

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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TURF CUTTING AT WILLOW BURN



Helen Mills, Chief Executive at Willow Burn, Rob Statham, Chair of the Trustees, and nurse, Elaine Hansom. All three made fine speeches at the ceremony.

Work on the new £5.7m state of the art building for Willow Burn began on July 24th.

To mark the start of phase one, costing £1.9m including the purchase of the land, there was a ceremonial lifting of the first sod of turf by long

serving nurse, Elaine Hansom. Elaine has been part of the clinical team at Willow Burn since 1992 and before that, she was a volunteer there. She said: "I was a bit surprised when I was approached 'out of the blue' to be part of the ceremony. When I

asked why, they explained that because I am the longest standing member of the nursing team, I was the natural choice. I was honoured to accept and commemorate this marvellous occasion." The first phase is due to be completed by spring next year. Phases two and three will follow as soon as funding is available.



The architect's computer illustration of the new Willow Burn.



Longest serving employee of 18 years, Elaine Hansom, was given the honour of digging the first sod of turf, with celebratory balloons behind.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB STILL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



Members enjoying a lovely sunny day outside Whalton Manor

Members had a splendid summer outing to Heighley Gate Garden Centre where we had lunch. Then on to Whalton Manor in Northumberland; the beautiful walled gardens were a feast for the eye with so much wonderful colour; the glorious weather enhanced the whole day. We enjoyed a very interesting tour by Penny Norton, a family member who lives in the 17th century house with its beautiful gardens. Helen our Chairperson welcomed everyone to our monthly demonstration. Amelia Forrester from Washington was our demonstrator; her theme was 'My Love of Flowers'. Amelia gave us a very interesting and relaxing afternoon telling us little stories of how as a child she began her love of flowers. The exquisite arrangements were raffled and everyone enjoyed light refreshments and friendly chatter.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

A big thank you to all my music pupils who were able to make this year's concert a resounding success, the inspiration being the Golden Jubilee of Canon Spence, an occasion of great beauty and joy.

Marie Harrison

Dear Village Voice

The Smallwood family would like to thank everybody for their kind thoughts and condolences after Susan Smallwood (60) passed away on 15th July at Willow Burn Hospice. We were overwhelmed with the support from neighbours and friends and are very grateful for

all the sympathy cards and the food that thoughtful friends kept us supplied with.

Huge thanks to the lovely staff at the hospice who looked after Sue and for their care and compassion towards the family. Thank you also to the many people who made a donation to Willow Burn. In total we raised £1300 in Sue's name for the charity. Thank you to everyone who attended her funeral on the 23rd. At Sue's request everyone wore bright colours and there were so many people, not everybody could fit in. It was a lovely service and we are very grateful for everyone's support. With thanks, the Smallwoods

LOST CAMERA

My Father lost his camera (Silver Canon EOS) in the village last week. We think it has been left at the park beside Park House Surgery when visiting with his grandson. If found, please contact Susan on 07748236630 or John on 07934539490.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANT



Arthur Maughan MBE, Chairman of the Community Centre, receives a grant award from John Hurran (left), Fundraiser for the Centre. This was negotiated by John with Durham CC Community Buildings Management Group. The £1843.72 received will be used for repairs to the flat roof. The Community Centre has been self funding without any support from the county for many years. However, Parish and County Councillor, Ossie Johnson, has always been supportive whenever possible.

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COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for July 2013 is 35. The draw was made by Lesley Anderson of the Thursday Art Group.

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'AUTUMN FOR A MAGUS'

This month sees the appearance of my second book for youngsters, 'Autumn For a Magus'. Like 'Summer of the Witch', the action takes place in the village of 'Duncheater', a location remarkably similar to Lanchester, Although there are several features shared by the villages, I've not yet met the ghost of a long-dead witch, I don't really think Merlin sleeps on Cadger Bank and I've not yet found a portal to other worlds on the village green. I'll certainly keep looking!

A very warm 'Thank You' to all the people of Lanchester who have offered me so much support and care over the years. It was lovely to see so many old friends at the recent celebration, including staff and students from my school!

Maisie Raine



Maisie Raine (left) with her sister at the launch of her second book.

NATIONAL COMPETITION WINNERS



Left to right, Daniel Hodgson, Jack Hume and Daniel Vine.

Congratulations to three lads from Lanchester Boys' Brigade who came third in the inaugural

Console Games National Competition. Jack Hume, Daniel Hodgson and Daniel Vine travelled to Derby to compete against the best ten teams in the UK playing nine different games on three different machines. They managed to keep in the top four all

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Members enjoying the songs

July 18th and 19th were very special evenings for everyone who attended the annual summer performance of the Lanchester and District Choral and Operatic Society in the Methodist Church. David Hughes, the ever popular and well respected director and producer was his usual convivial self, welcoming everyone and inviting the audience to sit back and enjoy the music and to join in the singing when the words appeared on the screen. Lillian Dixon accompanied the choir faultlessly, as she always does and there was a small orchestra made up of a violin, a flute, a trumpet, a clarinet and saxophone, drums and trombone.

