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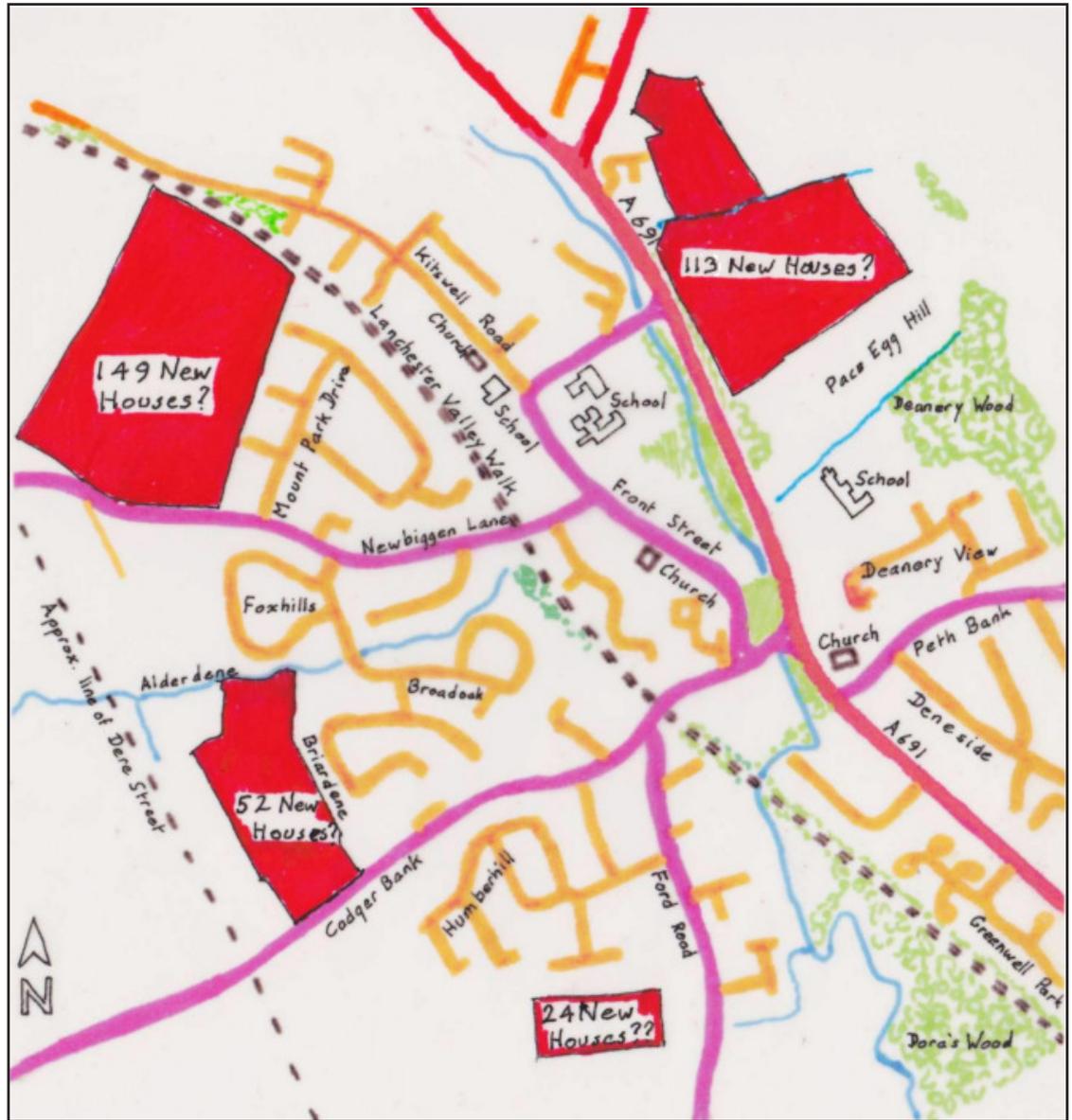
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## LANCHESTER UNDER SIEGE FROM DEVELOPERS

Developer interest in Lanchester is at an all time high with prospective housing sites in all parts of the village. At Newbiggen Lane, Story Homes have lodged an appeal against the refusal of planning permission for 149 houses; at Cadger Bank, Barratt's have a current planning application for 52 houses; at Pace Egg Hill, in the fields alongside the by-pass, Esh Developments have expressed an interest in building around 113 houses and on Ford Lane behind The Paddock, there is another small site of interest. The map shows the four sites. This adds up to nearly 350 houses, which is equivalent to the last 25 years of housing in the village. The Lanchester Partnership and the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester are currently opposing the application by Story Homes for 149 houses at Newbiggen Lane as it goes to appeal and opposing the application by Barratt's for 52 houses at Cadger Bank. They want to ensure that new development does not harm the rural setting or overwhelm the village community. They say: "Right now we want you to let Durham County Council have your views on the Cadger Bank site for 52 houses. Did you know



*A map of Lanchester, produced by the Lanchester Partnership, showing the 4 development sites - nearly 350 possible extra houses in the village.*

that the application is on the boundary of the Roman Fort Scheduled Ancient Monument Area and that the Fort is the only example of a complete Roman Fort in County Durham? Do we want to be the generation of Lanchester residents that allows housing development right next door? We must act and act now or the

floodgates will open to developers." Please let Durham County Council know your views. You can email [dmnorth@durham.gov.uk](mailto:dmnorth@durham.gov.uk) or write to Planning Development (North), Room G73-82, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UL. The application reference is DM/15/03222/FPA.

With regard to the planning appeal for 149 houses at Newbiggen Lane, discussions will take place with County Hall to determine how the village can be represented. The planning file will be sent to the Planning Inspector and he will be aware of the volume of objections, so the Campaign urges not to write again until

more is known about the process. The Lanchester Partnership and the Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester will keep villagers up to date with all these development matters and continue to object to proposals that they believe would harm the character and setting of the village.



# Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice  
I was pleased to see the turnout for the Remembrance Service on the Village Green this year. A good turnout across the age range and a chance for the village to show their appreciation for the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice in past conflicts.

There seemed to be an increase in the number of wreaths laid from various organisations this year and I wondered if in the future an announcement

could be made prior to each wreath so the people present were kept informed as to who was laying the wreaths - not the person but the organisation. I feel this would help to keep the ceremony flowing and everybody in the picture so to speak.  
Mike Stoddart  
Newbiggen Lane

Dear Village Voice  
The family of Mrs Hilda Minto would like to thank relatives and friends for the comfort and support during their recent bereavement of their dear Mother. Thank you for all the cards, letters of condolence and beautiful floral tributes. Special thanks to the staff of Co-op Funeral Services and all at Lanchester Methodist Church for an excellent service of Hilda's wonderful life. Thank you all.

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

### FOOD 4 U

Very many thanks to all those who contribute so generously to the collection bin at the Community Centre. Your gifts are much appreciated and much needed.

### 'JAFFA' THE MISSING CAT

Thanks to all those who kept a look out for this missing puss especially those in Manor Grange and Holmside. Happily she returned home 6 weeks later, thin but as delighted to be home as we were to have her back. We are still waiting for her to report on her adventures!

### COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for October is 42. The draw was made by Neville Hartley of Computers for All.

## LANCHESTER'S TRAVELLING NATIVITY

'Bring you Good News' During advent, a variety of nativities will be travelling from door to door in Lanchester. Following on from the 'yarn bomb' of hundreds of daffodils on Easter Sunday, Churches Together in Lanchester now bring you a host of knitted angels who will be spreading good news of Christmas around the village.

The idea is that a nativity will pass from neighbour to neighbour, staying with each household for one night. During this time, if you wish, we encourage you to reflect on the story of the birth of Jesus, either by yourself or with your family and friends. Included with the nativity will be a selection of knitted angels, lovingly made by the talented people in our three churches. When you pass the

nativity on to your neighbour, we would like you to keep one of the angels as a reminder of the night you hosted the nativity.

Organiser, Sonia Filmer, said, "I collect nativities from around the world as it fascinates me, the way different cultures express the story of Jesus' birth using their many different skills and traditions. We have used the skills and enthusiasm of all the knitters in our churches to hopefully start a new tradition of a knitted angel bringing a joyful message into people's homes in Lanchester. By sending these nativities around the village we hope that it will allow people a few moments in the hectic build up to Christmas to reflect on the first Christmas." Will you provide a home for Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus this Christmas?

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# RETIREMENT PARTY FOR LYNNE

The Cricket Club was the venue for a retirement party for Lynne Bryan, who has spent the last 32 years as Practice Nurse at Burnhope Surgery. The idea was to have the party on Halloween so that the children who were invited with her many friends would really have a good time as well.

Many people wanted to give Lynne presents but she politely refused and asked her friends to give a donation to Macmillan and Marie Curie instead. However, she still did receive some gifts for which she was truly grateful. The photo was taken as the party was being set up. It is hoped to publish the money raised at a later date.



*Our photo shows Lynne Bryan, front 2nd left, with friends at her Retirement/Halloween party in the Cricket Club.*

## GERMAN STUDENT TEACHER - HELP NEEDED!

A friend of a friend is at University in Germany, studying to become a teacher of English and German. As part of her course she has to spend a minimum of 3 months in the UK. However she is not able to do the usual thing, which is to work as a language assistant in a school, as she has a two year old son and child care while she is working would be a big problem!

Her name is Caroline Wasmund, she is 28 years old, and has a 2 year old son called Arthur. She already has a degree as a 'social assistant and therapeutic educator' which means she is qualified to look after children, including

disabled children. As she is not working and earning any money, she has an extremely limited income. What she would like to do is to stay in England for 3 months next year (2016), preferably from early January until early April. She would like free lodging and food for her and her son in return for housework/childcare/German lessons.

I know that this is quite a big ask, but is anyone able to help this young mother gain her teaching qualifications? If you think that you can help, or need further information please contact Gordon or Kate Lawrie, 01207 438152, gorkat123@talktalk.net Thank you!!



*Caroline and Arthur*

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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It is always a very poignant occasion when people from our lovely village gather on the Green beside the war memorial, to remember and honour the men and women from Lanchester who died in the two world wars and Stuart Laing, a young man from our village who died in the more recent Falklands War in 1982. A number of the village organisations, including many of our young people, were present and delegates from them proudly and solemnly laid wreaths. The silence and reverence which accompanied the reading out of the names of the dead and the laying of the wreaths is always

very special. These men and women died so that we could be free to live our lives as we wish, but with this freedom comes a responsibility of respect, for the well being of our fellow men. At the present time, in the light of all the atrocities and callous, cruel acts of behaviour, this is more than ever needed. We each need to value our freedom and be very appreciative of the peaceful, caring community in which we live.

Two hymns were sung accompanied by Lanchester Brass Band and conducted by James Draper. His father Mark Draper played the Last Post on his cornet. The



*The procession, led by Crucifer, Rob Matthews, walk from All Saints' Church to the War Memorial.*

service was led by Reverend Rupert Kalus, Canon Bob Spence and David Hughes in the absence of Reverend Stuart Earl, and the choir from the Parish Church

were in attendance as is their custom. The National Anthem brought the service to a close. There was much to reflect upon as the villagers made their way home or to their

several churches for their own Remembrance Sunday Services, where the prayer would be 'Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!' Brenda Craddock



*Canon Bob Spence, Rev Rupert Kalus and David Hughes read out the names of the fallen.*



*Representatives of the Boys' Brigade lay a wreath.*



*Lanchester Brass Band perform their duties admirably as usual.*

## BURNHOPE REMEMBRANCE

Many thanks to all who turned up on Remembrance Sunday in Burnhope. A short service was held outside at the War Memorial with the laying of wreaths, then into a warm church for a Service of Remembrance. Many thanks to the Burnhope Partnership

who printed notices to put in shop windows, to Mrs D Park for bible readings, to Mrs V Collins for playing the organ and to Mr David Filmer (Lanchester) for taking the service which was very interesting. A collection for the Royal British Legion raised £75.25. Stan Collins



*Margaret Brown, Leader of Mothers' Union, was asked by Regional President, Jean Carlton, to lay a wreath at the War Memorial in Lanchester at the ceremony on Remembrance Day. This is the first time that Mothers' Union has provided a wreath for this occasion. Mothers' Union in Lanchester is in its 125th year. Margaret has been a member for 59 years and Leader for the past 15 years.*

# LEST WE FORGET

During the ceremony when the memorial plaque was moved from the old Council Offices Lanchester to the Community Centre on 11th April 2015, I met a lady who told me that one of the names listed was killed serving on HMS Narborough during WWI. This led me to research the subject further and I have managed to find out the following information.

On the night of 12th January 1918, two Royal Naval destroyers HMS Opal and HMS Narborough were escorting the light cruiser HMS Boadicea on patrol against minelayers. There

came such a severe blizzard of snow and high winds that the destroyers were ordered to return to base at Scapa Flow, then, due to a navigational error caused by the prevailing weather conditions, the ships hit the cliffs at Hesta Rock just to the north of Windwick Bay, South Ronaldsay. There was only one survivor, Able Seaman Sissons of the Opal who survived by clinging to a cliff edge for 36 hours prior to rescue. The remaining 188 men died that night killed by the impact, drowned or died of exposure. A few weeks after the disaster there was a torpedo explosion that



*British Destroyer 'Narborough'. Photo printed with permission of Imperial War Museum curators.*



*The main gun of the HMS Opal in Lyness.*

blew the main gun of the Opal into the hillside above the cliffs. The gun is now in Lyness Museum after being rescued and restored.

The name of the local seaman killed was Robert Bullerwell Farbridge, son of Mary Ann Farbridge, 20 Langley Terrace, Burnhope Colliery. He is listed on the Burnhope Memorial on the first plaque but note the ship is listed in error as the Marlborough instead of the Narborough.

Beside being listed on the Lanchester plaque and Burnhope Memorial,

Robert Farbridge is mentioned on a memorial in Portsmouth. There are 18 named graves in Lyness Cemetery (Hoy Island) from the Opal and Narborough and 35 unnamed graves related to the incident.

