

THE VILLAGE VOICE

Issue No 3 Volume 14

Lanchester, March 2013

For contact information, see page 2

LIONS ROAR NO MORE



Mike Stoddart presented cheques for £500 each to: Canon Robert Spence, All Saints RC Church; Rev Rupert Kalus, All Saints Parish Church and David Hughes, Methodist Church. Mike explained the reasons why Lanchester Lions Club was closing down and how assets were being distributed.

Canon Robert Spence responded with an off the cuff, warm, reminiscent speech in which he paid tribute to Lions past and present for their service work over the last 46 years.

The EP School, All Saints Primary School and St Bede's School also each received a cheque for £500.

Left to right: Alan Kelly (Lions), Martin Durkin (Lions), Canon Robert Spence, Rev Rupert Kalus, David Hughes, Mike Stoddart (Lions).

NEW BEAT OFFICERS



PC Ian Bradley



PCSO Lisa Jackson

Since the beginning of February 2013 we have had a change to the beat officers covering Lanchester and Burnhope. Your local officers are now PC 2416 Ian Bradley and PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson. Between the two of us we have approximately 10 years' experience working for Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team therefore we are bringing an extensive amount of knowledge and experience resolving community related issues such as anti-social behaviour to the area. Our main priority at this time is increasing our knowledge of the area

and getting to know our targets of crime and disorder. We are keen to take on board any concerns or problems any of our community members have, therefore you can contact us by telephoning 101 or emailing ian.bradley@durham.pnn.police.uk or lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk. Alternatively you can talk to us at the Lanchester PACT meeting which takes place on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.15 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th April.

BURNHOPE MINERS' BANNER GROUP PRESENTATION

Burnhope Miners' Banner Group have presented celebration mugs to all of the children at Burnhope Primary School to commemorate the blessing of their new banner. The banner was blessed by the Bishop

of Durham in Durham cathedral at last year's Miners' Gala. As the Bishop is now the new Archbishop of Canterbury he has also been sent a commemorative mug as a memento of his time serving in Durham. The

new banner design incorporates symbols and sentiments taken from old photographs of previous Burnhope banners, and it is hoped to display the banner in the school when it is not being used for village events and exhibitions.



Chairman of the Group, Harry Baron and Secretary of the Group, Ossie Johnson, presenting commemorative mugs to pupils Michelle Brooks, Daniel Madden, Melissa Walker and John Usher.



Dear Village....

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

THANKS, LIONS

What a marvellous group of people have belonged to the Lions over the years! They have worked tirelessly for the residents of Lanchester and beyond.

When we look back, nearly all of the happiest social events, eg tramps' night, medieval banquets, discos, etc were organised by the Lions and their marvellous ladies.

As recently as December, the lunchtime party for pensioners was a lovely occasion and a symbol of their generous kindness. It is a sadness to hear that the Lanchester Lions are

disbanding - a sign of the times - but we would like to thank them all, past and present, on behalf of thousands of people like us who have benefited from their hard work and community spirit, and had loads of fun too.

Jill and Mike Gladstone

Dear Village Voice

Thank you to all friends and neighbours in Lanchester who have offered me so much help and support over the past weeks since my operation in January. It seems to have been very successful and I hope to be resuming most of my usual activities in the near future. I don't know how I would have coped without you all.

Anne McKenzie

Dear Village Voice

The Allen family would like to thank John White of the Prison Service Charity Fund for the recent £1000 donation to Alby Allen's tribute fund for the Stroke Association, and for the previous donations given by the PSCF over the past 2 years.

Regards

Tony Allen

Dear Village Voice

I would like to thank those who have been involved in the drainage improvements to the south of the village. During the heavy rains in our so called summer I noticed that large volumes of water running in off the fields were ending up running down Ford Crescent making a flooding risk. On investigation I realised the drains were blocked outside of the village.

For a member of the public it can be quite difficult to understand where the responsibility lies for such problems. At first I contacted the Environment Agency who directed me to the Highways Department. They recorded my call but did not rectify the problem so I contacted Councillor Johnson. I am pleased to say the main drain was then cleared very quickly and I now find improvement work has been conducted which will hopefully alleviate future flood risks.

My thanks to Counsellor Johnson, Lanchester Partnership and anyone else involved.

Paul Monaghan

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

TRADCRAFT COFFEE MORNING

The Traidcraft 'Big Brew Coffee Morning' was Olga Walker's first event since taking over office from Brian Masterman. It was very well supported with the Chapter House busy for the full period of time. Helpers were certainly kept on their toes making and serving coffees and teas for so many supporters of this excellent cause.

A lively Eric Gaskill, who amused everyone, organised the raffle. With cake stall and donations

included, this resulted in £297 being made. In addition attendees spent £143 on Traidcraft produce which made a massive total of £440.

The 'Mug Hug' competition was won by Carol Thompson with second place achieved by Linda Geer. Vicar, Rev Rupert Kalus presented the prizes. Olga was really pleased with the convivial atmosphere and would like to thank everyone for their generous support.



Left to right: Carol Thompson (Mug Hug first), Linda Geer, second place, Rev Rupert Kalus and organiser, Olga Walker.

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for February 2013 is 73. The draw was made by Mr M Greenwood of the Gym.

How to contact the Village Voice

To advertise:

Contact John Hurran, Advertising Manager
Telephone: (01207) 520288

Email: villagevoice adverts@talktalk.net
General and news enquiries: (01207) 520559

By email:

lanchestervillagevoice@yahoo.co.uk (please include Village Voice in the Subject line).

By post:

The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0PB.

D. FORSTER

EST 1995

U.P.V.C. WINDOWS & DOORS

ALL ASPECTS OF U.P.V.C. UNDERTAKEN
FASCIA - GUTTERING - SOFFITS

Bow Windows

from £650

Doors

from £350

NO SALESMAN

CALL FOR FREE QUOTATION

HOME: 01207 581009

MOBILE 0771 820 1050

All windows and doors 70mm internal beaded to British Standards

F.E.N.S.A. REGISTERED COMPANY No 30009

Lanchester Pharmacy

Front Street Lanchester

Telephone/Fax **01207 520365**

- Discounted perfumes and gift sets
- Toiletries
- Makeup
- Wide range of vitamins and supplements

We are here for your health and care needs

CRUFTS 2013

Thursday 7th March once again found my friend Georgina and I, with my Norwegian Elkhound Freya of course, waiting to be picked up by a coach at 2am at Durham Services. When we arrived at the NEC there was some delay getting to Hall 5 but after a much needed coffee it was off to the Ladies (actually marked 'Loos') for a wash and brush up; I only had to change from comfortable shoes to smarter boots for the ring. Some exhibitors change into very smart outfits before going in the ring and certain breeds of dogs require a lot of grooming beforehand, but Freya just needed a final brushing.

Ten o'clock and our judging began, but Freya was in the last two classes.

She has had an up and down year but had at last gained a Challenge Certificate. I wasn't very confident as a lot of high-profile, younger bitches, all champions, were in her Open class, even one who had actually come from Norway. Much to my surprise and delight she was third. Then she won, for the fourth year in succession, the show class for bitches with an obedience award.

Then we looked round the hundreds of stalls, managing to almost get lost when somehow straying as far as Hall 2 - it is so easy to lose one's sense of direction there. After that a long wait until the return of the coach at five o'clock, but the time was spent enjoyably with friends we meet at Championship.



Freya with her rosette and certificate



Maths and English



Designed to act as a personalised complement to schooling, the MagiKats maths and English after school tuition programmes are ideal for any student aged 4 -16. Weekly workshops are held in Lanchester on a Thursday.

0191 378 2762 www.dced.co.uk

MARCH WEDDING



The marriage of Mr Jonathan Sinclair and Miss Karen Shaw took place at All Saints Parish Church on Saturday February 16th. Left to right: Ann Sinclair, mother of the Groom; Jonathan and Karen, and Rev Peter Sinclair, the Groom's father, who conducted the service.

The coach was delayed outside the venue due to an accident and didn't return until eight, so it was after midnight when we got home. Needless to say, we were all tired, but had had a lovely day and hope we can keep going for a year or two yet.

All Saints Catholic Church Parish Centre

The parish centre has a large room available for hire, which would be ideal for birthdays, meetings, exercise classes, etc.

Facilities include, seating for up to 40, kitchen and parking for 30 vehicles.



The cost is from £10/hr

To book the hall please ring
01207 520374 or
01207 520167



Problem: Dry, watery, gritty, red, uncomfortable, tired eyes that burn or sting?

Solution: Dry Eye Clinic

We offer a specific dry eye clinic to diagnose and treat dry eye. Your initial appointment will allow your Optometrist to diagnose the cause of your dry eye. An accurate diagnosis allows your Optometrist to come up with a tailor made treatment plan to effectively manage your symptoms. By treating the cause of your dry eyes we are able to make your symptoms much more manageable. Call us today for further information.