From the beginning of the programme, the audience was captivated. There were excerpts from all our favourite shows, eg, 'The Sound of Music', 'The King and I' 'Carousel' 'Oklahoma' and 'South Pacific'. The singing of the choir was excellent and the audience needed no prompting to sing when the words appeared on the overhead projector. Toes were tapping too as these beautiful songs were sung. Sharon Murray and Gordon Knighton each sang a delightful solo and Margaret Gray and

Michael Quigley played their individual parts very well indeed. All too soon it was time for the finale and the singing of the choir of 'When you walk through a storm' and 'Climb every Mountain' was very emotive and received terrific applause. These songs made a magnificent climax for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Just before the end of the evening David had some words to say as Lillian Dixon took her bow. He announced that Lillian was retiring from accompanying the Operatic Society after 15 years. She took over from John Ord, another gifted pianist, whose death at such a young age

saddened everyone who knew him. David presented a bouquet to Lillian and spoke of her dedication to the society and all the pleasure she had given over the years to so many people. She will be greatly missed. No doubt she will be there in the audience at any Operatic Society event in the future. Members of the audience could be heard humming and even singing as they left the church and moved out into yet another beautiful summer evening. A truly successful evening. Thank you David and the members of the society for all your hard work and wonderful singing. Brenda Craddock



Lillian Dixon with her bouquet

CANON SPENCE'S GOLDEN JUBILEE MASS



A view of the large congregation in St Bede's School hall at the Golden Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Canon Robert Spence, 15th July 2013. Photo by Thomas Heaton.

Monday July 15th was such a special evening in the hall of St Bede's School. It was a Celebratory Mass, to mark the end of a number of excellent events, organised by members of the Roman Catholic Church, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Father Spence's ordination to the priesthood. Everyone who attended was given a warm welcome at the main entrance door by Head Teacher Mrs Maria Matthews and members of her staff and pupils, which set the scene for a wonderful evening of celebration and fellowship. Mr Michael Quigley directed the singing of the choir and participation of the very large congregation who packed the hall to capacity. He also directed the accompaniment of a number of instruments, brass and woodwind, played mainly by pupils of St Bede's with the accomplished pianist David Gray on the piano. Canon Spence has been a friend to everyone in the village for 15 years. He is extremely well

respected and loved. He presided over the mass with two friends who had graduated from the same college at the same time as himself. One of them preached a short apt sermon complete with humorous anecdotes and reminiscences of their friendship throughout the years. He included of course a tribute to the dedication Canon Spence had always shown for his priestly calling. Canon Spence invited everyone to receive the bread and wine if they wished to do so. Members from the Parish and Methodist Churches had been invited to attend under the auspices of 'Churches Together' and because the organisation of the whole evening was so good, the receiving of the bread and wine went very smoothly, which was no mean feat with such a large number of communicants. After the Eucharist, Sarah Potter (nee Kelly) sang very beautifully, 'Panis Angelicus' ('The bread of angels becomes the bread of all mankind') and to close the service members of

All Saints' Primary School mounted the stage to sing and move to a very moving Irish Blessing. The ambience of the evening continued outside, in the evening sunshine as people made

their way to the dining hall for a delicious buffet. It was a good time to give personal good wishes and congratulations to Canon Spence and to enjoy conversation with one another. It was an occasion which will be

remembered for a very long time and all those involved in its organisation deserve a big Thank you. We all join in saying Congratulations to this remarkable man of God. Brenda Craddock

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KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club at the Community Centre was certainly active this summer school holiday with many varied fun activities. There were some good attendances and no doubt some relieved parents who either sent the children along or accompanied them.

On five Mondays there was an appropriate film show, sometimes a morning performance other times in the afternoon. Playgroup was also run on Mondays in August.

Other activities included Street Dance, Drama and Games, led by Pauline Cook from the Pauline Cook School of Dancing. Pauline gave her services free.

The Sandows gave a fabulous Circus Party one afternoon. They included stilt walking, clowns,



Some of the children sit on the stage before The Sandows Circus Party

juggling, balancing, with plenty of comedy in their acts as well as a musical car. Refreshments were provided before the

show, included in the ticket price. All profit from this performance went to Clic Sargent, the Children's Cancer

Charity. The show was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Two more activities are planned for the end of

August after our deadline, a Crafternoon and Table Tennis. It has been a busy summer for staff at the Centre.

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WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone to our August meeting before reading Pauline Griggs' entry for the group meeting.

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Betty Walton (77 years young) was congratulated on zipwiring across the Tyne raising money for Red Cross wheel chairs. Transport was arranged for Whickham Gardens on August 20th.

Horsley Hall was suggested to members for our birthday meal on November 4th, this was agreed, the cost of £35 includes three course lunch and morning and afternoon workshops plus the coach cost which will depend on numbers going. Money will be

taken at September and October meetings.

Our speaker this evening was Rita Walker on quilting. Rita worked at Ramar which taught her many of her needlecraft skills, then she moved on to work at other jobs including teaching. Whatever she was doing

she still worked with material selling on market stalls and house parties. After taking early retirement Rita started doing patchwork in a unit at Langley Moor as well as running a stall in Durham Market 6 days a week. The unit at Langley Moor now holds

thousands of fabrics and craft workshops run from August to December making everything from quilts to cushions. Details of these can be found on www.thequilterscupboard.co.uk or 0191 3781663/3867007. The materials for a quilt can cost £200 so with the hours they take to make they are priceless.

This was an inspiring talk by a very gifted lady which was really enjoyed by everyone. Angela Vellaman won the raffle and the competition winners were Ann Carr and Maureen Barker. Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with cake and wine as we celebrated Maisie's book launch together.



Speaker Rita Walker was helped by Jay Halls to show many examples of her beautiful quilts.

