

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## DR WHO EXTRAVAGANZA

Extravaganza, convention, conference - this was more than just an ordinary every day function at Lanchester Community Centre.

George Hastings and his band of helpers put together an event that will be remembered for a long time by the numerous (over 200) Dr Who fans gathered together for the occasion.

There was so much going on that people who arrived for the 10.30 am start from all over the region were still there at 5.00 pm when it all ended, with rapturous applause. Actors Colin Baker, Dr Who 1983-1986, Terry Molloy, who played Davros, and Nicholas Courtney, formerly, Colonel Lethbridge-Stewart, before being promoted to Brigadier, were hard at work at regular intervals throughout the day



*The Dalek scatters the crowd*

signing merchandise and books for the long queues of adults and children who attended.

All three thespians were introduced to an enthusiastic and

welcoming audience by Dave Price, manufacturer and owner of the Daleks. Dave is a real fan and authority on Dr Who, and began his introductions in TV chat show host style

before letting the actors loose to give a brief history of their careers followed by the interesting, amusing, question and answer times. The knowledge of

the audience about Dr Who was quite incredible and several may well have graced Mastermind such was their knowledge of the subject. Answers to some

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## THE ANNUAL LEEK SHOW



*Davy Hall shows off the Heaviest Onion, believed to be a record, 7lb.4oz.*

The second weekend in September saw the annual Lanchester Social Club Leek and Horticultural Show inhabiting the main hall of the Social Club. Now down to 9 active members, they still managed to keep traditions going with a fine display of flowers and vegetables. The awful weather this year must have been so much against them that it almost seems a miracle that standards were so high.

Of course, the high quality and experience of the competitors must have had something to do with it as well! It was good to see club member, Terry Barrass, exhibiting again after his serious road accident about a year ago. The Judge this year was Malcolm Richardson from Shotley Bridge who has officiated for the last 26 years.

Plenty of visitors came along from all over the local area to admire the standards were so high. *continued on page 7*



# Dear Village....

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Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of an article I wrote some time ago which I believe will be of interest to the readers of the 'Village Voice'. The article is about the extraordinary life and achievements of J. W. Fawcett of Satley, a great scholar and historian who deserves to be much better known and appreciated.

Since I began work on the story some good things have happened. Due to fine efforts of the St. Cuthbert's churchwarden at Satley, Mrs. Chrissie Clark, and Mrs. Grace Hall, J. W.

Fawcett's lost and unmarked grave has been located and I have placed a temporary marker on it. The interest aroused has also led to the Parochial Council and a few individuals hoping eventually to fund and erect a suitable memorial. Since then I feel that the issue has lost momentum, this is hardly surprising as there is no one actually leading any sort of effort to organize a fund or some sort of group or committee to oversee a memorial project. I am happy to help in every way that I can but I do feel that the impetus should come from Satley if at all possible.

Yours truly,  
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### ENGAGEMENT

Jill and John Westgarth would like to announce the engagement of their youngest son Captain Philip Westgarth to Dr Marie-Claire Skillen. Philip is presently serving in Iraq and Marie-Claire is a GP in Hertfordshire. They are planning to marry next summer when Philip is back in England. Congratulations to you both.



Marie-Claire and Philip

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# ANNE CELEBRATES 80th BIRTHDAY



Anne Stout outside her 'decorated' house

Anne Stout, who has been a Lancastrian for over forty years, since 1963, has just celebrated her eightieth birthday. Anne, who originally comes from East Durham and lived in several of the East Durham villages in that part of the county before moving to Hexham and finally to Lanchester in 1963. She is now in her third house in the village and it has been one of the happiest times of her life living among such really wonderful neighbours and her friends. Anne spent most of her working career as the

Manager for Avon Cosmetics and became well known in the village for the part that she played in that role. Her son, Stephen, with his wife and their three rapidly growing grandchildren, live in a lovely village in Surrey, and Anne visits them quite frequently. Anne actually spent her eightieth birthday weekend having a wonderful time with her son and grandchildren in the rather better, sunny climate in the south of England. It was her friends who encouraged her to

have a drop-in party on the Sunday afternoon following her visit, and they also decorated her house on the Saturday night after she had gone to bed to give her a real surprise when she opened her curtains on the Sunday morning. They even phoned the Village Voice to make sure that the occasion became even more memorable for her with this photograph and article. Lots of relatives and friends attended, drinks were flowing and the buffet was excellent. It was truly a day to remember for Anne.

## A TRIBUTE JOHN BARRIE LAWSON

John Barrie Lawson was born on 21st January 1938 in Darlington (known to some as John, and to others as Barrie). He grew up in the village of Cockerton, just outside Darlington, and was an only child. He did his National Service in Singapore and Malaysia. He'd known Joyce for a while since her parents were family friends, and she came from Norton. John and Joyce were married on 12th October 1963 at Gilesgate Baptist Church. They lived in Darlington for the first few years of their married life. The church was an important part of their lives, and they used to enjoy going to the Keswick Convention. John had trained as a pattern maker, and after lots of courses and hard work he progressed well in his career, and ended up at Gateshead Technical College as a

lecturer in Business and Management Studies. John and Joyce's first home in Lanchester was in Elmfield, and John soon became involved and well known in the community, and loved being part of the village. He had the joy of becoming a father in 1974 when son Andrew was born, and then again in 1978 with the arrival of daughter Deborah. Andrew and Deborah describe him as a fantastic Dad, who supported them in everything they did. He would take Andrew all over the North East for his tennis and sporting interests (and on one occasion picked him up from Consett in the middle of the night in the snow), as well as supporting Deborah in all her activities. He encouraged Andrew and Deborah to get involved here at Lanchester Methodist Church, and came along

occasionally to support them. Family holidays were special times, especially those in the Lake District, and on the Channel Islands. In 1981 Joyce became the village sub-post mistress and so they moved to the Post Office. John was always very supportive of all the family in achieving their goals, and he supported Joyce both in her job, and in all the charity work that she did. They were a very good team. John needed a triple heart bypass operation in 1985, but after a change of diet and lifestyle he had a new lease of life. John was very active in the local Lions groups and was President both of the Lanchester Lions and the Consett Lions. John and Joyce had enjoyed being members of a choral society, and John was a member of the Leadgate Gleemen Choir.

