

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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ZIP WIRE HEROINES



Betty Hawkins and Betty Walton



Jillian Brown on her way across the Tyne

Red Cross helpers have certainly made the news. If you thought Bear Grylls with the Olympic Torch was fantastic - what about this! These women volunteers at the local Red Cross Shop all zipwired across the Tyne from the top of the Baltic to the other side. Now their names, not to be forgotten: Betty Hawkins aged 83, Betty Walton 77 years and Jillian Brown 27. This was a superb courageous effort which raised £1200 for new wheelchairs at Durham/Teesside Branch of the Red Cross. Well done ladies!

A GLORIOUS FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC



Just one of the colourful displays in All Saints Catholic Church to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Canon Spence, July 14th 1963.

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Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice

I am writing to you to tell you about the Library in Lanchester, I fear that if we do not start using it, it shall shut and it shall be too late to start using this wonderful building. I started using the Library when my mum told me that instead of buying new books, I could borrow books from the Library. So from then on I started using this great facility. The Librarians in the Library are always on the lookout for new customers and are really helpful ladies. Any book you request is either there, or in another Library ready to order. There is a young readers section, a junior section

and an adults section to enjoy. Although many people already know about the Library, some people either don't know about it or don't bother to use it.

I know that lots of people love to read and would be extremely upset if the Library closed, but soon that will unfortunately be the case. I think that the Lanchester community would start using it if only people start mentioning it. Yours sincerely Verity Place (age 9)

Dear Village Voice

In April, my family lost a fantastic friend - Graham Hayes of Meadow Way - to cancer.

Graham and his family received tremendous support from Macmillan Nurses, enabling him to be cared for at home. Whilst he was well enough, Graham, himself, did a lot to raise funds for Macmillan. With his blessing, I entered and was subsequently accepted, for my first Great North Run on 15th September - to run for Team Macmillan. Sadly, I

will now be running in memory of Graham.

May I please, via your column, put a sponsorship plea out to all Village Voice readers, to help raise money for this fantastic charity.

If you would like to help you can visit my website at: www.justgiving.com/Dan-Graham1

Alternatively you can spot me on my paper round (Deanery View, Durham Road, Oakwood).

Thank you all in advance; I will let you all know how I get on.

Yours faithfully, Dan Graham, aged 18

DELIVERER WANTED

Deliverer wanted for the Greenwell Park area, a round of 40 papers. Usual rates apply, ie not a penny, but the upside is you will meet interesting people and travel to far away places or at least they will seem far away if you happen to live on the other side of the Village. Many thanks to our retiring volunteers, the Graham family, who have delivered for the past couple of years but due to work commitments have to call it a day.

May I remind one and all that the deliverers are all volunteers so if your Voice arrives a little bit late sometimes then maybe they are busy or away for a few days, so please be patient and if you feel that you would like to get involved but maybe not on a regular basis then call me, Mike Stoddart, on 520291 and join the emergency volunteers who will be called on a few times a year to cover for holidays, illness etc.

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for June 2013 is 39. The draw

was made by Mrs Judy Lowther of the Thursday Art Club.

APOLOGY

Reference the letter in our June issue about the flood in the late 60s, this was sent in by Margaret Bramley (not Bramwell) which was the name printed at the end of the letter. Many people will remember John and Margaret who lived in the village for many years before moving to Beadnell.

We are sorry for this mistake.

LANCHESTER ARMS



Lanchester Arms, scaffold erected, all set, ready for demolition.

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ST BEDE'S - CHANGE AT THE TOP

After 39 years' service, the last four as Head Teacher, Maria Mathews is retiring at the end of the summer term. She will hand over her post to current Deputy Head, Neville Harrison.

Maria said, "I will be very sad to leave this wonderful school. I will miss the children and staff - the whole community, working with families, charities, forging relationships and bringing success, often through lots of hard messages. This is an inclusive school where the vulnerable are looked after. The heart of our mission is that everything has to be excellent". In her 'retirement' Maria is looking forward to being with her first grandchild, Rory James. She intends to travel, carry out inspections for the diocese and take on some consultancy work. Neville Harrison is taking over a huge challenge and responsibility. There are 257 staff at the school, 1500 pupils and the

largest intake of pupils next term and the biggest 6th form ever. Originally from Penrith, Neville, a talented footballer, was on Arsenal's books as a young lad until the age of 17. He tends to keep this quiet so only a few people know about it. He was taught for 9 years at Stanley

Comprehensive and has spent the last 18 years at St Bede's. Neville intends to continue supporting traditions, links, and the philosophy of an inclusive school. He said, "St Bede's is a school proven in teaching 'A' level to a high standard." Maria and staff have always supported The Village Voice. The team would like to wish her continued good health



"Well Neville, it will be all yours soon." Maria Mathews, Head of St Bede Catholic School and 6th Form College wishing Deputy Head, Neville Harrison, her successor, the best of luck in his new post.

and every happiness in her retirement and offer Neville our congratulations on his appointment.

GOLDEN JUBILEE



Canon Spence preparing to cut the Golden Jubilee cake while celebrating the anniversary of his Ordination with family and friends after Sunday Mass on 14th July.

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A GLORIOUS FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Glorious sunshine was the backdrop for a fantastic and inspiring weekend of Flowers and Music celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the priestly ordination of Canon Robert Spence.

All Saints Catholic Church was overflowing with glorious flowers: deepest blue and pastel mauve, vibrant red and pretty pink, purest white, golden orange, sunny yellow, and every shade and texture of green.

Our imaginations were transported from the shores of Lindisfarne, through the hedgerows of the northern countryside, to the peace of our own village green; from ordination in Rome, to the celebration of the Sacraments so central to Canon Spence's ministry. And then to Darlington and the Vatican, Shakespeare and theology, travel and literature, sport and friendship - cleverly displayed reminders of Canon Spence's truly 'catholic' interests.

Framed with flowers, our schools, All Saints and St Bede's, presented art work reflecting the Celtic Christian connections of our northern heritage.

The sculpture of 'Saint Bede' by Fenwick Lawson, 'The Prodigal Son' of Rembrandt and a unique 'Photo Gallery' of Canon Spence touched our hearts, coloured our imaginations and tickled our sense of humour. Enveloped by symbols of hospitality on each window sill, we were reminded of the welcome for friend and stranger alike.

And there was music too! Some of our local organists, pianists, cellist and singers, generously offered their time and talents to give a unique dimension to the whole festival. And of course there was the sparkling organ accompanying Mozart's 'Missa Brevis'. With a nice cup of coffee or tea and a great selection of treats, visitors could enjoy the whole experience.

Thanks must go to the team of arrangers and assistants who worked so hard, but were justly rewarded with a tribute worthy of our affection for Canon Spence. A sentiment echoed by every visitor.

Congratulations to Canon Spence for 50 years as our priest and friend.



