

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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95 NEW HOUSES ON CADGER BANK?



The land area marked for development is featured on the left of the marked village area. This begins at the end of the last bungalow at the top of Cadger Bank.

The County Durham Plan has reached the “Preferred Options consultation” stage.

In it, the fields just above Briardene, from Cadger Bank down to Alderdene Burn, are allocated for housing, with an estimated capacity of “95 units”. Lanchester Partnership strongly opposes this development and makes the following points:

- * the planners say that they consult existing residents and listen carefully to their views;
- * they know that the Parish Council and people of Lanchester don't want any development outside the Village Development Limit;
- * they were present at a recent public meeting in the Social Club when over 100

residents made it absolutely clear that they didn't want any

pressure from a developer and that they don't realise how

building in these fields; yet they put them into the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - and have now gone further and allocated them for housing!

Lanchester Partnership can only assume that the planners are under

strongly Lanchester people feel. They say, “We need to prove to the planners and county councillors that we like Lanchester the way it is, and don't want a big development that will damage the landscape setting of the village, act as a precedent for even more development around the edges and not bring any advantages. After all, we are going to get a lot of “units” on the Maiden Law Hospital and Lynwood sites.”

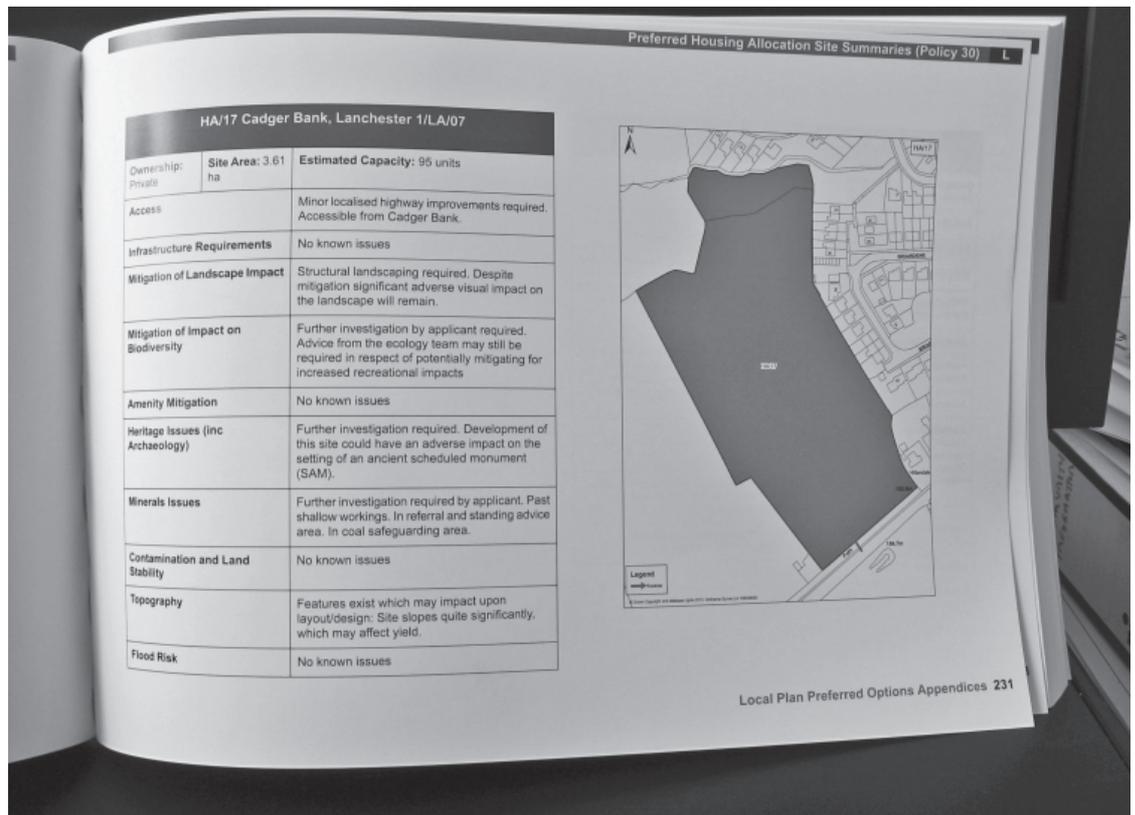
The Partnership urges villagers to:

- * sign the petition that is being organised by Steve Bailey (Tel. 521 884);

and come to a Parish Council meeting on 9th October at 7.15 in Park House – a meeting that some County Council planners will attend and to which press and public are invited.

You can tell the planners what you think online at:

<http://durhamcc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/planning> email them on CDPconsultation@durham.gov.uk or write to the special freepost address: FREEPOST Spatial Policy by Friday 2nd November 2012.



This photo is a close up of the area planned for development near the last bungalow at the top of Cadger Bank. The area comprises 3.6 hectares and 95 units for short term development.



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice

I read with interest your main article regarding the proposed Lynwood development. I was at the presentation on Monday 30th July and generally agree with the contents of your article. However the reference made to the access from Woodlands and concerns regarding visitor parking on the road is an understatement of the problem.

This development, an important site in the village, which will give residents improved housing and amenities, has not been properly communicated.

The meeting of 30th July came about following residents of Woodlands observing the architect walking the Lynwood site with drawings/site plans.

When approached, he kindly outlined the changes they were proposing. Our local parish councillor was contacted and he arranged for these to be shared with the wider community. We received 5 days notice of this meeting; 36 people attended the presentation, approximately 20 of these were residents of Woodlands.

On 10th September, we received a letter from Durham County Council notifying us that the planning application had been submitted. Plans are available for viewing on the Council website or at the Consett offices. We have until 3rd October to voice our comments.

As a resident of Woodlands, I have a number of concerns:

1 Traffic. The increased traffic flow (approximately 50%) into Woodlands to service the new development and the entry point into the car park.

2 Car Parking. Generally not sufficient for the proposed facility and the location of the parking relative to the existing housing.

3 Flooding. The major flooding in the village on

28th June caused significant damage to some of the properties in Woodlands. The water flooded through the grounds of Lynwood to the southeast corner of the site and into Woodlands.

4 Security and Privacy. Fencing and building elevations could be improved to reduce the negative effect on the existing residents.

If this facility is to be "fit for purpose", more people need to understand the proposal and offer their opinions.

Joe Newton

Dear Village Voice

I read your last edition with interest, to see the amount of concern residents in the area felt about recent initiatives by Durham County Council that hadn't included any degree of public consultation.

I regretfully inform you that it has happened again, without consultation permission has been granted for 2 x 86m high wind turbines on Tower Road in Greencroft. This consent was given despite the proposal breaching various planning policies including a minimum set

back of 350m from the nearest home.

A variation of condition is now with the council as developers want to change the turbines originally specified. They are also proposing to replace the current turbine on the Industrial Estate which is 44m with a 76m high turbine. Again these proposals are currently being considered with NO open public consultation. Whatever your personal view on these turbines, whether you think they are eco saviours or merely white elephants that are breeding at a rapid pace, I firmly believe we ALL have a right to know about these developments being proposed in our communities.

More information can be found on Durham County Council's planning portal references CMA/1/51, CMA/1/68 and CMA/1/74. Ruth Robson

Dear Sir

Re: The grassed areas between Station Road and Newbiggen Lane, and the Station Yard

We believe we are correct in stating that in approximately 1978 Durham County Council

received a large grant from The European Communities Development Fund for the purpose of landscaping and maintaining this area. For the past thirty years Durham CC has regularly cut the grass in this area. This was a very tidy, well used area by children who enjoyed playing and adults who walked their dogs. Now it is unusable and looks disgraceful, a wilderness giving a picture of neglect.

A number of calls have been made to the appropriate department in County Hall. On each occasion we have been told it will be attended to but there has been no action. We are uncertain as to who has made the decision to turn this area into a 'meadow'. Do Durham CC know how much this area was used and admired? Is it just another cost cutting (not grass cutting) exercise?

It has become an area for litter dropping and dog fouling by those who do not care.

We are frustrated and to some extent ashamed of the abandonment of care for this area.