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## JOHN BARRIE LAWSON

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He was active in the local Conservative Party, serving as an election agent, and it was a proud moment for him when he went to Downing Street to meet John Major. He would always have various projects on the go, and for each one he would have a list (on a clipboard), and everything would be done with military precision. He was a keen gardener. He also enjoyed fishing. He enjoyed shooting - either targets, or rabbits, and was a member of a gun club at Brancepeth Castle. He retired from his lecturing in 1995, and supported Joyce in her role at the Post Office. This support became all the more important when she was

diagnosed with cancer, and as her health began to suffer he showed her great care and compassion. He took on the role until the business could be sold, and at that point they moved to Bishop Beck Hall. There was joy in 2000 with a trip to West Sussex for the wedding of Andrew and Kirsty, and Kirsty was warmly welcomed into the family. And then sadness in 2002 when Joyce died. John was delighted and proud in becoming a granddad to Oliver and Edward, and he was a fantastic granddad. More recently he was really looking forward to Deborah's marriage to Tony, and was keen to call Tony 'son' before he

officially became his son-in-law. Recently John got together with Shirley, who had been a family friend for a long time. They enjoyed travelling around the world together - to America, and Australia, and on a trip to Singapore they went to Raffles and he reminisced about his time there on National Service. And John was very highly thought of by Shirley's

family, and he treated them as an extension of his own family. John enjoyed socialising - having worked hard to get them he enjoyed some of the finer things in life. He enjoyed a good wine, and was quite partial to a whisky and lemonade (which he said was for medicinal purposes only). John was a gentle, kind and warm hearted man, but he could also be

frustrating. He had a stubborn streak, and could often ask for advice and then ignore it. He was good at losing things - especially keys and glasses. He was a unique individual, an old fashioned gentleman, a kind hearted and generous person. John Barrie Lawson died on 1st September in Durham hospital. Rev Gavin Hume

## SWOLLEN RIVER AT MALTON



*Days of heavy rains, as we all know, culminated on Saturday 6th September with a full day of non-stop downpour. The picture shows the results of all this rain in the swollen River Browney at Malton which burst its banks. Although not easy to see, the picture shows the seat under the trees which is caught in the overflowing river. However, we were luckier than some - as we did not have the problems of the River Wansbeck at Morpeth with its resultant flooding of houses.*

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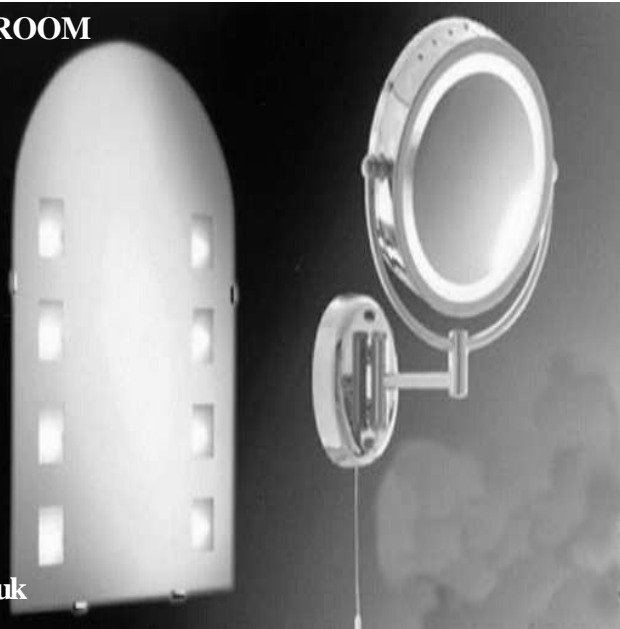
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# SATLEY'S FORGOTTEN SON

James William Fawcett, B.A., LL.B. Born 1862, Died 1942

Consider the following:

- At 12 years of age he was appointed rate-collector for Butsfield Township.
- At 13 he could speak fourteen languages.
- At 18 he was chosen from 2000 candidates for the post of Army interpreter.
- Before he was 25 he was able to speak 33 languages.

in addition to many adventures, he was also shipwrecked in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean and the Red Sea. In New South Wales, Australia, he went on to study Law and was appointed Chief Stipendiary Magistrate for the town of Kennedy. He also became the town's Member of Parliament. For all his world wide travels and the experiences though,

author of many books of local interest; 'Tales of Derwentdale', 'Historical Places in the Derwent Valley', 'History of Dipton' and the 'History of Tow Law' being just a few. He also published the parish registers of Satley, Muggleswick and Lanchester, works requiring some great diligence and some dedication. Nowadays they are treasure-troves for 'family-tree' researchers.

His vast literary output was accomplished without telephone or electricity; after darkness fell his work had to be done by lamplight. Living in the isolated rural village of Satley which had no public transport, most of his travelling was by walking. It is recorded that at an early age he walked to Dipton to take lessons in Hebrew and Latin.

As a boy I remember sometimes being taken to visit Mr Fawcett who lived near us. I remember him as a kind and dignified old gentleman who always made time to have a joke with a little boy.

Today, this truly remarkable man lies in an unmarked grave in a forgotten corner of the churchyard in Satley, his village which he loved so well. How sadly ironic there is nothing to commemorate a man who achieved so much and in particular researched and published the burial records of his parish.

Ray Thompson  
*This article has been edited by the Village Voice. If you would like to read the full article, please contact the author. See letter on page 2 for the email and postal addresses.*



James Fawcett pictured with his niece

However, there was much more to Mr Fawcett's remarkable life than a list of impressive statistics. For seventeen years he was a firm friend of Lord Kitchener in Egypt for whom he was appointed 'aide-de-camp'. When he was with Lord Kitchener he had the rank of *Bimbashi*, equivalent to that of Major, conferred upon him. Fawcett travelled the world extensively and

his roots were deeply embedded in his beloved Satley. After all, his family had been associated with the area from 1596, a history of which he was well aware and undoubtedly proud. On returning, he settled down in his cottage, actively pursuing his interests in natural history, historical societies and parish registers. J W Fawcett was also well-known as an



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# DR WHO EXTRAVAGANZA

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 questions especially the personal ones were dealt with consummate ease of the experienced professionals that they are, also with wit and excellent humour.

The hall was a hive of activity as people thronged around the merchandise stalls to make their purchases of clothes, books, toys, etc. Artistic illustrations from artist Steve Caldwell, who has provided high quality artwork since 1995 were also selling well.

While all this was going on the Dalek was wandering about amusing everyone with

instructions and threats, while people were surrounding the Cybermen, and the Ood and climbing on the stage to have photographs taken beside the Tardis and the Blue Dalek. Among all this activity a BBC Cameraman was trying his best to record the event for Look North, such was the uniqueness of the occasion in the North East.

Several people joined in the Dr Who theme dressing up, and particularly noticeable was the young man who walked around in the Jon

Pertwee, 'Dr' attire. The youngsters and one or two of the older ones enjoyed the face painting and the colouring zone and the various competitions, while the adults enjoyed some refreshments which were being served all day by volunteers from the Community Centre. The finale was quite emotional as George Hastings made his thank you speech adorned with Colin Baker's Dr Who coat, which he wore all day. People clamoured near the stage with cameras flashing and camcorders whirring, and seemed reluctant to go home.



