

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SHOW



Some lovely attractive looking alpacas which normally stay at Castleside.



A superb horse and carriage with occupants dressed for the occasion.



Spectacular shot of horse and rider in perfect harmony during the showjumping.

See page 4 for show story



Two beautiful Lhasa Apso Chinese dogs waiting to be judged.

BARCLAYS TO CLOSE

Barclays Bank have informed their customers that the Lanchester Branch will close on 23rd October 2015. It would seem that Barclays have broken their pledge not to close the last bank in a village. They suggest that customers use the Post

Office, but business banking cannot be done there. This will affect village clubs, societies and of course, The Village Voice. The staff at the branch have been offered the opportunity to join other local branches.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

As a regular cyclist on the Lanchester Valley Walk, I can assure previous correspondents that bell ringing often isn't sufficient warning to walkers on 'the line'. Many are either hard of hearing, engaged in earnest conversation or have ears muffled by plugged-in music and fail to hear a warning bell. Often a loud shout is necessary, which can annoy those of a nervous disposition. As I often use the track for walking, I can understand the feelings of fellow walkers when a would-be Wiggins hurtles past without warning, but on the whole, I would say that most cyclists are courteous and considerate.
P Hoppel

REMINDER TO ALL LETTER WRITERS

We have recently received letters which unfortunately we have been unable to publish. May we remind correspondents, as our note above this column explains, that we do not print anonymous letters. All letters to the Village Voice must contain your name and address, which may be withheld at your request. We would also ask contributors to limit their letters to 150/200 words and we do reserve the right to edit if necessary. Thank you, Editor

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Many thanks to Angela Breeze who has done this delivery since the Village Voice started and has now decided to retire and give somebody else the chance to take over this prestigious round. Contact Mike Stoddart 520291 if interested.

VILLAGE BUS - PLEASE USE IT

The number of people using the village bus is falling. If the number doesn't pick back up again this will make it harder to get funding. So please use it, perhaps to help you back home with the shopping.

It is a bus for everyone - not just those who are not as young as they once were - and only costs 60p. It runs every half hour from 9.40

until 1.40 on Mondays to Fridays. Most Lanchester residents know the route, but if you don't there are some leaflets on the delicatessen counter in Hanley and Swinbank's shop.

In addition to the published route, the driver, Fred, will call in at Lynwood House if a passenger or the doctors' receptionist asks him to.

LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP - WORKING PROJECT UPDATE

A recent working project of the Lanchester Partnership (Environment Group) has been to identify and work with a selection of businesses and organisations within Lanchester that are happy to offer their facilities to local residents and visitors

(to spend a penny so to speak ...). It is hoped that residents and customers alike will indeed 'spend many more pennies locally rather than just the one!' and take full advantage of this very kind and welcoming gesture. More details in the Village Voice shortly.

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Norma and Alan Jennsen

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Norma and Alan Jennsen who live at No 26 were first to strike gold on 13th April followed by Margaret and Alan Gill who live at No 48 on 9th June and then Rosemary and Brian Naylor who live at No 6 completed the winning sequence on 26th June.

Congratulations to them all.



Margaret and Alan Gill

FIONA LEAVES PLAYGROUP

Fiona Draper has decided to leave the Playgroup having worked there for the last 14 years. Fiona is 'retiring' in the

meantime, but she may eventually seek further employment sometime in the future.

Members of the Playgroup committee

wish her well, thank her for her past service and presented Fiona with a gift on the last day of term. She is to be succeeded by Mandy Cutter.



Rosemary and Brian Naylor



Fiona centre back of picture, sat with the toddlers and babies and mums.



Fiona receives her gift of a picture frame and flowers. Left to right: Mandy Cutter, Angie Proctor, Fiona Draper and Liz Smith.

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LANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

At least for the 63rd Agricultural Show it didn't rain! Gloomy skies greeted those who attended in the morning but things brightened up later.

This year as per the leaflet circularised, it was bigger and better than ever before. There really was something for everyone and the crowds turned up in good numbers.

The main features were the Equestrian events along with the Dog Show, both well organised, which must have pleased the entrants and followers.

There was an amazing amount of dog breeds to interest the uninitiated or uninformed.

Space prohibits listing all the activities and events available as there were so many. Highlighted are the following: children were catered for with a small fun

fair; Ferret Racing; the display of the latter and birds/chickens was exceptional. 'Animals About Town' showed a piglet, goats, unusual sheep, ducks and geese, whilst next to that area there were three young lovely alpacas, normally kept at Castleside.

The Vintage Tractor Club attended for the first time with about 25 tractors and other farm implements on show for people to admire. Lanchester Brownies were present carrying out tasks in the activity tent. Country

Markets put on a huge display with at least 40 stalls.

Various types of fast food were available in abundance, there were several trade stands, as well as the inevitable bar. It was an excellent show which beat the ensuing thunderstorm by about two hours!

Footnote: There were several complaints about the path from the village to the show ground parallel to the main road which is in a disgraceful overgrown state (see article on right).



Stephanie Gallacher, with Shetland Pony, Langa Luna. 3rd in 2nd class for Shetland Ponies.

OUR JOURNEY TO THE SHOW (The 'Hard' Way)

Sunday 5th July arrived, a fine sunny morning. We were looking forward to visiting Lanchester Agricultural Show with our young granddaughter. We live in the village, therefore, decided to walk to the show field. All went well until we reached the so called path, opposite St Bede's School.

The overgrown grass verge and untended public footpath soon caused us problems. Unable to push the buggy transporting our granddaughter, my husband was forced to carry her, while I pulled it through deep grass and nettles! As we progressed slowly, we realised that the tangled grass had managed to dislodge one of the wheels, forcing me to retrace my steps, through the nettles again, to retrieve it.

Sheer determination to visit the show urged me on to complete the

journey. A very unhappy grandma and granddad at this point.

Thankfully, we enjoyed our visit and feel that the organisers of the show have made a good start to improving and increasing the show content, for the enjoyment of the whole family. Well done to all involved with the planning and organisation of the event. Hopefully, many more Lanchester people will attend future shows and possibly enjoy a pleasant walk, should the path be made fit for intended use. I understand that the County Council have been forced to make cutbacks due to financial commitments. However, I hope that there is a way to rectify this problem prior to the next show. We all know that encouraging people to walk is much healthier and also better for the environment.