6 Saddler Street
Durham
DH1 3NP
0191 3849770

Unit 1, Parsons Drive
Ryton
NE40 3RA
0191 4133394

1 Croft View
Lanchester
DH7 0HY
01207 521840

3 Front Street
Prudhoe
NE42 5HJ
01661 835363



RETIREMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTRE SECRETARY

Chairman of the Community Association, Arthur Maughan MBE, presents a gift to Harry Taylor, Secretary, on his retirement after 18 years. The AGM held on 20th March was Harry's last meeting as Secretary. Dr Ian Brunt, President, looks on. A full report of the AGM will be printed in next month's Village Voice.





CROFT VIEW
Podiatry & Chiropody

- routine nail care
- verrucae
- diabetic foot care
- biomechanical assessment
- children's foot problems

Other services available please call for details.

To book your appointment please call
01207 528 122 or 07927 184 426

Home visits available

Croft View Podiatry & Chiropody
3 Croft View, Lanchester,
County Durham DH7 0HY
Email: croftviewpodiatry@hotmail.co.uk

Appointments also available
at Browney House Surgery, Langley
Park, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



A VISIT TO TANZANIA

The 'GreenSchool', off the bypass, has since September 2012, been home to pupils from years 10 and 11 in comprehensive schools, who are not fitting into mainstream education because of their behaviour. They all travel there by mini-bus, from a very wide catchment area of Co Durham. At this school,

firm discipline is essential and observing the pupils during school hours it is obvious that the headmistress, Mrs Helen Johnson and her staff are dedicated to educating these young people, not only intellectually, but socially and emotionally so that they can take responsibility for their own behaviour and become responsible, fully acceptable members of mainstream education. In order to widen their experience and learning Mrs Gail Kirby, who is on the staff of a similar school, Elemore Hall School in the Easington district of Co Durham, visited the school on March 21st to show a video and give information about her numerous visits to Tanzania in Africa, where

she has helped set up a number of projects in schools. In 2008 Mrs Kirby took two pupils from her school with her and they benefited greatly from the experience. They were the only white faces in the school and they learned to respect and work amicably alongside their African classmates. Mrs Catherine Forster, who teaches humanities at the school is planning to take two pupils with her when she goes to Tanzania very soon. The video which the pupils watched was made by Mrs Kirby and was very informative for the pupils. Fund raising has taken place to fund the Tanzanian visit and we wish them all well as they make their preparations. Brenda Craddock

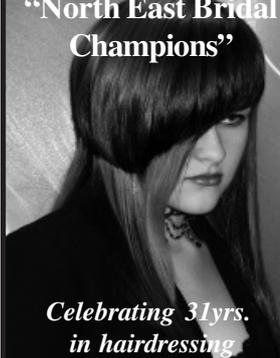


3 Course Meal Sunday and Monday (All Day)
Tuesday to Saturday 12 to 7pm
Only £6.95

Traditional Homemade Greek Cuisine
Ring 01207 438161
Take Away and Delivery available

new image
hair & beauty

"North East Bridal Champions"



Celebrating 31yrs.
in hairdressing

*North East Award winning
Premier Hair Salon*

Specialist in all areas of Hairdressing

Beauty Treatment

Complete range of beauty treatment
For Women and Men

1-2 Front Street Lanchester
01207 520331



Mrs Gail Kirby with her map of Tanzania

CAR PARKING IN LANCHESTER

An email has been leaked to a member of The Village Voice pertaining to the future of car parking in Lanchester. A number of residents have expressed their desire over the years to increase facilities for parking their cars. If the village does expand as expected, the situation will become more acute. We cannot disclose who sent the email as we always protect our

sources but it does suggest that the Queen's Head and the Lanchester Arms may be demolished and replaced by car parks. Men with theodolites have been seen in the grounds of the latter recently. These areas would provide space for over 100 cars. There is a rapidly expanding car park entrepreneur in the north of England who has seen a gap in the

market and has been buying up redundant churches and pubs then turning them into car parks. This company is nowhere near the size of NCP but is heading that way. A spokesman for the company, Ivor Clamp, has admitted there is an interest in this potentially very profitable project and expects to be given the go ahead by April 2014.



The Lanchester Arms - a blight on the village and has been for a long time. What is the future here?



The now derelict Queen's Head where there has been a fire and floods. What is the future for this fine building?

Scott Bricklaying & Building Services
Specialists in all aspects of building services
 New Builds, Extensions, Garage conversions, Porches, Driveways and Garden Projects
All Work Guaranteed
 (Help & advice with plans)
Contact Scott Somerville
 01207 507433 Mobile 07734905364
 Email: scott@scottbricklaying.co.uk
www.scottbricklaying.co.uk

DAVISON'S

Spring has arrived

and so has our new stock

Front Street, Leadgate
01207 502355

M GRIEVE BSM DRIVER TRAINER
 - Free computerised theory & hazard training

- First hour free
- Only new cars used
- Experienced & learner training

- Free hour if you introduce a friend
Call:- 07585291915 or 01207529511
Email mggwest41@hotmail.co.uk

ADVANCED DECORATING
 FREE ESTIMATES

David Gallagher
 Painter and Decorator
 4 Woodside Tce,
 Stanley
 Co. Durham DH9 7HG
 01207 231338
 07887 881396
davidg3001@talktalk.net
www.advanced-decorating.org.uk

THE ODD JOB MAN
 Providing an odd job service around the Lanchester & Durham Area.

Fences, Hedges, Lawns
Flat pack furniture construction
Any other odd jobs around the House & Garden.

Contact Simon on: 07863927105

LANCHESTER DAIRIES LTD

PASTEURISED FULL AND LOW FAT MILK - FRESH CREAM - ALL DAIRY PRODUCE
 01207 521826

Fresh Milk Daily

Inc. Bill & Geoff's Real Dairy Ice Cream

LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Park House, on Tuesday 12th March

Minutes

Ordinary meeting held on 12th February 2013 - approved.

Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th February 2013 - approved

Police Report - for the period 23rd January - 27th February was discussed (see separate article)

The Neighbourhood Warden report for January was also discussed.

Correspondence

(1) Lanchester Cricket

Club - Bonfire Night - permission was given for use of Kitswell Park for this event subject to the usual insurance, safety and maintenance conditions. A decision on financial support for the event would be made following elections in May.

(2) Durham County Council - survey - information received.

(3) Lanchester Community Association - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony - letter received.

(4) Lanchester Adult Football Team - request to use the football pitch at Kitswell Park for

2013/14 season - permission was given subject to the usual conditions.

(5) Dog Fouling Kitswell Park - letter from resident - agreed that additional signage be erected to try to address the problem.

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

Lynwood Community Interest Company (CIC) Members received an update on the Lynwood CIC and were informed that the CIC had withdrawn from the Lynwood project in terms of managing the community space. The CIC had suggested that in order to retain a community element that the Parish Council could consider managing this facility and correspondence from Derwentside Homes to this effect has been received. Members agreed in principle to consider managing the community space in the Lynwood development and a final decision will be taken by the Parish Council following elections in May and once all the details are received.

Kitswell Park - tree report and survey It was agreed that the recommended tree works be undertaken.

Action for Market Towns (AMT) - seminar A Councillor presented his report following his

attendance at the seminar. It was agreed that this could be discussed further at a future Parish Council meeting.

Tree Planting - Village Green

It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Lanchester Partnership for the recent tree planting on the Village Green.

Policies

The following policies were reviewed and approved; Risk Assessment Schedule, Internal Audit Arrangements, Financial Regulations, Equal Opportunities Policy, Health & Safety Policy

Schools - Distribution of newsletters

It was agreed that a donation of £75 be sent to each of the Primary Schools as a thank you for distributing the Council newsletters.

Grants/Donations

The following donations were agreed: Great North Air Ambulance - £110. Lanchester Parochial Church Council - Maintenance of Tower Clock - £200.

Butterwick Children's Hospice - £110.

Financial report - discussed and received.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2013 following the Annual Meeting of the Parish which will commence at 7.15 pm.

DENESIDE TAXIS

(Kevin)

Local friendly service

Competitive rates

Tel: LANCHESTER 528882

Denis Dunn Electrical Services

- Electric Motor Repairs
- Domestic Electrical Repairs
- Portable Appliance Testing
- Stairlift Sales and Repairs

Free Estimates

Tel: 07535271533

Email: denis.dunn@btinternet.com



Lanchester Wine Cellars



Wine Tastings

Every month we hold a free tutored wine tasting evening showcasing both new & traditional wines, please contact for details



Itinerary

- ✓ Tour of our operation and bottling lines
- ✓ Tutored tasting of 8 - 10 superior wines
- ✓ Discount on list prices

Places are limited and are reserved on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Please contact for dates & details.



MOONSTONE - Sparkling White & Rose 5.5%

White: Light yellow colour, bright and fresh on the palate with flavours of apple and pear. Light in style with a refreshing finish.

Pink: Lovely pink colour, flavours of strawberries and raspberries, light on the palate with a dry finish.

6 x 75cl bottles £21.50

01207

521234

Call or visit for more info. on our cases & wine gifts.

Greencroft Estate, Tower Rd. Annfield Pln.

DH9 7XP

Alexander
Sales & Lettings

Please Support Local Business & List Your Property To Let Or Sell with Ourselves. We Will Beat Any Other Estate Agent's Fee. We Will Go Joint Alongside Your Initial Agent.

