening. The entire evening's flower arrangements which had been completed as the evening progressed were raffled at the end of the night, with all of the monies raised going to Breast Cancer Care. Connie Moore and her helpers



Vivien Bolton with her magnificent displays on the theme of 'Summer Evening Glows'

prepared a light bite for us all. Thanks to all who supported and helped on the evening.

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Gardening in August

Often, for Mums and Dads, August is holiday time with the children. Yet really, August is the time to enjoy your garden: it is at its most colourful and most prolific. If you are away it is important to prepare a watering schedule. For example group all your pots together in the shade so that it is easier for a neighbour to do the watering for you. For those of us at home it can still be a busy time but also we can sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labours.

Borders

You should keep on deadheading your flowers from seed and August is the time to cut everlasting flowers at midday on a dry day for drying. It needs to be done before they are fully out as they continue to open once they have been cut. You can also transplant annuals from your reserve supply to fill in any gaps. Your dahlias

and chrysanthemums should be fed, watered and disbudded and both will flower well into the autumn. It is also a useful time to collect seed for next year's sowings. In your rose bed it is important to control any weeds, deadhead and spray against pests and diseases if necessary.

Vegetable Plot

August can be a dry month so it is important to water all crops copiously as necessary. It is the time to harvest your runner beans and conserve any surplus to your daily needs. If you pick them regularly it encourages the plants to continue flowering and helps extend the cropping period into autumn. When you finish harvesting broad beans and other bean crops, you need to remember that there is still value in their roots. The nodules on them contain bacteria which attracts nitrogen from the air and turns it

into a fertiliser. Cut off the plants at soil level and leave the roots in the soil. You can plant salads or brassicas there next and they will benefit from this. You need to lift your onions this month and this is best done by bending the foliage over and letting it die down before lifting. It is the time to sow spring cabbages and plant winter cabbages, cauliflower and kale. Towards the end of the month and as you lift crops, you can sow green manures (like mustard) so that it can be dug in before the cold weather and provide some important nutrients for next year.

General

There is nothing worse than losing your crops to fungal diseases and blight. I am no longer prepared to leave things to chance and use a preventative spray on my outdoor tomatoes. Suitable products include copper sulphate based mixtures and Dithane 945. These should be used as directed on their boxes.

LIONS POST CARNIVAL

Compared to last year when the Carnival was almost a washout, this year's event was very good. Despite the intermittent showers, most of those who did come stayed until about 4pm, and all the entertainment took place, and was thoroughly enjoyed. The profit was in the region of £2000. The Lanchester Lions Club is much smaller in

membership now than it was a few years ago so it is impossible to put on the Carnival without considerable help. Those whom the Lions wish to thank this year (in no particular order) are as follows. In the Parade were: Lanchester Brass Band; Willow Burn Hospice; Lanchester Choral and Operatic; I & J McDonald; and the Playgroup.

The procession was led by Councillor Ossie Johnson and his wife, Linda. Charity organisations contributed by setting up their own stalls and manning them. The Lions are extremely grateful that these groups took part. Their participation added to the village atmosphere and hopefully raised some money for themselves.

Others who had contributed on the day were: The Red Cross; Consett Fire Brigade; the Methodist Church; Mr Ron Dixon (Transport); Premier Traffic Management; Dave Maddox (Village Handyman); Lions' Ladies and friends; relatives and friends of Lions; former Lions; Tom and Pat Spencer (Annfield Plain Scouts); Eddis

Transport, Lilypets (for providing water); the Partnership; and Lanchester Parish Council for permission to use the village green. It is hoped that next year's Carnival is even more successful, with even better weather and that Lanchester Lions Club will be able to call on similar help from all these people and organisations once again.



Councillor Ossie Johnson, and wife Linda, with Lion President Ian Murray and wife Heather, lead the procession, closely followed by Lanchester Brass Band



Choral and Operatic on the march through the village



Brian Naylor and Dennis Laycock creating Carnival fun



Children really enjoying the show ride which did really well

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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT

What a pleasure it was to attend the 41st Annual Concert of Lanchester Male Voice Choir on Friday July 3rd. Their usual high standard of performance was achieved throughout their programme of songs, under the baton of Harry Carr. Integrated into the evening were guest appearances of 'The Albion Quartet' and a young soprano singer Kirstie Wright. The former

appeared by kind permission of the Royal Northern College of Music and Kirstie Wright is a pupil at Durham High School for Girls, studying for four A-Levels (Music, Maths, French and Biology). The Albion Quartet is made up of two violinists, one viola and one cello player and they had a varied programme which they presented brilliantly. They have played at some

distinguished events and their talent has taken them as far away as Sydney Australia. We wish Sophie, Christina, Alice and Kirsty continued success in the future. Kirstie Wright has been involved in many musicals since she was 7 years old, and says that she loves performing to an audience. She is hoping to study for a degree in Musical Theatre in London. Kirstie appreciates very much the opportunities that her school have given her to perform as a singer, dancer and actress. She certainly sang beautifully and for several of her songs she used drama.