Pat Emmerson

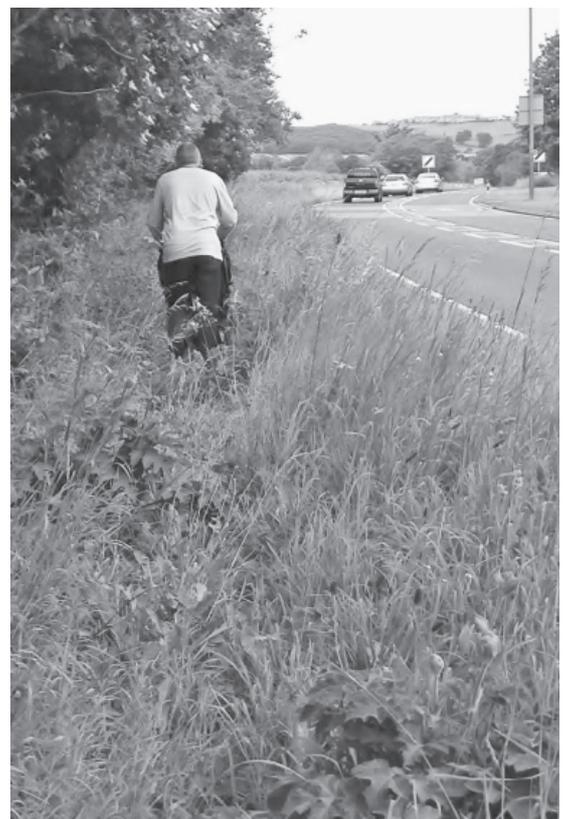
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Spot the Path. It proved a really hard struggle to walk to the show, especially pushing a buggy.

LIGHTNING STRIKE



Sadly the house where John and Pat Wills live in Kitswell Road was struck by lightning on Sunday 5th July damaging the chimney, the lounge and their car. Services were called to the scene. Fortunately there were no injuries.



POLICE REPORT

At a PACT meeting held on Tuesday 7th July, the community decided to introduce speeding on Durham Road as the PACT priority for this month. Over the coming weeks Police and volunteers will be deploying the Community Speedwatch equipment and Speed Laser Gun in the area. All our findings will be disclosed at the next PACT meeting. Lanchester Agricultural Show took place on Sunday 5th July. During the day Police were on site engaging with members of the public, with uniforms for the children to try on. A Police van and quad bike were also on site for children to have a look at and crime prevention material was

distributed. We also had volunteers from Stray Aid offering free dog chipping. This month we've held an Operation Spoke bicycle marking event at Lanchester EP School with all the pupils. During the event we security marked 51 bicycles and scooters belonging to the pupils. Our next Operation Spoke marking event is due to take place on Saturday 22nd August between 2-4 pm at Malton Picnic Area so please come along if you have any bicycles or scooters which you would like security marked for free. With the school summer holidays now upon us local beat officers are increasing patrols in the village to deter groups of

youths causing antisocial behaviour especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. Target areas identified so far include Front Street, Deanery View and the Lanchester Valley Walk. We also have volunteers from Consett Detached Youth Project in the village during these peak times engaging with the youths in order to deter issues and direct their attention to youth activities available over the summer. Our next PACT meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th August at 6.30 pm outside Burnhope Primary School. In the meantime if you have any problems and concerns please do not hesitate to contact PC 2058 Iain Nelson and PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson on 101.



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LANCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE - NEWSLETTER JULY

In April I was pleased to report that we had recovered from a most difficult year in 2014 but some unsavoury characters have managed to change that by breaking into the Community Centre. They stole the safe, two laptops, the CCTV system and damaged four doors and although this should all be recoverable through our insurance policy, the excesses we will have to pay and the new security measures we will have to introduce, will cost us thousands. All of the items stolen were recovered, with the exception of the cash. This has caused the

staff and volunteers a lot of extra work and I am grateful for the time they have given to get the Community Centre up and running again. The rear entrance is in a bit of a mess but we can only make temporary repairs until we have settled our claim with the insurance company, so please bear with us during this difficult time.

The guttering around the Gym has been improved at a cost of £180 and two pumps on our main boiler have been renewed at a cost of £2,200. We received a grant of £500 from The Civic Pride Neighbourhood Fund to

improve our gardens and surrounding areas and this work has been carried out. We also received a grant of £400 from the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership to replace the

office computer equipment and a state of the art system has been installed. The first half of the year has been challenging and we will need to have an exceptional second half

just to breakeven. We have done it before and with your help, we can do it again, so please continue to give us your support. Arthur Maughan, MBE, Chairman

NEW GARDEN OPENED



Charlotte Durant, Youth Offenders Officer; John Bottoms, Youth Offenders Officer; Alison Boyd, Community Centre Manager; Jackie Anderson, Crafters Hub and Community Centre Office Assistant.

The official opening of the refurbished gardens at the Community Centre took

place on Thursday 25th June. Jackie Anderson was instrumental in securing a grant for the project which has turned out to be a wonderful asset to the Centre.

As well as working at the Community Centre, Jackie runs the superb Crafters Hub at the back entrance where local crafters display in the cabinets items that are for sale to the general public. This benefits the Community Centre as the crafters pay rent for the facility.

The gardens did need an overhaul and since completion, now make the entrance more welcoming to the Hub and the many facilities offered by the Centre. The gardens will be on view as well to those

residents who use the car park.

County Durham Youth Offending Services carried out the major works on the gardens and made a very good job of it. Alison Boyd and Jackie, along with several other people set out the plants and placed them into the ground making it a very attractive area to walk through.

The Community Centre would like to thank all those who contributed to this fine project, including Geoff Knight, Civic Pride Officer; Tom Walls, Officer for Youth Offending; John Bottoms, Officer Youth Offending; Charlotte Durant, Youth Offending Officer; Ken, Durham CC's Nursery Manager.



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting held on 14th July 2015

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 9th June 2015 - recommended approval.

Neighbourhood Warden Report - May - discussed and received.

PACT Report - discussed and received.

Correspondence

1. County Durham Association of Local Councils - Nominations for committee - Information received.

2. Campaign to Protect Rural England - newsletter received.

3. Clerk & Councils Direct - July newsletter received.

Parish Council Committee

It was recommended that a financial contribution towards purchasing a fly tipping camera be considered at a future meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan

During June, information on the results of the early engagement

questionnaire had been displayed at 7 local venues. A workshop delivered by consultants had taken place to begin the process of formulating the second community consultation. A further workshop to continue the work will take place in July. A meeting of the working group will take place in July to consider the Conservation Area Appraisal and a Landscape Characterisation for the Parish. Durham County Council have agreed to lead and manage the Conservation Area Appraisal. A project outline with costs had been received from the North of England Civic Trust to progress a Landscape Characterisation

It was recommended that the costs associated with pursuing a Landscape Characterisation be

considered at a future meeting and other avenues of funding be explored.

The Parish Council's website was discussed. It was recommended that help to renew the website is sought.

The following recommendations were made:

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group - minutes of meeting received.

Kitswell Park Play Area - Annual Inspection - received.

Annual Training Plan - 2014/15 - received.

Annual Training Plan - 2015/16 - approved.

Maintenance Progress Report - received.

Financial Report - received.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2015 at 7.15pm at Lynwood House.

LANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Members of the Parish Council working group on the Neighbourhood Plan are pleased that many residents took the opportunity to view the displays of information gathered in their first questionnaire on current Parish issues and concerns. As previously reported the group is now developing a more detailed survey which will be sent to all households and be available online too. A Neighbourhood Plan cannot provide a solution to every problem, but this next survey will be focussed on what a neighbourhood plan can do in four key ways:

PROTECTING - the things which people cherish within the area

IMPROVING - the things within the area which

detract from its appeal

PROVIDING - for development and use of land which will best meet the needs and aspirations of the community

MANAGING - by setting out those aspects of new development which need to be carefully managed. This focus is because a neighbourhood plan is concerned with matters which fall under the town and country planning system. The plan cannot deal with non-planning matters. Many of the issues raised in our first consultation fall outside of this strict definition. These concerns will not be ignored but may well be recorded as supplementary issues to be addressed by negotiation with public bodies or by developing

community projects. So issues like parking, traffic management, maintenance of footpaths and so on are most likely to fall in this category. The protection of open spaces, location and volume of new housing, business expansion and so on are capable of direct planning guidance and will fall into the first category.

The precise content of the next survey will be worked on over the summer and it is planned to have it circulated by October. We will keep residents informed of progress through this paper, on the Parish website and through the Parish Newsletter. Our thanks to everyone who has been taking an interest - keep watching!

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JOHN ARCHER - COMEDY MAGICIAN

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The card mindreading tricks and similarly with a dice were simply amazing, always laced with humour as he chatted to the participants. Mindreading is John's speciality and random members of the audience participated in all his trickery, some on stage with John, others who simply stood up wherever they were sitting. Another trick in which he used maps of Paris, Boston and London with one person in the gathering involved, was just incredible. After each trick there was rapturous applause. At the end there was a standing ovation.

The renowned John Archer is a past winner of the 'Magic Circle Stage Magician of the Year' and certainly one of the best Comedy Magicians in the UK today. He fooled Penn & Teller on the ITV 1 Show and won a trip to perform in their own show in Las Vegas. He will always be welcomed back to Lanchester for a repeat of what was a fabulous evening of slick, very amusing comedy and mind blowing tricks.



John Archer entertaining with his musical skills.

WINE TASTING AT LYNWOOD



Paul Jackson and Tim Taylor enjoy a very pleasant evening in Lynwood House, where they held a cheese and wine tasting for Willow Burn Hospice. The sum of £262 was raised. Derwentside Homes kindly provided snacks and a variety of tasty cheese. Hopefully, those who attended the event have extended their knowledge and appreciation of wine.



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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR ANNUAL CONCERT

The 47th Annual Concert of the Male Voice Choir, held in the Methodist Church on June 26th, was of its usual high standard. They sang some beautiful songs, some of which were quite nostalgic and all were very sensitively and delightfully sung. Every member of this choir always gives of their best and obviously enjoys singing under the expert eye of conductor Harry Carr. Included in the programme was a guest appearance of Northern Brass. We were particularly pleased to see them as last year on their journey here they were caught up in a major accident on the motorway and did not make it to Lanchester. This year they did and said how pleased they were to make it. They are 5 super young people who are a professional brass quintet based in the North



Northern Brass Quintet



Harry Carr, Noreen Bridgewater and John Wills, Chairman.

West of England. They are ex-Royal Northern College of Music students who regularly give top class concerts all over the country and were described by at least one Festival Director as 'outstanding'. The audience on Friday night would agree with that!! They have appeared on national television and are individually known by all the famous orchestras eg the Halle, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic,

BBC Philharmonic, Scottish National to name but a few. The quintet comprises Katherine Curlett, trumpet and flugel horn, Beth Calderbank (trombone) Craig Gilgour (trumpet) Jonathan Maloney (French horn) Michael Dawson (tuba). They were given the usual right royal Lanchester welcome by John Wills, Chairman of the LMVC, the choir and the audience.

Together with our very own music makers, (who are all so smart and good looking) it was an excellent evening. At the end of the concert Harry thanked his choir and talented pianist Noreen Bridgewater, for all their hard work leading up to the concert. Finally thank you Harry for all your hard work in leading the choir and making such a lovely evening for everyone. Brenda Craddock

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IT WAS A MIDSUMMER DREAM!

Lanchester Community Orchard Group had another of their midsummer gatherings on June 21st this year. A bit blowy but with all the great cakes people brought to share and the fun and games amongst the trees, a good time was had by all. The orchard is now becoming established having planted our first trees in 2012. We hope to have another good crop of strawberries and other soft fruit before seeing

how many apples we get this year.

If anyone is interested in joining in, all are welcome to this Lanchester Partnership project. For an annual payment of £12 per household in return for some work with others in the fresh air, a share in what we grow can be had. Healthy exercise and learning new skills with a bunch of friendly people is guaranteed.

There are always jobs for those less active, cake makers are particularly

welcome! It is hungry work. If you would prefer to support our work we have a Friends of the Orchard membership for £6 a year. This invites you and your family to enjoy the orchard for a walk around in the fresh air of Margery Flatts up along

Newbiggen Lane and to partake in our several social events through the year. And when we have a surplus, you will be the first to know!

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Heather Muir and David Smith watering their allotment with Luke Toase, aged 3.



Elaine Russell and son Phil, with grandchildren Josie and George, at the Community Orchard's annual get together - three generations!

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An acclaimed author and singer/songwriter jets in from Australia and almost immediately calls in at a school in the North East of England to work with a group of students, generously giving them the benefit of her experience in the exciting world of publishing. As a result, the students are all inspired to start planning their own novels. Meanwhile, by a strange twist of fate, the author realises that her uncle was the first Head Teacher of the school ...

This may sound like the storyline for an exciting new novel but, in fact, it is exactly what happened

recently when writer, Celia Bryce, visited St Bede's to work with some of our students.

She started the workshop by giving us a fascinating insight into the process of getting a novel published and then showed us how her novel, 'Anthem for Jackson Dawes', has been translated into several languages and how it has been presented in different countries.

Then, inspired by Celia's achievements and enthusiasm, it was our turn to experiment with some different writing techniques. Under her expert guidance, we produced some pieces

of descriptive writing of which we were so proud, it didn't take Celia long to persuade us to start drafting our first novels! It was a privilege to work with such a successful writer and we would like to thank Sue Spencer for introducing us to Celia and making this possible. Sue has been involved in several successful projects at St Bede's and we now regard her as our 'Writer in Residence'!

And, in case you are wondering, Celia's uncle was Mr Thompson, who was the Head Teacher at St Bede's between 1964 and 1980 - it certainly is a small world!

LIONS OF ZULULAND

It was perhaps the liveliest morning assembly that there could be, one June morning at the EP School, when the 'Lions of Zululand' were visiting. This talented group of young musicians and dancers performed their dances, accompanied by their singing and chants, to a full hall of entranced pupils. They were dressed in their national costume and were carrying their warrior weapons, of shields, swords and spears, all handmade by themselves using natural materials from their own environment. These young performers are passionate about the wonderful richness of traditional Zulu culture and they want the world to know about it.