Free Valuation, No Sale No Fee, No Let No Fee info@alexander-lettings.co.uk (01207) 529900

POLICE REPORT

Reporting period: 23rd January to 27th February
Number of calls for the area: 67

Number of community related calls: 9

Alcohol seizures 0, Dwelling burglaries 0, Other burglaries 1 (an unsecured garage had been broken into and items stolen), Bogus callers 0, Anti-social behaviour 9 (including 4 reports from the Indian Chef - as no reports have been received regarding Lee Hill Court or the Valley Walk recently, the PACT priority has been redirected to the Indian

Chef), Vehicle nuisance 0, Criminal damage 1 (animal bedding on a trailer was set alight at Malton Works - forensic investigations are continuing), Thefts 2 (an iPod was stolen at St Bede's - a 14 year old pupil was arrested; an iPad was stolen at a party in Lee Hill Court - investigations are ongoing).

Current community operations: there has been an increase in the number of poaching incidents across the area. Extra attention will be given to the rural area and

anyone with information is asked to telephone the Police on 101. Over the next few weeks arrangements will be made for all current Farmwatch members to be visited by the new beat officers PC Bradley and PCSO Jackson.

On Tuesday 19th February a Farmwatch Operation was held across the North East region. In total approximately 200 officers and farm volunteers took part in County Durham. During the operation it was a cold and extremely foggy evening which meant suspicious activity was very low.

ARTISTS, KEEN MAKERS/CRAFTERS AND VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

LionMouth Rural Centre, based in Esh Winning, is a non-profit, community organisation which aims to offer a range of meaningful activities to support vulnerable people suffering emotional and mental ill health. We are looking for volunteers to help us create the vision. If you can spare 2 hours per week and are interested in volunteering, please contact the centre on 0191 373 5531.

We have a beautiful art studio and also offer creative workshops to the community and schools. We are always on the look-out for local artists, artisans and keen makers who are interested in facilitating workshops to teach others to improve their skills. If you're interested, please email 3 images of your work, along with a brief description, to paula-lionmouth@outlook.com or contact 0191 373 5531 to discuss further.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Many of you will have read the recent reports of the trials and jailing of 60 members of an organised crime family operating in Derwentside and centred on Burnhope. Operation 'Nacho' has been running for 3 years, it has involved Durham Constabulary, Durham County Council, the Environment Agency working together to break a multi-million pound 'crash for cash' scam which has cost every motorist living in Derwentside £100 extra on their car insurance. The methods used in this case are now being classified as 'outstanding practice' and shared across the country with other Police Forces and Councils. This family have not only been involved in widespread criminality they have also terrorised a community until that community started to fight back. I and my fellow MP, Kevan Jones, have been part of the 'Gold Command', using local information to co-ordinate the fight back against this family. Even as the MP I have had to have police alarms and CCTV in my office and in

my home and yet I was at far less risk than many of the brave local people who have come forward with information at considerable risk to themselves and their families and I want to thank them for it. I now want to pursue the insurance companies that let these criminals get away with this for so long. Derwentside is not a high risk area for accidents so why didn't insurance companies question and properly investigate these fraudulent accidents? The insurance companies have questions to ask and we want our money back. I will be meeting with the Association of British Insurers in April to put these questions to them. Each of us also needs to ask the same questions of our insurance company. If you need help or would like a standard letter to use in questioning your insurance company please get in touch with my office. Pat Glass MP
 Tel 01207 501782
 Email pat.glass.mp@parliament.uk



valuedaccountancyservices

OUR ADVICE-YOUR RESULTS
 Award winning Accountants who specialise in small business
 We appreciate our clients and would love to meet you for a coffee to see how we can help

Consett 01207 502145 | www.valued-as.co.uk

LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB
NEW BIGGEN LANE LANCHESTER DH7 0PF



- ➔ WARM FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
- ➔ BINGO THURSDAY NIGHTS
- ➔ 50/50 DANCING FRIDAY NIGHTS
- ➔ ENTERTAINMENT EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT

NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME
 Concert room with seating for 180 available for functions to any member of the community

Contact Richard Young or Trish Bennett on 01207 520475 or 01207 528304 for further information

Spring Craft Fair

At Lanchester Community Centre

Saturday 20th April
10 am - 2 pm

15 stalls of locally produced Arts and Crafts including

Cards - Jewellery - Soaps - Teddies - Knitting
Quilting - Breads - Cakes - Jams - Chutneys
Cheeses - Ice Creams
Crafted Gifts and much more !



In aid of Lanchester Community Centre F4U



LANCHESTER PLUMBING & HEATING LTD

Gas Safe & Oil Service Engineers

FROM A LEAKING TAP TO COMPLETE
CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM
NO JOB TOO SMALL

COMPETITIVE QUOTES - FREE ADVICE - NO CALL OUT CHARGE

CALL BARRY ON: (01207) 528139 OR (MOBILE): 07717174739

The Black Bull

~45 Front Street, DH7 0HT~

Traditional Sunday Lunch

Served 12 ~ 3pm

Adult Main Course £5.95 Childs Main Course £3.95

2 Course £7.95 3 Course £9.95

Free Function Room Available

~ Buffets and Set Menus Available on Request ~

Large Grassed Beer Garden At Rear, Ideal
for The Kids, Pool Table In The Bar
Free Wi-Fi Provided By The Cloud

Bookings For Sunday Lunch and
Functions Welcomed

Contact 01207 520256
or Email andymob21@o2.co.uk

Gardening in April

If you stand still on a calm April morning you can almost hear things growing. It is an exciting month in the garden with April showers bringing your dormant plants (and, unfortunately, weeds) into their new life.

In the Borders

Jobs in your borders include dividing primroses after they have finished flowering and continuing to plant herbaceous perennials. If any of your perennials will need supporting this year, put the supports in now so that the plants grow up through them. Honeysuckle and Clematis will now be putting on growth and the new stems will need, and benefit from, tying in so that the plant grows along its supports. Prune Forsythia as soon as it has finished flowering as blooms appear on last year's growth. Deadhead daffodils and tulips as they finish flowering but leave the leaves intact to help feed the bulbs for next year's flowers. This month you can sow hardy annuals outside in pots.

In the Vegetable Plot

Plant your chitted potatoes in their

positions outside or in potato grow bags or containers. Prepare vegetable seed beds by removing weeds and forking-in compost. Once this is done cover the beds with black plastic sheets to warm the soil and keep it dryer. Many crops can be sown directly into the ground this month including parsnips, cabbages and radish. If you started broad beans in rootainers you can transplant them this month.

General

Other jobs include applying a high-nitrogen fertiliser to your lawn to provide it with a start-of-the-year boost and now is a good time to apply lawn weed killers where moss and weeds are a problem. I find Lawn Sand a viable and relatively cheap answer where moss is a problem. Start mowing your lawn this month on a high setting to begin with and gradually lower towards the end of the month. You might also check your compost bin(s) to see if any of the material is ready and can be used on your beds and borders.

Graham the Gardener

For all your Gardening Needs All Year Round
A Local Business, Free Estimates and Fully Insured

- ✓ Garden Maintenance
- ✓ Turfing
- ✓ Garden Tidy Ups
- ✓ Tree, Hedge and Shrub Work
- ✓ Weed Control
- ✓ Beds and Borders
- ✓ Grass Cutting
- ✓ Tubs, Pots and Baskets



Contact Graham on
Tel No 01207 528016 / 521803
0796 2236826 / 0796 2236829



P KIRBY

Est 1987

Plumbing, Heating and Building Services
Specialists in Bathroom Refurbishment
Tiling, Shower panels, Pvc Ceilings
and all related Building work
Free Estimates
Tel/Fax: 01207 284230 Mob: 07836742359
Email pk.plumbing@live.com

LIFE AT MARGERY FLATTS ALLOTMENTS AND ORCHARD



The allotments at Margery Flatts

Margery Flatts allotments have developed well in 2012 despite the awful weather. Several plots produced an excellent crop particularly those that were well mulched or had slightly raised beds. Allotmenters who put in the time were rewarded well for their efforts. Inevitably the wettest year in recent history caused a high water table and some water logging. Strawberries were scarce and largely unripe and several types of vegetables failed to fully ripen. Surprisingly

potatoes often did well and parsnips are still coming out of our ears! The plots and orchard are managed using organic means ... so methods of beating the pests are being developed such as barrier methods, careful selection of disease resistant varieties and using varieties of plants that put off pests as well as plants that attract beneficial insect species. The site now has facilities including a tool store, compost toilet, and a new shed that can provide shelter as well as storage of site

maintenance tools. The allotments are surrounded by a newly planted orchard which also extends into the centre of the site using an impressive 'espalier frame' put up by Freddie Emerson. The orchard is a Lanchester Partnership project and the site development works are being funded by a grant from the County Durham Community Foundation. The site will be awash with blossom and fruit in the coming years and should be a wonderful place for exercise and quiet contemplation and

'good crack' ... as well as providing delicious fresh organic produce. Now is the time for spring preparation for the year ahead. There is still just time to take on a plot and have a full crop. Several full and half plots are available. The cost of taking on a plot is £1 per week and £10 a year for the committee site costs, whilst to be involved

with the orchard, you can join in for £10 a year per household with a commitment to help with the maintenance in return for a share of what we grow. If you are interested in taking on a plot or would like to look around please contact Bob Russell on 01207 521335 or for membership of the orchard contact Kate Wicks on 01207 520258.

