

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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COLOURFUL LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW



A fabulous display of flowers at the Leek Show

Traditionally on the second weekend in September amateur horticulturalists gather at the club for the annual 'Leek Show' as it is commonly known. There are still only 14 members in the group but the produce is vast, varied and of the highest quality. Many members of the public come to view it and the produce is auctioned on the Sunday evening when prizes are given out for the various categories.

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Jim Fazakerley, from Annfield Plain, takes First Prize in the Chrysanthemums (named Billy Bell)



Martin Durkin, alongside Joan Oldfield, perusing the many vegetables on display



A fine display on the stage of various prize winning flowers



Vince Pickersgill holding his winning carrots



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

Re: Queen's Head (last month's Village Voice)

The piece on the carving on the door lintel of the Queen's Head was one that I was not aware of.

P R E 1798 identifies the building as belonging to Ralph Proud and his wife Elizabeth (née Waugh) who were married at Lanchester 31st October 1797. Ralph was a blacksmith. The couple were natives of that parish. The George Proud, 'landlord of the Queen's Head' was the second

son of the above couple, born 24th January 1800 and baptised at Lanchester. He was a miller and married Cicely. A daughter Mary was born at Maiden Law Mill in 1827 (there was a windmill at that place). She married George Parker and died at the Deanery in 1893.

I am confident that this solves the mystery of the carving. Perhaps the partial history may be of interest to families bearing those names?

Ron Nubley

New Deliverer Starts and Another Deliverer Required

After much deliberation and perusal of all applications for last month's advert, the winner for the post of Greenwell Park deliverer was awarded to Kathleen Bell who will take over from Dorothy Douglas as of September.

Congratulations Kathleen and many thanks Dorothy for your past service.

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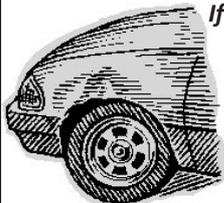
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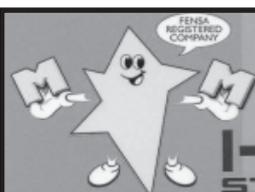
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WEDDING OF MICHAEL JACKSON AND CARLEY WILSON



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HELPING THE AIR AMBULANCE FLY IN THE NORTHERN SKY

Lanchester Centurions Motorcycle Club, stalwart supporters of and fundraisers for the Great North Air Ambulance Service, presented Rob Colgrave from the charity with a cheque for £3,500 at the club's regular monthly meeting in The Black Bull, on Wednesday 27th August. This takes the Centurions' total donated to this life saving service in the last 6 years to over £30,000. Jim Kane, secretary of the Centurions said that, as always, the Ben Hur Rally held each May on the periphery of the village was the club's main fundraising event. He also added that the Centurions greatly

appreciated the support of the local community over the rally weekend and the motorcycle club hopes the gathering continues to generate the volume of business that it has in the past for local shops and businesses. With that in mind, as the rally overheads have increased dramatically year on year, local member and club Vice-Chairman David Jackson, appealed to any local businesses who wish to help sponsor the rally in any shape or form, financial or otherwise to please get in touch. David added, "It now costs thousands of pounds to host the rally and this year we were very



Rob Colgrave from Great North Air Ambulance receives the £3000 cheque from Lanchester Centurions

grateful to the local Spar outlet who donated about £50 worth of prizes for the rally games we hold. Ideally we'd love other businesses to jump on board and help us to continue making this a great and fun weekend in the

village with the added bonus of raising funds for such an essential service as the Air Ambulance. The Centurions will also shortly be donating to local worthy causes in and around Lanchester and Durham.

The Lanchester Centurions Motorcycle Club can be contacted through their website at www.lanchestercenturions.net or drop in to the lounge of The Black Bull where the club meets most Wednesdays from around 7.30 pm.

MORE EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR ST BEDE'S

Following record-breaking A-level scores, St Bede's are celebrating another fantastic set of results, this time at GCSE. 95% of students gained 5 or more GCSE passes, with 75% gaining 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths. There were also some outstanding individual

performances, with nearly 30% of students achieving 5 or more A*-A grades and an amazing 36 students gaining 8 or more A*-A grades. We would like to congratulate all our students for their excellent achievements and thank our staff for their ongoing hard work

and dedication. We wish all our students every success and happiness as they prepare for the next stage in their journey - many continuing into our highly successful Sixth Form, others into apprenticeships and employment. We are incredibly proud of them all.



Laura and Jamie Cardwell receive their GCSE results from Miss Fenwick

NATIONAL APPRENTICE AWARD FOR SADIE AT KEY TRAINING

Sadie Densham who lives in Lanchester and works for Homes or Houses in Newcastle has just completed level 2 NVQ in Business Administration and has moved on to level 3. She was nominated for the award of National Apprentice by her assessor, Joanne Allison, also of Lanchester.

Joanne said "I feel it is very important that young people get recognition for their achievements. Sadie has shown drive and enthusiasm and is an inspiration to other apprentices." Sadie started her apprenticeship at 16 and within 3 months of working for Homes or Houses, she

was given responsibility for her own properties. Her role has been made permanent and hopefully she will become a Manager, eventually travelling to Dubai where they have properties. The company are delighted with her commitment and predict a very bright future. Well done, Sadie.



Alice Kitchen (left) receives her GCSE results, with her mum, Clare, and friend Caitlyn Hewitt.



It's all smiles for these girls as they receive their GCSE results.