J and B Lowes

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MARK MUNRO

It was with sadness that the remaining two original members of Lanchester Male Voice Choir learned of the death of Mark Munro, who was founder and first conductor of the choir.

Mark, who in 1979 was music teacher at St Bede's School in Lanchester, responded to a request by a few men from the village to help them set up a group of singers and advise them on the art of singing together.

Their first meeting was held on 26th June 1979 in St Bede's School. Mark persuaded his mother to play the piano. Within a very short time more men joined and under his instruction a Male Voice Choir was formed. So keen and responsive to Mark's instruction and enthusiasm, the members of the choir

were able to present a concert in the Lanchester Methodist Church in September 1968 with 28 members. Since that first concert the choir has performed an Annual Concert every year except one in 1987.

Under Mark's guidance, the Celebration of Christmas was established and a second choir was invited to join the Celebration. Mark had a choir of youngsters at school and for some years this choir was invited to join the Male Voice Choir at Christmas.

From the request made to Mark by a few men who wanted to sing together, the Lanchester Male Voice Choir was born and given a good foundation, a foundation which is still as strong today. Thank you Mark

LETTERS

Continued

Dear Village Voice I am delighted to report that the Coffee Morning held in Lanchester Methodist Church on Saturday 8th September was a huge success and raised a staggering £790 for Cardiac Risk in the Young!

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to good friends and family who worked really hard behind the scenes, baking cakes, collecting things to sell, manning the stalls and serving teas and coffees. I would especially like to thank Denise Blackburn from Lanchester for suggesting the Coffee Morning in the first place and organising the use of the Church Hall.

We all had a fantastic day and the amount raised for CRY totally exceeded our

expectations, but one thing is for sure, it couldn't have been done without the dedication of good friends and family and the generosity of the local community.

I am sure we will have another Coffee Morning in the near future to raise even more funds, but in the meantime, many of us will be joining in the Durham Riverside Walk in aid of CRY on Saturday 6th October. For more information please go to www.c-r-y.org.uk.

Yours sincerely
Jean Johnson

Dear Village Voice I would just like to say a very big thank you to my family and friends who have been such a great help during my 2 recent spells in hospital. This

BUS WEDDING



Lots of people miss a bus. Your Village Voice photographer missed the wedding but got the bus!

This was the marriage of David Wenington and Sharon Brown held at the Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon September 1st. The couple are both bus drivers, hence the vintage bus which transported guests, many of them colleagues, to the reception.

One wonders - is the honeymoon a busman's holiday?

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for August is 11. The draw was made by Lesley Anderson of the Art Group.

has been a very worrying time for us, but the messages of concern and warmth have been very much appreciated and helped me stay strong. I am on the road to recovery now, and getting stronger each day.

Thank you all,
Ellen Barnaby

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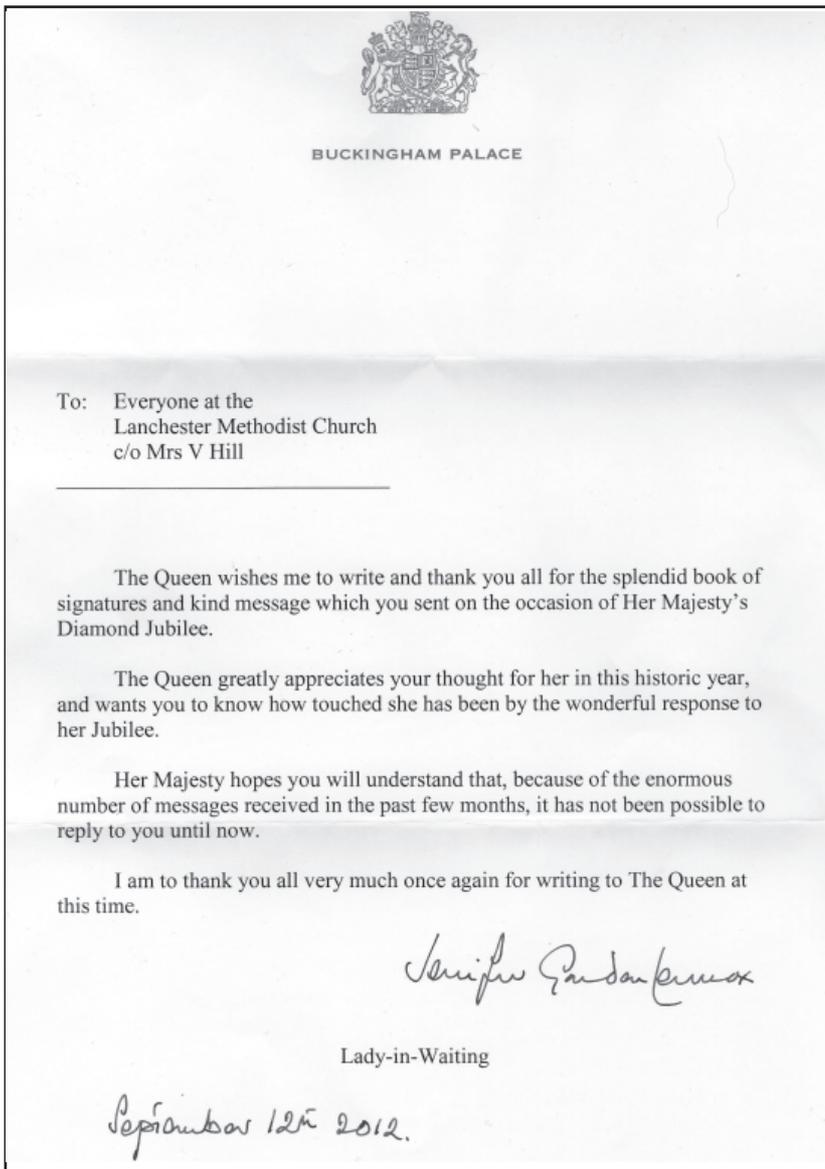
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A copy of the card and letter received from Buckingham Palace in response to our book of signatures at the Jubilee Big Lunch



OFF TO AFGHANISTAN



Catherine, Alice, and Matthew Bell say goodbye to their Daddy, Simon, who has been deployed on his third tour to Afghanistan. Simon is a Warrant Officer in the 4th Royal Artillery Regiment. Photo by Amy Bell, Simon's wife.

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The first of four monthly Craft Fairs was held at Lanchester Garden Centre on Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd September. There must have been in the region of twenty stalls of very high quality with some interesting, affordable products for sale. The variety was excellent with

crafts being made from wool, wood, glass ceramics and metals. There were several jewellery tables, a book stall, plus antiques and bric a brac. Lanchester Markets displayed their usual fine products; a homemade bread stall, cup cakes and fascinating stonemasonry table,

which collectively made a huge variety of products to suit everyone who attended. The fair seemed to be busy most of the time. Further Craft Fairs will be held on the first weekend of October, November and December, providing a good opportunity to buy those early Christmas gifts.



Left: Jane Pegram and Pauline Gill.
Right: Staff members Pauline MacCallum and Tracey Baines.



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Susanna Quinn is the very worthy winner of this year's Westlands Achievement Award. Her attendance, positive attitude and work rate are exemplary. Mr Akash Ghai, a partner in Westlands Dental Practice presented Susanna with her well deserved award, an iPad. St Bede's were delighted when Susanna was

successful in achieving a place on a summer internship with J P Morgan, a multinational financial services and banking organisation. Six hundred students applied for this internship so competition was high. Her account of her time in London is below.



The photo shows: left to right: Maria Matthews (Head Teacher) St Bede, Susanna Quinn (with IPAD), Mr Akash Ghai (Partner, Westlands Dentists), Elaine Graham (Head of Sixth Form St Bede).

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I was based in the Canary Wharf location and was in the Investment Bank sector of the business. I loved being based in Canary Wharf because of the atmosphere - it felt so

professional and sophisticated and I was part of it. The JPMorgan building itself was incredible. It has 31 floors and is by far the most luxurious building I have ever been in. The Investment Bank floors were very busy places to work as there was so much happening, especially in the trading area where I was working. Before the internship, I knew very little about the world of Investment Banking, but during my time there I discovered so much about the different aspects of it.



