

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE



Children holding lighted candles line the centre aisle of the church as Rev Rupert Kalus delivers the Blessing.



Henry Dancer Award, left: Charlie Burnett; centre: Year 2 Citizenship Award, Ellen Jewson; right: Year 6 Citizenship Award, Eleanor Champion. (Story on page 4)

A NEW LIBRARY FOR ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL



Small group hard at work in the library with pupils thoroughly enjoying their books. (See story on page 4)

ST BEDE'S STUDENTS EXCEL



Bethany Grimes off to Nottingham University, Simon Biasi moving on to Oxford and Sophie Taylor will attend Durham University. (See page 5)

VILLAGE IN BLOOM



One of a number of flower beds planted in the village that have helped make our village so pretty.

TRAVELLER'S REST



This scene usually happens prior to and just after time of the Appleby Horse Fair. Perhaps this traveller has taken a liking to our peaceful, lovely village green area.



Dear Village....

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

Dear Village Voice
Regarding Lanchester Beer Festival, I am pleased the committee were happy with the event, but they failed to mention that the police had to be called on Saturday and Sunday night. We had lads fighting and girls shouting on the Saturday night and on Sunday night we had 20-30 young people causing mayhem with shouting and standing up to each other full of drink and bravado. They were drinking in the street and we had broken glasses to pick up after them. We also saw a couple of men urinating in the street. I think the gates should have security people on them to send these drunken yobs on their way.

I don't think a Beer Festival in the middle of a residential area is the place to have it as it is quite disconcerting for the people living nearby. Name and address withheld on request

Dear Village Voice
I would like to say a very big thank you to my neighbours in Hallgarth Terrace, especially Collette and Peter Tiplady, Juliette and Jason Conrad and all the girls, also Ala and my sister Margaret for all their help. A big thank you also for all the lovely flowers, letters and cards I have received from many friends after my recent stay in hospital. Joyce Whitfield (Mrs)

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for July is 68. The draw was made by S Bone of the Gym.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice

As a user of the No 15 bus, I am disappointed that the last bus on Monday to Thursday is 9.05 pm. Because of the cuts, I realise that Go North East have a lot on their plate, but couldn't Stanley Travel bus service run by Stanley Taxis take over until 11? They've already taken over the 14 from Durham to Langley Park after 8.00 pm Monday to Thursday.

Stephen Howatt, Witton Gilbert

SEASONAL FLU

To protect people who are most at-risk of serious illness if they develop flu, the Department of Health recommends flu vaccination every year. Your local GP practice is carrying out a free seasonal flu programme, for their own patients, who are aged 65 or over, or suffer from chronic disease, diabetes or chest problems. Pregnant women and carers can also be vaccinated and are advised to have the vaccination. Please remember to inform

the person giving the vaccination if you have an egg allergy, had a previous adverse reaction to a flu vaccination or if you are feeling unwell. Lanchester Medical Centre will have the flu vaccine available from Monday 21st September 2015 and will run through to early 2016, however it is advisable to have your vaccination as soon as possible. Contact your local GP practice for further details. Terry Blair, Lanchester Medical Centre

WHY?



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A GOLDEN WEDDING

Marriages seem to thrive in Lanchester, as a number of Golden Wedding celebrations have taken place recently and the celebrants have been featured in the Village Voice. There is another to add and this time it is the turn of Harry and Jean Carr to be congratulated. Over 80 people sat down to a delicious tea in the Methodist Church on Saturday August 8th, to share the celebration of Harry and Jean's long and happy marriage, and such a happy atmosphere prevailed. Harry and Jean are well known and well

loved in Lanchester as active members in both the community and the Methodist Church family and it was typically kind of them to have this special afternoon when anyone was welcome to come into the church and enjoy a special afternoon tea, prepared by Jean and Harry and their many friends. To further the delightful ambience of the occasion, Jane Westwater had been asked to sing and of course her singing voice is very beautiful. She sang a varied medley of songs but her last song had been

requested by Jean. It was called 'Happy Everything' and was the song which many years ago was sung by Maggie Moon for the Eurovision Contest. The song did not win but has always been a winner for Jean. Harry and Jean stood together while Jane sang this song and Harry was wearing the medal which Jean had given him for his love and devotion to her. No one could doubt that Harry would say exactly the same about Jean. The medal even had the title of the song engraved on it, 'Happy Everything'.



Jean and Harry Carr

Two people whose love happiness together. has lasted 50 years and Congratulations Harry and Jean who we hope will have many more years of Brenda Craddock

MIKE AND ANDREA STODDART - RUBY WEDDING

On the most glorious day of the summer so far, Mike and Andrea Stoddart held a Garden

Party at their home, The Mount, Newbiggen Lane, to celebrate 40 years of marriage. Family

travelled from Canada, Cheshire, Lincoln and Cardiff, together with Sue, a long term friend

from Scotland, for this memorable occasion. Many long-standing friends from the village also attended making the numbers around the hundred mark.

Whilst the five grandchildren, Evie, Megan, Catherine, Alice, Matthew and others played on a Bouncy Castle, guests were treated to some wonderful home produced canapés, made by daughters Kate and Amy with guidance from Andrea's friend, Sue. Andrea produced a superb hot and cold lunch with copious

amounts of Pimms, wines and beers.

A very amusing champagne toast was delivered by Mike in his own inimitable way, causing much laughter. The day ended at about 6.00 pm but the guests from abroad stayed on for a week or so.



Mike and Andrea cut their fabulous Ruby Wedding Cake, made and iced by Mike's sister, Sandra.