Robert's father was also called Robert Farbridge and is recorded in the 1911 census as living in Ford Road Lanchester - does anybody remember the family?

Thought this may help to keep the name alive of somebody who gave his life serving his country all those years ago and

hopefully become more than just a name we read out every November.

Anybody who has any further information regarding this or indeed any other name listed on the Lanchester Memorials please contact either myself or Ian Murray email [iwmurray63@gmail.com](mailto:iwmurray63@gmail.com) who passed on some valuable information for this article.

If the lady I spoke to in the Community Centre wants any more information, then please contact me, M Stoddart, [mikeandrea@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandrea@btinternet.com).

## WE WILL REMEMBER

On 11th November North Durham Academy held a Remembrance Service for Year 7 students. Members of the Consett British Legion and army cadets attended the service, making it all the more memorable and poignant. Matthew Lovett, who is from Lanchester and is

North Durham Academy's Deputy Head Boy read with the Principal, Mr Thornton, *The Fallen* by Laurence Binyon.

The service was broadcast around the academy for all students. Following the service Year 7 and invited guests

moved through to the Theatre for a performance by students titled 'Forgotten Voices'. This was performed by year 10 musicians and actors and year 11, 12 and 13 dancers. It focused on the theme of 'Forgotten Voices' how it is so easy to forget the individuals involved

in warfare when tens of millions of people died. The play told just one story of what life was like for a young boy 'Archie'

and his family living in World War One and explored what life was like in the war for soldiers, women and children.



*Matthew Lovett, Deputy Head Boy of North Durham Academy, during the Last Post.*



*The Remembrance Service at North Durham Academy.*

# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2015

### Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 13th October 2015 - approved.  
**Neighbourhood Warden Report** - September - discussed and received.

### Correspondence

1. Letter - Swinburne, Snowball & Jackson - It was agreed that a letter of thanks and best wishes is sent to the solicitor who dealt with the Parish Council business on her retirement.  
 2. Durham County Council - National Tree Week Campaign - It was agreed that an application for a tree grant is made to plant trees at Kitswell Park bike track.  
 3. Clerk & Councils Direct - November Issue - received.

4. Farming Matters - Issue 2 - received.  
 5. Campaign to Protect Rural England - Autumn Newsletter - received.  
 6. Durham County Council - MOT tests and winter vehicle checks - information to be displayed on the notice board.

### Area Action Partnership and Parish Councils Committee

The minutes of the Parish Council's Committee meeting were received. Members discussed the information received on attendances at the summer activities and raised concerns about the sports sessions and the drastic drop off in attendance. It was agreed

that information is sought on the content of the sports sessions before a contribution towards future similar schemes is considered.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The second topic based questionnaire is almost finalised and will be distributed at the end of January. Approval was given for expenditure of £2000 for the production, distribution and analysis of the questionnaire.

The Conservation Area Appraisal, led by the County Council is progressing. Four practical site surveys have taken place supported by volunteers. The County Council will write the document and the community will be consulted on the draft document in the New Year. The North of England Civic Trust will support the working group to produce a Heritage Audit of the Parish. Work will commence shortly with the bulk of the work being undertaken early in 2016.  
**Parish Council Office - lease agreement**

It was agreed that a 10 year lease is pursued with a break clause and that the proposed rent amount

is discussed further with Derwentside Homes along with information on what the service charge represents.

### Trees - Kitswell Park

1. It was agreed that permission is given for the pruning of a tree at a resident's expense.  
 2. Members agreed that permission is given to the cricket club to plant trees around the edge of the field. However trees and seats must not be located between the football and cricket field or create a problem for the grass cutter.

### Concerns from Residents

1. Members considered correspondence and a petition received from residents around Hollinside concerned about the speed of traffic. It was agreed that these concerns are passed to the Police and Durham County Highways along with a letter of support from the Parish Council.  
 2. Members discussed the regular parking in front of the war memorial and options to prevent unsuitable parking. The County Councillors were supportive of attempts to address this problem. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking that they install bollards in this area.

3. It was agreed that the problem of water lying at the pedestrian crossing on Durham Road by the Village Green during heavy rain be reported to the County Council.

4. Members discussed the previously planted area in front of the cemetery on Kitswell Road which is now overgrown with weeds. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council requesting that they tidy up this area.

**Newsletter** - the quarterly newsletter was approved for distribution.

**Financial report** - discussed and approved.  
**Accounts for Payment** - approved.

**Questions from Members** - Information only - Mike Wardle informed Members of a meeting he had recently attended regarding the proposed North East Combined Authority.

It was agreed that this item is placed on the agenda of the next meeting and a letter is sent to Simon Henig at Durham County Council asking if he would be able to attend a meeting in the New Year to which the public would be invited.

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

## LANCHESTER SINGS

An evening of Christmas music, songs and carols to suit all the family featuring Olivia and Mia Walker-Toward (sopranos), EP Primary School Choir and Lanchester Brass Ensemble



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Lanchester Parish Church

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### Friday 18 December

Church open 9.30am - 9pm to view trees

Music by Lanchester Brass Band in evening.

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## LANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work continues on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Lanchester. In January residents were asked to comment on likes, dislikes, issues and concerns in the Parish. Analysis of the results was undertaken and a second more detailed questionnaire has now been prepared under the guidance of a consultant. It is intended to distribute this second questionnaire in January. Copies will be provided to households and the questionnaire will be available on-line too. Please look out for this questionnaire and take the

opportunity to have your say.

Work has also been done on a Conservation Area Appraisal. The County Council has led on this project supported by volunteers from Lanchester. Many thanks to all the volunteers who were involved. The County Council is now preparing the document which the community will be consulted on in the New Year.

The North of England Civic Trust has been appointed to support the group in preparing a Heritage Audit for the Parish. Work will

commence shortly and volunteers are needed to undertake some of the survey work. If you would like to be involved please contact Sally on 01207 520146.

Both the Conservation Area Appraisal and the Heritage Audit will become supplementary documents to the Neighbourhood Plan and will provide evidence to support the policies it contains.

If you would like further information about the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan please contact the Parish Council on 01207 520146.

## POLICE REPORT

This month our main areas of concern have been antisocial behaviour and drug activity behind The Green School and bogus callers operating in the village. It has become apparent that local youths are congregating in the evening behind The Green School causing a general nuisance to nearby residents, smoking cannabis and causing damage to the school. Officers are now patrolling the area and stop-searching persons congregating in the grounds. A 15 year old male from Lanchester was found in possession of cannabis and was later interviewed by officers.

We have also seen a few reports of bogus callers

operating in the village including young males from Middlesbrough selling household items, rogue traders offered to complete roof repairs and gardening. The males from Middlesbrough were stopped, details obtained and asked to leave the village. Please be vigilant with door to door sellers and make sure under no circumstances you let them into your property without checking identification. If in doubt please ring 101 and provide a detailed description of the persons involved.