Susanna Quinn on Canary Wharf

The social elements of the programme were as rewarding as the placement itself. Some of the activities included: ice skating, a trip to the National Theatre

and a flight on the London Eye. It was amazing to have the chance to go out and see London - I love all the elements of the city and the programme made me realise it is definitely somewhere I hope to live and work in the future.

I also made so many new friends on the internship. I found people who I could easily get along with and relate to, despite the fact we came from all over the UK. We all had so much fun together and I was genuinely sad to say goodbye to them but I hope we'll stay in touch.

To conclude, I really couldn't be more grateful for the opportunity I was given and I feel I have learned so many new skills as well as many new things about myself that I hadn't recognised before. I would recommend an internship like this to anyone because it was such a fulfilling experience and one I will never forget.

Susanna Quinn

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At GCSE level, students all our targets. celebrated stunning The new academic year results. Twenty six is now well underway students achieved all and with over 200 A*/A grades; 100% of students in Year 12, students achieved A* - joining over 150 in Year C in Science. 89% of them 13, we are assured of made 3 levels of progress another fantastic year in in maths and 53% 4 levels our Sir Tom Cowie Sixth of progress - exceeding Form Centre.



Anove, St Bede students who did exceptionally well at GCSE'S this year: left to right, Thomas Soutar, Rebecca Arckless, Andrew Wilson, Josh Stephenson, Rachel Franklin and Andrew Kitchen.



Amber Banks Smith, who looks very pleased with her excellent GCSE results.



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th September 2012

The meeting welcomed Jane Lesage, Education Support Services Manager for Durham County Council and Helen Johnston, Head Teacher of the newly opened Green School who gave a very informative presentation of the proposed aims of the school and its organisation. The school is to cater for up to 70 children in their last two years of compulsory education who find it difficult, for various reasons, to cope in a mainstream school but for whom the County Council is duty bound to provide an education. Core GCSE subjects will be taught as well as vocational subjects, the latest technology will be accessible and there is a high staff to student ratio. Mrs Johnston is keen to link the school with the local community and for the community to be a positive role model for the school. It is hoped that the school will have its own OFSTED inspection and a Management Group is to be formed to monitor progress and development as well as use of the premises. The

Group is to comprise other Secondary School Head Teachers, LEA representatives and two members of the public, not representatives of the Parish Council. Mrs Johnston agreed to organise the election and would also contact the Village Voice. Councillors then asked questions about the students, number of cars parked there, facilities available for use by the community, etc. They stated how shocked they had been by the sudden announcement, just before a Council Meeting, of the proposed use of the school and that it was hoped that an open and transparent process would be used for the selection of the community representatives. Councillors welcome the re-occupation of the building and wish the staff and students every success. Residents then had their turn to ask questions. A representative of the tennis club asked if it would be possible to have a room in the school for changing and facilities for refreshments; this was

readily agreed. Another resident, who lives near the school, expressed concern in case the school has a negative effect on the village and asked about transport arrangements and student supervision. Mrs Johnston explained that students are brought to school by bus or taxi, checked in and not allowed out. She stressed that if there are any issues, they should be taken straight to her. A representative of the Bowling Club said he hoped they would work well together; the students can play there, some having already suggested that to the Head Teacher. Mike Gladstone of Lanchester Partnership asked if the school could help local shopkeepers by using village facilities and Mrs Johnston said she intended to do so where possible. **Correspondence.** A letter of thanks was received from Lanchester & Burnhope Parochial Church Council. New Standards Procedures. Information training session to be held on 11th October - 3 councillors will attend.

County Council to implement a local Council Tax Support as from April 2013.

Flooding in Lanchester. Mike Gladstone of Lanchester Flood Action Group reported on a meeting with two members of the Environment Agency and a representative of Northumbria Water and Durham County Council to discuss what could be done to prevent flooding in the future. At least 40 houses and businesses were flooded due to the exceptional amount of rain which fell on June 28th. The Lead Officer is to write to the Environment Agency asking when they are going to action their report.

Christmas Lights on the Village Green. Members agreed to replace the existing lights on one tree in the middle of the Green with LED lights.

Annual Return 2011/2012. This was approved.

Accounts for Payment. These were approved.

Date of Next Meeting. Tuesday, 9th October at 7.15 pm in the Conference Room, Park House, Lanchester.

* There are alternative vacant shops more suited to this development.

* The application is in the article IV conservation area.

* This development will adversely change the mix of shops and houses in this street.

* There is concern over the opening hours of the restaurant and the effect on other nearby residential properties.

* There is concern over the noise and smell caused by an additional restaurant.

* There is concern over potential additional litter that may result.

* There is concern over increased parking problems.

ii. Listed building consent for replacement window to front (ground floor) at 16 Hollinside Terrace, Hollinside, Lanchester. **RESOLVED:** No objection.

iii. Installation of twelve solar panels to roof at front at 6 Percy Crescent, Lanchester. **RESOLVED:** Due to the quality and suitability of the materials proposed Members raised no objection. However, this is not intended to set a precedent to allow permission for all applications in the conservation area.

iv. Installation of roof lights to front and rear at 23 Victoria Terrace, Lanchester. **RESOLVED:** No objection.

v. Section 21 notice of proposed removal of low branch overhanging garage, 3 branches growing over garden and branch to east and pruning of 5 minor branches at Glendene, Smallhope Drive, Lanchester. **RESOLVED:** No objection.

vi. Proposed siting of a temporary caravan to accommodate an



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The Gateway project is due to be finalised next month, Speedwatch is to continue in some areas and AAP is working with large companies to educate drivers about speed. Derwentside Homes are setting up a telephone scheme to support older people and an action plan for job prospects is being formed.

Code of Conduct. The final version was adopted.

Localisation of Council Tax Support. It will be a requirement of Durham

PLANNING MEETING 25th July 2012

Members considered the following applications:

i. Change of use of first floor from residential to restaurant and installation of flue to the rear and fire escape at rear at 21A Front Street, Lanchester.

RESOLVED: Members object to this development and raise the following issues:

* More residential space would be removed from Front Street.

PLANNING MEETING

Continued

agricultural worker and the erection of open-fronted steel portal framed cattle building on land to the North East of Dunley Ford House, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester. RESOLVED: Members object to this development and raise the following issues:

* The dwelling is an unacceptable development in the open countryside.

* The visual impact of the caravan will be intrusive.

* There is concern that this development could lead to further significant development in the countryside.

* Concern about the arrangements for foul drainage, particularly due to the proximity to Smallhope Burn.

Members requested the application to be referred to committee for decision.

vii. Erection of first floor extension above existing dwelling, raising room and eaves, two storey extension to front and single storey extension to rear at Greenwell Farm, Lanchester. RESOLVED: Members object to this development and raise the following issues:

* Members consider this to be inappropriate development in the countryside.

* Members consider the scale of the proposal to be out of proportion to the existing building.

* Page 194c of the Village Design Statement states 'alterations and extensions should respect the scale, facing materials and particular characteristics of the host building and any group of buildings of which it forms a part'.

* There is concern over the increase in development in the countryside.

viii. Erection of farmhouse (relocation of approved farm worker's dwelling) at Greenwell Farm, Lanchester. RESOLVED: Members object to this development and raise the following issues:

* Concern about the extent of the excavation into the hillside/woodland.

* Concern about the effect that this excavation will have on the surrounding trees. Members asked that the County Council aborigine visit the site and assess the impact.

* The visual impact this development will have on neighbours.

* The same condition as currently applies to application 1/2011/0172 of 'removal of permitted rights' should be applied as a condition to this application.

* The County Council should ensure that an appropriate legal wording is applied to prevent an additional property being built in the location

referred to in application 1/2011/0172.

* There is conflicting information between the application form and the plans.

Members requested the application to be referred to committee for decision.

ix. Fell 2 conifers at The Nook, Cadger Bank, Lanchester. RESOLVED: No objection but request that the felled trees be replaced with a suitable alternative.

Decision of the Planning Authority

The following planning application had been approved by Durham County Council:

Erection of bedroom extension to rear elevation at 8 The Paddock, Lanchester.

