

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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OUR NEW MP - PAT GLASS



Pat Glass with a winning smile at the count on 6th May 2010

At the General Election on 6th May, Pat Glass, a local Parish Councillor, was elected as our new MP with 42.3% of the vote. The full results were:

Pat Glass,
Labour 18,539

Owen Temple,
Liberal Democrat 10,927

Michelle Tempest,
Conservative 8,752

Watts Stelling,
Independent 2,472

Michael Stewart,
British National Party 1,852

Andrew McDonald,
UK Independence Party 1,259

The turnout was 62%.

GREAT NORTH BUS CHALLENGE



Edith Pierce, aged 94, who successfully took up the Great North Bus Challenge for the Durham Lesotho Link to raise money for SHAPE (Schools HIV AIDS Peer Educators) holds up her Passport. Full story on page 8

BEN HUR CENTURIONS LANCHESTER RALLY 2010



Part of the tented village of the Ben Hur Rally which came to Lanchester again. They are a familiar sight with their motorbikes at the farm in Newbiggen Lane as well as in the Village Centre on the Friday and Saturday nights. All were pleasant, friendly and talkative. Full story on page 4



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

I would like to thank Jeni at Talking Heads for sponsoring me and all the staff for helping with the pamper night and for the Miss Durham event. I want to say a big thank you to my family, especially my Mam, and friends for supporting me. A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me for my swim and pamper nights, to Laura Henderson for coming and helping me at Sedgefield, Bill at 'Pretty Petals' for making my hat and head-dress and last of all, Alice from 'Sew What' who did an amazing job on my dress. I had a fantastic night.

Ann Louise Tilley
(see article page 10)

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Dear Village Voice

I am writing on behalf of my family and my mother's partner Eric Donnelly to thank everyone who attended the funeral of my Mum, Adele Rylands, in February. The cards and letters of condolences were very touching and I know Adele would have been overwhelmed at the amount of friends who attended her funeral. Thanks too must go to Macmillan nurse Julie Richardson, Doctors Davidson and Bidwell at Park House Surgery, all at the Lanchester chemist, for their help and support. Also, a mention to Christopher Short who wrote a lovely poem about my mother and finally many thanks to Rev Peter Waterman from the Lanchester Parish Church who helped with the lovely and touching service. Nearly £300 was collected on the day during the service and that will go to Macmillan Cancer Support along with monies collected in the forthcoming Race For Life. So once again, many thanks to you all. Debbie Gilgallon, Colepike Road, Lanchester

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90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS FOR MARIE O'CONNOR

A very special party was held at the O'Connor family home in Lanchester to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs Marie O'Connor on May 10th this year.

Marie has lived in the village since 1954. She was born in Bradford in 1920 and after marrying Andrew in 1945 went on to have 10 children, 6 girls and 4 boys, all of whom attended the party with their spouses and many of Marie and Andrew's 32 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Her children presented her with 90 special roses and her grandchildren presented her with a wonderful photographic collage which they had compiled, featuring her grandchildren and great grandchildren from all over the world.

It was a truly memorable celebration in honour of this amazing lady.

Marie, Andrew and the entire family would like to offer sincere thanks for the multitude of cards, good wishes, gifts and prayers.



Marie, Andrew and family. Do you think that Marie can name them all?



Marie, Andrew and their 10 children at the birthday party

COMMUNITY DRAW

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Brenda W Craddock



Coffee and biscuits after the service and time to chat with friends

BISHOP TOM LECTURES

On a fresh May 1st morning we welcomed Bishop Tom Wright to St Bede's School for one of his roving "Big Read" lecture series entitled "Easter and Beyond". From the churches in Lanchester, nearby around Derwentside, and from much farther afield, we met to hear Bishop Tom unpack ideas from the end of St Luke's Gospel and from the beginning of the book of Acts. Father Martin, and our own Canon Bob Spence, made short welcome speeches, on behalf of the St Bede's School and Churches Together in Burnhope and Lanchester. They commended the morning to all those who had gathered to learn from this world-renowned scripture scholar, encouraging churches and Christians to move from the Big Read to a Big Witness in the

communities they serve. It was a stimulating lecture for about an hour with profound insights set in a straightforward story with something for everyone to hold on to and to take away. Bishop Tom made time for contributions from the floor and for questions and discussion. He ended the morning with his thanks to St Bede's School for making the venue available, and offered closing prayers and his blessing. Peter Jackson



Bishop Tom giving his "Big Read" lecture

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BEN HUR CENTURIONS RALLY 2010

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The Centurions chose a fortuitous weekend for their annual Ben Hur Rally this year. Despite it being chilly with overnight rain, the weather was reasonable and at least they missed the aftermath analysis of the General Election, which had been repeated continuously over the weekend on television. Most of the bikers will be home in time for the deciding matches for the Premiership on Sunday afternoon which they would possibly prefer!
From Friday afternoon until about midday on Sunday the sound of

throaty motorbike exhausts and loud music resounded around the village. This year the tented village at the farm in Newbiggen Lane was filled to a capacity 500, with some having to camp in the overflow field. Once again there was an extraordinary variety of motorbikes and 'trikes'. There were also plenty of trade stands with clothes, hats, leathers and food available.
There were lots of bikers roaming around the village with some unusual characters among them. All were pleasant, friendly, talkative with no hint of bother, and helped

make the shops, particularly those who sold food, have a good business weekend. Although all watering holes seemed busy, the hub in the village was the Queen's Head which put on a 'hog roast' and beefburgers in the car park, along with space for a stage, which included three talented, but loud bands, Dangerous, Acoustic Sofa and Velvet Riders. The riders on the 'Bucking Bronco' were not so 'velvet' when after a few pints they were encouraged to climb on - but not for long!
Fewer motorbikes appear in the village these days

as some riders tend to walk down and others are transported by S&J Taxis and BM taxis who continually ferry people from the site to the village and back. The Centurions would like to thank these two taxi companies for the valuable work that they put in.
The encampment was very active in the evenings, with Friday night 'My Portraits' and 'Propaganda' providing the music and on

Saturday 'the Dee Tees' and 'Bessie and the Zinc Buckets' doing the honours, whilst Saturday afternoon at 4.00 pm was devoted to 'silly games' and prizes were awarded for the various competitions.

