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DORA'S WOOD 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Craft and poetry tent with committee members Elaine Williams, Jill Gladstone and Sonny Shepherd in attendance - another busy day for them as usual.

'I don't think I've ever been so cold as the day we planted these trees. It's wonderful to see them now'. These are the words of Mrs Edith Pierce, attending the celebration of the planting of the trees, very early in the year 2000 as a Millennium Project which was sponsored by the Woodland Trust. Now

the trees are well established and the wood is a lovely, peaceful haven for wildlife and villagers alike, described by some of those attending the celebration, on 5th September, as 'lovely - our garden', 'safe and easy to walk through', 'a great feeding ground for my bees', great for people

and dogs' and 'it encourages us to draw closer to our Creator'. This last comment would have been very much appreciated by Dora Greenwell herself as she loved nature and religion was a very important part of her life. One of her poems, about the river in the middle of the wood and people were invited to write a few lines themselves.

About 50 people came and went during the afternoon celebrations and there were several activities. A scavenger hunt was much enjoyed and so, too, were the bug hunt, making pencil holders and other activities which were organised by Groundworks. Gary Cordingley enthralled young and old alike with his story telling - even the dogs present were impressed with the realistic animal sound effect!

The celebration was organised by Sonny Shepherd and other members of the Lanchester Partnership Environment Group and they had put in a great deal of hard work in producing such an enjoyable event, but the hard work is not yet over, as the Woodland Trust, who had sponsored this event, is also donating over four hundred trees to be planted in the Parish. Let us hope the weather will be better this time!



An enraptured audience of varying ages listen to Gary the storyteller.



Chloe Taylor (left) and Megan Peacock, display their newly made owl and squirrel pencil boxes.

ANNUAL LEEK SHOW



Vince Pickersgill holding his Pot Leek winner surrounded by his winning Pom Pom Chrysanthemums Story page 4



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

The views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the newspaper, the editor or persons working for the newspaper. The editor retains the right to cut or otherwise amend any letter published. Letters must contain your name, address and telephone no., all of which may be withheld at your request.

Dear Village Voice,
Thank you for publishing my letter in issue 7 relating to parking when I made reference to the red car parked at the junction of Durham Road and Peth Bank and my concern about visibility. In the latest issue I was interested to read the irate response from the car's owner which seemed more concerned about the car's colour than safety of others.
I do not need to justify withholding my details but I must point out that I have not made a complaint to County Hall yet, I will be doing so immediately. It would have been so much better if the red (maroon is a

shade of red) car owner was more considerate to other drivers, then contacting the authorities would not be necessary. I would suggest other readers unhappy with this situation do the same.

It is true that there are some bad drivers and parking is part of the skill. The Highway Code 243 states - "DO NOT stop or park opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space" and www.askthepolice.co.uk states "Parking a vehicle on the pavement could lead to an offence or obstruction being committed".

I will not be addressing this issue again but hope that the safety of others will prevail.
Name and address withheld

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for August 2010 is 52. The draw was made by Mrs G Harrison of the Gym.

Dear "maroon" car driver Glenys

Your letter in last month's edition of the Village Voice made a particularly interesting read. I am the person who contacted the council regarding your poorly parked car. I did not write to the Village Voice, nor do I give out my personal details due to the work I do.

You state that the council did not find a problem, but you and I know that is not true. You were asked to park your car away from the road, which you did for about 3 days, then you reverted to your original inconsiderate parking.

If you would really like to make a big issue of this I will happily organise a petition to prevent you parking your car in the current location. I know for a fact many other drivers are not able to see clearly past your car and have mentioned this to me on more than one occasion.

You have taken this issue personally and made

presumptions. I note your comments regarding driving. I find them very interesting in light of the fact that by parking your car as you do, you break the law and ignore the highway code.

You state that if you position the car correctly at the junction you can see to the bus stop. This is not the case, but how would you know this? Perhaps you were in your car at the junction, and therefore no maroon vehicle was blocking your view?

The original complaint I made was partly regarding the speed people drive at past the church towards that junction. This has yet to be addressed to a satisfactory manner.

If you wish to contact me please do so here: u_know_me@hotmail.co.uk
Name and address withheld

Please Note:

We will NOT publish any more letters on this subject.

Editor

LINK BUS

Lanchester Partnership, which runs the Village Link Bus, is considering the pros and cons of access for wheelchair users. One of the questions is "If the Link Bus could take wheelchairs, how often would wheelchair users travel on it?"

If you use a wheelchair and would like to travel on the Link Bus, Mike Gladstone will be very pleased to hear from you on 528 114 or Mike.Gladstone@dsl.pipex.com

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Back in Parliament after recess. I did not find it easy to get up early for the train on Monday morning, but I guess that's no different from anyone else.

Recess gave me a chance to settle into the new constituency office, based at Gledstone House in Consett, and to get out and meet people in the constituency.

So, back to Parliament: On the train I thought about all the things I have learnt so far, including:

❑ The language - I now know the difference between honourable friend, Rt. honourable friend and honourable member;

❑ The timetable - I am resigned to working shifts finishing anywhere between 7.00 pm and 3.30 am each day;

❑ The geography - I have yet to get round all 36 miles of corridors but I can pretty much find my way around;

❑ The Spanish customs - when I can speak and

when I can't; what I can speak on and when; how to put motions together that are paragraphs long with no full stops, only commas; what falls within the remit of the Whips office, the Vote Office, the Table Office, etc.

We have been brought back for two weeks in September so that the Coalition Government can push through legislation to reduce civil service pensions and redundancy compensation and to start restructuring the

NHS (again!). There is also the Pope's visit, when he will address both Houses of Parliament in the Westminster Hall. I asked for 2 tickets in the ballot so that Canon Spence could come along - no such luck! Last session everything was very new to me, in some ways exciting but also deeply depressing. What strikes me so far is how few women there are, how costly and time consuming all the tradition is and how all the power lies with the

Government rather than Parliament. However, I am getting stuck into as much as I can to be a strong voice for North West Durham.

I am always keen to hear your views and about any issues of concern. If you would like to contact me then please write to me at Pat Glass MP, 1 Gledstone House, 26 Newmarket Street, Consett, Co. Durham, DH8 5LQ, e-mail me at pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk, or phone my office on 01207 501782.

SCHOOL CELEBRATES BEST COUNTY GCSE RESULTS

Pupils from St Bede's School Lanchester are celebrating this week after achieving the best GCSE results in the county. An amazing 76.1% managed to get five or more grade A* to C including English

and Maths - a 4% increase on 2009 figures.

Headteacher Maria Matthews said: "We have always had a reputation for high standards for each student and our challenge is to maintain that, year on

year. This outstanding achievement is a result of the combined efforts of students and staff, who have worked with commitment, determination and enthusiasm."

"We could not achieve these results without the unwavering support of the parents who must be very proud of these results. Our ethos is our unifying factor - everyone in our community understands what it is, what it is for and what it is doing; the results, a happy school where all

students thrive and achieve their very best."

Not only did more than three quarters of the pupils get five or more A* to C including English and Maths, but 95% got five or more A* to C in all subjects - a 7% increase on last year. 21 students achieved 10 or more A* or A grades.