LOCAL AUTHOR CELEBRATES BOOK LAUNCH WITH WI

Local author Maisie Raine had her first book 'The Summer of the Witch' published in 2009 and it is set in the North East valley of Dunchester (which could be mistaken for Lanchester!!!). Maisie's second book also set in Dunchester has just been published and on Monday 5th August Maisie brought along a beautiful cake and bottles of wine to the WI meeting to celebrate the launch with all her WI friends. This was a lovely occasion enjoyed by everyone and as always the WI is proud of the diversity of skills and knowledge that members share. Although these books are aimed at older children I too have enjoyed reading them. Maisie was a teacher for almost 30 years and her fascination for local

history as well as her years of encouraging students to use their imagination can be clearly seen whilst reading her books and I look forward to the next one.

Well done and congratulations Maisie.

Maisie's second book 'Autumn for a Magus' is for sale now in Lanchester paper shop, price £6.99.



Local author Maisie Raine cutting her celebration cake to share with her WI friends.

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decided that they wanted to pay tribute to her memory by donating to her favourite charity. They started a collection in her name, and support also came from the Washington Wetlands Centre, which is a favourite meeting place for bikers. Over £900 was collected in the aftermath of her death; the Centurions made this amount up to £1,000 and then donated a further £1,000. In accepting the cheque for £2,000, Rob Colgrave, representing the Teesside branch of the Air Ambulance offered the organisation's sympathy to Les Ward, and expressed their enormous gratitude to the Centurions for their continued support. The Centurions spoke warmly of Gwen Ward, remembering her friendship and her hard work for the Club. Her husband offered his deep thanks to the whole biking family for the support and care they had offered to him at this sad time.



At a presentation in the Black Bull, Rob Colgrave received a cheque from the Lanchester Centurions, another magnificent donation to the Great North Air Ambulance.

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Gardening in September

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In the Borders
Keep dead-heading both annuals and perennials in borders and keep feeding and deadhead hanging baskets and container plants to extend their flowering. Plant spring-flowering bulbs like daffodil, crocus and hyacinths and also consider hyacinth and amaryllis planting to force them for Christmas. Plant out biennial plants sown earlier in the year (or buy them from the local garden centre) such as viola, wallflower and/or bellis.

In the Vegetable Plot
September is the start of the clean-up time for winter. As you remove your crops consider sowing 'green fertilizer' such as mustard, to keep down weeds over the winter and improve the soil when it is dug into the earth. Keep harvesting your crops by picking little and often and, if you cannot use all that is picked, use freezing, pickling and storing approaches. If you prevent your French and runner beans from setting seed and keep feeding and watering them, they should produce pods right through this month.

General
The grass on your lawn should, at least, have slowed its growing process, so higher the mower blades as greater height of grass helps prevent moss growth during the winter. Also, apply an autumn dressing to your lawn to help it deal with the rigours of winter. Prepare or build compost bins to deal with the leaves that either fall or blow into your garden. Remember to raise your precious pots off the ground for the winter using either bricks or special 'feet' to prevent water-logging and excess freezing of the compost.

NEW COMMUNITY INSPECTOR

Keith Wardle is the new Community Inspector for Consett, taking over the role permanently from Dave Turner, who has been promoted to Chief Inspector. Insp Wardle, who resides locally, said: "I want our communities to feel safe and reassured that we take criminality very seriously. To criminals active in the area, we are working closely with our communities and together we will take action." Insp Wardle, 53 years of age, joined the force in 2001 and has worked in the Consett area

previously as Neighbourhood Policing Team Sergeant and upon promotion worked within Durham Constabulary Custody. He added: "If information is reported to us, we will take action and all reports will be taken seriously." To report community issues in the Consett area call police on the 101 non-emergency telephone number. Or alternatively to speak with Inspector Wardle directly, call 101 to make an appointment or call in to Consett Police Station, Parliament Street.



Community Inspector Keith Wardle

POLICE REPORT

Following the most recent Durham Constabulary PACT (Police And Communities Together) meeting held on 24th July at Lanchester Community Centre residents requested that additional patrols were carried out in the area to assist with incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour due to the increase of anti-social related incidents during the school summer holidays. Additional patrols have been carried out in the area by Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team and Neighbourhood Wardens from Durham County Council. Several youths have been identified as being involved in Anti-Social

Behaviour especially within the proximity of Front Street, Lanchester, resulting in these youths being taken home and spoken to in front of their parents along with Harassment Notices being issued to persistent offenders. Additional patrols will continue to be carried out in these areas and action taken to reduce incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour. Residents are requested to be vigilant in relation to ensuring the securing of their property following a number of incidents at St Bede's School whereby items were taken from containers located within the school grounds holding building equipment

used during the recent building work being completed at the school. If any residents wish to discuss any aspects of crime prevention advice please contact Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team on Tel 101 or speak with PCSO 6780 Jackson or PC 2416 Bradley at Lanchester's next PACT meeting at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 25th September at Lanchester Community Centre.