The whole community of bikers seemed to have a great weekend and will have raised several thousands pounds for Great North Air Ambulance and others of the bikers' favoured charities.



Arrival at the check-in



Some of the characters among the bikers, enjoying the village and proud of their hats



The half eaten Hog Roast at the Queen's Head



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LANCHESTER LOCALITY MAP LAUNCH EVENT 'BRINGING RURAL ISSUES INTO FOCUS'

The official launch of the Lanchester Locality Map document will take place on Saturday the 29th of May at 11 am at Park House, in Lanchester.

The document, the third in a series of publications prepared jointly by Lanchester Parish Council and Lanchester Partnership recognises the need to value the rural community.

Representatives from the Parish Council, Partnership, farming, wildlife and the environment groups worked together over several years to produce the document which aims to provide a framework of actions to safeguard farming, wildlife and the environment in the Parish of Lanchester. By producing the Locality Map, the

people of Lanchester Parish wish to:

'Support the land-based economy as the custodian of the landscape in managing the wider countryside of Lanchester Parish, and conserve and enhance the area's rich landscape, character and diversity; increase biodiversity and tranquillity; promote enjoyment and understanding of its cultural heritage; and plan for future influences on the environment.'

The document includes a framework of actions and funding has been secured to employ a development officer to start to take things forward. In the meanwhile all of the households in the

Parish will receive a summary of the report during May.

The event on Saturday 29th of May at Park House, Lanchester will officially launch the document and will involve all the representatives from all aspects of the rural community, including: farmers, landowners, horseriders, cyclists, walkers, community groups, etc.

Janice Baker, a local farmer and mother of Matt Baker, a presenter of Countryfile, will open the event which will also include displays and some light refreshments.

Further information can be obtained from: Sally Laverick, Lanchester Parish Council on 01207 521957 or you can email lanchesterparish@btopenworld.com or phone Mike Wardle on 01207 521622.



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PARISH COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11.05.10

The AGM was held in Park House prior to the Ordinary Council Meeting.

It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Ossie Johnson be re-elected Chair who accepted and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Apologies were received from Cllrs Pat Glass, Bill Gray and Margaret Gray. Cllr Stuart Walker was elected Vice Chair, following which Delegates / Representatives were appointed to the Planning Committee, the Recreation Facilities Committee, the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee, the Complaints Committee, Lanchester Community Association, Derwentside Police/Community Group and the Parish Councils

Committee with very little change. It was agreed that the quorum for Meetings should be the Chair plus three Members and that each sub-committee would elect its own Chair. At the end of the Meeting Councillor Jackson congratulated Cllr Pat Glass on being elected Member of Parliament for Durham North West Constituency.

ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Police Report: Rowdy Nuisance 6, Vehicle Nuisance 3, Theft 2, Burglary 3, Vehicle Crime 1, Criminal Damage 1. Two youths were arrested by officers at the scene of 7 fires along the Lanchester Valley Walk. There will be a PACT Meeting on Wednesday 1st September 2010 at 7 pm in the Community Centre. Operation Livorno (combating street

drinking) has been carried out on a regular basis across reported hot spots in Consett. Public areas in Lanchester, including the play park, small park, Kitswell Park, Lanchester Valley Walk, Dora's Wood, Front Street, alleyways and the historically reported areas have had regular police attention.

Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting held on 13th April 2010 were approved.

Correspondence: Letters from Butterwick House Children's Hospice and Churches Together thanking the Council for their donations were read out, together with a reply from St Bede's Catholic School stating that they were pleased to hear there was an improvement in the amount of litter and that this would be kept high on the agenda.

A letter from the Woodlands Trust stating that to celebrate the planting of Dora's Wood 10 years ago, they are planning to donate £160 and 420 trees. It was agreed that perhaps members of the Parish might like to be involved and that the organisation of this should be handed over to Sonny Shepherd of the Environment Group of the Partnership.

A communication from LINK County Durham regarding the consultation on the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People for County Durham 2010/13 was handed over for response by 28th May to Cllr Burton.

It was agreed that the Lead Officer should attend the Regional Conference of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Proposed embankment slide at Park House Play Area:

A proposal by Lanchester Partnership was discussed and the Lead Officer gave details of the costs involved, including legal fees for the lease of the land, maintenance etc. and although Mike Gladstone of the Partnership explained that the children themselves proposed to raise the money to buy the slide, it was agreed that in view of the other costs involved it should be considered again in the next financial year.

Area Action Partnership and Parish Councils Committee:

Although there has been no Meeting of the AAP since the last Parish Council Meeting because of the General Election, and there will now be a new Board with new Chair, it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to discuss with the County Council the

subject of winter maintenance.

The subject of registration of parcels of land in the Parish which belong to the Parish Council was also brought up and it was agreed that the Lead Officer should go ahead and register these with the Land Registry.

Locality Map: Cllr Wardle stated that, although Matt Baker is now not able to open the festivities, all arrangements are now in place for the Launch on Saturday 29th May, invitations have been sent out and residents have or would soon have received a leaflet about the map. Grants have been received for two part-time Development Workers to be paid for 18 months and Cllr Wardle thanked all those people who had helped with the applications. Cllr Johnson also stated that a tremendous amount of work had been put into the production of the map - it had been a real community endeavour.

Insurance Renewal: This was approved.

Newsletter: The next draft quarterly newsletter was approved.

Internal Audit: The report of the internal auditor was considered.

End of Year Accounts for Financial Year 2009/10: The Lead Officer was thanked for her excellent presentation of these Accounts.

Financial Information: The report of the Lead Officer was considered.

Accounts for Payment: These were approved.

Chairperson's Announcements: Once again, Members congratulated Mrs Glass on her success.

Date of next Meeting: 8th June 2010 at 7.15 pm in the Conference Room, Park House.

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LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This was held on 15th May in the Parish Centre and was attended by 35 people.

Mike Gladstone opened the meeting by welcoming County Councillor Richard Young and also paid tribute to the late Malcolm Mackenzie who had been a great friend of the Partnership and the village and will be sadly missed.