Nights are getting darker therefore we are carrying out Operation Winter night patrols to identify any properties left in darkness

which are the main target for criminals. Residents are being given crime prevention advice and light timers to reduce the risk of becoming victims of crime. If you know anyone in your area you have particular concerns about, you can refer them to our Safer Homes Scheme (with their consent); they will be visited by local officers who will complete a crime prevention survey and issue security devices where needed. Please email saferhomes@ddfir.gov.uk. The date of our next and final PACT meeting for 2015 is Tuesday 1st December at Burnhope Primary School from 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson



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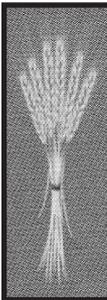
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*A group of young people obviously having a super time with the warmth of the bonfire behind them.*

# A WELCOME SERVICE



*District Chairman Reverend Stephen Lindridge with musicians and members of the choir*

The Service in the Methodist Church on Saturday November 14th was alive with beautiful singing. It was a special service to welcome the new District Chairman of the

Methodist Churches in the North East, Reverend Stephen Lindridge. The title of the evening was 'District Songs of Praise' and it had been arranged by the Newcastle District

Music Committee. Mr David Hughes conducted the singing of the congregation and a choir made up of Methodist ladies from Lanchester and other Methodist churches

in the North East, from as far away as Newcastle. They were all ladies who love to sing and this was a particularly good night for singing. The hymns were very joyous and lively and

were accompanied by the organ and a Harry Carr ensemble of instruments and voices.

The new Chairman introduced the hymns with a number of anecdotes and spiritual truths and the whole evening was very uplifting. The cup of tea after the service gave everyone a chance to talk to Reverend Stephen Lindridge and to Reverend Jack Macadam and Reverend Calvin Samuel, who were also in attendance. The many visitors were made very welcome and altogether it was a very happy, enjoyable evening.

Brenda Craddock

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

We will all have watched with horror at the recent terrorist atrocity unfolding in Paris. This kind of slaughter of innocent people having a meal with friends, attending a pop concert and just going about their business is the stuff of nightmares but it is something we cannot hide away from. If we don't go out, if we avoid the city centres then the terrorists have won. Everything we are, our whole culture, our freedom and democracy has been hard won over many generations and through countless struggles and we are at our best when we are defiant in the face of fear. It makes us British, it makes what we are. In Parliament I have had my first outing as a Shadow Education Minister in responding to a debate on 'fair funding for schools'. Fair funding is in the eyes of the beholder and whilst we would all agree with the principal of fairness in how we fund schools I know that County Durham schools are near the top when it comes to

receiving levels of funding and any re-distribution will result in 'winners' and 'losers' with Durham schools losing out. I therefore responded by saying that funding needs to be fair but any equalisation needs to be through the introduction of new funding and not equalised 'down' with schools in constituencies like ours losing out. Not easy for the government to achieve in an austerity based economy. Locally you may have heard of the major gas incident in Delves Lane that began on Thursday 12th and at its height left 750 homes without gas. The homes most severely affected were without gas for almost a week. I am told it occurred because a water pipe ruptured sending water, rubble and stones flowing into the gas pipes. Every gas pipe had to be pumped out and cleaned and every boiler checked before reconnection could take place. This has been a massive undertaking where local knowledge

has been invaluable in identifying vulnerable people and making sure

no-one was forgotten. It was amazing to see the way that everyone came

together and is a great example of a community at its best. Pat Glass MP

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## ROTARY 'BAG PACK'

The Rotary Club of Derwentside held a 'Bag Pack' at the Annfield Plain Branch of Tesco on 14th November. Hugh Hall, the organiser, was a little worried as this was the first 'Bag Pack' since stores did not give free bags. No problem, the customers were fantastic, all brought their own bags and were extremely generous. We give a big thank you to Officers and Cadets from The Chester le Street Sea Cadets who assisted us, they were all so smart in their uniforms and did an excellent job. The event collected a record £608.29 for which we thank all the customers and thank Tesco for a £20 voucher.



Two of the members of our Rotary Team, Brenda Hall and Susan Mellor.



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# VILLAGE DOES NOT FLOOD!

I am particularly fond of non-news stories. You know the ones, those that newspapers and the media throw into fill space when they have nothing better. There was a good one on the television recently. Prince Charles was doing a photo shoot in Australia; he was disturbed by a bee but the report said the bee did not sting him. So what was the story? **PRINCE CHARLES IS NOT STUNG BY BEE!** Well here is the Village Voice non-news story. Despite some very heavy rain this month the village did not flood. There were a few large puddles on the bypass near the Parish Church and a few idiots driving at unabated speed through them. A flood warning sign appeared that stayed on long after the water had disappeared but the village was not too inconvenienced. OK, it is a non-news story but it is a good one, given the village's history of flooding. It shows the work done clearing culverts and other measures must be working. We must never get complacent but no news sometimes is good news. Paul Monaghan



Where is the flood?

# FLY TIPPING - HURBUCK



This was the scene on the Lanchester Valley Walk near Hurbeck Cottages on Monday 16th November. It beggars belief how anyone could destroy this pathway used by so many walkers and cyclists! It looks very much like someone has renovated a house and just tipped the whole lot off the back of a lorry. The council were informed and acted very quickly to remove it.

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# LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

## 'Social Afternoon'

Everyone was given a warm welcome by our Chairperson Mrs Helen Tomlinson to our October Flower Club meeting.

The afternoon was to be a little different from our usual format. Some of the Committee had kindly prepared cakes and sandwiches for an entertaining social afternoon.

Three of our own members Helen Tomlinson, Cathy Smith and Norma Jenssen kindly entertained us demonstrating different techniques and preparing some lovely flower arrangements,



*Left to right, Helen Tomlinson, Norma Jenssen and Cathy Smith with their beautiful arrangements.*

which were later raffled. We all enjoyed the lovely homemade cakes

and sandwiches along with tea and coffee. We had fun with a Plant

and Flowers quiz, so enjoyable afternoon everyone was in agreement that such an should be held again in the near future.

## DEALING WITH BULLIES - AN IMPORTANT LIFE SKILL

National Anti-Bullying week runs from Monday 16th November and the students of All Saints' Catholic Primary School are involved in various activities which investigate this very complex issue. Bullying is not a problem with the pupils, but they must be aware of the complex nature of this subject and how it can affect them and people around them. Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Conlin introduced the topic with an assembly for the whole school, in which questions were asked

about the nature of bullying. The parable of the Good Samaritan was studied and students were reminded of the 'Golden Rule' in which we should treat everyone as we ourselves would like to be treated.

We hear a lot about cyber bullying today and Years 4 and 5 were made aware of the problem by Mr Freeman of St Bede's Catholic School and 6th Form College. He described how this kind of bullying over a distance can be so hurtful. One third of children in Primary and

Secondary schools have been affected. There is no 'face to face' contact, so it is easier to tease others. Understanding the issue and dealing with it are important life skills for young people to develop. The subject of cyber safety was also introduced and pupils were reminded to be very careful about any information they share with internet contacts and the measures they should take if they are threatened, or if they feel uncomfortable with people they meet online.