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LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

This service held at All Saints Parish Church is always the most emotional service of the school calendar and this year was no exception. To see all these young children in Year 6 about to make a massive change in their lives affects not only the children, but staff who have known them since they entered the school, as well as their families who attended.

The service was led by the children who delivered most of the prayers and bible readings with confidence, as well as their favourite memories of incidents that have happened during their time at school.

The presentations were made by Mrs Davis and

Mr Boddy both of whom read out the main characteristics of each leaver, generally making light hearted remarks, recounting specific amusing occurrences from school and from various places that the children have visited. Many pupils were praised for their achievements and contributions to sporting activities.

The hymns and school song were beautifully rendered as was the solo by the Year 6 boy who performed in the recent production of the musical 'Joseph' at Consett. He was accompanied by Mr Johnson on guitar.

Rev Rupert Kalus addressed the congregation with a child centred story to encourage the leavers as

they moved on in life to the next school.

The awards, each preceded by lovely informative speeches about each pupil by Mrs Davis, went very smoothly. There were several awards for attendance. The Rotary Award was presented by Chair of Consett Rotary Club, Maureen

Bennett. She briefly explained the activities undertaken by Rotary both locally and worldwide. The trophy was awarded to the group of children who look after river sampling in the village to ensure that the river is clean.

Year 2 Citizenship Award was achieved by Ellen Jewson. Year 6

Citizenship Award was won by Eleanor Champion.

The prestigious Henry Dancer Award was presented by Henry's mother, Jane Natrass, to Charlie Burnett.

Mrs Davis made a heart rending speech to finalise the occasion and Rev Rupert Kalus delivered the Blessing.

A NEW LIBRARY FOR ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL



Lady Cowie meets students and donates a cheque from the Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust.

A library is at the heart of a school, a place of research and discovery for young people.

All Saints' School has a brand new library, thanks to a generous contribution from the

Sir Tom Cowie Charitable Trust. Lady Cowie paid a visit to the school, touring the new extension and enjoying the visiting the library.

There, she handed over a cheque from the Trust and saw for herself how it was being used and enjoyed by the young people.

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ST BEDE'S STUDENTS EXCEL - OUTSTANDING RESULTS FOR SIXTH-FORMERS

It has been another record year for results at St Bede's Catholic Sixth Form College with 57% of entries attaining A*-B grades and an overall pass rate of 100%. Headteacher, Neville Harrison, is delighted with this year's results. He said: "I am thrilled with how well the students have achieved and on behalf of the governors and staff, I'd like to congratulate each and every one of them. They have worked diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. I'd also like to thank their teachers who have worked tirelessly to support and guide them so well throughout the last two years." Simon Biasi achieved 4 A*s in History, English

Literature, French and Maths, with an additional A* for his Extended Project Qualification. Simon is the third member of his family to gain a place to study History at Oxford. Simon is an exceptional student, who not only excels in his academic studies, but who is also a talented musician, actor and writer. He has achieved many awards throughout his time at St Bede's, the most recent being the prestigious Young Writer's Award, which was judged by Northern writer, Michael Chaplin. We are delighted that two of our students, Alex Norman and Greg Leonard, have secured places to study Medicine at Birmingham University

and Imperial College, London. Both students have just returned from Costa Rica, where they were involved with the St Bede's World Challenge Team. These students have helped build classrooms and other facilities for children living in difficult circumstances. It was a wonderful opportunity for them and a life-changing experience. Headteacher, Neville Harrison, added: "Whatever our students have chosen to do, be it university, an apprenticeship or into employment, we wish them every success and happiness for their future and we hope they cherish many happy memories of their time at St Bede's".



All happy girls together after just opening their 'A' level results at St Bede's. All did well and are moving on to universities in various parts of the country.



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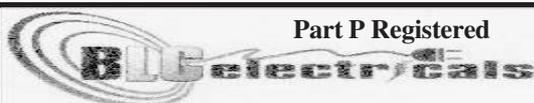


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through interactions with the horses, can begin to turn their lives around.

We are always keen to meet up with the local community and to invite people to come to visit us and perhaps become one of our team of volunteers and supporters. After all, the most boring jobs around the centre become much more fun when done in the company of a couple of donkeys or even of Finlay and Brego, our two yearling ponies! Anyone interested in volunteering at Horsethinking, please call Jo Moss on 07553475309.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Summer recess sees a suspension of activity in Westminster, although the huge operation of ministerial correspondence, enquiries and research continues behind the scenes right through summer, whether the house sits or not. In the short term, Labour awaits the results of the leadership contest, which appears more and more interesting by the day. When you read this, the announcement of the winner will be imminent. I backed Andy Burnham and have worked within his inner campaign team,

but whoever wins I will support them moving forward. As the main opposition party, we must be effective in holding the government to account. As parliament is currently in recess, my article this month focuses on a local matter of concern for Lanchester. I am sure you are aware by now that unfortunately the longstanding branch of Barclays Bank will close in October. I have received the following information from Barclays which you may find

interesting, as follows:

- Barclays have a reciprocal arrangement with Lanchester Post Office. Via their central and easily accessible location, all customers can pay in cash and cheques and can also withdraw cash from the Post Office branch.
- Until the Barclays branch closes, Barclays will be speaking with all their customers that use the branch to make sure they are clear about how they can do their banking following their exit.

- The staff at the bank will also be running some 'tea and teach' sessions for any customers that would like to learn more about online banking and getting online in general. These will be run by the bank's 'digital eagles' who are all trained in online accessibility.
- Barclays will also be approaching all their business customers to make sure they know how to access the services following their departure from the village.