After the Trustees' Report and Financial Statements had been accepted, he went on to give his annual report. He said that at this time last year the Partnership was worried because there were no new or younger members, but twelve months on it is a much better picture with a good influx of new members. Liz Thorpe (Company Secretary), Simon Green and Judith Lund have all resigned as Trustees but are still willing to help. Mike Horsley resigned as Treasurer but his position has been filled by Colm Doyle. Brian Masterman, who did such a good job for the Monitoring and Development Group also resigned; his work will be taken over by Rob and Margaret Statham. Three new Trustees were elected, namely Kate Wicks, Alan Myers and Mavis Datta. Colin Burton agreed to stay on for a further term.

Working Group Reports: Young People (Jill Gladstone). This has been a successful year with the bike track and small children's play area being well used. This had won two awards - the Derwentside Young Citizens' Award and the High Sheriff's Award for consultation with Young People and the young people had enjoyed the party and ceremony given for the presentation of the awards. A £10,000 grant

has been received for adventure activities such as kayaking, wall-climbing and paint-balling which the young people are currently enjoying. The Youth Club, which meets every Monday at Croft View, has an average of 24 attending, most of whom are boys, and there are two regular helpers, Mark and Stephen, and Shane is just starting. The pool table has been repaired and there are new goal posts and it is hoped that a cybernet cafe will be opened soon in the library. It is important to keep Croft View Hall going and Jill finished by thanking everyone who has helped, including the Parish Council and the young people.

Transport: Maureen Loy reported that the environment group is interested in cutting down the number of cars on the road, reducing speed and improving public transport with a view to reducing carbon waste. She had attended a meeting held by Durham County Council who are looking into this. The Area Action Partnership has purchased portable speed monitors which are to be used in the Parish and surrounding villages. The **Village Bus** is doing well. County Hall does the administration and Margaret Doyle raised a significant amount 'running for the bus'. Maureen stressed that the bus is for everyone and thanked the driver Fred Prophet for exceptionally good service during the very bad weather, only missing one trip.

Environment: (Sonny Shepherd) This group began after the showing of the film 'Age of Stupid' which 80 people watched and then discussed. Since then between 20 and

30 people have been meeting in the village with a view to counteracting climate change, raising awareness and reducing the village's carbon footprint. A Tip of the Month is printed in the Village Voice and there are regular Meetings, dealing with topics such as water, transition towns (when the oil runs out) and wind turbines. There are three main projects at the moment -

Energy. Using thermal imaging to pinpoint heat loss from buildings, possible reduction of energy in public buildings and an Energy Fair in the Community Centre in October which will show residents ways of reducing consumption and producing energy and other information.

Plastic bag reduction. A cotton bag with the logo Lanchester Green has been designed with a view to production and sale in the village. There has been a good response from retailers in the village with regard to the reduction in the use of plastic bags and some have introduced biodegradable bags.

The third project was the meeting of prospective candidates for the General Election for this constituency, held in April, which was attended by a large number.

Sonny and her husband Paul have just purchased some land on the edge of the village and 2 to 3 acres of this will be for village use, eg allotments. Sonny finished by quoting Chris Hume in his 10.10 campaign - that climate change is not only a big challenge but an URGENT one.

Monitoring Development: (Brian Masterman). There have been only two significant

cases during the last 12 months, one of which was opposition to a bungalow near Deanery Cottages; this was lost on appeal. The other was the building of three dwellings at Forest Lodge on the condition that the old stable block was demolished and replaced by a new one. However, this condition was not complied with but Derwentside did not enforce it.

Brian went on to say that the village has fairly minimal facilities for young people, eg, no swimming pool, no indoor centre, no football field apart from on the school fields and there is nothing for the youngsters to do in the winter. In the County Council's Core Strategy, none of the main issues of the parish are dealt with, for example agriculture and conservation and there is no reference to leisure and recreation. The County Council's assessment of land availability in the area fortunately produced nothing suitable and the Village Design Statement fits in well with their Sustainable Design project.

Friends of Longovicium: (Christine Lever). This has been a very successful and productive year, beginning with a meeting at the home of Anne and Malcolm Mackenzie just before the onset of his illness; he will be sadly missed by the Friends. Several more Roman stones have been found in the locality and a grant of £6,500 has been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund and was used to extend the geophysical survey of the civilian settlement to the South East of the fort. Part of the grant will be used to produce a book about

the settlement outside the Fort.

Mike Gladstone then reported on last year's activities. The 10th Anniversary Party had been very successful - well attended and greatly enjoyed by everyone. The village had won the Calor Gas Village of the Year for the County and all activities had gone well. Funding is better than ever, the web-site is almost ready and the Partnership has more manpower, however there is still no Company Secretary.

Locality Map: (Mike Wardle) This joint venture between the Parish Council and the Partnership is to be launched on Saturday 29th May at 11 am in Park House and Grounds. Unfortunately Matt Baker is now not able to attend due to BBC commitments, but his mother, Janice, and John Gaul will be there. A grant has been received for a Development Officer and Mike thanked Simon and Fiona Green and Michael Horsley.

Conservation: a meeting to do this important work will be held at Malton at 10 am on Sunday, 6th June. Everyone is welcome.

Colin Burton praised the work of the Partnership, being the link between the community and the Parish Council (the statutory body). The Locality Map is the third document relating to the Parish which has been completed since the original village appraisal, the others being the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement (which won a professional award).

Finally, Dorothy Maskery thanked Jill Gladstone for preparing the cheese and wine refreshments which everyone who was able to stay enjoyed at the end of the meeting.

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As the risk of frost has now passed, June is a busy month in your garden. With bedding to plant out, vegetable crops to sow, last minute tidying-up and pruning to complete and, with longer days, watering to do for your pots, vegetables, borders and your lawns.

Borders

Jobs for this month include planting out now that the risk of frost has passed. This includes summer bedding in your borders with petunias, begonias, impatiens, etc and hanging up baskets that you have prepared perhaps using some of these plants. If you have sweet peas you need to remember that they are thirsty plants so water them (and your hanging baskets) regularly to stop the soil drying out. This month your tall growing perennials like delphinium, lupins, phlox, etc., need to be tied to their supports and clematis and other climbers need their new shoots training in the right direction. Also remember to deadhead the flower spikes of lupins and delphiniums as soon as they fade, and certainly before they set seed, to

persuade the plants to produce more flower heads which should appear in the early autumn. June is also the time when we can take softwood cuttings from your shrubs (like hydrangea, hebe and lavender) and from your herbs.