The Photo Gallery of Canon Spence



The Village green

ST BEDE'S PROM, 2013



Left to right: Amy Fenwick; Elly Gibson; Sophie Taylor and Courtney Chilvers relax before setting off for their 'Prom' held at the Hilton Hotel, Gateshead.



St Bede's students at the Hilton Hotel, from left to right: Sarah Barsby, Ellie Caile, Aimee Whitton, Amy Piggot, Shannon Harrop, Bethany Hannaby, Amy Rowland, Krista Tallentire and Emma Donkin.

SIXTY ONE YEARS OF THE LANCHESTER SHOW

Lanchester Agricultural Show celebrated its 61st year on July 7th. Over the last few years, the Show once known as the 'Sunshine Show' has suffered from bad weather. Indeed, last year, torrential rain meant that a drier location had to be sought, at Streatlam Park showground, near Barnard Castle. This year the popular event returned to its usual home, on the outskirts of the village.

The early morning weather was changeable, but gradually the day settled into a warm and sunny morning. Large crowds gathered from an early hour, with a constant stream of cars rolling into the car parks. There was an excited buzz about the showground, as animals were brushed and groomed and exercised, to ensure they all looked their best in their competitions. The food stalls did a roaring trade

right from the start of the show - a hog roast, burgers, fries, ices, donuts and coffee outlets were all busy, with the bar attracting thirsty customers as the day progressed. As the morning wore on, the sun appeared and it proved a hot experience for the horses and dogs waiting for their competitions. The organisers of the Show are making a great effort to return the event to what

it had been before the Foot and Mouth outbreak, with a wide range of riding events taking place in 7 rings, but there was something to interest everyone: Highland cattle, birds of prey, sheep, and a strong contingent of dogs attracted viewers young and old. A Craft tent, with a wide range of local merchandise and toiletries tempted the crowds, and there was a

strong presence from the local Young Farmers, with their 'Guess How Many Balloons in our Tractor' contribution. Durham Constabulary manned an information stand, and the Pet stall showed a huge range of goods for animals. The good weather ensured our local show attracted the crowds, and hopefully this popular event can build on an excellent year, to ensure further success.



Barkway Minstrel (Sweep) - first ridden pony - ridden by Jessica Walby, aged 9



Barny the Owl loves to show off to admirers! The birds of prey attracted a lot of interest!

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Summer finally seems to have arrived. In the two weeks leading up to the end of the parliamentary session temperatures in London reached 30 degrees and above regularly (I do hope it is not raining while you are reading this). Parliament has been hot and sticky and the last couple of Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) have been rather bad-tempered sessions on both front benches with a wall of sound behind. My general view of PMQs, the whole macho gladiatorial arena bit, is that most male MPs love it whilst most female MPs don't. I really enjoyed the Miners Gala on 13th July and took a picture from the balcony of the County

Hotel of the Burnhope banner and the Lanchester Brass Band. Next year the Lanchester banner will be joining the Burnhope banner and the Lanchester Brass Band for the first time and I look forward to marching into the Gala behind both of them. Over the summer I hope to get some time away and camping in France (as we have done for 25 years) is the favoured option but I will be in the constituency for most of the recess. I have meetings arranged with local GPs and at least one hospital visit. I am looking forward to the turf lifting ceremony for the new Willow Burn Hospice and have set aside time to catch up with local housing companies on the

impact of the most recent housing benefit changes. I will be meeting with local businesses and traders as well as with residents and staff in local care homes. I have also arranged some community surgeries/coffee mornings that will also be attended by the Police Commissioner, Police and PCSO staff, as well as representatives of local housing companies, Prince Bishops credit union and Age Concern. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the departing Headteacher of St Bede's, Mrs Maria Matthews, for her hard work and dedicated service to the school. I wish her a happy retirement and I send my best wishes to her successor. Pat Glass MP

MINERS' BANNER PROGRESS UPDATE

Thanks to funding from the County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget and private donations, the necessary conservation work on the Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner can be undertaken. Jim Devenport, a Fine Art Conservationist in Hexham, and Kate Stockwell, a Textile Conservationist in Leeds, have been appointed and hope to start early in August. Interviews were held in June to appoint companies to produce a replica banner for use outside and to organise banner-making workshops which will take place in the schools early in 2014. Both

projects will be carried out by Durham Bannermakers. These will be followed by Rapper and Clog Dance workshops under the guidance of Aubrey O'Brien of Lanchester. It is hoped to distribute information packs to every household and to public places such as the library. These will be produced by another Lanchester resident, Michael Knowles. It is also hoped to organise a Celebration Event in June 2014 in which the whole community can take part. If you are interested in joining the Lanchester Miners' Banner Group, please contact Sally Laverick on 01207521957.

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A REMARKABLE MAN REMEMBERED



Left, Secretary of the Society, Ray Thompson, and The Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham unveil the headstone of J W Fawcett

On the afternoon of Sunday 30th June a headstone was unveiled in the churchyard of St Cuthbert, Satley, in memory of James William Fawcett, BA, LLB, who had died in Satley in 1942 at the age of eighty. The ceremony had been organised by the Satley J W Fawcett Local History Society and the unveiling was performed by the Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham, Andrew Martell. The stone was funded by money raised by the Society and a grant from the Durham County Council Community Foundation. Proceedings were introduced by Secretary Ray Thompson, who thanked Mr Martell, the Foundation and members for their hard work.

Mr Fawcett was a truly remarkable man; at the age of twelve he was

appointed rate-collector for Buttsfield Township, at thirteen it is reported he could speak fourteen languages, this totalling 33 eventually, and at eighteen became an Army interpreter. For seventeen years he was the friend of Lord Kitchener of Khartoum in Egypt and he travelled the world extensively. In Australia he studied Law and was appointed Chief Stipendiary Magistrate for Kennedy, NSW and became their MP. However, he finally returned to his beloved Satley, his family having been associated with the area since 1596. He published many papers and books about the local area and the parish registers of Satley, Muggleswick and Lanchester, which necessitated a great deal of research and travelling on foot as there was no public transport. He was

regarded in high academic esteem internationally and was awarded thirteen Honorary Degrees. The unveiling ceremony was attended by many people including some who could remember Mr Fawcett and also some relatives, descendants of his sister Harriet. He died in poverty and obscurity and was laid to rest in an unmarked grave, next to his father. However, the Society, formed in 2010, which also includes the history of the area around Satley and its people in its research, has achieved one of the initial aims, that is to provide a fitting memorial to Satley's forgotten son. Members are delighted that people who knew Mr Fawcett and some of his relatives, who had been traced by members, attended and hope to find out more about the personal life of this remarkable historian.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VISITS LANCHESTER

The Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg has been in the region visiting businesses that have received support from the Regional Growth Fund, a grant aiming to help successful businesses grow and offer employment to people in the local area.