POLICE REPORT

Reporting period: 25/07/12 to 21/08/12

Number of calls for area 49

Number of community related calls 4

Alcohol seizures 0

Dwelling Burglaries 2 (Alderdene - ground floor

rear window of temporarily unoccupied dwelling forced and entry gained.

Lanchester Road - rear door locks forced and entry gained).

Burglary (other) 0

Bogus callers 0

Anti-social behaviour 2 (Manor Grange - Complaint re water bombs thrown by children. All parties seen and advised by police.

Woodland, off Officials Terrace - report of youths in woods having set a small fire. Police attended, youths spoken to, fire extinguished. Youths had been camping.)

Criminal Damage 1 (9 large bales of hay slashed)

Current PACT priority is attention to former 6th form college. Police and security patrols are regular. There have been no further issues. Building occupied from September.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch Challenge 1000 is taking place between 20-27th October and we are looking for your support to promote Neighbourhood Watch within our communities. We would encourage referrals from those who may be ideal Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators within the community and wish to find out more in order to help us reach our 1000 target.

Referrals in the Derwentside area should be forwarded to PCSO Vikki Ord: victoria.ord@durham.pnn.police.uk.

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LEEK SHOW

The weekend beginning 7th September is frantically busy for Leek Club members with the laying out of produce from 11 pm on the Friday night, with all entries having to be ready for judging by 1.00 pm on the Saturday. Brian Young, from Weardale, is the man who makes those all important decisions.

The weather has been so poor this year that many Leek Shows were cancelled and the amount of goods produced generally was well down on previous years. Vince

Pickersgill, who has travelled around the various Leek Shows in the region said, "Lanchester Social Club has the biggest show in the area this year but smaller in produce than usual. The last few days of sun saved the day."

Despite all the negatives, the show was excellent with some good quality flowers and vegetables on display. Billy Brunton won more trophies than ever and now seems unbeatable in certain categories. However, the best exhibit in the show was three stumped

carrots grown by Norman Lee.

Last place in measurable leeks in the Leek competition which is only open to the 13 members of the Leek Club, not participants from outside the Lanchester Club, was Doug Cleghorn. He actually came 9th. Others submitted by club members were rejected completely by the judge. Although Doug came last he was a good enough sport to allow his photo to be taken by The Village Voice. More people than ever are now coming to Lanchester to enter their products. Enthusiasts from Shotley Bridge, Whitesmocks - Durham, Meadowfield and Stanhope put on very good displays this year. The Sunday Presentation Night and Auction was as lively as ever and raised substantial funds for the club. Hopefully next year will bring better weather and more high quality produce.



All-rounder with flowers and vegetables yet again, Billy Brunton

Gardening in October

This month brings the beautiful colours of autumn leaves together with late perennial flowers and, with the longer evenings, time to plan for next year.

Borders

In terms of planning your borders for next year, plant out any biennials that you have grown from seed earlier (or pay a visit to a garden centre) for spring bedding like wallflower, bellis, pansy and viola. It is time to lift dahlia tubers when frost has blackened the leaves, begonia tubers and gladiola corms, dry them off and store them for next year. Leave flower heads on hydrangea until spring as they protect the new shoots from frost.

Plant up winter containers with plants such as viola, hardy cyclamen, ivy, skimmia, evergreen grasses, to add some colour to your garden. My favourite are yellow violas as they provide some cheerful colour throughout the winter and provide an even more brilliant display in the spring.

Vegetable Plot

Finish picking tomatoes, parsnip, carrots, leeks and late fruits. The leeks and parsnips can be heeled into a trench and this will keep them for several months and they can be brought in as required. October is a good time to lift and divide established clumps of rhubarb to

renew the plant's vigour and parts taken from the outside of the plant are better than those from the centre. Winter brassicas are coming into their own at this time and any yellowing leaves should be removed as they will harbour pests and diseases. Dig over empty patches, pile with compost or manure and let the worms and frosts break up any clods of earth.

General

Wash down your garden tools and give them a wipe of linseed oil. It is a good time to clean out your water butts as you will not need them and they will refill with clean water. On a dry day clean out the garden shed and check the security.

LEEK SHOW TROPHIES 2012

LEEKES

1st Prize	Norman Stevenson Cup	B Brunton
2nd Prize	H B Maycock Cup	R Kasher
3rd Prize	Victor Dillon Cup	E Brown
Best Leek in Show		T Barras

VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables	O H Thompson Cup	B Brunton
3 onions from seed	Federation Shield	B Brunton
Heaviest Onion Pair of Marrows	Lanchester CIU Club Cup	B Brunton

FLOWERS

Vase of flowers	Iveson Rose Bowl	A Swinburne
5 Chrysanthemums	Britannia Building Society	JFazakerley
Best Dahlia	Allan Whittle Trophy	A Swinburne
3 Gladioli	James Halpen Trophy	B Brunton
Best Exhibit In Show	Lanchester CIU Club Shield	N Lee
Most Points In Show	Tetley Cup	B Brunton



Last but not least, good-humoured Doug Cleghorn was reluctantly happy to be photographed with his 9th position leeks



Jean Dunn pointing out something interesting to Esther Jablonski about the beautiful display of flowers at the Leek Show

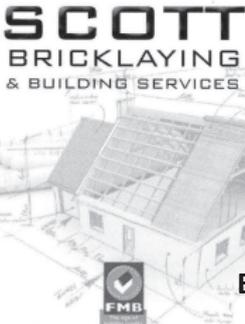


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PRESERVES CUP WINNER



Congratulations to Jane Pegram who won the Preserves Cup at the recent Durham Horticultural and Craft Show. She won 1st prize for marmalade, 2nd and 3rd for jam and 2nd for jelly. Jane's preserves are available at the Lanchester Country Market on the first Saturday of the month.



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The extensive menu is influenced by Mediterranean cuisine, and includes several hot and cold starters, pasta, risotto, pizzas, fish, and chicken and steak dishes. Several special dining options are on offer, and Happy Hour takes place throughout the week. Traditional Sunday Lunch is available between noon and 5 pm, Kids Meals are featured, and a special Steak Night serves steak with chips or vegetables for £8.95.

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'Welcome to Deanos' from Peter Skotidakis

NSPCC RAISE FUNDS AT BARBEQUE

On Sunday 26th August Lanchester NSPCC Committee held a Raffle and 'Guess the Name of the Teddy' competition to raise funds for the charity. This took place at Crinnions Bank Holiday Barbeque in their walled garden, and we would like to thank Fiona and Paul for kindly allowing us to be part of what was a popular and successful afternoon. We would also like to thank all who helped and bought tickets, which resulted in the sum of

£147 being raised, which will be used to help children in need in the north of England.

We will also be selling tickets for our Autumn Draw which will take place on 22nd October. So please buy a few tickets from our members and you could be the lucky winner of a Marks and Spencer Voucher or a full set of MetroGnomes! For further information or to offer your support to the NSPCC in any capacity, contact Chris on 01207 520175.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

It was musical chairs at Downing Street as the priority task for the Prime Minister was the first major reshuffle of his Cabinet. A number of high profile ministers were downgraded, Baroness Warsi lost her job as Conservative Party Chairman and there are now very few women in the cabinet. There were some promotions. I was personally sorry to see a number of ministers go including those who I have worked with like Bob Neil on flooding issues, Charles Hendry on energy prices and Jim Paice on farming and rural issues. This month I was delighted to attend a reception at the House of Commons to celebrate the successful signing of the Hitachi deal to bring a new

high tech rail assembly plant to Newton Aycliffe. This is fantastic news for our region; it will create some thousands of manufacturing jobs and showcase County Durham talent. September also saw the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Off-Gas grid, of which I am the new co-chair, launch its inquiry. The aim is to investigate the ways that off-gas grid consumers are disadvantaged compared to mains gas users, the extent of this disadvantage, and methods to overcome it. Four million households across the UK are not connected to the mains gas grid, including many in North West Durham, and are reliant on much more expensive heating

sources. They struggle to heat their homes adequately, and cold homes raise the chances of illness or worse in winter. Despite this, off-grid consumers do not enjoy the same protection as mains gas users, so this inquiry seeks to highlight the problems of fuel poverty they face.