FENCE RENOVATORS



On a glorious 5th March, Mark Rothery, County Ranger for Lanchester, (left); Kevin Stock, volunteer from Sherburn (centre); and Geoff Peacock, Brook View, another volunteer, repair the fence near the Station House.

JAC *Specialists in all areas of domestic renovation*
For All Your Property Needs
 Over 10 years experience
 We are based in Lanchester
Tel: 07789481500 or 01207 528639
Email: jacproperty@yahoo.co.uk
 Visit www.jacproperty.co.uk for examples of our work

LANCHESTER CARPETS
 THE QUALITY RETAILER GIVING FRIENDLY RELIABLE SERVICE

- Free estimates
- Free local delivery
- Expert fitting service
- Rugs and Vinyls
- 100's Rems

9 Church View
Lanchester
01207 521771

ASHFIELD VETERINARY SURGERY
 1 DURHAM ROAD
 LANCHESTER
 Telephone: LANCHESTER (01207) 520308

SURGERY HOURS

9.00 - 10.00 a.m.	}	Monday
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.		to
5.00 - 6.30 p.m.	}	Friday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.		Saturday

All by appointment
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
 LANCHESTER (01207) 520308

David Chapman

Plumbing & Heating Established 1981

Water Industry Approved Plumber

GAS SAFE REGISTER

For free estimate and advice

Telephone: (01207) 521501

Mobile: 07977 502536

MORGAN PLASTERING & PROPERTY

MAINTENANCE

Plastering/rendering

General property repairs

Garage conversions

All insurance work welcome



free estimate

Specialists in damp proofing and damp repairs

Based in Lanchester - use local!

0781 8072339 or 01207 521294

www.morganplastering.co.uk

Wear Smart n Spray

Mobile Paint, Body & Trim Repair

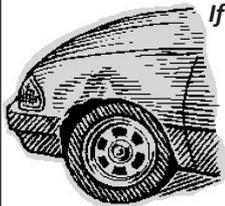
If you've got a Scuff or Scrape,
a Dent or a Ding

I'm your man, call

Michael Willingale

07917607519

Repairs at your home



FENSA
Registered Company 35103

Pad Secure

Windows - Doors - Locks

UPVC & TIMBER REPAIRS

MISTED GLAZING, HINGES, HANDLES & LOCKS

WINDOWS & DOORS SUPPLIED AND FITTED

24 HOUR LOCKSMITHS, CALL DAVID ON

TEL: 01207 501380 / 077 2580 3366

www.padsecure.co.uk

ridley exhausts

of

Tow Law

Exhausts at Rock Bottom Prices

We also specialise in

Performance (up to 26 inch) Low Profile and 4X4 Tyres
also

RUN FLAT TYRES (Now available fitted while-u-wait)

or

Tyres, MOTs, Servicing, Timing Belts, Catalysts, Wheel

Balancing, Oil & filter change, Laser Tracking,

Brakes, Clutches, Diagnostics

And now we are class 4 and 7 MOT Testing Station

Car and Commercial

Brickflats Garage, Tow Law, Bp Auckland

Tel: 01388 730455 or 01388 730483

Web: www.ridleyexhausts.com

"Be Garage Wise"



WI NEWS

President Jennifer MacDonald welcomed everyone to our March meeting before Pauline Griggs gave the reading. Last month members enjoyed two visits to the Theatre Royal and wine tasting at Lanchester Wines.

Lists are out for the Thursford Christmas Spectacular, Summer trip and Pitman Painters.

The darts are going very well but scorers are needed, no need to throw a dart just able to add, subtract and record quickly and accurately. If you can help please see Angela.

Our speaker this evening was David Peacock MBE from the Wickham

Hermitage Community Garden. What an inspiration David is for others to make something wonderful out of something completely neglected. In 2002 David discovered an old Victorian Garden in Wickham and after a public meeting gained planning permission and funding to restore the garden and saved the site from becoming a car park. From 2004 together with volunteers old and young, private funding, grants and fund raising events he has created as we saw on a DVD something really special which the whole community can help in and enjoy, a garden which provides a centre

for all generations and groups in Wickham especially the schools. In 2009 David was awarded an MBE for his work and commitment in restoring the garden to its former glory, an honour well deserved. If you would like to visit or find out more about the gardens, information can be found at www.wickhamhermitagegarden.co.uk. Sarah Wright won the raffle and the competition winners were Ann Smith and Maureen Barker. Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with refreshments. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our Coffee Morning such a successful event.



Heather Muir,
Jean Forster
and June
Wallis
buttering
scones in the
Community
Centre kitchen
for the WI
coffee morning

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

The Flower Club held their 40th AGM on 27th February 2013. The committee members will be as previous years albeit one member has decided to retire. Thanks was given to Jean Johnson for all her support and hard work over the years as a committee member. The AGM was followed by a demonstration from Ann Holmes from Slaley on the delights of sugarcraft and the beautiful decorations which can be made. It was enjoyed by all.

The club has a full year ahead with some lovely afternoon flower demonstrations along with our usual summer outing in July. The club will be celebrating 40 years this year so we intend having many celebrations as this is some achievement. Details were discussed regarding an outing to Chapters Restaurant at Derwentside College on 22nd May to celebrate our 40th anniversary and we hope all members will attend.

LANCHESTER BRIDAL OPENS

A dream came true for Lynn Hunter when she opened her Bridal Shop in Front Street, Lanchester on 16th February. The shop was a hive of activity as women of all ages browsed an extensive display of bride's, bridesmaid's and prom dresses on display. The shop is well appointed and all renovations have been completed by local tradesmen and shops. Lynn's philosophy is to give every bride a magical

experience, offering a carefully selected choice of dresses in beautiful surroundings. Dresses have been sourced from well known designers at competitive prices. These may well appeal to you whatever your budget. There are accessories to go with them and gifts for that special bridesmaid, mum, or for the bride herself. Do come along and see for yourself the extensive ranges on offer - it could be the beginning of your

quest or the end of a long journey. Visit the website www.lanchesterbridal.co.uk or phone 01207 437241 or 07783689371 if you would like an appointment. Otherwise please call in between 10 am - 4 pm on Mondays/Tuesdays/Fridays, Thursdays 12 - 7 pm and Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm. Appointments may be arranged on Tuesdays 4 - 6 pm and Saturdays 2 - 5 pm. The shop is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.



Lynn Hunter at the opening of Lanchester Bridal surrounded by dresses

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last year, travelling through Sunnyside I'm sure many of you watched the transformation of the old Rose Shamrock and Thistle pub into the very welcome looking Italian restaurant 'Sorello Sorello'. Over Christmas, with its outside lights and twinkly lit trees either side of the entrance, it just looked so inviting and we all thought - 'must go there soon' - so we did. Of course, the lighting wasn't just for Christmas, it's there all the time and continually inviting. Once inside you're in a light, airy spacious environment, decor with a difference (a 60's scooter stands just inside ready to transport you back to wherever you'd like to go, and in the recessed large area at the back different

shapes and sizes of mirrors line the ceiling), quick attentive service and a wide variety of food and choice of menu types. They had an a la carte, a set menu at £8.95 + a specials menu and we tried bits from them all. We were most impressed. Eventually, having settled on our choices, we sampled penne contadina (chicken in a cream and tomato sauce), pan fried scallops on a butternut squash puree, smoked haddock pate, chicken and mushroom risotto, roast lemon and thyme chicken breast with smoked pancetta, roast new potatoes and pomodoro sauce, lasagne with garlic bread, lemon chicken risotto and duck and black pudding. Everything was delicious -

and then came the puds!! Not the usual Italian offerings - these were all made by Chef, beautifully presented, and 'to die for'. Dark chocolate and orange mousse served with marinated strawberries, a caramelised banana and toffee Eton mess, elderflower and limoncello truffles with black cherries and sweet ricotta and pistachio, vanilla and chocolate ice cream. We had Chef come out so that we could congratulate him ourselves on his outstanding creations - we were once again - 'most impressed'. What a lovely lunch, we thoroughly recommend you calling in yourselves and enjoying a meal, we shall certainly be back.

The Gourmet Girls

Lanchester Bridal



Follow your heart right to our door! Find the dress of your dreams at an affordable price.

Handpicked new, sample and pre-loved wedding, bridesmaid and prom dresses
5 Front Street, Lanchester, DH7 0LA
TEL: 07783689371 or 01207 437241

AURA

11B Front Street
Lanchester Durham
Tel: 07910 080 209

Jacqueline A. Brough H.N.D., I.I.H.H.T., M.G.B.T.
Beauty Therapist, Reflexologist,
Electrolysis, Reiki Master

To avoid disappointment please book your appointment in advance

www.aurahealthbeauty.com
Email: aura.beauty@live.co.uk
Facebook: Jackie aura Durham

J. DANIELS JOINERY

6 panel grained Internal doors supplied and fitted from £60 inc. hinges and handles

~Doors~Skirting~Loft storage~Spindles~
Time served joiner specialist in property renovation. References available.