Visiting Greencroft Bottling and their sister company Lanchester Wine Cellars on June 14th, Mr Clegg was hugely impressed by the rate of employment and fast growth of the companies. The Lanchester Group, which employs over 250 local people, has taken on 32 staff since the end of

April and will well surpass the 92 new jobs the RGF targeted.

Lanchester Group's RGF grant was applied for and won in 2011 and has been an invaluable cash injection, freeing the group to press ahead with expansion plans and employ the necessary staff to do so.

Mr Clegg was guided around the Greencroft site by Tony Cleary, Managing Director of Lanchester Wine Cellars, and Mark Satchwell, Managing Director of Greencroft Bottling, discussing the impact receiving the grant has had in helping reduce

unemployment in the area as well as talking to directors, existing staff and new employees.

The Group's commitment to renewable energy was also of great interest, with

the plans for development all focused around responsible sources of power, ensuring changes are long lasting and sustainable. The warehouse site is almost

entirely powered by wind, with surplus power feeding into the Leadgate and Annfield Plain Grids, offsetting the group's transport carbon footprint.



From left to right: Veronica Cleary - Director - Lanchester Group, Mark Satchwell - Director - Lanchester Group and MD of Greencroft Bottling, Nick Clegg, Tony Cleary - Director - Lanchester Group and MD of Lanchester Wines, Audrey Close - Finance Director of Lanchester Group, Paul Baird - Lanchester Group Accountant and Adam Black - MD of Lanchester Energy.

LANCHESTER BUSINESSMAN WINS PLANNING APPEAL

Ray Emmerton of Brockwell Farm, is celebrating after being told he can keep his temporary home, despite a council's attempt to have it removed. When he commissioned a log cabin to be erected on his property, he was told by the manufacturer supplier that planning permission was not required. He pressed ahead with the temporary development for him and his partner to live in while his ailing and infirm parents, who had helped to develop the strawberry and soft fruit business, occupied the bungalow on the farmland. However, planning officers told him that the development was in breach of regulations and ordered it be removed. Attempts were made to discuss the situation, but council officers refused to enter into dialogue with Mr Emmerton, so he appealed. Although the planning inspector found that the chalet structure caused

visual harm to the character and appearance of the countryside, he emphasised the need to take into consideration the particular circumstances of Mr Emmerton's parents. "It appears to me that this is a case where the family farm is passing between the generations," he said in his report. "The personal circumstances over a temporary period justify some sort of temporary housing to accommodate the overlap."

Steve Barker of Prism Planning, who acted for Mr Emmerton during the appeal, welcomed the Inspector's findings, adding: "We do feel some dialogue with the council at an early stage could have avoided the need to go through an appeal, but welcome the opportunity for common sense and humanity to show through - despite the stress and worry it has caused for Mr Emmerton and his elderly parents."



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July 2013

Minutes

Ordinary meeting held on 11 June 2013 - approved.

Planning meeting held on 17 June 2013 - approved.

Lanchester Flood Report

Paul Armin, Senior Drainage Engineer from Durham County Council attended the meeting to present a recent flood report. The report identified a number of issues including an issue with the culverts of Smallhope Burn and Alderdene Burn. Members were informed that a bid for up to £1.2million had been

submitted to the Environment Agency to undertake works in the village. A detailed modelling study would be carried out prior to any works taking place. Councillors and members of the public were asked to report any blocked gullies to the County Council for action.

Police Report for the period 22nd May - 26th June was discussed.

The Neighbourhood Warden report was received.

Correspondence

(i) **Oases Summer Environmental Play Sessions** -

permission was given for the use of Park House Play Area for the summer activities.

(ii) **County Durham Community Foundation - Windfarm Community Benefits Fund** - Members considered representation on this decision making panel.

(iii) **Lanchester Allotments Association** - Members received an updated list of members.

(iv) **Hurbuck Play Area** - Members considered a request to locate a seat and referred the issue to the Recreation Committee.

(v) **Healthwatch County Durham - Enter and View Team** - Members considered a request for volunteers to join the scheme.

(vi) **Campaign to Protect Rural England** - the newsletter was received.

(vii) **Willow Burn Hospice Fundraising Event** - permission was given for use of Park House Play Area for a fundraising event on 18th August.

Area Action Partnership & Parish Councils Committee - Members received an update on recent meetings.

Maintenance Progress Report - Members considered the report which outlined the maintenance work undertaken over the last 3 months.

Members thanked David Maddox for all his work.

Kitswell Park Annual Play Inspection

The report was received and referred to the Recreation Committee for further action.

Lynwood Community Interest Company (CIC)

Members were informed that the public open day organised by the CIC and held on 26th June had proved successful with large numbers attending. This had been the last action of the CIC and papers had now been submitted for dissolution. There is a need for the Parish Council to continue discussions with Derwentside Homes regarding the community space.

Annual Training Plan 2013/14 - the training plan was approved

Annual Return 2012/13 - Members were informed that the Annual Return had been approved by external audit.

Financial report - discussed and received. **Accounts for Payment** - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 10th September at 7.15 pm.

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POLICE REPORT

The last PACT meeting was held on Wednesday 26th June 2013, residents were informed that we had received 85 reports to the area of which 11 were of a community related matter. The main areas of concern have been burglaries and vehicle crime following reports at Durham Road, Valley Grove and Lee Hill Court. On all occasions it appears unknown persons were going around the village trying door handles on properties and vehicles with entry gained to any that were found to be insecure. Over the past 2/3 weeks officers have been actively patrolling these areas during the

night to identify insecure properties, distribute crime prevention advice and to engage with residents. Current hotspot areas for anti-social behaviour include The Garths and Lanchester Valley Walk following complaints of youths congregating and drinking alcohol. Since the beginning of June we've received 4 calls relating to off-road motorbikes in the area of Burnhopeside Avenue and Alderdene. Through a quick response and engagement with local residents four people have been caught in the area on motorbikes causing a nuisance to residents and all have

been issued with Traffic 183 Warning Notice. If these riders are stopped again within 12 months their motorbikes will be seized which will cost the owners approximately £120+£20 per day storage charge for their return. At the previous meeting the residents made parking outside Lanchester EP school the PACT priority. Through engagement with the school and regular patrols this problem has improved with offending drivers spoken to and suitably advised. A full update can be seen on the Lanchester page of Durham Constabulary's website.
 PCSO Lisa Jackson

LYNWOOD HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Between 80 and 90 people visited Park House on Wednesday 26th June to view and ask questions about the plans for the 33 two-bedroom apartments to be built by Derwentside Homes.