Efforts are being made to ensure there will be no loss of a cash point in the village. However, it will be moved from its current location and will no longer be serviced by Barclays as their entire services are leaving the village. Arrangements are still being made, but I am aware of the high volume of usage from local residents and am happy to assist if required to ensure that a cash point remains in Lanchester in the future.
Pat Glass MP

POLICE REPORT

At the PACT meeting held on Tuesday 4th August the community decided to introduce Antisocial Behaviour as the PACT priority for the forthcoming month. This was decided due to the increased number of youths congregating in the village from 4 pm onwards most evenings. Since the start of the six weeks' summer holidays, Police have increased patrols in the village to deter nuisance behaviour and as a result the volume of youths has begun to decrease. We've also had approximately 20 warning letters sent home to youths regarding their behaviour and confiscated numerous footballs from youths outside business premises following

complaints that youths were intentionally aiming the balls at shop windows. These patrols will continue for the foreseeable future. Over the previous month we targeted community concerns of speeding on Durham Road. During a four week period we distributed 30 warning letters to drivers, 8 drivers were given verbal warnings and 2 drivers were issued with Traffic Offence Reports, which could result in the driver attending a Speed Awareness Course or receiving a fine and points on their licence. Starting on Wednesday 2nd September between 1-2 pm we will begin hosting alternate weekly Police Drop-in Sessions at Lanchester Garden Centre. During the sessions local officers

will be available to speak to members of the public regarding any problems or concerns as well as providing crime prevention material. Everyone is welcome so please come along. This month Durham County Council's Neighbourhood Services Unit successfully appeared in court and obtained two Community Protection Orders against two regular scrap metal collectors. These orders will remain in place for the next two years and will prevent both men collecting scrap in County Durham. The next PACT meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 1st September at 6.30 pm outside Burnhope Primary School.



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THURSDAY CLUB



Heather Parkin with one of the many decorative tea towels

Our last meeting in July was a fascinating talk given by Heather Parkin (the lady who used to take a lace class in the Community Centre on Tuesday afternoons). Heather had brought with her a large pile of tea towels and these brightly coloured towels, which had been collected by Heather herself or given as a present, took us on a pictorial voyage through Heather's life. Quite an ordinary life but - unique - utterly fascinating - told with wit and aplomb - and we loved it. A really enjoyable evening finishing off with coffee + a biscuit + a good chat. Our November outing on the 19th will be a meal at the Duke of Wellington in Durham before moving on to a flower arranging demonstration given by John Chenil entitled 'In Festive Mood', in Durham Girls' High School. Anyone not at the last meeting who wishes to go, please let Olive know.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'AROUND THE WORLD'

We held our July meeting in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 22nd July. The guest Demonstrator was Kathleen Gibson; her theme was 'Around the World'. Her colourful arrangements certainly took us around the world from cold countries which she portrayed with cool white flowers with some looking like delicate snowflakes. Then to the hottest of countries with their vibrant bright colours, reds and yellows. Her story telling was funny and she definitely held her audience. Everyone had a lovely relaxing afternoon and of course all arrangements were raffled to the delight of the winners.

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THE MERRY WIDOW

We always look forward to the summer presentation of the Lanchester and District Operatic and Choral Society. Who would say no to a trip to 'Gay Paris'? This was where the audience was transported on 18th and 19th July, it being just a step away from the Methodist Church on those evenings! All the glamour of Paris was captured in the elegant costumes of the ladies and the smart evening dress suits of the men. One lady was particularly noticeable because she was 'The Merry Widow' and there you have the title of the choral work being sung this year. This part was played by a lady who has been a guest of the society a number of times, namely Mrs Elizabeth Woods, a music teacher in County Durham who has a beautiful singing voice. Her gallant, persistent suitor Danilo was played by Mr Paul Smith, another friend of the society and there were three other solo



Members of the Society in all their finery

parts played by Mr David Gray of Leadgate, Mrs Susan Jordan from Brampton in Cumbria and Mr Richard Woods, very well known in Lanchester, not only because he lives here of course, but because of his first class performances in many of the society's productions throughout the 43 years of its existence. There is a story attached to the Merry Widow and Richard Woods narrated the story as well as taking one of the singing parts. As you would expect in such a romantic operetta, the story had a number of

misunderstandings, misinterpretations and words taken out of context, not to mention the fluttering of fans and the mutterings behind them and an abundance of sideway glances. Needless to say everything was sorted out in the end and the match was made between the Merry Widow and Danilo and as the audience left, quiet voices were singing or humming some of the more well known songs. It was a very enjoyable evening and David Hughes as Musical Director, Bill Gray the

pianist, the orchestra, the soloists and of course all members of the society should be very proud of their contribution to such a lovely evening. It

certainly provided a little sparkle to what has been so far a lack-lustre summer. Thank you everyone.

Brenda Craddock



Soloists, Elizabeth Woods and Paul Smith



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Steph McGovern of BBC Breakfast enthralled a captive audience at our Willow Burn Hospice Day Unit. The stories of her career as a journalist in a range of BBC posts had the audience rocking with laughter

making the hour of tale telling fly by. After an interval of chilled prosecco and strawberries, Lee Ridley who won the BBC's new comedy award in 2014, took to the stage. Lee, who has cerebral palsy,

introduced us to his way of life via his computerised voice box. The night was a huge success and raised a fantastic £1430. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone involved.



Willow Burn's Una Mack and the BBC's Steph McGovern

BARRY PEACOCK RETIRES

Barry Peacock joined Lanchester Dairies as General Manager some 20 years ago. At this time the turnover of the company was about £850,000. There was a Portakabin office, two vans and a small truck.