You need to choose your summer bedding plants with a specific site in mind as the site will have a direct bearing on their performance. Plants that do well in full sun will not do well in shade and vice-versa. Bedding plants that need full sun include petunias, marigolds, geranium and begonia, whilst those that like shade include busy-lizzy, fuchsia and many foliage plants.

Vegetable Plot

Now is the time to plant out leeks sown in the spring when they are pencil thick and runner beans sown in May. Other tasks this month include planting out the other tender crops like outdoor tomatoes, sweetcorn and courgettes; hoeing between rows to remove weed seedlings; and sowing winter brassicas such as cabbage and cauliflower. Other crops to sow directly outside in June

to ensure continuity include marrows, squash, pumpkin as well as beetroot, carrots, turnip, peas and beans. Salad leaves are becoming increasingly popular these days. These mixed leaves can be sown thinly into a pot or window box filled with multi-purpose compost, a grow bag, or well raked soil in a shallow trench. Leaves should be ready in four weeks and can be harvested starting with the outer leaves when they are 4 to 6 inches long. You should avoid taking the centre tips so that the plants keep growing. This sowing should be repeated each 2 or 3 weeks in the summer to provide a continuous summer crop.

General

Most composts for containers and baskets contain limited amounts of feed. Within about a month of planting, fast growing bedding plants will have used most of the goodness in the compost. You will need to add more nutrients to counteract this depletion and improve the performance of your plants. An easy way to do this is to use slow-release fertiliser pellets into the compost at planting time.

GREAT NORTH BUS CHALLENGE

Edith Pierce, now aged 94, once again took up the challenge of travelling as far as she could on a service bus to raise money for SHAPE (Schools HIV AIDS Peer Educators), based in Lesotho, which has the third highest prevalence of AIDS worldwide. Life expectancy has now dropped to the age of 34! Fifteen years ago when she was a mere 79, Edith visited Lesotho to see the situation for herself.

The various bus routes were in the North East Region and Edith, together with her friend Liz

McCormick, set off from Lanchester to Consett, on to Stanley then Durham, continuing with a very pleasant ride to Bishop Auckland where they had a lovely lunch at the Town Hall Café. After lunch it was back on the bus to Crook, Durham, and home. Bishop Mark, from Jarrow, was also taking part as well as many others from churches all over the region. Alex Nelson, a trustee of the fund dressed as a 'Joker', also made the trip, but Edith and Liz, missed both the Bishop and Alex. The latter has also visited Lesotho.

With passport stamped at every checkpoint Edith amassed 64 points and will raise at least £200 for the project. She said "It was a great pleasure to take a different route from last year. It was a splendid day meeting other people with the same goals. My thanks go to my friend Liz, who was great company and to all those generous people who have given sponsorship." Her next job after the interview was to mow the lawn! A truly remarkable lady, and yes, the age in the opening sentence was correct - 94 not 49!

ENVIRONMENTAL TIP OF THE MONTH

The average UK household spends £50 a month on food that could have been eaten but ends up being thrown away. Yet the producing, transporting and consuming of food is responsible for nearly a third of individuals' contribution to climate change. Making a few simple changes to the way you shop for food can save pounds on your shopping bill and slim down your carbon footprint.

1. Plan meals for the week
2. Know what you've got in the cupboard
3. Think about portion sizes

4. Buy seasonal food locally
5. Plan your shopping trips so that you travel less
6. And when you have green waste - COMPOST!

If you only have a small amount, join up with neighbours to buy a compost bin and share the spoils!

Follow these easy steps, published each month in the Village Voice, and knock a whole tonne off your carbon emissions in a year. You can find more advice from the government website "Act On CO²" at <http://actonco2.direct.gov.uk/actonco2/home.html>.

WATER ... A DAILY MIRACLE

Have you every stopped to think what a daily miracle it is that we can turn on the tap and out pours water? Glen Collins made us do just that at our last environmental meeting when he talked to us on the wonders of water.

We use water to shower, wash, clean our dishes and clothes, cleanse our vegetables, scrub cars and floors, to cook, to help heat our homes and of course to drink. But sometimes we forget that it's embedded in all the food that we eat and so many things that we use. We learnt that a single kilogram of tomatoes consumes 400kg of water in irrigation PLUS the water used in transportation, storage and distribution. Much of our food is produced overseas and we are buying not just the product and the labour that goes into it, but the water that was used to grow the crop, we are effectively drinking the water that people in developing nations need.

This also applies to the clothes we wear - cotton being the most obvious example and much of the meat that we eat. Couple the demands of an increasing population with those of global warming and subsequent issues of drought worldwide and we begin to see future problems of food production and the effect that could have on us.

Water stress, we learnt, is a situation whereby local water supply is barely able to keep up with demand. London and parts of south east England are already in that position ... so time to start doing something constructive.....mend those leaking taps we were told, fit a new showerhead, don't use a hose pipe, (the pressure hoses at the garage are better apparently as they use recycled water) and don't waste food and if you just have to have a bath ... share it with someone and pour the water on your roses!!



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PAMPER NIGHT AT TALKING HEADS

Talking Heads was open on 12th April to allow Ann Tilley to host a pamper night to raise money for charity. Ann entered the 'Miss Durham' competition which was held at Sedgefield racecourse on 8th May and raised funds for this year's charity 'Cash for Kids'. Jeni of Talking Heads sponsored Ann and offered her salon to be used as a base for the pamper night. Altogether they raised £143 and would like to thank all who came. The pamper night consisted of 10 minute treatments of facials, massages, manicures and pedicures. The facials and massages were done by Ann herself, who qualified as

a beautician last year and is now going on to do sports massage. Also helping Ann was Michelle, one of the other stylists, also a qualified beautician. Ann worked flat out to raise money for the charity 'Cash for Kids' by organizing 5 more pamper parties at people's houses, raising £207, and also completed a 3003 metres swim which raised £250. The 'Miss Durham' competition includes different themes, therefore different outfits. For 'Ladies Day at the Races' Ann wore a purple dress, handmade in China and altered to perfection by Alice from 'Sew What', along with a hat designed by 'Pretty

Petals' of Annfield Plain. Everyone had a fabulous night and Ann made it into the final 10 contestants, a fantastic achievement. She also raised the most money for the charity, a total of £600.