Sadie Densham (centre) receiving her award with Joanne Allison (NVQ Assessor) and Jackie Fitzgerald (Homes or Houses)

ST BEDE'S CHOSEN AS TEACHING SCHOOL

St Bede's School has been selected to become a National Teaching School. These schools take a leading role in recruiting and training new entrants to the profession, identifying leadership potential and providing support for other schools. St Bede's was one of only 60 schools in England to be granted teaching school status in the latest round. Head teacher Mr Neville Harrison said: "We are delighted to be designated as a National Teaching School - to a large extent it is in recognition of the hard work of staff at St Bede's to support other schools,

particularly in leadership development and also through our significant role in Teacher Training. As a school we have always maintained an outward-facing and collaborative approach to many parts of school life. We hope to build our alliance of partner schools even further to support school improvement in the region. If schools would like to be involved please get in touch." For further information contact: Headteacher Neville Harrison or Senior Assistant Headteacher Roger Purdy on 01207 520424 or email St Bede's at teachingschool@stbedes.durham.sch.uk

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SOCIAL CLUB LEEK AND HORTICULTURAL SHOW



Ann and Alan Mould, visitors to the show, admire the leeks

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 Growers from outside the membership from various parts of the county are contributing more each year with the exception of 'Leeks' which is a members-only category. The judge this year was Brian Young, from Weardale who carries out his duties on the Saturday after the benching has been completed.

The weather this year for growing has been described as both fair and unpredictable by members. At least there have been no vast quantities of snow and rain during the growing year. Last year heavy rainfall made production more difficult. The usual suspects were in the frame for winning the many categories of

vegetables and flowers. However, Billy Brunton had an exceptional year by winning seven trophies. It was a fine show with plenty of visitors followed by a lively auction on the Sunday evening. More members are needed and essential if this fine North East tradition is to carry on ad infinitum.

LANCHESTER LEEK SHOW TROPHY WINNERS 2014

LEEKs

1st Prize	Norman Stevenson Cup	V Pickersgill
2nd Prize	H B Maycock Cup	A Stewart
3rd Prize	Victor Dillon Cup	T Barras
Best Leek in Show		V Pickersgill

VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables	O H Thompson Cup	B Brunton
3 onions from seed	Federation Shield	B Brunton
Heaviest Onion	Lanchester CIU Club Cup	B Brunton
Pair of Marrows	Jim Dixon Cup	B Brunton

FLOWERS

Vase of flowers	Iveson Rose Bowl	A Swinburne
5 Chrysanthemums	Britannia Building Society	B Liddle
Best Dahlia	Allan Whittle Trophy	A Swinburne
3 Gladioli	James Halpin Trophy	B Brunton
Best Exhibit In Show	Lanchester CIU Club Shield	B Brunton
Most Points In Show	Tetley Cup	B Brunton

Lanchester Community Centre Sunday Bridge

Sunday Bridge will be held on the following dates. Entrance is £3 starting at 2-00pm, everybody is welcome so put these dates in your diary.

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WORK DAY OUT FOR VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB

Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club have come on in leaps and bound since their formation earlier this year. After a few Tractor Runs this was a complete change of function but still raised money for Great North Air Ambulance. About 30 or so drivers/tractors assembled in a field opposite Newhouses Farm along the Durham Road towards Consett, on Sunday 31st August, from 10 am - 4.00 pm. Two large areas were marked out to plough, for cultivating, combined harvesting and baling into small bales of straw. It was a fine sight to see these magnificent machines in the workplace and all the skills being shown. There was a chance to

look back in history and watch a very strong farmer with a hand plough pulled by two magnificent horses.

One end of the field was devoted to special skills with a tractor, but it was not a competition just friendly time with some guests of the club taking part as well as members.

There was a bar and food, supplied by Crinnions of Lanchester, and a raffle. Members of the public did attend, though not in large numbers. It is hoped to make this an annual event with greater advertising, which should increase the numbers.

At the entrance to the field was a 'Shepherds Hut' on a trailer built by a founder member

of the club, Paul Morgan. Later this month Paul and his partner, Maxine Harrison, will take up the challenge of the 'Coast to Coast' with many other members, travelling in a similar way. The money from this will also go to GNAA.



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CHARITY TRACTOR DRIVE



Some of the Vintage Tractor Club members who met on Sunday 14th at the King's Head, before driving to Seaham to begin the 'Coast to Coast' journey in aid of Great North Air Ambulance, which will be reported in the October issue.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fruit Cake for Any Occasion

The preparation time for this cake is 25 minutes plus an overnight soaking and takes 2½ hours to cook.

Ingredients

450g/1lb dried mixed fruit
100g/4oz raisins
100g/4oz glacé cherries
Zest of a lemon
Zest of an orange
150ml/¼ pt medium sherry
175g/6oz butter, softened, plus extra for the tin
175g/6oz soft brown sugar
100g/4oz plain flour
50g/2oz self raising flour
50g/2oz ground almonds

1 tsp mixed spice

3 large eggs

Method

1. Tip the dried fruits and zests into a bowl, pour over the sherry and leave to soak overnight. Butter and line the bottom and sides of a deep 20cm cake tin with a double layer of baking parchment. Heat the oven to 140C/120C fan/gas 1.
2. Mix the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. If the mixture starts to curdle add a little more plain flour. Stir in the fruit discarding any sherry that has not been absorbed. Then

spoon the mixture into the tin. Smooth the surface and make a small dent in the middle.