Twenty years on there are good sized comfortable offices, a huge factory and 40 trucks making the business one of the largest independent dairies in the Northern Region. Employees number 110 and the turnover is in

excess of £20 million. Major contracts have been secured with Greggs, Tesco and ASDA to name but a few.

Barry said, "I have been passionate about this family business for the last twenty years which have been extremely enjoyable. I retire knowing it is still a private company owned by Billy and Julie Austin and that children Christopher and Sarah will be there to carry it forward as a family business".

Local young man, Danny Castro, a university graduate, has been training alongside Barry for two years which has made it a smooth transition for the company.

Meanwhile, Barry will take on some consultancy work with some friends in the trade, will always be available to help Lanchester Dairies if necessary, take more and longer holidays and even a trip to Australia next year with Maisie.



Barry Peacock, retiring General Manager of Lanchester Dairies

WILLOW BURN HOSTS ITS SUMMER FAIR



Choosing some of the delicious home made cakes

July 18th was the day of Willow Burn's ever popular Summer Fair and crowds thronged into the grounds as soon as it opened. The weather was unsettled, but with inside attractions as well as those outside, Willow Burn was assured of a busy day. Raffles and

tombolas attracted people, with many stalls selling jewellery, crafts, toiletries, sweets, cards and home made cakes tempting buyers. 'Naming the Willow Burn Teddy' was a popular game and there were stalls and rides for the children outside, while a singer

entertained everyone. The refreshment area was just the place for a welcome cuppa and cake and, all in all, this was a day of friendship and fun, while supporting the wonderful Willow Burn Hospice.



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Message from Maria:

**Sadly I am leaving Westlands Dental Studio at the
end of August to move on to pastures new.**

**I would like to say a big thank you to Deep & Akash
for helping me to progress in my career and for the
experience I have gained at the Practice. I will
really miss all of the lovely patients that we have.**

**I wish Westlands Dental Studio and all of my work
colleagues good luck for the future.**

Maria

WI BEHIND THE SCENES AT SNIPERLEY FIRE STATION

One warm and sunny July morning, twelve WI members visited the new Fire Brigade Headquarters at Sniperley. Welcomed by Gary Bankhead, Watch Manager, they toured the rooms, gaining an excellent understanding of behind the scenes in a busy station. There is a well equipped gym, as firemen must maintain high fitness levels and are tested regularly. The group viewed the storage of protective clothing, the garage where the engines are kept and the procedure for receiving emergency calls. They then took part in a 'rescue' from a crashed vehicle in which victim Marie was released in the same calm, professional manner as she would have been if the accident had been a real event. Lanchester WI would like to express gratitude to Gary and the whole crew from Sniperley Fire Brigade.



WI ladies look on as Marie is rescued from a crashed car

LANCHESTER WI AUGUST MEETING

From the Abacus to the Apple Watch
Our meeting took place on Monday, August 3rd, and as usual, was well attended. President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone and opened the meeting. Our recent visit to Sniperley

fire station had been very popular and another is planned for the near future. Preparations are underway for our

Birthday Outing to Eshott Hall in November. This is for members only and is sure to be very popular, so please look out for further details. Other future events include the Edmundbyers Fashion Show, the WI County Fair in October and the Group Meeting at Ebchester. The King's Head is closed for refurbishment so there will be no quiz evenings until it reopens. Betty Walton and Jill Gladstone were winners of our raffle. Our competition this month was to offer 'An obsolete IT Item'. There were some very familiar pieces, with Jennifer Macdonald and Julie Leckonby judged the winners.

the need for collecting and storing information. The abacus was in use by 2,500 BC, water driven clocks appeared in ancient China, distance travelled could be measured by odometers, and the astrolabe enabled astronomical measurements, improving navigation. The Antikythera device, constructed perhaps as early as 205 BC, was an ingenious mechanism, a very early computer, which used meshing bronze gears. The first cash register was invented in the 1880s and the typewriter appeared in 1860. The Enigma Machine may have helped to end the war early when it deciphered German codes. In the post war world, technology has made huge strides, especially in the production of smaller devices for the individual. Advances in health technology are very exciting, bringing benefits to so many people.

Our speaker, Jenny Cathcart took us through '4,000 Years of Information Technology' and what an interesting, informative journey it was! The earliest civilizations recognised

helped to end the war early when it deciphered German codes. In the post war world, technology has made huge strides, especially in the production of smaller devices for the individual. Advances in health technology are very exciting, bringing benefits to so many people. Marie Murphy gave the vote of thanks for such a fascinating presentation and the evening was rounded off by coffee, biscuits and chat.



Speaker, Jenny Cathcart

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS WEEKEND

On Saturday 12th September All Saints' CE Parish Church will be open for visitors to enjoy the beauty and stories of our church building. From 10 am to 4 pm there will be volunteers ready to welcome you and your family. Our church is supporting the Northumbria Historic Churches Trust (NHCT) through the national Ride and Stride Steeplechase event. The Trust encourages visits to

places of worship between Tweed, Tyne, Tees and in Yorkshire. The Steeplechase offers the challenge to visit as many churches and chapels as you can in a day. You can be sponsored for the number of visits you make and the money you raise is shared between your place of worship and the Trust. Many of the region's churches and chapels are fascinating and interesting places to visit: in the North East we

are blessed with a particularly long and rich Christian heritage. So please come and join the 2015 Steeplechase: the event is open to all age groups and you can use any means of transport - feet, wheels, hooves. To find out how to take part and which places of worship are open on Saturday September 12th please look at the NHCT website at <http://northumbriaht.org.uk/steeplechase1.html>

