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Dear Village Voice

I was at the meeting for the proposed building of 151 houses by Story homes on 28th May. I was pleased to see a good turn out again by some residents of Lanchester. I feel that some people think because they don't live near Ridgeway it doesn't affect them. How wrong they are; if these houses are built it will affect young and old, not just the residents who live near. Think of the extra traffic this is going to generate in an already busy village and it is a village. The village needs to stick together and stop these people spoiling our village. If Story Homes do get permission to build, this will open up the flood gates for other developers to build

around Lanchester. So please come to meetings and support your village. Ann Rowe, Durham Road

Dear Village Voice

My concerns are the level of speeding traffic on Station Road, I live on this road and I am really concerned as it is a huge accident or worse still a fatality waiting to happen. What I find really hard to understand is that two vulnerable age groups are put at risk on Station Road, these are the older villagers trying to cross the road to attend the doctors, and secondly the young children going to the play park.

In the twelve months I have lived on this road there have been two accidents that I am aware of, and damage to cars, (one of them being my own) with the sheer speed and volume of traffic currently using this road. When this road was built it was used by horse and cart and that was fine, however it is now used by

huge trucks, wagons, etc. Surely this road needs to be brought up to date with safety in mind. Clearly this road has no zebra crossing, no traffic lights, all it has is a sign indicating for traffic to slow down which clearly is of no use whatsoever. This is a village, not the A1. Surely this can't continue - prevention is far better than death!

Gary Smith

Dear Village Voice

A big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the Edinburgh Marathon. The generosity of people we know and don't know proves what a lovely and supportive community we live in.

I ran the Marathon on 25th May in 3 hours and 40 minutes despite getting soaked from the thunderstorms and hitting 'the wall' at 23 miles!

I'm happy to report that so far I have raised £800 for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at the RVI.

My next run is The Great North Run on 7th September and I'm still collecting donations for The Sick Children's Trust at www.justgiving.com/richard-wisson or text WISS72 with an amount to 70070.

Yours sincerely, Richard Wisson, Foxhills Crescent

A big thank you from the NSPCC Committee

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who supported the NSPCC during our Fundraising Month of May 2014. Many of our local shops and businesses took a Collection Box for the month, for which we are very grateful. Both Lanchester St Bede's School and Burnhope

Primary School also made donations. Our Coffee Morning on 31st May was well supported and added to the funds, and the Just Text Giving system has also brought in more donations.

As a result, £355.01 has been raised during May 2014 which will be used by the NSPCC to help children in need in the

north east of England. Some of our shopkeepers have kindly offered to keep their collection boxes for a longer period and we would ask that you drop in any loose change you have wherever you see our green and white NSPCC boxes.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported this worthwhile charity.

Christian Aid collection

The collection in Lanchester and Burnhope this year raised £3,891.83. A big thank you to everyone who made

donations. Thanks also to all the collectors and organisers of the coffee mornings that helped us to achieve this great total.

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for May 2014 was 45. The draw was made by Tom Gibson.

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FREDA IS 90

Mrs Freda Smith of Middlesbrough until her Deanery View was looking marriage to Ronnie. They as pretty as a picture on had two daughters, her 90th birthday. She has though one of these sadly lived in Lanchester for 27 years, having moved here died while still young. with her husband from Stockton. She was born at When Ronnie and Freda moved to Lanchester, they regularly attended Thornaby on Tees and Lanchester Parish Church and lived and worked in that area before moving first to and soon made many friends. Dipton and then to Lanchester. She has very On Sunday June 8th many happy memories of her friends and family visited childhood and fondly Freda at her home, where remembers her father she held 'Open House' for having a great love of fishing. A highlight of this the afternoon. It was pure lifelong interest was pleasure to congratulate Freda, who is such a gentle, winning the 'All England gracious lady, and who has Fishing Competition.' She, shown such kindness and her two sisters and brother love to so many people in remember this Red Letter Day very well indeed. in her long life. Rhona, her daughter, lives Freda worked as a mother regularly. She GPO Telephonist in arranged this very

memorable celebration of Freda's birthday, and everyone enjoyed the warmth of the generous hospitality. Freda is very proud of her daughter Rhona, her granddaughter Heather and her grandsons Peter and Andrew. She also has two great granddaughters, Ava and Freya. Freda has been a member of the 'Mothers' Union' for many years and it was fitting that the Enrolling Member of the Mothers' Union, Mrs Margaret Brown, presented Freda with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the morning Eucharist Service. Congratulations Freda! and very best wishes for your good health and happiness in future years. Brenda Craddock



Freda Smith on her 90th birthday at home

RED CROSS VISIT PARLIAMENT



Red Cross Volunteers with Pat Glass at the Houses of Parliament

GREAT NORTH DUCK RACE

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at the start and finish of the race. John Jackson set off the ducks at spot on 1.00 pm, getting slightly tangled up with the net which was highly amusing. Within about 10 minutes the leading duck was sighted coming under the bridge at the King's Head. This was number 682 but whoever has that one please don't get excited as it got stuck in

the side of the burn. Paul and sons gathered at the winning post, some 30-40 yards downstream from the bridge at the King's Head to catch the ducks, and quickly started gathering them in. The first prize of £100 went to duck number 441 bought by Kevin Leary. The second prize of £20 was duck number 414 selected by Bob Hannant, and third was number 78, purchased

by Jordan Farley, who won £10. The event probably only lasted for about twenty minutes, but was exciting, amusing and thoroughly enjoyed by the 40 or so families who came to watch. The profit was £1040 and Barclays Bank at Durham donated another £1000, making a grand total of £2040. It was another excellent contribution for Willow Burn Hospice.