For a free quote call Jon on

Tel: 01207529442

Mob: 07786248574



Cowell's Landscapes

All aspects of horticulture are covered, from a full design and landscape service, down to small garden maintenance jobs

- ❖ Paving
- ❖ Decking
- ❖ Fencing
- ❖ Turfing
- ❖ Regular Maintenance
- ❖ Hedge/Tree Pruning and Removal

For free estimate contact Wayne Cowell on 07939029240 or 01207 520027

FRED McALOAN ELECTRICAL SERVICE

Additional Sockets, Lighting, Showers
Cooker Points, Full or Part Rewires

RELIABLE & DEPENDABLE SERVICE
NO JOB TOO SMALL PART P REGISTERED

Free Estimate & Friendly Advice

0781 3202 470

01207 500770

Armstrong Plumbing & Heating

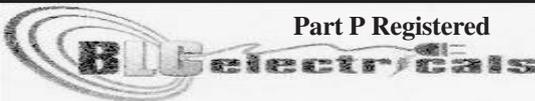
- ⇒ Full heating systems installed.
- ⇒ Boiler replacement and servicing.
- ⇒ All plumbing jobs (Small and large).
- ⇒ Complete bathrooms installed.
- ⇒ Disabled bathrooms new or modified.

Telephone: (01207) 507356

Mobile: 07812427990

GAS SAFE REGISTER No 206608



Part P Registered

Specialising in Rewires, Inspections & Testing. All types of electrical work undertaken. NO JOB TOO SMALL
 Call Brian 01207 283944 or
 07534739335
ALL WORK GUARANTEED

DOUBLE GLAZING SPECIALIST

HARROP STAR QUALITY
 Tel Fax: 01207 504230
 Michael Mob: 07828 128 689
 Maria Mob: 07708 238 822
 email: MandMHarropwindows@googlemail.com

A.G. ROOFING

* BUILT-UP FELT ROOFING * SLATING *
 * TILING * GUTTERING * uPVC FASCIAS *
 * SOFFITS etc.

- ALL WORK GUARANTEED -
 FREEPHONE: Andy 01207 529936
 Mobile: 07753 353906


WESTLANDS
 Dental, Cosmetic & Implant Studio

**26 Front Street,
 Lanchester Co Durham
 01207 520265**

Westlands Dental Studio dedicated to your Oral Health
 Prevention is at the heart of everything we do to ensure you maintain a healthy smile for life.

Why not book a FREE CONSULTATION with our patient care co-ordinator for:-

- ^ A WHITER SMILE
- ^ PORCELAIN AND COMPOSITE VENEERS
- ^ CROWNS AND BRIDGES
- ^ SIX MONTHS SMILE
- ^ INVISALIGN
- ^ INMAN ALIGNER
- ^ DENTAL IMPLANTS - ALL ON 4™ -TEETH IN A DAY

WESTLANDS DENTAL STUDIO WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY EASTER

Get ready for spring and soothe those tired feet with a "AYUREVEDIC FOOT RITUAL"

A blissful, luxurious foot massage which releases tension and toxins from the feet. Take advantage of a 15% reduction during April.

For further information please visit our website or call Dorothy on 01207 520265. Terms and conditions apply

www.westlandsdentalstudio.co.uk.

A CONCERT OF SACRED MUSIC

On Friday March 1st, the Roman Catholic Church was the venue for a very special concert. It was one of many events celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the Ordination of Canon Robert Spence. The Lanchester and District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society, who were performing the sacred music, said in their programme 'We are honoured to offer this concert of Sacred Music in gratitude for Canon Spence's priestly ministry in the community of Lanchester, across the North East and far beyond. In the name of all those whose lives he has touched, we hope you enjoy and are inspired by our performance'. We were asked to 'enjoy and be inspired'. There was no doubt about that,

with David Hughes as the Producer and Musical Director, and Lilian Dixon, and Bill Gray as accompanists and a member, Richard Woods as one of the soloists. Lanchester seems to lead the way with its abundance of musical talent! There was a buzz of anticipation as the audience gathered and filled the church, but a hush fell as the performers took their places to begin their performance. There were four soloists: Elizabeth Woods - Soprano, Kathleen Ireland - Mezzo Soprano, Ian Gray - Bass and Richard Woods - Tenor, all of whom were outstanding. From the very first moment the audience were enthralled by the excellence of the performance. It seemed to speak to everyone, not least to Canon Spence who had referred in his welcoming words, to his great love of music.

He had also commented as to how much the society had brought to the community over many years, their first performance being in 1972. They always sing to a very appreciative audience. In this case the words of Haydn's 'Creation'; 'O Rest in the Lord' from Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'; Faure's 'Requiem'; 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins, and Vivaldi's glorious 'Gloria' were all sung very skilfully and movingly in Latin but translations of the words had been made and were given to the audience on arrival. Before the final item, Vivaldi's 'Gloria', Canon Spence led prayers for peace in various parts of the world, praying that peace will fill our hearts, the world and the universe. The concert ended and deservedly received tumultuous applause. It had been a very memorable evening.



The end of a splendid performance



Canon Spence with David Hughes and members of the Society

GOLDEN HARMONIES

Despite the threat of heavy snow storms, what a wonderful evening of good music, delicious food and excellent company was had by all in the company of Canon Spence.

A full house enjoyed the music of Ray and Terry who had us smiling, singing along and dancing to a broad repertoire of popular songs from the 50s onwards. So many thanks are due to them for this.

Thanks must also go to Paul and Fiona of 'Crinnions' who supplied us with fresh and tasty pies, served with peas and gravy - just hitting the spot on a cold wet evening.

Of course the Committee and Trish and Richard gave us their usual full and much appreciated cooperation.

Canon Spence was delighted to be in the company of so many

friends (all music and pie aficionados!) - friends from the whole village community but also from as far as Darlington. Why not join the crowds at the Gala Theatre 24th April for the next musical event celebrating Canon Spence's Golden Jubilee of Ordination: 'An Evening with Vin Garbutt and Friends', Tickets £10 (conc £9) Box Office 0191 3324041.



Ray and Terry sing one of their repertoire of popular songs from the 50s onwards to a full house at the Social Club

EROSION - VISIONS OF SCARBOROUGH?



There seems to be serious erosion, due to constant flooding, on the bank of Smallhope Burn near Fenhall Park Estate.



THE FLYING SPANNER
MOBILE BICYCLE REPAIRS

Mobile Bicycle Repairs
Lanchester's own bike mechanic
Cytech qualified, Pick-up/drop-off service
07985 321203
neil@theflyingspanner.co.uk

A F JOINERY SERVICES

10 years experience in Building Work
Specialist in Laminate and Hard Wood Flooring
Doors, Skirting Boards, Staircases
Loft Storage and Conversions
Kitchens



For free quote contact Adam on

07706618569

IAN SAYER

Roofing Specialist

Tel: 01207 509862

Mobile: 07947 542570

e-mail: Iansayerroofing@btinternet.com

36, Gill Street, Consett, Co Durham DH8 7JT

SLATING - TILING - GUTTERING - REPAIRS
UPVC FASCIAS & SOFFITS - LEADWORK
FLAT ROOFING

David Chapman Plumbing & Heating

Water Industry Approved Plumber

surestop

The easy way to turn off water

can't turn this?



then use a switch...

surestop - the easy way to turn off mains water at the flick of a switch



Powered by water pressure - the surestop requires NO batteries or electricity

Call David Chapman, a SURESTOP registered installer, for advice and a free estimate.

Telephone: (01207) 521501

Mobile: 07977 502536



Established 1981

**Jeff Smith School of Motoring
Lanchester Based**



- Online Theory & Hazard Training completely FREE
- Special rates for beginners
- Hourly lessons from £17/hour
- Gift vouchers available
- Major cards taken

Call:- 01207521201 or 07810870378
www.jeffsmith-som.com

ALL TYPES OF PLASTERING AND BRICKWORK
Re-Skims, Ceilings, Concreting, Pointing ... etc
Over 20 Years' Experience. All Work Guaranteed

**BILLY CARR
PLASTERING**



Free Estimates. No Job Too Small
QUALITY WORK AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

Telephone: (01207) 284881 Mobile: 07813 339467

**CELEBRATING READING WITH
ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL**



"My Best Book!"-youngsters tell class teacher Mrs Udell about their favourite book

World Book Day has become an important annual event for schools, as a time when all aspects of reading can be celebrated, and the pleasures of a good book recognised. This year, a wide range of activities took place at All Saints' Catholic Primary School, with all the children participating. Pupils in the Reception Class shared their favourite books with their classmates, and discussed why they liked them. Other youngsters studied the work of illustrators, the artists who make books attractive and inviting to a child. Some students were involved in designing a book-themed book mark. This is an annual competition, organised by World Book Day Ltd and Book Tokens Ltd, and it has become a firm favourite in schools across the country. The prizes are National Book Tokens for the winning school, the child whose design is chosen, and tokens are also awarded to their teacher. Mrs Conlin's class investigated one of the most famous books in the

world - the Lindisfarne Gospels. This richly illuminated manuscript was created in a monastery on Lindisfarne, off the coast of Northumberland, in the early Eighth Century. The Lindisfarne Gospels Project is Heritage Lottery funded, and Mrs Conlin, artist Vicky Holbrough and Mrs Meggeson, Primary Links Teacher from St Bede's presented the topic to the pupils. Three students from St Bede's were also on hand to support the work which involved the children embossing patterns of the sun and stars onto small metal squares. The completed work will be displayed at St Bede's school, and the Project has also included outreach workshops for the pupils of All Saints' School, delivered by John Roxbrough of Durham University. The work with our young people to inform them about the significance of the Lindisfarne Gospel will be part of the celebrations across the North East when the manuscript makes its return home later this year.