The Northumbria Historic Churches Trust was set up in 1980 by the bishops of Durham and Newcastle. It is one of over 30 similar independent county trusts in England, the aim of which is to help with the conservation of churches of historic or architectural value in their geographical area, mainly through providing financial assistance towards the cost of repairs. The NHCT covers the

Anglican dioceses of Durham and Newcastle: to qualify for grants churches may be of any Christian denomination and must be in regular use for worship. Recent grants have supported repairs to roofs, windows, floors and stonework. We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends on September 12th and sharing our special place with you. Pam Hasler and Hilary Pegum

LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP'S FUN DOG SHOW

The Lanchester Partnership will be hosting a fun dog show in Lanchester Community Centre on Sunday 27th September. The Partnership is hoping to raise funds to support the village bus but also hopes that everyone will bring their dog along and have a good time! There will be

a class for everyone, from the most elegant pedigree pooch to the friendliest mutt! The judge for classes 1 to 7 is Denise Mastaglio, breeder of Alexval Champion Boxers and an internationally acclaimed judge. The judge for classes 8 to 14 will be Margaret Kay of Lilydale Pet Shop.

Margaret has been a loyal supporter of the Lanchester Partnership and Lilydale Pet Shop has been supplying the needs of our Lanchester pets for many years. The entry fee is £1 per class. Entries will be taken from 1.30 and judging will commence at 2 pm. There will be special prizes,

rosettes for all dogs from 1st to 4th place, as well as rosettes for Best in Show and Reserve Best in Show. There will be 14 classes from Best Pedigree Puppy to the Dog the Judge would most like to take home. Copies of the schedule will be available in Lilydale Pet Shop, the Post Office, Ashfield Vets,

the Community Centre and Lanchester Country Store. There will be a raffle and refreshments available throughout the afternoon. Come along with (or without) your dog and join in the fun! Any enquiries please ring Mavis Datta on 01207 528814 or 07582 194442.

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CRICKET NEWS AND JUNIOR REVIEW

The second team grabbed the headlines, winning the Second Division Cup and all four league games. The Cup was won at Newcastle City as Lanchester chased down 172 with ease. They then played the same team the following day and this time chased down 195 despite some heavy rain at tea. Mark Small 96 and Tony Dumighan 51 saw the side home. Annfield Plain were next and were blown away for just 38, Andy Allen taking 7-15 before Stuart Broad did!! Tynedale then set a daunting 256 for Lanchester to chase, but once again they did succeed with half centuries by Small, Rourke and Hames. Bedlington were bowled out for 131 thanks to 4 wickets from Mark Dobson and a

fifty from Lawrence Pearson saw the total passed with ease. Percy Main are proving to be the firsts' bogey team as they completed the double. Graham Brinton and Teja both took three wickets but then only Brinton offered any resistance as Lanchester fell well short. Annfield Plain were up next and were crushed by almost a hundred runs. Nav Ahmed top scored with an unbeaten 85 before Teja 4-12 and Greg Patterson 3-31 led the demolition of The Plain. The topsy turvy season continued as they lost to Tynedale but then recovered to bowl Bedlington out for just 85 and win comfortably. The thirds had further wins over Lintz and Annfield Plain. Playing cute to beat the

weather, the Lintz game was played as a 20/20 with Alan McPhail top scoring with 44. James Robson then destroyed the Lintz top order with three wickets in the first five balls of their innings. Annfield Plain were then beaten by over 200 runs as Mark Small scored an unbeaten 130 and Alan McPhail 54 before bowling the opposition out for just 54 with David Killeen taking 4-12.

Junior Season Review

2015 was always going to be a challenging season for the juniors with two of our teams having to use mainly younger players, however we fielded sides whilst other clubs couldn't. The under 18s

finished fourth of eight teams. Greg Patterson scored three fifties with Nathan Somersall also recording one. Greg was also our leading wicket taker, his best being his 5 for 6 against Annfield Plain. Chris Tully, David Killeen, David Selby and Michael Butler all chipped in well with the ball.

The under 15s had the toughest job with only two players at the top end of the age bracket, however they played every game finishing third bottom, but providing valuable experience for the players. Mattie Butler scored a maiden fifty and along with Francis Guthrie carried the batting expectations. James Kime took most

wickets whilst Tristan Somersall had the best bowling average.

The under 13s finished sixth of twelve teams with a young side and that should be good news for next season. When Annfield Plain withdrew their under 13 and under 11 sides, it shows how difficult it can be at present.

The under 11s finished fifth of thirteen teams and have made great progress in the past three seasons, thanks to great work by Stu McPhail and Teja. The under 9s couldn't retain their title from last year and were under strength in the first part of the competition but did well in the second half even drawing with the eventual winners, Shotley Bridge.

LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB UPDATE

The defeat to Dipton last month left our Monday triples team with only second place to aim for. Two wins over View Lane (Stanley) and South Moor secured this position for us. The Monday team have won all their games except for those against

Dipton. We are getting closer to them but they still have the edge on us. We have now started our campaign to retain the League Cup we won last year. Thus far we have won both of our matches and one more victory will see us make the final.

Our Wednesday evening team finished ninth in their league, an improvement on last year. Our Tuesday development team completed a difficult

season but the good news is we have an enthusiastic group of new players who could be top bowlers in future years. Unfortunately we drew the dreaded Dipton

in the first round of the Veterans Knock-out competition. We put up a creditable performance with a team depleted by holiday commitments but were sadly knocked out.

