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LANGLEY PARK FIRE



A fire began at a tyre factory next to Diggerland at a Langley Park trading estate on Friday 12th August. It burnt for most of the day and some people in the area suffered from smoke inhalation. All windows in the area had to be closed. A man has been arrested, suspected of arson.



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SHEPHERD'S HUT



A superb Shepherd's Hut built by Alan Elliott for Macmillan cancer charity. See page 10.

MEMORIAL GAMES



Super Sumo wrestling. Ruby Shilcock and Natasha Heslop almost get to grips with each other. See article on page 17.



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice not dwell on it here. With reference to the letter in your last edition from Gregory Blakeman, the CPRL (Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester), Lanchester Partnership and a representative from the Parish Council have met to discuss the outcome of recent planning applications in relation to the Neighbourhood Plan and this letter was also mentioned. Whilst we feel that the choice of phrase 'not the desirable side of the village' is at best inappropriate, we will

not dwell on it here. All these organisations are aware of the possible development above Burnhopeside Avenue and as we all only try to represent the views of the majority of the village, our first impressions and comments, particularly from residents on the other side of the village to this possible development is that they are also against it. That being the case, if and when this ever comes as a proposal we will organise a village meeting and act on what the majority of residents would like us to do.

Yours faithfully, Eric Hepplewhite, Chairman CPRL

Dear Villagers
At the end of August Anne and I are emigrating to Australia and we would like to thank all the people from Lanchester who have sent us cards and good wishes for our new adventure. We have lived in Lanchester for over 40 years and have made many friends, many of them came to our farewell party at the Black Bull on 12th August. We have been asked many times have we any regrets about leaving. Yes, of course we have, but the joy of living near our daughters and grandchildren is the reason we are moving. We have moved from Lanchester twice before to live abroad, but this time is different as we will not be returning to live here again. We will come back one day as visitors so we will just say au revoir.

John and Anne Hurran

Community Draw

Dear Village Voice
Thank you to all who attended my 70th birthday bash at the farm. In total £800 was raised, in lieu of presents, for the Great North Air Ambulance. Chris Emerson

The winning number in the Community Draw for July is 102. The draw was made by B McDermott.

Lanchester Village joins online Twitter community!

Our goal is to utilise Twitter as another way of communicating online in a timely and effective way in order to inform Lanchester residents and other interested businesses and stakeholders with a snapshot about some of the things that matter to us and are considered important and significant to our community. Our Twitter profile reads, "Supporting a thriving, successful and sustainable

Lanchester village community within rural County Durham, North East England". Our Twitter address is @LanchesterVill So the next time you're online, why not look us up - better still, follow, retweet, reply and like us! We also use the hashtag #lanchesterisgreat for things that really impress. We look forward to hearing from you, @LanchesterVill David Friesner

Deliverer Wanted

The opportunity has once again arisen to join the dynamic team otherwise known as the Band of Brothers or Village Voice Deliverers. The round offered is considered a dangerous one so nobody over the age of 90 will be considered. You will need to deliver to the not fully explored area of Lanchester known as Lee Hill Court where dangerous wildlife and tribes may be encountered, so you will be supplied with the appropriate arms and equipment necessary to

complete the round in safety. Appropriate training is available if required. The round is 50 papers once a month. Many thanks to Liz Hurst who leaves the post after many years proudly bearing the scars that her previous encounters with the locals have left on her, but she remained undaunted to the end and we are assured that recuperation should be complete within the year. Our thoughts and prayers go with you Liz and come back for a visit soon. Contact Mike Stoddart on 520291 if you feel up to the challenge.

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FOUR LANCHESTER LADS MAKE HENRY'S MUM'S DAY!

On Sunday 31st July a special service was held at Lanchester Methodist Church. Harry Carson, Cameron Hume, Joe Hume and George Grimes made their friend Henry's Mum, Jane Natrass, their Godmother.

The service had to be created specially for this unusual situation. Deacon Tracey Hume

officialiated and explained to the congregation that the young men and their families wanted to make sure that there is a life-long link between them and Jane. The lads are heading off to University in the Autumn and it was felt that this was a lovely way to ensure that this remains the case.

Jane says, "I couldn't believe it when I was asked to take up such an honour. Henry clearly had great taste in friends and I'm genuinely moved by what they've chosen to do!" There was much joy and laughter at the service which shows how much good there is in Lanchester's young people.