Pat Wills and daughter, Christine, welcoming members of the audience

The choir sang two songs as a dedication to a member of the choir who has recently died. Richard (Dick) Rose was a member of the choir for 22 years and the secretary for many

years. Dick was a lovely gentleman who will be very much missed. The choir also sang at Dick's funeral, which was a fitting gesture for their great friend. Brenda Craddock

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LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Hexham Collegium Musicum, 18th July

There have been so many memorable concerts over the years, so many evenings of top class music given in the beautiful setting of All Saints Church, that the concert-goer could be forgiven for wondering whether the organisers of the Lanchester Early Music Festival can keep up the high standard. But any doubts were quickly dissipated on the opening night of the sixth season in a concert given by Hexham Collegium Musicum.

The musicians who gathered on a typically rainy July evening were soloists of the highest standard, accompanied as ever at Lanchester by Dr Ian Brunt on harpsichord and organ. Brian Stewart (flute) is well known throughout the region for musicianship of rare subtlety and poise, while Laura Ashton, new to the Festival, showed herself a perfect partner in a recital built around

trio sonatas by Handel and Avison. Dr Brunt began the evening with a Handel Voluntary on the church organ, a dignified and musical performance that set the tone for the whole programme. Pieces by Purcell and Corelli followed, separated by a wonderful slow movement by Charles Avison, the great Newcastle composer of the late baroque. In an oboe sonata by Geminiani, Laura Ashton, employing strongly inflected rhythms and clean articulation, brought out the brilliance of music best described as rhetorical. The first half ended with music by Telemann, a composer who is still under-rated, his fame apparently resting on the fact that he can be calculated as having been the most prolific composer in history, whereas his true stature lies in the unvarying quality of those compositions. Handel dominated after the

interval, with a pair of sonatas and two movements from an organ concerto. The well-known Sonatina F Op 1 No 11 gave Brian Stewart a chance to show the range of his playing, from the beautiful line of the Siciliana to the fleetness of the final Allegro. In an Avison Trio Sonata we discovered more about one of the north-east's greatest artists, that he was a contemplative rather than purely exuberant composer, and that his distinctive voice can hold its own in distinguished company, such as that of Handel, whose Trio Sonata in G ended the evening. By now the players were so closely and joyously locked together that the music seem to play itself. With its customary mix of educated enthusiasm and high standards, this opening concert embodied all that has been best about the Lanchester Early Music Festival. Arthur Haswell

LIONS OF ZULULAND

The Lions of Zululand formed their group in 2003. Their first appearance was in USA where they met some teachers from Birmingham, UK. They were so impressed that they invited the Zulu group to the UK to perform in schools in the Midlands. Their tour has rapidly grown to encompass many schools in the north of England. They currently spend 5 months of the year touring England working all day for 5 days a week.

What a wonderful way for children to observe and understand culture from another country.

There is a saying that 'great minds think alike'. Both Lanchester primary schools booked the Lions of Zululand for their respective schools within the space of ten days.

The atmosphere for the first half hour of dancing was quite intimidating for the young children but the ice was broken when a child was picked up by a Zulu and was whirled around in a dramatic dance. All the children laughed and cheered and from then on they really started to enjoy the experience. Drums were loud, the whistling piercing, the chanting

menacing, the dancing was frenetic, and some of the gestures were fearsome.

After the lively introduction, workshops were held in culture, art, singing and dancing. The children learned by doing, not just listening, and thoroughly enjoyed trying out the dances, playing the drums, making Imvunulo (attire worn by the Zulus) and generally having a fun time. Both schools had an action packed day full of new learning experiences.

Being the larger school with suitable premises Lanchester EP held a concert for the general public during the evening. The concert consisted of dancing, accompanied by harmonious, animated singing. Although the words of the singing were incomprehensible to an English audience the

meaning of the words seemed to be conveyed by the dancing routines and the whole performance was captivating. The audience were spellbound by it all and this exuberance and energy of performance lasted without a break for over an hour!

Their obvious pleasure in performing was only matched by our pleasure in watching and listening to them. It was most certainly a night to remember!



Zulus huddled together at the beginning of a dance



The beat of the drum



Riannon Muir explains Zulu Language at the EP School



All Saints children learning the chicken dance in one of the workshops



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REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON 15th JULY

Arthur Maughan (Chairman) opened the meeting by welcoming those present. He explained that the finances of the association were in a healthy position but we should not be on a complacent as unexpected costs can arise as recent events have shown. Already this financial year we have had to spend £4600 on essential maintenance of the car park and drains, £1500 on upgrading the Centre's electrics and £500 on emergency roof

repairs. All this has meant that our funds have been significantly depleted.

Though essential repair work has been carried out the resurfacing of the car park has been put on hold, as the funds are not available. People who are not members or visitors to the Community Centre are currently using the car park but are not contributing to the upkeep. The meeting decided that signs, indicating that the car park is for members only, would be placed at the entry. Those people

who currently use the car park but are not members or customers of the association will be invited to become members, thereby helping to finance the upkeep.