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CHARITY DAY AT TENNIS CLUB



Grant Ridley, Jane Laycock, Michelle Ridley and Ross Clark - Winners and runners-up, Mixed doubles

Michelle Ridley and Joyce Dixon - Ladies doubles champions

On Sunday 19th July, members of Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club took part in a charity 'marathon' which involved playing tennis continuously for 8 hours from 11 am to 7 pm. It was held in aid of Henry Dancer Days, a charity which supports children and young people 18 years and under with Primary Bone Cancer. Registered in 2012 the charity was set up in memory of 12 year old Henry Dancer who died as a result of Osteosarcoma. Henry was a keen junior tennis player who enjoyed all aspects of the sport taking part in coaching, playing and enjoying the social side of the tennis club.

Apart from a little rain shower at the start, the day was dry, if a little on the breezy side. Henry's mum, Jane Natrass (pictured with club secretary Dennis Laycock on back page) was in attendance to encourage the 11 players, including Michael Hume, who took part. Friends of Henry, Joe Hume

and Cameron Hume (no relation) also gave their support for the charity. 172 games were played (some extremely competitive!) and, at the time of writing, over £800 has been raised for the charity. Jane said "Dennis and Michael were always brilliant role models for Henry. I'm sure he was watching them play and joining me in saying a huge Thank you to them and the club for raising money for children like him". The 'my donate' page (<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/dennislaycock1>) is still open and will remain so until 19th October 2015 for any further donations.

Club competitions, including Ladies and Mixed doubles, have been completed. After some hard fought and close matches the Ladies doubles champions were Joyce Dixon and Michelle Ridley and Mixed doubles champs were Jane Laycock and Grant Ridley with

runners up Michelle Ridley and Ross Clark. Following the school holidays, the first Monday in September will see the re-commencement of the club's coaching

programme with 3 sessions from 4.30 to 7.30 pm. The junior tournaments will start in September and, after some terrific performances in the summer leagues, exciting

matches are expected from the players! If anyone would like information about the club, please contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

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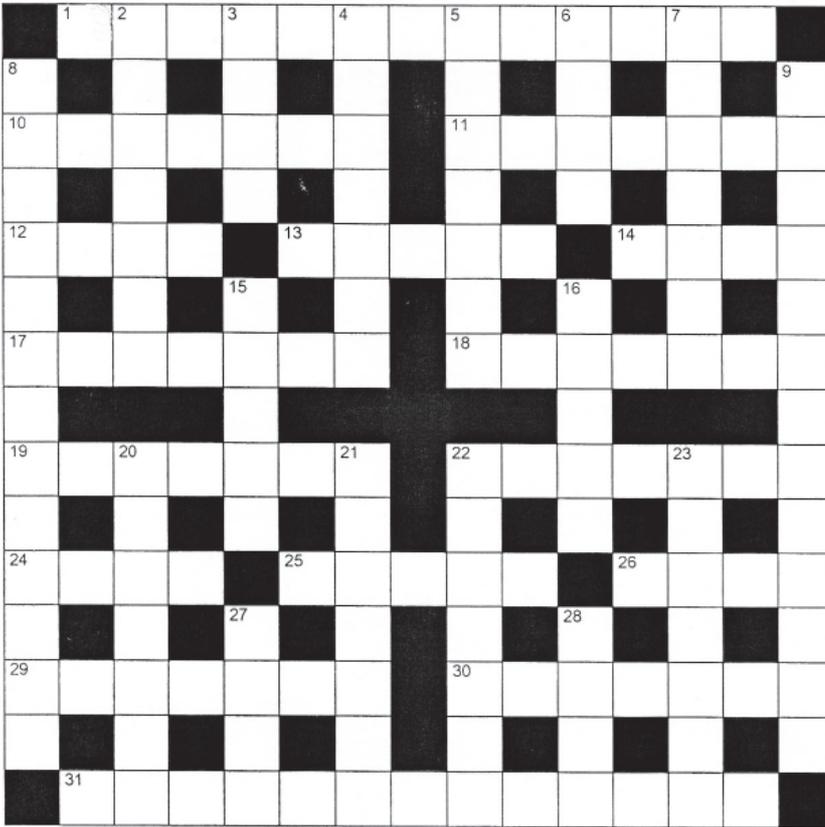
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LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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CROSSWORD 111

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

Congratulations to Mr W McConnell of Humberhill Drive who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

1. Hardly noticeable (13)
10. Gentleman from Gerona perhaps (7)
11. Portion (7)
12. Out of true (4)
13. Extreme veggie? (5)
14. Romanticism produces no vote (4)
17. Simon is to change for assignment (7)
18. Each are in pain (7)
19. Dependent (7)
22. Slight amount (7)
- 24,26. Open ocean (4,4)
25. Short, moral story (5)
26. See 24
29. Zilch (7)
30. Clothing (7)
31. Navel gazing (13)

DOWN

2. Persian god of light (7)
3. ---Fitzgerald, jazz singer of note (4)
4. Denounce (7)
5. *Bête noir* (3,4)
6. Country of SW Asia (4)
7. To the point (7)
8. Carpachments for recycler (5,8)
9. Feebleness ! I do get overwrought (6,7)
15. Essential part of a *dolce vita* lifestyle (5)
16. Quarrel (5)
20. Ease (7)
21. Great as riot disperser (4,3)
22. What 8 does (7)
23. Farewell (7)
27. Level (4)
28. Goes with black, high and soft (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 111

ACROSS

9. not simple
10. Cairo
11. heavier
12. keepnet
13. opts
14. receptacle
16. orchids
17. elision
19. oligarchic
22. flea
24. politic
25. effendi
26. Ionic
27. is it a mini?