3. Bake in the centre of the oven for 2½ hours until the cake is a dark golden brown and a skewer comes out clean. If the top of the cake browns too quickly, cover it with a layer of baking parchment. Leave the cake in the tin for about 10 minutes before turning it out onto a wire rack to cool completely. The cake can be served plain or with icing of your choice.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

One of the sad facts that I have to face as an opposition MP is however often I walk through the voting lobbies I am unlikely to be on the winning side. Recently however, I found myself on the winning side three times in a row. Rare victories indeed. A Private Members Bill (PMB) on Affordable Housing ie The Bedroom Tax, was approved to 2nd Reading. This Bill, if it makes it to law would exempt from the Bedroom Tax the disabled and those who were unable to move to a smaller property because there simply are not smaller properties to move to. This success does not mean that the 'Bedroom Tax', which has caused much hardship in North West Durham, is repealed, but it seems to be the beginning of the end. Douglas Carswell, formerly the Conservative MP for Clacton, had an interesting summer as he

apparently plotted a surprise resignation of the Conservative Whip. He joined UKIP and resigned his Parliamentary seat, setting in motion a bi-election, scheduled for October 9th. He hopes to become the first UKIP MP in the British Parliament. Westminster is rife with rumour that there are at least half a dozen other Tory MPs waiting to see whether or not he wins the bi-election and if he does they are set to follow him. It all makes for an interesting Tory Party conference in October and the Prime Minister is looking pretty grim. My recent activities in and out of parliament have been varied. I visited Scotland several times to campaign for the "No" campaign. I have taken part in a number of debates and votes - the Bedroom Tax vote, the debate on puppy and kitten farms and I led a Westminster Hall debate on the future

of Nursery Schools and the importance of pre-school education. Parliament now breaks

for the conference season. This will be the last conference before the next election so I look

forward to policy announcements, fringe events and fraternity. Pat Glass MP



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from Meeting held on 9th September 2014

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 8th July 2014 - approved.

Finance, Development & General Purposes Committee Meeting on 30th July 2014 - approved.
Neighbourhood Warden Report - received.

Correspondence

County Durham Training Partnership - 'Policies, Social Media & the Press, Health & Safety and Risk Assessment' course approved for the Clerk.
 Willow Burn Hospice fundraising event - permission was given to

use the village green for a fundraising event.

County Durham Association of Local Councils - support was given to the nomination of Councillor David Bell to the position of Vice President.

Durham County Council - information on the council tax base and Council Tax Support Scheme Grant for 2015/16 was received.

Letters of thanks regarding the banner celebration event were received from St Bede's

School, Lanchester RC Primary School and a local resident.

Letter of thanks received from a resident regarding the grass cutting.

The Clerk Magazine - received.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine - received.

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group

The minutes of the recent meeting were approved.

Parish Council Office

The terms for the lease and the annual charge have been agreed for the new office at Lynwood.

Arrangements are being made to move at the end of September.

Kitswell Park Play Area - Annual inspection report received.

Cessation of Smoking in Playgrounds

Members considered the consultation by Durham County Council on plans for a voluntary code banning people from smoking at outdoor play areas. Members were in support of the scheme.

Annual Return 2013/14 - the external audit was approved.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

Cricket Club Grant Working Group

- the minutes of the recent meetings were approved. Members considered the returned tenders for the refurbishment of the changing facilities and selected a contractor subject to approval by Sport England.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7.15 pm.

POLICE REPORT

At the last PACT meeting an update was provided in relation to the PACT priority of parking in the area of Peth Bank. Police have been attending the area daily to assess the parking situation and issued £30 fixed penalty notices to any vehicles seen causing an

obstruction to other road users or the footpath. A phased approach is to be introduced to help tackle the parking problem with the first stage of white 'keep clear' lines being installed on the junction of Deneside and Peth Bank/Durham Road to be completed shortly.

Good news stories that have happened this month in the village include a 25 year old male from Burnhope being stopped by Police on the A691 in Lanchester driving a blue coloured Renault Laguna. He was discovered to be a disqualified driver and later reported for driving

whilst disqualified and no insurance. His vehicle was also seized. A 33 year old male also appeared in court this month in relation to a burglary at Brockwell Farm where he broke into an outbuilding and stole a quantity of ice cream. He pleaded guilty and received a community order and a £95 fine.

Operation has also been held. If you have any information into either of these issues please ring Police on 101. Also, please make sure you are keeping your property secured and make sure any external lights and CCTV systems are operating correctly.

Incident trends this month include fires on straw fields near Malton Picnic Site and rural burglaries. It is believed local youths have attended farmland opposite Malton and set straw alight causing great loss to local farmers. Burglaries in our rural locations have been taking place with vehicle parts, tools and animals being stolen. Officers are now paying additional attention to these areas and a Farmwatch

The next PACT meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th October at 6.30 pm in Burnhope Primary School. Claire Errington from our Operation Seabrook team will be attending to give an update about the Police investigation into Medomsley Detention Centre.

Short term changes are to take place at Consett Front Office. Between 15th October 2014 - 13th July 2015 the front office will only be open to the public between Monday to Friday 10.30am-4.30pm. PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

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ST BEDE CROSSING PATROL

Further to our article in the June issue of The Village Voice, we are pleased to report that due to the persistent efforts of campaigner, Clare Lamb, a Crossing Patrol Person has now been appointed for the safety of pupils crossing the busy road outside St Bede's School and Sixth Form College.



Malcolm Haydon, from Stanley, who has previously worked as a reserve in Stanley and Waldrige is the new Crossing Patrol Officer at St Bede's School.

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NORTH EAST YOUTH CHORALE CONCERT

On Saturday September 6th, a very special concert was held in the Parish Church by the North East Youth Chorale. The membership of this choir is drawn from 6th Form Colleges and Universities across the region but also has singers who have left full time education and are in employment. Members, male and female are aged 16-23. The choir was formed 5 years ago and because of its extremely high standard of performance, is very successful and performs throughout the North East. Their conductor is Mr John Forsyth, a very accomplished musician who has an excellent rapport with these young people. It is due to his tuition and leadership that the choir achieves such a high standard of performance. Their repertoire is varied and mainly classical and they have sung with many prestigious choirs and in very prestigious places, including The Albert Hall and on a number of occasions in our own Durham



Mr Forsyth, conductor, with the North East Youth Chorale in the Parish Church

Cathedral. They will be singing at The Sage on November 1st.