Ann Tilley, ready for 'Ladies Day at the Races'

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Trees abound and leaves ablou
Strong and sturdy brace the
ground
Windy leaves, a rustling sound

Mammals, birds, and bugs abound
Natural splendour all around
Rivers healthy, air so clean
Soil rich, all serene

This, sadly was not to last
Man's ambition far too vast
Fire, houses, ships, and weapons
Deforestation destined to happen

Ancient trees no longer stand
Replaced by peat in the upper
land
Descendants embrace the new
landscape
Unaware of the early rape

On comes the Industrial Age
Coal mining all the rage
Nature can't impede progress
What's wrong with a few trees
less

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boasts
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The reason is the trees and
flowers
That blanket the green and
surround the church towers

But not all of Lanchester can
share this praise
I live on Deneside with urban
malaise
Brick houses echo drunks in
the street
Wind and gloom, cars and
concrete

If everyone could plant a tree
In their front gardens along
the street
A flowering cherry, birch, or
maple
Not too big but one of
nature's staples

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A place for children to play
and birds to sing
A peaceful garden to all will
bring.

By Lisa Baldini

VILLA REAL SCHOOL AND 'CANDLE'

The charity called CANDLE is a trust based in Durham with the objective of funding projects that care and support children with Cerebral Palsy and their families, in India. CANDLE works in partnership with the DEEPTI CENTRE for children with cerebral palsy, in Kerala, South India.

The founders of the DEEPTI CENTRE want to provide an education for children with cerebral palsy and special needs and so a school is being

set up for these children to open in June this year. It is going to work in partnership with Villa Real School in Consett and a team of staff from the school under the leadership of the headmistress Mrs Gill Stringer are going to India in the summer holidays for two weeks, to help with the setting up of the school and also to work with the children. A senior Lecturer in Conductive Education from Birmingham will conduct seminars for teachers

and DEEPTI will be the first centre for Conductive Education in India.

DEEPTI is networking with medical professionals, social workers and special educators in India and abroad. Money of course is necessary for this tremendous project to be put into action and be a success. There will be equipment to buy, such as standing and walking frames and many educational materials for study. With this in mind, Villa Real School have

held fund raising events and recently at a charity dinner £950 was raised, which will all be used to establish the new school. The twelve staff and some family members will be flying to Mumbai on the 29th of July, from where they will make their way to Kerala (the south western tip of India) where the DEEPTI CENTRE is situated. Included in the group are Steve and Cath Bailey who live in Lanchester; Cath is on the staff of Villa Real School. Everyone will be kept

busy while they are there and we wish them all well with the work they will be doing to provide a school for children with cerebral palsy.

If you would like to contribute either a one off donation or a regular monthly donation towards the running costs of this very worthwhile project, visit the CANDLE website where details of the bank account are displayed:

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Members of staff of Villa Real School who are going to India this summer to help children with cerebral palsy

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LOCAL SCOUTS TO ATTEND WORLD JAMBOREE

Tim and Simon Biasi, who both attend St Bede's School, have been chosen to join a group of 38 scouts from across County Durham, to be

ambassadors for Scouting and life in North East England at the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

This event will bring together 40,000 scouts from over 200 countries, making it the largest regular event organised by the Scout Movement. It takes place every four years in a different country and is above all



Tim and Simon Biasi

an educational event to promote peace and understanding among young people all over the world. Like any Scout event, the World Scout Jamboree offers participants a programme that enables them to develop all facets of their character. The programme proposes a wide variety of activities and also places great importance on the way the young people take part, by offering them interaction and real participation in everyday life.

during the build up, the scouts will learn and share many skills which can change their communities for the better. The Durham Contingent, of which Tim and Simon will be part, will be participating in a variety of community work prior to the event. To date, they have worked at Blackhall Rocks Nature Reserve on the East Coast and also plan to do more work with Durham Wildlife Trust. As Baden Powell said: *"the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people"*.

£1800, around £1000 of which goes towards funding those who could not otherwise afford to attend this fantastic event, such as those from third world countries.

If anyone would like to contribute to this fund, please send a cheque payable to "Durham Scout County" to "T and S Biasi, Low Row Farm, Cornsay, Durham, DH7 9EG." We thank you in anticipation of your support, and would also like to thank the following local businesses who have contributed so far: Lilydale Pet Supplies, Tesco (Delves Lane) and S Nepali & Associates (Dental Practice, Consett).

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LMVC PATRONS' EVENING

Lanchester Male Voice Choir held the Annual Patrons' Evening on 26th April in the Community Centre.

One hundred and twelve from a total of one hundred and eighty patrons packed the main hall to receive the thanks of the choir members for the support and encouragement received from them over many years.

The chairman, John Wills, welcomed the patrons, some of whom have been with us since the choir was formed. He remarked on the growing number of supporters and explained how the format of the evening had changed over the years in order to accommodate the increased membership. When the choir was formed over forty years ago the patrons consisted, in the main, of choir men's wives whereas now we have patrons from the village, the surrounding area and from as far afield as Durham and Gateshead. The patrons were sad to hear of the death of two of our long standing members, Dick Rose and Peter Robinson and were interested to find that we had enlisted three new members within the last few months.

Our guests were entertained by the choir under the direction of our conductor Harry Carr, The Lantones, by individual choir members who sang solos and duets, and by Noreen Bridgewater, accompanist, who gave a delightful piano solo. An excellent supper was provided by Crinnions of Lanchester and the evening was rounded off with the popular quiz and raffle.



Heraldo Biasi and John Gray in Geordie mood singing "Byker Hill and Walker Shore".