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A FUN DAY FOR A GOOD CAUSE

It was a lovely warm and bright, August day when the Tyneside Kidney Patients Association held their Fun and Craft Day, at the Old Mill, at Knitsley. The Tyneside Kidney Patients Association is run by volunteers and offers help and support to people throughout the North East who have Chronic Kidney Disease and need dialysis or transplants at the Renal Unit of the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle. This is the only charity giving direct renal support which includes

holding meetings in which patients can join with peers and ask questions or receive advice. Outings and social events are arranged by the organisation, and practical advice is available on a wide range of topics such as providing information on benefits, and arranging holidays for dialysis patients. Money is donated to the Newcastle Hospitals' Welfare Fund, to allow renal social workers to give financial assistance to patients and their

families, and to supply extra items for the renal wards. Above all, the personal approach is stressed by the Association - besides the excellent work of the doctors and medical teams, many of the organisation's volunteers have personal experience of kidney disease and can offer advice and support on a very individual and personal basis. There was something for everyone on the Fun Day - stalls included jewellery and gems, knitted items, scarves, ornaments, toiletries,

cookery books and equipment, cakes and stationery. Activities included Face Painting, 'Decorate a Cupcake', Tombola and a Throwing the Dice game. There was a Bouncy Castle for the youngsters, while their parents could try their luck and win a car! The

crowds started to roll up from an early hour, and while this was certainly a Fun Day, it was a good opportunity to raise awareness about the work of the Tyneside Kidney Patients Association, and to raise funds for a very worthy charity.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spaghetti Bolognese

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 Serve for a main meal
 Serve with parmesan cheese

INGREDIENTS
 400 g minced beef
 2 onions
 Large can of tomatoes
 1 tablespoon wholemeal flour
 150 ml water + 1 stock cube
 1 tsp mixed herbs or basil
 1 tablespoon tomato puree
 2 carrots
 200 g spaghetti (plain or wholemeal)
 Parmesan cheese to serve

METHOD
 1. Peel and chop the onions.

2. Peel and grate the carrots.
 3. Put the mince and onions in a large saucepan and cook gently for 5-6 minutes
 4. Sprinkle the flour in. Add the tomatoes, carrots, tomato puree, stock cube and herbs and 150 ml water.
 5. Bring to the boil and simmer gently for 45 minutes.
 6. Bring a large pan of water to the boil. Hold the spaghetti in the pan and push it down gently into the water as it softens.

7. Boil for 20 minutes until it feels rubbery when pressed between finger and thumb.
 8. Drain the spaghetti and spread over the serving dish which has been warmed.
 9. Pour the Bolognese sauce into the centre.
 10. Serve the parmesan cheese separately in a small bowl.

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This event is always full of contradictions. There is the sadness of children leaving primary school felt by all who were there and the joy of those pupils growing up changing direction in their lives with great hopes for the future. This year the awards took place in five parts interspersed with prayers and readings from the children along with some lively singing of hymns appropriate to the occasion.

Rev Rupert Kalus gave the introduction and the Blessing. In 'The Talk', he involved the children who unpacked a rucksack full of items which could be needed, symbolically, in the step up to their next school. Prayers in the service were read by

children including prayers of thankfulness, for hope, for the global community and parents. There was a delightful dramatisation of the story of 'David and Goliath' well narrated and well performed with excellent synchronisation by those who took part. It portrayed another message to the year 6 leavers.

The award ceremony was light and varied as each child stood to hear a few words said about them by Head and Deputy Head teachers. This was done in a lighthearted way where some humorous stories were revealed. They received a scroll, bible, and a piece of a jigsaw which made up the pupils in year 6. The awards continued and there were quite a few who achieved 100% attendance. The Rotary Club awards were presented by President, Malcolm Dryden. Sam

Steele and Esca Hocking received this award on behalf of the year 5 Forest Garden project team who worked at Villa Real School. The Year 2 Citizenship Award was won by Lukas Quinney and the same award for Year 6 by Caitlin Taylor. Jane Dancer, Henry's mum, presented the prestigious Henry Dancer Memorial Award to very worthy recipient, Sam Wilson.

After the final hymn the Head Teacher said a few words in praise of the staff, parents and those on the staff who had suffered long term illnesses and were retiring. She also mentioned how Rev Rupert had made such a huge positive impact on the school.

The retiring collection was for the school's chosen charities this year: Sponsorship of a Child's Education in Africa and The Dog's Trust.



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Sam Wilson (Henry Dancer Memorial award), Caitlin Taylor (Year 6 Citizenship Award) and Lukas Quinney (Year 2 Citizenship award).



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GOLDEN DAYS FOR ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The students of All Saints' Primary School celebrated the end of their academic year by enjoying a traditional picnic. It was a mild, summer day as the children gathered on the playing field and settled down in their classes to share a feast of savouries, cakes, crisps, and juice. Their guest of honour was Canon Spence and the

youngsters had dressed in bright summery colours, with many wearing gold, to mark the golden anniversary of his ordination as a priest.



Canon Spence joins in the fun

A MUSICAL TREAT

The Durham Music Service exists to enrich the teaching of music in County Durham. One of their ways of doing this is allowing specialist musicians to go into schools all over the county to teach music. They are all trained teachers but with a specialist knowledge of their subject.

A group of these teachers visited the EP school on Tuesday July 16th. They had put together a clever combination of story told through word and instrument. Each teacher played an instrument, one of whom was Wendy Hughes of Lanchester, who played her flute, exquisitely as she always does. Other instruments used were: drum, clarinet, violin, guitar, xylophone,

trumpet and piano. As teachers they were well skilled in establishing a rapport with their audience, who were soon involved in this very good performance. The pupils interacted with the musicians to join in some of the songs and action and their enjoyment was plain to see.