The income from room rentals is on the increase, the Exercise Centre continues to be very popular but the income from Membership, Friends and donations is slightly down on last year. The table top sales have been very successful; the next one is planned for 5th September.

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RAYMOND AND TYNE RETIRE

Dog lover, Raymond Mosey, who has lived in the village some 42 years has decided it is time to call it a day.

Raymond has been involved with dogs most of his life, even at work where he looked after guard dogs for twelve years during part of his time as a Security Officer.

During the 1980's he owned German Shepherd dogs which he showed for agility, mainly in the North East, at Sedgefield, Barnard

Castle, Weardale, Redcar and Middlesbrough. With his dogs he won countless trophies and rosettes.

For the last seven years he has trained and worked with Border Collie, Tyne, who has also been very successful winning over 100 rosettes and ten trophies for agility.

However, Tyne is now 9 and Raymond is not getting any younger so he felt that, sadly, now is the right time to bow out.

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VIENNESE WHIRL

Great, I thought, what a nice treat for me - I like biscuits.

I did not have a treat - I enjoyed a feast of music and singing which was fantastic.

Every feast has its own special ingredients, and this feast had many of them:

- The guest soloist, Rachel Orr, brought her fabulous voice and superb sense of humour to the show. I will remember for a long time her pink feather duster.
- Ruth Armishaw delighted us with her marvellous accompanist skills - absolutely wonderful.
- Lilian Dixon, as choir accompanist, gave her usual faultless performance.
- David Hughes, the choir's musical director, gave of his vast musical historical knowledge in a way we all understood and appreciated.
- The Choir - very smart in black and pink (yes, even the men). I never fail to



Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society presenting their 'Viennese Whirl', an evening of favourite Operetta Melodies, with conductor David Hughes and accompanist Lilian Dixon

be amazed at the quality of the harmony and beauty of the singing. Sharon and Richard again demonstrated their wonderful voices.

- You, the public, who braved torrential rain and flooding to come and enjoy the party.

Yes - we had a Viennese Whirl after the show. Roll on the next production. C.



Guest soloist: Rachel Orr

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EP SCHOOL LEAVERS

On July 22nd, Year 6 will be leaving the EP School for pastures new. They will be going into year 7 at the secondary school of their choice. Whilst reluctant to leave such a happy school which has nurtured them for at least 7 years, the pupils must now move on to the next stage of their development (12-16/18 years of age).

To mark such an important new stage in their education, all the schools in the Durham Diocese are invited to the Cathedral for a special service. To allow every pupil to attend means there have to be a number of these services. Approximately 2500 pupils had attended Durham Cathedral at the end of the five services which were held there. Each service was led by a senior member of clergy. Our EP School

attended the Thursday afternoon service led by the Arch Deacon of Sunderland, The Ven. Stuart Bain. It was obvious that he enjoyed leading worship for children and the latter listened very intently to what he had to say. A choir had been formed, drawn from all the schools in the diocese and they had been practising very

diligently. They certainly boosted the singing when the congregation sang selected hymns or songs. Individual pupils read passages from the Bible and other prose eg 'This is the Year of the Child and our service is a celebration of the many talents and gifts of the young people in our diocese. Today we are sharing the joy and expectations as we take the next steps in our lives, using the gifts and



The pupils of Year 6, EP School

confidence we have acquired during our Primary years.' Another item of interest in the service was the individual school banners which pupils brought down the aisle at the beginning of the service. There were some very beautiful banners, all of which had been hand sewn. The service ended with prayer before a blessing was given by the Archdeacon of Sunderland. A final hymn of thanksgiving was sung

as the banners from each school were brought back down the aisle. Altogether it was a moving and meaningful service and our best

wishes go to the pupils of our own EP School as we wish them every happiness and success in their new schools. Brenda Craddock

VILLAGE VOICE GOES NATIONAL

The front page of the Village Voice, issue 9 volume 9, Sept 2008, featuring the Dr Who Extravaganza and the Leek Show has appeared in the Ambridge Voice, the fan newspaper of the Archers BBC Radio Serial. It was submitted by Lancastrian and well known singer, Sharon Murray, who is also a big fan of the serial. It won Sharon the 'Best Letter' of their Spring issue 32! It was quite an appropriate page to submit, as the Editor of the Ambridge paper realised that Terry Molloy who was mentioned and photographed in our

edition had also appeared in the Archers. The Ambridge Editor wrote about the Village Voice 'The Lanchester Village Voice is an impressive volume full of community spirit and its tag line reads 'It's all about people' - just like the Archers itself! It even contains a table of results for the Annual Leek and Horticultural Show - could it be more Ambridge?' Well done Sharon, not only for submitting our paper, but for choosing such an appropriate issue, and for winning the best letter as well. Keep on enjoying the Archers.



The Ambridge Voice, showing Sharon's Best Letter and the front page of the Village Voice

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SPRING CLEAN FOR WILLOW BURN!