DOWN

1. anthropomorphic
2. Atlantic
3. civic
4. spurners
5. heckle
6. eccentric
7. picnic
8. Southern Pacific
15. didactics
17. epidemic
18. Illinois
20. inland
21. cyclic
23. offal

SUDOKU

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

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EPIC CYCLE RIDE FOR LANCHESTER GIRL

As the Tour De France came to an end, one teenage cycling fanatic from Lanchester was enduring a mammoth 500-mile charity ride of her own. Grace Stewart-Piercy, 14, cycled from Edinburgh to London in just six days, raising nearly £3,000 for homeless charity Shelter.

Grace, who completed a 150-mile coast to coast ride when she was just nine, was joined by her father, Simon Stewart-Piercy, who cycled more than 100 miles with a fractured arm after falling off his bike on Friday morning.

An emotional Grace arrived to a noisy welcome party at

Shelter headquarters, Old Street, London at the end of the ride. She said: "I'm tired, but happy. It's been really hard but great in the end, great to get finished." Grace added: "We've done bike rides each year but we just push ourselves harder. We chose Shelter because there are so many homeless people and it is a worthy cause."

The pair thanked their supporters throughout the country. "When people realised what we were doing then we got a lot of support, the send off in Edinburgh was brilliant and the welcome here is great too," said Grace's father, Simon. Campbell Robb, chief

executive of Shelter, said the achievement was "absolutely amazing". He added: "She is very emotional, she has come a long way. It is this kind of action and enthusiasm that sends a message to people that are homeless, or are worried about losing their home, that there are people out there doing this great thing for them."

Quizzed on whether their next challenge will be the famous John o' Groats to Land's End ride, Mr Stewart-Piercy replied: "It's got to be, hasn't it?" To donate to Grace's charity bike ride visit www.justgiving.com/shelterbelter



Grace and her father Simon enjoy the send off in Edinburgh

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beef Stifado

September is the month when everyone returns to work and school after the summer holiday. Many have enjoyed time in Greece, with memories of its beautiful scenery, culture and food. Beef stifado is the Greek version of the stew prepared all over the Mediterranean, with its distinctive taste coming from the herbs used in its preparation. I've made this stew many times, it's simple to make and it's really good!

After the first 2 steps, it can be transferred to a slow cooker and really benefits from this mode of cooking.

Serves 4

- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
 - 2lb stewing beef
 - 8 oz onions, chopped
 - 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 - 8 oz can tomatoes
 - 2 tablespoons tomato puree
 - Juice of 1 lemon
 - 1 tablespoon freeze-dried oregano
 - Pinch of freeze-dried thyme
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - Seasoning
 - Tarragon sprigs to garnish
 - optional
- METHOD**

- 1) Preheat the oven to 150C/300F/Gas 2. Heat the oil in a flameproof casserole into which the beef can fit comfortably. Cut the meat into 1 inch cubes and fry until lightly

browned. Add the onions and garlic and fry until golden brown.

2) Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, lemon juice, oregano, thyme and sugar with a little seasoning (you can adjust the seasoning after cooking) and enough water to come halfway up the beef.

3) Turn thoroughly to mix all the ingredients, cover the casserole dish and cook in the oven for about 3 hours. Stir at least once during the cooking time. The sauce will reduce to an almost jam-like consistency and the beef will be completely tender. Serve with rice or mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables.

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During September the Computers 4 All team at the Community Centre will show how to copy/paste and how to drag and drop items such as text/pictures/clip art.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Bridge Lessons

Learning to play Bridge is good for you, helps to keep your brain cells working and is an easy social asset in anyone's life! Do you fancy learning the game?

If so contact Jan Vasey on 521948, Mobile 07802721003. Lessons are on Thursday, in term time in the Community Centre, 7.15 start, to allow time to sort the family. Lessons £30 per term.

All abilities and aptitudes catered for in friendly sessions, beginning 10th September 2015.

Lanchester Library

The library offers **Songs and Stories** on Thursday afternoons from 2-3 pm. All children under 5 years are welcome.

Short Circuit Walks

Venue: **Barnard Castle/ Egglestone Abbey**

Date: September 12th
OS Ref: NZ055163
DL128NP

Miles: 5
Leader: Owen & Pat Oliver

Phone: 07932671311
Another day, another river and it leads to the ruined Egglestone Abbey to the SE of the town. We start with a tour of 'Old Barny' and could, on return, pop into the museum or its cafe for afters.
Park at Bowes Museum.

Venue: **Annual Away Day at Reeth (Yorkshire)**

Date: September 26th
Regents Centre
OS Ref: NZ243687
NE32JZ

Miles: 6
Leader: Neville Dickinson
Phone: 01670517303

A walk through the Dales followed by a meal together at the Buck Inn. Booking essential, contact Anne Thompson. By coach, leave 9.30 am. The walk is a 'sampler' of Dales variety. It begins with an excursion north into a valley which gives a glimpse of the wild upper reaches, before turning south and heading for the meadows of Swaledale.

Lanchester WI

September's meeting will take place on Monday 7th, in the small hall of the Community Centre. As usual, the meeting will begin at 7.15 pm, with Margaret Musgrave describing the History and work of the British Red Cross. We will hold our monthly raffle and our competition is to design a Red Cross Postcard. Remember to check up on details of future outings, events and club activities - there's always a lot going on.

Country Market

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

McMillan Big Coffee Morning

To be held in the Chapter House on Friday 25th September from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.

There will not be a set charge but you may kindly give donations. All are welcome.

Adult Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre Dining Room. The subject will be 'Fresh Water Invertebrates' with Rachel Hepburn.

Community Centre

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 10th September from 9.30-11 am.

Also at the Community Centre on September 26th at 7.00pm, **An Evening of Mediumship** with Debra Chalmers. Tickets £8 in advance from the Community Centre or £10 at the door.