The programme on September 6th included a number of solo items, by nine of the 30 strong choir. They each sang beautifully and with such competence and sensitivity. We wish them continued success in the future and thank them for bringing their music to Lanchester.

Brenda Craddock

FOOL'S GOLD AGAIN!

On September 1st, an appreciative audience welcomed the return of 'Fool's Gold' to Lanchester Library. Telling stories in song form is an ancient art, and this acoustic duo cover so many aspects of social history, from shipwrecks and the missing soldiers of war, from the many broken dreams of the Gold Rush to colourful local figures from our distant past. Carol and Steven Robson play mostly their own songs, but also present cover versions of

traditional tunes. Between them they play guitars, flute, whistles and mandolin, besides performing the vocals of the songs. The couple play in local folk groups and at various events and more information about their music can be found on their website www.foolsgoldacoustic.co.uk. A special production to mark the centenary of the First World War is planned for next year. 'BEAT THE DRUM' includes original and

contemporary songs, with video and multimedia inputs. This promises to be an informative and moving tribute to the conflict, so make a note of the date ... Thursday 19th February at 2 pm in Lanchester Library. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. 'Fool's Gold' are well worth following, with their perfect blend of traditional music and a modern twist, and presenting some fascinating insights into the past!

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WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone before Ann Carr gave the reading. Reports were given on the Book Club, Darts and Quiz. All are doing well, new members always welcome. Coffee morning items will be welcomed at the next meeting and the Coffee Morning.

Our birthday outing is on 3rd November, coffee at the Lord Crewe and then the Angel at Corbridge for lunch with time to shop afterwards. Total cost £20 or £23 depending on number of courses, payment by cheque if possible please is due at the October meeting. The coach will leave from the Green School bypass at 9.30am.

Last month members enjoyed a Durham guided walk and a visit to Edmundbyers WI.

Our speaker was Katherine Beer on May

Wilson, a former postmistress of Witton Gilbert. Katherine is a historian living in Witton Gilbert who was asked to write a paper based on the diaries of May who was born in 1882 and started to write her diaries in 1907 until she died in 1967. May's father ran the post office from the front room of their house. When he died in 1911, May applied for the post of postmistress backed up by a petition from 293

villagers. She was given the job and along with her sister Annie ran the post office, which she extended to include a lending library and insurance company, until she and Annie retired in 1949 after a very full working life. This was a very interesting talk on local life 100 years ago. Competition winners were Jennifer Macdonald and Ann Carr, raffle winners were Maisie Raine and Tracey Dobson. Ann gave the vote of thanks.



Speaker Katherine Beer answering questions from Shirley Mair and Breda Branscombe about May Wilson, the Witton Gilbert Postmistress.

Gardening in October

The leaves on the trees seem to be turning colour earlier this year heralding the beautiful colours of both the autumn trees and the late perennials. This provides the setting to plan for the spring as the shorter and colder nights set in.

In the Flower Borders

A satisfying task for October lies in planting bulbs for a wonderful spring display. The garden centres, newspapers and gardening press are all full of suggestions of what to buy and plant this month. A recent survey (Gardening Which?) suggests that the new varieties of bulbs have considerable advantages over the older ones. Their trial showed that newer varieties flower longer

and gave greater colour variations. They suggest the best were Hyacinth, Pink Angel; Tulip, Caribbean Parrot; Daffodil, Ferris Wheel; and so on. Planting depths are Grape Hyacinth, 3 inches; Snowdrops 4 inches; Tulips, 5 inches; Hyacinth, 6 inches and Daffodil 7 inches. Also this month it is time to lift and store dahlia and begonia tubers and prepare tubs and hanging baskets for the spring display. My favourite for this are winter pansies or, even better in my view, violas. Prepare baskets with the best compost that you can afford and mix in a slow release food (Thompson and Morgan are pushing their 'Incredibloom' fertiliser) but do not put in water

retaining gel as the winter weather can make the compost too soggy.

In the Vegetable Plot

Any plants with green tomatoes or peppers remaining can be hung upside down indoors to ripen. If you plan to grow beans next year start preparing the site by digging trenches and filling with manure, your own compost, or kitchen waste. When you harvest your cabbages leave the root in the ground, make a cross at the top of the stem to encourage smaller leaves to grow.

General

You should clear up any fallen leaves from your lawn regularly to allow light to the grass and a last mowing can be made this month before leaving it for the winter.

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THE BEAST



Cyclists in 'The Beast' take a tight turn, at considerable speed, at Witton Gilbert

Most cyclists who have met the challenge of 'The Beast', Durham CC's cycle ride, agree it is aptly named. A cool morning, gloomy skies but little wind greeted the riders as they set off from Sniperley Park at 9.00 am. In the region of 1000 took part between the ages of 18 and 60 years. All were supposed to be registered with a cycle club and be

fit enough to complete the race.

It is an arduous ride of 52 miles, two miles longer than usual, which takes in several of the many hills in the county. The route is similar to the 'Big Ride' at the start, with the first major hill climb challenge being Iveston Bank. At that point the 'Beast Route' deviates to Knitsley on to the A68,

taking in Wolsingham and Tow Law, one of the highest points, before returning to Durham via Wilks Hill and Langley Park.