Two Lanchester Schools went green on June 4th - and orange and white! But it was all for a good cause. Lanchester All Saints and EP school pupils and their families

filled green and white, and orange recycling bags with old clothes and other textiles, which were collected and weighed before going off to be recycled. Recycling firms

pay by the kilo for "rags", and all of the money raised went to support Willow Burn Hospice. All Saints, the smaller of the two schools, collected 41 kilos and raised £21.12, and EP managed 114 kilos, making their donation £50.16. Everybody benefits - wearable clothes go off to people in poorer communities in Europe and Africa, Willow Burn receives a donation and many Lanchester families have more wardrobe space!



Left to right, George Grimes, Harry Carson, Rachel Johnson and Ben O'Neill, EP, with their orange bags



Left to right, Max Ayres, Tia Simms and Jasmine Williams, All Saints, line up in front of their part of the contribution

SELL OUT SHOW AT LAMPLIGHT

Karen Stewart Dance Academy held a very special double anniversary show at the Lamplight Arts Centre. KSDA has been run under the guidance of Karen Stewart for 25 years and Karen herself celebrates 40 years in the Dance World. Over the years, Karen who was an undefeated Dance Champion, has trained numerous Champions in the UK and in Norway and has been honoured with Britain's Carl Alan Award and Norway's Roll of Honour for her outstanding teaching. During the show there were some moving tributes and telegrams from as far afield as Afghanistan, summing up exactly what Karen has achieved. "Believe in Dreams" is just what you should do.



Karen Stewart

I'm living proof of that. It's not easy, in fact, it's very hard keeping the Dream yourself, but with great background support you can achieve! I have some fantastic memories and tonight with so many past and present students it has been very emotional!" "Do I have any dreams left to fulfil?" "Oh yes, but I'm older now so they will take a little longer to achieve", laughs Karen, showing the infectious humour she is renowned for. Congratulations Karen and KSDA.



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GREAT BRITAIN DAY



Nursery children stand with the large Union Jack in their yard

What a good idea to promote Great Britain. Lanchester EP School chose 24th June to promote this day and teach children about their heritage.

Lessons concentrated on etiquette, manners and history. Children arrived at school dressed in appropriate red, white and blue attire and there were plenty of Union jacks in the classrooms.

Some of the challenges were to design a quintessential British

product and flower arranging.

Sport was included in the activities, and being Wimbledon fortnight what better game to play than tennis. Lunch was Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Fish Fingers and Chips, followed by Apple Pie and Custard.

During the afternoon parents were invited to a Coffee/Tea Afternoon with Strawberry and Cream Scones. Some of the older children helped with this.

THE ADVENTURES OF GOLDIESOCKS

What an unusual name for a play. Perhaps it's a play on words and really means Goldielocks? This delightful play was performed by 8 year old children from All Saints Primary, after school during the time they have their Drama Club. The children are taught by Amy Leach, who works for 'Stardust', a local organisation which teaches Drama and Performing Arts. Goldiesocks was a lovely play laced with lots of fun and humour. It encompassed two children's well known

nursery rhymes, Humpty Dumpty, and There was an old Woman who lived in a Shoe, along with traditional children's stories. It was interesting to see how the play developed, flitting from Goldiesocks, (whose socks were magic), The Three Bears, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel, and finally, Cinderella.

The children thoroughly enjoyed performing and their justifiably, proud, spellbound parents could not take their eyes off their young talented thespians.

Every child played their character really well - the little girl who played the

lead was exceptionally good (it was a large part to learn) along with the little

boy who linked the story as narrator, and read so well.



The cast of 'The Adventures of Goldiesocks'

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Left to right: Emma Donnelly; Nicola Wall; Simone Burn; Beca Wilson; Louise Smith and Maxine Hamflett.

THURSDAY CLUB CREAM TEA



A very busy afternoon at the Cream Tea



Elaine Williams and Liz Smith mopping up the flood water

METHODIST CHURCH BARBECUE

Following the Family Service held on the morning of Sunday 14th June, a BBQ was held for the congregation and others on the lawn outside the church. About 150 people attended the event organised by Mel Somersall. The lunch was excellent with chicken, sausages, beefburgers, salads and a pudding to follow. This was one of several 'talent' events being organised by members of the church to raise money for refurbishing the kitchen.



Mel and Eddie at the BBQ



Eager people queue for a magnificent lunch

We quite possibly should have been fundraising for the RNLI as on a sultry July 1st we didn't expect flooding in the Community Centre and Front Street being closed to traffic. The actual fundraising event was for the Great North Air Ambulance and fortunately with the sun splitting the skies earlier, the Main Hall filled up quickly, so much so that we needed extra tables. What an eventful afternoon it turned out to be, everyone blissfully enjoying their cream tea while listening to Lilian Dixon entertaining on the piano. Outside the heavens opened, doorways started flooding and mopping up operations were soon in progress - then the electrics failed except in the Main Hall - there must have been someone up there looking over us - the thunder and lightning were spectacular - it all seemed a little reminiscent of the Blitz.