This is the tenth year the group has come to England to perform and their efforts were greatly enjoyed by

the pupils, especially when they came among the audience and involved the pupils in their dancing. Almost no encouragement was needed when the pupils were asked to dance and they tried to imitate the vigorous, energetic routines. It was great fun and at the end of the assembly everyone was smiling and had drawn nearer to understanding more of the culture of these guests from the Zulu region of South Africa. This theme of culture and the understanding of it was carried on in some of the classrooms after assembly, when the Zulu dancers took part in the workshops planned by their teachers. It is education at its best when children are actively involved in a learning experience.

Brenda Craddock



St Bede's students with author Celia Bryce

THE YEAR ENDS ON A HIGH NOTE

A large audience of parents and grandparents attended the musical assembly which has become a traditional end of year event at All Saints' School. Mrs Conlin, Deputy Head Teacher, welcomed everyone and expressed pride at how well the children had settled into their study of brass instruments and guitars. Within a few months, the young people had gained a good basic knowledge of reading and performing songs from the North East, some funny, others sad, but all sung with obvious enjoyment from

Solo brass players performed their pieces, then played together in the catchy 'Boogie Shoes'. The students playing guitars presented a wide ranging selection from the music of Spain to Rhythm and Blues. Then the Year 6 singers took centre stage, as Mrs Conlin congratulated them on their excellent effort as a group. This was their chance to have some fun! They offered a collection of traditional songs from the North East, some funny, others sad, but all sung with obvious enjoyment from

the youngsters. The performance ended with 'Blaydon Races' and the audience had enjoyed every minute!



One of the Zulu dancers



Year 6 singers present their popular Northern Medley

BLOOD DONOR PRESENTATION

On Friday 19th June, the NHS Blood Donor Service gave a lunch at Lumley Castle. This was to celebrate and present an award to those people who had given 100 donations of blood and also those who had given 250 donations of platelets. Partners were also included in the invitation. John Lowes of Lanchester attended with his wife to celebrate his 100th donation of blood earlier this year. John met with a number of other 'century makers' and their partners and enjoyed a formal roast



John and Bernadette Lowes

dinner followed by sticky toffee pudding with thick clotted Devon cream. The guest speaker was a very grateful mother whose new born baby was discovered to be seriously ill. She survived thanks to the ready availability of donated blood which she desperately needed. John intends to continue donating regularly - he has just made his 103rd donation. He would like to encourage anyone considering donating to make an appointment to go along to a donation session and see just how easy it is. It does not take long and staff are friendly, very grateful and helpful. Who knows, your blood might just save a life, or help someone recover from a serious illness or operation.

FRIENDS OF LONGOVICIUM



Gordon Henderson, on left in shorts, explaining Binchester to the Friends.

On Saturday 27th June, on a hot and sunny day, the Friends of Longovicium (Lanchester's Roman Fort) met at Binchester Roman Fort to have a guided tour of the current excavations before they are closed down at the end of this excavation season. Following a picnic lunch the Friends were met by Mr Gordon Henderson who was born and raised in Binchester village, is now a local historian and Roman re-enactor at Binchester, and is extremely knowledgeable about all things connected with the fort. Mr Henderson outlined the Roman history of the fort, known to the Romans as Vinovia, then gave a history of the fort's excavations and development of the

adjacent modern buildings and farms. The highlight of the afternoon was being conducted around the two new excavation sites. In the vicus or civilian settlement area, Dere Street, the Roman equivalent of the A1, passes through. Alongside the road were the remains of a pub with beer garden! The Friends were then shown the recently discovered and excavated remains of a major bath house. With walls still standing seven to ten feet high, painted plaster still in situ in places, clear evidence of doors and windows, the building is exceptional for Roman Britain. It's just a pity that without adequate funding the remains have to be back-filled (covered

over) at the end of the season. Part of the fort has also been excavated and the Friends were shown the barrack and stable blocks, inner fort roads, a well preserved corner turret and even better preserved multi-seat latrine with sewer still going out through the fort wall! It was interesting to consider that if Longovicium was ever to be excavated then the remains could be as equally impressive as those at Binchester. The Friends thanked Gordon most profusely, then made good use of the site shop! To join the Friends of Longovicium, or for further information, contact Mrs M Williams tel: 01207 520063 or Rodney Hawkins on email: hawkins_15@sky.com.

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FROM MARY QUANT TO BURKAS

On Thursday 2nd July, eleven WI ladies attended a British Red Cross Ladies Lunch at Finbarr's Restaurant in Durham. This event was organised by WI member and manager of our Lanchester Red Cross shop, Tracey Dobson, and was a lovely afternoon where we enjoyed a glass of wine before a delicious 2 course lunch and coffee.

The guest speaker was Ingrid Kilner and her talk 'A year behind the veil' was about her marriage to an Arab in the 1960s. Ingrid told us how she bought new designer clothes, had her hair and make up done like Dusty Springfield then off she flew. When she arrived she was met by

her future family, all completely covered up wearing burkas. Her 1960s English look was not acceptable; she too had to wear a burka. She lived in a flat with a hole in the floor for the toilet, everything stored on the floor and she and her new husband sharing a room with all his family including her mother-in-law.

For all her life was so different she stayed until her daughter was born but to keep her safe she had to return England. This was a fascinating insight into a totally different side of the 1960s.

To round off this special afternoon Ann Horner and Ann Carr won first and third prizes in the raffle.

WORKSHOP MAKING NESTS AND PODS



Members of the Embroiderers' Guild enjoy making their particular crafts

On Saturday, 20th June, two one day workshops were held at the Community Centre for members of the Embroiderers' Guild. The Lanchester contact was Elaine Williams and members came from as far as

Sunderland, Hexham and Alnwick, as well as other places. They were taught and encouraged by Nicky Dillerstone, who had travelled from Grimsby for the occasion. Inspired by shapes in the garden, the delegates were shown how to make various

objects from galvanised wire bound with different threads, weaves and fabrics. The display in the room was impressive very much like textile sculptures, with the 'pods' resembling small field animals. The event also raised money for the Red Cross.



Members of Lanchester WI at the Red Cross Ladies Lunch

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A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON TEA

Pims, strawberries and cream, delicious sandwiches and cakes, tables and chairs sprawled around the lawn, occupied by people enjoying relaxation in the sunshine and murmurs of voices as people conversed and enjoyed the company of others, with a background of gentle music. In addition there was a bar and of course tea and coffee. It all made for a delightful afternoon spent in the grounds of Burnhopeside Hall and the adjacent Burnhopeside Farm on Sunday July 5th. Presiding over the



Dorothy (left) and her friends: Jayne Speight, Christine Reed, Gillian Ward and Gillian Rae

afternoon was Mrs Dorothy Mason, who lives at the farm and she had the help of some of

her friends. They were all so friendly and hospitable and nothing was too much trouble to make the

afternoon perfect for everyone who attended. It was a fund-raising event for the Teenage Cancer

Trust, 'Every Life Unique'.