*The Cybermen with Junior Cybermen pose together for a photograph*

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*Principals of the Dr Who bonanza say their goodbyes with the Tardis in the background. Left to right: George Hastings, Nicholas Courtney, Colin Baker and Terry Molloy.*



*Terry Molloy signs autographs on newly purchased books etc*

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produce and there was a raffle and the chance to socialise for like minded people and for those who came just out of curiosity.

It should be noted that members of the public are allowed to enter any produce from their gardens or allotments except leeks, which are confined to club members. The club would like to encourage gardening enthusiasts to join as they would like to increase membership. The atmosphere is very friendly and everyone is happy to help.

A donation of a voucher worth £50 was made by Lanchester Nurseries and this was included in the raffle.

Results of the show were as shown in the table opposite.

Results for Leeks, Vegetables and Flowers		
Category	Trophy	Winner
<b>LEEKS</b> 1st Prize 2nd Prize 3rd Prize Best Leek in Show	Norman Stevenson Cup H B Maycock Cup Victor Dillon Cup	V Pickersgill B Brunton T Barrass V Pickersgill
<b>VEGETABLES</b> 3 Varieties vegetables 3 Onions from seed Heaviest Onion Pair of Marrows	O H Thomson Cup Federation Shield Lanchester CIU Club Cup Jim Dixon Cup	T Barrass B Brunton D Hall B Brunton
<b>FLOWERS</b> Vase of flowers 5 Chrysanthemums Best Dahlia 3 Gladioli	Iveson Rose Bowl Britannia Building Society Alan Whittle Trophy James Halpin Trophy	A Swinburne V Pickersgill A Swinburne V Pickersgill
<b>BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOW</b>	Lanchester CIU Shield	V Pickersgill
<b>MOST POINTS IN SHOW</b>	Tetley Cup	V Pickersgill



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## LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Cllr Mrs Gray was in the Chair and introduced PCSO Vanessa Gray who gave the following **Police Report.**

**Rowdy nuisance** - 6 reports, most of which occurred outside shops in Front Street but no offences disclosed.

**Vehicle nuisance** - 1 vehicle allegedly causing an obstruction. 2 vehicles reported for traffic offences.

**Vehicle crime** - unattended, secure vehicle broken into overnight in Briardene when a handbag and sat nav were stolen. PCSO Gray stressed the need for items to be removed from cars or locked in the boot.

**Criminal damage** - 2 vehicles scratched and a stone thrown through the library window.

**4 thefts** - drain covers stolen from Station Road, 2 incidents of *shoplifting* and black plastic bale covers, nets and crop spray from a farm.

**Burglary** - sales office on Malton industrial estate broken into but nothing taken.

**Lanchester Streetsafe Operation.** Members of the public are invited to attend. Lanchester Community Centre, Room 3 Friday 26th September, 10-12 noon and 2-4 pm. Joint Police and Council Surgery. Lanchester Primary EP School Hall 10 am-4pm, Saturday 27th. Multi agency event including stall.

This operation is being held to enable members of the public to speak informally with some representatives of the police, council, fire brigade, etc. Relevant issues, concerns and/or useful information can be discussed.

PCSO Gray also mentioned that now the

darker nights are approaching, greater home security steps be taken. If going away, a timer should be used for lights in the house and someone asked to open and close curtains and remove post, newspapers and milk delivery stopped. Cllr Gray asked if a check was made on scrap metal merchants as the theft of drain covers makes it extremely dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. PCSO Gray replied that there is a national networking group and intelligence investigating this nationwide crime. Evidence is needed for any crime and residents are again asked to report anything suspicious and to keep a note of the non-emergency number-0345 6060365 and to ask for the Control Room.

Cllr Jackson asked about the traffic concerns in Victoria Terrace, particularly in regard to the safety of pedestrians; this will be looked into.

**Kitswell Road Recreation Area.** A report by Mike Gladstone explained how the project had been thoroughly researched through the Parish Plan and regular meetings, with the children and young people themselves being very much involved and raising £40,000 in grants to be added to the money given by the Parish Council and by Shepherd Homes, who had to provide a certain amount of money towards facilities for children when building the Kitswell Park estate in line with Planning Law. Simon Green, of Southern Green, then showed revised plans for the bike track and play areas for both older and younger children. This included a new path round the

houses, the path to have a locked gate and only the children will be allowed access to it. During the design of the area, the company has liaised with RoSPA. Cllr Jackson asked about draining. This is included in the plans.

Residents attending the meeting then expressed various concerns about the project. These included possible vandalism and steps taken to prevent it and also to prevent the use of motorcross bikes and mini bikes. Litter was another problem mentioned; it will be kept clean by the village handyman who keeps the village clean. When it was asked if the area was to be floodlit, the reply was that it would not. A comment was then made that the area would therefore only be used for 6 months of the year, but it was pointed out by another member of the public that so are the cricket, rugby and bowling clubs. Mention was also made of the blind bend in the road in Kitswell Park, but if the cyclists use the path they will not go along this road. There were also many comments about how facilities are needed for older children and how many benefits the track and play areas will bring, like encouraging the youngsters to be out in the fresh air taking exercise, gaining skills, becoming self reliant and helping self-image, as well as social skills, mixing with others. It is anticipated that children from other villages may use these facilities and at the moment there are no plans for the schools to use them, but Mr Gladstone said he would speak to St Bede's about this. There



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will be no CCTV and a resident was worried that there might be a lot of noisy children in the area. While the track is being built the vehicles involved will go along the path line, which will be fenced.

Mr Green was thanked for the changes he had made to the plans and these were then passed by the Council. It was proposed and agreed that Mr Green be appointed as Project Manager. Cllrs Jackson, Harrison and Johnson agreed to meet with the cricket club to discuss proposals.

**Matters Arising.** *Roman Statue* on Valley Walk. This is to be that of a legionnaire. It will be appropriately anchored and inspected annually as well as a weekly inspection 'on the village list' so that it is covered by insurance. It was suggested that an unveiling ceremony take place to welcome the "new resident".

**Public Toilets.** There has been no positive response, probably due to change of manager and possibly new owners. It was proposed that this matter be postponed until these were settled.

**Boundary Committee** - meeting on 29th July had been attended by the Clerk and Councillors. Concern was expressed about the possible number of councillors when the Unitary Government takes over and that this should be made known as early as possible. If the role of the Parish Council is strengthened, will there be extra finance?

**Replacement of litter bins.** It was agreed that two plastic bins be purchased and that the Clerk writes to the Parochial Church Council.  
**Correspondence.** Nomination of some representation from Town

and Parish Council to Derwentside Partnership Executive Board - Members were in agreement with the proposals.