Jane Natrass with Deacon Tracey Hume and Jane's four new Godsons.

BLACKBURN TO BLUE HAWAI'I IN 50 YEARS



David and Suzanne Ward cutting their cake at Beamish Park Hotel.

David and Suzanne Ward have recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married at St. Gabriel's Church, Blackburn, Lancashire on 18th June 1966 and came to live in Lanchester in 1976 with their two sons Adam and Jason. A surprise party was given by the Derwentside Werdohl Friendship Club where they have been members since 1993. This was followed by a family party

at the Beamish Park Hotel with superb entertainment by Jane Westwater supported by her husband. Later David and Suzanne set off on their private celebration to the USA firstly visiting San Francisco then Hawai'i and finishing in New York. David and Suzanne would like to thank all their family and friends who have made their 50 years of marriage so happy and memorable.

NEWBIGGEN LANE APPEAL INQUIRY

The planning application for 149 new houses on the edge of the village at Newbiggen Lane has been rejected. The planning inspector, Kay Sheffield, dismissed the appeal by Story Homes following the inquiry held in the Community Centre in April. The planning application was first submitted over two years ago in 2014 and, after various amendments, was refused by Durham County Council in June last year. More than 1500 letters of objection were received. Story Homes appealed against that decision resulting in the inquiry. The inspector judged that the development would result in significant harm to the character of the landscape and some harm

to visual amenity and that overall the proposal would not represent sustainable development. Her appeal decision also dealt with other matters that were of particular concern to residents. With regard to flooding, she had no reason to conclude that the development would exacerbate the flooding experienced in the village and that by using the opportunities offered by new development, the causes and impacts of flooding could be reduced. On highway matters, she was advised that the local highway network could satisfactorily accommodate the additional traffic. With regard to schools she had no substantive evidence that the capacity of local

schools could not be increased and Northumbrian Water had confirmed that there is adequate capacity for new foul drainage in the wastewater treatment plant. Although the outcome of this appeal is what many people hoped for, the approach to future housing provision in Lanchester has still to be resolved. This important issue will be addressed in the coming weeks by the Parish Council working group who are preparing proposals for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. It will involve a very careful look, not only at the built up area of the village itself, but also of the whole Parish - what areas of the

countryside are of high significance, which views should be protected, how do we safeguard the small hamlet communities? No part is less significant or less desirable than any other but can they be effectively protected while still ensuring we remain a

vital and vibrant community? Your opinions will be sought again as the Parish Council starts to tackle this difficult topic and shares its suggestions with you through public consultation during the autumn.

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owner to ensure these horses are secured in the fields correctly or moved to a more appropriate location to prevent further disruption for motorists.

On Saturday 20th August between 2-4 pm PCSO Lisa Jackson will be hosting a free bicycle marking at Malton Picnic Site, Lanchester. Everyone is welcome so please come along.

On Tuesday 13th September at 7.15pm PCSO Lisa Jackson will be attending the Lanchester Parish Council meeting. If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to come along. The meeting will be held at Lynwood House, Durham Road. Alternatively you can telephone us on 101 or email lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

SEASONAL FLU

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

be vaccinated. It is therefore advisable for these groups to be vaccinated against the flu. Please remember to inform the person giving the vaccination if you have an egg allergy, had a previous adverse reaction to a flu vaccination or if you are feeling unwell. Lanchester Medical Centre will have the flu vaccine available from Monday

26th September and will run through to early 2017, however it is advisable to have your vaccination as soon as possible. Child Nasal Flu vaccinations are available for children aged 2 years and over, but under 5 years on 31st August 2016, and will be available from early October 2016. Contact your local GP practice for further details.

LANCHESTER PARKING

Over the last few months, Rachael Smith of Durham County Council's Traffic Section has been consulting with residents, business owners and Lanchester Parish Council with regard to introducing some limited waiting bays in Lanchester Front Street. It is hoped that the proposals will increase short-stay parking availability in the village for shoppers and create a higher turnover for businesses. As well as limited waiting bays, it is proposed to

introduce a disabled bay on Front Street and to mark out all on-street parking bays individually so that parking becomes more uniform and drivers are more likely to only take up one space to maximise parking availability. These proposals will be advertised in the local press, on-site and online (<http://www.durham.gov.uk/Statutorynotices>) in the near future. Should anyone wish to object to the proposals, they should follow the instructions on the adverts to do so.