Spirits were no way dampened and a really good afternoon was had by all. Considering the way the weather closed in, a very satisfying £550 was raised and the Thursday Club would like to thank all who contributed to the success - Lilian Dixon for playing the piano for us at such short notice after Neville had his accident, Elaine and her ladies for the lovely needlework display which was greatly enjoyed and admired, Maving Taylor for the floral decorations, Lanchester Dairies, Asda, Spar, Sainsburys, Morrisons, Beryls, Carpet Shop, Cathedral Travel, Country Store, Fish Bar, I & J Macdonald, Kiwi, Lilydale Pets, Newsagents, Nicholson & Weston, Peters, Pharmacy, Social Club, Talking Heads, Westlands and everyone who baked, worked, came and supported the event. Once again, thank you all very much indeed.



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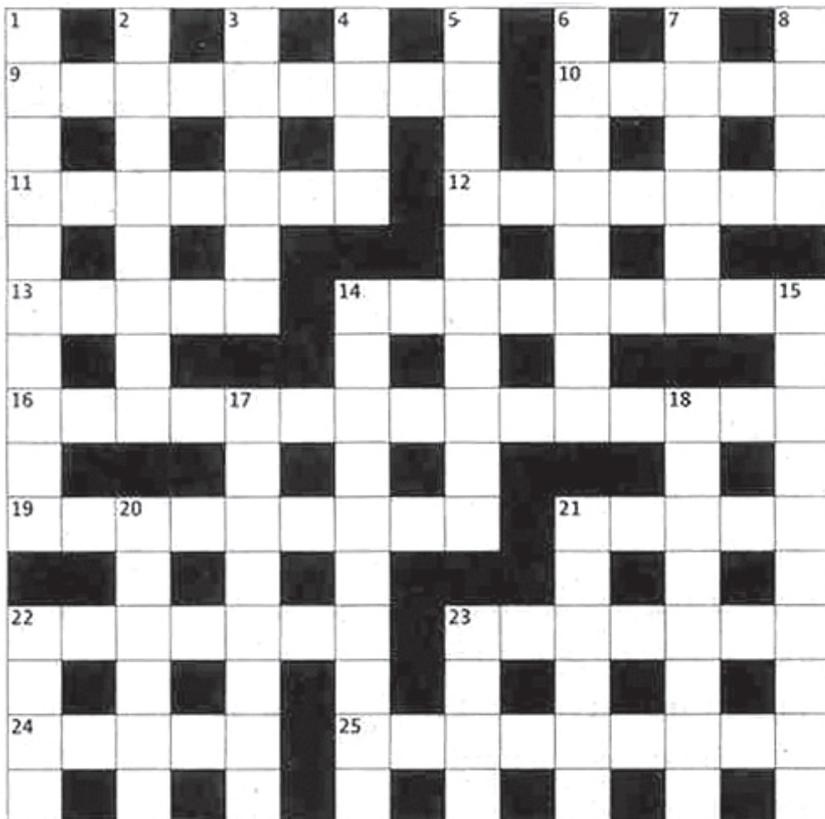
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CROSSWORD 39



ACROSS

9. Fighter (9)
10. *Volte-face* (1-4)
11. Ignore completely pointless educated changes (3,4)
12. Reversal of news coverage of headless moll is inflated (7)
13. Loud (5)
14. White torrent (9)
16. Nice English can't alter unwilling migration (6,9)
19. Story from rain on art exhibit again (9)
21. Camp in Mogul agency (5)
22. NE focus is muddle (7)
23. Different word, same meaning (7)
24. Goes with energy, system and flare (5)
25. British citizen between 1901-10(9)

DOWN

1. Charity changes ignorance etc. without it (3,7)
2. As slight as death rattle (4,4)
3. Unhappiness (6)
4. Prize stallion (4)
5. US can trace mixture to crablike creature (10)
6. Motorway sounds like large garage for car (8)
7. People at large (6)
8. Party to (2,2)
14. He of the eureka! moment (10)
15. Appointment (10)
17. At the double from hairy run (2,1,5)
18. Twenty-first state of the union (8)
20. Irk (6)
21. Nobility discovered in Bergen tryst (6)
22. Sack as container (4)
23. Cut up swan (4)

Name _____

Address _____

Please send your entries (by deadline date on back page) to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0JQ.

CROSSWORD 38

There were 19 entries in last month's crossword competition.

The winner in the draw was Mrs J Hall of Valley Grove who will receive the £10 prize.

Test your skill on this month's challenge by John Wilson.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 38

ACROSS

1. husband
5. illegal
9. cause
10. insomniac
11. easy does it
12. Tito
14. embrace foes
18. other's greed
21. newt
22. stunted ego

DOWN

7. gridiron
8. lacrosse
13. dead centre
15. bagatelle
16. rounders
17. chewable
19. tennis
20. soccer
23. nudes
24. step

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.