**Lanchester Lions Bonfire Night** - request for use of Kitswell Road ground and financial assistance. This was agreed, subject to the usual conditions and £400 to be donated.

**Handyperson.** Members were given a report prepared by the Clerk. This was welcomed by Members and it was agreed that a quarterly report would be sufficient and that Mr Maddox be invited to attend the Christmas meeting.

**Christmas lights and event.** This is to be held on 29th November. Children from the schools are to be invited to switch on the lights, together with a local celebrity. Further details next month.

**Training.** whether or not training should be free or paid for, how needs would be assessed, an annual appraisal and that training needs be put on the Agenda. It was also suggested that a list be made of each Member's skills, experience, qualities, etc.

This will also be added to the Agenda.

**Minimum Wage** - £5.73 per hour agreed.

**Financial Information.** A report prepared by the Clerk was approved as were Accounts for Payment.

**Questions** from Members. Cllr Harrison asked if the Clerk could contact the County Council with regard to a blocked drain.

**Date of Next Meeting.** This will be on Tuesday, 14th October at 7.15 pm, at Park House, Lanchester.

## CLAIRE BURNETT

Claire has lived in our village since 1974 when she and her husband Jack moved from the South back to her husband's native Co Durham. This year she made the decision to move back to the South to be near her family of two daughters, two sons in law, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She is a great family person and we are sure she will be very happy being near them all and worshipping in the new diocese of St. Alban's.

Clare has made many friends in the village as well as church and has touched many hearts and lives with her Christian ministry. One of the highlights of her life in Lanchester, she says, has been Dr Ian Brunt's music recitals. She is an ardent supporter of this very talented man particularly

enjoying his music as organist at Sunday Evensong in the Parish Church (C of E). With this in mind, one of her many friends, Elizabeth Wharton, organised a wonderful surprise for Claire. On Thursday September 5th she arranged a party tea beginning with Dr Ian Brunt giving an organ recital of her favourite music from his vast repertoire. Claire had no idea of the recital and it was such a special surprise for her.

Many people came to the party and gifts were presented to her from our vicar, Canon Waterhouse and Church Warden David Baggott. Claire would like to thank all her many friends for giving her such a wonderful "send off". She is determined to keep in touch with Lanchester people, who took her to their hearts when she arrived in Lanchester and who will always have a very special place in her heart.

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Left to right: Dr Ian Brunt, Claire and Canon Peter Waterhouse, who were very special to her.

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## PARISH PLANNING MEETINGS

**Planning Meeting 5th  
August 2008**

**Planning Applications**

*Proposed Development*

- Two Section 73 applications to extend the time period for mineral extraction and restoration through tipping at Quickburn Quarry, Satley, for Liberty Construction. Additional information had been submitted in relation to the above which members considered.

RESOLVED. The Clerk writes to the County Council suggesting a reduced time extension.

*Proposed agricultural determination* for the erection of one general purpose agricultural building at Hurbuck Farm Cottage, Lanchester.

RESOLVED. That no objections be raised.

*Tree Preservation Order* 202 Woodlands Hall. RESOLVED. That members were in support of application.

*Creation of new field access* and erection of field shelter at Maiden Law Farm, Burnhope Road, Maiden Law. RESOLVED. That the Clerk writes to the District Council expressing concern about access issues and intrusion into the countryside.

**Decisions of  
Derwentside District  
Council**

*Proposed Conservatory* to rear at 8 Elmfield, Lanchester. GRANTED. *Felling of Trees* (section 211 notice) at 18 Woodlands, Lanchester.

Permission granted following an amendment that only 2 trees are to be removed and the other 2 are to have maintenance work carried out on them.

*Crown lifting of seven Scots pine, removal of dead wood from three Scots pine, felling of one Scots pine and 50% reduction of stem of one Scots pine at 2 The Paddock, Lanchester.* GRANTED.

**Planning Meeting 2nd  
September 2008**

**Planning Applications**

*Erection of a second storey rear extension, conservatory to front and detached garage at 1 Middle Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester and Erection of detached garage and single storey rear extension at 2 Middle Newbiggen Farm, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester.* The Clerk explained that following consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Council, a response had already been forwarded to the District Council and outlined the content of the response. RESOLVED. That the action taken be confirmed.

*Proposed erection of stable block at Oakwood Stables, Durham Road, Lanchester.* RESOLVED - that objection be made to this ongoing development which is outside the development limit. That the development would benefit from thorough landscaping throughout. Concern at the prominent location of this development on entry to the village. The development should take into account section 3G and 3H of the Village Design statement.

*Creation of access road* at land to the North of Rose Cottage, Lanchester Road, Maiden Law. RESOLVED - that the

Clerk writes to the District Council expressing concern about the speed of vehicles, the volume of traffic and the history of accidents on this road.

*Conservatory to rear at 34 Broadoak Drive, Lanchester.* RESOLVED - that no objections be raised to the application subject to the development complying with the guidelines in the Village Design Statement with particular reference to sections 4A and 4D.

*Mrs Christine Lever* spoke on the planning application to site a Roman statue on the entrance to the cycle track near Station Road. She expressed concern on behalf of the sculptor at the proposed location. RESOLVED - that the clerk ascertains the position of the figure on the planning application and writes to the council supporting the original location of the figure.

**Decisions of  
Derwentside District  
Council**

*Proposed agricultural determination for the erection of one general purpose agricultural building at Hurbuck Farm Cottage, Lanchester.* It is the decision of the Local Planning Authority that prior approval is not required for the proposed agricultural building.

Following the resignation of Cllr Bill Gray as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee, it was resolved that Cllr Paul Jackson be elected as Vice Chairperson for the remainder of the year.

# NEW BUSINESSES FOR LANCHESTER

## Rutherford's Repairs

Keith Rutherford, from Sacriston, has opened a garage repair and servicing business in the village. Keith has worked 12 years in the motor industry and served his apprenticeship with 4 x 4's, mainly Land Rovers. However, he will be servicing and repairing any 4 x 4, or any make or model of car on the market. To find Keith and his friendly service, turn left at alley way next to the Newsagent in Front Street, and his garage, 'Rutherfords' is at the back.



Keith tackling one of his first jobs at his new garage

## Images of Life

Proprietor of Images for Life, Fiona Baxendale, has been a photographer for 19 years. She has travelled the world on cruise ships as a photographer for 5 years and moved to Lanchester some three and a half years ago. During that time she has really come to appreciate the strong community spirit within the village. She wanted to launch a business in Lanchester which would be more convenient for customers with families, and also for her own young son. Life changes every day, and at Images of Life, Fiona hopes to capture the special moments in your lives. The Studio is open plan and you are very welcome to call in. However, all sittings are by appointment.