This photo from one of our readers shows another disgraceful example of parking in Lanchester. How can pushchairs and wheelchairs possibly get through here?

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for work and life while taking on new challenges and adventures, learning new skills, making new friends and contributing to their community. The group in the photograph are from local areas. They provided an Afternoon Tea between 12.00 - 4.00 pm on Saturday, 30th July, at Croft View Hall. This included sandwiches,

cakes, pastries and choice of drink for £3. They provided as well four stalls: Name the Teddy, Raffle, Guess the Sweets in the Jar and Kid Crafts. They seemed to be a very happy group, fully enjoying the experience of meeting new people who attended the event. Any profit made was donated to Willow Burn Hospice Wood Project.



Young people taking part in the National Citizen Service, advertising their Afternoon Tea at Croft View Hall.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR THE HURRANS



John and Anne Hurran said a final goodbye to their many friends at an informal buffet function at the Black Bull on Friday 12th August. Those at this occasion were mainly drawn from the Bowls Club, Bridge Clubs and Badminton, with some long term members of the Lions Club. John made an impassioned speech in which he described the move to Australia as their last big adventure. They are making a tour of Lancashire and the Midlands to visit family and friends before their departure in early September.

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VINTAGE TEA

Julie Richardson, Lindsay Crack and Justine Harrison organised 'A Vintage Tea Morning/Afternoon' at the Community Centre on Saturday 13th August, to raise money in support of KIDSCAN.

The room was very nicely laid out with traditional china teapots, cups and jugs on the tables. On offer were some delicious homemade cakes and scones. Money raising ideas included a high quality craft stall, a raffle, tombola and cake table. There seemed to be a steady flow of people to support the event.

The organisers have been supporting this charity for a considerable time. KIDSCAN is a hospice for children with cancer

located in New Delhi, India. One three week visit has already been made and another will be made soon. Whilst there, Julie and Lindsay train staff, work and teach skills on the wards putting in very long shifts. Both Julie and Lindsay have a vast experience of nursing care, having spent their careers working in this type of environment. Peter Richardson undertakes general maintenance work which is always needed, as conditions are very poor. Locals neither have the ability nor inclination to carry out the work that Peter does. Whilst at home Lindsay is able to Skype the staff at the hospice to give advice and training. £4000 has been raised so

far and has been sent to the hospice for the provision of Air Conditioning Units and £400 has been sent to provide clothing.

Julie and Peter Richardson would like to thank all who came to their fundraiser. Every penny of the fabulous total will be spent on the children and their families in India. They would also like to give huge thanks to the army of volunteers; without them this event couldn't have taken place. Also many thanks to those who donated items for all the stalls and raffles and special thanks to Lanchester Dairies, Lanchester Wines and Denmark Foods of Stanley Market for their kind donations.



Left to right: Jean Thompson, Pru Kitching, Lindsay Crack and Julie Richardson.

OUT AND ABOUT IN DURHAM

A popular night spot in the heart of Durham City is built on the remains of the old prison under Elvet Bridge. The bar is called 'Jimmy Allen's' marking the name of its most famous prisoner, Jimmy or James Allen. He has become a romantic, Robin Hood kind of character over time, but was a man with many vices. He was born about 1733, became an adopted member of a gypsy clan and was taught the Northumbrian pipes by his friends. He became a very talented musician, enjoyed the support of the aristocracy and was made the official piper to the Duchess of Northumberland.

Jimmy Allen also had his faults, he drank too much, he gambled and he enjoyed the company of ladies, charming them before stealing from them. He became involved in cattle rustling and joined the British Army, probably to escape from a growing number of enemies. Having enough of army life, he deserted, was caught and imprisoned. He

escaped for a second time and fled to Edinburgh, where he was locked up yet again. He again made his escape and legend tells that he fled abroad, making a living from his pipes. In 1803, back again in England, he was accused of stealing a horse in Gateshead. He was tried in Durham and sentenced to death. This was reduced to life imprisonment and for the next seven years he was held in the House of Correction.