The route is all 'on road'. Some riders, the more experienced and fittest, are able to complete the distance in just over two hours and most finish within four. The route is well signposted, marshalled, and has drink stations and ambulances sited a various stages. Many riders raise money for charity and a few make it a race, but the majority go out to enjoy themselves on what is a very challenging, enjoyable day.

FOOTBALLER BACK IN THE NORTH EAST

Former St Bede's pupil, Mark Lee, will be returning to the area to give young Australian footballers the opportunity to experience life as a professional footballer. Mark left the North East in 1999 to play football in the Western Australian Premier League where he won Year in 2005. Following this he played professional football for Perth Glory in the A-League.

Mark launched his own coaching business, Mark Lee Football Coaching in 2009, which now coaches up to 1000 footballers each week from all ages and abilities. He later set up 'Pro Football Training' with a good friend and ex team mate. Many current footballers who have graduated from Pro Football Training are now playing in the EPL and many professional leagues in Europe and Asia. Current Sunderland AFC player, Tom Beadling, is also a

graduate and will speak to the players at their hotel in Durham. Current Gateshead FC player and former St Bede's pupil, Ben Clark, will also talk to the players and speak about his career and life in professional football. During this tour, the 34 young players, will play against Reading FC, Sheffield United, Preston North End and Sunderland as well as spending time at St George's Park and Manchester City. The Tour squad will also see EPL, Championship and Academy games as well as Manchester City v Roma in the Champions League.

Mark is delighted to have been invited by his former club Consett AFC to be able to show the parents and players the new facility at Consett AFC on Wednesday October 8th from 4-6 pm where they play small sided games against and with current Consett FC juniors. All are welcome to come and watch.



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LATEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB

Two trophies out of four finals in these past few weeks is a good return for the club.

The third team went to their Division A 20/20 Finals day as underdogs and came away as champions. The side led by Andy McConnell beat favourites Cowgate in the final after beating Ryhope in the most intense of semi finals. Against Ryhope, the side fielding seven juniors restricted their opponents to 114 for 8 with Tim Kennington taking a hat trick. After a very controversial

dismissal, the match went to the final ball where Kennington and Jack Ramshaw scrambled a single to tie the game. That meant Lanchester won by virtue of losing fewer wickets. In the final Cowgate smashed a daunting target of 172, however Cameron Metcalfe and Chris Tully kept up with the run rate over the first ten overs and despite a small dip, Stu Beaumont and Jonathon Dodds rose to the challenge and the total was passed with four balls remaining.

The under 15s picked up the Willis Elliott Trophy with an emphatic win over Ryton at Whickham. The side bowled tightly as Ryton struggled to 90 runs in their 20 overs. Lanchester then won by ten wickets with openers David Selby and Arran Halliday unbeaten on 48 and 30 respectively.

The under 18s were then outplayed by Blaydon in their league cup final whilst the same day, the second team came close to winning their league cup, losing by four runs to Ponteland.

DURHAM BIG RIDE

Conditions were generally good, with sun and cloud and some wind, which may have bothered some participants, mainly in the hilly areas. Over 1000 people took part in the three events which left County Hall on Sunday morning, 31st August.

It was very much a family orientated occasion. People of all ages and cycling abilities with one or two riding three wheeled cycles entered. The 3 mile route mainly for children was at Aykley Heads. Those on the 10 mile route set off towards Sacriston, then Witton Gilbert and Langley Park, before returning back to Durham.

The majority of cyclists took the 25 mile challenge. The first riders passed through Maiden Law at about 10.00 am before proceeding to the very hard ride up Iveston Bank. Many have to walk and push at this stage. Then it

was through Bogglehole and on to the Lanchester Valley Walk for the return to Durham.

The route is well signposted, drink stations and marshalls are available. The atmosphere among riders was friendly and smiling with many exchanging banter and waves to onlookers, especially on the line in Lanchester. All seemed eager to return for their goody bag and T shirt at

the finish where there were plenty of fun activities going on.

It is strictly a fun ride, in fact many rode in groups at a leisurely pace. It is certainly not a race, though some have their personal challenges. Many raise money for their favoured charities, so although there are no winners or prizes, many people benefit, not least those who took part and enjoyed some good exercise.



Three riders in the first ten pass through Maiden Law at just after 10.00 am.

HANLEY & SWINBANK CELEBRATE FIRST YEAR

John and Neil with Anouska, would like to thank customers and staff for their support during their first year in business. John said: "We are very happy with the way the year has worked out and the best thing we did was to move into next door with the Delicatessen. The year has flown by." The shop held a tasting day for customers on Friday 12th September with a measure of sherry or bucks fizz to go with it, to celebrate their first Anniversary.



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BOWLING CLUB - SUCCESS AT LAST

It has been eleven years since Lanchester Bowling Club won a team competition. In that time we have been runners up in ten competitions. At last we have got over the final hurdle and won. On September 1st our Monday team won the League Cup. The result came as a bit of a surprise. In the round robin stage we won our first match but thought we had no chance after losing to Sherburn Park (Consett). However a win over Consett Park by a huge margin was sufficient to take us into the final. Our opponents,

Dipton, had already won three tournaments this season so our chances looked slim. We got off to a good start but Dipton fought back and things looked close. Fortunately Lanchester regained the momentum and finished up winners by two rinks to one with one rink drawn.