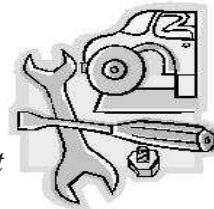


Fiona, complete with camera, in her new, plush studio

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## LADIES WHO LUNCH

On our last outing we found ourselves back at the Blue Bell at Kip Hill and we haven't been for a while. The welcome was as warm as ever and the food on their ever-changing menu just as good. We sampled buffalo tomatoes stuffed with cream cheese and bacon topped with breadcrumbs, chicken wrapped in bacon with cheese topping, pork, black pudding and mash, also their minced beef pie which is a staple on the menu board - it was just out of the oven and

looked and tasted quite divine. For puds we had profiteroles, pavlova and forest fruits cheesecake. They had a new selection of coffees - the latte macchiato was delicious. The Blue Bell will do half

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### Lanchester's Community Bus - Great North Run effort

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in particular, will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be given directly to any of the following Lanchestrians:

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Alternatively, I will collect any outstanding donations on foot once I've recovered!

There will also be a coffee morning at All Saints RC Parish Centre immediately after 10 o'clock Mass on the day of the run itself. Many thanks in anticipation of your valued support.  
Margaret Doyle



*The Village Bus*

## SUCCESS FOR LOCAL ARTIST

The success was a complete surprise for local person Audrey Taylor-Williams who has always

loved art and has painted traditional paintings and drawn sketches etc, as a hobby.

However, a visit to the 'fringe' Edinburgh Festival during August last year changed all that. Whilst there she was inspired to try painting abstract works. Her friends were so impressed that they secretly arranged with Peter from Valentinos to hang one of her pictures near her table when they were all there.

What a shock for Audrey seeing her painting in a restaurant! A bigger surprise was when Peter asked to buy the painting and later another, which Audrey had recently produced. Audrey is absolutely delighted with the outcome and who knows where it will lead from here?



*Audrey Taylor-Williams, local artist*

## STAYING IN AT THE LOCAL PUB?

The Black Horse Inn has hit the headlines once more. The national trade magazine 'The Publican' is featuring a new initiative set up by Gary Natrass, landlord at the Cornsay Village Pub. The first Pub TV Channel

based in a local has been set up at the Black Horse and enables regulars and visitors alike to enjoy parties, music nights and events, in addition to discovering more about the history of the pub and what it offers today.

Before buying the Black Horse, Gary worked in television, starting at Tyne Tees and ending up at Thames TV working on 'The Bill'. He commented, "It's been great fun combining my life as a landlord and the work I was involved with before moving to Cornsay - I hope that people viewing the new channel will enjoy the features and we will continue to add new ones so it will be worth revisiting regularly". Pull up your chair, crack open a can and visit [www.theblackhorsebar.co.uk](http://www.theblackhorsebar.co.uk) to enjoy the pub at home or, alternatively pop in for a proper pint!



Landlord Gary Natrass with his camera

## THE THIRD MARQUIS

Historian Gordon Morris gave the History Society the benefit of his encyclopaedic knowledge of the Vane-Tempest family on 5th September, with a strong emphasis on Charles William Vane-Tempest, the third marquis. This powerful figure served in the 10th Hussars for 20 years, fighting the forces of Napoleon in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria and France before attending the Congress of Vienna in 1815 as a diplomat. The family was already rich, but the marriage of the 3rd marquis to Frances Anne Tempest of Wynyard brought an enormous fortune. He was 41, she 19. The money was put to work to buy Seaham Hall, from the Millbank family and build Seaham Harbour, opened in 1830, which saved £40,000 per year by exporting the family coal from Seaham instead of Sunderland. Pits were sunk at Dawdon, Shotton and Wheatley Hill, and a railway line built from Seaham to Sunderland. Wynyard Hall was

improved, then rebuilt by Bonomi after a fire in 1841 at a cost of £18,000. A home was built in London, Holderness House, which cost the outrageous sum of £150,000. The viscount opposed the Reform Acts and the Mines Act which sought to regulate industry and commerce, believing that the Government should not interfere in such matters. He corresponded with Dickens, who supported the Tories (they were liberal in those days). In Gordon's opinion he was a benevolent despot,

as he employed no women or under 12's, and with the support of his wife set up schools and Mechanics Institutes for his employees and provided piped water for them. On the death of the marquis, he was buried at their property at Long Newton. His wife erected a monument there listing all his battles, and also the equestrian statue which still stands in Durham market place, (the marquis was Lord Lieutenant of the County) as well as a statue in front of the almshouses at Wolviston.



Gordon Morris

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# WALK FOR WILLOW BURN



*The walkers, ready for the off*

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the route from the Brown Horse at High Stoop via Cornsay. The walk started at Lydgett's Junction, where the Stanhope to

Consett line meets the Lanchester Valley Way. Willow Burn fundraisers Julie and Alison were on hand at the car park to dispense fruit juice and

bacon sandwiches, very welcome on a cool day. The walkers set off at 11 am and made short work of the 6 miles to Lanchester, where they

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*Nathaniel holding the Madagascar Snail*

room (lots of legs). It was a really successful time for everyone in which the children gained plenty of knowledge about the creatures, and enjoyed a worthwhile hour of entertainment at their local library.



*Two brave little girls stroking the Corn Snake*



*The snail children*

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# LANCHESTER EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

## Music from the Grand Tour

The third concert of the Lanchester Early Music Festival featured music outlining the path of the Grand Tour undertaken by many English gentry during the 18th Century, and thus the Tour began at 7.30 pm on Saturday 17th August.

Dr Brunt on Harpsichord and Organ was joined by Philip Cull on Oboe. Philip had devised the ambitious programme to show many differing national styles and sensibilities during the concert.

The concert opened with a light organ Fantasia in the English style by Handel. Next, to Italy and what followed was a flawless performance of Vivaldi's Oboe Concerto in C major with its typical fast outer movements and

a slower more introspective middle section. On to France for Sonata by Louis-Antoine Dornel which showed off many facets of the oboe's character with a formal Prelude, sorrowful Gravement and finally a playful Gigue.

A return to Spain, for a Harpsichord sonata by Scarlatti which was darker in tone perhaps reflecting dusk in the Spanish palace gardens.

Philip Cull again joined Dr Brunt for two selections from Bach, the Cantor of Leipzig. The first, a Sinfonia, was extremely dramatic with declamatory flourishes on the harpsichord to the plangent cries of the oboe. Next was the slow movement from an Oboe Concerto, showing that Bach could write leisurely memorable melodies as well as drama.

The first half of the concert was rounded off by a bright well crafted Trio Sonata by G P Telemann.

The second half commenced (after the clock chimes!) with another work by Telemann - the Oboe Concerto in C minor. This showed some rustic Polish influences in the last movement.