The prison was a fearful place, housing felons of all kinds and the families of debtors, who had to remain there until what was owed was paid. Conditions were said to be among the worst in the country and Jimmy Allen languished there until he was found dead at the age of seventy seven. A pardon had been issued by the Prince Regent, arriving three days after his death. It's claimed Jimmy's ghost can still be heard playing the pipes, and other mysterious shadows and shapes have been seen in this sad location.

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IT'S A STITCH-UP!

The ladies of Lanchester Sewing Bee have had a very busy summer. Several members entered Lanchester Show industrial section in knitting, sewing, art, photography and baking and came away with 4 firsts and 2 seconds.

Spurred on by this success we went on to enter Slaley show on 13th August. Clare Bayliss, Glenda Gray, Helen Fox and Sue Smith attended but also took entries from Roseanna Peters-Brunetti and Pauline Bates.

The day was overcast but, with the exception of a short sharp shower, remained dry. We did not anticipate a huge success, after all we were novices in this game and there were some pretty impressive entries. Following the judging

we eagerly returned to the industrial tent to a big surprise. Glenda got 1st for patchwork quilt, and 2nd for felted picture. Helen got 3rd for patchwork bag. Clare got 1st for landscape photograph and 3rd for sausage rolls.

Pauline got 1st for knitted scarf, and 2nd for crochet shawl. Roseanna got 3rd for knitted scarf. Sue got 2nd for cross stitch picture, and 2nd for knitted baby cardigan. Bellingham folk can relax as we missed the deadline for entries for their show.



Left to right (back row) Clare, Sue, Helen, Roseanna, (front) Glenda and Pauline, showing off their awards at their Sewing Bee meeting last Monday.

TORRENTIAL TUESDAY IN MOLLUSC FILLED MUGGLESWICK

Soggy enthusiasm was apparent in the hardy Lanchester Wildlife group participants on our field trip to Comb Bridges, Muggleswick on Tuesday 9th August. Luckily we had the right person with us for the weather. Malcolm Birtle

has a particular interest in slugs and snails and is regularly surveying the Pennine area for these and his other passion - solitary bees. Despite the weather clearing there wasn't much moving but molluscs. We struck lucky at the lime kiln with 3 species of snail. They

need the limestone (Calcium Carbonate) to make their shells. The other two snail species found were far more challenging on the eyes, one Malcolm Birtle found on a piece of dead wood was just a couple of millimetres.



Wildlife Group members identifying the molluscs at Muggleswick.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

Helen, our Chairperson, warmly welcomed everyone to the July monthly meeting which was held on the 27th. The demonstrator for this month was Wendy Smith from Durham, a well-known flower demonstrator who has visited our club on many occasions. Wendy chatted as she produced some lovely colourful arrangements on the subject of Travel, all so different, which were raffled at the end of the demonstration to the



Wendy Smith who produced many different and wonderfully coloured arrangements.

delight of the winners. Once again the ladies of the club enjoyed a relaxing and very entertaining afternoon. Tea and biscuits were then served along with convivial conversation.

“What beautiful pink flowers in such an idyllic river setting.” Don’t be fooled!

Yes, Himalayan Balsam is that plant with the lovely pink flower that looks like a dragon’s head. It continues its invasive path into, through and beyond Lanchester. I’ve been working (with a small group of other Lanchester residents - see compilation photo on front page) this summer to manage outbreaks of this Balsam so that it doesn’t destroy those special areas of Lanchester we all cherish. I’m realistic that we can never remove it all. However, we can all ‘pull, crush and stamp it out’ in some areas so that it

doesn’t threaten, overtake and change some habitats forever. Dora’s Wood is a lovely spot by the river, you may think. However, you will see the Balsam on the opposite bank, in the river, and it has now jumped over into Dora’s Wood. Closer inspection shows that it has also now recently jumped the circular path in Dora’s Wood and is heading towards the railway line! So the next time you see it, think twice about stopping to admire it, instead ‘pull, crush and stamp it out!’. Every little helps. David Friesner

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY - ‘IN LATINIS’