*Years 3 and 4 learn about the dangers of the internet*

## NEW EDUCATIONAL PLAY AREA AT LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL

*More photos of children enjoying the new equipment at the EP Primary School. See story on back page.*



*Children having great fun on the Play Net*



*Lots of children having a good time on the Water Play equipment*

# COMMUNITY CENTRE CRAFT FAIR

A Christmas Craft Fair was held at the Community Centre on Saturday 7th November. Tables filled both main halls with 25 stalls of high quality crafts. The variation of these was quite amazing and there was something there for everyone who attended,

especially as it is near to Christmas. The halls were very busy for most of the time as was the refreshment area which was buzzing with chatter! The atmosphere was excellent with so many villagers around. Santa made his 2015 debut as the earliest one in the

village. He managed to keep busy most of the time as well, along with young helper, Beth. It was a very good Fair which raised a massive £650.16 for the Community Centre. They would like to give thanks to all who supported the event.



Lindsay Hughes, holding a shy little Ella, meets Santa Claus and his helper, Beth.



A family visit to one of the stalls for children. It looks like a choice was being made.



Marie, Richard and little Isla Wisson enjoying a visit to one of the many craft tables.

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# CROFT VIEW HALL AUTUMN FAIR

Croft View Hall held their Autumn Fair on Saturday October 24th and a steady stream of visitors enjoyed browsing the many stalls. Jewellery, cakes, jams and preserves, toiletries and hand crafted goods attracted buyers who could also enjoy a quiet sit down with refreshments. Ingrid Sylvestre cleverly painted faces for youngsters and displayed some of her imaginative art work. Many people were attracted by a fascinating display of cards of old Lanchester. Activate Theatre group entertained and overall, there was a very warm, friendly atmosphere. The proceeds of the Fair will go towards fitting a new floor in the sports hall and other general refurbishment

of the building. Eric Hepplewhite knows and loves Croft View and is proud of the service it provides to the community. Owned by the Methodist Church, it has served Lanchester for 140 years and provides a wide range of activities for all ages. It is hoped that more events will be held to restore Croft View Halls and the public can be sure of a warm welcome when they visit!



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*A hall full of people enjoying the entertainment.*

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# THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF LANCHESTER!

Henry Dancer Days Maiden Law, held a wine tasting for the recently: Steve Daggett (singer/songwriter of Lindisfarne) performed at Lanchester Social Club and The Pip Stop, like to thank Alan and Denise Wood and Robert Scott as well as the Social Club for their help with the Gig and Ben Cleary, Dave and Jen of The Pip Stop for their hard work for the

As a result, £2500 was raised for children with cancer - an amazing sum! Jane Natrass (Henry's Mum) would

wine event. Local businesses were extremely generous with prizes for raffles, tombolas and an auction. The charity has exceeded

expectations and has been nominated for 2 categories at the Newcastle Building Society Cornerstone of the Community Awards. More news anon ...

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Steve Daggett of Lindisfarne, entertaining at the Social Club in aid of Henry Dancer Days



Jane Natrass, Henry's Mum, with Ben Cleary of The Pip Stop

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## CONSETT STROKE CLUB FAIR

Consett Stroke Club held a Fair at Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday morning, 31st October. Betty Bell, featured in the photograph, began the club two years ago at the age of 91, having suffered, and recovered

from three strokes. She had attended other stroke organisations but decided to go it alone with help from her friends to take a different approach. She prefers things to be more relaxed and to have fun. Those who attend the club have

regular days and nights out, hence the reason for a fundraising event. At the Fair there was an interesting variety of stalls which numbered 22 in total.

It is hoped to publish the total raised at a later date.



Catherine McDermott, Betty Bell, Secretary and Treasurer of Consett Stroke Club with one of the stallholders.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Chocolate Bread and Butter Pudding

This is a traditional favourite dessert, given a twist to make it an extra special Christmas treat. It's easy, but very good and even better when prepared two days in advance. Best served in small portions, because it's very rich. Serves 6

good quality white bread, 1 day old, taken from a large loaf  
 5 oz (150 g) dark continental chocolate with 75% cocoa solids  
 15 fl oz (425 ml) whipping cream  
 4 tablespoons dark rum  
 4 oz (110 g) caster sugar  
 3 oz (75 g) butter  
 A good pinch cinnamon  
 3 eggs

To serve: Double cream  
 You also need a shallow ovenproof dish 7 x 9 inches (18 x 23 cm) base and 2 inches (5 cm) deep, lightly buttered

1) Remove the crusts from the bread, to give you approximately 9x4 inch (10 cm) squares. Cut each slice into 4 triangles. Place the chocolate, whipping cream, rum, sugar, butter and cinnamon in a bowl set over a saucepan of barely simmering water. Be careful not to let the bowl touch the water. Wait until the butter and chocolate have melted and sugar has completely dissolved. Remove from the heat and stir well to mix all the ingredients.

2) In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs and pour the chocolate mixture over them and whisk again thoroughly to blend them together.

3) Spoon about half an inch (1 cm) layer of the chocolate mixture into the base of the dish and arrange half the bread triangles over the

chocolate in overlapping rows. Pour half the remaining chocolate mixture all over the bread as evenly as possible and arrange the rest of the triangles over that, finishing off with a layer of chocolate. Use a fork to gently press down the bread so that it gets covered evenly with the liquid as it cools.

4) Cover the dish with clingfilm and stand it at room temperature for 2 hours and then transfer it to the fridge for a minimum of 24 (preferably 48) hours before cooking. Then pre-heat the oven to gas mark 4, 350 degrees F (180 C). Remove the clingfilm and bake on a high shelf for 30-35 minutes. The top will be crunchy and the inside lovely and soft. Leave it to stand for 10 minutes before serving with well chilled double cream, poured over.

# WILLOW BURN ART EXHIBITION



*A somewhat different view of Lanchester Front Street by Ian Bennett.*



*Three different styles from left: The Headland, Hartlepool, by Christine Upwright; Stanhope (Easter Monday 2008) by Ian Bennett and Grating by Christine Upwright.*

In association with the Newcastle Painters Group, Willow Burn Hospice is currently holding an exhibition of some wonderful works of art. The paintings were installed for viewing on

25th October. However, the exhibition closes on Sunday 6th December, so there is still about a week after publication of this issue of The Village Voice to visit the hospice before closure of the exhibition.

Thirty paintings have been produced by approximately twenty artists.

There really are some lovely works of varying themes to view, completed in oils and acrylics on canvas, linens and boards. All paintings except for

three are for sale, with prices ranging from £100-£800, with 40% of the sale price, or in some cases the total sale price, being donated to Willow Burn. It is impossible to pick out special paintings as each person would inevitably choose differently.

Therefore, it is recommended that you do visit this compelling exhibition for your own enjoyment and perhaps to see that special painting for you to purchase, which would also help fundraising for Willow Burn Hospice.