Paradiso Social Club

The first Social of the new season will be held on Sunday September 13th at 7pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and screening of a film. The film we will be showing that night is 'THE IMITATION GAME', starring Benedict Cumberbatch and Keira Knightley. Described as 'an engrossing and poignant thriller', the film centres on the life of Alan Turing who led a team at Bletchley Park and successfully cracked the Enigma Code. The film celebrates his extraordinary achievements as well as exposing the indignities and suffering he endured because of his homosexuality. Membership £5 per year but non-members are welcome. Tickets for Socials: Members £2.50, Non members £3.50, Young persons £2.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Sunday 13th September, Meet at 10.00 am in Malton Car Park.

Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group are holding their Annual Exhibition on the weekend of October 17th and 18th in the Community Centre, from 10 am till 5 pm both days. Admission is still only 50p to view over 250 pictures with refreshments available. Many paintings will be offered for sale.

Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd September at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre in the main hall. The Demonstrator will be Katie-Jane Pridmore; her theme will be 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.

Partnership Ceilidh

The Partnership's Annual Ceilidh will be held in the Social Club on Saturday October 17th from 7pm to 10:30. The band will be the famous Windy Gyle! Children and young people are especially welcome. Please put the date into your diary and gather a group of friends together for it. Tickets from Jill Gladstone on 528114 or any active Partnership member. There will only be 100 tickets, first come first served.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 3rd September 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

Willow Burn Golf Day

Keen Golfer? If you like your golf in beautiful surroundings with good friends and with the knowledge that you're helping a great local cause, then look no further than our Willow Burn Golf Day.

On offer at Slaley Hall is: an 18 hole course, delicious meal, presentation and bacon butty to keep you going for only £240 for a four ball. It's a great excuse to gather your friends or colleagues and have a fantastic day out - everyone's a winner!

So, if you're available on September 24th and would love to support Willow Burn please call Will on 07703807383 or email wgardner@willowburnhospice.org.uk. However, if you're not so keen on golf, you can still support Willow Burn by sponsoring one of our 18 tees. We're looking for businesses that can sponsor a tee for £100. With limited time before the event, please don't delay, call Will today!

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.

Oct 4th 2015

Nov 1st 2015

Nov 29th 2015



Jan 10th 2016

Jan 31st 2016

Feb 28th 2016

Apr 3rd 2016

Lanchester and Burnhope Churches

Times of Services

From September 1st the Sunday 10.30 Parish Eucharist at All Saints' Parish Church Lanchester will be changed to 10.00 am. The Sunday 9.30 service at St John's Burnhope will be changed to 9.15am weekly. PHasler

Local History Society

After the summer break, the Society will resume its meetings on Friday 4th September in the Community Centre at 7.00 pm. The scheduled talk about civil defence in Napoleonic times is postponed because the speaker is ill. Instead, November's talk - Sanctuary in the Cathedral - has been brought forward. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this meeting in preparation for the AGM on 2nd October.

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will take place in the Small Hall of the Community Centre on September 17th at 7.15 pm. Our speaker will be Barry Peacock talking on '20 years history of Lanchester Dairies' + Bill + Geoff's ice cream.

Thursday Club Coffee Morning

The Thursday Club will be holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday October 1st in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, 10-11.30am in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. Tickets £1 for coffee + homemade cake.

Mothers Union

At the September meeting on Wednesday 9th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, the speaker will be Tina Fuller talking about costumes in the Regency period.

The Black Bull v The Coach and Horses

Old football rivals The Black Bull and The Coach and Horses, Delves Lane, came together at Ashley Park on 18th July, for a friendly match. Most players had not played in recent years but were playing against each other regularly about 20 years ago. The average age was probably mid to late 40s! It was a really good enthusiastic game played in good spirit, controlled

well by a qualified referee. There was tremendous effort from both sides and there was no shortage of skills on display. The Bull was slightly the better team in the first half and led 3-1 at half time. The second half was similar to the first with The Bull having the edge, running out winners by 5-3. There were some tired legs with a few cuts, bruises and strains as they left the

field at the end. It should be mentioned that The Bull were short of players and used a couple of brilliant ringers! They were two 14 year old lads whose skill and pace shone throughout the match. However, it was a really enjoyable, competitive game to watch. Afterwards both teams repaired to The Three Horse Shoes for drinks and light lunch.

Table Tennis Club Update

Lanchester Table Tennis Club have had some successes in recent weeks (check club website) and both A and B teams performed well in the Northumberland Table Tennis Summer league finishing 3rd in their respective leagues. A new league begins in mid September. Players are coached and practice in St Bede's and have been

playing their home matches in Lanchester Social Club. Following interest shown in 'taster' sessions with both local primary schools, we began new sessions in mid-July on Mondays and Thursdays in the Community Centre for children under 13. We hope to continue these sessions in September. We would like to thank

Crinnions of Lanchester for sponsoring these sessions and making a donation to cover hall hire in the Community Centre over the summer. Our club is open to all with coaching and equipment free and adults are invited to get into shape after holiday indulgences on Wednesdays and Fridays between 7 pm and 9 pm. Frank Clarke (Chairman)

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CHARITY DAY AT TENNIS CLUB



The tennisathon participants after completing the 8 hours.



Dennis Laycock and Jane Natrass. (See story on page 15)

THE BLACK BULL v THE COACH AND HORSES



The teams line up before the game, The Coach and Horses on the left and The Black Bull on the right. (See story on page 19)

Below, some action from the match.

EPIC CYCLE RIDE



Lanchester's Grace and Simon Stewart-Piercy with the welcome party at Shelter's headquarters at the end of their epic ride. (Story on page 17)



NEXT DEADLINE

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

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