New Row Farm Nurseries
Tow Law DL13 4PH
It's the Place that Gardeners Go!
OPEN EVERY DAY 10am - 4pm

Vegetable plants and herbs available now,
Great multi buys on all Shrubs, Perennials,
Alpines and Climbers.

**6 Pack Violas and Pansies
£2.75 each or 2 for £5**

We also have a huge range of glazed pots,
water features, compost and bark

• TREES • SHRUBS • PERENNIALS
• CONIFERS • ALPINES • CLIMBERS
ALL SIZES FOR ALL GARDENS

Cytisus x PRAECOX "Broom"
Only £4.50
3 for £12

The North East's Best kept secret!
Find us on: www.newrowfarmnurseries.co.uk and buy plants online for delivery or collection. Open 10-4 daily

BUY DIRECT FROM THE GROWER
...for professional advice and locally grown hardy plants!

Tel: 01388 527698

Ron and Maralyn O'Keefe
are pleased to tell you that

The Glass & Art Gallery
Medomsley Road, Consett

has new, beautiful gifts and unique artwork arriving every week giving you plenty of choice for every occasion.

12 years in business and even more wonderful items to choose from.

These may be tough times but our prices are still very gentle. Come and visit us and see for yourself.

Visit our online shop on Facebook
- The Glass and Art Gallery

9.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Saturday

Tel: 01207 583353 Email: glassandartgallery@live.co.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY AT THE EP SCHOOL

They did it in style! Teachers and pupils arrived at the school yard in the morning all wearing costumes depicting characters from books. During the day older children sat in reception classes to read stories to the younger ones. It was a lovely atmosphere in the classrooms.



Two Year 6 pupils read to reception children

No one was left out. There were no inhibitions, all staff in the office and Head teacher, Jane Davis, joined in as well, as Cleopatra.



Staff and children in super costumes gather together for World Book Day

On to assembly and there was a mass of colour, so different from the usual blue uniforms. The Head Teacher asked children to stand as she named various characters from books, too numerous to mention. The children did so, very proudly and they all looked fabulous as their various characters. Staff too announced which characters they were representing, all in good humour, and seemed to

enjoy the moment as much as the children. During the afternoon parents were invited for coffee and a book fair was held and well supported.

It really was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone involved and brought attention to the value of books in education and leisure.

KIDS' CLUB

Kids' Club was held once again during the half term holiday at the Community Centre. On the Monday there was a viewing of the film 'Laura' which was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience. On the Friday it was 'Crafternoon'. With help of Community Centre staff and other helpers including some mums, the children spent their time making Mothering Sunday Cards, appropriately labelled boxes filled with love, as well as some tissue roses. The two

functions were an excellent way for children to occupy their time during the holiday with others of similar ages, whilst the mums

seemed to enjoy the social side of the afternoon. The Community Centre made an excellent total of £132.25 from both events.



Children with mums and helpers making Mothering Sunday Cards

Dave Donnelly
Witbank Garage Hallgarth Building, Hallgarth Terrace, Lanchester, DH7 0HS
 Tel: (01207) 529192

All Motor Vehicle Repairs
Clutches, Tyres, Batteries etc
MOT Testing

Goodchilds
 Property Services
and Handyman

At Your Service

Garden and household maintenance, painting, tiling, small household jobs - shelving etc, No job too small

Contact Alyn Goodchild
01207 295180 or 07882 264 997

LANCHESTER PET RESORT
The Holiday Home for your cats and dogs

All pets given individual loving care. Luxury heated Cattery and Boarding units, sizes and styles to suit all needs

Tel. 01207 520333
www.lanchesterpetresort.co.uk

Sew What
My home furnishing service

From Hand Made Curtains to Garment Alterations

Call Alice on **01207 529797**
 or mobile **07913 789080**

Free collection and delivery within local area
 No job too small

Beautilley
 Mobile Beauty and Sports Fitness Therapy

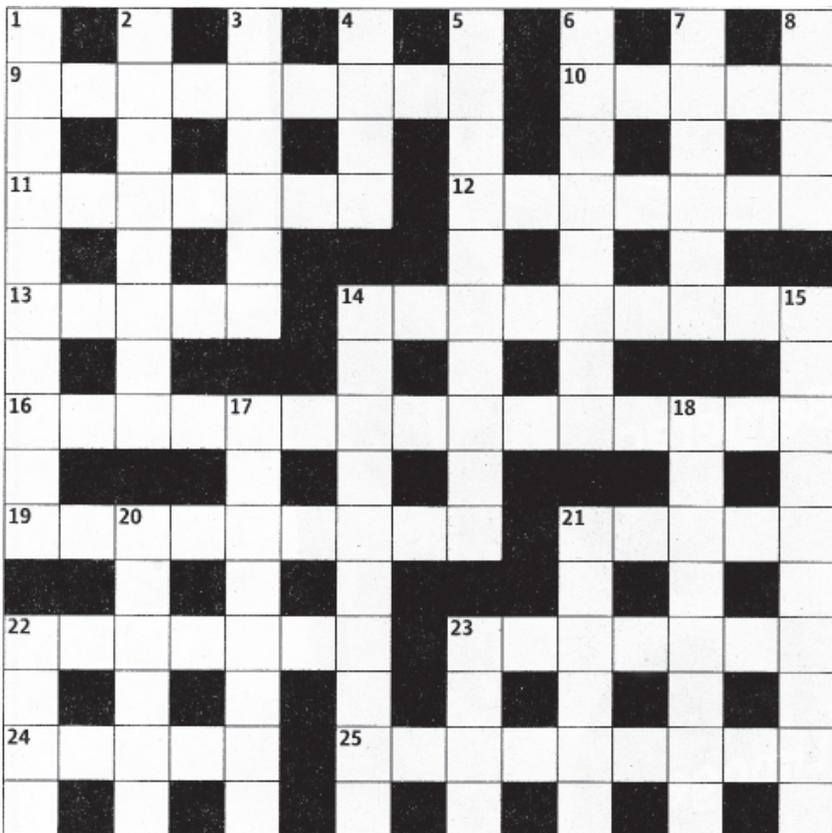
Let Beautilley come to you and enjoy a salon/spa experience in the comfort of your own home

Call Ann on: 07534775077
 Email: beautilley@hotmail.com
 Facebook: www.facebook.com/MobileBeautilleyAndSportsFitnessTherapy

Talking Heads
Est 13 years

QUALITY CARE
FOR YOU AND YOUR HAIR
 Ring Jeni, Michelle or Natalie
 for an appointment
01207 520926

CROSSWORD 83



ACROSS

9. Scottish bonnet (9)
10. Cosmetic (5)
11. Whizz kid (7)
12. Impose (7)
13. Hangman's halter (5)
14. Bold action from DDR region (7-2)
16. Symbolic tools? (6,3,6)
19. Showy display (9)
21. Put through these as a test (5)
22. Chip material (7)
23. Sharp (7)
24. Foreign (5)
25. Her crèche is refined (9)

DOWN

1. Gus, a Pathan produces flower (10)
2. Bottle from bare mojo (8)
3. Catch fire (6)
4. Wear away (4)
5. NEicon (4,6)
6. Unwanted murals (8)
7. Nomads from Timbuktu are goatherds (6)
8. Present (4)
14. Eden traced into graveyard? (4,6)
15. Something well known but shouldn't be (4,6)
17. Attractive (8)
18. Irregular payment (8)
20. Claire makes a cake (6)
21. Favour (6)
22. Swindle (4)
23. Head in car chase (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 82

ACROSS

1. remedial
5. theses
9. archives
10. inbred
12. erect
13. facsimile
14. court martial
18. sound tuneful
21. hyperbola
23. drawl
24. whinge
25. go to seed
26. rankle
27. atomiser

DOWN

1. reaper
- 2,19. mickey takers
3. driftwood
4. Alex Ferguson
6. Hindi
7. Sardinia
8. suddenly
11. scamper about
15. roundworm
16. eschewer
17. gumption
19. see 2
20. glider
22. regal

Name _____

Address _____

Please send your entries (by deadline date on back page) to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0HY.

CROSSWORD 82

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition though not all were correct. Congratulations to Sylvia Cliff of Humberhill Drive who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.