History Society member, Brendan Hodgson, a former student at Ushaw College gave an interesting and personal account of his time at Ushaw and a brief history of the College and its developments. St Cuthbert’s College opened in 1808 and remained a seminary for the Northern District and school until 2011. The College grew to at

least three times its original size. Monsignor Charles Newsham, the 5th President of the Seminary brought in Augustus Pugin, J & C Hansom and Edward Pugin to build and remodel several chapels, the Exhibition hall, the library, the Junior House, the museum, the infirmary, the laundry, kitchens, laboratory, the Bounds Walls, the farm and the

cemetery cloister as well as to carry out numerous alterations and additions to existing buildings. Brendan explained how the school pupils progressed through to the College and the importance of School Order, which depended on your Latin results each year! He reminisced how this affected where you sat in the chapel, refectory, dormitory

and later your choice of rooms. School Order was announced at the ‘Reading Up’ in the Exhibition Hall at the end of the school (each year). Brendan’s presentation included old photographs of the different rooms in the college and a YouTube video of the game of ‘Cat’, a ball game like rounders and handball, which is unique to the College. Following on from the talk, thirteen members of

the History Society visited the College the very next day. Brendan and the Archivist gave us a guided tour of the library, main rooms and chapels. We learnt how the rooms were used and why there are so many chapels and the history of some of the artefacts. And also that ‘Vera’ was filmed on site! The tour ended with tea and cake in the tea rooms. A big thank you to Brendan for sharing his knowledge, time and wit.

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LANCHESTER WI IN AUGUST



Louise Wright showed us some of the gorgeous costumes worn on stage in productions at the theatre.

President Marie Murphy opened our meeting, welcoming everyone and again reminding us to check the Information Table carefully for details of social and WI events. It's once again time for members to begin thinking about possible Resolution topics for

2017, suggestions please at the September meeting. October sees our national Speak Up Week of Action, when we celebrate the people, places and things we want to protect from climate change. Events nationwide will bring the topic to the attention of the public. Our branch

has sent a cheque to support the work of the Associated Country Women of the World, and WI diaries and calendars can now be

ordered for next year. Final numbers and payments for the Autumn Council Meeting had to be submitted and a reminder was given about the Meeting's competition, a Bouquet in Recycled Materials. Lyn Swift, Chairman of DCFWI (Durham County Federation of Women's Institutes) then addressed the meeting, describing her work within the WI and relating some amusing anecdotes. She looked forward to the DCFWI's centenary year and invited members to forthcoming events at WI House. Tracey Dobson and Jean Forster were raffle winners and Jessie Goodall and Ann Grosvenor won the competition.

Louise Wright then spoke about the origin and history of the Little Theatre, Low Fell. Hope, Ruth and Sylvia Dodds started the idea of a local theatre and the project eventually came to fruition with its opening in 1943. We enjoyed a virtual backstage tour of the Theatre and heard about some of the personalities and their work which has made the project so successful. Louise also brought some of the beautiful costumes and accessories which had been used in some of the productions and spoke of the dedication and hard work of the members of the theatre group. It was a fascinating look 'behind the scenes' of this local treasure.

THURSDAY CLUB

Our July meeting welcomed Christine Ruskin to give us a talk and slide show on 'Disappearing Farms of Weardale', a topic about which Christine is fervently passionate. Listening to this fascinating talk it seemed quite amazing that so many farms and buildings could be lost over so short a period of time. We had members of our group who had actually lived in some of the places mentioned. It was a very nostalgic evening which produced some lively discussion between audience and presenter.

The evening closed with refreshments as we got to talk to a few new members and visitors who joined us for the night. We look forward to September when our meetings resume once more and when we shall be finalising the details of our coffee morning to be held on October 27th in the Dining Room of the Community Centre. This is a fundraising effort in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance - tickets available from members for just £1 - a great way to help this worthwhile cause and spend a pleasant morning meeting friends.

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THE SHEPHERD'S HUT MADE FOR CANCER