## WILLOW BURN IS SPECIAL

Josie Fenwick is a regular at Willow Burn Hospice - and she knows what that means. She stays for respite care every 12 weeks to give her daughter, Katrina, a break. She is totally dependent on her daughter, the staff at Willow Burn, her medication, oxygen bottle and wheelchair. But despite suffering from a debilitating respiratory disease for more than 10 years, Josie's story is not one of sadness. She has found friendship,

understanding and a purpose at Willow Burn. "I can't do sponsored walks or runs but I wanted to do something. I couldn't think of anything so I shaved off my hair and raised nearly £1000," said Josie. "I felt over the moon. I felt I'd made a difference." To raise money in the run up to Christmas Josie makes wreaths, cards and gift boxes using the dexterity she developed working on factory assembly lines. Her aim is to do all she can to maintain

Willow Burn's current service. She gives £50 at the end of each stay. But it was not always like this. "When I first came here I cried because I thought I was coming here to die. Then I cried when I left because I wanted to come back. Now when I go home I start to write the date I'm in next," said Josie, who is 63 and a widow who lives in Catchgate near Stanley. "It's the people who work here. They're out of this world. They're special."

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*Josie Fenwick with Willow Burn nursing staff, Liz Malone (left) and Debbie Sprawling (right)*

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# LANCHESTER WI ENJOY THEIR BIRTHDAY OUTING

We set out for our birthday outing on the morning of November 2nd, a beautiful crisp autumnal day. The journey into Northumberland was greatly enjoyed and by the time of our arrival at the Milkhope Centre, we were ready for coffee and some retail therapy. The Centre is situated on the Blagdon Estate and has something for everyone. We enjoyed browsing in the Blagdon Gallery, loved the stylish 'Get Smart' clothing, 'La Cookshop' and the beautiful Home Living store. When we needed a rest, we found the Blacksmith's Coffee Shop a lovely oasis, serving delicious cakes and scones.

Then it was time to make our way to Eshott Hall, near Morpeth. The Hall is a seventeenth century Grade 2 listed building. It was the home of the Carr family, but in the mid 1600s they were ruined



*Everything looked so easy in this cooking demonstration - lobster and soufflé produced by the experts!*

by their financial extravagance and the estate was sold. Various owners came and went, until in 1997, the Hall was given major restoration works, restoring its grandeur. It is now operated commercially as

a stately home offering accommodation, wedding venue and conference facilities. We enjoyed a lovely meal in the magnificent banqueting hall, then settled back to observe two of the hotel chefs present

cookery demonstrations. Lobster and Mango Salad was surprisingly simple when prepared by the expert chefs and we all were invited to sample their delicious Strawberry, Champagne and White Chocolate

Soufflé. The return home through the beautiful Northumberland countryside was a lovely journey and we arrived back in Lanchester tired but having enjoyed a pleasant and interesting outing.

## SATLEY WI

In November, the Annual General Meeting was opened with the singing of Jerusalem. President Pat Gibson welcomed 15 members and WI advisor Sue Fox who was to oversee the election of officers for the coming year. Secretary Aldwyn

Anderson gave the annual committee report and Carolyn Marston the Treasurer's report followed by the yearly summary from the President. Miss Linda Horn was elected as our new President following the retirement of Mrs Gibson.

The Secretary and Treasurer will remain the same with five elected committee members. Kathleen Snowdon won the competition cup for the most points accrued over the past year with Jean Portwood second

and Linda Horn third. Ann Suddes won the raffle. A basket of flowers was presented to Mrs Freda Scott on the occasion of her 90th birthday and outgoing President Mrs Gibson was given a plant

in appreciation of her work over the past year. WI Advisor Sue Fox then gave an interesting look back at all the WI movement has achieved over the last 100 years. The evening ended with a buffet supper.

## THURSDAY CLUB

At our last meeting, alongside a slide show, we heard the story of the 'Gunpowder Plot', a tale of political unrest and religious fervour. A history of the times with no gory detail left undocumented. It was an intriguing story told so graphically by the eminently capable Arthur Dodds, a local historian, who knew his subject

inside out. We sat enthralled. Hearing the tale of the plot, just before the 5th of November, was very pertinent and the message still resonates in today's world, with all the massive worldwide unrest going on all around us. We closed the meeting with a lovely restorative cup of coffee/tea + biscuits.

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

This month we were in Durham at Ask Italian (last time out the lovely converted pub that I obviously assumed you all knew about was in fact Bayberry Hollow in Tanfield village, sorry folks! - absentminded + old age comes to mind). It's very easy to get to Ask from the Premier Inn car park via the lift up to the Gala and it's just opposite - an ideal eating spot when visiting the Gala in fact.

The restaurant itself is very light and airy and we had a lovely round table by the window and were served by a delightful waitress. From the most interesting menu we decided to sample some Zucchini (courgette) frites while our meal was cooking. Starters were Butterfly king prawns and Breads + nibbles, Pane Mediterraneo. For mains we tried Salami misti

prima pizza, Classic pizza Margherita, Rigatoni al manzo piccante and Risotto con pollo e funghi. Puds were Tiramisu, Warm pear tart and Raspberry sorbet. We also indulged with wine, elderflower pressé and cappuccinos. Such a variety of tastes and all were excellent - we really enjoyed our meal. To be recommended - we no doubt, will be back.

**The Gourmet Girls**

# MALING POTTERY - LANCHESTER HISTORY SOCIETY

The November meeting of the Local History Society was very well attended by over 30 members and visitors. David Balls and his wife Kath brought along a large selection of their collection showing the range of pottery the Sunderland and Newcastle pottery produced between 1762 and 1963. There were marmalade jars, tableware, dressing table sets, an invalid cup and a slop bucket! The traditional patterns of flowers including pansies, petunias, godetias on vases, Newcastle scenes

in blue, a very large cup and saucer with a blue and white transfer which missed the chintz colouring that another vase achieved delighted everyone. David explained how they had built up their collection, buying some items from

eBay and his star piece, a Sefton floating flower bowl in plum blossom with a stand and a flower frog from the 1920s, was admired. The audience brought along treasured items and patterns were discussed.

It demonstrated that Maling is still part of our lives though sadly not still in production. The December meeting is a social evening with a quiz and seasonal refreshments. See you there.