LANCHESTER DECORATING
Painting and DIY services

- Free quotations
- No job to small
- Superb workmanship
- All work guaranteed
- Quality work at reasonable prices

Tel : 01207 528599
Mob: 07824 386360



MG Plumbing
Heating Engineers

- © GAS, OIL, LPG Service & Repair
- © Landlord Safety Certificates
- © Boiler & Appliance Servicing
- © Full & Part Installations
- © High Pressure Drain Cleaning
- © Plumbing & Drains Unblocked

Martin Pearson
01207 294100
07909548507



m.g.p@live.co.uk

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.

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

ST BEDE'S ROWING CHALLENGE

Students from St Bede's Catholic School have raised £1,200 for one of the region's best loved charities. They took part in a sponsored rowing machine challenge to raise money for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation.

The former England and Newcastle manager's widow, Lady Elsie Robson, visited the school on Friday March 8th to receive the cheque on behalf of the cancer charity. Lady Elsie said: "It was a great pleasure. The

students and staff were most welcoming and I enjoyed hearing about their great efforts raising money to help fight cancer. They have worked extremely hard for the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and we're very grateful."



Students and staff at St Bede's presenting their cheque to Lady Elsie Robson

STRICTLY ...

This was the second outing for 'Strictly' at St Bede's and this year, according to the judges, the standard was much higher than last! The dancers would not have looked out of place in the real show - not an Ann Widdecombe or John Sergeant among them. The event was held to raise money for our charities:

Willow Burn Hospice, Cancer Research, Joe Plumb's Mission in Peru and CAFOD. Staff had worked hard to perfect their routines and judges found it difficult to make their final decisions. A different couple took the trophy at the end of each evening: Tuesday: Mr Bunting and Mrs Rath;

Thursday: Mr Henderson and Miss Lyne; Friday: Mr Larkin and Miss Roscoe. Well done to the team, the judges, the students who did the catering, and Lanchester Wines whose generous support over the week was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who supported this wonderful event.



Two of the winning dancers, Mr Henderson and Miss Lyne

DEME LTD

DURHAM ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE ENGINEERS
 Contact Paul Milburn for a Free Estimate.
 Domestic & Commercial Electrical Work
 carried out to IEE Wiring Regulations
 18 BROADOAK DRIVE, LANCHESTER DH7 0QA
 Phone 01207 529145 Mobile 07786 233417
 EMAIL DEMELtd@taltalk.net

BRYMAR

Plastering Services

All aspects of internal plastering, alteration work and home improvements. A quality, reliable and professional service. For information and FREE quotation contact Blair on:

07952 908 196

Shotley Bridge, Consett, Co Durham

Mobile PC Engineer

No Call-out Charges
 Reasonable Rates
 Cisco Certified
 Repairs, Servicing, Upgrades, Diagnostics
 Who you Gonna Call?

Crashbusters.

0191 389 0900 or 07855581013

email: crashbusters@gmail.com
 www.crashbusters.co.uk

Lanchester Village Taxis LTD.



Telephone 01207 **588888** Est. 1986

24 Hr. number 07951 745335

AIRPORTS OUR SPECIALITY

CARS - PEOPLE CARRIERS - MINI BUSES

Fully licensed and insured

Lanchester Based over 23 years

D.A.R.S

Domestic Appliance Repair Service
 Repairing appliances across Co. Durham

For all Repairs, Sales & Installation of
 Domestic Appliances
 (Including professional oven cleaning)

All work guaranteed - free quotes
 Tel: 01207 591150 www.dars-consett.co.uk
 Enquiries at dars.consett@gmail.com
 Order your appliance parts at :-
 www.dars-parts.co.uk

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

WHAT'S ON?

Family Wildlife

On Easter Monday, 1st April, there will be the usual Paste Egg event. Meet behind the Green school at 10 am and bring a raw egg to dye in the traditional way.

Open House

The next Open House will be on Thursday 4th April, from 11.30 am - 1.00 pm when a light lunch will be served.

Kids' Club

Friday 5th April, Craig's Coaching. Children's Sports Activities, £3.00. Pre-book at the Community Centre, 01207521275.

Monday 8th April, Film 'Ice Age 4', 2-4 pm.

History Society

Friday 5th April at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Georgina Plowright, recently retired Curator of the four museums on Hadrian's Wall, will give a talk on Roman Temples and the religion of the Romans in the area of the Wall. All welcome.

Country Market

On Saturday 6th April, 10 am - 12 noon, come along to the Country Market in the Community Centre for all your fresh produce.

Short Circuit Walks

6th April, 10.30 am, Druridge Bay, 5 miles. Meet at Low Hauxley car park, NU286033.

20th April, 10.30 am, Edmondbyers, 5 miles. Meet to south of The Punch Bowl in village, NZ017501.

Sunday Bridge

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

SoSAD Easter Fair

Our Easter Fair is on Saturday 6th April 11.30 am till 3 pm at Meadowfield Club and Institute, Frederick St South, DH7 8LZ.

There will be lots for all the family to do! Kids can re-home a cuddly toy if they don't feel up to rehoming a dog yet. There will be lots of home-made refreshments on sale as well as raffles, doggy tombola and much, much more with all proceeds going to Supporters of Stray and Abandoned Dogs (SoSAD) Charity No 1128800.

So far we've helped Deerness Kennels Rescue Centre save over 4000 dogs, from across County Durham & Darlington, from having to be put to sleep. With your help we can save even more. Why not come and see us. You'd be barking mad not to! Check out our new website sosad.co.uk.

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm in the small hall of Lanchester Community Centre, David Williams will show Wildlife Photography from New Zealand to The Dales.

Mothers' Union

The speaker at the meeting on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is Mrs Ann Shaw from Food4U, the Consett Food Bank.

Bowling Club Spring Meeting

Lanchester Bowling Club will hold its Spring Meeting on Thursday 18th April at 7.00 pm in the Pavilion. All members and prospective new members are welcome.

Paradiso Club

The next Social be held on Sunday April 7th, 7.00 pm - 9.15 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be a Raffle, Refreshments and the opportunity to see the film 'My Week with Marilyn', starring Michelle Williams, Kenneth Branagh, Eddie Redmayne, Emma Watson and Judi Dench.

The story of a week in the life of Marilyn Monroe when her then husband, Arthur Miller, leaves England and the coast is clear for a lowly assistant on the set of The Prince and the Showgirl to introduce her to some of the pleasures of British life; an idyllic week in which he escorted a Monroe desperate to get away from her retinue of Hollywood hangers on and the pressure of work. All welcome. Entry £2.50 members, £3.50 occasional visitors, £2 for young persons. The entry covers the raffle, refreshments and the film.

WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April (second Monday) in the small hall of the Community Centre starting at 7 pm.

Our speaker will be Dave English on the Art of Detergent Science and the competition your own advert for a washing powder.

Visitors are always very welcome.

Our Summer outing to Helmsley, Nunnington Hall and Northallerton will be on Wednesday 26th June. Cost to National Trust Members will be £13.75 and if you are not a National Trust member the cost is £20. Could members please pay as soon as possible (cheques if possible, made payable to Lanchester WI) with payment in named envelope, thank you.

Spring Fair

On Saturday 20th April at the Community Centre, from 10 am - 2 pm, a variety of local arts and crafts, including Cards, Jewellery, Soaps, Teddies, Knitting, Quilting, Breads, Cakes, Jams, Chutneys, Cheeses, Ice Creams and much more.

Whist Drive

The Whist Drive has recommenced in Lanchester Community Centre on a Wednesday afternoon from 2 pm - until 4 pm.

Why not come along and join us for a relaxing game? We would love to welcome new members. Do not worry if you have never played before - we are a very friendly bunch of people and only too happy and willing to show you the 'ropes'. Only £2 per session. For further information please contact Jean 07757942191.

Thursday Club

By the time you read this we shall have celebrated our 33rd birthday with gorgeous cakes and a talk 'Curiously Wicked' - a chocoholics delight. In April, as well as our meeting on the 18th with Watt Stelling giving us a talk on 'The Listed buildings in Derwentside', we shall be holding a coffee morning on Thursday April 11th in the Community Centre Dining Room. Do come along for a delicious slice of cake/scone with coffee/tea and support our really worthy cause - which is the Great North Air Ambulance. £1 for your ticket to a great morning out - we look forward to seeing you there.

Craft and Chat

On Monday 22nd April, from 7.00 until 9.00 pm in the Community Centre. £10.00 includes wine, nibbles and all materials. Pre-book at the Community Centre, 01207 521275.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 24th April at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, there will be a demonstration 'Celebration' by Pamela Alexander of Pegswood.

PACT Meeting

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

Durham Dramatic Society

The next production is House Guest, by Francis Durbridge, between Sunday, 21st April and Saturday, 27th April, in the City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Durham City. In this exciting thriller, Robert and Stella learn that their son has been kidnapped - not for a ransom but to force them to allow one of the kidnappers to stay in their house. Soon the police arrive and tell them that one of the kidnappers has been murdered. The plot thickens in a nail-biting production, which should not be missed. The performances start at 2.30 pm on Sunday and at 7.30 pm on Monday to Saturday. Tickets cost £6.50. Concessions at £5.00 are available on Sunday and Monday only. Tickets may be obtained from the Gala Box Office, Millennium Place, Durham; Tel: 0191 332 4041.