'Jumping for Joy' (left to right): Megan Leitch, Jenny Hall, Rose Carney, Thomas Nearney, Dougie Patterson, Iain Keenan

WEDDING OF MARK AND ISABELLA

The wedding of Mark and Isabella, who have known each other for nine years, took place at the All Saints Parish Church on Saturday 7th August, in glorious sunshine. The bride wore a beautiful ivory coloured dress made from silk and satin and carried white calla lilies with a purple

orchid. Her three bridesmaids were best friend, Gemma, and cousins Haley and Anne Marie. They wore purple silk dresses with matching corsages to the bride's bouquet. The Best Man was Andrew Wilkinson. The bride was given away Isabella's brother,

Nicholas, and the service was conducted by Canon Peter Waterhouse. A superb reception for 125 people was held at Derwent Manor Hotel. The happy couple will live in Wolsingham with a honeymoon to follow later.

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Mark and Isabella Robson pose for a photograph after their wedding

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THE ANNUAL LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Keeping up tradition is important in northern village life. Leek shows in September were events that all looked forward to. Every pub and club held them with some fantastic prizes to be won. Lanchester Social Club still holds their 'Leek and Horticultural Show' on the second weekend of September. They are now the only one of several venues in the surrounding area which keep up this great tradition.

As usual, the 14 members began the benching with terrific enthusiasm. The display of vegetables all around the circumference of the room, which could be viewed on Saturday night and Sunday lunchtime was terrific. The size of the leeks, cauliflowers and onions in particular, were

absolutely enormous. There were all sorts of vegetables to be admired as well as the wonderful array of flowers which dominated the centre of the hall.

Very sadly, Malcolm Richardson, who has officiated for about 28 years, died just before the show and the Club were grateful that Brian Young was able to judge the various competitions.

The prize giving on the Sunday evening was dealt with by Russell Parker. Cups and Shields were presented by Tess Pickersgill. There were an amazing amount of trophies to be collected by the winners of the many categories of vegetables and flowers. Many familiar faces were winners of these splendid historical prizes. Rivalry amongst members

seemed to be competitive but friendly, and the banter going on was in good spirit. The auction of produce which followed was conducted like clockwork by the experienced Kenny Goldsmith, who was assisted by three members who held up the lots and distributed them to the winning bidders. It was all done very quickly for extremely low prices. It is such a pity that more people were not there to support this enjoyable occasion. There must be many younger people in the village who have never experienced a night or weekend like this. It is certainly well worth a visit and may even result in a new hobby for someone out there who likes to get satisfaction in what they can produce and live a

healthy life on the products. Remember for next year's diary - the second weekend in September - the Leek Show at Lanchester Social Club.

TROPHIES 2010

LEEKES

1st Prize **NORMAN STEVENSON CUP** V. Pickersgill

2nd Prize **H.B. MAYCOCK CUP** A. Stewart

3rd Prize **VICTOR DILLON CUP** R. Kasher

Best Leek in Show

A. Stewart

VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables

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FEDERATION SHIELD

B. Johnson

Heaviest Onion

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B. Brunton (Annfield Plain)

Pair of Marrows **JIM DIXON CUP** B. Brunton (Annfield Plain)

FLOWERS

Vase of flowers

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A. Swinburne (Shotley Bridge)

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L. Webber (Annfield Plain)

Best Dahlia **ALLAN WHITTLE TROPHY**

A. Swinburne (Shotley Bridge)

3 Gladioli **JAMES HALPEN TROPHY**

B. Brunton (Annfield Plain)

BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW

LANCHESTER CIU CLUB SHIELD

N. Lee (Durham)

MOST POINTS IN SHOW

TETLEY CUP B. Brunton (Annfield Plain)

NB. Those winners

without a place name are

from Lanchester.

Buns of Lanchester

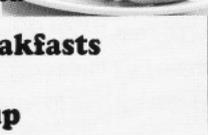
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Billy Brunton, his winning heaviest onion and blench leek (longest), and gladioli behind.



Centre of the hall dominated with beautiful flowers - gladioli, dahlia and chrysanthemums

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14.09.10

Police Reports: Those for July and August were read out by the Lead Officer.

July Street drinking 1, Burglary 2, Anti-social behaviour 11, Off-road vehicle incidents 2, Criminal damage to vehicle 4, Theft 1, Theft of vehicle 1.

August Burglary 1, Anti-social behaviour 18, Vehicle nuisance 2, Criminal damage 2.

Current Community Operations: Operation Livorno tackling street drinking across Consett areas continues with successful results.

Community Speedwatch is being carried out regularly by officers on A691 (both directions) near junction with Oakwood to deter speeding vehicles. Patrols are being carried out in Ford Road to deter speeding vehicles.

Positive policing results. In July there were no reports of youth nuisance outside the takeaway in Front Street.

5 hours per week visits are being made to senior schools to liaise with staff and pupils.

There was a PACT Meeting in the Community Centre on 1st September and residents will be advised of the next date.

County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC). Two meetings are to be held, one in Barnard Castle and the other in County Hall Durham and it was agreed that Cllrs Burton and Mrs Cook should attend that at County Hall.

Durham CC draft Statement of Licensing Policy received.

Durham CC overview and Scrutiny Annual Report received.

Annual Review of the North Pennines AONB Partnership received.

County Durham LINK. Cllr Burton said he would attend most of the AGM on 28th September as it

coincided with the Lynwood House Meeting and Cllr Jackson said he would attend if he could. Lanchester Lions have requested the use of Kitswell ground for their annual bonfire and firework display on Saturday 6th November. This was approved and it was agreed that the usual donation towards the cost of the fireworks be given. It was suggested that a banner, showing the Parish Council's sponsorship, should be displayed.

Area Action Partnership (AAP)/Parish Councils Committee (PCC). Cllr Burton informed members that a scheduled Board Meeting had been cancelled due to a by-election and that it would now take place on 6th October in Brandon.

Christmas Lights. It was agreed that the switch on event will take place on Saturday 27th November at 6 pm and that the celebration afterwards will take place in the Chapter House. All the people who were instrumental in the successful production of the Locality Map are to be invited, with the new employee in connection with the Locality Map to perform the actual switch on with two children from each of the Primary Schools as usual. The Church ladies will again be asked to provide their delicious refreshments.

The Lead Officer gave details of the costs of checking the lights on the trees on the Green and the Christmas tree and of the erection and taking down of the motifs in Front Street. As the latter cost is considerable, members discussed possible alternatives and also having lights further up the street and decorating another tree further up.

After discussing various options, it was decided that perhaps sponsorship might be obtained from shops, organisations, etc in the village and to approach the Village Voice about publicising this. The various options are to be put on the Agenda of the Finance, Development and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

DIAL (Directory of Information About Lanchester) document. A draft document for the second edition of the directory was shown to Members and a few small amendments suggested.

Maintenance Progress Report. Changes had been made to the hours of work so that the Handyman did more hours weekly in the summer and fewer in winter. It was agreed that David does an excellent job and that a letter should be sent to him thanking him for his hard work. Cllr Glass said that a litter

bin near the College had disappeared - a replacement will be requested. The Chairman, Cllr Johnson, stated that three heavy wooden benches had been stolen from the Bowling Club.

Annual Return 2009/10. This was accepted

Financial Information. This document was for July and August. Members agreed that the change to the system of providing the hanging baskets was good value and that they were very impressive, with many positive comments from residents.

Accounts for Payment. These were also for two months and were agreed.