The club had its finals day on Saturday 13th September. The sun shone and there was good turnout of spectators to watch some close matches. The Club Championship was won by Paul Monaghan over Dick Ball in a match that could have gone either

way. Dick was also involved in another close match. This time he just lost to Christine Monaghan who successfully defended her two woods title. The pairs competition was a battle of the sexes. Dorothy Turnbull and Anne Hurran put up a good fight but went down to a strong team of Ken Raper and Stan Easten. John Hurran won the Challenge competition defeating Robin Scudder who did well to reach the final in only his second year as a bowler. In the other matches Mike Stoddart and Ken Raper clashed in the three wood

competition with Mike taking the honours, and Christine won the women's competition with a win over Anne. The handicap competition was played a few days later and Stan took the victory over Dick. Regarding the club's future, preliminary estimates put the club around £7000 short of capital funding for next year following the County Council's withdrawal of green maintenance. We

need help but the club's committee are striving to keep the club going. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October at 7 pm in the pavilion. This will be a very important meeting for the future of the club, so would all members do their best to attend. The Annual Presentation Dinner will be held on Wednesday 19th November at the King's Head.



The first 3 matches on Finals Day - from left to right: Christine Monaghan, Anne Hurran, Paul Monaghan, Dick Ball, Ken Raper and Mike Stoddart.

Another picture on back page.

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TENNIS: NEWS AT THE NET

The grass court tennis season is now over at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club following a fine, sunny and warm summer. As always, the weather is a major factor in an outdoor sport but, in 2014, there were no problems on that score! The social side of the club has also had a very successful season, with the Strawberry Tea in June and the Barbecue, held in July, being very well supported by members and non-members alike. On the competitive side, the club has completed all of its schedule of tournaments. Congratulations to all of our winners and commiserations to the losers. In the junior competitions, Daniel Smailes and Daniel Hogg were the winners in their

respective age group (*pictured on back page*). A strong number of entries took part in the senior mixed competition, with Michelle Ridley and Paul Gardiner winning the trophy (*pictured on back page*). The award for Most Improved Player was shared between Ursula Heale and Fiona Mayor for their club involvement and making a strong effort to improve playing ability to enable inclusion in club tournaments (*pictured on back page*). From Monday 29th September, the coaching is continuing on the hard courts behind the Green School, until the light finally fades. The full coaching programme or any information about the sessions can be obtained by contacting Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278.

WORLD JAMBOREE FOR SCOUTS

Dominic Biasi and Jude Shilcock, both students at St Bede's School, are to be part of a contingent attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015. They will represent Derwentside Scouts and, will be ambassadors for Scouting and life in North East England. The Jamboree is the largest regular event organised by the Scout Movement. It will bring together 30,000 scouts from over 200 nations. It is above all an educational event specifically designed for scouts aged 14-17. The Jamboree offers participants a programme that enables them to develop facets of their character. A wide variety of activities will include: A peace programme, Crossroads of cultures, Community service, A

Global Development Village and A city of science. Through work done and at the Jamboree, the scouts will learn and share many skills which will enrich their lives and their communities. Each Scout from the United Kingdom has pledged to raise £3,300, of which a proportion will go towards funding scouts from other countries who could not otherwise afford to attend, and without whom it would not be a

truly worldwide event. This is a significant amount of money to raise, and Jude and Dominic are hosting a craft fair and coffee morning at Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday 4th October between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Local crafts will include jewellery, cards, bookmarks and drawings. There will also be a cake stall, bric-a-brac, books, a tombola and a raffle. Please do drop in to lend your support. Thank you.



Dominic Biasi and Jude Shilcock

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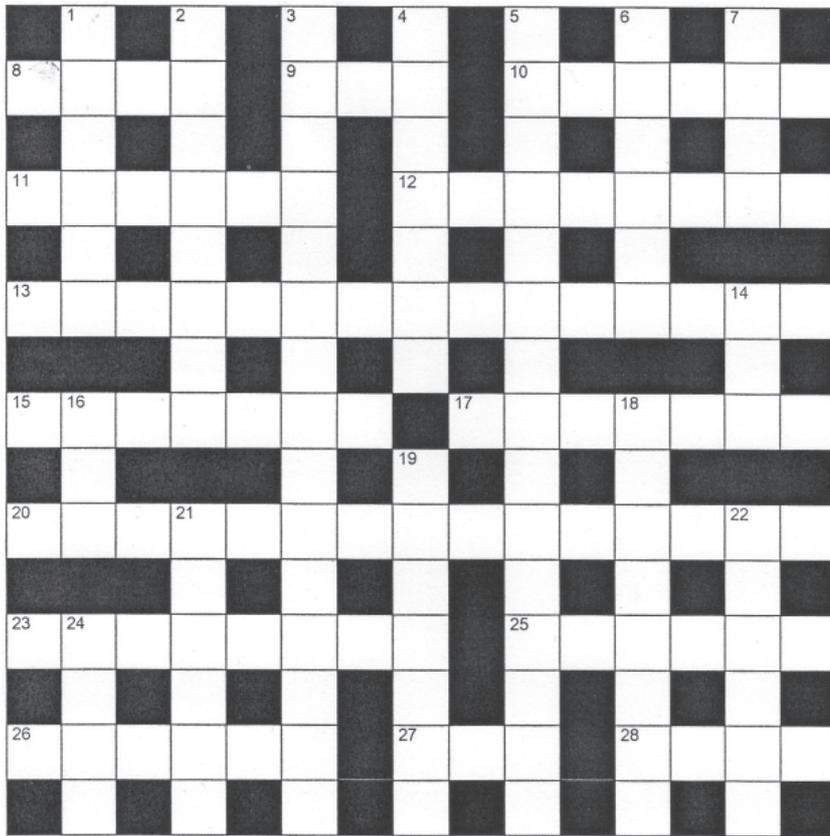
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ACROSS

8. Large group (4)
9. Mimic (3)
10. EC time makes one sick (6)
11. Withdraw from a commitment (3,3)
12. PE centre is a sham (8)
13. Prosperous people are lean EU city toffs (8,7)
15. Very different (1,3,3)
17. Reneger from Wales? (7)
20. Modify and add pirates' venue (6,3,6)
23. One who brings things from abroad (8)
25. Mollusc that is floppy and French (6)
26. Ealing is friendly (6)
27. Suitable (3)
28. Recess (4)