I am always keen to hear from constituents so if you would like to contact me or need my help with any issue of concern, please write to me at Pat Glass MP, Gledstone House, 26 Newmarket Street, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 5LQ, email me at pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk or phone my office on 01207 501 782.

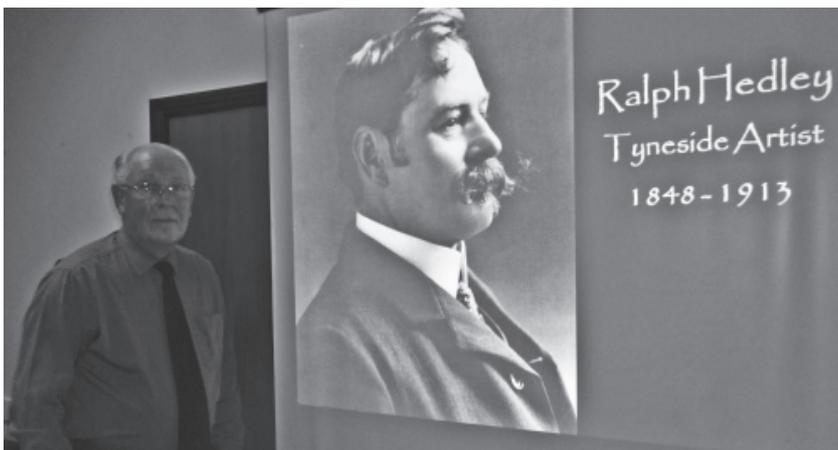
LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings of the Society resumed on 7th September, as usual in the Dining Hall of the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. Chairman John Thompson welcomed members new and old after the summer break and introduced the speaker for the evening. This was a very popular, previous speaker, Bill Saunders, who gave an illustrated talk on the local artist Ralph Hedley. Before the talk began, members stood for two

minutes silence in tribute to former President of the Society, Brian Dobson, who passed away in July. Ralph Hedley (1848-1915) was born in Yorkshire but came to Newcastle as a child when his carpenter father sought work there. Woodcarving was one of his many artistic talents but it is as a painter of the local people going about their everyday lives that he became famous. Many of the wonderful detailed pictures shown were familiar and gave a

powerful portrayal of life at that time.

After answering some questions, Mr Saunders was thanked by John Thompson who said what a superb start it had been to this year's meetings and told members that the October meeting was the AGM but would be accompanied by a talk and photographs shown by a perennial favourite Mike Richardson, the title of his talk being 'More Photographs of Durham'.



Bill Saunders with his introductory slide: a picture of local artist Ralph Hedley



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WI REPORT

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone to our September meeting before presenting retiring committee member Maureen Barker with a begonia for 45 years of hard work. Diaries and Calendars are here and the money for these and your birthday meal in November, a Greek Evening at Yannis, are required at the October meeting along with menu choices. Cars are allocated for October events; car drivers will contact their passengers about times and pickups. Items for the coffee morning and group fair will be collected at the October meeting along with any old WI material to go in the archives.

Our speaker this evening was Amanda Aberdeen who was from Wiltshire Farm Foods. Amanda arrived with a trolley loaded with microwaves and frozen meals and as she cooked these for us to sample, explained how they started up. It was to fill the gap left when the funding was withdrawn for Meals on Wheels. They cover the whole of County Durham and are based in Crook. There is a

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it suits you. This flexibility to choose is like sitting down and choosing from a restaurant menu but in the comfort of your own home. For details phone 01388 765 500 or wiltshirefarmfoods.com. Marian Williams won the raffle, competition winners were Ann Carr and Maureen Barker. Ann Carr gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with refreshments.

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SEPTEMBER SUN WITH CONSETT ROTARY CLUB AT THE NOOK, CADGER BANK

After a disappointing summer it was an added bonus to enjoy the sunshine and the warmth in the month of September. The occasion was an event held every year by 'Consett Rotary Club' in Lanchester at 'the Nook', Cadger Bank, which is the gracious home and beautiful garden of Maureen Bennett. A wonderful buffet of food, provided by the Rotary Club, was very much enjoyed by everyone. Strawberries and cream tasted even better for being eaten in the garden where a game of croquet could be played. There was a raffle with splendid prizes and a very happy atmosphere prevailed, from mid-day



Enjoying the buffet food in the beautiful surroundings of Maureen Bennett's lovely garden which made the strawberries and cream seem even more delicious.



Maureen had stated that children and grandchildren would be very welcome and, in anticipation, a number of children's activities had been prepared, in the garden.

until well into the evening. Maureen and her Rotary friends were excellent hosts and somehow the outside world of worrying headlines seemed far away. On her invitation, Maureen had stated that children and grandchildren would be very welcome and, in anticipation, a number of children's activities had been prepared in the garden. In short everything was very well organised to make it very happy and relaxed for all those of various ages who attended. The age range was 18 months to 92 years. Thank you Maureen and friends for such a lovely occasion. The money raised for Willow Burn Hospice was in excess of £700. Maureen wishes to thank the 115 people who attended her Open House and all those who contributed in any way to its success. Brenda Craddock

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DURHAM BIG RIDE

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The three mile ride for children, with or without adults, was a circular

route around Aykley Heads.

The 10 mile ride also began there passing through Sacriston, Witton Gilbert, Langley Park before returning to Durham.

The Big Ride began as the latter but avoided Langley Park, instead taking the road to Burnhope having left Sacriston, then on to Maiden Law, the steep hill at Iveston Village, then Bogglehole joining

Lanchester Valley Walk back to Durham. Adults and children seemed to thoroughly enjoy their day out exercising in the fresh air. Several tandems were evident and one unlucky chap was seen running with his bike past the station house having had three punctures. It's a long way back to Durham from there! He was quite cheerful at that point and was obviously very fit.

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The 'Beast' took place on the following Sunday starting off at Sniperley Park and Ride, so named because this 50 mile ride is extremely hilly. Over 400 hundred riders took part. The entrants for this seemed to be more professional and made some very good times (though it is not a race). The route was much more difficult and included some energy sapping steep hills. It

began similarly to the 25 mile run but at Iveston, it diverted to Knitsley, the A68 and on to Wolsingham, Tow Law, Esh and back to Durham. There was marshalling en route, also drink stations. A St John's Ambulance followed the riders. All those who finished their rides received a goody bag, Tee shirt, a medal and refreshment - all well deserved.



Leaders in The Durham Big Ride "Beast" take
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The Spraggon family of Lanchester enjoying the Walk together.



Some of the walkers setting off along the Lanchester Valley Walk to Malton.

LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

The second concert of the 2012 Lanchester Early Music Festival was given on Saturday 28th July presenting a programme of music by Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck. The concert opened with Praeludium on full organ, followed by an exquisite setting of Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr, then a delightful Echo Fantasia. This dispelled any sense that the music would be daunting for the uninitiated. The next pieces were performed on harpsichord, Dowland's Lachrymae Pavan, set by Sweelinck and his setting of the English Nightingale folk melody was a delight. Then followed a group of pieces by Sweelinck's pupil, Samuel Scheidt,

with Variations and the Chorale Prelude Komm, Gott, Schopfer. Another colourful group of organ pieces by Sweelinck followed, Malle Sijmen (Simple Simon), the Carol "A Little Child is Born for Us" and Under the Greenwood Tree Variations, ending with a splendid Toccata. The first half concluded with some superb Renaissance dances by Michael Praetorius, performed again on the organ, from Terpsichore (1612). The second half began with another beautiful Echo Fantasia (Ionian) by Sweelinck, showing the trick of musical questions and answers posed by contrasting manuals and colours of the organ. A large-scale Dorian

Fantasia and Variations on Ich fuhr mich uber Rheine followed and showed Sweelinck's great skill as a composer. A group of magical settings by another pupil Heinrich Scheidemann followed, including the Our Father chorale prelude, one of the best settings of this melody. The concluding items were the best Variation sets of all by Sweelinck, the great Poolse Almande, performed magnificently and using the beautiful flute and reed stops on the organ, then an exquisitely moving performance of the relatively well-known My Young Life Hath an End, on harpsichord, preceded by an unexpected but absolutely appropriate reading from Proust.