One of the teachers wore a Goldilocks wig and a large cuddly teddy bear took centre stage. He was the baby bear from the story of Goldilocks and the three bears, whose chair had been broken by Goldilocks. She then took the baby bear on a journey to various other story book characters to see if they could mend his chair. A little song which the pupils picked up easily was sung between each story book stop, where

the following characters were met. They were: the scary wolf in 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Cinderella', 'Snow White', 'The Three Little Pigs', and 'The Babes in the Wood'. The youngsters could easily identify with the characters and entered into the fun of it all especially pretending to be scared of the Big Bad Wolf. To close their performance the musicians talked a little about their instruments and the use of them, making the whole programme a very good learning experience. The children's enthusiastic applause showed how much they had enjoyed it. One pupil was heard to say, "I wish they would do it all over again".

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Goldilocks and Baby Bear from the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears'

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WILLIAM AND STRIDER



William with Strider escorted to the edge of the village by Lucy Bramwell Dunn of Low Meadows, Lanchester

Man and horse attempt to ride and walk the bridle paths around England, a journey of 2500 miles, which will take 6 months! What sort of a man is this? Is he mad, eccentric? No, he's an ordinary, modest unassuming man, but one who can face many challenges despite setbacks with some exceptional determination. He began riding in New Delhi where he stayed for 6 years then returned to horse riding in the 1990s and was a Bridleways Officer.

William Reddaway aged 65 is from Cheltenham, enjoyed a good life with three completely unrelated careers. After retiring he spent 2 years and 300 hours planning this trip, finding accommodation, vets, farriers and studying 100 Ordinance Survey maps. He bought Strider in 2012, a 13 years old 17 hands Clydesdale Cross Thoroughbred.

He decided to visit 30 cathedrals on route to gain maximum publicity, and with the exception of Coventry Cathedral, they have never changed location.

As Strider has been saddle sore since arriving at Burnley, William has had to dismount and lead the horse for the continuing journey from there to Berwick and south to Lanchester, where he stayed the night at Low Meadows, Lanchester,

the home of Lucy Bramwell Dunn. This distance is 345 miles and he expects to walk alongside Strider for at least another 350 miles before the horse is fit to wear a saddle. Next stop is Durham Cathedral then West Auckland.

William is determined to beat the friends and sceptics who said this journey could not be done. He possesses only two sets of clothes and bare essentials. If his horse falls ill for a month he will wait for him to recover, if this means more than a month he will borrow another horse. They travel for about eight hours each day with two 'rest' days when William lives on the computer updating Facebook, blogs and organising essential services. The walk/ride target is 25 miles per day. There are lonely times, boring times, funny occasions and busy happy moments on this epic journey where he has met some wonderful hosts. Five days will be spent in London then it's off towards Lands End before returning to base at Farncombe Estate near Shrewsbury. William plans to raise £250,000 split between two charities - 'The Family Holiday Association' and 'The Wormwood Scrubs Pony Centre'. To follow William and donate please visit 'www.ridearoundengland.org'.

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LATEST FROM CRICKET CLUB

The firsts remain in the pack behind top spot but it was a break even month. They opened the month with a win over Leadgate with Paul Underwood scoring a second unbeaten century. The game was more notable for having 13 year old Arran Halliday open the bowling, the youngest player to do so. And he took a wicket. Disappointingly that was followed by a defeat to Ponteland by three wickets, despite the best efforts of Michael Lukic who took five of them. They were back on the winning trail when Lintz came to visit knocking off their total with five wickets to spare. Finally there came defeat at the

hands of Ryton and Consett was rained off. The seconds had a better month, winning easily at Newcastle City but then like a first team echo, falling at the hands of Ponteland, before soundly beating Lintz and Ashington. Paul Burn and Tony Dumighan took four Newcastle wickets each as they were bowled out for just 79 and then lost one wicket in knocking off the total. Against Ponteland, the batting failed for the first time and were comfortably beaten, leaving the team an uphill battle to retain their title. They bounced back well with a win by over one hundred runs at Lintz, Paul Burn and Mattie Callaghan both

contributing seventies. Ashington were surprisingly bowled out with a whimper and an easy win. Rain ruined the fixture with Consett. The thirds look set for second spot after losing their title showdown at Shotley Bridge. It was a close game with Nathan Somersall top scoring with 46 in a total of 192. Shotley managed to pass our score with the loss of six wickets. The side has done extremely well to get where they are and never better with a 6 run win at Cowgate. Youngsters Chris Tully and Dan Smith led the scoring and veteran Andy McConnell picked up four wickets. Percy Main conceded their fixture with us.

TENNIS CLUB AT WIMBLEDON!!

On Thursday 8th August, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club was privileged to be part of an event at the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon, SW19, London. It had been a tradition that clubs were invited to Wimbledon as they celebrated 100 years in existence, but due to work on Centre Court and the Olympics, these visits were suspended for several years. This meant that no arrangement could be made for Lanchester's own centenary year in 2011. However earlier this year the club, along with five other clubs, were invited to send 3 men and 3 ladies to play. Within the conditions advised by the All England club and the club's own criteria, 6 members were invited to attend and on 8th August, Dennis and Jane Laycock, Pam Graham, Sally Laverick, Ian Murray and Grant Ridley found themselves enjoying the hospitality of SW19,

along with teams from Essex, Kent, Warwick, Wales and Ireland. The day began with a very interesting and informative tour of the grounds, press centre and show courts. The picture shows our group with Chris Hutchins, who just happens to be Andy Murray's best friend and doubles partner. Following lunch, there was an energetic and fun warm-up by All England coach, Dan Bloxham, including a brief introduction into the training of being a ball boy or girl. A round robin tournament then took

place involving the other teams including one from the All England club. The matches were played on the courts in the shadow of Centre Court. The grass was in superb condition, almost carpet like but really firm beneath and, as you would expect, a truly perfect playing surface. After the tournament, everyone met for dinner and each club received a gift of two books on Wimbledon and its history. A really memorable and wonderful day was enjoyed by everyone.