A series of delightful and refined miniature French dances in the form of a suite by Le Romain followed as a contrasting foil to the wild final movement of the Telemann concerto.

A further return to Spain was made with a sonata by Scarlatti, this time the music was bright and delicate in texture.

The concert closed on two sonatas, the first by Handel the second by William Babel, whose



*Dr Brunt and Philip Cull*

music was very different in style and approach which gave him a distinct English voice as a composer. The tour ended where it began in England.

Mention must also be made of the readings from the irascible traveller Dr Tobias Smollett whose antics in Italy and France were particularly amusing,

despite his own personal frustrations.

Philip Cull's playing was excellent throughout the performance and he showcased the oboe's character in a well designed and thought out concert programme. It was clear that the Hexham Collegium Musicum could make music of the highest calibre.

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## Sense and Sensibility

The fourth concert of the Lanchester Early Music Festival, on Saturday 30th August, featured music from the Court of Berlin and City of Hamburg, mainly the music of C P E Bach for the time of Jane Austin's Novel.

Dr Brunt (on harpsichord and organ) was joined by Dr Michael Mullen (viola de gamba) and Jonathan Slade (flute) a recent graduate in Music from Durham University. Together they formed Lanchester Collegium Musicum.

The concert opened with Dr Brunt playing a dramatic organ Prelude (Wotq 70/7) by CPE Bach that encapsulated the essence of his style, mainly the dramatic twists in harmony and volume, still sounding fresh to modern ears. Then followed the Flute Sonata

in D major (Wotq 83) with Dr Mullen acting as continuo. In this very original and dramatic work, Jonathan played flawlessly throughout with the demanding flute part full of wide leaps and changes in volume.

Next, the Flute Sonata in F major by J C Bach, the London Bach, who is not as widely recognised as he, perhaps, should be, and this was proved by this delightful light work full of melodic invention and freshness.

The turn for Dr Mullen to showcase his gamba playing came with a contemporary Sonata by K F Abel. It contained a beautiful lilting andante middle section in contrast to the fast ever changing outer movements that clearly showed off Dr Mullen's dexterity and highlighting the

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## Sense and Sensibility

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instrument's distinct velvety tone.

The first half ended on the debated Sonata in E flat by J S Bach (BWV 1031) which contains musical "fingerprints" of both J S and C P E Bach. The haunting melody of the Sicilliana movement being clearly the work of Bach. But the jury is still out on the faster outer movements that frame it.

The second half of the concert began with Jonathan's exceptional performance of C P E Bach's Sonata in A minor for unaccompanied flute. The music started with an aching beautiful

adagio full of wide dramatic leaps and ornamentation spreading across the whole compass of the flute showcasing Jonathan's dazzling technique.

The next two movements were faster in pace and more rhythmically dynamic and flawlessly executed by Jonathan who held the audience transfixed with his fine interpretation of the work. A Sonata by Antonio Lotti followed. This was a rare treat as it is one of his few published works clearly showing his inventiveness placing him somewhere stylistically between Bach and Vivaldi.

The concert culminated on a final flute Sonata in B flat (Wotq 161/2) by C P E Bach, with its dynamic final allegretto. Also of note in this work was the affecting central Adagio section with its insistent descending chromatic bass line on harpsichord doubled by gamba, with the flute rhapsodising above the accompaniment into distant keys.

C P E Bach maintained that music should move the heart as well as the ear. This was clearly demonstrated by Lanchester Collegium Musicum who together brought out the full drama and vigour of the music.



*Left to right: Dr Brunt, Jonathan Slade and Dr Mullen*

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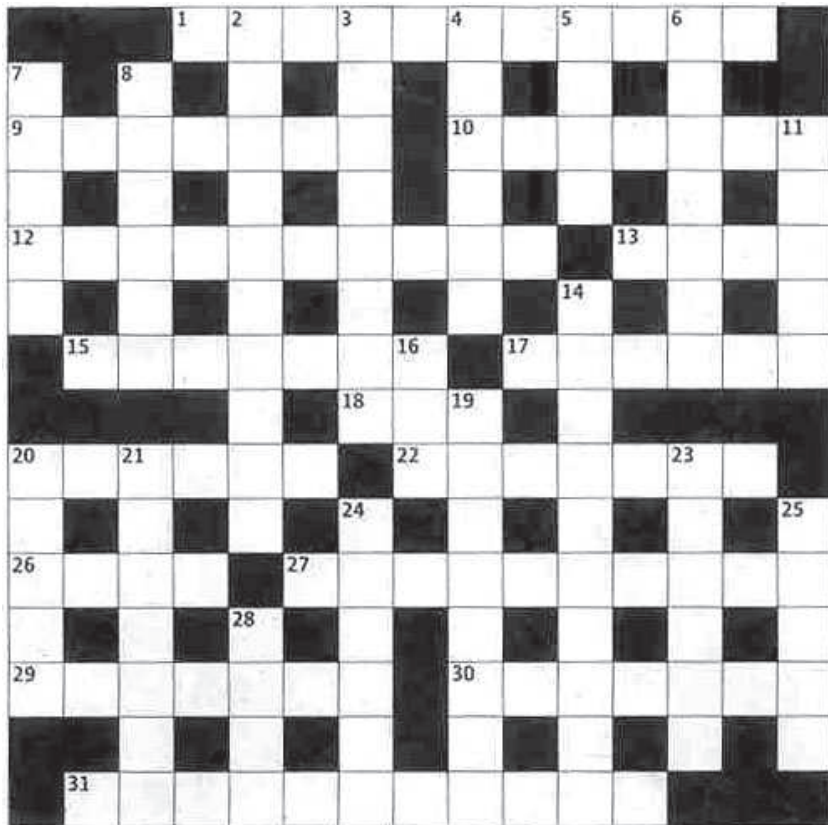
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# CROSSWORD 29



## ACROSS

1. The science of n u m b e r manipulation (11)
9. Fat absorbs any cord (7)
10. Subtle differences (7)
12. Kept warm by top politicians (5,5)
13. Slight problem (4)
15. Sunshade (7)
17. Earnest wish(er) (6)
18. see 14
20. Mention in passing (6)
22. Capital of Armenia (7)
26. Weak male (4)
27. Flasher for sailors! (10)
29. Red 27 for sailors! (7)
30. News agency (7)
31. Performer in Perrier tent (11)

## DOWN

2. Way-out audio-visual worker with mixed grade (5-5)
3. Mammal with spine(s) (8)
4. Threat (6)
5. Melt (4)
6. East London dialect (7)
7. Float up above (5)
8. Mohair (6)
11. Sweetener (5)
- 14,18. Climate changer (10,3)
16. Amateur (3)
19. Fish as heroes (8)
20. Extemporise (2,3)
21. Satirise (7)
23. Charm against evil (6)
24. Pick-me-up pill if taken (6)
25. Used with 11 for fermentation (5)
28. Marg he eats contains butter (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 28