The luxury apartments have been designed specifically to provide sheltered accommodation and enable over 55s to live independently, but there will be a support officer available during working hours and a Durham County Council remote assistance system included in the service charge. Each apartment comprises a spacious lounge/dining area/kitchen plus an ensuite bedroom and a second bedroom and separate bathroom. Four of the apartments will be especially designed for wheel-chair users, although all of them and the communal areas will have wide doorways and passageways. 15 apartments are on the ground floor and there is a communal lounge at this level, together with

another lounge which will be available for use by the community, cleverly designed at right-angles to the other and with a partition so that it could be one large area or two separate ones. This second lounge will have two kitchens, one of which is for use by the Parish Council who will have their office there.

The site will also provide modern, spacious accommodation for Park House Surgery, funded by Trinity Medical Properties Ltd. Facilities will include well-equipped consulting rooms and a minor operations suite and patients will benefit from a wider range of medical services.

Entrances to the residential areas will be security controlled with a fobbed key and there will be one parking bay per apartment; extra parking will be provided near the surgery with disabled parking next to the building.

A great deal of thought has gone into this development. It is being

built well above the water line with work done on the river bank and as much landscaping done as possible to help soak away, but a flood evacuation plan has been prepared.

Solar photovoltaic panels on the roof of the communal area will conserve energy. Residents will be encouraged to use and help with the garden area between the two blocks of apartments and the whole site has a very pleasant aspect. Prices quoted at the presentation were £130,000 to £140,000 to buy or £100 to £110 per week rental, although the final price will not be fixed until September or October when the working assessment is finished.

It is anticipated that building will be completed by April or May 2014 with Show Apartments ready in October or November this year, when marketing packs will be available and interested parties invited to attend.



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A SUMMER'S EVENING CONCERT

Friday July 5th, was a beautiful evening, and the audience enjoyed beautiful performances in the Methodist Chapel. It was the 45th Annual Concert of the Male Voice Choir and it was brilliant! The choir set the tone and standard of the evening by opening the programme with two songs, sung to perfection and this was followed by five songs sung by Sarah Ogden. She had a beautiful singing voice and gave a captivating performance. Her charming personality



Lanchester Male Voice Choir and the soloists applaud Noreen Bridgewater, Accompanist

made her performance truly inspirational. A young man, Ewan Gilford, who recently completed a Master's Degree in Repetiteur Studies at the Royal National College of Music accompanied her

singing, with great panache and ability. Two very talented young men then performed. They each gave very competent performances. Callum Mellis played flugelhorn and cornet and Hugh Morris, aged 15 and presently attending Framwellgate Moor school, played Trombone. Hugh Morris also played a piece of music on the piano which he had composed himself as part of his GCSE examination in music, and it was remarkable. The Male Voice Choir concluded the programme with three beautiful songs. It was a privilege to attend this wonderful evening and we wish all the young artists success and happiness in their careers as musicians. We look forward to hearing more of them in the future.

Thank you Harry, Bill Gray and of course the Male Voice Choir, accompanied by Noreen, for making such a wonderful concert possible.
Brenda Craddock



Soloist, Sarah Ogden



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Jonathan Hetherington, formerly of Consett but a Lanchester resident for the last 5 years has taken over the sweet shop in the village. Jonathan, although well qualified to become an entrepreneur, in IT was unable to find

Jonathan is confident that his well stocked shop which now includes American sweets will tempt the customers. This will be completely different for the shop and the village. Of course, the market is still good for traditional sweets so they will be also held on the shelves in large stocks. One of the exciting American lines he is promoting is a product called 'Fluff'. Try it for yourselves.



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MOTHERS' UNION



Heather Murray at a Mothers' Union meeting she attended whilst on holiday in Barbados.



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SUMMER FAIR AT THE PARISH CHURCH

This is always a popular and well attended event, even when the sun does not shine but shine it did in abundance on Saturday June 19th. In fact it has continued to shine almost every day since then. Isn't it great! We should all have happy faces and greet everyone with a smile. That's what

everyone seemed to be doing that morning. It was a joy to be there. Delicious scones topped with cream and strawberries were served with coffee, tea or a soft drink, whatever was your fancy and there were numerous stalls round which to browse, eg, bric a brac, cakes, toiletries,

tombola bottles, intoxicating or not, plants and lovely handmade garments made by members of our Mothers'

Union. There was also a raffle with very nice prizes. A very happy atmosphere prevailed and £611.83 was raised.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make it such a successful and enjoyable morning. Brenda Craddock



A large group of people enjoying friendship at the Summer Fair

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JUNIOR WILDLIFE



Lanchester Junior Wildlife Group explore the river at Malton with Noel Jackson and Elaine Williams

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD



Those just about to set off for Barnard Castle for a 14 kilometre hike for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award are: Katie Turnbull; Emily Morris; Ellie Jenkins; Abbey Kilty; Ryan Dobson; Mary Kilby and Joanne Charlton, (Youth Worker). All attend St Bede School and Lanchester Youth Club.

WILLOW BURN FAIR

Glorious sunshine brought the people out and there was a long queue waiting for the Fair to open. It was all hustle and bustle inside and the massive Cake Stall was soon looking short of stock. The Plants area set in the centre of the room and supplied by the Prison Service also did very well at the start. Goody bags are always popular and it was the same this time. Other money makers were several different types of Tombolas and Raffles, several of them run by Willow Burn Staff and volunteers. There were so many varied stalls which space prohibits recording. One different stand, however, was the 'Animal Encounters' stand which proved to be popular with children. Terry Lewins on the 'mike' kept the atmosphere going with some great wisecracks. The entertainment this year was aptly named 'The Willowers' who played some lively Jewish folk music. With the weather being so hot plenty of people took advantage of the very busy refreshment area for a revive break which must have sent the takings up. Willow Burn Hospice, always gets tremendous support from all over the area and this was no exception The amount raised will be reported in the next issue.



A Busy Bottle Tombola Table at the Fair

BOYS BRIGADE AWARDS



At the Boys Brigade Awards evening attended by members and families, Luke Crowe aged 10 was awarded a cup for 'Best boy year 5 Boys Brigade' and a Medallion for 'Best Boy of the week all ages'. Well done Luke.

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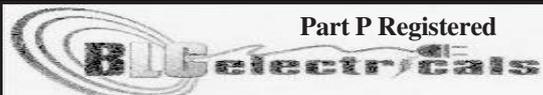
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The Flower Club committee with their Anniversary cake

Celebrating our 40th anniversary, 89 ladies joined us on Friday 28th June when the club held a very special Open Evening Demonstration in Lanchester Community Centre. The demonstrator was Kathleen Marlor; her theme was 'Celebrations'. Kathleen provided us with a wonderful entertaining and interesting evening; her arrangements were themed on pages and chapters of books and our lives, a very clever way to portray flowers. All flower arrangements were raffled much to the delight of all the winners.