Gordon Knighton brought gasps from the audience when he revealed his "Road To Mandalay" outfit



Ian Tute giving us a tune on the mandolin, one of the many stringed instruments he plays so well



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SNOD'S EDGE MUSICAL EVENING

There can be nothing more devastating than finding out that your child has a terminal illness and does not have very long to live. All life is ultimately precious but perhaps the death of a baby is particularly poignant. The condition Severe (Type 1) Spinal Muscular Atrophy is genetic and very cruel. A baby born with this condition seems normal for the first weeks and months but then the baby deteriorates. Its body becomes limp and floppy

because most of the voluntary muscles are affected. As the illness progresses the baby becomes weaker and weaker. Muscles are essential for breathing and movement and when they cease to function, death is inevitable. Approximately 80% of babies with Type 1 SMA, die in the first year of life. This is something Mrs Jane Davis (Head teacher of our EP School) and her husband experienced 18 years ago, when Matthew, their son of

nine months, died with this condition. As part of coping with the grieving process they began to fund raise energetically for 'The Jennifer Trust', founded in 1985 by Mrs Anita Macaulay whose daughter Jennifer had SMA. £30,000 was raised within a short time due to the dedication of Mr and Mrs Davis. Today Mrs Davis is a Contact Carer Advisor and she advises and supports parents who are going through the experience of coping with a

child who has or has had SMA. Mr and Mrs Davis happily went on to have two lovely daughters, Rebecca (14), and Anna (9), who are perfectly healthy and as a family they support 'The Jennifer Trust'. Their son would have been 18 years old this month and the family wish to mark this special birthday. They are holding a musical evening in his memory and a warm invitation to attend is extended to all. The event will take place at Snod's Edge

Church Hall near Shotley Bridge, on Saturday July 3rd at 7.30 pm. Musical contributions include Rebecca Davis who will be singing, no doubt accompanied on the piano by her mother. There will be a finger buffet and admission is free. You can of course give a donation. All the money raised will be very well used by 'The Jennifer Trust' for research and the treatment of SMA. Thank you!
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about our teachers. Our oldest ex-pupil was 92 and she really enjoyed the time together. We look forward to our next reunion.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

For our latest outing we decided to re-visit Beamish Park Hotel. We ate in the conservatory which was light and airy with gorgeous views overlooking the valley. We sampled chunky cod with Mediterranean vegetables, salmon and spring onion omelette with chips and lemon

chicken omelette with chips and Mediterranean vegetables. For dessert, we sampled sticky treacle pudding with vanilla custard, gooey chocolate and raspberry tart with ice cream and lemon crème brûlée with ice cream, all followed by coffee and mints. Very enjoyable.

The Gourmet Girls

BRILLIANT EXAM ANSWERS?

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What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

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Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.

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and return them to school duly signed. Approximately 5000 households in Durham have now become involved. Both the school and the pupils can claim rewards of exceptional high quality gifts, for high achievement in the competition. In total across the county, there is £25,000 worth of equipment available to be won by schools taking part. A top performing trophy is now something else for schools and pupils to aim for.

Keith Molyneux, of Ainsworth & Parkinson,

representing Durham County Council, gave an excellent presentation to the EP School, in which he completely involved the children, who showed their excellent knowledge of recycling.

Lanchester EP School is already one of the top performing schools in Durham for this competition and ten pupils have received the award of a Lanyard and Medal at this stage. The scheme which began on February this year will run until the end of June.



The ten top pupils from Lanchester EP Primary School in the Recycling Scheme, proudly wearing their lanyards and medals presented by Keith Molyneux.

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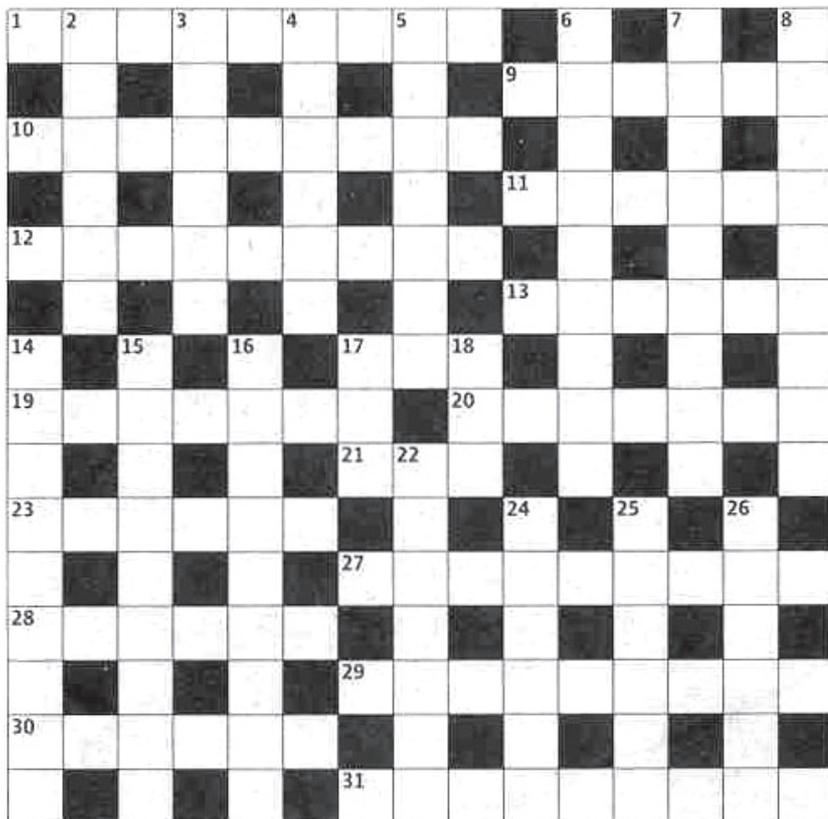
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 - 17,17 down Friendly correspondent (3,3)
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 - Pitch (3)
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 - Gist (3)
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 - *for the time being* (3,3)
 - Apathetic in Bristol I discover (6)
 - Strong smell coming up covered in rust (6)

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CROSSWORD 48

There were just 12 entries in the April competition.

The first correct entry in the draw was ATait of Briardene who will receive the £10 prize.

Test your skill and see if you could be a winner in this month's challenge by John Wilson.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 48

- ACROSS**
- over my dead body
 - enfolds in death
 - Tunis
 - a printing error
 - quite a few
 - cutie
 - Interment
 - temptress
 - alpha
 - on trial
 - extorts
 - shaggy dog story
- DOWN**
- open to question
 - effendi
 - mild sneer
 - distaff
 - a big row
 - Baden
 - diarist
 - The Great Gatsby
 - Cervantes
 - rematch
 - ideally
 - to see to
 - esparto
 - Tring

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.

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WI REPORT

At our May meeting members enjoyed a vegetarian cookery demonstration by Mr John Roughley and were fascinated by his non-stop lively commentary whilst he cooked four dishes on his portable oven and hob. His potato and leek soup, made in ten minutes, was spiced up with rocket and was delicious. He then did individual savoury bakes and a leek and bacon quiche but used 'bacon styled' Quorn pieces, very tasty. A moist yogurt cake was last on the menu, and would be ideal for the freezer. Members eagerly sampled all the food and very little was left!