Some of the Maling pottery items



Members with their Maling pottery

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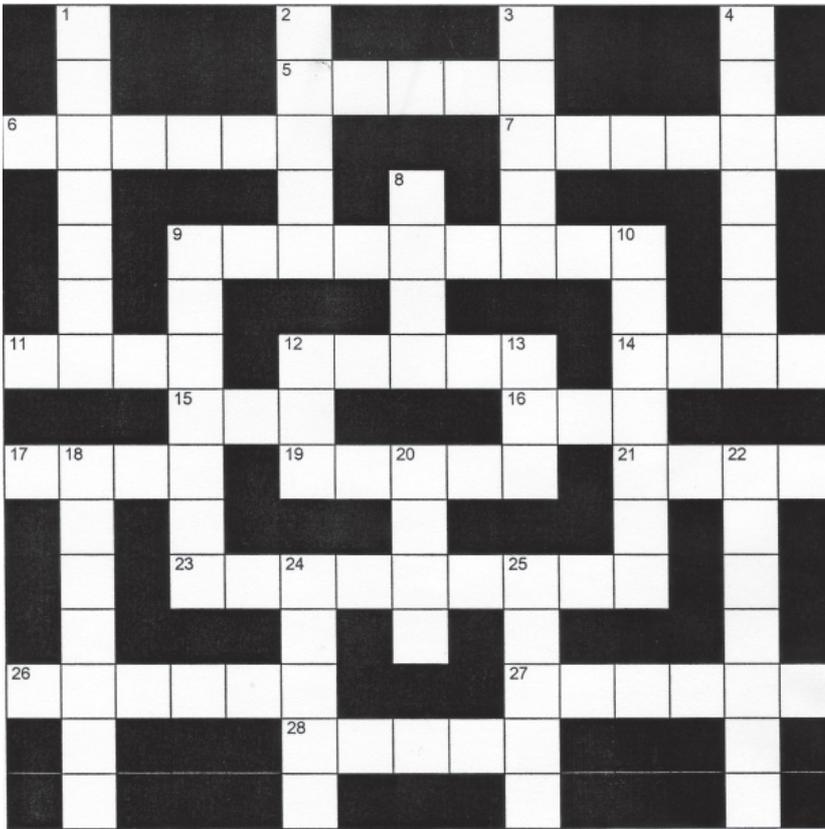
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# CROSSWORD 115



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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

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



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## ACROSS

5. Waterway (5)
6. B l o o d component (6)
7. Help (6)
9. Hair-splitter (3-6)
11. Natter (4)
12. Greek letter (5)
14. Sieve (4)
15. Scoundrel from Mercury (3)
16. Goes with case, ground and hatch (3)
- 17,21. Gesture marking a success (4-4)
19. Finished (5)
21. See 17
23. Denial (9)
26. Region that produces snub (6)
27. Put in (6)
28. Put up (5)

## DOWN

1. Flesh is not generous (7)
2. Point to insincere talk as inadequate (5)
- 3,13,25. Monochrome (5,3,5)
4. Fads fit female line (7)
8. Goes with single, on and nail (4)
9. Nicked (7)
10. Relaxing (7)
12. Mineral found in Lahore (3)
13. See 3
18. Perception sounds as if it is visible (7)
20. S e e d y establishment (4)
22. Car made between 1919 and 1930 (7)
24. Polish (5)
25. See 3

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 114

### ACROSS

6. joule
7. nutrient
10. shindig
11. rescind
12. leaflet
13. elevate
14. extroverted
19. astound
21. Yerevan
23. parched
25. Trieste
26. complete
27. elope

### DOWN

1. ruminant
2. Kendal
3. knighthood
4. stir
5. angina
6. jostle
8. inspect
9. adieu
13. every other
15. touch-up
16. division
17. taupe
18. sneeze
20. torpor
22. railer
24. deem

## CROSSWORD 114

There were only 11 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Peter Bridgewater of Alderside Crescent who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

## SUDOKU

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

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

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

The winter indoor season for the club is upon us (nearly) so an update on our current days, times etc is as follows:

On offer are junior/beginner sessions from 6 - 7 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays followed by adult/improver/leisure sessions between 7 and 9 pm on the same evenings.

The junior section is now in 'full swing' and new

recruits are welcome to come along and give it a go. We are to be involved at Consett Academy to promote a 'satellite club' spreading the sport to a wider audience.

Locally, our primary schools are again invited to 'taster' sessions in November which we hope will give them an insight into fun and healthy exercise in a comfortable environment.

The club committee was delighted to receive a generous donation from Lanchester Dairies Ltd which will go towards venue hire costs helping all members of the community to take part.

Equipment and coaching is free and subscriptions are £2 per hour for members. We look forward to seeing both old and new faces over the year.

F Clarke (Chairman/Coach)

## CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Sunday 29th November will see the AGM of the club and an opportunity for members to take up positions on the committee. Presently the committee is made up predominantly of players and could do with some social members to help run things.

In December on the 19th we have the Christmas feast, a home cooked four course meal with Disco and raffle, with tickets available at £20. You can

get tickets from the club or committee members. Raffle tickets are £1 apiece with some great prizes available including a selection of drinks, Christmas savoury treats, sweet Christmas treats and a Hanley and Swinbank food voucher. With the club appropriately festively decorated, you are guaranteed a great time and your support would be appreciated.

Despite being a quiet time of year, the under 11s are

competing in an indoor tournament and so far have done brilliantly, winning all three group matches with one to go. They should then qualify for the final group stage. Thanks to the refurbishment work at the start of the year, we are getting regular bookings for christenings, birthdays and retirement parties. We don't charge for the use of the room, so if you are interested contact us on 520198.

## ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN



*The bowling club dinner and presentation held at the King's Head provided the opportunity for the 'President's Men' to get together again. Filled with a good meal and a few drinks, Paul Monaghan, Ron Carr, Stan Easten and Ossie Johnson posed for this photograph to remember the match earlier in the season when they were the only Lanchester rink to get a win against the powerful Bowls Durham President's team.*



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# WHAT'S ON?

## Paradiso Social Club

The pre-Christmas Social will be held on Sunday December 13th at 7 pm in the Community Centre. We will start with some festive nibbles, refreshments and raffle followed by a showing of the film 'BABETTE' S FEAST'. This is a Scandinavian film, the story of a tight-knit religious, Danish community who find a Parisian refugee in their midst seeking shelter and work. Her presence has a transformational impact on the community, "a poignant tale told with some humour".

All are welcome. Entry: £2.50 members £3.50 occasional visitors. £2 young persons

## Sunday Bridge

Are you a Bridge player? If you are, why don't you come along to the Community Centre on Sunday 29th November at 2.00 pm for an enjoyable afternoon of Bridge. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits go to the Community Centre.

## Computers4All

In December the team at the Community Centre will concentrate on Microsoft Word tuition.

## Country Market

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

## PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st December at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School.

## Community Centre

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

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## Short Circuit Walks

Venue: **Ponteland, High Callerton and Airport**

Date: December 5th  
OS Ref: NZ163727  
NE209PU

Miles: 5  
Leader: David Moore and Friends  
Phone: 0191285925

A triangular walk skirting Ponteland towards High Callerton and heading towards the airport.

Start/Park at Memorial Hall, Darras Road, 200 yards west of main traffic lights off A696, 10.30 am.

Venue: **Blaydon Burn, Stargate and Pathhead**

Date: December 19th  
OS Ref: NZ185635  
NE215BY

Miles: 4  
Leader: D Armstrong  
Phone: 01914604994

Following Blaydon Burn to Stargate Ponds and on to a restored windmill at Pathhead.

Park at main Blaydon car park, train and bus stations nearby. Meet outside McDonalds., 10.30 am.

## Local History Society

Christmas Social evening with Quiz and Christmas refreshments.

Please bring along and share any old photographs of Lanchester too.

Date: Friday 4th  
December

Time: 7 pm  
Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

We look forward to seeing you all.

## Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 8th December at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre Dining Room and will be followed by a social evening.