Chairperson's Announcements. Cllr Johnson told Members about the Energy Fair which is being organised by the Lanchester Partnership Green Group and will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 2nd October from 10 am to 3 pm. Alan Myers, a member of the Group, gave Members a personal invitation to the Fair, explaining that the purpose is to help reduce energy and water bills with many interesting displays.

Date of next meeting. Tuesday, 12th October, at 7.15 pm in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester.

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A GEORGIAN GENTLEMAN'S SERENADE FROM DURHAM

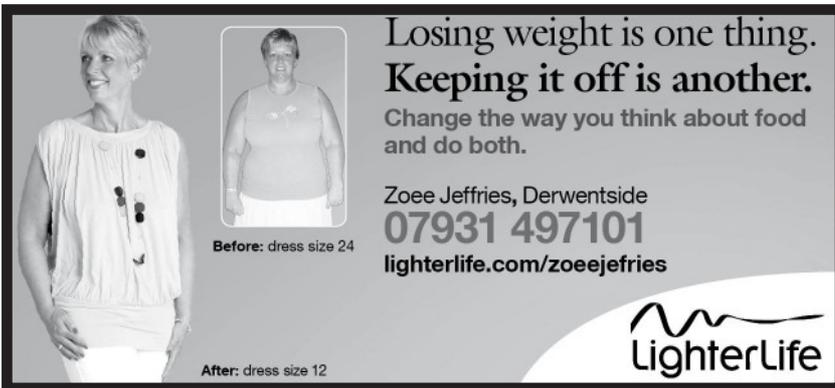
The fourth concert in the Early Music Festival took place on 28th August. The concert which saw the welcome return of Glenis Malkin ('cello) and Dr Brunt (organ/harpsichord) highlighted the music of John Garth and some of his 18th century contemporaries. The evening's readings were taken from John Sykes' local records giving a flavour of the events in the North East from 1771-1810. The concert opened with Dr Brunt playing a John

Garth's Voluntary 1 in D major for organ. The music began with a series of chords eventually giving way to lighter passages. A shorter lighter movement followed which then led into a more static Largo section. The last movement was light in texture and coloured with bright registrations giving a festive sound to the music. The first of the evenings 'cello Concertos followed with Garth's Concerto No 2 in B flat. The first movement was based

around imitative passages for harpsichord and 'cello. The slow movement (Affettuoso) was less elaborate but let the 'cello sing out with some double stopping. The final movement featured some bold melodic strokes on the 'cello and interesting use of pizzicato before finishing on a flurry of activity from the harpsichord. Next came a short transcription of concert music by Charles Avison. (Concerto VIII). The music

was well suited to the organ and showed Avison's talent as an arranger of his own work. The first half of the concert concluded with a further Garth 'cello concerto (No 4 in B flat major). The writing in the concerto seemed more confident and expansive, almost as if Garth was gaining confidence with each new concerto. The second half began with a John Garth Organ Voluntary. The simple beginning was reminiscent of John Stanley before leading into the central largo. This was followed by a bucolic andante. The music ended with a lively allegro full on spontaneous melodies with a folk-like character to them. The 'cello Concerto No 5 (D minor) followed. The music started with a bracing allegro reminiscent of the 'cello concertos of Vivaldi with its fast figurations and bold melodic lines in the 'cello. The second movement (Adagio) was darker and sparser with some chromatic writing in the 'cello part. The last movement was again a Minuet returning to a more contemporary feel. The only solo harpsichord work of the evening was

the Sonata No 2 in E minor by Thomas Arne. The sonata was short but very powerful, written in the style of Scarlatti and can only be described as dark and beautiful and made an interesting musical contrast. The concert ended with Garth's Concerto No 6 in G major. The works started with a bright and breezy extrovert Allegro. This led into the slow movement (Siciliano) which sounded like a Northumbrian lullaby as the 'cello and harpsichord lines gently rocked back and forth. The last movement was a lively, dance like "Tyneside" Minuet. Throughout the concert Glenis showed her versatility on the 'cello with different approaches to the concertos, the tone of the 'cello being at times rich and warm and alternatively bold and strident to fit the demands of the music. It was a delight to listen to such a polished performance, always illuminated by musical sensibility and artistry. Dr Brunt was sympathetic and supportive playing harpsichord, showing his solo skills and ability to partner such a fine performer as Glenis Malkin.



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Dr Brunt and Glenis Malkin with her 'cello.

EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL FRINGE CONCERT "ONE FINE DAY"

As with last year a series of fringe events have sprung up around the Early Music Festival. This time a concert on Friday 27th August.

The main attraction of the evening was the duo Calum Stewart (Flute) and Heikki Burgault (Guitar) who had hot footed it to Lanchester from a performance earlier in the day at the Edinburgh Festival!

The music featured was a mixture of very familiar tunes, Scottish and Northumbrian, some not so familiar and new compositions by Calum under the title "One Fine Day".

The duo performed several sets from their first album "Earlywood" which showcased

Calum's inspired and distinct playing of the traditional wooden flute. It was hard to pin down the influences in his performance. A familiar lilt from the West coast of Scotland interspersed with a wistful dash of Breton Gallic, almost defying stylistic categorisation.

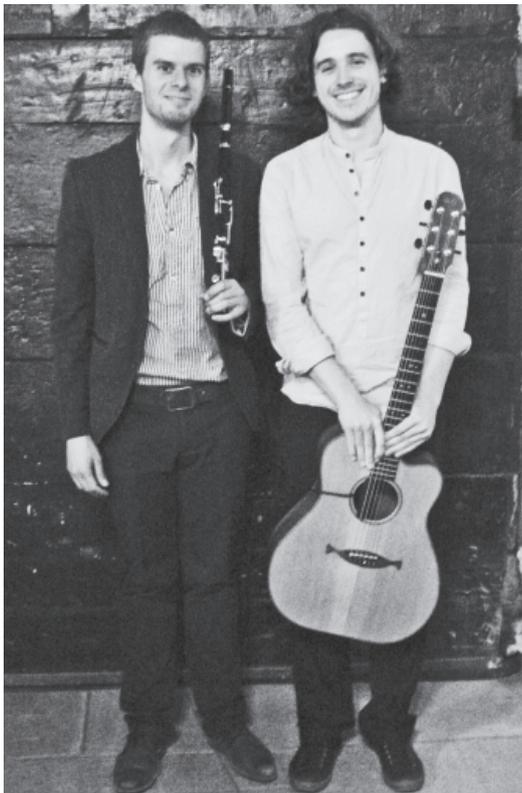
Calum was very ably supported by Heikki Burgault on guitar throughout the evening. Heikki clearly has a keen ear for harmony and rhythm. This gives him the ability to build up tension and movement in the music through a series of well crafted melodic and harmonic ostinati propelling the music ever forward. Heikki also displayed effortless

mastery of his instrument and knows how to tease many different colours and styles out of a seemingly simple acoustic guitar.

As a contrast, Dr Brunt made an appearance playing Northumbrian folk tune settings on the Organ and Northumbrian Pipes. He was even joined for a short while by Glenis Malkin playing arrangements of well known tunes for 'cello and harpsichord.

The second half of the concert gave an insight into the duo's next album, featuring lively new compositions by Calum to traditional Morayshire tunes and dances from Breton. It was a delight to hear such inventive music performances in the acoustics of the medieval church. The music provided a very different and fresh fusion of cultures and techniques, something of the classical world in the timbre of the wooden flute but not with the style. Throughout the concert the music had a spontaneity and freshness that gave an improvisatory quality to the music.