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LATEST FROM CRICKET CLUB

The second team were the trophy winners amongst the senior teams this year, taking the league title. Led by Steve Murray, the team went through the season unbeaten and finished 64 points clear of the nearest team. A very impressive season. The side still have cup final interest but it will have to wait until next season thanks to the weather this season. Paul Burn is the League's leading run scorer, and topping the averages. Andy Allen took most wickets for the seconds and could well top the league bowling averages. Both Paul Burn and Hayden Petch are in the top seven in the league averages providing able support. The first team continued their journey to safety winning all their final games to finish in mid table culminating in a thrashing of Morpeth where Graham Brinton took seven wickets and fell just short of fifty chasing a low total. Whilst it has been a disappointing season, Kieron Taylor has done very well with the ball and finished fourth in the averages. With so many professionals around, that is a good season. The third team have had a reasonable season and again have finished safely in mid table. It has been a season to bring on younger players with Cameron Metcalf doing well with the ball finishing just behind Stu Beaumont in the bowling averages.

Keeper Nathan Somersall has done very well and is developing into a very good player, with his batting coming along nicely as well. Several under 13s have had their first taste of senior cricket and the hope is that all will continue to progress next year. The top batsmen were two senior players, Neil Graham and Andy McConnell and they will be hoping to get the youngsters to take the lead next year. Off the field, the club has had a good couple of events which have kept the club afloat and work is in progress to keep things ticking over during the close season, including supporting the Lions in the fireworks display. The junior presentation night is Saturday 13th October and the seniors night is the following Saturday. Thanks to all those who have supported the club during the season both with sponsorship and your presence in the club.

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FAMILY FUN DAY



Fiona knocking over the tins



Bric a Brac stall with some young members lining up for a photo

The Cricket Club which has had a miserable time this year with rain spoiling many of their games decided to have a Fun Day to raise some money. It was held on Sunday, August 26th when the rain did hold off until about 4.00 pm. A good crowd turned up with plenty of activities with 'double wicket cricket' being central to the occasion. Bric a brac and cake stalls were evident with 'knocking tins over', 'throwing nearest the

bottle' and club captain, Stuart McPhail, venturing into the stocks and getting soaked courtesy of his team mates, contributing to some good fun. The face painter was busy amusing the little ones whilst Robbie Selby was on duty at an appetizing lunchtime BBQ. It was a very successful, most enjoyable, lively day with £570 being raised on the games and stalls, with a busy bar which raised a further £730. This made a grand total of £1100.

KIELDER MARATHON

The Allen brothers Tony, Kevin and Andrew, 2 of whom live in the village are running the Kielder marathon on October 7th for the Stroke Association and in

honour of their dad Alby who passed away in 2010. If you wish, you can sponsor the lads via their just giving page www.justgiving.com/allenbroskielder2012



Tony, Kevin and Andrew pose wearing their 'Stroke Association' shirts.

OLYMPIC TORCH VISITS THE BOYS BRIGADE

Both the Junior and the Company sections of the Boys' Brigade were absolutely delighted when Dennis Laycock (affectionally known as Tennis Dennis - the Village Voice reported on his activity as Torch bearer in the Jubilee Edition of June this year) visited them with his Olympic Torch. Many hands from both sections of the Boys' Brigade wanted to touch and hold the torch and Dennis kept the lads enthralled for quite a long time. He answered lots of very good questions about the torch itself, the Olympics and the role of the torch bearers.



The Junior section with Dennis and the now very famous Olympic Torch. All seem to be in very joyful mood.

FOOTBALL UPDATE

Lanchester CCFC are currently playing at Oakies Playing fields at Stanley for the start of the season due to the re-development of the pitch at the Cricket Club but that has not stopped the boys from battling hard and winning games. They hope to be back as soon as the pitch is ready but if anybody wants to come and support the lads there are always lifts from the Cricket Club. The Club have made new signings in Chris Phillips from Stanley Town, and local lads Liam Lewis, Josh Stuart, Michael Houlton, Chris Tilley, Daniel Walsh and veteran Mark Joyce. The season started away to Stanley Town and saw Lanchester trailing 3-1 at one point of the match, but 3 goals from Phillips and a goal from Steve Smithson rescued the points for Lanchester. Next up it was Dipton Interhalf FC where Lanchester went on to lose 3-2 with goals from

Micheal Houlton and Steve Smithson. Then the following Tuesday the team were away to league leaders Consett Top club and were beaten 4-0. Lanchester then had to travel to Hartlepool twice as the first of the games was abandoned due to a horrible accident to Andrew Elsbury, and the re-match saw Lanchester lose 5-1 but they can keep their heads held high because Hartlepool Quoit Club FC have been the Hartlepool Sunday League champions for the past five seasons. On 16th September it was back to league action with an away trip to Stanley Rafa FC, with key players missing - Steve Smithson had to go in goal! Lanchester started strongly and handed debuts to Paul Wells and Danny Walsh. Wells was shown a red card after 30 minutes and Lanchester were up against it, they were 2-0 down just after half

time, but when the 10 men started to show a fight back with 2 goals from Chris Phillips, and the eventual winner from substitute and Man of the match Liam Lewis, Lanchester held on to record their second win in the league. Next up it is Stanley Rafa away again but in cup competition. Thank you to all of the supporters who have come to watch our games so far in the season.

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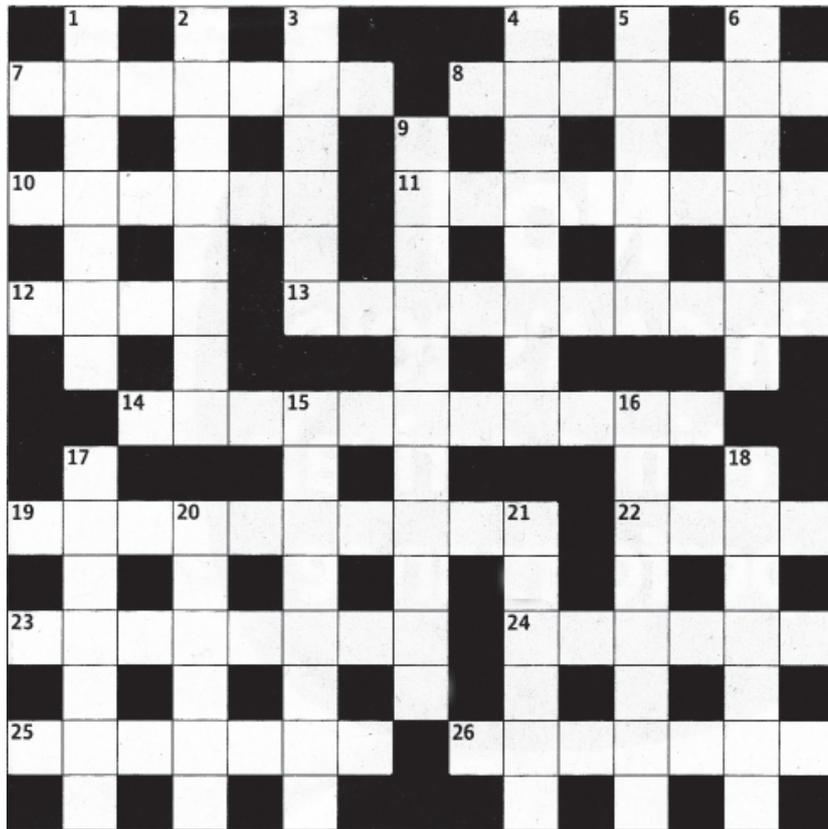
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CROSSWORD 76

There was a good response to last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Helen Hedley of Fenhall Park who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

7. Zephyr from O2 in crack (7)
- 8,4. Very attractive (fig.) (3,4,8)
10. Empty-headed (6)
11. Attractive (8)
12. Honour feet (4)
13. Disease produced by wife's nerve (5,5)
14. Academy award winner in 2008 (4,7)
19. Mobile phone precursor (5-5)
22. Implement (4)
23. Tip off (8)
24. Scratch or nettle for stinger (6)
25. License and suppress (7)
26. Eighteenth century satirist (7)

DOWN

1. Someone from Grozny? (7)
2. The AA man is a bête noir (8)
3. Growths (6)
4. See 8
5. Energetic (6)
6. Sweet eaten by most rude lout (7)
9. Former route into USA (5,6)
15. Charm NE Cretan (8)
16. Outside (8)
17. Short and conical (7)
18. Shyness (7)
20. Goes with game, magnet and goal (6)
21. Brutes ahoy! so scramble (6)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 76

ACROSS

- 1,5. watch the birdie
5. see 1 across
9. zoot suit
10. evince
11. roll-over
12. asthma
14. abbreviate
18. exaggerate
22. oddity
23. vicarage
24. dainty
25. Copeland
26. rakish
27. espoused

DOWN

1. wizard
2. tootle
3. Huston
4. Heidelberg
6. invasive
7. dung heap
8. elevated
13. gratuitous
15. recorder
16. hand pick
17. agitates
19. make do
20. harass
21. tended

SUDOKU

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

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

WHAT'S ON?