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SCHOOL CROSSING CONTROL FOR ST BEDE'S

Durham CC are currently advertising for a School Crossing Patrol person for the area outside St Bede's School. This is thanks to the persistent campaign by a Lanchester young mother of 3 children, Clare Lamb, who hopes to send her children to St Bede's in the future. Her campaign for this and reducing the speed limit began several years ago. When the bollards were demolished recently outside the school, Clare put her argument forward once again to Durham CC. She has campaigned to reduce the speed limit outside the school as well, something that many other villagers would like to see happen.



Clare Lamb, campaigner for the safety of children crossing the road outside St Bede's School.

The footfall of children walking to school from the village has increased during the last few years and now meets the criteria

for a 'Crossing Patrol Person'. Hopefully for the safety of all pupils this will now happen in the very near future.

WWI CENTENARY COMMEMORATIONS AT ST BEDE'S

To mark the outbreak of World War I, students in Year 10 and staff at St Bede's held a Liturgy of Remembrance on Thursday 22nd May in the Chapel at school. An emotional service was led by School Chaplain, Kirsty Hutchinson, who began with a moving address. There followed Prayer Petitions for the fallen, the wounded and their families, read by two of the pupils with appropriate responses from the congregation. Peaceful music accompanied pictures of scenes from World War One projected on to the wall at the front of the Chapel, before all attendees moved outside and some of the students planted Flanders poppy seeds. This was part of the

British Legion national Centenary Poppy Campaign. On returning to the Chapel the congregation stood in silence as one of the boys played the Last Post, before the final prayers. This was a poignant day for those students chosen to attend the Liturgy. Earlier in the year, as part of their history course, they made a visit to Ypres and other War Grave sites in France. This in itself was a truly emotional experience for the young people. Also in attendance at the service was Keith Laws, County Chairman of Northumbria Royal British Legion. He was able to talk informally to the pupils after the closure over coffee and cakes.

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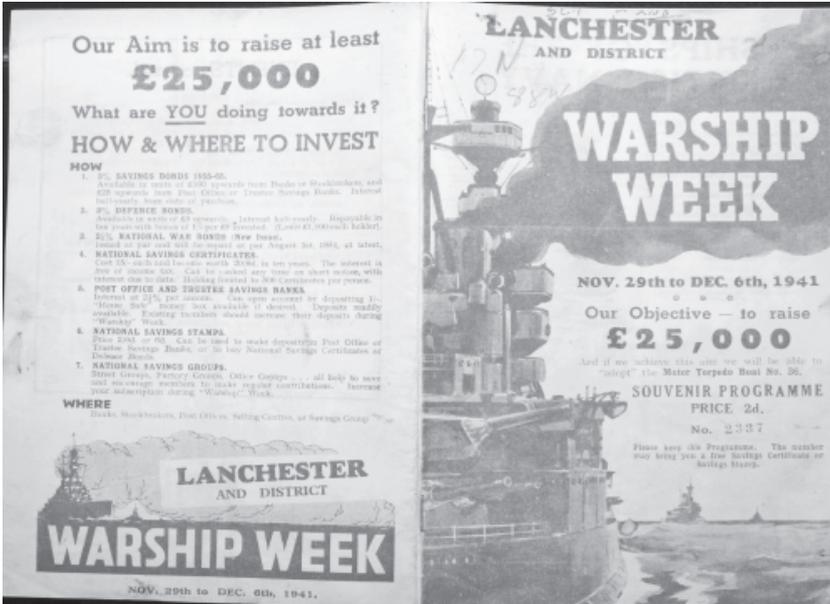
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PROGRESS REPORT ON LYNWOOD SITE

There have been a number of delays in completing the Lynwood Site by Derwentside Homes. At the very start bats were found in one building in the centre section and it wasn't until they found an alternative habitat that work could begin. This caused delay in ground clearance. Another problem occurred when Trinity Medical

Properties were taken over by Assurer Medical Centres, as new contracts had to be drawn up. As an interesting aside a fish pollution barrier has been installed at the beck and hedgehogs were nesting at an inappropriate time for the builders. However, the hedgehogs did eventually disappear into the woodland. The project is now back on

track with fitting out in progress for an August completion date. Meanwhile there is a healthy interest in both rented and sales apartments. At the end of July a shortlist will be made of those who have applied for properties.

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PUBLIC MEETING

Campaign for the Protection of Rural Lanchester

A second public meeting was held at Croft View on May 28th. It was well attended and as before chaired by Eric Hepplewhite. Paul McNicholas gave an enthusiastic, at times lighthearted, but very professional presentation. He covered the now established reasons why so many people oppose the idea of the housing site by Story Homes going ahead. In addition he concentrated on the whole effect this project would have on the village itself, and particularly Newbiggen Lane. The entrance/exit from the

site, flood risk, travel, parking and probable accidents in Newbiggen Lane were discussed as well as the chaos which could be caused in winter weather conditions. These places were illustrated on Powerpoint with several pictures which included a graphic portrayal of the area at the entrance to the site as well. The general feeling of the meeting was that the effect of a further 151 houses in Lanchester would destroy the ethos of the village. It would become a commuter town for the region. Furthermore, there would

be no space in schools for the extra pupils. At the original public meeting held by Story Homes 92.5% of residents were against the project. At the first meeting of this kind 99% were against. It was stated that Story Homes had presented a huge number of documents by experienced professionals which allegedly contained some half truths and skewed opinions about Lanchester and its population. About 18 or so attendees spoke through the chair stating various objections to the site. Councillor Ossie