There was a splendid raffle with extra special prizes and there were many delighted faces from those who won them. In the field adjoining the tea party there was a birds of prey display. Several of these were being flown by their owners and it was fascinating to watch. It was a delightful afternoon for which Mrs Mason and her friends deserve a big 'Thank you'. A very generous amount of money was raised for this very worthwhile charity.

Brenda Craddock

SUMMER FAIR AT THE PARISH CHURCH

'Sunshine and Strawberries' was the theme of the Summer Fair at All Saints' Parish Church on June 20th. Well, it was 50% correct. Lovely strawberries but where was the sun? However, this did not diminish the fun of the fair. Delicious strawberry scones and a lovely cup of coffee or tea, not to mention a good 'catch-up' with friends and a good spend at the various stalls made it a very happy, fruitful morning. The 'Bric a Brac' had some super items, as did the men's bottle stall. Spectacular scarves, sweet smelling



Margaret Brown and Jill Finlayson on the cake stall

soaps and scents and delicious cakes made for good spending. A different stall was headed by David Dawson. All the items were clocks but not ordinary clocks. They came in various guises, cake stands, wall plaques, decorative cars and ornaments, all made into clocks by David. We wish him well with this initiative. There was a substantial raffle which Reverend Rupert drew and the amount raised was a very satisfactory £447.

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DR MURRAY RETIRES



Dr Robert Murray, retiring after 30 years working in Langley Park, says he has seen many changes to the practice since arriving there in 1985, some good and some not so good. He plans to stay in the area but would like to travel a lot during his retirement. The Village Voice would like to thank George Hauxwell and Esh Leaves for the photo and for access to the Dr Murray interview which can be read in full in Esh Leaves issue July 2015.

NEW ANGLICAN CURATE



Reverend Alison (Ali) Miller is the new curate for All Saints' Parish Church, Lanchester. Her husband, Reverend Dr Andrew Miller is the new vicar of Tanfield with Burnopfield and Dipton. Their daughters are Lucy (right) and Beatrix (left). We warmly welcome them to the Lanchester deanery.

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EP SUMMER FAIR

The sun was shining on Saturday, July 11th, which was just what was needed after a rather dull week. The school has a lovely setting with the perimeter mainly surrounded by trees and having an expansive field which is all further enhanced by the sun shining. There was so much to see and do and parents, friends, grans, granddads, childminders and of course the pupils, took the opportunity to enjoy everything that was there. One of the



Mr Boddy in the stocks

chief attractions, apart from the 'soak the teacher' corner, was the 'Digger Land' contribution. There were two big orange diggers, carefully guarded by two members of staff from 'Digger Land' at Langley Park. Boys and girls, mums and dads could try moving a lever to knock down what looked like steel skittles. Some people managed to knock down all ten of them and received a round of applause. Next to this attraction was an ice cream van and there was always a queue at each of them. The staff had obviously all been hard at work for a number of weeks preparing for their stalls which all looked very attractive and there were the ever popular 'Guessing games' eg, the name of the Teddy and games of skill eg throwing balls at and through large holes, which is not as easy as you think. A highlight for the pupils was 'Soaking the teacher' though it was all just good fun. Mr Boddy, Mr Johnson, Mrs Davis, Mr Taylor and Mr Stephenson all volunteered for this and were all put in the 'stocks' for the action to take place. What good sports they all are and all very popular with the pupils.

Brenda Craddock

PLAYGROUP FAIR



Lots of activity at the toy table

The Playgroup Fair was one of three held in the village on Saturday 20th June. It took place at the Social Club and seemed to be well attended, mainly by Mums and Dads with young children. The toy stall appeared to be busy as did the tombola and

cake stalls. In addition there were several other tables including bric a brac and 'Scentsy', safety wickless candles. A very good total of £310 was achieved and the Playgroup Committee would like to thank all those who supported the event.



Relaxing at the fair with drinks and cakes



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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SUMMER FAIR AT ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL



Isla and Alexander test their throwing skills, aiming the tennis ball into a jar.



Have we won a prize?

It was a very unsettled day on June 20th, but the decision was taken to hold All Saints' Summer Fair outside and the weather did remain kind. The Fair is an important fundraising event for the Primary School and crowds

began to gather from 11.00 am. The usual traditional stalls were present - books, videos, bric a brac, tombola and the Grand Raffle etc and youngsters enjoyed joining in familiar games which tested their

skills. Modern attractions included temporary tattoos, 'Name the Minion' and of course, refreshments were served in the Parish Centre. This is always such a welcoming event, for young and old, and part of our summer calendar.

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LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we decided to revisit one of our favourite places - The Old Mill at Knitsley. Our choices of meals were: pan-fried sea bass on a bed of noodles; herb-crusted salmon on a chive mash and topped with ribbon courgettes and served with a lemon and dill sauce; pork medallions on mustard mash with vegetables and a peppercorn sauce; a bacon and brie baguette served with salad; belly pork on mash with crusted black pudding and served with a tasty sauce.

All were beautifully presented and the meal was punctuated by such comments as "this is gorgeous", "to die for"; "the best salmon I've tasted", to quote but a few. The restaurant has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence by Trip Advisor and the Bed and Breakfast has been commended by Trivago. The surroundings are lovely, with a 'working' water wheel, white doves and stream complete with ducklings. Altogether a very enjoyable day out!

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LANCHESTER WI



Will Marx entertained at Lanchester WI meeting in July and everyone joined in!

July's meeting was extremely busy. It was our annual Strawberry Night. We enjoyed live music and there was a busy agenda for information and discussion. President Jennifer Macdonald had attended the WI Centenary Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall, opened by the Queen and

attended by HRH the Princess Royal and HRH the Countess of Wessex. The Queen praised the WI for remaining 'relevant and forward thinking' and recognised the changing role of women over the last century. Lucy Worsley, historian and TV presenter looked at the history of the WI and

described the progress of this 'surprisingly radical' movement. We also heard an account of the Centenary Garden Party, described in verse by Dorothy Beadling, wearing the very smart outfit she had worn at Buckingham Palace. Jean Forster read an amusing yet thoughtful piece,

'Pennies From Heaven' and we heard about the various events planned for the coming months including visits to the Secret Garden of Gibside and Eshott Hall, Northumberland, destination for our Birthday Outing in November. Raffle winners were Irene James and Marie Murphy and the competition winners were Maureen Barker and Ann Carr. We were then entertained by singer and guitarist Will Marx, who offered familiar and favourite songs from the 1950s and '60s. The music of Neil Sedaka,

Chris Montez, Elvis and so many others proved really popular with the audience, who clapped, served as the rhythm section and enthusiastically danced the night away. It brought back a lot of memories and the talented young entertainer seemed to enjoy himself as much as we were doing. In her vote of thanks, Vice President Marie Murphy expressed appreciation for his excellent performance. We ended the evening with strawberries and cream, topped with meringues. We all agreed this had been a night of shared fun, enjoyment and a journey back in time!