See also pages 22 and 23

Willow Burn Events

Sat 6th - Sat 13th October: Why not show your support for your local hospice by throwing a 'Wear it GREEN for Willow Burn' day in your school, office, business or shop? For more information or to order a fundraising pack, please contact Laura Elliot on 07702846683 (lelliot@willowburnhospice.org.uk) or Susan Jones on 07590 850213 (sjones@willowburnhospice.org.uk).

Saturday 13th October: World Hospice and Palliative Care Day. Willow Burn is holding an open afternoon in the hospice lounge. Come along for refreshments, a cake stall, tombola and displays and help us raise awareness and funds for the future Willow Burn. For more information, please contact Janet Ridley on 01207 529224 (jridley@willowburnhospice.org.uk).

Tuesday 30th October: Oldfields Restaurant Night: Join with like-minded people at the old

Durham Gas Company headquarters currently accommodating 'Oldfields'. Three course meal with magician, raffle and auction in aid of Willow Burn. Tickets £16 from Paul Jackson on (01207) 500463 (p.jackson@mis-environmental.co.uk).

Help needed on the Lanchester Valley Path

The Durham Countryside Service needs some practical help on the Lanchester Valley Railway Path on the 18th and the 20th of October. We will be starting our work at 10.30 am at the Newbiggin Lane car park, just up the road from the library. The work will involve some cutting and raking and a general tidy up along the railway path. Gloves and tools will be supplied. Bring your own waterproofs and outdoor clothing.

Just drop in for as long as you like, or stay until 2.30 pm but if you are there the whole day, please

bring your own food and drink with you.

Fireworks Display

Lanchester Lions will be holding a professional Fireworks Display on Saturday, November 3rd at 6.30pm at Kitswell Park. There will not be a Bonfire this year.

Due to the current small membership of the club and health and safety issues, it has been decided to employ a specialised pyrotechnic company to carry out the display. However, the usual light sticks and refreshments will be available from the Lions and their Ladies. There will be no set charge for admission but the Lions would be grateful for generous donations to be placed in collecting buckets at the field to try and offset the dramatic increase in costs. The Lions would like to thank Lanchester Cricket Club for providing stewards at the event. It is hoped that everyone will enjoy the display.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Mincemeat (for Christmas mince pies)

Make soon and leave to mature. (Quantity will make 3 to 4 lb size jars)
250g/9oz currants
250g/9oz raisins
250g/9oz sultanas
250g/9oz Bramley apples, peeled, cored and chopped fairly small
1 x 250g box shredded beef suet
50g/2oz whole blanched almonds, coarsely chopped
175g/6oz natural demerara sugar
50g/2oz dark muscovado sugar
1 level tsp ground cinnamon

1 rounded tsp ground mixed spice
1 juicy lemon
125g/4ozs whole mixed peel, chopped into small dice
2fl oz dark rum
2fl oz Disaronno liqueur (amaretto)
3fl oz Brandy
1. Wash the dried fruit thoroughly in a colander under the cold tap (you may find this easier to do in small batches). Tip the fruit on to clean tea towels and dry by patting in the cloths.
2. Put the dried fruit in a very large bowl with the apples, suet, almonds, sugars and spices. Grate

the zest of the lemon into the bowl, then squeeze in the juice. Tip in the peel and the alcohol.
3. Mix all the ingredients very thoroughly; it's easiest to do this with your (very clean) hands.
4. Cover and leave to stand for 24 hours, giving a good stir occasionally.
5. Pack the mincemeat into sterilised or dishwasher-clean jars and top with greaseproof paper jam covers. Seal the jars tightly and store in a cool place.
Although the mincemeat will last, I prefer to use it within 6 months.

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

WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October in the small hall of the Community Centre at 7.00 pm. This meeting is our AGM and our speaker will be Stephen Bailey with a talk and slides on India. The winners of the competitions for the year will be announced and officers elected. Could members please bring items for the October coffee morning to this meeting or on the morning of the coffee morning on 3rd October. Thank you.

WI Coffee Morning

Lanchester Women's Institute are holding their Autumn Coffee Morning on Wednesday 3rd October in the Community Centre from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Tickets are £1 for coffee and include a delicious home made scone. There will also be a raffle and sales table.

Everyone is welcome so do take this opportunity to meet up with friends old and new at this warm and friendly village event.

Open House

Everyone is welcome at Open House on Thursday 4th October in the Chapter House of the Parish Church, when a light lunch is served from 11.30 am - 1.00pm.

Local History Society

The next meeting of Lanchester Local History Society will be held at 7.30 pm, in the Dining Room of the Community Centre on Friday, 5th October.

The Speaker will be Mike Richardson of Durham who delights members and friends every year with his fascinating photographs of Durham in years gone by and interesting facts about them.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Country Market

On Saturday 6th October, from 10 am to 12 noon, come along to the Country Market in the Community Centre for your fresh produce, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, eggs, plants, etc, and crafts.

Sunday Bridge

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon playing Bridge in the Community Centre on October 7th from 2.00 pm. Only £3. All welcome.

Paradiso Club

The first autumn Social of the Paradiso Club will be on Sunday October 7th, 7 pm - 9.15 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre.

There will be Raffle, Refreshments and an opportunity to see the film 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' on the Big Screen. This is a romantic comedy based on the popular novel, starring Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt and Kristen Scott Thomas.

'Dr Alfred Jones, an unhappily married scientist is drafted by the British Government to a water scheme whose purpose is to bring 'game fishing' to the Arabian Peninsula ...'

All are welcome. Annual membership of the Club is £5. Tickets for the Social - £2.50 for members, £3.50 for occasional non-member visitors.

Wildlife Group

On 9th October at 7.30 pm in the Small Hall of Lanchester Community Centre, Eddie Bell will present 'Anecdotes of a Wildlife Officer'.

Junior/Family Wildlife

On 21st October there will be a visit to Hamsterley Forest. Members are requested to meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30am.

WHAT'S ON?

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The programme, which consists of four Monday evening meetings on the 8th, 15th and 22nd of October and the 10th December plus a free one-to-one coaching session, will take place at Lanchester Community Centre. The whole programme costs £100 payable in instalments.

For further information, and to obtain a booking form, email helen@capability-partnership.co.uk.

Mother's Union

The October meeting is on Wednesday 10th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House when the speaker will be the Revd Kevin Tromans, Hospital Chaplain at University Hospital, Durham.

Short Circuit Walks

October 13th, 10.30 am, 4.5 miles, Ingram Valley. The Cochrane Pike walk. Meet at the Visitors' Centre, parking nearby, NU017163.

October 27th, 10.30 am, 5.5 miles, Blanchland. Meet at the car park in the village, NY964505.