Johnson assured the meeting of his personal support and that of the Parish Council, also the support of Pat Glass MP, who has spoken and written to relevant people in Parliament. Alan Oliver, Journalist, a Ridgeway resident, spoke at length explaining interest shown in Lanchester by various newspapers and national organisations. A bone of contention was the letter sent by Durham CC to some residents which

made the assumption that residents who did not reply were in favour of the project. This will be taken up by the Partnership/Campaigners, along with joint documents of opposition to the scheme put forward by Story Homes. The Newbiggen site is not in the current County Plan, so people were urged to write before 6th June, the last day to register their objections. It was felt that an appeal would be made by the builder if defeated.



The people who attended the Public Meeting at Croft View re Story Homes proposed site at Newbiggen Lane.



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2014

Minutes

AGM held on 13th May 2014 - approved.

Ordinary Meeting on 13th May 2014 - approved.

Finance & Development Meeting on 4th June 2014 - approved.

Lanchester Cricket Club Grant

A working group to progress the project was formulated. The first meeting will take place on 16th June.

Neighbourhood Warden Report

received. **Correspondence** **County Durham Stroke Club** - letter of thanks for donation received.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The minutes of the working group were approved. The 6 week formal consultation period for the approval of the geographical area for the plan has commenced.

Although funding would be sought to assist with the plan it is likely that the process of producing a plan will incur costs to the Parish Council.

Area Action Partnership and Parish Councils Committee

Members noted the village meeting which will take place on Saturday 28th June at 10 am at the Social Club. The meeting will provide opportunities for the community to discuss the action plan developed last year and to discuss any concerns or issues they may have.

Lanchester Village Centre Improvements

A scheme identified by the County Councillors is being developed. The scheme includes new coping stones to planters, new litter bins and improved/defined parking and paving areas

along Front Street.

Annual Training Plan

The outcome of the training plan for 2013/14 was received. The proposed training plan for 2014/15 was approved.

Annual Report

The Annual Report for 2013/14 was approved for distribution.

Local Government Pension Scheme

A policy is to be prepared for a future meeting.

Financial report

- discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment

- approved. Members considered and declined a request from a company to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss a proposed wind farm.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 at 7.15pm, venue to be confirmed.

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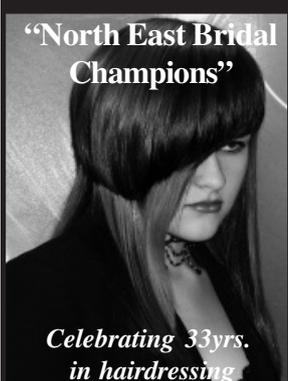
EUROPEAN ELECTION RESULTS

There was a 30.8% turnout in the recent European Election for the North East Constituency. The results are as follows:

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UK Independence Party	177,660	29.19(+13.81)	1
Conservative	107,733	17.70(-2.12)	0
Liberal Democrat	36,093	5.93(-11.64)	0
Green	31,605	5.19(-0.59)	0
An Independence From Europe	13,934	2.29(0.00)	0
British National Party	10,360	1.70(-7.23)	0
English Democrats	9,279	1.52(-0.68)	0

The new north east MEPs are Jude Kirton-Darling and Paul Brannen (Labour) and Jonathan Arnott (UKIP).

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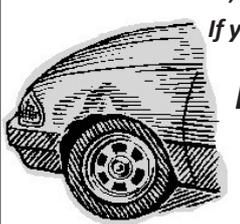
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WHY A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN?

The Parish Council has informed the County Council that they wish to proceed with the production of a Neighbourhood Plan. The County Council are proceeding with our request and there is a formal notice on the Parish Notice Board, at Park House and on the Durham County Council website informing the residents of a six week consultation period. During that period any resident can make comments on the proposal or register objections to it. This must be done by 18th July.

So, why a Neighbourhood Plan when we already have the Village Design Statement, the Parish Plan and the Locality Map documents? The short answer is because it will be the best way of ensuring that the views of the Parish are taken into account when future developments are under discussion. At present the Village Design Statement carries the status of "Supplementary Planning Guidance" which means that when anyone submits a proposal for a development they are expected to take

into account this Statement when preparing their plans. The Parish Plan and Locality Map documents do not have any formal status at all. The problem is, even the Village Design Statement does not carry as much weight as a Neighbourhood Plan. This is because the Neighbourhood Plan must be approved by a majority of residents who can all vote on it. The Village Design Statement does not have that force behind it. The Parish Council therefore feel it is in our best interests to do this work. It

also provides an opportunity to re-visit all three existing documents and check they are still relevant. It is however, important to recognise that the Neighbourhood Plan is not a "wish list" as, to some extent the Parish Plan was. For example, the Neighbourhood Plan cannot stipulate that "There should be more car parking space in the village centre". It may, however, state "parking in the centre of the village is now at saturation point and cannot be increased, we therefore recommend that this be

taken into account when considering future development". Over the course of the next year or so members of the Working Group will be contacting key groups in the Parish - such as business people, the Community Centre Committee, the churches - with a view to sharing their thinking and taking forward their suggestions or comments. In the meanwhile feel free to contact Sally Laverick (521957) or Mike Wardle (521622) with any comments or ideas you may wish considered.