LANCHESTER WI SUMMER OUTING

July 8th was the day of our Summer Outing and although we left Lanchester in the rain and the weather forecast was not great, we were all in good spirits, looking forward to a day of sightseeing, shopping and good company. Our first stop was for refreshments at the Greenhead Hotel, in the heart of the Roman Wall country. We were greeted warmly by the staff, who offered us steaming tea and coffee along with cakes and biscuits. The drive through the surrounding area was beautiful, especially when the sun broke through and showed the Cumbrian landscape at its best. We pressed on to Carlisle,

with time for shopping and lunch, then we set out for Eskdalemuir Valley, fifteen miles from Lockerbie. We planned to visit the Kagyu Samye Ling Monastery and Tibetan Buddhist Centre and we had little idea what we might expect. Before we entered the complex, we were made aware of the Golden Rules of behaviour. Respect must be shown to others and to ourselves and the Monastery protected as a sacred place dedicated to spiritual development. Our guide was a very gentle nun, who told us a little about her life and the work within the Monastery. She took us into the beautiful temple, where she told us about



We had a most interesting tour of the Monastery, guided by an informative Buddhist nun.

this ancient faith. Buddhism dates back more than 2,500 years, when Prince Siddhartha became disillusioned with the suffering and the apparent futility of worldly life. He wanted to discover life's true meaning and after a long

period of meditation and prayer, he became known as the Buddha, the fully awakened one and spent the rest of his life teaching others how to discover lasting peace and happiness. Visitors of all faiths come to Samye Ling, to study

and learn. A Buddhist College is being planned and a museum, to preserve Tibetan culture and relics. We arrived home, agreeing that we had enjoyed an interesting and very unusual day; we had fully enjoyed it all.

SATLEY WI

President, Pat Gibson, opened our meeting and welcomed members and speakers. After a business discussion, Pat introduced Jennifer Macdonald, President of Lanchester WI, who had attended the WI AGM at the Royal

Albert Hall, London. Jennifer gave us an in-depth report of the meeting where the resolutions were discussed but not finalised at the time. Two enjoyable days were spent in London. As it was Jennifer's first visit to the

Albert Hall as delegate, she was very impressed. After Jennifer's report, Pat introduced Dr James Anderson to give a talk on British Garden Birds supported by PowerPoint pictures which were amazing. Dr Anderson has

always been interested in birds so after his retirement as a GP he can now focus more time on this. The knowledge he gave us encouraged members to take a bigger interest in our feathered friends. I am sure he will

have inspired us to do so! A most enjoyable evening. Tea and biscuits were then served. Competition winners were 1st Joan Smith, 2nd Jean Portwood and 3rd Avril Carpenter with pictures of a garden bird.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

'Summer Sizzle'

The club held the first of their two Open Evening meetings on Friday 3rd July in Lanchester Community Centre. The attendance was 70-80 ladies; the club is always so very grateful for such support. The demonstrator for the evening was Val Guest who is very well known to the club and who has entertained us on many occasions. She presented us with so many beautiful and colourful arrangements, she certainly made Summer Sizzle. She chatted to us so easily regaling us with funny stories and telling us about her lovely garden, which she intends opening to the public for two days next year for charity. All her beautiful arrangements were raffled and we had 9 happy winners. Gillian Harrison and Jane Pegram kindly manned a lovely home produce stall where many of our visitors enjoyed purchasing pies, cakes and preserves. A big thank you to these two ladies once again for their



Flower Club members watching Val Guest presenting her 'Summer Sizzle' display

support. Everyone Wednesday 23rd and her theme will be 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. Everyone is welcome so I hope many of you will join us. Wednesday 23rd September at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. The demonstrator will be Katie Jane Pridmore

THURSDAY CLUB



Lisa Lane with her selection of fudges

At our June meeting we welcomed a very enthusiastic Lisa Lane, of Loopy Lisa's Fudge, who gave a demonstration on how to make fudge the way 'our granny used to'. Once she had the fudge on the go she told us how she started her company. With a staff of four and using only natural ingredients, (no additives or preservatives), she has built up her business by attending food fairs, farmers' markets and trade fairs etc and now supplies the retail sector

including Fortnum & Mason, the grocer to Her Majesty the Queen. Quite an achievement - hard work does pay off. We had a tasting of one of her fudges and when the treacle fudge was ready sampled that too. Very moreish! So much so that

from the selection of fudges she brought for sale not a lot went home with her. We were so engrossed that we almost forgot our tea and coffee. We had an entertaining, laughter filled evening and many a satisfied sweet tooth too!!

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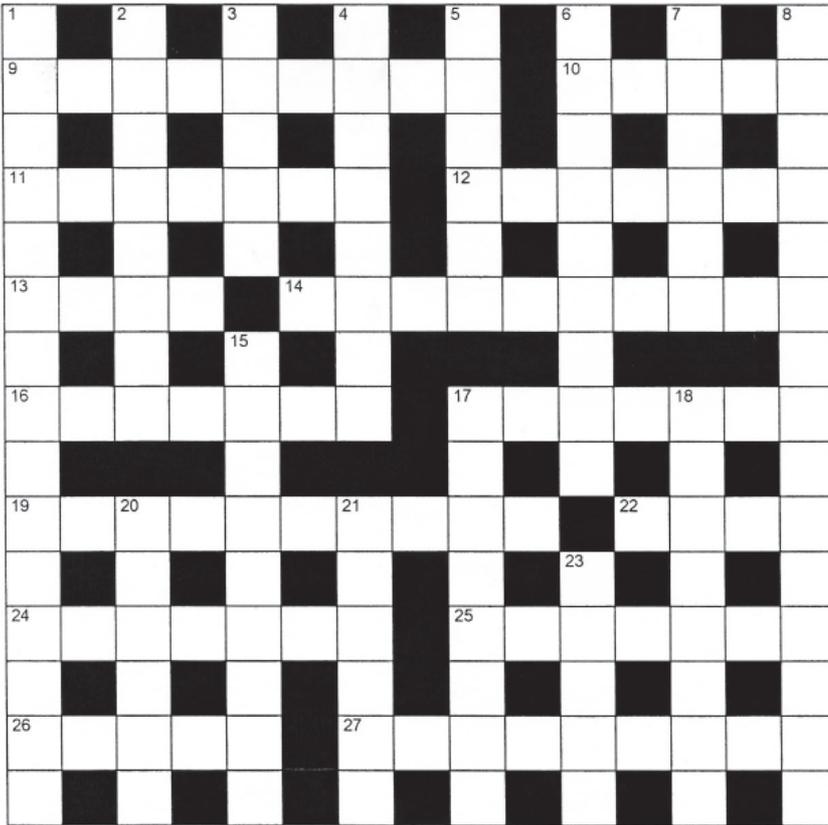
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CROSSWORD 111



ACROSS

9. Complicated (3,6)
10. African capital (5)
11. More weighty (7)
12. Where anglers store their catch (7)
13. Chooses and changes stop (4)
14. Accept reel for holder (10)
16. Flowers with unusual shapes (7)
17. Point to collision with syllable drop (7)
19. Like a rich Russian? (10)
22. Blood sucking jumper (4)
24. Prudent (7)
25. Turkish mister (7)
26. Classical architectural form (5)
27. Query about a small car (2,2,1,4)