(See photo on front page) After losing a friend to cancer Alan Elliott wanted to raise money for Macmillan Cancer. First he organised a tractor road run from coast to coast starting at Seaham and finishing at Silloth collecting money along the way, while pulling a shepherd's hut that he built to stay in, over a week. That raised a few thousand pounds towards Alan's goal of £10,000. Alan had another idea of building a shepherd's hut to auction and all proceeds going to Macmillan. They had 5 weeks to build it ready to be auctioned at Flookburgh Steam Fair. With the help of the Suddes family from Lanchester and other people helping and

donating equipment and labour, the hut was built on time. The journey started with a day at Seaham to collect money and back to Lanchester. The journey started again on Thursday 28th July with an overnight stay at Shap, pulling the shepherd's hut and a few tractors joining in. On the Friday they arrived at Flookburgh Steam Fair where they collected for Macmillan over the next few days and people were made aware of the auction on Sunday. Quite a bit of interest started to build with people having a good look around the hut and commenting what a great idea it was. The committee at Flookburgh held the auction while all the steam engines were in the arena and the people who wanted to bid sat in the grandstand. The auction started and went way above what anyone expected selling at £4,500, to everyone clapping. Over the past 3 years Alan has raised more than £10,500 for Macmillan Cancer while being unwell himself. What a great achievement.

FA CUP DRAW PRESENTATIONS



Peter Stevens (Social Club) presents a cheque for £437.50 to Paul Jackson, representing Willow Burn Hospice. Richard Young (Social Club) presents exactly the same amount to Jane Natrass (Henry Dancer Days). The money raised was from the annual FA Cup Draw organised on behalf of Lanchester Social Club, by Mike Stoddart, Social Club member.

FUN DOG SHOW FOR VILLAGE BUS

Once again Lanchester Partnership is holding an afternoon of fun for dogs, owners and friends, in Lanchester Community Centre on Sunday 25th September. Judging will start at 2pm but entries will be taken from 1pm. There will be pedigree, non-pedigree and novelty classes. New this year will be a

Fancy Dress Class, so get your thinking caps on and your sewing machines out! The judge for the pedigree and non-pedigree classes will be Kim Dundry from Rowlands Gill, who breeds, shows and judges mini long-haired Dachshunds and also has German Shepherds.

Judging the novelty classes will be our own Canon Spence. All proceeds from the show will go towards the Village Bus Fund, so we hope we will get a good turnout as we did last year, when all the dogs were well-behaved and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. All dogs, owners and friends very welcome.

Schedules will be available from the pet shops and the vets in the village, the Post Office and the Community Centre. Any enquiries to Mavis Datta on 01207 528814 or 07582194442.

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VINTAGE TRACTOR WORKING DAY

Sunday 14th August was like a typical autumn day but ideal for the work day ploughing event at Newhouses Farm, just outside the village. There were about 50 or so tractors on display with roughly 25 or so actually ploughing on this very large site. Some drivers were experienced farmers, but some of the others were tractor enthusiasts and had bought tractors simply for a hobby.

Among those, were Bernard White, Russell Parker and John Burdon, all local and live in the village but have a love of the countryside and enjoy mixing with the farming community. John Burdon, former Sewage Engineer, had been ploughing for just two years and was thoroughly enjoying himself driving his 1963 Fordson. Some of the tractors on display were remarkable

in their condition for the age they were and made a fascinating, colourful sight when all grouped together.

At the entrance there was a raffle to raise money for the club, also 'Ada's Hot and Cold Food Van' supplying the farmers and visitors with refreshments. Secretary of the club, Maxine, would like special thanks to go to Ada for providing this facility.



Cody Brown, front, with lots of Vintage Club enthusiasts.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fresh Fruit Salad

A fruit salad is nicest in the summer, when there is so much fruit available and this one seems to have the right balance of flavours and textures. If you don't like rum, you can replace it with fresh orange juice.

Serves 8 people

- 1 pineapple
- 2 bananas
- 2 Cox's apples
- 2 pears
- 2 oranges
- 8 oz black grapes (225 g)
- For the syrup ...
- 4 oz caster sugar (110 g)
- Half pint of water (275 ml)
- The juice of 1 lemon
- 6 tablespoons rum

First, make the syrup. Place the sugar and water in a small pan and let the sugar dissolve over a gentle heat. Bring to the boil and simmer for a minute, remove from the heat and add the lemon juice, then tip into a serving bowl to cool. When cold, add the rum. Prepare the fruits - peel the oranges, divide into segments and add the segments to the syrup in the bowl, then toss well. Rinse and drain the grapes and cut each one into half, removing the pips before adding to the syrup.

Slice the top off the pineapple and cut away the sides and the base. Then slice the pineapple across and cut the slices into segments, adding them to the syrup. The apple and pears need to be cored but leave the peel on and slice directly into the syrup. Leave the bananas to last, as they discolour the quickest, slicing them straight into the bowl. When all the fruit is in, toss everything in the syrup. Cover the bowl with clingfilm and chill in the fridge before serving. Serve with your favourite topping.