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issuing warning notices to vehicles. Throughout this period 9 warning notices were issued, 7 in the vicinity of St Bede's School and 2 in the area of Peth Bank. Now the period of education has completed any vehicles deemed causing an obstruction will be issued with a £30 Fixed Penalty Notice. We have continued to receive reports to Police about the manner of some parking in the area of Peth Bank however when officers have attended no vehicles have been seen causing an obstruction for preventing the passing of pedestrians, wheelchair or pushchair users. Events coming up in Lanchester which Police

will be assisting with include:
 Friday 27th June - Lanchester Banner Celebration
 Saturday 28th June - Lanchester AAP Vote in Lanchester Social Club.
 Tuesday 1st July - PACT meeting at 6.30 pm in Burnhope Primary School.
 Sunday 6th July 2014 - Lanchester Agricultural Show (free dog chipping available).
 Sunday 13th July between 1-4pm Operation Spoke bicycle marking event at Kitswell Park.
 In the meantime anyone with any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact your local beat officers PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson or PC 1714 Scott Crowhurst.

SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITY DAY

PCSO Debra Robson and partner agencies organised the free activity day for the community of Langley Park which was held on Saturday 17th May. The event was supported by Consett YMCA, ISOS housing, Durham County Council, County Durham and Darlington Fire Service, Langley Park Environmental group, Langley Park Sports and

Social Club, Stray Aid, and SAFCKickz Project. The day was a great success with 30 dogs micro chipped and 42 bicycles/scooters security marked as part of Operation Spoke. PCSO Debra Robson said: "In the past we've received reports of incidents in Langley Park, in relation to young people using cannabis and behaving in an anti-

social manner. But, there are now three youth groups engaging with members of the community, promoting diversionary activities and carrying out positive education work. We hope Saturday's event complemented this work and helped to promote community spirit bringing the people of Langley Park and beyond together."

CHURCHES TOGETHER ANNUAL TALK



Churches Together Annual Speaker this year was Rev Dr Calvin Samuel, Director of the Wesley Centre, St John's College, Durham. He gave an inspirational talk entitled 'Why is Holiness Important'. He is seen here with Rev Gavin Hume (left) and Canon Bob Spence.

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LANCHESTER BEER FESTIVAL 2014

The Beer Festival was a raving success despite the weather on the Saturday, with everyone who came along having a great time. Friday gave the sponsors the chance to sample the beers and ciders before everyone else as a thank you for their support. Life @ Durham Gate were the main sponsor with Crinnions sponsoring the glasses, Foster and Maddison and Turner and Townsend covered the programmes and entertainment. Friday's entertainment was a great acoustic duo in Mark and Rich, whilst local rock/punk bands JTA and Burning Worlds delivered on Saturday. Sunday's

music was provided by Ink and Paper, The Hazels and the Leppurs, rounded off with a cracking performance by The Pretty Weeds, that had everyone dancing round the marquee. There was a great choice of 25 beers with the strongest one, delightfully titled 'Skullsplitter' being the first to go. Wylam, Anarchy, The Stables and Hadrian & Borders breweries supplied the ales. The ciders proved popular too, with Strawberry and Fanny's Bramble being the first choices to go and eventually nothing was left. Lanchester Wines supplied a range of wines for those who



The tent with lots of happy customers

didn't fancy the beer and ciders and many bottles were supped. Crinnions did a great job providing the food and thanks to Michael Arnott from Cahootz for his assistance with various things.

and Jonathan for their thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time in helping out.

Henry Dancer Days charity ran a raffle over the 3 days and raised over £350 in the process. It was fantastic to see so many people around the cricket club over the three days and we thank the public for their support which hopefully should mean it is repeated next year. Massive praise to Neil, Darren, Jeff, Tina, Andy



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FLOWER CLUB CREAM TEA

Our chairperson Helen Tomlinson was once again back at the helm after a fall incurring a broken hip. Everyone was pleased to see her and looking so well. May was a meeting with a difference. Cathy Smith and Helen, two of our members who attended and arranged a flower display at the Durham Cathedral Flower Festival in August, gave an interesting insight on how the festival was

accomplished and later showed a DVD of many of the beautiful flower arrangements. Then a cream tea was prepared by two of our members, Norma Jenssen and Rosemary Wilson. The scones and small cakes they had made were enjoyed by all. A special thanks to the Committee for all the work involved especially the two ladies who had done the baking for us. We then entertained

ourselves with a picture quiz. This was won by Sylvia Hocking, Connie Moore and Mary Murray. We had great positive feedback so I am sure we will be doing this type of meeting again. We are now busy preparing for our summer outing which is to be a trip to Alnwick Gardens on Wednesday 9th July. All members and friends are welcome so we are expecting a good attendance.



The ladies of the Flower Club enjoy their cream tea which had been prepared by two of their members.