Helen Tomlinson, who is the Club's Chairperson, warmly welcomed the Northumberland & Durham Area of NAFAS, President Helena Johnson and Phileda Irvine, Chairperson, who came along to join with us in our celebrations. A lovely supper was served, all freshly made sandwiches, home cooked scones and of course pink champagne. Derwentside College students, once again helped with our celebrations, providing a wonderful celebration cake, a fruit loaf and sponge cake which was

also enjoyed by all. There was a lovely home produce stall which was put together by Gillian Harrison and friends. We would like to extend our thanks to them once again. We would also like to thank all who worked very hard in preparing for this event, and of course, all who attended and who have supported the club for so many years. Our next monthly meeting will be on 25th September in Lanchester Community Centre at 2 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

Gardening in August

Last June and July were the wettest on record but this June and the beginning of July has provided us with some lovely warm, sunny, summer weather. The heat is really in the ground and, when you lie on the grass you can really feel it. In August we can ease back a little but still keep on top of routine chores such as watering, weeding and pruning.

In the Borders

Trim lavender plants once they have finished flowering to keep them compact but try not to cut into old wood. Dead-head bedding plants and

perennial flowers to stop seeds forming and keep them flowering as long as possible. Take cuttings from your favourite tender perennial plants like fuchsia and pelargoniums to propagate them for next year. Keep patio container pots well watered and provide them with feed once a fortnight.

In the Vegetable Plot

Harvest French and runner beans little and often to prevent them from setting seed and pinch out tips when they reach the top of their supports to encourage

side shoots. Lift onions, shallots and garlic once the foliage has flopped and yellowed. Look for cabbage white butterfly eggs under brassica leaves and squash any you find. Keep on top of weeds as they compete with your crops for water. Continue to feed tomatoes and remove lower leaves to aid air circulation and pinch out the tops when each plant has five or six trusses.

General

If you are on holiday and no one can water your pots and baskets, place them in a more shady position while you are away.

CRAFT AND CHAT



Craft and Chat girls display crafts, snacks and wine, hoping to entice new members to their fun loving creative evening held at the Community Centre on Mondays, 7.00 - 9.00 pm, alternate months. Visit Lanchester Community Centre Facebook site for further details on meetings, and check for posters around the village. For just £10 which includes the above and materials it's a great night out.

GARDEN CENTRE CRAFTS



One of the several Jewellery Stalls at the Arts and Craft Fair at Lanchester Garden Centre on 29th June. Several people showing interest in the display

CAKE COMPETITION



A cake competition was held at the Community Centre on 29th June in aid of the Fraja Ellie fund. There were some lovely cakes on display but organiser, Alison, was disappointed in the support this extremely worthwhile event received. The picture shows judges, Rev Rupert Kalus and Norma Polly, holding the winning entries - adult section cooked by Mandy, and youngsters section made by Anya under 10's, and Cameron over 10's. The competition raised £120.

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EP SCHOOL FAIR

Another lovely summer day for the EP School Fair on Saturday 13th July. Everyone was enjoying the sunshine, joining in with the variety of activities or browsing at the stalls. As you can imagine there was always a queue at the ice cream van and at the water slide in an attempt to keep cool. I don't know why, but the biggest attraction seemed to be throwing wet sponges at a teacher who was standing behind a pillory stand (rather like the stocks but bigger) the head is put through a big hole, as are the arms and hands. It is a very uncomfortable position. Mrs Davis always joins the fun wholeheartedly and she did not escape the sponges! Not to be missed was the wonderful face painting for which there was always a queue. Miss Honan and Miss

Jackson and her sister were responsible for this and every face was unique and showed great artistry. There were so many delighted children!

The more energetic children bounced on the bouncy castle or jumped on the trampoline while others were picking a name for Teddy, or guessing where the treasure was on a special map. Adults tried their hand at the Tombola Tables or bought

sweets and goodies at the appropriate table. If you hate rats you could have your revenge by hitting a pretend rat as it emerged from the cardboard tube into which it had been thrown. It was quite tricky but Robbie Kalus was there to give advice and encourage you to participate in his little 'sideshow'. I wonder if Reverend Kalus had a go? He was there somewhere, joining in all the fun of the fair.



Hattie and Lottie Hockaday had their faces painted



Throwing the sponge at Mrs Davis

There were refreshments in the school hall, hot and cold drinks, while outside many children indulged in what must have been the hottest Hot Dogs ever!

There was a very happy atmosphere with smiling faces everywhere. Perfect. The total amount of money raised was approximately £1200. Brenda Craddock

'GRANDAD'

'Grandad' was the first production outside their normal venue performed by the newly formed Matchbox Theatre Company. Director/Actor and local resident, Paul Monaghan, encouraged this move and having seen the play, hopefully there will be more to follow.

It was certainly a comedy, centred around a cantankerous, devious old man (Grandad) who conned everyone and accidentally killed the family budgie with Guinness in one of his less sober moments. Grandad had been recently confined to a wheelchair having had a stroke. He was being looked after by his family who found him difficult, to say the least, and were contemplating his future

in a nursing home. There were many laughs as the play progressed but also moral dilemmas. The family - mum, dad, son and daughter - all loved him dearly but found it a strain living together. Likewise, Grandad wanted his independence, liked a tippie, and was a bit of a 'ladies' man. He escaped when he could, being brought back by two police officers. They played their parts extremely well as did the rest of the supporting cast who included the priest, the carer, the social worker and friends, the latter helping him escape to Gretna Green to marry his beloved when the family thought he was out for a picnic with the carer.

The twist came in the last line, totally unexpected,



Grandad with his family, played by (left to right) Sarah Cook, Steve Pinkney, Annette Morris, Philip Martin and Ken Martin.

which brought a gasp, then loud laughter followed by rapturous applause from an appreciative audience. The set was simple but effective. Grandad

manoeuvred his large wheelchair frequently and safely on a dangerous looking crowded stage. The play, written by Tom Casling, a local playwright, was fast

moving, cleverly written, full of humour, with some bad language but not offensive. The story line was very warmly received by the Lanchester audience.

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE

On Saturday 24th August Stuart Whitesmith and Marie Carter (former students of St Bede's) will be embarking on the Three Peaks challenge - a crazy task to ascend the three highest mountains in England, Scotland and Wales all within 24 hours. This involves over 26 miles of walking and over 11,000ft of climbing all within a day and 1000 miles of travel for good measure. Their aim is to raise money and awareness for the Tiny Lives Trust (www.tinylives.org.uk), which is a registered charity that helps to care for premature and sick newborn babies, their mothers and families in the Special Care Baby Unit of the Newcastle Neonatal Service based in Ward 35 of



Marie Carter and Stuart Whitesmith

Stuart when he was a baby in the RVI hospital with his mother Dorothy



the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle. The special care baby unit is close to Stuart's heart because as a newborn baby he had to undergo life saving

surgery. The care and support provided by this team of professionals to both him and his family, was immeasurable. Without that unit he could not have survived, so he is asking for support for this great cause. Any donations can be made at: <http://www.justgiving.com/SWhitesmith-MCarter>.

WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone to our March meeting then Freda Scott from Satley WI gave us her report on the AGM which was held at Cardiff. Lists are out for History Wardrobe 29th October, evening visit to Whickham Heritage Gardens 20th August and this year's group meeting at Leadgate 11th September. There is also a list for 2014 diaries and calendars. Raffle tickets, £1 each, are for sale for the yearly money raising for County. The garden party at June's was a great success with the sun shining and a delicious afternoon tea. Thank you to June and everyone who helped and attended. Members agreed that the £210 raised for Willow Burn should be used to buy memorial trees. Members and friends enjoyed our summer outing to Helmsley,



Marjorie Raper, Shirley Mair, Rhoda Joyce, Kathleen Morris and Eileen Curnow all ready to enjoy their delicious strawberries and ice cream.

Nunnington Hall and Northallerton when once again the sun shone and we managed to fit in food, shopping and culture!!! Mary McKee won the raffle and the competition winners were Jennifer Macdonald and Ann Grosvenor. Our speakers this evening were the two Judiths from Clarins who after giving us all little bags of treats told us how Clarins was founded in 1954 when the oils developed to treat skin conditions were also

found to make the skin soft and beautiful. They then gave a makeup demonstration using Jean Forster explaining as they went along what they used and why (Jean was even more beautiful at the end than she was at the start). The ladies explained that being beauty consultants gives a lot of satisfaction especially when they can give confidence back to ladies who have been ill. Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with a delicious strawberry supper.

WORLD CHALLENGE

Eleanor Lakey, a sixth former at St Bede College is raising money to visit Sri Lanka in July 2014. Whilst there she and others will be visiting a monastery and school. At the latter they will be building water supplies, painting, and teaching various subjects to the children including English, Music and Art. For this long haul trip Eleanor has to raise £3500 so she will be working very hard at

various fundraising events between now and this time next year. To encourage people to support Eleanor, her Grandad, Fred Westwater, held a Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th June at his home, with some fabulous cakes etc on offer. The dining room had a really excellent World War II theme, with every wall covered in relevant posters. The event was well supported and in excess of £180 was raised for the project.



Eleanor Lakey with her Grandad, Fred Westwater



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SUNSHINE BRINGS MORE WINS

The firsts had a tough month playing three of the best teams but won two of them. They were trounced at Shotley Bridge but bounced back to thrash Percy Main by ten wickets. Spinners Michael Lukic and Lee Murray took 6 and 3 wickets respectively. Paul Underwood and Nav Ahmed then knocked off the runs with Paul scoring 107. Kevin Dixon jnr transferred from Kimblesworth in time to make his debut against Annfield Plain. Michael Lukic top scored with 55 and Stu McPhail made an unbeaten 42, while Dixon

took 3 wickets but it wasn't enough to stop the Plain from knocking off our score. Finally there was a fantastic win at Tynedale chasing down 254. Dan Storey made an unbeaten 98 with Lukic making an unbeaten 47. The win puts the side in fifth spot at present but only 10 points separate third to seventh so there is still the chance to finish higher yet. The seconds won all four games, putting them in third spot just nine points behind the top two. Against Shotley Bridge, Paul Burn hit an unbeaten 106 assisted by Tony Dumighan with 54. Paul Burn and teenager Cameron Metcalfe took 3 wickets each in a comfy win. Percy Main were thrashed as they were dismissed for a paltry 89, Chris Tully taking 3-15. The old enemy of Annfield Plain were next, being bowled out for 154. Ian Steward scored 55 and was well supported by Jonathan Hames who scored 41 not out as they won with wickets to spare. Wickham were put to the sword, Paul Burn notching his second unbeaten century ending up with 121. Ian Steward scored his third

consecutive half century as he fired off a quick fire 78. The opposition did pass a hundred with 14 year old Chris Tully taking four wickets. The thirds only managed two games in the month with one rained off and then Ryhope conceded the points. In the Bob Langford Cup quarter final, there was a comfortable win over Bill Quay Academy with Neil Graham scoring 88 and teenager Dan Smith making his first ever fifty, ending up with 69 not out. The total was too much for the opposition and every player had the chance to bowl as Bill Quay were restricted to 177. We will now face a tough test in the semi final when we entertain Cowgate. Back in the league, Burnmoor were seen off with five wickets to spare. Burnmoor made 175 but a stand of 120 between Andy McConnell and Neil Graham made sure of the win. The result keeps the side in second spot behind Shotley Bridge. The club is available free for functions, If you are interested, contact Jim Potts on 07973249760 or Neil Graham on 07717516759 to book.



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Hugh Penney can usually be found at his pottery workshop in Esh Winning, although he's just been to a caving conference in the Czech Republic - he's been a caver for thirty years and also works on a caving magazine.

Hugh, who set up 'Handknitted Pottery' last year, came to ceramics in a very roundabout way; he has taught English in Czechoslovakia, run his own hostel for cavers in France, done some radio journalism, and then did a degree in Glasgow enabling him to do a serious and responsible job. He started working in the job but hated it. It was at this time that he started learning pottery in a studio in the city and loved it. After a while he decided life was too short to do a job he disliked and took the decision to take the pottery further. He moved to Waterhouses to attend Newcastle College's ceramics course. "I was

fed up of living in a big city so I came to live in the lovely Durham countryside", says Hugh, who's originally from rural Shropshire.

Hugh's pottery is mainly functional domestic ware - mugs, bowls, teapots and so on. "Pottery doesn't need to have a hidden meaning" says Hugh, who considers himself more a craftsman than an artist.

"There's more interest in crafts these days - the idea

of getting away from mass production. Lots of people find relaxation in doing something with their hands, be it pottery, woodwork or whatever, which explains why so many people want to have a go at these things" he adds.

The next group class starts on 22nd August and individual lessons on the wheel can also be arranged. More details are at www.handknittedpottery.co.uk



Hugh at work in his workshop 'throwing' a pot.

PLAYGROUP TODDLE



The Playgroup accompanied by leaders and families toddled off to the Play Park on Wednesday 3rd July. Then they toddled twice around the park and managed to raise a massive amount for their funds in excess of £350!