Autumn Fair

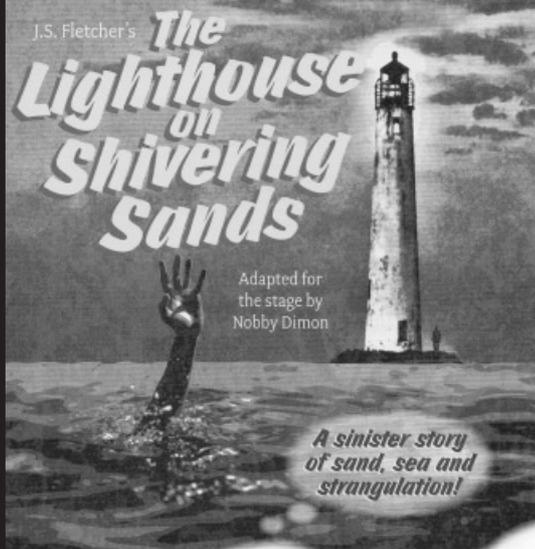
Croft View management committee are holding an Autumn Fair at Croft View on Saturday 13th October from 11 am - 2.30 pm. There will be several stalls selling cakes, savouries, cup cakes, bric-a-brac and refreshments, as well as an exhibition of old photographs of Lanchester and the surrounding area, "The Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch" and the recent "Big Flood". We are delighted that Dennis Laycock will be there with his Olympic Torch to answer any questions and for photographs from 11.15 am - 12 noon - a once in a lifetime opportunity not to be missed.

Operatic Society

We are arranging a 40th anniversary celebration, including entertainment and refreshments, in Lanchester, on Saturday 13th October and would like to invite past members to our complimentary evening. If you are a past member and would like further information please contact Maureen 01207 520172 or Judy 01207 581336 by 1st October. We would be delighted to see you again.

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WHAT'S ON?

Calendar Girls

West End Operatic Society are staging 'Calendar Girls' at The Royal Grammar School from Wed 17th - Sat 20th October, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 each. To book tickets contact Frank Saxby on 0191 2622342. This beautifully written play is being directed by Lanchester resident Kate Lawrie who also directs for Durham Dramatic Society and Durham Shakespeare Group.

Ladies Shopping Night

The Friends of All Saints Primary School are holding a shopping night on Friday 19th October in the school hall between 7 and 9 pm. There will be a variety of stalls from quality crafts to homeware, luxury cosmetics to jewellery, greetings cards to tasty treats. Tickets, which include a welcome glass of something fizzy, are available from the school office priced £3. There will also be a raffle with great prizes. Come along and browse and pick up some great ideas for Christmas presents in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you there as all are welcome.

Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group will be holding their Annual Exhibition of paintings in The Community Centre on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of October from 10 am until 5 pm. Admission 50p. Up to 40 artists will have work on display, covering a wide variety of styles, subjects and mediums. As well as pictures for sale there will be tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes etc.

Lanchesyer Flower Club

The date of the October Meeting will be Wednesday 24th October, 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. This will be a workshop with Phyllis Wilkinson. Anyone interested in learning a little more about flower arranging would be very welcome. For more information on what you would need if you want to do your own arrangement, contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207503667.

We would also like to bring your attention to the second of two Open Evenings on Friday 23rd November in Lanchester Community Centre. The Demonstration is "Berries Baubles and Bling" by Val Guest. Tickets are £6 which includes light refreshments. If you require tickets contact Helen whose number is above or Norma Jenssen on 01027520574.

PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th October at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Miners' Banner Group

The next meeting of the Lanchester Miners' Banner Group will take place on Thursday 25th October at 4.30 pm at Park House, Lanchester.

The purpose of the group is to raise funds and co-ordinate works required to the Fenhall Drift Miners' Banner.

If any members of the community are interested in becoming part of the group please contact Sally on 01207521957 or simply come along to the meeting on 25th October.

Ceilidh

Lanchester Partnership invites you to come to the Ceilidh on Saturday October 27th at the Social Club from 7.30 to 11.00 pm, with music by the Moorcock Ceilidh Band, a bar, faith supper (please bring food to share) and raffle. Tickets from Jill Gladstone on 528 114 or Jay Halls on 528 055.

Quebec Village Hall

27th October, "A Demonstration of Mediumship", 7-10 pm. Entry Fee of £5 to include Refreshments. Raffle tickets will be on sale. Tickets available by telephoning 07972566253 or 07817240419.

Kids Club

Monday 29th October 2 pm. Wallace and Gromit

"The Curse of the Were Rabbit". Only £2.

Get into the Halloween mood and come in fancy dress.

"Craftafternoons". Oct 31st and Nov 2nd, 2-4 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, making Halloween crafts with a Halloween story and refreshments. £3.50.

Pre-book for the event at the Community Centre.

Questionnaire

We would like to collect your opinion of The Village Voice in order to make improvements and would be grateful if you would complete each of the items below.

Please let us know if you would like **more** or **less** or **about the same** coverage of the following items by **ticking** the relevant boxes below:

	More	Less	About the same
1. Village issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Parish Council/Planning news	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Police reports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. MP's column	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. What's On	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. News from Clubs/Societies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. School events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Church events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Concerts/Musical events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Community Centre/Library news	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Fairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Charity events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. News from businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Restaurant reviews	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. Weddings/Birthdays/Anniversaries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. Gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. Recipe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Crossword	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. Sudoku	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Are there any other items you would like to see included in the newspaper?			
23. How can we improve our newspaper?			

Please send or take your completed questionnaire to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0PB. Many thanks for helping us to make improvements.

END OF SEASON NEWS AT THE NET!



Joyce Dixon and Ursula Heale, Ladies Doubles winners



Eddie Cooke and Joyce Dixon, Mixed Doubles winners



Paul Gardiner, Junior Singles Champion



Max Local with his trophy at Chester-le-Street

Following the very successful centenary year at the tennis club in 2011, the club was able to continue its appeal to young and old, with increased attendances at coaching and some new senior members joining. The weather has not been kind in 2012 but, with the exception of a couple of nights, coaching went ahead as

was planned on Monday evenings with over thirty youngsters regularly training at the grass courts on Ford Road and, with light refreshments available, the parents were able to enjoy the club's hospitality! The club would like to thank all of the coaches and volunteers for their hard work throughout the season.

Tournaments have featured heavily over the last few weeks with Ladies, Mixed and Junior finals taking place on consecutive weekends. Congratulations are extended to the Ladies doubles winners Ursula Heale and Joyce Dixon. Joyce was also successful in the Mixed doubles tournament,

partnering Eddie Cooke to victory. After a hard fought contest in the popular junior boys singles competition, Paul Gardiner reigned supreme beating Grant Ridley in what turned out to be a very close deciding match. Another of the junior boys, Max Local, was successful in a competition at Chester-le-Street organised by

Barclays Bank. It was Max's second success in the tournament as he also won the trophy in 2011. His grandparents, Malcolm and Eileen Reay, who live in the village, were thrilled that Max had triumphed against some tough competitors, many of whom were older than him. Our pictures show Max and the other winners with their trophies.

GOOD RESULTS, SHAME ABOUT THE WEATHER



Action from the Bowling Club Finals Day. Left, Pat Rose looks on as her opponent, Anne Hurran, wins the Handicap Championship; centre, Paul Monaghan (bowling) takes the Club Championship as his opponent, Tom Forster, looks on; and right, Malcolm Rose, the 2-woods champion, watches his opponent Roy Stewart.

As the bowling season draws to a close, the club can look back on a good season. The Monday league finished with Lanchester in a comfortable second place. Well short of Dipton who won for the third year in a row but comfortably clear of third place Leadgate. Lanchester are currently in with a chance of a similar placing in the Saturday league; this will be the club's best placing ever in this

league. The Tuesday team finished in a respectable sixth place. This is the team where players who are not selected for other teams are given the opportunity to have a game, so they have done very well. The Wednesday evening team finished in 10th place - they deserve a medal for playing through dreadful weather. Because of the bad weather in the early

summer the club Pairs and Challenge finals have still to be completed but the weather for Finals Day was excellent (see pictures).

In addition to Finals Day the Three Wood Competition was won by Paul Monaghan in the final and Liz Smith won the Ladies' Trophy with

a victory over Rosemary Fawcett in the final. The AGM is on Thursday 18th October at 7 pm in the Pavilion. All members are asked to attend.

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