In all this was a fantastic evening to hear a world class performance by two distinctive artists who are carving their niche clearly in the folk/classical world. I for one am looking forward to the release of their next album. For more information on the duo go to www.myspace.com/calumheikki.



Calum and Heikki

TABLE TOP SALE

Lanchester Community Centre and Lanchester Country Markets once again staged their events at the same time and both halls seemed fairly busy. There was a steady stream of people at most of the stalls. The Community Centre raised £137.00 from hiring tables and their own bric a brac stall.

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TIFFANY CHARLTON - MISS TEEN DURHAM GALAXY

Tiffany Charlton has recently been chosen as a grand finalist for one of the UK's biggest pageants - the United Kingdom Galaxy Pageant, and has been kindly sponsored by New Image Hairdressers. She has been awarded the title of Miss Teen Durham Galaxy in an internet competition and is hoping for local support. Tiffany attends Greencroft Comprehensive School and has just started in year 9. She has been

asked by the organisers of the contest to make appearances leading up to the pageant which takes place in February next year. Making appearances at charity events, open evenings or appearing in the local newspaper will enhance her chances of winning a national title. Her contact number is 528723 but it is important that you speak first to Tiffany's mother, Mrs J. Charlton. Tiffany will not be taking any calls directly.



Miss Teen Durham
Galaxy

Gardening in October

There is no going back to the heady days of summer with their warm afternoons and long evenings but the long cold days of winter are yet to begin. October is a month of soft, misty mornings and the abundance of fruit that has ripened on the trees and bushes. However, the summer colour can easily and quickly be maintained by removing the remains of your summer pots and replacing them with mini cyclamen mixed with violas or with winter pansies which are all cheap and abundant at the moment in garden centres and will provide you with colour and cheerfulness through the winter.

Borders

With a careful choice of variety you can have daffodils in flower from the end of February (February Gold), through March (Spellbinder) and April (Dutch Master) into May (Sweetness). There is still time to do this planting and remember that the bulbs need to be at a depth three times the height of the bulb to ensure years of colour from them. You can also save tender summer bedding (like geranium) by digging them out with a good root ball and potting them up individually placing them in

a frost-free environment like a windowsill or conservatory. Each year I keep some of my fibrous rooted begonias in this way and they flower right through the winter. October is the time to clean-up your borders, removing any weeds, cutting down and, perhaps, dividing hardy perennials like golden rod and phlox, and moving shrubs that are in the wrong place. Once dahlia foliage has been blackened by frosts cut the stems back to about 9 inches and lift the tubers. Dry them upside down under cover for 2 weeks then store for winter in dry compost or sawdust in a cool frost-free place. If you like Heathers October is a great time to plant them. However, make sure that the weather is not too cold or too wet for planting. If the plants are dry soak them well before planting. Give hedges of Leyland Cypress and Escallonia a final trim this month before winter sets in.

Fruit and Vegetables

Over the weeks of October fruit will be reaching its peak both in gardens and hedgerows. Plenty of apple varieties will be ripe and ready to eat this month

and it is better to pick them before they fall and bruise. Some will keep happily for a time if they are sealed in food bags and kept in a cool place. Brambles are a good accompaniment for apples in pies and crumbles so, if you haven't already done so, get out into the hedgerows and pick and freeze some of these tasty fruits. Your remaining potatoes should be lifted now for storage as should carrots and beet sown before midsummer.

General

Leaves can be a nuisance at this time of year but they can also be a blessing in providing you with leaf mould which is an excellent soil conditioner if you collect them up and store them until they have composted down. If you want colour and scent in the new year you can grow prepared hyacinths in decorative glasses now. Fill the glass with water to just below the base of the bulb and place in a cool dark place for six weeks for the roots to form. Once the shoot is about 3 inches tall move it into full light. Plant the cheaper, garden hyacinth bulbs in pots with good drainage to provide both colour and scent in the spring.

GREEN GROUP ENERGY FAIR

Lanchester Community Centre will host the first Energy Fair in the area on Saturday October 2nd between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. Why would you want to visit this unique event? Do you want to conserve energy? Do you want to save money? Do you want your children and grandchildren to have a healthy and happy future? In years to come what would they say if the current generation had done nothing to help the carbon footprint of the environment where they live.

In an interview with the Village Voice, Steve Bailey, of the Lanchester Partnership Green Group outlined the reasons why this inaugural fair is so important to the community of Lanchester and, of course, further afield. In this world we live in, it is now common knowledge that it is necessary to conserve energy. It is essential to do this as in the long term energy will be less available and more expensive. While these two items are important, no less so is the possible impact on climate change if this issue is not addressed.

A visit to the Energy Fair may be preaching to the converted for some but there is always

something to learn. For instance, how much do you know about Photo Voltaic Tiles and the benefits from installing these in your home? What are the benefits of insulation installed in your house? What do you know about the impact and costs of Solar Energy? What do you know about Ground Source Heat or Wind Power?

Do pay a visit to the Fair. Local Member of Parliament, Pat Glass, will attend this vitally important event, as well as experts from various companies able to answer the aforementioned questions about the costs and benefits. Bring your children too. As said previously, this is as much for them as for you. The local schools in the village will be there to exhibit what they are doing to encourage their pupils to become energy conscious, reduce consumption and live in a clean environment. There will be a quiz for the children to learn from and occupy themselves, so a visit as a family however short, would be enjoyable and time well spent.

Refreshments will be available from Lanchester Country Markets.

RED CROSS FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL

In a Coffee Morning held at the Red Cross Shop on Thursday August 26th, £100 was raised for the Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal. Brenda Gibson, the Shop Manager, would like to thank all of those people who supported

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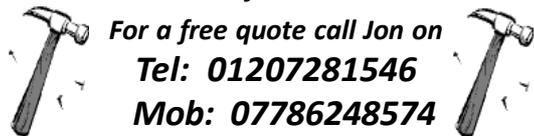
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DURHAM BIG RIDE

The 'Durham Big Ride' is a superb autumn event now firmly established in the calendar. It appeals to those who like cycling, and is suitable for all ages and abilities. The 'Beast' as it was named by test riders when it was first started some four years ago, is a 50 mile arduous, undulating, completely 'on road' circular route. Beginning at Sniperley Park, some of the villages passed through by riders were Burnhope, Iveston, Wolsingham Tow Law, Comsay Colliery, returning via Langley Park and Bearpark to the finishing line. This year 'The Beast' took place on Sunday 5th September. The 9.00 am start saw the elite riders crossing Maiden Law in under half an hour. About 245 cyclists took part and Richard Gregory, of Newark, formerly of Annfield Plain, was first to finish in just over 3 hours. The three mile route for

youngsters was at the Aykley Heads area of Durham.

The 25 mile event on Sunday 12th September attracted about 500 hundred cyclists, many of whom rode together in family groups. The route was similar to 'The Beast' at the start but changed direction near Consett to join Lanchester Valley Walk. Cyclists began to

appear in the village at about 10.00 am and there were still some riding through some 2 hours later. It was a glorious day and everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the ride out. Both routes were well signposted. All events seemed to be well organised and participants were pleased to receive their appropriate 'T' shirts at the end.



Happy cyclists on the 25 mile event with a 'wheelie' for the camera.