Willow Burn What's On

'Reflections' a new while you're walking.
Spring Memory Walk Fundraising packs and
 Saturday 13th April; application forms from
 2-5pm (not suitable for Ian Bowley on (01207)
 children under 12 years) 523295.
 Cost: £10 registration **'Everlasting Leaves'**
 fee and a minimum Following on from the
 sponsorship target of above fundraiser,
 £30 per person. A lovely participants are invited
 way to remember a loved to attend the unveiling
 one by walking through of Willow Burn's new
 the beautiful countryside Everlasting Leaves
 surrounding the project and memory tree
 hospice. Meet at the in the hospice garden.
 Three Horse Shoes at The project involves
 Maiden Law, for a 3-4 purchasing an inscribed
 mile circular walk then memorial stainless steel
 walk or drive down to leaf which is then hung
 the hospice to leave on the tree for one year,
 a message on our Memory at the end of which time
 Wall and have tea and the subscription can be
 cake. Entry fee includes renewed, or the hospice
 a Willow Burn T-Shirt, a will return the leaf to its
 goody bag and if owner. For more
 wanted, an In Memory information visit
 of badge to wear www.willow-burn.co.uk

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Portuguese Braised Steak and Onions

Serves 4
 (cook two and half hours)
 2 tbsp olive oil
 4 braising steaks
 4 tbsp red wine vinegar
 3 onions, finely sliced
 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped (optional)
 ½ tsp paprika
 100ml/3-4 fl oz red wine
 400g can chopped tomatoes
 1 tsp tomato puree
 2 bay leaves
 Heat oven to 140C/120Cfan/gas 1. Heat half the oil in a shallow casserole pan. Brown the steaks well on each side, then remove from the pan. Splash the vinegar into the pan and let it bubble and almost evaporate. Add the rest of the olive oil and the onion, and gently fry on medium heat for 10-15 mins until softened and starting to colour. Once the onion has softened, stir in the garlic and paprika. Cook for 1 min more, tip in the red wine and chopped tomatoes, then stir through the tomato puree and bay leaves. Season, pop the steaks back into the pan, then cover and place in the oven for 2 hrs, stirring halfway through and adding a splash of water if needed. Cook until the meat is very tender. (Can also be cooled and then frozen for up to 3 months.)

Little Kickers



We're having a ball!

Approved football training classes for kids aged 18 months to 7 Years!

At Little Kickers the focus is very much on fun, with a network of informal yet professionally run training classes where enthusiastic boys and girls (18 months – 7th birthday) are given a helping hand to stand on their own two feet.

Email jtemple@littlekickers.co.uk or call

0191 3006577

Local classes booking now at Croft View Lanchester. To sign up go to our website.

www.littlekickers.co.uk



Lanchester Community Centre



Fitness 4 U

Open 7 days a week



No long term commitments

Summer Special

Buy 3 consecutive months membership and get

One Month Free

Offer ends 30th June 2013

For more details contact any member of the Fitness 4 U staff or phone John Wilson (Community Association Manager)

Tel: 01207 521275

Special 3 Course Meal

Only £4.95

Monday - Saturday
12-2pm & 5.30 - 7pm

deano's
trattoria
Lanchester

Happy Hour

Sunday-Monday

All Day & Night

Tuesday to Saturday
12-2pm & 5.30-7pm

Happy Hour only £3.95

Childrens Menu only £2.95



7 Day Evening Special - 3 Courses for £8.95

(To include any Pizza/Pasta and Selected Steak and Chicken Dishes)

21 A Front Street Lanchester 01207 437572



LILYDALE PET SUPPLIES



RELIABLE FREE LOCAL DELIVERY. BIG RANGE OF MAJOR BRANDS STOCKED.
 LOTS OF TREATS, BEDS & TOYS.

Tel - 01207 529680

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

www.lilydalepetsupplies.co.uk

CALLING ALL BABY BOOMERS

Are you a baby boomer? That is someone born soon after the second world war when couples decided it was a good time to start a family. If so, you will be recently retired or looking forward to retirement. Now is the time to take up Bowling. You may think you are too young to play an 'old folks' game but believe me you are not. If you want a recreation that

you will enjoy for many years to come, now is the time to start. You will make new friends and develop skills so you can be a top player in a few years' time. Lanchester Bowling Club is targeting baby boomers in the hope they will swell their ranks of players. Of course we welcome players of any age but being realistic lawn bowling is a sport that is particularly good

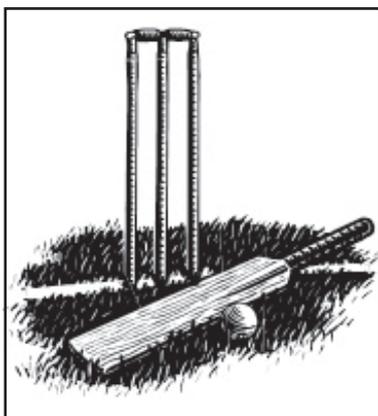
for retired people, both men and women. Recently one of the bowling clubs in the area has had to fold because of falling membership. Fortunately our club is far from that position but we recognise we must not become complacent. Bowling is great fun and highly sociable; it is a flexible sport that can take as much or as little of your time as you wish

and compared to other sports it is quite inexpensive. We are currently working on strategies to welcome new members and get them up and running as quickly as possible. A good starting point would be to come along to our spring meeting at 7 pm on Thursday 18th April in the pavilion. If you cannot make the meeting, contact the



club secretary Ken Raper on 01207 521673 or email lanchesterbowlingclub@yahoo.co.uk

LATEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB



The cricket season must be getting near ... because it snowed again!! It is getting to

the stage where we would hope to be outdoors practising but certainly can't until it gets a bit warmer. By the time you read this the winter nets will be over and we will be champing at the bit to get onto the grass. The season is likely to start, weather

permitting, on 20th April. As always we are looking for new players of all ages. We would especially welcome any new girls to the club as there is a superb opportunity for them to progress to develop to the highest level. We have two level 2 coaches to work with the young people of the club and currently have a third going through his course. If anyone is interested in getting their coaching qualification we can help guide them

through and courses are available for people aged over 16 to level 1 and level 2. The coaches are currently delivering sessions at Lanchester All Saints Primary School during PE lessons and will continue to do so after Easter. Anyone wishing to bring their son or daughter along should contact our Child Welfare officer and junior coordinator Bob Gardiner on 07980238187.

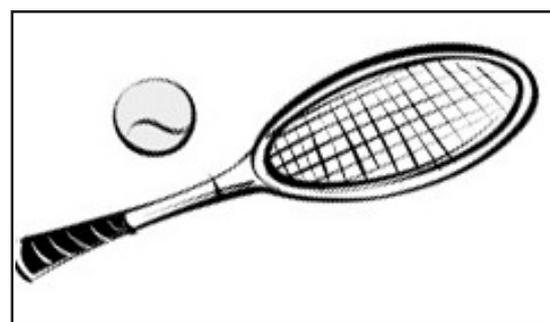
Anyone over the age of 18 who wishes to play for the club, would be gratefully received. We can certainly never have too many players. Just pop into the club for details of when practice is on and get signed up to play. The club is available free of charge for events and you can contact either Jim Potts on 07973249760 or Neil Graham on 07717516759 to book the use of the facilities.

NEWS AT THE NET!

Following a busy winter coaching programme in the Community Centre and the continued success of the 'touch tennis' club held in St Bede's School, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club now turns its attention to the coming 2013 season. After the Easter holidays, the coaching will re-commence on Monday 15th April at the Green School courts. Up to 8 years old will be 4.30 to 5.30 pm 8 to 10 year olds will be 5.30 to 6.30 pm Following consultation with the school, we hope to have facilities

available to make life a little more comfortable for those attending the coaching sessions there. During 2013, the club is hoping to pilot a new tennis initiative called 'Tennis Xpress'. This will target the older generation of player who perhaps has not participated in the game for some time and would like to return to tennis. Watch this space for more details! The social committee have met and a full programme of events has been planned. This will, of course, include the BBQ, Strawberry Tea, Tennis Fun Day and lots more. All we need is a bit of luck

with the all-important weather. Attention dog walkers!! Have you ever wondered what happens to used tennis balls? Well, the tennis club has lots and lots and if your dog is partial to chasing tennis balls, and losing them at the same time, the club can help. For a donation of only £1 you can be supplied with a dozen



tennis balls to keep your best friend happy for hours! For details about this or any other information, please contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any articles for the next Village Voice by Tuesday 16th April The deadline for adverts is 14th April.

Published by Lanchester Publications Ltd, 49 Lintzford Road, Rowlands Gill, NE39 1HG and printed by Durham County Council, Design and Print, Comeleon House, Tanfield Lea Industrial Estate North, Stanley, County Durham, DH9 9NX. Tel: 01207 217167. The views expressed in this periodical are not necessarily those of the publishers. Whilst all efforts are made to check the authenticity and accuracy of all articles submitted for publication, occasionally something is bound to be printed incorrectly. Please let us know and we will endeavour to correct the mistake.