Members with Chris Hutchins

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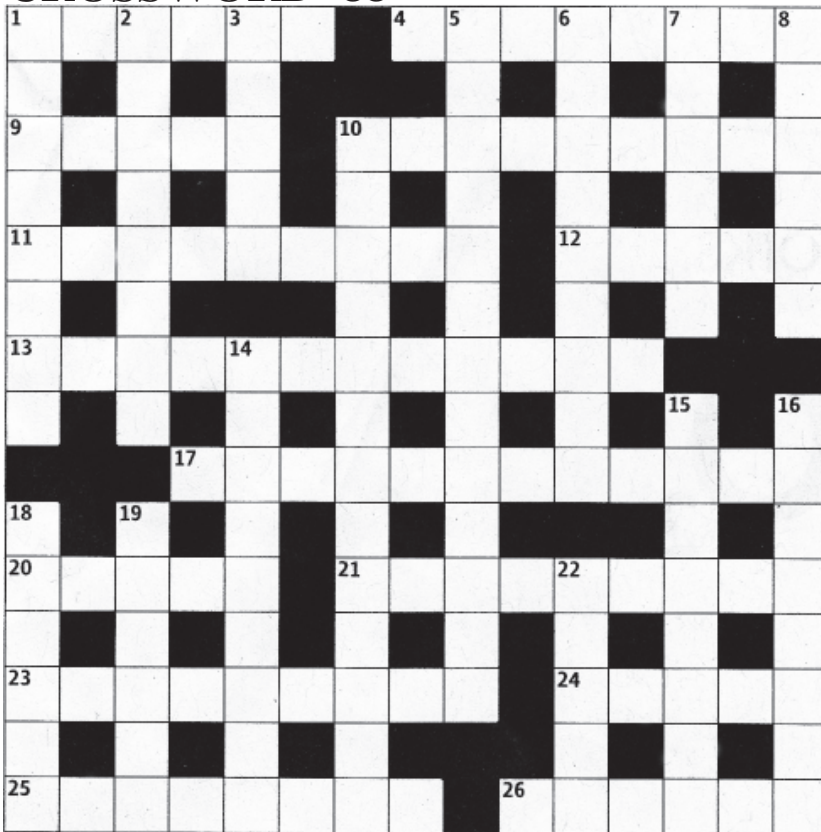
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ACROSS

1. Faked (6)
4. Rum scone for shopper (8)
9. Overindulgence (5)
10. Residence for the highways and byways (5,4)
11. Beguile (9)
12. Goes with time, number and minister (5)
13. Citizens of Baku? (12)
17. It was spoken between 1901 and 1952 (5,7)
20. City on the Missouri (5)
21. Fear Inuit anger (9)
23. South American fruit (6,3)
24. Thread holder (5)
25. Recurred (8)
26. Citizen of Budapest? (6)

DOWN

1. Gala (8)
2. Ared fire is exclusive (8)
3. Apply (5)
5. A p p a r e n t l y (2,3,4,2,2)
6. Powerful app bound with string (9)
7. Citizens of Christchurch? (6)
8. Joint (6)
10. Habitual grumbler (7,6)
14. Army officer (9)
15. Adroitly (anag.) (8)
16. Charmer led where? (8)
18. Lancaster or Wellington for example (6)
19. Empty can put in vat (6)
22. In short, a member of Jamaican sect (5)

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CROSSWORD 87

There were 16 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Mary Hole of Lee Hill Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

5. marvel
6. insect
9. stingy
10. inverted
11. hero
12. natural gas
13. odds and ends
18. desperados
21. flag
22. holistic
23. loaded
24. tenant
25. icecap

DOWN

1. Cranford
2. Kenyan
3. Universe
4. petrol
5. metier
7. toerag
8. sitting duck
14. scrutiny
15. defiance
16. revolt
17. ease up
19. pliant
20. select

SUDOKU

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

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PROUD DAY FOR LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

Durham President and Lanchester Bowling Club Secretary Ken Raper was a very proud man when Bowls Durham announced that this year's County Finals would be held on Lanchester's green. 28th July was set and a small committee was formed to make sure all went smoothly on the day. After weeks of very hot and sunny weather the day finally arrived. Unfortunately the only detail the committee could not control was the weather. On the Saturday night the heavens opened and after a long period of heavy rain the green was flooded. Early on the Sunday morning members of Lanchester Bowling Club turned up, but after many hours of valiant effort to try and make the green playable Bowls Durham had no choice but to cancel the event and ask Lanchester to organise it for the following Sunday. They readily agreed and set about reorganising the event. All the extra work was worth it because the rearranged event went

extremely well and was enjoyed by a large crowd who came along to watch and support the bowlers. There were 5 finals, one in the morning and 4 in the afternoon, the standard of bowling was extremely high, some of the players had represented England and many were County Bowlers. Two finals could not be played on the Sunday due to the players having other commitments, so their finals were played during the week. The full results can be found on Bowls Durham website www.bowlsdurham.com. Ken Raper gave special thanks to the ladies from the club who prepared a splendid buffet and served hot drinks throughout the day. He said "a very hard shift was put in by the ladies who worked tirelessly throughout the day, they made all the visitors very welcome and were always on hand to serve them refreshments". He went on to thank all the club members who turned up on the day; without their support and hard work the day would not have

been a success. He also thanked the Head Teacher Mrs Helen Johnson of the Green School for allowing the Bowls club to use the school as a changing room for the bowlers. He closed the day by saying "Lanchester Bowling Club is a very friendly club and everybody is welcome. We can't promise Durham Finals every year but we can promise a warm welcome to anybody who wishes to come along and enjoy a game of bowls."