DOWN

1. Ha! Porno cop mirth confusing dogs with humans perhaps? (15)
2. Ocean (8)
3. Either way it goes with pride, centre and duty (5)
4. Snubbers run press (8)
5. Jeer (6)
6. Oddball (9)
7. Outdoor meal (6)
8. Area between equator, Australasia and South America (8,7)
15. Science of teaching comes from std. acidic solution (9)
17. Serious outbreak (8)
18. Great Lakes State (8)
20. Not at the seaside (6)
21. Recurring regularly (6)
23. Edible internal organs (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 110

ACROSS

1. memorabilia
10. haste
11. fun runner
12. lie in wait
13. Epsom
14. spruce
16. to govern
18. pastoral
20. fossil
23. Inuit
24. allotting
26. archivist
27. ruses
28. shenanigans

DOWN

2. ensue
3. oceanic
4. affray
5. ignition
6. in utero
7. philosophical
8. gnashers
9. criminologist
15. resource
17. vacation
19. ostrich
21. outbrag
22. gluten
25. Ibsen

CROSSWORD 110

There were just 12 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Mrs Margaret Taylor of Brookview who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

Name _____

Address _____

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

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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

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CHARITY NIGHT RAISES HUGE SUM FOR AIR AMBULANCE



Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club held a charity auction night at Lanchester Club and it was a fantastic night.

We managed to raise £1133 for the Great North Air Ambulance.

The photo shows Chairman David Hopps and Secretary Maxine Harrison handing over the cheques to Rob from the Great North Air Ambulance at our meeting on 1st July.

VINTAGE TRACTOR RALLY



Vintage Tractors climbing up Peth Bank in convoy led by David Hopps, Chairman of the Club.

The Vintage Tractor Rally made a great spectacle took place on Sunday 12th as they proceeded July, leaving the Social through the village Club car park at about towards the King's Head 10.00 am. The tractors then headed past the

church and up Peth Bank. 24 members took part for the journey to Seaham. Some of the route was off road when they reached Burnhope after which they travelled to Sacriston with freedom from traffic. Near Murton they were able to use smaller country lanes before their arrival at a parking area near Seaham Hall. Close to the hall there was a suitable, ideal place for a pleasant lunch, before heading back home. As well as a great day out £125 was raised for the Great North Air Ambulance.

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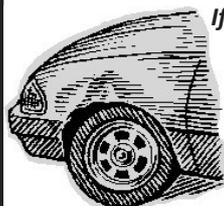
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WHAT'S ON?

PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th August at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School.

Computers 4 All

During August the Computers 4 All team at the Community Centre will demonstrate how to insert attachments, tables and pictures.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th August at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Lanchester and Burnhope Churches

Time of Services

From September 1st 2015 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 9.15 am weekly. P Hasler

Satley WI

Our August meeting will be an evening outing to Northumberland to 'The Boathouse Inn' in Warden. Visitors are warmly welcome to our meetings in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm on the second Monday of every month.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held in the small hall of the Community Centre on August 3rd, and start at 7.15 pm. Jenny Cathcart will be our speaker and she will be describing '4,000 years of Information Technology'. Our competition will be an obsolete IT item, so it's time for clearing out cupboards! Please check details and lists for our future events to make sure you keep up to date!

Short Circuit Walks

Venue: Allensford and Shotley Bridge Park

Date: August 1st
OSRef: NZ076503
DH8 9BA

Miles: 5.5

Leader: Thelma Stelfox & Eileen Devine

Phone: 01914386938
At Allensford Country Park (SW of Consett and just off the A68, south of where it crosses the Derwent), we follow the river as it flows NE and we can expect an abundance of fauna and flora. We turn west to return through the fields and farms. No steep gradients and no stiles

Venue: Flodden Field

Date: August 15th
OSRef: NT989282
NE716EQ

Miles: 6.5

Leader: Neville Dickinson

Phone: 01670517303
A tour of the battle field and its history and a walk through the surrounding countryside.

Meet at 10.30 am at car park at top end of Wooler, then to site in convoy.

Venue: Washington Wetlands/Sunderland Riverside.

Date: August 29th
OSRef: NZ330562
DL12 8NP

Miles: 6.25

Leader: Marion Marriat & friends.

Phone: 01914168613
Meet at Wetlands car park (toilets and refreshments nearby). This is a riverside walk with a couple of gentle climbs up to a ridge and a disused railway footpath. Our lunch stop is conveniently near a pub at South Hylton.

Lanchester Social Club

Saturday 1st August
PAULO, First class Vocalist.

Sunday 2nd August
Sunday Night Buskers.

Saturday 8th August
TANG, Great Girl Singer
Sunday 9th August
Sunday Night Buskers.

Saturday 15th August
REBECCA SIAN, Great Vocalist.

Sunday 16th August
Sunday Night Buskers

Saturday 22nd August
JONNY BLACK, Fabulous Vocalist.

Sunday 23rd August
Sunday Night Buskers.

Saturday 29th August
JAMIE PROFITT, Cracking Young Singer.

Sunday 30th August
Sunday Night Buskers.

Red Cross Coffee Morning

The Red Cross will be holding their Coffee Morning on Friday 31st July in the Methodist Church Hall 9.30 to 11.30. Coffee and cake £1.50.

There will also be a cake stall. We hope to see you there.

McMillan Big Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning for McMillan will be held at The Chapter House on Friday 25th September from 10.00 am - 12.00.

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

Community Centre Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 13th August from 9.30-11 am.

Kids' Summer Films

Children's films will be shown on Tuesdays at 2.00 pm on July 28th and August 4th, 11th and 18th £2 including juice.

Paradiso Social Club

New Season to start in September

Hot press news! We have decided to hold the first social and film meeting in September and will then run the season until May 2016. The first social will be on Sunday September 13th. The film 'THE IMITATION GAME' will be shown and more information about this will be in the next edition of the Village Voice. We have chosen a list of films for the season which we hope will interest those who come. Membership per annum is £5

£2.50 entry for members
£3.50 entry for occasional visitors
£2 entry young persons

Churches Together

Prayer Card Update

Just to let you know that we have now delivered cards to all areas along Durham Road, as well as Deanery View and the Station Road area.

In August we are concentrating on the Cadger Bank, Humberhill Drive, and Ford Road areas.

Thanks to those who have responded so far.

If you still need the email address, it is: prayer@lanchestermethodistchurch.org.uk.

Adult Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th August. Meet at 6.45 pm in the Community Centre Car Park for 7.00 pm car share to travel to Satley

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 1st August from 10 am until 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Monday Youth Club

Croft View Hall, Monday evenings from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

There are lots of things to do - sports (eg football, netball, badminton, table tennis and pool), craft sessions, discussion groups and computers. You can arrange to do a Duke of Edinburgh Award (bronze, silver or even gold) or you can just chill out.