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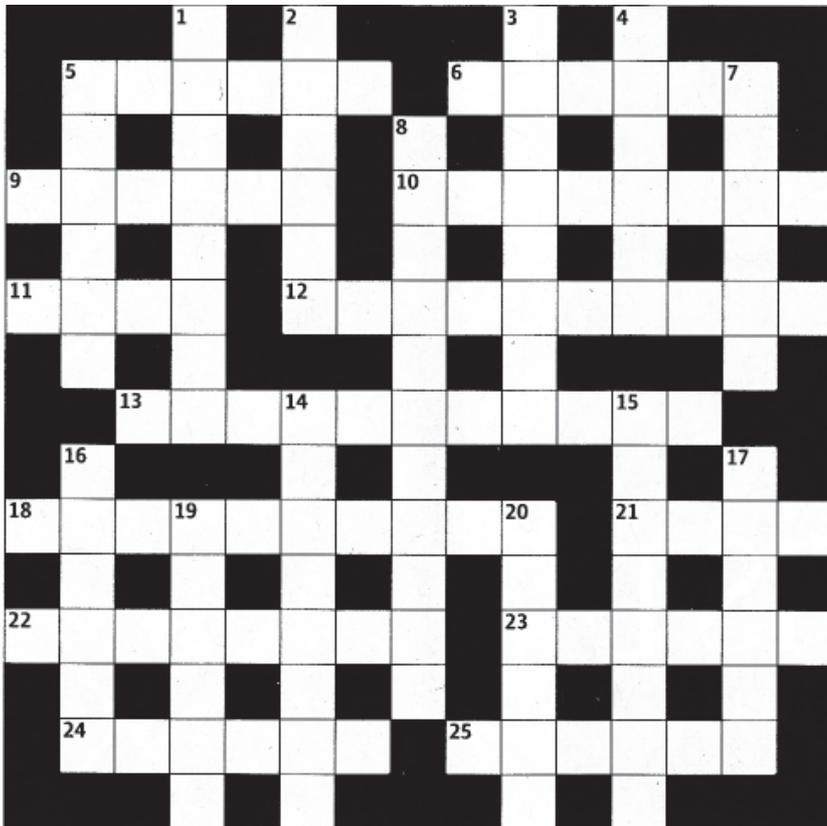
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CROSSWORD 86

There were 25 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Fred Heppell of Lee Hill Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

5. Wonder (6)
6. Bug (6)
9. Mean (6)
10. Upside down (8)
11. Man of the hour in the rodeo (4)
12. Methane (7,3)
13. Bits and pieces (4,3,4)
18. Criminals alter road speeds (10)
21. Weaken (4)
22. Oil chits cover everything (8)
23. Biased (6)
24. Leaseholder (6)
25. Cut-price capsule includes cover (6)

DOWN

1. TV series based on Elizabeth Gaskell novellas (8)
2. Citizen of Mombasa? (6)
3. The sum of everything! (8)
4. Spirit hiding in carpet roll (6)
5. Re: Time for speciality (6)
7. Re: Goat is chancer (6)
8. Easy target (7,4)
14. Point to French vineyard with little inspection (8)
15. Resistance (8)
16. Uprising (6)
17. Slow down (4,2)
19. Flexible plant I put in (6)
20. Exclusive (6)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 86

ACROSS

1. corset
4. strive
9. rump
10. initiative
11. stanza
12. creditor
13. Uriah Heep
15. dais
16. surf
17. big cheese
21. Liberian
22. Europe
24. Ngaio Marsh
25. leek
26. exhort
27. avocet

DOWN

1. chunter
2. ripen
3. epitaph
5. trivet
6. intricate
7. envious
8. discretionary
14. agree with
16. shingle
18. Chekhov
19. sapient
20. simmer
23. relic

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.

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

BOWLING CLUB REPORT

The club is waiting in anticipation for the County Men's Championships to be held on our green on Sunday 28th July. Matches are at 10am and 2pm, with free admission. Our league season has passed the half way stage with strong showing from our Monday team which currently lies in second place behind runaway leaders, Dipton. The Saturday team is enjoying close games played in lovely sunshine with a mid table position predicted. The Wednesday league nears its conclusion and while we have at times struggled to make teams, those that have played have enjoyed pleasant bowling evenings. Our Tuesday team is considered our development team with many new members filling its ranks and getting a taste of competitive bowling. As one would expect results have been hit and miss but bowlers are enjoying their matches, especially the 9-1 victory over Sherburn Park, Consett. In this game we featured our (and probably the league's) first ever all women's rink who found themselves 10-0 down at the start, but dug deep to draw level 19-19 in the end.

NEWS AT THE NET!

A scorching start for the ladies in red hot weather! The Lanchester Tennis Club's ladies team are top of their league following two victories and a draw in their three matches so far. The mixed team have also got off to a flying start with 5 sets to 3 victory over Rothbury. These successes are only part of a great summer of tennis. The weather has been superb enabling coaching and matches as well as social play to go ahead as planned on good, hard grass courts. All early season junior leagues have now been concluded, with, provisionally, one Lanchester mini orange (9 years old) team being successful in winning their group. The teachers of St Bede's held a competition of their own on July 10th, taking advantage of a lovely night for playing tennis. On the social side, the club has held several well attended functions. The barbecue took place on 22nd June when both young and old enjoyed some friendly yet competitive tennis, not to mention some excellent

food and drink. Secretary Dennis Laycock organised activities and competitions and there was a family connection in the finals of both the junior and senior matches. Findley Wilkins and his mother Clare both contested their respective finals. Findley was runner-up to Matthew Walker but his mother went one better and won her match. At the event the club was indebted to the Lions in receiving a cheque for £200. This was presented by Ian Murray as a gesture before they disbanded.

The weather on Sunday 14th July for the Strawberry Tea a la Wimbledon, was wonderful and perfect for a good turn-out to enjoy a traditional Pimms drink with strawberries and scones. The tennis, although not quite up to Wimbledon standard, was much in evidence by members and visitors.

Following Andy Murray's success at Wimbledon, there has been renewed interest in the sport in the country and at Lanchester. If anyone has any queries about the club or coaching enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis Laycock on 01207520278.



Findley Wilkins and Matthew Walker with Dennis Laycock

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

WHAT'S ON?

Country Market

On Saturday 3rd August, 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.

Social Club Entertainment

Saturday, 3rd August, Chrissy, Excellent Female Entertainer
Saturday, 10th August, Abbi Faye, Female Vocalist
Saturday, 17th August, Chris James, Clubland Award Winning Vocalist
Saturday, 24th August, Connor, Knockout Male Vocal
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Our next meeting will be held on Monday 5th August in the small hall of the Community Centre arriving at 7.00 pm for a 7.15 start. Please remember the slightly later arrival and start time, thank you. Rita Walker will give a talk about the Quilters Cupboard with the competition something new from something old. Visitors are, as always, very welcome.

Wildlife Group

Tuesday 13th August, visit to Low Barns. Meet either in the Community Centre car park ready to leave at 6.30 prompt or at Low Barns at 7.00 pm. However, please telephone Elaine beforehand on 520063 to let her know if you are going and where you intend to meet.

Sponsored Walk

and Fun Session for Willow Burn. Meet on Sunday 18th August at 2pm at Park House Play Park near the King's Head. Cost is £10 individual or £20 for the whole family (minimum sponsorship target of £30 for individuals/£50 for families).