Gardening in July

The first flush of summer is over - yes already, and the month of July is all about coaxing and control: coaxing more flowers and fruits and controlling pests. As ever in our gardens, there is always something to do and, if you are like me, the jobs keep stacking up. **In the Flower Borders** The first jobs in July are about controlling flowering plants to keep them flowering. The faded perennial flowers like delphinium, lupin, and hardy geraniums should be deadheaded to stop them seeding and to encourage a further flush of flowers later in the summer. Also deadhead your roses and sweet peas to keep them flowering. The second main jobs are about the control of pests. Spray

plants with a repellent or just a squirt of water with a drop of washing-up liquid when aphids appear and keep a lookout for slugs and snails. For all pests, early treatment is best. **In the Vegetable Plot** July is about harvesting peas, carrots, spinach and chard, early potatoes, salad leaves and lettuce and tomatoes. Apply a high potash fertiliser to tomatoes as soon as the first truss starts to set. Also pinch out side shoots once a week and cut off any leaves below the first truss. The high potash fertiliser can be used on cucumber, pepper and courgettes to encourage growth. Pick courgettes when they are small and pinch out the growing tip to make them branch out as both of these aspects will

encourage more fruiting. In terms of pests - control slugs, stop blackfly on broad beans by pinching out growing tips and check for cabbage white butterfly eggs on the underside of brassica leaves and rub out any that you find with a finger. **General** July is the last month that you can feed your lawn with a high potash fertilizer which encourages healthy green growth. If the weather is warm and dry lift the blades of your lawn mower to reduce any stress on the grass. When watering remember that rainwater from butts is better for the plants than tap water. Finally and as ever, keep control of weeds in all areas of your garden except the wild parts left for that purpose.

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BREATHE EASY

Breathe Easy, the local branch of the British Lung Foundation's support network for all those affected by lung disease, held an 'Awareness Afternoon' in the Community Centre on 12th June: 'All About Lungs'. Everyone helped, baking, selling tombola tickets, serving tea and cakes. It really was a great team effort. Sadly, not many people came.



Some members of the Breathe Easy Group at their promotional event in the Community Centre on Thursday 12th June.

Was that because it was an afternoon event or was it that, in general, people are not interested in 'lungs', vital as they are? For information about Breathe Easy phone Jill Gladstone on 01207 528 114. The Breathe Easy group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Community Centre from 2.00 until 4.00. All are welcome.

'CALENDAR GUYS'

A group of twelve North East men from the Consett, Stanley, Annfield Plain and Lanchester area have come together to produce a 2015 charity calendar to raise funds for Bright Red, a North East charity working to improve the lives and treatment of people who are dealing with blood cancer. In a twist on the normal calendar, the guys believed they could do it as well as the girls. So, with the help of make-up artists and a professional photographer, the guys became calendar girls for the day.

All proceeds will be donated to Bright Red, a charity established to improve the lives and treatment of people in the north who are dealing with blood cancer. Through care,



Some of the Calendar Guys on location at the photoshoot for the calendar.

research and education they are striving to beat illnesses such as leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplasia and myeloproliferative diseases. Further details about buying the calendar will

be available later in the year and can be found at: www.stanleysirens.co.uk and information on the Bright Red charity can be found at: www.brightred.org.uk.



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CYCLE CHALLENGE

Pedal for Pounds is to be repeated in September. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for Willow Burn's first ever Pedal for Pounds fundraising event, launched from Lydgett's Junction, Consett, on Sunday 18th May. Willow Burn's 'Pedal for Pounds' route took beginners and seasoned riders west onto the open moors, dipped through Edmundbyers and went on up to Muggleswick before challenging the most serious of cyclists with a steep climb away from Coombes Bridges back into Castleside. From there it was downhill all the way to Lanchester before a steady uphill climb brought the riders back to Consett. The group was made up of avid Willow Burn supporters with different levels of ability including some who had undertaken C2C rides and other challenging fundraising

activities for the hospice in the past. However, the bulk of the group was made up of novice cyclists and other participants who had an association with Willow Burn as volunteers, through a recent bereavement, or as patients themselves. Although these plucky pedallers took just a little while longer there was no way they could hide the satisfaction gained from attempting the ride and completing it.

As there was such a strong, positive response to this first ride, the Willow Burn team has decided to run it again on Sunday 28th September. So, if you're up for the challenge, register now for the ride that will help Willow Burn treasure life for years to come.

To find out more about Willow Burn's Pedal for Pounds contact Crystal on (01207) 523900.

CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

To update last month's article about a charity cycle ride that I was undertaking in memory of Lanchester resident Emma Bell, I thought I would let you know that we successfully completed the ride from Cambridge to Durham on Saturday 14th June. It was a long day, leaving my house at 4 am, and the start line at the Shire Hall in Cambridge at 4.15 am. En route, we had two meal breaks of around an hour, the first in Lincoln at 10 am and the second near York at 4.15 pm. With 10 minute breaks here and there for a stretch, we finally pedalled into Durham Market Place at 10.25 pm. We had a handful of friends and

family clapping and cheering but a group of ladies on a hen do got in on the act as well and we soon ended up with quite a crowd! We had cycled for 230 miles and, including breaks, it had taken us 18 hours and 10 minutes. Thankfully we had no punctures or mechanical failures, just

one quick tumble by me into some stinging nettles but we were soon on our way again! The money is continuing to come in on our Just Giving pages and as it stands, we have raised over £2000 for two childhood cancer charities. Thanks to all our supporters.
Neil Foreman



At the finish in Durham Market Place around 10.30 pm. Left to right: Chris Wright, Neil Foreman, Yoc Codrington, Shannon Logan and Lee Codrington. Brothers Yoc and Lee helped by riding with us on the last leg.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Berry Bake Fruit Pudding

Ingredients

100g/4 oz low fat spread
85g/3 oz caster sugar
Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
1 egg
140g/5oz self-raising flour
1 tsp baking powder
4 tbsp low fat yogurt
200g/7oz apple sauce (or a liquidized apple)
140g/5oz raspberries or blackberries or a mixture
50g/2oz demerara sugar

Method

1. Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/Gas Mark 4. Lightly grease a medium baking dish with 1 tsp of the low fat spread. Put the remaining spread, caster sugar, lemon

zest, egg, flour, baking powder and yogurt in a mixing bowl. Whisk together for 2 minutes until pale and fluffy. Stir in the apple sauce (this might make the mixture look curdled, but do not worry). Gently fold in the berries, then pour the batter into the prepared dish and level off. Bake for 25/30 minutes until the sponge is golden brown and firm in the centre.