7			1					2
	1			7				
		8			5	3		
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		9			4			
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WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members to the July meeting, our special Strawberry Supper evening where the committee were hostesses for the members. We were entertained by the J & M Duo of Michael Grave on the keyboard and his Mezzo-Soprano wife Jean who sang us a beautiful selection of songs including Summertime and Can't Help Loving That Man. This very talented couple gave a very special start to the evening. Ann Carr gave the vote of thanks then June and Jennifer presented Michael and Jean with wine and flowers before they joined us for our supper of delicious local strawberries served with cream and shortbread. Jennifer gave us lots of interesting facts about strawberries, eg, it is the only fruit with its seeds on the outside. Jennifer read out the report from the Satley WI member who attended the AGM at the Albert Hall. The resolution asking for funding for Honey Bees was passed by 97% and the guest speakers included Maureen Lipman and Richard Stillgo.

The list is out for diaries and calendars so please make sure your name is down if you require any. Names were also taken for the group meeting at Castleside on Wed 23rd of September where £2.50 will be paid on the night, at the door. Vee Wintrell was the winner of the raffle. Jennifer presented Maureen Barker with a bouquet of flowers to mark the occasion of her Golden Wedding.

The strawberry tea meeting ended with a sale table where members brought and bought, a fun end to a lovely evening. Three of our members have taken part in charity events since our last meeting. Breda Branscombe took part in the Midnight Walk in aid

of St Cuthbert's Hospice, she said it a wonderful experience and found walking with so many women carrying torches whilst wearing flashing bunny ears great fun. She raised funds for this very worthwhile cause and hopes to do it again next year. On Saturday 20th June a group of licensed radio amateurs (Raynet) which included June Wallis gave radio cover for the above overnight charity walk by approximately 750 ladies. On the following Saturday she did the same for the Long Distance Walkers Durham Dales Challenge. Fortunately unlike other years there were no emergencies and the only messages were 'housekeeping'. Angela

Velleman along with members of the outpatient Dept of the New University Hospital of North West Durham ran in the Race For Life on Sunday 5th July. Well done ladies.

On Thursday 9th July 5 members went on a DCFW trip to Hemsley and Duncombe Park, they had a lovely time making the most of the many opportunities for eating, fun and shopping.



Jean and Michael Grave after their wonderful performance at the WI

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last month saw us travelling out to The Anchor at Whittonstall, lovely journey, super location, very pleasant interior and attentive staff. They have a most enticing board outside stating 'A drive in the country 2 course special menu £10'. Well, we love special menus, so in we went. Some of us ate off the special menu and some ventured onto the

main menu where of course, the meal got a little pricier. We sampled for starters, battered haggis with potato croutons served with single malt cream (quite scrumptious), main courses were brisket of beef on sliced new potatoes topped with a peppered dumpling and red wine jus, steak pie and mash with mushy peas, pan fried chicken breast

on roast potatoes with a bacon and black pudding sauce, puds were apple crumble, ice cream, strawberry profiteroles and a lemon dessert. Some of us didn't get to the pud stage as we were rather full, we had found the portions to be a little overgenerous. We would recommend The Anchor to male readers with hearty appetites.

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

LANCHESTER LIBRARY August Craft Sessions

Thursday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August 10.30 am - 11.30 am. Price 50p per ticket. Children under 8 years old MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Summer Reading Challenge 2009 'Quest Seekers'

Read any six books to complete the quest. 'Get hooked on books' For more information see the leaflet in the Library.

LEAF

Tuesday 4th August, 11.00 am - 12.00 noon. Get crafty with litter. No charge.

Discover 200

Tuesday 11th August, 11.00 am - 12.00 noon, £1.00 per ticket. Children under 8 years MUST be accompanied by an adult. For more details on all these activities, contact the Library, telephone 01207 521021.

Short Walks

The Short Circuits have 2 walks in August starting at 10.30 am. August 8th, North and South Shields, 5.5 miles, a linear urban walk, boots not necessary. Meet at Meadow Well metro station, map ref, GR 343676. You will need 50p for the ferry and money for public transport home or back to the start. August 22nd, Allenheads circular, 5 miles. Meet Allenheads car park opposite Allenheads Inn. Map ref. NY 860453. Acorn Amblers have a walk on Sunday 16th August, fairly hard. Meet car park at Baybridge near Blanchland at 1.30 pm. For details ring 01207 218871.

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Country Market

The next Country Market will be held on Saturday 1st August from 10 am in the Community Centre. Come along for your cakes, vegetables, eggs, jams, crafts and a cup of tea.

Lanchester Social Club Entertainment

Saturday, 1st August, LEE PAUL, Super Male Vocalist
Saturday, 8th August, KAREN McMANUS, Fabulous Female Vocalist
Saturday, 15th August, KARAOKE
Saturday, 22nd August, RAYBANKS, Country & Western
Saturday, 29th August, BILL DARREN, Stylish Male Vocalist

WI

Our next meeting will be held in the small hall of the Community Centre on 3rd August at 7 pm where the speaker will be Dorothy Varty talking about Gibside and the competition is a Derwentside View. Visitors are always very welcome, admission £1.