WILLOW BURN WALK 2010

August Bank Holiday Monday and it's Willow Burn Hospice Sponsored Walk again. About 50 people took part in this annual event, raising much needed and appreciated money for the Hospice. Participants of all ages, some with dogs, gathered at 9.45 am at the Social Club in Lanchester to register for the 4 or 6 mile walk. Before starting, everyone was given a bottle of water if required, then Margaret from the Exercise Centre in the

Community Centre demonstrated exercises to loosen the leg muscles, bringing smiles to everyone's face.

The route took us along the mineral line to Malton, where we turned right and followed a path through Malton Woods, over a few stiles and through some fields (including one containing several curious cows) to a track leading towards Langley Park and having two options to turn back onto the mineral line. Most people went the

longer route, which was very pleasant with lovely views across the valley.

On returning to the Social Club, about two and a half hours later, we were given sandwiches and drinks were available. It was a very pleasant way to spend a Bank Holiday Monday and, hopefully, raising a lot of money for such a worthy cause. If you are interested in taking part in the walk or other events supporting Willow Burn, please contact Margaret Toberty on 01207 529224.



Limbering up before the walk

DEEPTI SCHOOL INDIA



Steve and Cath Bailey and some of the team

At the end of July, Steve and Cath Bailey from Lanchester with 8 members of staff from Villa Real school and 3 partners travelled to Adoor in South West India to help with the setting up of Deepti School.

Twelve months ago Dr Susan Matthew whose son Jordish has cerebral palsy, set up the Deepti Centre with two physiotherapists within two rooms of the Faith Theological College. This year the school was inaugurated with the objective of providing children with cerebral palsy the opportunity to maximise both their physical and intellectual capabilities.

Villa Real had already held fund raising events and sent toys and equipment to the school, but the first teacher had only started five days before the team arrived.

None of the team had been to India before and the two-hour journey from the airport to the school was the first of many memorable experiences, but this one was very scary as there didn't seem to be any rules of the road. The first curry was excellent, but after two weeks of curry, even the curry lovers were looking forward to beans on toast.

On the first day fifteen children arrived with their parents and some grandparents. Many of the parents had been told that their children would never do anything and were used to carrying them around and doing everything for them. On that first day the Villa Real staff started to show that the children could learn through play and would be treated like any other child. Over the eight days we were there the children played with the toys and used equipment to help them develop and by the last day it was great to see how much progress had been made in such a short time. With help, some of the children were able to stand and walk for the first time. The singing of "Old

McDonald had a farm" was very interesting as he now had an elephant! It was obvious that the parents were delighted to see their children's progress and when the time came to leave, the Deepti staff and the mothers very movingly thanked the Villa Real team.

While the school staff were helping the children, the men were preparing another room by painting window frames and laying vinyl on the floor, rewarding but hard work in the heat and humidity. It was not all work. After school had finished each day Susan had organised various activities for us including visiting a cashew nut factory, having a curry cookery lesson and riding on an

elephant and during the middle weekend we had a really relaxing time in a lovely hotel at the coast. It was an amazing experience for us all and the last day was very emotional for both the team and the families. Friendships had been made and we know it is just the beginning of a long lasting partnership between the two schools.

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THE NATURE DETECTIVES

On August 16th, a group of brave young explorers boldly set out from the library to investigate the wild life of darkest Lanchester. Led by Karen Collins, the Derwentside GreenPride Officer, who had organised this creature and scavenger hunt, our intrepid nature detectives were issued with specimen jars complete with capture tubes and magnifying glass tops. After discussing the

types of creatures we expected to find, and making sure we were aware of the basic safety rules for our venture, we set out into the wilds of the Lanchester Valley Walk.

Our young discoverers found that a huge range of creatures exist all around us, on the bark of trees, under leaves and in the hedgerows. Karen identified craneflies and several species of bugs and spiders, able to be

seen in detail through our magnifying glasses. All of them, of course, were returned to their home environment.

More discoveries were made in Dora's Wood, where a scavenger hunt was held, and a great many ladybirds were seen. An interesting way to spend a lovely summer afternoon, and an example of how you can discover so much in ordinary places - if you only use your eyes!



Rebecca, Eve, Kate, James and Daniel set out on their adventure

JOURNEY INTO SPACE

During the school summer holidays, some Lanchester youngsters have investigated all kinds of things connected with outer space. 'Space Travel' was the theme of the Library's annual Reading Challenge, and young people have enjoyed using their imagination and crafting skills to produce models and pictures, all portraying aspects of their topic. August 26th was the final session of the course, when all the work was to be completed and prepared for display within the junior section of the Library. After creating space ships and flying saucers during

previous craft sessions, today's task was to plan and create a space station, and to imagine strange alien landscapes. The space station, produced by Sophie, Harmony and Trinity was most impressive, complete with technical looking pipes and dials, space garden, and even an alien! Daniel and Dylan constructed weird, other worldly scenes, with asteroids and spooky effects (see photo on opposite page). The session was managed by the Library's own Janice, who proved expert in scissors, stickers and tissue paper! The results of this hard work may be seen in the Library.

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Where are the bears?

'If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise,' are the opening words of a well known song about teddy bears. Well 20 children, whose ages ranged from 1-9 years went down to a small group of trees, to hunt for bears on Tuesday, August 24th and had the lovely surprise of finding large paw prints, leading them excitedly to bears of various sizes. It was another initiative of our Library who had arranged a number of exciting and purposeful activities, during the summer holidays.

This particular activity was led by Karen Collins and Jackie Stevens who are both employed by 'Groundwork North East'.

Karen's section of this company is called 'Green Pride' and Jackie's section is called 'Green Start'. Their aim is to get families 'out and about', enjoying outdoor activities together and having fun and interesting things to do. This particular activity was based on the book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. The story was read out, very graphically and competently by a brother and sister Eleanor and Alcuin Reid aged 8 and 9 who live in Cornsay. They encouraged all the children to join in where it was appropriate and this they did enthusiastically which was a joy to see and hear (particularly the bear hugs!)

Karen and Jackie had arranged various activity games which involved imaginative animals, all of which were very much enjoyed by the children and then after a final bear hunt everyone returned to the library. Another unqualified success for the library. How fortunate we are to have in Lanchester, a library which has the children's interests very much at heart, and engages their attention in such interesting ways. Thank you Monica and your staff.

Brenda Craddock

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FOOTBALL BACK IN THE VILLAGE

Hopefully you should all be aware that Sunday football has returned to the village and they have made a cracking start. The team are based at the Cricket club and play at Kitswell Road, under the guidance of manager Steve Murray. They opened up on a sunny

day at Dipton with a 6-4 win over Dipton Rovers. Since then they have won three and drawn once in the league to leave them in second spot behind Washington Oasis who have a hundred per cent record. The side have tasted defeat in the county cup but with a very

understrength side they lost 2-1 down at Hartlepool.

If you like your football local, have a wander down to the club, there's food on after the game and the club is able to broadcast all premierships matches so you could make a day of it.

ALWAYS THE BRIDESMAID?

For the last few seasons Lanchester Bowling Club veterans' team has finished runners-up in competitions to the all-conquering Dipton. This year has been no exception. On this occasion it was in the Tom Burleigh knockout competition. After good wins against South Moor and View Lane (Stanley) we were in the final which was held at South Moor. A good crowd of spectators with supporters of both clubs and neutrals from other clubs (who mostly supported us as underdogs) saw an exciting match. With two ends to go Lanchester were 3-1 up but Dipton

are not a team to concede defeat easily. They fought back to win 2-1 with one rink drawn. Dipton have also won both veterans leagues this year with Lanchester finishing fourth both times. Well done to them, maybe next year we can get one over on them?