2. Meanwhile, mix the lemon juice and demerara sugar together. Remove sponge from oven, lightly prick the surface with a fork and drizzle over the lemon juice mixture. Serve warm with extra yoghurt or ice cream if you like.



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CLAIRVOYANT EVENING

This was something different for the village. More than a hundred people turned out on Saturday evening 31st May, to attend a Spiritual Evening. It was organised by Stan Clark, from Esh, who attends the Gym at the Community Centre regularly for medical



Stan Clark, from Esh, who organised a Spiritual Evening at the Community Centre

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WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone before Maisie shared the history of the strawberry.

Booking forms are out for diaries £3.70 and calendars £2.50.

Satley WI have invited us to join them on Wednesday 24th September for their Group Meeting. This is always a very friendly event giving us the opportunity to meet up with other WI's as well as enjoying a speaker and a delicious supper after the WI reports. There are 10 tickets at £4 available at the July meeting.

The Quiz team took part for the very first time in the County heats and after 100 questions were placed in the middle. Well done ladies.

After the business was over we sat back and really enjoyed listening to the 'Just Us' Ukulele Group. They are all Silver Singers who wanted to learn to play the ukulele so a teacher came from the

Sage and they learnt to play. As we listened and sang along you could see how much they were enjoying themselves and we certainly not only enjoyed their ukulele playing but also their singing which we all joined in with. This included war songs such as Bless Them All, Tommy Steel Singing the Blues and Geordie songs. These are a really special group and their enjoyment in what they are doing shines through. They then joined us for our strawberry supper.

Competition winners were Ann Carr and Jennifer Macdonald and the raffle winners were Ann Horner and Muriel Gibbons.

Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with everyone enjoying strawberries and cream plus delicious ice cream. (Thank you Barry). Thank you to the committee who did the work for this lovely fun and happy summer event.



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THE 'GATHERING'

Our second 'gathering' of the year, when the theme was bright yellow sunshine and multi-coloured roses set amid the newly refurbished Community Centre, was a delight to the eye as people assembled ready to enjoy a delightful meal being prepared for them by Mel and his team of willing helpers - Olna, John and Geoff. The raffle which included some prizes from Barclay's Bank, Ray Emmerton and Talking Heads was being administered by Maureen, Barbara, Chris and Mavis while on piano we were serenaded by the very talented Neville Hartley. Olive, who had been helped to set up the hall by Eileen, Ellen, Dorothy, Robert and Sam, welcomed guests on behalf of herself and Mel and then went on to wish

Ethel Bulmer a very happy 91st birthday. Lunch was a cold table of ham and beef with mixed salad, coleslaw and new potatoes followed by strawberries, cream and shortbread - all absolutely delicious - and we must thank Lanchester Dairies for their contribution of cream. We are well on target for our aim to give £1000+ towards the cost of running the Village Link bus (a service which is under the jurisdiction of Lanchester Partnership) by the end of the year. Our next 'gathering' will be in the Autumn on October 7th - there will be a reminder in the Village Voice nearer the time - and we do hope you will be able to join us in supporting this very worthy village enterprise while enjoying a most convivial village occasion.



All seem to be chatting happily at the lunch tables in the newly refurbished Community Centre.



The organisers (Olive Simpkins and Mel Somersall on the right) and helpers pose for a photograph and it's all smiles.

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LADIES WHO LUNCH

Our latest lunchtime adventure has been to the Causey Arch Inn - somewhere we've always just bypassed on the way to somewhere else.

However, sometime ago, after dining at the Beamish Park hotel we noticed that the Causey Arch Inn looked quite interesting, and so it turned out to be.

It is really nice inside, country kitchen sort of decor, quirky pictures, comfy armchairs and

an open fire for when it gets cold. Very helpful, pleasant staff, fresh flowers on the table, soft background music. They don't have an extensive menu but the food was good, well cooked and nicely presented.

We sampled for starters Smoked duck salad with red onion chutney. Main courses were Lasagne with garlic bread and fresh crispy salad, Roast leg of lamb with minted gravy, veg

and potatoes, Chicken wrapped in bacon topped with melted cheese in Hunters sauce with chips and a fresh crispy salad, Pan fried trout with a prawn and herb sauce + vegs and garlic roast potatoes. For pud we had Passion fruit torte with cream, Chocolate mousse and Hot lemon drizzle cake with custard. A most enjoyable lunch - we may well go again!

The Gourmet Girls

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

It has been a mixed bag for both the weather and results with too much lost to rain and then playing on heavily affected wickets. The firsts lost to Shotley and Tynedale and beat Ryton with two games with no play. Rhys Jones took 4-33 against Shotley but were well short batting. Then they knocked off a meagre target against Ryton, having restricted them well with Lee Murray taking 4-22 and Greg Patterson 3-12. Tynedale set a big score and we set off well with Jones, Halliday and Storey all getting 30+ and then Taylor making 48 but in the end we fell short to sit mid table at this stage.