John is also the Area coordinator for the Leprosy Christian Mission across Cumbria and the Northeast and has worked for this charity for 22 years. Leprosy, which is a disease of poverty, still affects a significant number of people in India, South America and Africa. Rhoda Joyce reported on her first County annual meeting and said that the day had been very enjoyable and would recommend it.

The resolution for the National AGM in Cardiff in June, which called for 'the mandatory clear labelling of food with true country

of origin' was discussed and put to the vote and members voted unanimously in favour.

Pat Cotrell won the competition for a vegetarian recipe and Heather Muir was second. Ann Carr, Shirley Lamb, Jennifer MacDonald and June Wallis have just returned from a WI holiday in Jersey where they shared in the celebration of the Liberation of Jersey on Sunday 9th May which was a very solemn occasion and joined in a lively street party. They had a special guided visit to the Occupation Tapestry and a visit to the Jersey War tunnels, both very moving. The hotel was right next to a lovely beach and even though it was very cold, if you sat next to the wall you

could pretend it was summer. There were 27 WI members and 3 husbands on this holiday from all over the country and many of the ladies were on their own knowing they would not be lonely. The warmth and friendliness shown to them by the Jersey WI members made the holiday; a lovely Jersey cream tea was provided by one WI and they were invited to the meeting of another where the visitors outnumbered the members (the president said she had to lie down with a brandy when she heard how many had accepted the invitation). They all agreed it was a lovely holiday and would recommend them to others, especially to ladies on their own.



Ann Carr, Jennifer MacDonald, June Wallis and Shirley Lamb in Liberation Square, Jersey

WI SPRING MYSTERY TRIP

On 21st April Lanchester WI members and friends went on a Mystery Trip with a difference! On a lovely sunny day the coach travelled through beautiful countryside via Corbridge and northwards on the A68 until it arrived at the small hamlet of Barrasford. On entering the Barrasford Arms the ladies were welcomed with copious amounts of fresh coffee and a homemade scone with cherry jam and cream. An excellent cookery demonstration

was then given by Tony Binks, the owner and chef. His style is traditional English with French influences, a homage to his friend and mentor, Albert Roux, who pays the occasional visit and with whom Tony trained for 12 years. Tony's fool-proof recipe of cooking scones by an all-in-one method produced miraculous results. Sticky pistachio meringues were also made and filled with orange and mascarpone cream. Recipe sheets were handed out to

try the recipes at home. After a glass of wine we all enjoyed the Mystery meal which was delicious chicken in a mushroom and wine sauce served with potato and al-dente asparagus and green beans followed by pistachio meringues decorated with slices of tender rhubarb. The meal concluded with more large cafetières of coffee. Then after a short amble around Barrasford we all happily relaxed on the coach back to Lanchester.

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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Table Top Sale and Country Market

The next Table Top Sale in the Community Centre will be on 5th June from 10 am to 12 noon. It will coincide with the Country Market, so make sure you are there for your cakes, jams, refreshments, etc.

Open House

All are welcome to Open House at the Chapter House on Thursday 3rd June. A sandwich lunch is served between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm.

WI

Our next meeting is on Monday 7th June in the small hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm. This is an Open Meeting with a strawberry cream supper and a demonstration of handcrafted jewellery which will be for sale. The competition is a piece of silver jewellery. There will be a £1 charge for both members and visitors who are always welcome. The balance for our Northallerton trip on June 30th is due and there is one seat still available.

Lanchester History Society

Visit Weardale Railway

Following the recent talk given by John Asquith, arrangements have been made for a Society visit to the Weardale Railway on Saturday 5th June. Bookings have been made for the 10.30 departure from Wolsingham to Stanhope, returning at 14.15.

There will also be a presentation by the Weardale Railway Society at Stanhope. No meal arrangements have been made but facilities are available at the restored Stanhope station and The Dales Centre, etc. Cost of the visit is £5.00 per head and members are requested to make their own way to Wolsingham station in time for the 10.30 departure. Let us hope for some fine weather!!

Social Club Entertainment

Saturday 5th June, MIKEL, Excellent Act

Saturday 12th June, SUE ALLAN, Great Act

Saturday 19th June, KARAOKE

Saturday 26th June, ANTHONY WILLIAMS, Great Act

Mothers' Union

The speaker at the meeting on 9th June, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is Canon Peter Dodd who will be talking about Trees and the Woodland Trust.

MP Surgery

Our new MP, Pat Glass, is currently setting up office accommodation and until the office is fully equipped will not be holding surgeries. If constituents need help or assistance they can contact Pat on 01388 764959 or write to her at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

WHAT'S ON?

Valley Walk Conservation Group

Why not take some action during 'VOLUNTEER WEEK JUNE 1st - 7th'? The next meeting of the Valley Walk

Conservation Group is on Sunday June 6th.

We will be working with the Durham Countryside Ranger erecting a seat and doing willow screening at the Malton river/picnic site area. We are a small group and would welcome some more energetic and enthusiastic participants joining us. We meet once every 3 months!

Meeting point: Malton Car Park 9.45 am, Sunday June 6th. The work party is from 10 am - 2.30 pm. You can join in for some or all of the time. Bring your own refreshments. Protective gloves and equipment provided.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 9th June at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, there will be a workshop with Joy Taylor of Humshaugh. On Friday 25th June at 7.00 pm, there will be an open meeting. Lynda Fraser of Brampton will give a demonstration entitled "The World of Entertainment". Please ring Helen Tomlinson 503667 or Lestrine Kelly 521494 for tickets.

Adult Learning in the Library

If you would like to learn new skills, there is a short questionnaire available in Lanchester library. Please call in and complete it so that we can offer what you want in your area. Adult Community Learning provides the opportunity to learn new things in a friendly, informal manner.

Lions 'World Cup' Carnival

Kick-off for the 2010 Lanchester Lions Carnival is 1 pm on Saturday 20th June. The World Cup will have just got underway in South Africa so we have chosen that as our theme. Please join us for a great family afternoon of fun, food and colour.