- |                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. kindling                 | 11. Kiwi fruit                 |
| 5. abused                   | 2. null                        |
| 9. willpower                | 3. lapdog                      |
| 11. see 1 down              | 4. Newgate Prison              |
| 12. Ronald Reagan           | 6. buffeted                    |
| 15. agog                    | 7. sour grapes                 |
| 16,17. settle past quarrels | 8. detonation                  |
| 18. out-put rate            | 10,20. rude to those in charge |
| 19. Nero                    | 13. baton races                |
| 21,22. retires to the shed  | 14. hot to touch               |
| 24. see 25                  | 17. See 16                     |
| 25,24. no earthly cause     | 20. See 10                     |
| 26. schism                  | 22. See 21                     |
| 27. intended                | 23. dyed                       |

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

## CROSSWORD 28

There were only 12 entries in our competition last month. Was it more difficult than usual? The first all-correct entry in the draw was A Morris of Railway Street who will receive the £10 prize. See if you can solve these clues by John Wilson.

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

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# DOG SHOW TRAINING IN LANCHESTER

I was very pleased to hear that a dog show training class was to start in the Community Centre on Friday evenings at 7 pm in the Main Hall as my puppy Zarka (a Hungarian Wire-haired Vizsla) is car sick and it would be much better for her to be able to walk to the class. I knew that the class was to be taken by Carol Gill (Diptonia Gun Dogs) and would be well run as Carol has been breeding, showing and judging dogs since 1976. She has been involved in training clubs for over 23 years and was a founder member of 2 gun dog clubs. She has also bred and campaigned 3 breeds to Show Champion. So Zarka and I went along in the pouring rain to the first meeting on 5th September. There were

about 8 other dogs there, of various breeds, ranging from small puppies to a large, older gun dog, but it is a large room and there was a very relaxed atmosphere, so the dogs soon relaxed and the puppies soon learned what to do. Show training is very good for dogs, even if you don't want to show. I haven't decided yet whether or not to put Zarka in the ring, but at the class the dogs learn to line up altogether and stand still calmly, ignoring the others. Then they have to be handled all over by the 'judge' and run a triangle then up and down, all under control. Finally they line up again. Carol examines the dogs expertly and sympathetically - this is good practice for going

to the vet or being handled by strangers. Added bonuses were a good raffle and a free cup of tea with homemade apple pie! We all enjoyed ourselves, including the dogs, and I am pleased to report that Romeo, a 7 month-old Boston Terrier, owned, bred and shown by Trisha of K9 Grooming Parlour in the village, won Best Puppy and Best of Breed at Stanhope Show on 14th September. So if you think you might like to show your dog, come along. You don't have to know anything about showing, as Carol will show you how, and it doesn't matter if your dog is not a puppy. Just come and have a pleasant evening, meeting other 'doggy' folk!  
Mavis Datta



A new Show Dog Training class has begun at the Community Centre on Friday evenings at 7.00 pm. On show are a Black Labrador, a Yellow Labrador, Black Shitzu, Scottish Terrier, Gordon Setter, 2 Boston Terriers, and an Hungarian Wire Haired Vizsla. The trainer, Carol Gill, is sixth from the left.

## CHURCH BULLETINS

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on Water."  
The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

Miss Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S  
SUDOKU

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

## History Society

The meeting on Friday October 3rd, starting at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, is the AGM followed by a DVD presentation by Bill Eckford, 'Four years in the RAF, 1944-1948'.

## Country Market

Pies, pastries, cakes, eggs, vegetables, jams and crafts are available in the Community Centre on Saturday 4th October, starting 10am. You could have a cup of tea and a scone as well.

## Social Club

Events for October:  
Saturday 4th October,

Lee Andrews,

Knockout Vocalist

Saturday 11th October,  
Trudi, Award Winning Vocalist

Saturday 18 October,  
Karaoke

Saturday 25 October,  
Maggie Ross, Popular Vocalist

## Mothers' Union

At our October meeting on Wednesday 8th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, Jeff Bryant will be giving a talk about policing in Iraq.

## WI

The AGM will be held in the Small Hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm on 6th October. If new members join in October they are entitled to 15 months' membership which includes a monthly County News featuring local events and courses, and also the monthly 'Life', the national magazine of the Women's Institute.

On 8th October there will be a Coffee Morning in the Community Centre lounge. The tickets are 50p, and there will be a Harvest Stall with home-made produce, Tombola and Raffle. Visitors are very welcome.

## Pirates Ahoy!

It's storytime and rhymetime for young people at Lanchester library every Thursday at 10.30 am, starting on Thursday 9th October which is National Bookstart Day.

## MP Surgery

Our Member of Parliament, Hilary Armstrong, will hold her next surgery in the Civic Centre, Consett on Friday October 10th at 6 pm.

## The Magic of Hollywood!



So, where are you - all you Hollywood buffs who happily sing its music in the shower?

Lanchester Choral & Operatic Society are offering an opportunity for you to 'come out' and join them as they prepare for their next show in Spring 2009.

Please don't be put off by their serious-sounding title; they sing everything from the sacred to the sentimental, from Gounod to Gershwin.

They have just started rehearsals for a production that will feature music from the best-known Hollywood movies. You know: 'Singin' in the Rain', 'Over the Rainbow', 'The Trolley Song', 'That's Entertainment' ..... and dozens more!

You don't need to audition and the Society will help you learn the music.

Rehearsals are on Friday evenings at 7.15 in the RC Junior School on Kitswell Road.

Go along and give the music a try or, if you need more information, contact either Maureen Summers (520172) or Richard Woods (520452)

## Wildlife Group

The group will meet in the Community Centre on Tuesday 14th October, when Susie White from Chesters Walled Garden, Northumberland, will be talking about 'Wildlife in the Garden'. Susie has written many books and is a member of the Garden Media Guild. Please be there for a prompt start at 7.30 pm.

# WHAT'S ON?

## Exercise in the Library

A gentle seated exercise class starts in Lanchester library on Tuesday 14th October, from 1 till 2 pm. All welcome. Donation £1.50? Please contact Carol McAllister 01207 280119 to book a place.

## Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group are holding their annual Exhibition on Saturday October 18th - Sunday 19th in the Community Centre from 10 am - 5 pm both days. Come and see the wide range of work on display and meet the artists! Many of the paintings will be for sale. There will also be refreshments available and a 50p admission charge to the exhibition.

## Ceilidh

A Ceilidh is to be held at Lanchester Social Club on Saturday 18th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6 to include a pie and pea supper. All welcome. Contact Lesley Anderson on 521567 for tickets.