Final League Positions
Yet again our Monday team has finished in second place in their league behind Dipton. Our Tuesday team finished creditably considering that each week we field many members new to bowling. Sadly our Wednesday evening team did not fair too well but I'm sure they enjoyed their matches. There are still competitions on-going - more news next month.

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LADIES WHO LUNCH

Out and about this month we were actually on our way to the Vallum up on the Military Road only to find that when we reached the Stagshaw roundabout our exit - 5 miles from where we wanted to be - was closed. But hey, we'd come out for lunch - should we go on to the George at Chollerford or should we give the Errington Arms (which is situated right on the Stagshaw roundabout) a go? Well, that's what we did and we were most pleasantly surprised. Lots of folks already in there

happily eating, a welcoming staff, comfortable surroundings with Frank Sinatra gently serenading in the background + a good choice menu. They had daily specials, a sandwich menu, an à la carte and a 2 course for £10.95 or 3 course for £13.95 option. We sampled beer battered fish with handcut chips and tartare sauce, ovenroast chicken breast on a bed of red cabbage with bacon and a mushroom and mustard sauce + lots of tiny new

potatoes, also a seafood platter of herb crusted seabass, crab cake, garlic tiger prawns, calamari, a salmon fillet with fresh tartare sauce and handcut chips. It was all absolutely delicious and we were all so full that we passed on the puds - quite unbelievable (we'll do better next time). So our meal finished off with some lovely coffee. We'd had a lovely journey out, a most enjoyable meal and we'd go again - but we do intend getting to the Vallum next time!

The Gourmet Girls

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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WHAT'S ON?

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Our next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September in the small hall of the Community Centre arriving at 7 o'clock for 7.15 start. Please remember the slightly later arrival and start time, thank you.

Our speaker will be Katherine Beer on May Wilson - Postmistress at Witton Gilbert, with the competition 'an interesting postcard'. Visitors are as always very welcome.

Lanchester Brass Band Annual Patron's Night

This event takes place in the Methodist Church on Wednesday September 4th at 7.30 pm. Tickets for this are £5 in advance or £6 at the door. Ring 520749 if you want advance tickets. Everyone is welcome. Please note that the band can supply an instrument and tuition if anyone is interested. New members would be most welcome.

Open House

Everyone is welcome at the Open House in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 5th September, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

History Society

The first meeting of the new season will be held in the Dining Room of the Community Centre at 7.30 pm on Friday 6th September. The Speaker will be Bill Saunders, who will give a talk on an 'Historical Walk along the Quayside'.

Junior/Family Wildlife

Sunday 22nd September, a visit to Malton. Meet in the car park at 10 am.

Country Market

On Saturday 7th September, 10 am - 12 noon, come along to the Country Market in the Community Centre for your fresh produce, cakes, pies, jams, chutneys, eggs, plants, etc.

Short Circuit Walks

7th September, 10.30 am, Rothbury, 5 miles with some steep ascents. Possibility of finding traces of early settlers. Meet in the car park at the riverside in Rothbury, NU057015. Please note that access from the A697 is via the B6341, not the B6344.

21st September, Away Day to Kilburn by coach. Booking essential. Tel David Moore, 0191 2852925, for details.

Social Club Entertainment

Saturday 7th September, Vicky Laws, Brilliant Young Singer

Saturday 14th September, Alfie Dobson, Excellent Vocalist

Saturday 21st September, J J Stephens, Female Vocal Entertainer

Saturday 28th September, Simon Caine, Vocal Entertainer

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 10th September at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre, Craig Best will give an Update on the Bog at Hedleyhope Fell.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting is on Wednesday 11th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House when Joan Wardrobe will speak on the work the Mothers' Union does in prisons.

Early Music Festival

Saturday 7th September at 7.30 pm, The Parish Church of All Saints, Lanchester.

"This is the Record of John", a Programme of sublime Music for the English Church by Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) including favourite Full Anthems, Verse Anthems and The Second Service Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, with organ and harpsichord music by The Clerkes of Durham directed by Andrew Fowler with Dr Ian Brunt (organ and harpsichord). Tickets £8 with concessions £5 and those unwaged, under 18 years or full-time students free. Refreshments during the programme interval will be served in the Chapter House. Admission at the door, or reservations in advance by enclosing an SAE to Dr Ian Brunt, The Lodge, Lanchester, County Durham, DH7 0LF, with cheques made payable to "All Saints Lanchester PCC".

Thursday Club

Come September we will be welcoming Les Howe to our meeting on the 19th to tell us all about 'Silversmithing'. Then, on Thursday 26th September we shall be holding a Coffee Morning at 10-11.30 am in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, tickets £1 from any Thursday Club member. Coffee + cake, raffle + tombola - all in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance - look forward to seeing you there.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 25th September at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, Christine Ogle of Morpeth will give a demonstration entitled 'A Touch of Glass'.

Durham Dramatic Society

DDS will be mounting a production of 'Bull in a China Shop' by C E Guildford, from Sunday, 22nd September to Saturday 28th September, in The City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Durham, DH1 3RA. The play concerns a boarding house of eccentric spinsters, who discover that a handsome bachelor lives across the street. When they discover that he is a detective on the Murder Squad, they realise that murder is the only way to get him to visit them. The results may be seen in this hilarious comedy.