Lanchester Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 11th August, the group will meet at 6 pm in the Community Centre car park to go to Chesters Walled Garden, returning at 8.30 pm. Please ring 520063 if you would like to join.

Family History

A Family History Course is to be held in Lanchester Library on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 noon. This course begins in September 2009 and if anyone is interested please could you contact Lanchester Library (01207 521021). If you like research then this is the course for you.

Lanchester Early Music Festival

There are 3 concerts in the Early Music series in August, all at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Parish Church.

On Saturday 1st August, Lanchester Collegium Musicum, Dr Ian Brunt and Michael Smith (harpsichords) will present 'The Cantor at the Coffee-Shop', the great harpsichord concertos by JS Bach.

On Saturday 15th August, 'A Little Night Music by Moonlight', music for one and two violoncellos by The Hallgate Ensemble, Glenis Malkin, David Malkin (violoncellos) and Dr Ian Brunt (organ and harpsichord) will feature Vivaldi's Concertos.

On Saturday 29th August, The Beggars Benison, Stuart Rathie (tenor), Dr Michael Mullen (viola da gamba, violoncello piccolo) and Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord) will present 'The Lion of Scotland', music from The Enlightenment in Scotland.

Tickets (including refreshments) £8 with concessions £5 and those unwaged, under 18 years or full-time students free.

Admission at the door or reservations in advance by enclosing an SAE to Dr Ian Brunt, The Lodge, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0LF, with cheques made payable to "All Saints Lanchester PCC".

WHAT'S ON?

New Film Season - Advance Notice

Results of the survey at the end of the last season were encouraging as it suggested enthusiasm for the Film Club to continue. We would welcome more members or anyone who wishes to turn up for a particular film as overheads involved in screening, continue to rise.

Films will be shown monthly September-May, usually on the first Sunday of the month.

The new season will start on Sunday September 6th when the blockbuster, Oscar winning, 'Slumdog Millionaire' will be shown at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. The film shown on October 4th will be 'The Duchess'.

Membership is £10 for the season and £2 per entry. Non-members pay £3.50 per film.

Posters advertising the monthly film are displayed in the village. Do come, all are welcome.

MP Surgery

The Village Voice apologises for printing the incorrect date for the Surgery held during July. We are sorry for the inconvenience caused to constituents who may have wished to attend and to Hilary Armstrong.

There is no Surgery during August; the next will be on Saturday 12th September at 11 am in St Patrick's, Consett.

Valley Walk Conservation Action Group

Would you like to join a small group keen to maintain the quality of the Valley Walk?

We plan to meet each quarter (ie each season) over the next year and work with the Durham Countryside Ranger.

The first Action Day will be Sunday September 6th from 10 am - 2.30 pm.

The project will be grassland management for the orchids and will involve mowing and raking off. All equipment is provided and no prior experience necessary. Meet at 9.45 am at the railway bridge on the way to Hurbuck.

For further information contact Deborah Ferguson, the volunteer coordinator at: deborah.ferguson@durham.gov.uk or michael@horsley.me.uk or carolynwardle@yahoo.co.uk

Help is welcome from anyone able to come for all or part of the time. If you plan to come for the whole time, bring a packed lunch!

Coming Shortly

The final concert in the Early Music series will be on Saturday 12th September at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Parish Church entitled "At the Still Centre of the Turning World".

North Country Theatre, scripted and produced by Nobby Dimon, will be at the Community Centre on 31st October. Planning ahead? Please try to avoid published dates above.

Let us know about future events. Ring 520559.

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PETERS WALK



Smiling 'Peters Belles', Michelle and Julie, preparing for the Midnight Walk, 10K, at Gosforth, Newcastle, for St Oswald's Hospice on 4th July. Lisa and Elaine also planned to talk part.

RACE FOR LIFE

Three 12 year old girls from the village who attend St Bede's School, took part in 'The Race for Life' to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The event took place at the Graham Sports Centre, Durham where they ran three miles. Between them they raised in excess of £200. Left to right: Adele Biggs, Sophie Taylor and Rebecca March.



CHARITY ZIP SLIDE

On 7th June Lanchester resident David Ress was one of several dozen participants taking part in a Tyne Bridge charity zip slide off the Tyne Bridge from the Newcastle quay across the river to the Sage in Gateshead.

David's chosen charity was Action for Children which was celebrating its 140th anniversary.

His zip slide raised £291. What impressed him in particular was that approximately one third of this was raised in one hour by the generous donations of members of Lanchester Methodist Church at one of their Saturday morning coffee mornings. David would like to thank the generosity of them and Lanchester folk.