## Film Club

On Sunday October 19th at 7.30pm, the film 'Happy Go Lucky', directed by Mike Leigh, will be shown at the Community Centre. This is a comedy about a happy, carefree, upbeat primary school teacher in London, named Poppy. Described as 'an infectiously joyous, life-affirming, beautiful film. Happy Go Lucky sends you away happy and transformed - at least until you board a bus!'

## Scouts Exhibition

An exhibition on this subject from the County Record Office will be displayed during October in Lanchester library.

## LMVC Concert

Lanchester Male Voice Choir will present a concert in aid of Lanchester Community Association on Monday 20th October. The concert will be in Lanchester Methodist Church at 7.30 pm and the guest artists are from North East Solo Singers Academy. Tickets are £6.00 from the Community Centre or from Choir members.

## Flower Club

The October meeting of the club, which is held on Wednesday 22nd at 2 pm in the Community Centre, will be a workshop.

## Halloween Craft Session

Young people from four years old upwards are invited to a Halloween craft session in the library on Monday 27th October from 3 till 4 pm. Tickets price £1 are available from the library.

## Zoo Lab

Tickets price £2 are available from the library for this event to be held on Tuesday 28th October from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

## Coffee for Cancer Research

It's a 'Wear it pink' coffee morning at Lanchester library on Thursday 30th October in aid of Cancer Research. Just pop in. You could borrow a book as well!

## Musical Evening for Willow Burn

In Lanchester Library on Thursday 30th October at 7.30 pm, Annfield Plain WI 'Young at Heart' Group present a musical evening. Tickets free with donations to Willow Burn.

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## ROMAN PICNIC



Members of the Friends of Longovicium had special permission to picnic beside the Fort on Sunday 31st of August. Naturally when you plan a picnic it is bound to rain, but like the Romans, who wore only sandals and had no umbrellas, the Friends stuck it out and enjoyed a convivial meal before retreating to drier quarters.

## MORE WHAT'S ON?

### Lions Village Bonfire

The winter is creeping up on us and before we know it Bonfire Night will be here again. It will be held in the usual place at Kitswell Park on Saturday, November 1st. Light sticks will be on sale in various places in the village. Once again there will be no set charge for entrance, but donations will be gladly received by

Lions who will be manning the gates onto the field. Lions Ladies and friends will be on duty selling hot dogs, soup and drinks at very reasonable prices. The fire will be lit at 6.30 pm and there will be a spectacular firework display immediately afterwards. The fire will be built with pallets and no

other wood, trees, bushes or household items will be accepted by Lions, in accordance with safety standards. Parents and children are asked not to bring their own sparklers or fireworks to the display as lighting them may be hazardous in the midst of a large crowd, with toddlers being particularly vulnerable.

It is hoped that everyone has a very enjoyable accident free evening in good weather.

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biggest club in the region but we are a friendly club and have a growing membership that has enjoyed the matches despite the dreadful summer weather. One advantage of the rain has been that the green has fully recovered from the drought of 2006.

The AGM is to be held on Thursday 16th October in the pavilion at 7.00 pm.

### Prisoner of Zenda

This 1894 adventure novel by Anthony Hope has been adapted for both film and stage. The King of the fictional country of Ruritania, has been abducted before his Coronation. See what happens next in this magnificent, entertaining version by Nobby Dimon and North Country Theatre, on Saturday November 1st, at the Community Centre at 7.30 pm. There will be light refreshments available during the interval and tickets are priced at £7.00.

### Weardale Railway

On 31st October, there will be a Halloween Special. See [www.weardale-railway.org.uk](http://www.weardale-railway.org.uk) for details.

### 'One Fine Day'

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

## SPORTS EVENING

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there was an emotional heart rending speech delivered by a member of Amy Bell's family who thanked everyone for their generosity and support. The evening ended with an auction of mainly football and sporting memorabilia and the total raised for The RVI Ward 16 for children with cancer was an excellent £1800. It was an evening to remember - noisy, full of fun, raw humour, jokes galore, with an opportunity to hear the reminiscences of star footballers from yesteryear, all for a most worthwhile cause.

## RUNNER-UP SPOT FOR BOWLS CLUB

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# TOUR OF BRITAIN COMES TO MAIDEN LAW

Stage 6 of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race, from Darlington to Gateshead, passed through Maiden Law, from Durham via Burnhope, at about 11.45 am on Friday 12th September. There was a breakaway group of four riders led by British rider Evan Oliphant (Plowman-Craven) who was the winner of the mountain 'prime' up from Langley Park; the rest of the pack arrived some 5 minutes later. An enthusiastic crowd of between 30 - 40 people turned out to watch and clap as they passed and there were more people at the top of the 'prime' and at Burnhope. The winner of Stage 6 in Gateshead was the top Italian sprinter Alessandro Petacchi (LPR Brakes-Ballan), followed by the world championship gold medallist Rob Hayles, (Team Great Britain) and

3rd was an up and coming Norwegian Edval Boasson Hagen (Team Columbia). The police were out in force and did a fantastic job of organisation for the race with temporary road closures and accompanying the riders. This involved several police cars and about 40 motorcyclists.



*The breakaway group, with Evan Oliphant leading, coming up to the first mountain 'prime' above Langley Park*



*The peloton spreading out as they take the bend at Maiden Law*

## SPORTS EVENING FOR AMY

Lanchester Cricket Club recently held a Sportsman's Night for little Amy Bell,

who lives in the village, and has recently been diagnosed with leukaemia.



*Football 'talk in' by, left to right: John Anderson, ex Newcastle, Dave Greener, and Gary Bennett*

The club was bursting at the seams with the amazing number of people who turned up to support this lovely little girl and her family.

Star guests for the evening were John Anderson, former Newcastle Utd footballer, and now a radio commentator, and Gary Bennett, who used to play for Sunderland. Gary is now an under 12's coach at Middlesbrough and also commentates on football. Comper for the event was Dave Greener, ex professional club cricketer

and now, comedian, and sporting events promoter. Dave began to warm up his audience with a succession of bawdy jokes and anecdotes which got the nearly all male crowd in the mood. Questions were invited from the audience for the two ex players. They obviously knew each other quite well and had the audience roaring with laughter as they recounted the interesting bits from their respective careers, generally with extremely colourful language. It was surprising but probably deliberate, that

the current Keegan issue at Newcastle was hardly mentioned, but how Terry McDermott has survived so far was very amusing. Rivalry between the north east two main clubs was certainly a feature and some of the games were talked about in quite some detail but always with humour. John Anderson has developed a mock boasting approach, while Gary Bennett has a self deprecating style of humour, but they both got on extremely well along with loud, vociferous, *continued on page 21*

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