DOWN

- 1,22. Antidote for a hangover (4,2,3,3)
2. International monetary unit (1,1,6)
3. Indifferent chat (4-7,4)
4. Pause that's about malice (7)
5. Attraction to the opposite sex (15)
6. Citizen of Sana? (6)
7. Metal used for galvanising (4)
14. Draw (3)
16. Charge (3)
18. Grounds (8)
19. Beg (7)
21. Paradoxical (6)
22. See 1.
24. Submissive (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 100

ACROSS

1. rattan
4. emulator
9. string
10. skittles
12. drub
13. Lagan
14. iota
17. at first sight
20. always on hand
23. avid
24. Texan
25. film
28. ab initio
29. fibula
30. spinneys
31. grilse

DOWN

1. residual
2. Tartuffe
3. acne
5. make a pig's ear
6. late
7. tallow
8. rascal
11. Salt Lake City
15. krill
16. phony
18. habitual
19. Adam's Ale
21. harass
22. Bikini
26. sign
27. liar

CROSSWORD 100

There were just 13 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Sylvia Brown of Briardene who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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	1		4					
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6					4			1
					9			2
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	8	7						6

MESSY PLAY DAY

August 21st was 'Messy Play' for Lanchester youngsters, set up by Stanley One Point Service for Children. The hall of the Community Centre was filled with dozens of excited children, from babies to 5 year olds. They loved getting their hands full of lovely yukky things - pasta, rice, shaving cream ... and in many cases, eating the stuff!



Lovely, messy stuff - and it tastes good.

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Exciting developments are planned within our Community Centre. Local crafter Jackie Anderson and Centre Manager Alison Boyd are collaborating to develop a 'Crafters Hub' which will provide a showcase for the skills of other crafters and enable them to be seen by a wide audience. In a 'shelving scheme' spaces can be hired for a monthly payment, and so far, there are examples of candles, knitwear, toys, needlework, cards and patchwork items on display with the promise of lots more to come. Details will be available

on the new Community Centre Website, on Facebook and on flyers around the village. Our Community Centre is self funded and belongs to the people of the village. Frequent craft fairs are held during the year; the next one, on November 8th is a great opportunity for Christmas shopping! Coffee Mornings will be held regularly, and the Centre now offers tea, coffee and hot chocolate to the shopper in the village who would like to take a break. A wide range of classes, clubs and activities is available for the local

community and enquiries about private functions and parties are welcomed. Our Community Centre is a vibrant focus for village life and your support will ensure its continued development. Please visit their new Website lanchestercommunity.wix.com/lanchester to read about what's on, or if you'd like to become involved as a volunteer, you'd be sure of a warm welcome!



Local crafter Jackie Anderson and Community Centre Manager Alison Boyd are working together in the 'Crafters Hub'.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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Open House

Everyone is welcome in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd October, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

History Society

The next meeting will take place on Friday, 3rd October at 7 pm in the Community Centre. A talk entitled 'Shafts of Light', about the Pitman Painters, will be given by Dr Robert Manners. Everyone welcome.

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 4th October from 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Sunday Bridge

Come and enjoy a relaxed afternoon playing Bridge in the Community Centre on 5th October at 2.00 pm. Only £3. Everyone welcome.

PACT meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 7th October at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School. All welcome.

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Our next meeting will take place in the small hall of the Community Centre on Monday 6th October at 7.15. This is our AGM when the President will be voted in, committee members agree to stand and the overall winner of the competitions for the year is presented with the Nancy Walker cup. Members can bring items for the October coffee morning and those who still have not paid for the birthday meal can bring their £20 for two courses or £23 for three courses (cheques please if possible).

Visitors are as always very welcome, £2 entry.

'the Gathering'

Our 3rd Gathering of the year, a community lunch in aid of the Village Bus, will be held on Tuesday October 7th in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. Tickets can be obtained from Maureen Barker, Karin Bravington, Jill Gladstone and Marie Harrison.

Mothers' Union

The October meeting is on Wednesday 8th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House when Jean Carleton will give a talk entitled 'Heritage'.

WI Coffee Morning

Lanchester WI are holding their Autumn coffee morning on Thursday 9th October in the Community Centre from 10.00 until 11.30. Tickets or payment at doors is £1 which includes a delicious homemade scone to enjoy with your coffee.

There will also be a sales table and raffle so please come and join us and meet up with friends old and new.

Short Circuit Walks

11th October, Cornsay Colliery and Quebec, 4 miles. Park in a side road (B6302 to Esh Winning) to the south of the Royal Oak, NZ172433.

18th October, AGM at Friends' Meeting House, West Avenue, Gosforth, 2pm.

25th October, Great Whittington/Matfen, 5 miles. Park sensibly at roadside in village, NZ006709.

'A Month in the Country'

Nobby Dimon will present the latest play by North Country Theatre on Saturday 11th October at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. Adapted from the novel by J L Carr, it is 'a haunting evocation of a past time'.

Tickets £9 from the centre (01207 521275) or the village newsagent.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre when Sylvia Jones will tell us about 10 years since the release of Red Kites and what is the future of these magnificent birds.

Brass Band Concert

Lanchester Brass Band's Annual Patrons' Concert is in the Methodist Church on Wednesday October 15th beginning at 7.30 pm. Tickets £6 on the door or £5 prior to the performance from the secretary, Pete Bradshaw 0191 386 0357 pete@bradshaw32.plus.com, or a member of the band. Refreshments are included.