Performances start at 2.30 pm on Sunday and 7.30 pm on Monday to Saturday. Tickets are available from The Gala Theatre Box Office, Millennium Square, Durham; Tel: 0191 332 4041

Tickets cost £6.50. Concessions are available at £5.00 on Sunday and Monday only.

Games Night

On Wednesday, 25th September come along to our Bingo and Fun Quiz in Satley Village Hall at 7.00 pm. Admission only £1. Everybody welcome.

PACT Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th September at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Race Night

Lanchester Table Tennis Club are holding a Race Night on 28th September at the Community Centre, first race 7 pm. Tickets £2 to include supper, raffle and quiz. Please bring your own drinks - all the family are welcome. Just turn up on the night or contact John Cook on 0191 4886645.

Beamish Quilters - Workshop Day

Come along to learn some valuable patchwork techniques and contribute towards a community lap quilt to be donated to Willow Burn Hospice. Join us at Beamish Quilters on Saturday 28th September in the dining room at the Community Centre. Bring a packed lunch and enjoy the full day.

We are running a workshop day from 10 am till 4 pm with a qualified tutor who will be teaching the necessary skills to construct a 9 patch block. The cost for the day will be around £15 per person. All materials are provided for the workshop and full written instructions will be given so that you will have a ready reference for working on your own projects at home. If you enjoy the day we would love for you to join us at our bi-monthly meetings to carry on your good work.

Further information can be sought from Lyn Davison at lindyloo08@outlook.com, telephone 07703 218984 or from Elaine Williams 01207 520063 or Alison at the Community Centre.

Craft and Chat

On Monday 30th September from 7.00 to 9.30 pm in the Community Centre. £10 includes wine, nibbles and all materials. Pre-book at the Community Centre, 01207 521275.

Reading Group

We begin our next session on Tuesday 1st October at 2 pm until 3.30 pm in the Chapter House of the Parish Church. The book we are starting with is 'Remarkable Creatures' by Tracy Chevalier. New members are always welcome. Suzanne Eckford-529155.

Are you a Bridge player?

For the past 5 years Bridge has been held once a month on a Sunday afternoon during the winter months. I know it's hard to believe that one day the weather will get cooler and evenings darker but it will. So why don't all you Bridge players out there put the 6th October in your diaries and come along to the Lanchester Community Centre (Small Hall) at 2.00 pm to play bridge with a friendly group of people and at the same time help the Community Centre raise some much needed funds. Cost of entry £3, including tea (coffee if preferred) and biscuits. There is also a raffle and the winners of the bridge get a small memento of their success. If you want further information give John Hurran a ring, 01207 520288, or call into the Community Centre and ask for details.

Ceilidh

Saturday October 12th - keep the date! Lanchester Partnership will hold its Autumn Ceilidh at the Social Club, with dancing to the Moorcock Ceilidh Band.

For tickets please ring 528 114 or contact any Partnership trustee. Everyone is welcome!

Art Group Exhibition

It's THAT time again ... Saturday October 19th - Sunday 20th at the Community Centre from 10am till 5pm. Admission 50p.

Once again the hall will be filled with hundreds of wonderful original paintings to be admired, discussed, and bought. Mouth watering cakes, sandwiches, pies etc can also be enjoyed in the tea room. Put the date in your diary.

Paradiso Club

Advance notice of new season of socials starting in October.

The Socials will be held on the second Sunday of each month and we are changing the start time to 6.30 pm in order that we are able to finish, on most occasions, by 9 pm. The first Social of the new season will therefore be on Sunday October 13th. Socials are held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre and involve Refreshments, a Raffle, and a film shown on the BIG SCREEN. The film we are screening at the Social on October 13th is SKYFALL, the latest James Bond movie.

Anyone is welcome to come and become members of the Club. This is not obligatory but gives you discounted entry to each Social. Membership is £5 per annum.

Entry fees are as follows:
Members £2.50,
Occasional visitors £3.50,
Young persons £2. Look forward to seeing you!

Fireworks to continue

As we previously announced the Lions were unable to continue the successful Village Fireworks and Bonfire.

The cricket club is now at an advanced stage with preparations to continue the event to hold a bonfire and fireworks on 2nd November, 6.30 pm, at the same venue, the cricket club in Kitswell Road.

There are safety and administrative issues still to be resolved. More details will follow in the Village Voice. Volunteers to act as stewards are most welcome. Please email Jonathan.hames@outlook.com if you can help in any way.

The club also requests the continuing support of local residents, who are inconvenienced during the event.



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Well done to all involved - playing, coaching and supporting in the 2013-14 season.



*Left to right: James, Adam, Kieran, Simon, Sam, Nathan and Tom.
Unavailable on the night were other team members Luca, Ben and Tristan.*

PROUD DAY FOR LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB



Bowls Durham President and Secretary of Lanchester Bowling Club, Ken Raper, presents the singles trophy to Andrew Kirtland of Darlington. It was the 4th time he had won the singles championship.



Action from the County Triples Final held at Lanchester Bowling Club on Sunday 4th August.



Members of Lanchester Bowling Club who worked tirelessly to provide refreshments on County Finals Day.

Left to right: Rosemary Fawcett, Anne Hurran, Dorothy Turnbull and Dorothy Campbell.



The flooded green at Lanchester on 28th July.

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NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by Tuesday 17th September. The deadline for **adverts** is 15th September.

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