We have however got our name on one trophy. For the last few years we have played a friendly against Wolsingham and they produced a silver shield to be played for. Up to this year, to our embarrassment, we had not won this prize, however on this occasion, we were able to spare our blushes with a convincing win.

On a lovely sunny afternoon the club held its first finals day. Three of the club's finals were played in front of a small but knowledgeable crowd of spectators. Stan Easten, Dick Ball and Christine Monaghan won their competitions against Mike Stoddart, Harry Davison and Liz Smith respectively. Not all finals could be played on the day for various reasons but I'm sure everyone who came along enjoyed it. A full list of all finalists will be published next month.

Please note the AGM will be held in the pavilion on 14th October at 7 pm; all members and prospective members are invited.



Stan Easten (bowling) on his way to becoming this year's Club Champion with his opponent Mike Stoddart, in a closely fought game on a very sunny finals day.

SILVERWARE IN SEASON FINALE

Lanchester Cricket Club's first team finished the season in a highly commendable third place in their return to Division A1. Good late season performances from Masoud Mirza with the ball and Mike Hampson with the bat pushed Stu McPhail's side up to third. The team made it to three cup finals, losing out twice, to the two sides who finished above them in the league, Swalwell and Shotley Bridge. The third final was set for 12th September but rain put paid to that and the team will face Kimblesworth at the start of next season. Having secured their position in top division, the second team picked up a trophy by winning the George Coates trophy. The

final was against Hylton and unfortunately was played in a very hostile atmosphere with local drunks marring the game. Lanchester reached a disappointing 113 but then bowled out Hylton for 106 in a tense finish. Teenagers Kieron Taylor and Ashton Hughes were the major wicket takers.

The thirds finished sixth on their debut in the top division and would be satisfied with some good bowling performances whilst lacking a few runs. The Under 18s were runners up to Blaydon in league and cup, whilst the under 15s had a tough time, but bear in mind they had no one aged 15 playing so were always up against it. The under 13s were runners up to Shotley

Bridge in the league and reached a cup final where Durham City were easy winners. Greg Patterson has represented the county in this age group, whilst Nathan Somersall and Cameron Metcalfe featured in the league side. The under 11s won more matches than last year and were able to give a few new youngsters a chance. We even managed to turn an under 9 side out in a competition.

All in all it was a good season, with progress made from last year's promotions.

An update from last time, Jeff Wingfield, Robbie Selby and Darren Wingfield completed the coast to coast walk and raised £1000 for Willow Burn Hospice.

BANK HOLIDAY FUN



Mick Hampson, Cricket Professional from South Africa, was first into the soaking area and ended up extremely wet. Here one of the youngsters aims the sponge well on target.

On Bank Holiday Monday Cricket Club Juniors held a fundraising Fun Day and raised £386 to provide, amongst other things, club cricket whites for the teams for next season. There was a cool start to the day but thankfully no rain! However the coaches were all soaked - as eager juniors paid to throw wet sponges at them! Cricketers teamed up in pairs to score the most runs in a sponsored double wicket competition,

won by Chris Tully and Sean Lawson. There were plenty of side stalls, a raffle with some generous prizes from Lanchester businesses and a homemade cake stall graced by many delicious contributions. Coaches and parents worked very hard to put on the successful event which was rounded off with a Hoy the Welly competition. This season will be celebrated at an annual

presentation evening in October when speeches are made and trophies awarded. The club welcomes interested youngsters and anyone 9 years old and above can find out more from Andy Smith on 07716294724. Training starts indoors in February and outside in the new nets next May 2011. The club coaches junior teams at ages u11, u13, u15 and u18 and is extremely friendly.



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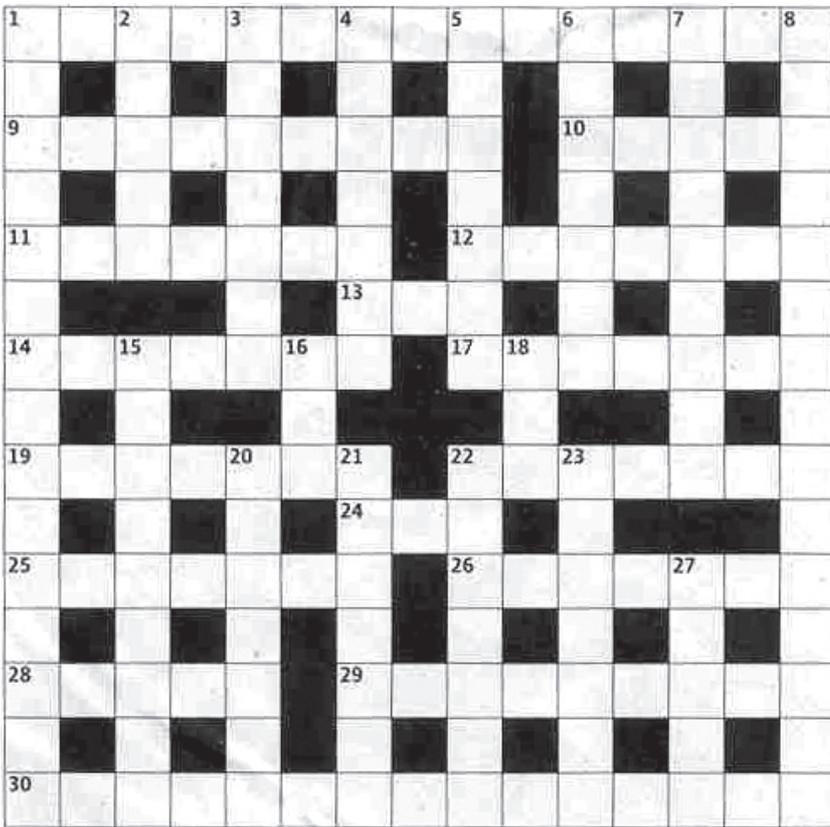
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- ACROSS**
- Unworldly (fig.) (2,7,6)
 - Illicit aid sounds like cot bedding (4,5)
 - Can I trespass with explosive ingredient? (5)
 - see 22 down
 - Illustrations (7)
 - thus (3)
 - Rouses (7)
 - Strategy (7)
 - Fifty scouts disturbed insects (7)
 - see 16
 - Reduce (3)
 - IRA reel as before (7)
 - Spray with a looser mixture (7)
 - Abstract form of 12 found in hilltop artifacts (2,3)
 - Really strict (5,4)
 - Short on pulchritude? (3,4,2,4,2)
- DOWN**
- Very rarely (fig.) (4,2,1,4,4)
 - Proof of absence! (5)
 - Performing (2,5)
 - Devoid of colour (7)
 - Withdraw (7)
 - Psychopath (7)
 - Static (3,6)
 - Possibilities are endless (fig.) (3,4,3,5)
 - Harmonious insect supports treaty (9)
 - 16,22 across Close to use by date, maybe (3,2,5)
 - Past (3)
 - Massage is hit as US reforms (7)
 - Shriek as loose rocks cover church (7)
 - 22,11. Commence take off (5,2,7)
 23. Medley rendered by pointless RAF organ retune (7)
 27. Smooth (5)

CROSSWORD 52

There were 16 entries in last month's competition.