Paradiso Social Club

The new Autumn season of the Club will start on Sunday October 12th at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre.

At the Social we offer refreshments: wine or soft drinks and nibbles from 7 pm to 7.30 pm and then show a film. We also include a raffle ticket as part of the entry ticket and draw prizes at each Social.

On October 12th, we will be showing the film 'THE RAILWAY MAN' which is based on the true story of Eric Lomax who was captured and held prisoner by the Japanese in World War II. He was brutally tortured and forced along with his fellow captives to build the Thai-Burmese Railway, Eric is left traumatised for years to come despite the best efforts of his wife. Many years later Lomax resolves to track down one of his torturers hoping to find the answers that will enable him to finally let go of the hatred he has felt throughout his life. The film stars include Colin Firth as Lomax and Nicole Kidman as his wife.

Entry prices are as follows:

Membership of the Paradiso Club £5 per annum, members then pay £2.50 per Social. Non-members or occasional visitors to the Paradiso Club pay £3.50 for an entry ticket to a Social. Young people pay £2 per Social. All are welcome to attend any of our social events!

Autumn Fair

Croft View Autumn Fair will take place on Saturday 18th October from 12.00 noon until 2 pm. There will be a presentation by the Activate Theatre group and the Lanchester Brass Band and this year we are having a Craft Fair. Refreshments will be available and entry is free. All proceeds will go towards the cost of a new sports hall floor.

Annual Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group is holding the Annual Exhibition on the weekend of October 18th -19th in the Community Centre from 10 am till 5 pm both days. Admission is 50p, and as well as a display of hundreds of paintings, some of which will be for sale, there will be refreshments available.

Ceilidh Time Again!

The Lanchester Partnership's Annual Ceilidh will be held in the Social Club from 7.00 until 10.30 pm on Saturday October 18th. Dancing will be to the Moorcock Ceilidh Band. Bring food to share. Tickets (which cost £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for children) are available from members or from Jill on 528 114. Please come - the more the merrier!

Flower Club

Our meeting on Wednesday 22nd October at 2 pm in the Community Centre will be a mini-demonstration and social afternoon. Come and join us.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 16th November 2014 in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, Lanchester. All members of the public are welcome.

Shopping Trip To York

Rosemary Naylor is once again organising a shopping trip to York on Saturday 8th November, leaving Lanchester at 9.00 am and returning at approximately 9.00 pm. Proceeds will help towards the renovation of Croft View Halls which are used for Boys Brigade, Anchor Boys, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and many other activities. If you would like tickets for this trip, the cost is £14.00 which includes a free draw to win money for your shopping and a tip for the driver. Please contact Rosemary on 520087 or mobile 07803106615.

Steps Charity Christmas Fair

On 15th November at St John's Church Hall, Snods Edge from 10 am to 3 pm. Our aim is to raise awareness and much needed funds for a charity helping children with lower limb deficiencies. Refreshments and light lunches available on the day. Please put the date in your diaries.

Choral Classic

Lanchester Choral Society's Spring Concert will be a performance of Haydn's famous oratorio 'The Creation'. In the past this work along with Handel's 'Messiah' was one that every village church choir would regularly perform. Sadly today this is no longer feasible, so here is a great opportunity for those of you who remember those days or indeed would like to try it for the first time to join us on a Friday evening at 7.15 pm in All Saints Catholic Primary School. You will receive a warm welcome. There are no auditions!! For further information please contact 01207 520427 or 01207520172.

Singers Needed for Concert

Lanchester Parish Church Music will perform a concert along with East Stanley School Choir on Thursday, 18th December, in the Parish Church at 7.00 pm. The money raised will be shared between the NSPCC and Christian Aid.

We would love to have a few more tenors and bass singers to join us for this event. We would only need you for 27th November, 4th December, 11th December (with the school choir), and the 18th December for the concert. Also anyone is welcome to join us - we practise on a Thursday at 7.00 pm.

Please contact Janet Jackson 01207 521250 if you are willing to help us.

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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The season made a good start with a talk given by Neil Straughan. Entitled 'A Stroll through France and Spain', Neil told the story of his father Joseph who was captured by the Germans soon after the beginning of the Second World War. He escaped soon after capture, when on the march, and managed, with great difficulty, eventually to reach the coast of Spain and return to England. The journey was, of course, anything but a 'stroll'. Mr Straughan endured many hardships and at that time the French Resistance was not in full operation. After returning to England, he was able to

rejoin the army and served until the end of the war. Everyone really enjoyed the evening. There were some new faces whom it was good to see and we hope they will return. Next month's talk, by Dr

Robert McManners, is 'Shafts of Light' about the Pitman Painters. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting which will start at 7 pm in the Community Centre on Friday, 3rd October.

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For more details contact Alison Boyd (Community Association Manager)

Phone: **01207 521275**

SUCCESS AT LAST



Lanchester Bowling Club League Cup Winners: from left to right: back row, Joe Newton, Ron Carr, Alan Wharton, Dick Ball, Anne Hurran, Ken Raper, Christine Monaghan and Jim Howliston; front row, Stan Easten, Paul Monaghan, Peter Harrison and John Hurran. The following people also played in the round robin stages to qualify the team for the final: Dick Christon, Rosemary Fawcett, Ray May, Liz Smith, Roy Stewart, Mike Stoddart and Billy Young. For story see page 14.

TENNIS WINNERS

Story on page 15.



In the junior competitions Daniel Smailes and Daniel Hogg were the winners in their respective age group.



In the senior mixed competition Michelle Ridley and Paul Gardiner shown with their trophies.



The award for Most Improved Player was shared between Ursula Heale and Fiona Mayor.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 21st October. The deadline for **adverts** is 19th October.

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