There is a 6-mile walk for serious walkers and a shorter (3-mile) walk which is relatively flat so that you can bring along pushchairs and wheelchairs. The walks end with a play session for the kids (organised in partnership with staff from the Woodland Trust) and a chance for adults to sit and chat. Activities will include a scavenger hunt, bouncy castle and a camp fire where kids can toast marshmallows and make s'mores. Our volunteers will also be showing them how to make bird feeders and woodland animals. Refreshments and merchandise will be on sale.

Derwentside Byways and Bridleways

Tuesday 6th August at 7.00 pm, meet at the Three Horse Shoes, Maiden Law.

Short Circuit Walks

August 10th, a hilly walk from St John's Chapel to Westgate, 6 miles. Meet at the car park near the Golden Lion on A689, NY886379.
August 24th, Hexham, 5 miles. Meet at the car park at Tyne Green, opposite the station, NY938640.
Walks start at 10.30 am.

Early Music Festival

2013 is the Tenth Anniversary of Lanchester Early Music Festival.

Saturday 10th August at 7.30 pm in All Saints Parish Church, 'From Hamburg to Potsdam', A Virtuoso Recital of Triosonatas and Harpsichord Music by European Masters Johann Sebastian Bach, Telemann, Schaffrath, Krebs, Quantz and C P E Bach by Hexham Collegium Musicum, Brian Stewart (flute), Philip Cull (oboe and oboe d'amore) and Dr Ian Brunt (flute, harpsichord and organ) with readings from Gentlemen travellers in Europe during the 18th century
Saturday 24th August at 7.30 pm, 'Musick's Monument', A Celebration of the Viola da Gamba, with Masterworks from the 17th and 18th Centuries by Johann Sebastian Bach, Telemann, Buxtehude, Ortiz and Franz Xaver Hammer, with Music for Harpsichord and Organ, Greg Pullen (viola da gamba) and Dr Ian Brunt (flute, harpsichord and organ). 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'.

PACT Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th August at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

ALL SAINTS JUBILEE VICTORS

Most people who know Canon Spence are aware that he is very passionate about football, therefore on Thursday 27th June, all of the feeder schools for St Bede's took part in a tournament organised by Beamish FC to battle for the Canon Robert Spence Golden Jubilee Cup and Plate.

As the games started, so did the rain, but that didn't dampen spirits of the young competitors or their supporters, who had turned out in their droves to cheer on the teams. Each team played 3 games in a league structure, with the highest placed teams going onto the semi finals of the cup and the other teams progressing into the semi finals of the plate competition. The sun came out for the finals with Consett St Patricks beating Stanley St Josephs 1-0 to win the Plate in a well fought game. However that was only the precursor for the spectacular and nail biting final for the cup between Brooms and All Saints Lanchester. After the score remained goalless at full time, we went to the agony of a penalty shoot out, with All Saints

eventually running out winners 9-8 to lift the cup and take the congratulations. On presenting the Cup Canon Spence remarked that it was great to eventually watch some quality football, rather than the standard he had to endure at St James Park last season!

All of the participants in the tournament were presented with a commemorative medal (which had been designed by 19 year old parishioner, Jonathan Bell), by Canon Spence. The tournament was organised by parishioner Andy Graham, chairman of Beamish FC. Andy would like to give special thanks to Canon Spence, colleagues at Beamish FC, Karen McKenna (Head of All Saints) for acting as school co-ordinator, parish volunteers who helped with catering and logistics on the day, teachers, coaches and parents for their support - but most importantly all the children, who participated with such enthusiasm to make this a very special part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.



Canon Spence, the victorious All Saints team with their Golden Jubilee Cup and their teacher Mr Daniel Hayes.

EP SPORTS DAYS

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well organised and seemed to be enjoyed by children, parents and staff.

The temperature was higher on the Friday when the remainder of the pupils enjoyed the more extensive carousel of activities. In addition to the usual egg and spoon and sack races, there were netball, hockey and football, which bought out more advanced skills, all of which seemed to be enjoyed. After completing the carousel the serious competitive stuff began much to the excitement of

the large crowd and the children who were not competing. Races were straightforward running, then skipping for each age group, followed by the Mum's and Dad's races, both very competitive which raised loud cheers. Romans won the 'Cup' with points gained throughout the school year added to those won on Sports Day. Mrs Pilkington won the Mum's race and Mr Bowes was first in the Dad's race. It was a super day all round. I am sure the staff were disappointed there was no time to hold their race!



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken with Celery

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| <p>1 x 3lb roasting chicken
Half a bunch of celery, cut in pieces
6 button onions, peeled
3 tomatoes
2 rashers of streaky bacon
1 tablespoon of oil (preferably olive)
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
2½ fl ozs single cream
Method</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cut the chicken into joints. 2. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and brown the chicken pieces all over. Put the chicken on a plate. Remove the rind from the bacon and cut into small pieces. 3. Put the peeled onions and bacon into the pan and brown the onions. In another saucepan boil the | <p>celery pieces for 15 minutes, and then drain them.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Dip the tomatoes into boiling water for five seconds, and peel them. Remove the seeds and cut the flesh into thin strips. Save a few pieces for decoration and put the rest into the pan with the onions, chicken pieces and celery. 5. Cover the pan, and simmer gently for an hour. Test that the chicken is cooked by pricking with a skewer. The skewer should slip into the flesh easily. 6. Pour in the cream, add salt and pepper, and reheat. 7. Serve in a heated dish and decorate with a few slices of raw tomato. |
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EP SPORTS DAYS

Two brilliant consecutive sports days were held at the EP school during the heat wave on the penultimate Thursday/Friday of the Summer term. It was such a change from the washout last year and inclement weather in recent years. Foundation Years sports were held on the Thursday with two sessions morning and afternoon. A carousel of about 9 activities brought the best out of the children and kept their interest going. It was all *continued on page 23*



Foundation children enthusiastically running to fill the buckets with water

SUMMER SPORTS AND FUN AT ALL SAINTS'



Will there be a future Olympic athlete among us? The picture shows a very competitive race, watched by a large crowd of staff, parents and friends.

All Saints' Primary School held their Summer Sports Day on June 24th this year.

After some heavy rain on the day before the sports, conditions improved enough for the fun to go ahead. During the morning, a carousel of activities

took place on the school field, and students competed in their houses of Hilde, Aidan, Bede and Cuthbert. On the afternoon, all the traditional sports were held on the field, with the pupils cheered on by a large and enthusiastic crowd of staff, family and friends.

RAINBOW



A lovely photo taken by David Filmer from his house in Ashdown Grove on 30th June. How many people in Lanchester knew that the end of the rainbow was in the village? Sadly no pot of gold could be seen!

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by Tuesday 20th August. The deadline for **adverts** is 18th August.

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