The seconds have struggled to get a decent side out and as a result lost to Shotley and Whickham. In a low scoring game with Shotley, Paul Burn made 70 but no one else could support him to reach the target. Whickham was disappointing with only Sam Reynolds doing anything as he made 58. Then with a stronger side, the team had a fantastic tie at Tynedale as Steward 64, Wingfield 52, Rourke 50 and Hames 41 chased down 273.

The thirds have won and lost two, losing to strong Backworth and Marsden teams. Only Neil Graham with 44 against Marsden made any progress. Wins

were against Annfield Plain and Washington. Andy McConnell made fifties in both games with Alan McPhail taking 3-18 to finish off the Plain. Connor Hunt also bagged a fifty against Washington with both spinners McConnell and Tully taking 3 wickets apiece.

The under 18s have had low scoring wins against Annfield Plain, Ryton and Consett whilst being well beat by Blydon. The 15s had an identical record against the same sides. The under 13s have managed only one game and lost to Consett whilst the under 11s have beaten Lintz, Consett and Blydon in a great start.

FUNDRAISER



Some of the people who attended the Community Centre on 12th June for a Coffee Morning for the Fraja Ellie Appeal. The morning raised a grand total of £180. Details of the fund can be found on www.facebook.com/frajaappeal and www.twitter.com/@frajaappeal.

FIRST COMMUNION



A local family of travellers combined with a family from Nottingham for 13 children to receive their First Holy Communion at the All Saints R C Church in the village on Saturday May 24th. The arrival of the horse and carriage and two stretch limousines was a magnificent spectacle.

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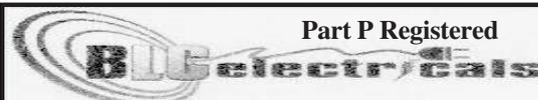


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WHAT'S ON?

PACT meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 1st July at 6.30 pm in Burnhope Primary School. All welcome.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd July at 7.30 pm in Crinnions.

Open House

Everyone is welcome at the Open House in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 3rd July, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

LMVC Annual Concert

Lanchester Male Voice Choir will present its 46th Annual Concert on Friday 4th July at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Methodist Church. Guest artists will be Northern Brass (by kind permission of the Royal Northern College of Music) and a local young artist, David Harris, organist. Tickets £7, Patrons and concessions £6, children £2.

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 5th July from 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Short Circuit Walks

5th July, Hethpool and Kirknewton, 5.5 miles. Assemble in Wooler (car park at north end of village NT989282) at 10.30 am to car share to start of walk. 19th July, Derwentcote/Lintzford/Chopwell Woods, 5.2 miles. Meet at the car park on south side of A694, 500m west of junction with B6310, NZ132563.

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Lanchester Show

The new and improved Lanchester Agricultural Show will take place on Sunday 6th July at the usual location at Newhouses Farm. There will be a wide range of horse classes, cattle and sheep classes, a dog show, a craft tent, a beer tent, on-site catering and many family-orientated attractions, such as a climbing wall and bungee trampolines. Come along for a fantastic day of family entertainment. Adults £5, children £3, infants free, family £12. Children in the infant and junior schools in the village will be offered free tickets too!

Churches Together

Dates for Summer Songs of Praise are, all at 6.00 pm: July 6th at the Methodist Church; August 3rd at the Catholic Church; September 7th at the Anglican Church. All are warmly welcome.

WI

Our next meeting will take place in the Community Centre on Monday 7th July at 7.15 when Brian Harrison from the Consett and District Local Heritage Initiative will speak on local history. The competition is a time capsule artefact. Visitors are very welcome and the cost of the evening is £2.

Members going on our outing to Sizergh Castle on 16th July will be picked up at 8.30 at the Green School layby.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 23rd July at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, Miriam Holmes will give a demonstration 'Around the World on a Rainbow'.

Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 8th July there will be a visit and guided walk at Thrislington Quarry. Meet in the Community Centre car park for 7 pm to share transport. Please contact Elaine on 01207 520063 if you intend coming.

Willow Burn Fair

Willow Burn's Summer Fair will be held from 11am-2pm on Saturday 12th July in the hospice garden (or St Bede's if wet). Stalls include home-baked cakes and savouries, home-made crafts and novelties, goody bags, games and entertainment for the kids, bric-a-brac, tombola, raffle and refreshments. This year's event will be extra special as not only is it the hospice's 25th Anniversary, it will also take place against the backdrop of the new Day Hospice.

Junior/Family Wildlife

On Sunday 13th July there will be a visit to Stanegate and Muckle Moss in the Hadrian's Wall area. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am. We will not be back for 12 noon so a picnic lunch would be a good idea. Speak to Elaine 01207 520063 or Noel 01207 560684 for more information.

New fitness classes

Tai Chi at Croft View Halls every Thursday, 6-7 pm, £2. Kettlebells at St Bede's School on Mondays 5-6 pm, £2. All welcome. Contact: Rebecca Haynes on 01207 218 505 or email r.haynes@leisureworks.net for more information.

Lanchester Choral Society

Invite you to join us for our show 'An Evening at London's West End Theatres' when we will be introducing you to some of the stories behind the famous theatres and offering many popular songs from shows, including Les Misérables, My Fair Lady, The Lion King, Oliver and a wonderful selection from Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals. Performances on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th July commence at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church. Tickets (£8 including refreshments), contact Lynn 01207 521458 or Maureen 01207 520172.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on 16th July, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House is the AGM followed by a Faith Supper with wine.