There are 3 or 4 friendly leaders from STEPS Youth Service. The cost is 50p per session. For further information please contact Jill Gladstone of the Lanchester Partnership on 01207 528 114 or just turn up on September 7th.

It's often nicer to come with a friend.

Monday Art Group

Our next term begins on September 7th. We welcome all those who are interested in art/painting. We meet on a Monday morning (missing out August, Christmas and Easter) from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon in Lanchester Community Centre. We are a friendly, informal group, supportive with helpful direction, and we would welcome some new members.

Contact John Hudson on 01207 528 823 for more information, or come along on Monday 7th September.

No August Meetings

There will be no August meetings for the following organisations: - Open House, Lanchester Flower Club, Lanchester History Society, Lanchester Junior/Family Wildlife Group, The Thursday Club.

'EVERESTING' CLIMB

Up Hartside Pass for Henry Dancer Days & DEC Nepal On Tuesday June 16th I undertook the individual challenge of cycling the height of Everest (8848 metres) upwards in a day by riding hill repeats from the bottom end of Melmerby village in Cumbria up to summit above the well-known Hartside café, in total 22 laps and 215 miles. That's twice the climbing of the hardest mountain stage of this year's Tour de France. The first few laps after starting at 4.25am were great. By the early afternoon at the halfway point I felt tired but was buoyed up by a friend Keith riding alternate laps with me for the next 8, and then kept going by Andy at the bottom providing food, replacement drinks and encouragement. The views across Cumbria which make the café so popular and changed gradually throughout the day also kept me going, but passing the café so many times without having time to go in was hard. The last descent and final ride up were done with Andy driving behind to help light

the way as it got dark and I finished at the top at 11.15 pm and just over 9000m (just short of 30,000 feet) of climbing. I couldn't have completed it without the support from Keith and Andy and the extra motivation of doing it for the two charities.

Jane Natrass (Henry Dancer Days) said "I was surprised and thrilled that Gavin offered to do such a difficult challenge and raise funds for us. It's down to the generosity (and madness!) of people like him that we're now helping 150 families of children with cancer." Any further donations would be gratefully received. For Henry Dancer days this can be done either by the mydonate.bt.com website (search by fundraiser surname Quiney) or by adding your name to a sponsor form in the village. For DEC Nepal it can be done with no charges by texting SIDE90 £ with chosen amount after the £ sign (eg SIDE90 £1). All methods allow gift aid to be added.

Gavin Quiney. (Picture on back page)

TENNIS WEEKEND

The weather was bright and very breezy for the annual barbecue on Saturday 18th July at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club. A good turnout of members and friends enjoyed the food provided by the ladies of the social committee. Courts were available for players of all ages to enjoy a game or two. This was followed on the Sunday by a Tennisathon in aid of the Henry Dancer Days charity. A group of members played continuous tennis for eight hours on a rotating basis. The photo (on back page) shows the

participants and Henry's mum, Jane. A full report on that event will appear in the next Village Voice. To complete a very full and varied weekend of activity, the Monday night coaching sessions were supplemented by a 'Sausage Sizzle'. Junior players were treated to a free sausage sandwich and drink, with a small charge for the mums and dads!

All in all a busy weekend in the middle of a busy tennis season. If you require any information about the tennis club, please contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278 for full details.

FOUNDATION SPORTS DAY

I am afraid rain stopped play on the morning of the Foundation Sports Day. In other years they have had a lovely sunny day, with sun cream and bottles of water readily available! The EP School, of course, knows just what to do when disappointment

reigns and very soon a new plan was in operation. The two halls were used for lots of fun on all sorts of climbing apparatus, PE equipment and games to play with the very large multi coloured 'umbrella' canvas. There were many

squeals of delight and everyone had a smile, not to mention all the exercise as the children climbed, hopped, skipped and jumped to their hearts delight. Almost better than outdoor sports! Brenda Craddock (See back page for picture)

CRICKET NEWS

Cricket can be a game of fine margins as the firsts found out to their cost when they lost the first three matches of the spell to drop to mid table. First up were Leadgate and chasing 267, Lanchester fell just one run short despite the best efforts of Kieron Taylor (82) and Graham Brinton (56). Leaders Shotley Bridge were next and this time lost by only 11 runs despite half centuries by Dan Storey, Graham Brinton and Teja. The Ashington weekend was the one where if you lost the toss you lost by having to bat first on a wet wicket that dried out rapidly. Lanchester had that misfortune and duly

lost. We returned to winning ways as Ponteland were soundly beaten. Teja smashed 96 on the way to a total of 268. Ponteland were well contained and bowled out for 145. The long trip to Alnmouth was also successful as a total of 251 was safely defended. The seconds are starting to make progress, winning three of four games in recent weeks. They started with defeat at the hands of Lintz, however the following week Lanchester chased down an imposing total of 254 at Shotley Bridge, where Chris Tully returning after injury took 4-50. Darren Wingfield 76 not out

and John Rourke 42 not out were the pick of the batsmen. Against leaders Ashington, like the first team, Lanchester lost the toss and lost the game. Next up, Ponteland were then soundly beaten as Lanchester lost only three wickets reaching their total of 186, Mark Small top scoring with an unbeaten 93. Almouth were also defeated in another successful run chase.

The thirds suffered defeats at Whickham and Shotley Bridge but then picked up their first wins beating Annfield Plain Academy by one run and Bill Quay Academy, led by a first 50 by Sean Radford.

UNDER 9 CRICKET



In a tournament at Ashley Park on Sunday, 21st June, a very young Lanchester under 9 team with lots of new faces which is good to see, lost to Burnopfield. Our picture shows Burnopfield's team fielding.

BOWLERS' HOPES DASHED

Lanchester Bowling Club had its hopes of winning the Monday League dashed when they lost to league leaders Dipton. They have consistently finished in second place

in this league and are on course to do so again. They have been knocking on the door but yet again have not found the crowbar to prise it open. Meanwhile, the Saturday

team are in a creditable fourth position, the Wednesday team are tenth from twelve teams and the Tuesday team are enjoying their bowling and learning the game.

PLAYGROUP TODDLE



On a sunny Wednesday July 1st, the Playgroup children toddled from the Community Centre to the play park. Then, after a short break playing on the equipment, toddled twice around the play area accompanied by the adults. They managed to raise in excess of £400 for their funds. Well done the toddlers!

‘EVERESTING’ CYCLE CLIMB



Gavin Quiney rests on the altitude sign at the top of Hartside Pass, having accomplished almost 30,000 feet of climbing. (See full story on page 23)

FOUNDATION SPORTS DAY



EP School children enjoying the indoor climbing frame after rain stopped play outdoors. (For further details see page 23)

‘SIZZLING’ WEEKEND AT THE TENNIS CLUB



Tennis Club Members with Jane Natrass (centre) at the Charity Tennisathon. (Story on page 23)

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 18th August. The deadline for **adverts** is 16th August.

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