The 140th birthday of Action for Children

celebrates the work of Methodist minister Thomas Bowman Stephenson who was from the North East. He had a passionate commitment to social justice and campaigned on behalf of the vulnerable of his day. He founded the Children's Home with the help of two friends and their vision was to provide the same quality of care that other children received in a loving home - a vision that was radically different from the workhouses of the day. The work grew and developed with new ways of caring for children and young people. Most recently Action for Children's work in challenging anti-social behaviour has drawn critical appraisal.

NURSERY SCHOOL SPONSORED TODDLE



Round and round we toddle

A Sponsored Toddle had been arranged by the nursery staff for the morning of Tuesday July 7th. It was to be held in Lanchester Park and the money raised was to be sent to the charity, Dr Barnado's.

Unfortunately, as so often happens with our British weather, 'Rain Stopped Play' and plan B had to be put into action. This entailed the pupils walking round the EP School hall for a number of times equivalent to the

distance round the park. The children very much enjoyed the occasion, especially when the sun came out in the afternoon and they were able to go to the park after all. Well done Toddlers. Brenda Craddock

NATIONAL TRANSPLANT WEEK COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning was held by Mrs Tulip in the Methodist Church on Saturday June 26th. It was in aid of 'LiverNorth' and was held because it was

National Transplant Week. Janet has a particular reason for holding this coffee morning, because her granddaughter has had to

have two liver transplants, when she was 18 and 21. A hundred pounds was raised and the money will go into a fund to help Professor Derek Manas

of Freeman Hospital with his research into live liver donation. Mrs Tulip gives talks about this subject to raise the profile of 'Liver North' and she wants to

thank everyone who helped her in so many ways on that day. Carry on the good work Janet! Brenda Craddock

SUPERB SEASON CONTINUES



The 1st XI after a home victory against Backworth

Despite some wet weekend weather throughout June and early July, Lanchester Cricket Club continued their superb season with both the 1st and 2nd XI maintaining their promotion places.

After their only league defeat of the season was suffered to the hands of league leaders Chopwell, the 1st team have won all four leagues games played, keeping them in 2nd place just 1 point behind the leaders and 42 ahead of third place. A 10 wicket win against Burnopfield (who included former Lanchester player Andy Allen in their line-up) saw professional Andrew De Boorder pick up 6 wickets for just 17 runs whilst a 9 wicket win against Seaton Burn included another hundred from Paul 'Hundredwood' Underwood as he continued his superb season scoring 130 not out. Captain Stuart McPhail stated how he was delighted with the way new signings

Graham Brinton and Kieran Taylor has settled at the club, and said he has been impressed with the amount of commitment the current squad are showing in practice as their push for promotion heats up. Meanwhile the 2nd XI remain top of the league despite a rain effected month as they picked up good wins away against Morpeth and Backworth and a home win against Ryton, with the highlight coming at Longhurst Hall where Jonathan Hames hit a superb 73. Unfortunately the 2nd teams 17 game undefeated run in all competitions came to an end as Burnmoor were the victors in a late June cup tie. All the latest match reports and results can be found on the club's new website: www.lanchester.cricketclub.website.co.uk.

LCC would like to invite any juniors seeking cricket coaching to the following sessions throughout the summer holidays; Mondays - 27th July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

August, 10am - 3pm at Lanchester Cricket Club. Each session costs £10 and will be delivered by two professional coaches. All abilities welcome. Please note sessions are weather permitting. The club can now also confirm that they have received the final grant from Sport England and the ECB to erect new fixed practice nets and work will begin in August.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The Veterans section of Lanchester Bowling Club were getting quite excited about their prospects in the two leagues they play in, following a string of wins.

Lying second in the Tuesday league and third on Mondays the prospects looked good. Sadly the games on 20th and 21st July dampened our spirits. An unexpected 3-7 loss to View Lane (Stanley) on Monday was followed by a 2-8 defeat to top of the table Dipton despite the club turning out a strong team. Runner up slots look like the best we can hope for now with Dipton looking good bets to repeat their double wins of last year. The

Wednesday team finished their games strongly with a win and a draw but poor early season form let them down.

Players have enjoyed two friendly games recently. We invited the Durham Presidents Team to a fine tea in the Social Club after their game with us, even though they beat us quite convincingly. Our trip to Barnard Castle is becoming a popular fixture now because their green with its quaint club house in the grounds of Bowes Museum is one of the most picturesque in the area. Sadly the weather was not at its best but we had a resounding victory to help us through the rain.

UNICYCLE RIDE FROM EDINBURGH TO NEWCASTLE



Ben on his unicycle

My name is Ben Broome, I'm 14 and from Esh. In August I will be Unicycling from Edinburgh to 'Grey's Monument' in Newcastle (a journey of roughly 200 miles). The ride will take just over a week. I will be riding on the 'Coasts and Castles' cycle route and will be covering 20 - 30 miles a day.

I am raising money for Dorothy's Well Project, a locally based charity funding the drilling of a well in Tanzania. The women of the village have to walk many miles a day in order to fetch buckets of dirty water for their families.

I would be very grateful if you could sponsor me - contact Ben Broome on 0191 3737864.

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