There are at least two new attractions this year - a Fancy Dress Competition and a 25 feet high Climbing Tower. The Fancy Dress Competition replaces the parade and we are hoping for lots of entries. In keeping with the World Cup theme entries can feature any aspect of the World Cup or South Africa in general. There will be prizes for the best costumes for those under age 8, age 8 and over and for the best Group/team entry. We leave it to your imagination. Judging will be on the Village Green immediately after the opening at 1 pm.

The Village Green will be bustling with side shows and rides. Front Street will host lots of stalls and a full programme of entertainment. Delicious teas will be available in the Chapel all afternoon. Please note that Front Street will be closed to traffic from the King's Head to the Queen's Head between 12 noon and 5 pm and the service buses will be rerouted. Please check notices at the bus stops.

Environment Group

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Sunday 13th June in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. If you're concerned about climate change issues, come along and help us make a difference no matter how small. All welcome.



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Brass Band Patrons' Evening

The Lanchester Brass Band will be holding their Annual Patrons' Evening in the Methodist Church on Saturday July 3rd at 7.30 pm. All are welcome and it is possible to pay at the door. For more information, please ring 01207528540.

Wildlife Group

Instead of the regular meeting, a visit has been arranged on Saturday 12th June to RSPB Saltholm by bus, which will include family and friends. For more information, contact Elaine Williamson on 520063.

Junior Wildlife

On Sunday 20th June, there will be a visit to Hedleyhope Fell. Meet at 9.30 am in the Community Centre car park.

Summer Fayres

The Parish Church Summer Fayre will take place at the Chapter House on Saturday, June 12th from 9.30 am - 11.30 am. All the usual tempting attractions will be available. All Saints Summer Fayre will take place in the Church and School Grounds on Saturday 26th June from 11.00 am - 1.00 pm.

Short Walks

6th June, 10.30 am, Snod's Edge, 5 miles. Meet at Snod's Edge church hall, ref NZ065525.

19th June, 10.30 am, Gilsland, 6 miles. Meet at the roadside in Gilsland village, NW of railway and just E of River Irthing, NY634664.

Ramblers' Association Derwentside

6th June, Gilsland, 8 miles. Meet at the car park beside the school.
20th June, High Newton by the Sea, 6 miles. Meet at the Joiners' Arms.

Coming Shortly

KOGS are organising 'A Family Disco' to be held at the Social Club on Saturday, 10th July, beginning at 7.00 pm. Tickets will cost £3.00 per person, or a family of two adults plus two children will be £10.00. These are available from Eddie Hughes on 521874. Churches Together welcome you to Services

on the Green at 6.00 pm on Sunday, 4th July, Sunday, 1st August, and Sunday, 5th September. If the weather is wet these services will take place as follows. The July service will be at All Saints' R C Church; August service at the Methodist Church; and the September service will be at All Saints' Parish Church.

TENNIS COACHING

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Following the bank holiday break, the coaching has now moved to the grass courts on Ford Road. Starting at 4.30 pm on Monday evening, there are now 4 sessions until 8.30 pm. Groups are as follows:
4.30 - 5.30 pm = Mini Red Starters
5.30 - 6.30 pm = Mini Red Team/Mini Orange Players

6.30 - 7.30 pm = Junior to 16 years
7.30 - 8.30 pm = Adults/ Cardio Tennis
The adult session is to encourage anyone who is new to tennis or has played in the past and would like to try out their skills.
The cost for a session is £2.00 for a club member, £4.00 non member.

FOOTBALL COACHING

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The sessions are £3 each and are run by Graham Irving, who is a qualified FA coach and who works for Sunderland FC Academy, but don't let that put you off; he is from Middlesbrough, so does know his football. Seriously though, he is an excellent coach, the children really enjoy themselves and he has improved their football

skills no end in the few years he has been running the sessions. He also runs longer 5 hour sessions during the school holidays which are always well attended.
For more information, you can call Graham on 07843673674, or just turn up on Saturday morning in your kit (shin pads please) with lots of enthusiasm, Graham will do the rest.

BOWLS REPORT

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There has also been keen interest in playing matches this year with teams being well oversubscribed with players; a real problem for selectors who have to disappoint those not picked. Results, so far, have been mixed. A good start for the Tuesday team with two convincing wins

keeping our hopes up about going one better than last year when we finished second. Also an encouraging start for the Saturday team. In the past few years, early heavy defeats have blighted their season but a good win over Pelton Fell and a narrow defeat to Burnopfield has got them off on a better footing.



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TENNIS COACHING TAKES OFF!

As the weather remained dry during April, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club was able to start their summer coaching programme, on time, at the college courts.

The number of players attending the sessions steadily grew with all ages (4 to 60+) participating in the hourly lessons. In view of the numbers attending an extra session has had to be added.



A large group of future tennis stars three weeks into the coaching scheme with coach Michael Hume and assistants Bethany Smiles and Dennis Laycock

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Tennis Coach, Dennis Laycock, demonstrates 'how to do it'

CHILDREN'S FOOTBALL COACHING

Every Saturday morning between 9am and 11am, two sessions of football coaching take place at All Saints' School, K i t s w e l l Road, football pitch. The 9 am - 10 am session is for children (boys and girls) between the ages of 4-7, the 10 am - 11 am session is for 7 and above (boys and girls).

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Benjamin, Nathan and Josh wait for the older group training to start while the younger group are put through their paces in the background.

BOWLS REPORT

There has been a real buzz around the bowling green this year. The troubles of the winter when the pavilion roof collapsed under the weight of the snow have brought members together with a fighting spirit. Volunteers were out in force to rebuild the kitchen, decorate the inside and coat the outside with preservative. I would like to name them all but I

fear I may miss someone, so well done to everyone who helped; you know who you are. The efforts of the members meant that the pavilion (don't let anyone call it a hut) was ready for the start of the season and also to be used as a polling station at the General Election (see picture below).

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LIONS FA CUP DRAW

Thirty-two lucky people won prizes from £50 to £1000 in the Lions 2010 FA Cup draw with Chelsea's 1-0 win

earning the top prize. If you would like to enter the 2011 draw, please phone Mike Stoddart on 520291 asap. Numbers

are limited to 92 teams. Each team costs £50 which can be paid in one go or in instalments over the next season.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any articles for the next edition of the Village Voice by 15th June. The deadline for adverts is 13th June.

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