## Willow Burn Support Team

As part of Willow Burn Hospice Family Support team's commitment to the local community, they are starting a 12 week Bereavement Support Group which will take place at the hospice. There will be a variety of activities each week including videos, complimentary therapies and refreshments. It is hoped that some of the activities will be at the suggestion of the group members.

The Family Support Service team intends to provide a 6 week Bereavement Support Group at different venues in the surrounding areas, the first of which is scheduled to begin at All Saints' Church, Lanchester, on Monday 7th March 2016, followed by another course at Burnopfield which will begin at the end of May or beginning of June, 2016. It is hoped that subsequent support groups will be held in Stanley, Langley Park and Shotley Bridge. If you know of any suitable venues in these areas at low or no cost please let us, the team, know.

If you are interested in any of these courses, or would like further information, please contact either Janet or Karen at Willow Burn Hospice, telephone 01207 523902.

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Sunday 6th December. Meet at 10.00 am in Malton car park. You don't have to have children to join us.

## Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

## Lanchester Library

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

## Open House

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

## Thursday Club

Our Christmas meeting on December 17th at 1.30pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre has a change to the advertised programme. We will now be welcoming Fools Gold to entertain us + the usual Christmas nibbles+drinks. Look forward to seeing you all there.

## Lanchester WI

Our next meeting on 7th December will be our 'Christmas Night with the Members' extravaganza!. We've welcomed several new members in the last months and this will be their first experience of our seasonal celebration. The meeting will start at 7.15pm with any business matters addressed, then we have a Panto to look forward to. There will be a raffle and a quiz and as always, we will be entertained by the Male Voice Choir singing their usual varied and enjoyable programme. Our members are reminded that we should all bring food items for our Faith Supper, plus a little extra to offer our singers.

Please read your County News for information of future events and take note of our visit to Tennants Auction Rooms in Leyburn next April.

We have enjoyed a very successful centenary. Lanchester WI thanks everyone for their support over the last months. Happy and peaceful Christmas to all.

## Lanchester Social Club

Saturday 5th December KENNY Superb Vocal Entertainer.

Sunday 6th December SUNDAY NIGHT BUSKERS.

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Sunday 20th December SUNDAY NIGHT BUSKERS.

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Sunday 27th December SUNDAY NIGHT BUSKERS.

## New Book Club in the Library

Do You Enjoy Reading? A new book club started in September led by librarian Zena Roddom, which meets on the last Monday of the month at 2.30pm in Lanchester Library.

We have had interesting discussions about each book, its theme, characters and our expectations of the book and the authors, which lead to other subjects too. We then score each book.

The books chosen by Zena have been varied and possibly books we might not normally pick from the shelf. They have included The Choir by Prue Leith, No Time To Say Goodbye by Linwood Barclay and November's book is The Diplomat's Wife by Pam Jenoff. If you are free and interested to join, come along and pop into the library to collect the current read. Because of the Christmas holiday the book club December's meeting will be on Monday 14th.

## Christmas Lunch Get Together

To raise funds for the Village Bus, there will be a Christmas themed buffet held on Wednesday 9th December between 11am and 2.00pm in All Saints' Parish Centre in Kitswell Road. Entry is £3.50 which includes unlimited tea and coffee and as much food as you want (or can eat). Available will be turkey sandwiches, meat pie with mince pies, cakes etc and apple pie and custard to finish. For those who can't carry their plates, there will be plenty of help to get to your table. If you would like to bring your own drinks please do. We will also have a tombola and raffle

The hall is behind the church and the Village Bus will pick you up and drop off en route. Those of you who know Fred will know that he will make sure that everybody gets there and back home safely.

So please come along, bring your friends and let's have a 'bussing' time.

Tickets are available from Fred the driver, the Red Cross shop, Karin Bravington or at the door. If you would like any more information, please phone Karin on 520784.

## Lanchester Playgroup

Lanchester Playgroup Christmas Party will take place in Lanchester Community Centre on Friday 18th December from 9.30 to 11.15am. Come and join us for lots of fun and games, party food and a special visit from Father Christmas with a gift for each child - but only if you've been good, of course! Normal Playgroup charge applies.

## A Celebration of Christmas

Lanchester Male Voice Choir assisted by Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society presents A Celebration of Christmas in Lanchester Methodist Church on December 21st at 7.30pm.

## Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday 9th December is the Advent Evening. We will meet in the Chapter House and go into church for 7.30 pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

## Lanchester Sings

The 'Lanchester Sings' charity concert is once again being staged in the village in the run up to Christmas. It is an evening of Christmas music, songs and carols and will be held in the Methodist Church in Front Street at 7.00 pm on Friday 11th December. The concert will comprise performances by Olivia and Mia Walker-Toward, two young sopranos from the village, a choir from the village EP Primary School and a brass ensemble from Lanchester Brass Band. Other surprises are planned to ensure a wonderful evening of family entertainment. Tickets are available from

the Red Cross shop in Front Street at a cost of £6 for adults and £3 for accompanied children under 13 years which includes a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie. All proceeds from the event will be used by the British Red Cross to fund their work of caring for people in crisis.

## Satley WI

On 14th December there will be a craft evening with Lesley Jerard when members will be shown how to make a Rag Wreath, followed by a Faith Supper. New members and visitors are always welcome to our meetings on the second Monday of the month in the Village Hall Satley at 7.15pm.

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## MEET OUR OWN VILLAGE SUPER HEROES!



*Class 1 enjoyed bringing their heroes to school!*

On Friday 13th November, the students of All Saints' Catholic Primary School were transformed into Superheroes! Captain America, Buzz Lightyear, Anna from 'Frozen', Spiderman, nurses, doctors, firemen, soldiers were all represented, along with several Pudsey Bears, for this Superheroes Day. All the children paid a donation to

portray heroic people. There was a raffle for various Pudsey Bear items and Class 6 planned to cook and sell Pudsey Bear Buns to increase the school's contribution to the cause of this annual appeal for the children's charity. Even the staff joined in the fun!

## NEW EDUCATIONAL PLAY AREA AT LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL



*The attractive Climbing Wall with children thoroughly enjoying it.*

New play equipment has recently been installed at the EP School. The area has been designed with a very soft composite safety floor which should alleviate any potential injuries. Staff are being trained on how the children should use the area which consists of a Climbing Wall, Water Play, a Play Net and a Sandpit. Our photo shows children really enjoying themselves. **More photos on page 12.**

## EARLY DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 8th December. The deadline for **adverts** is 6th December.

## SCARY HALLOWEEN



*Left to right: Megan, Alice, Matthew, Evie and Catherine, with Mums, Amy Bell and Kate Kelly, frightening innocent citizens.*



*Aiden, Matthew and Phoebe Gray looking very scary.*

## BOWLING CLUB PRESENTATION DINNER



*Lanchester Bowling Club prize winners at their presentation dinner in the King's Head, left to right: Jim Howliston, Peter Coulson, Stan Easten, Mike Stoddart hiding at the back, Christine Monaghan, Honorary Member Frank Tonks who presented the trophies, Anne Hurran, Ken Raper and Dorothy Turnbull.*

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