The winning entry in the draw was sent in by Peter Bridgewater of Alderside Crescent who will receive the £10 prize.

Test your skill with John Wilson's latest challenge.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 52

- ACROSS**
- porcelain
 - Grieg
 - determine
 - V J Day
 - 12,25. Statue of Liberty
 - urbanite
 - Mercury
 - explore
 - opulence
 - fester
 - see 5
 - see 12
 - pearl
 - contrived
- DOWN**
- cogent
 - eclectic
 - flambé
 - Vilnius
 - 5,24. Trojan Horse
 - decanter
 - ibex
 - employee
 - ring
 - listen in
 - seafood
 - lustre
 - feisty
 - esteem

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

WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed members and visitors and we were shown a beautiful cot blanket knitted by Maureen Barker, which will be our entry at the Durham Federation's Autumn Council Meeting.

Jennifer read out correspondence - the subscriptions for 2011 will be £30 and are due in January. Please note that our birthday outing on 1st November will now be leaving opposite Peters at 9.15 not 9.00.

Tickets for our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th October will be available at the next meeting and members can bring items for the sales table to this meeting or on the Wednesday morning along with any fresh goods.

Ann Horner won the raffle and the competition winner for a horse related item was Jennifer Macdonald with Maureen Barker second.

Our speaker for the evening was Chrissie Clark who spoke about her life as a mounted police officer. This was a very informative and amusing talk as when Chrissie became a police officer in the early 1970's she wore a small hat,

carried a handbag and was only involved with incidents to do with women and families. She did see the harsher side of life as she spent time with the vice squad but she spoke with compassion when she remembered the sad stories of some of the women she dealt with. Chrissie has always loved horses and riding and really wanted to work in the mounted section; she was accepted, passed the course with flying colours and began working with her horse Pagan. Together they attended all kinds of events which included escorting the Queen, patrolling when the Pope visited, football matches, helping find missing people and also a lot of public displays. She never knew what the next day would bring but loved it all. When she retired nearly 10 years ago she said she was very lucky that she was allowed to take three of the horses that had meant a lot to her home to share her retirement. We all enjoyed this talk very much and a donation was given to the Great North Air Ambulance.

On 20th August we hosted the Derwent Group meeting where members from

Satley, Edmundbyers and Castleside joined us. Our speaker was Mr Dennis Donnelly and the entertainment Jean Graves with Michael Graves at the piano; all three really added to the enjoyment of the evening. The competition which was two items of handmade jewellery was won by Lanchester with a necklace made by Rhoda Joyce. Lanchester members provided the food for a delicious plated supper and a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, as working together we gave the other WIs and County ladies a night to remember. A donation was given to the Great North Air Ambulance.



Speaker Chrissie Clark judging the competition

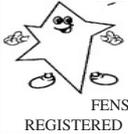
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Quick Fruit Cake

Try this easy, unusual method of making a delicious fruit cake - the fat is melted and all the ingredients simply stirred together.
 Makes one 18cm (7in) square cake

455g (1lb) mixed dried fruit, washed and dried
 230g (8oz) unsalted butter or margarine
 340g (12oz) soft, light brown muscovado sugar
 3 eggs, size 3, beaten
 340g (12oz) self-raising flour

A pinch of salt
 1 teaspoon ground mixed spice
 One 18cm (7in) square cake tin, greased and lined

Set the oven at Gas mark 4, 350 degrees F, 180 degrees C.
 Put the fruit in a saucepan with 140ml (1/4pt) water. Bring to the boil, simmer for 15 minutes and drain.
 Melt the butter in a large saucepan, remove from the heat, add sugar and

fruit. Mix well, then beat in the eggs.
 Sift the flour, salt and mixed spice together and fold into the fruit mixture.
 Turn into the prepared tin and bake for 1hr 15mins to 1hr 30mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean.
 Leave in the tin to cool.
 Turn out and place in an air tight tin.
 This cake is best kept for a day or two before cutting.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

Energy Fair and Country Market

Don't forget the Energy Fair on Saturday October 2nd at Lanchester Community Centre. See how to reduce your energy bills and save money. From simple measures such as improved insulation and the use of low energy appliances, to ways of generating your own electricity using renewable forms of energy, see what a difference you can make! So drop in at the Community Centre any time between 10 am and 3 pm and find out what you can do to reduce Lanchester's carbon footprint and play your part in reducing global warming.

You can even bring your bike and have it checked over while you're viewing the displays. Enjoy refreshments from the Country Market and you can also buy your fresh local produce at the same time.

Lanchester Social Club Entertainment

Saturday 2nd October, KATE DANIELS, Great Act
Saturday 9th October, STEVE DEE, Fabulous Act
Saturday 16th October, KARAOKE
Saturday 23rd October, SHAUN FOSTER CONNOLLY, As seen in TV's "Benidorm"
Saturday 30th October, KRIS ATKINS, Excellent Male Vocalist

Free local history talk

Satley Local History Society present Eric Stores, A Slideshow of Agriculture in the North East - Past and Present. 7.30pm, Wednesday 29th September, Satley Village Hall. Admission free. Refreshments available.

Pet Service

Come and celebrate Saint Francis with the blessing of animals on Sunday 3rd October at 3 pm in Lanchester Parish Church. Bring your pets.



WI

Our AGM will take place on Monday 4th October in the small hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm. The competition winners will be announced and the WIA attending will be Christine Turnbull. Sales table items and raffle prizes for the coffee morning can be brought to this meeting.

WI Coffee Morning

The Autumn Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 6th October 9.30 until 11.30 am in the Community Centre. There will be a sales table, baking and a raffle, tickets are priced at £1 for coffee and a delicious home made scone. We do hope you will come and join us, bring a friend and enjoy a relaxing morning. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday Bridge Returns

The Community Centre's Sunday Bridge will start up again at the beginning of October and will be held once per month until the spring of 2011. Everybody is welcome, so if you are a Bridge player and would like to spend a Sunday afternoon in the company of other players, come along at 2.00 pm on Sunday 3rd October entry £3.00. All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Community Centre. For further information please contact Liz on 01207521682.

Lanchester Methodist Bowls Club

We meet at Croft View Hall from 1.30 pm until 3.30 pm every Friday to play indoor bowls. We have an interval when refreshments are served. We have two carpets and sufficient bowls for these. We would welcome new members as sometimes one of the carpets is unused. Why not join us and spend two hours of enjoyment in which you could make new friends. Charge for bowls and refreshments £1.00. Guy Lawson

Mothers' Union

The speaker at the meeting on Wednesday 13th October, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is Anne Howie from the Methodist Church speaking about her experiences in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

WHAT'S ON?

Wildlife Group

At the meeting on 12th October at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, Sue Charleton will give a talk 'The Heart of Durham'.

Flower Club

The next meeting on Wednesday 27th October at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre will be a workshop with Val Guest of Hurworth.

Art Exhibition

The Lanchester Art Group Annual Exhibition will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday, October 16th - 17th from 10 am till 4 pm. Admission 50p. Refreshments will be available. A lot of the unique, original pictures will be for sale, so come along, enjoy the show and maybe take home a masterpiece!

Short Circuit Walks

October 9th, 10.30 am, Roman Wall, 6 miles. Meet at Housesteads NT Information Centre, NY794684.
October 23rd, 10.30 am, Wylam, 4.5 miles. Meet Wylam car park (charge) between Stephenson and Falcon Terraces, NZ118646.