Kids' Club Activities

Everyone is welcome at the Community Centre for these activities:

Thursday 31st July, Little Kickers, 2-3 pm.

Monday 4th August, Film, 2pm.

Thursday 7th August, Scales and Tales animal encounter, 2-3 pm.

Monday 11th August, Film, 2pm.

Thursday 14th August, Mini-Mixers (pre-book) 2-3 pm.

Monday 18th August, Film 2pm.

Thursday 21st August, Messy play, 2-3 pm.

Thursday 28th August, Crafternoon, 2-3 pm.

Monday 1st September, Film 2pm.

All activities are £2. Please pre-book for Mini-Mixers, tel 521275.

Look on Facebook or on our notice board for details of the films to be shown.

CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR BOWLERS

Lanchester Bowling Club is one of 30 clubs to have received a letter from Durham County Council saying that from next year the Council will not be maintaining bowling greens. Two club members attended a meeting at County Hall and gained the impression that while the council did not want to close bowling clubs down, budget cuts would not allow them to go back on this decision. The Council say they will give clubs a 35 year lease on their greens and make grants available to buy equipment and give advice and assistance to clubs to support them.

The current situation in Lanchester is that the club owns and maintains the pavilion and benches, the council maintains the surrounding areas, and the club pays the council a fee to maintain the green. The council says, and the club does not dispute the figures, that the fee paid is only a fraction of the cost incurred. Other clubs in the area, which are the club's opponents in league matches, have different considerations. Some are enclosed behind security fencing while others are in large public parks. Most clubs have council owned and maintained pavilions. The club committee have resolved to do their utmost to keep the club going but they recognise difficult decisions will have to be made. There are many challenges ahead both for their members and for other clubs in the area.

We at the Village Voice wish the club well and hope that this very British of sports will stay alive in our village and that the pleasant nature of the green area will remain an asset to the village.

TENNIS NEWS AT THE NET!

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Association, the Great British Tennis Weekend, was a great success. It was a busy day for coaches and helpers alike with new players attending and enjoying all aspects of the sport. Time slots were provided for people to book and enjoy sessions including Free Play, Family Play, Target Serve, the Tennis factory for little ones and Cardio Tennis for the older folk!

The annual strawberry tea and club barbeque will take place respectively on Sunday 22nd June and Saturday 26th July.

Coaching is continuing on the grass courts on Monday evenings. Any information about the sessions can be obtained at the number below.

For details and information about the club, please contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278.

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with water challenges. The varied obstacle course and the ingenious way of playing 'table' football by children were well worth playing and watching. At various points the pupils gathered together for dancing to music where they could act out the songs, and it was also a very convenient way to form them in lines as necessary. The music that was

played certainly added to the fun atmosphere of the show.

At the end of the school day a BBQ was set up for 350 parents, who were also able to tackle some of the equipment and enjoy the music. Three members of staff, Chris Boddy, Mark Stephenson and Peter Taylor cooked the food.

It was certainly an all action day for pupils and staff and one to remember.



The bouncing hopper challenge was hard work for the competitors

The great, exciting, and competitive 'table' football game



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we just knew that in the misty distance was the beautiful vista of the castle on Holy Island - we all have imagination and sometimes just need to use it a little.

Once we'd crossed the causeway (some valiant pilgrims were coming over via the pilgrim way and were up their knees in water - determined dedication) it was off to explore. Some went to the castle, some to the Priory, some down to the harbour and of course, some went off to the Mead shop.

Then, having had our fill of the island, it was back on the bus and on our way

to Doxford Hall - what an exquisite place and what a delightful afternoon tea we all enjoyed in the beautiful setting of the Georgian drawing room with shafts of sunshine slanting through the windows.

We didn't quite make it to tea on the terrace, which had been the plan, but even so, most enjoyable. After tea we were able to have a wander around the hall and so met all the interesting life-size wire dogs that are scattered around to give folks a welcome.

We arrived back in Lanchester well replete with good food, good company and having had a good day out.

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TENNIS NEWS AT THE NET!



The summer tennis season is well under way with club and league matches being played, despite an inclement start to the year. Almost all the junior matches in the Aegon league have been completed, with the mini red team (under 8's) doing exceptionally well against larger clubs. Although the under 12 boys team was below strength, they too, were able to hold their own in close matches. The national initiative from the Lawn Tennis

Young and not so young taking part in the Cardio section at the Great British Tennis Weekend.

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IT'S A KNOCKOUT

What an extravaganza! This was something completely new for Lanchester EP school pupils. A professional 'It's a knockout' team from the north west put on a really good fun event for the children on a glorious June day. There were twenty four teams divided into their respective houses who took part in this highly competitive occasion, just as it used to be on television. The equipment was of the blow up sort and seven types of activities were set up including some



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Dancing to the Macarena

THURSDAY CLUB OUTING TO LINDISFARNE



Members enjoying tea at Doxford Hall

So - it was raining - did that cloud our spirits? Definitely not - there was a cloud of happiness over the bus as the Thursday Club and friends headed off for a day out to the holy island of Lindisfarne, which is such a magical destination. We stopped at the Barn at Beal for lunch, a lovely

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NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 15th July. The deadline for **adverts** is 13th July.

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