Open House

All are welcome at the Chapter House on Thursday 7th October. A sandwich lunch is served between 11.30 am and 1.00 pm.

Scottish Dance Tuition

This class for new and recent beginners, run by qualified Royal Scottish Country Dance Society teacher Doris Jackson, will resume on Friday 15th October at 7 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. Scottish Dancing is excellent aerobic exercise in a social setting; you're never on your own!

Please wear light weight clothes and shoes; trainers are not suitable and there's no need to wear a kilt! Each session lasts an hour and costs £2. We look forward to meeting you!

Lanchester Valley Walk Conservation Group

Day of action - Sunday October 24th. Meet at Newbiggen Lane car park at 9.45 am or come and help any time between 10 am - 2.30 pm. We expect to be working near the station yard in Lanchester with the Durham Countryside Ranger, cutting back overhanging branches, litter picking and possibly putting in some bench seats, making general improvements. All equipment is provided. Please think of coming to lend a hand, you will be warmly welcomed!

LMVC

The choir will present a charity concert for Mityana, a project in Uganda, in the Methodist Church on 23rd October. The guest artist will be Jane Westwater. Tickets from choir members.

Music Lessons

Local professional Pianist and Singer offers lessons to all ages and abilities. Very reasonable rates, first lesson free.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 14th November 2010 in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, Lanchester.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Club Paradiso

This exotic title is the new version of the former Film Club. The good news is that the new format will allow a much wider choice of films to be shown and we hope you will share in putting forward your suggestions.

The launch takes place at the Community Centre on Sunday October 10th at 7 pm The 'Social' will start with drinks and refreshments at a cost of £2.50 per head, followed by a screening of the much acclaimed film 'AN EDUCATION', starring Peter Sarsgaard, Alfred Molina and Carey Mulligan in a Bafta winning performance.

On Sunday November 7th at 7 pm there will be a 'social', raffle/drinks/refreshments followed by a screening of the film 'Cinema Paradiso', an amusing tale from which we took the club name. Sunday 5th December at 7 pm we plan to have another 'social' with raffle/refreshments etc before screening

'Goldrush' (the famous Charlie Chaplin film).

A programme for the New Year 2011 will be arranged in due course.

The Community Centre has acquired an 'Umbrella Licence' which has specific requirements we need to observe and which enables us to benefit from choosing our own films. They can be shown in the context of a social evening. Hence membership of 'Club Paradiso' will be £5 per annum and the charge of £2.50 is specifically for the light refreshments and raffle taking place before the film. There will be NO separate charge to see the film.

We hope this Club will be a real resource for the village and that people will come, enjoy and support it. If a grant can be raised, the Community Centre is hoping to install a large screen and new projector which will greatly enhance the total experience!

North Country Theatre

The North Country Theatre are coming again to the Community Centre on 30th October. The play this year is 'A Blood Wedding in Wensleydale'. This will be the normal mixture of farce and tragedy, which we have become accustomed to from Nobby Dimon and his travelling theatre company. This year the play has been adapted from Lorca's famous Spanish tale of feuding families and re-set in the farming communities of the Yorkshire Dales. When Leonard returns from fighting with the international Brigade in the Spanish Civil War he finds his childhood sweetheart about to marry an old rival. He should accept his fate but in true theatre style events kick off to give us an evening of excellent entertainment. Tickets are £8.00 and are available from the Community Centre or ring John Wilson 01207 521275.

Coming shortly

Lions' Bonfire

The Lions Bonfire and Firework display will be held as usual at Kitswell Park on Saturday 6th November, beginning at 6.30pm.

Christmas Fair

Satley Residents Association are holding a Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall, Satley on Saturday 6th November from 10 am

-2 pm. Stalls, tombola and refreshments. Entry 50p.

Lions Christmas Shopping Trip

This will take place on Saturday 13th November leaving the Village Green at 9.00 am (note later time), arriving back at approximately 9.00 pm. Tickets are £13.00. Please contact Rosemary Naylor on 520087.

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BADMINTON CLUB NEEDS MEMBERS

The Badminton Group meets on a Monday morning between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon in Croft View. The Club has been in

existence for more than 30 years. They are now down to a few regulars and would like to invite more men and women to come along and get some

enjoyable exercise playing this popular sport.

Fees are really affordable being only £1.50 per session! If you would like

to keep fit and join this friendly easy-going group of badminton enthusiasts, then please call either Rosemary Naylor on 520087 or Anne Hurren on 520288.



Rosemary Naylor and Margaret Bradley in action on the Badminton Court

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TOP AWARD FOR TENNIS CLUB

On Friday 10th September, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club received the Sports Club of the Year Award 2010, for the Derwentside District.

Held at the Lamplight Centre Stanley and

supported by Leisureworks, the award is given for achievements throughout the year. The Tennis Club had been nominated because of increased membership, strong coaching programme, gaining the

prestigious Clubmark Award from the LTA (the only grass court club in the country to achieve this accreditation) and involvement in the local area through school partnerships and coaching.

The award ceremony was hosted by former Gladiator, Jet, Diane Youdale and guest speaker was Olympic swimmer Chris Cook. Over a hundred people from several sports attended the event and the tennis club was represented by President Rosemary Fawcett, Secretary Dennis Laycock, members Sally Laverick, Jane Laycock, Heather Murray, Junior Captain Grant Ridley, and Coach Michael Hume, who has been instrumental in promoting the club and developing the coaching programme.

Following the success of this award, the club will go forward to the county awards to be held in October.

Another special occasion for the club will be held on

Sunday 26th September. After 99 years in the dark so to speak, the club have been able to obtain an electricity supply to their premises on Ford Road. Following the award of grants from Grassroots and EDF Energy Windfarm Project and donations from the County Council, Parish Council, members and former members, the work was completed in August and an official "switch-on" will take place on that date. The club would like to thank everyone involved with the project. In preparation for their centenary celebrations in 2011, the club has received some items of memorabilia but would still like to hear from anyone with any information regarding tennis in Lanchester over the last 100 years.



The proud team from the Tennis Club with their award

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Lanchester Cricket Club also had cause to celebrate at the Leisureworks Sports and Activities awards.

The awards are in their fifth year and aim to recognise people across our district in a variety of ways. Lanchester Cricket Club submitted nominations in three categories, Club of the Year, Achievement of the Year and Volunteer of the Year.

On the night, the club lost out to Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club, which meant the award stayed in the village, whilst in the achievements, the club was up against young performers who had achieved medals in international competitions so no disgrace in not winning. However, in the volunteer category, Lanchester were triumphant, when nominee Bob Gardiner was the winner. Bob has been the stalwart of the Junior

section for 18 years and was looking to call it a day this year. Many of his young charges have progressed to senior cricket and have helped to make the club the thriving place it is now. An emotional Bob, affectionately known as Fossil by the kids, picked up his award, got a kiss from former Gladiator Jet and then recovered to make the longest acceptance speech of the night. No change there then! Well done Bob!



Bob Gardiner

Photo Tophers McGrillis

FOOTBALL BACK IN THE VILLAGE



Lanchester's new football team, based at the Cricket Club at Kitswell Road.

See story, page 14

MORE SPORTS NEWS pages 14 and 15

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by 19th October. The deadline for **adverts** is 17th October.

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