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SPORTS DAY FOR EP NURSERY AND RECEPTION



Good weather helped the Nursery and Reception children enjoy their Sports Day.

It was not raining. Not a single umbrella in sight. Hurray! Nursery and Reception children had a lovely day for their annual Sports Day. These children are all a delight to watch, as they do everything with such enthusiasm. There were eight designated activities, set out on the playing field for different

groups of children. Each of the activities required different skills and were very much enjoyed. After a certain length of time doing each activity, a loud whistle indicated that they were to move forward to the next. The children were all winners as they completed each on by so many parents,

carers and family members. Children love to see the adults they know and love encouraging them on the sidelines and of course the adults really enjoy seeing their little ones taking part. Playing a big part in the success of the Sports Day were pupils from the upper school. They were

designated to one of the groups and explained what the children had to do. They were so patient with the little ones and so encouraging. When all the activity was over, Mrs Davis said how well they had all done, before she and other members of staff presented a lollipop and a certificate to the nursery children. Reception and Year 1

were presented with a lollipop and a very nice carrying folder which contained several excellent books to read. These were kindly given free from 'The Book Trust'. This marked the end of Sports Day for the youngest children in the school and a very enjoyable occasion it had been for everyone. Brenda Craddock



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Limbering up before the start.

as an alternative if the rain arrived. Luckily, the day was dry and bright and many relatives were on hand to support the events. Children dressed in the colour of

The weather was extremely changeable and anxious eyes were on the skies on July 8th, which was the school Sports Day. It was held at Lanchester Cricket Club, their House cheered on their friends and a great day was enjoyed by all.

I manage a community football team (Deerness Valley Hurricanes) who are about to go up to Under 12s (that's the age group who have just finished Year 6 and are about to go to secondary school). Boys in the team come from all over North West Durham, with several from Lanchester. We have a great group of boys, the emphasis is on fun, participation and development. We don't do 'trials' - because the emphasis is on fun. We aren't bothered what position children play in, or whether they have played in a team before. I think that this is one of the reasons we have been able to progress from Division 9 to Division 3. If anyone is interested in joining (or knows someone who may be), please contact Martin Walker on 07954099737.

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MORE SPORTS



Ball control skills being demonstrated by pupils at the EP School Sports Day.

It was not raining! Two days in a row! How lucky this was for the Sports Day of Years 1 to 6 at the EP School on July 14th. This Sports Day was more competitive, as the children are older and each of them is in one of four school teams, which compete for excellence in all aspects of learning and school activities. The teams are Normans, Romans, Saxons and Danes and each team was in their 'House Colour'. There was a distinct air of excitement to the afternoon which as always was very well supported by parents, childminders and family members. The format for this day was the same as for the younger

pupils on the previous day, in that there were a number of different activities set up in a circular arrangement and every group of pupils had to do the activity before passing on to the next. There were twelve activities, including egg and spoon control, skipping, throwing the javelin, (not the real thing of course!) long jump, golf club ball control, and running in a sack. All the pupils were so enthusiastic, entering wholeheartedly into whatever they had to do. Some of the activities required scoring and winners were selected. The pupils with the highest scores then had to compete against each other and

they performed with excellence. The races were very exciting especially when parents were invited to take part, first mums and then dads. Finally the staff, including Mrs Davis ran a three-legged race, which is not easy, but a great effort was made and there was great cheering. The races finished, the pupils moved to the concrete area, where Mrs Davis announced the winner of the four teams. "And the winner is ... NORMANS". There were very loud cheers for the delighted Normans and on this happy note another successful Sports Day came to an end. Well done everyone.
 Brenda Craddock



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David Filmer, with children Ellen and Andrew, wait for their coffee to be served by Ray and Val Hill who are enjoying their cuddle. The pair organised the coffee morning in the name of Churches Together, to raise money for Prayer Cards in the community.

RED CROSS COFFEE MORNING



A Coffee Morning organised by the Red Cross took place on Friday, 29th July, at the Methodist Church. Ladies in the photo are right to left: Dorothy Beadling, Lynn Hodgson, Brenda Gibson, Marjorie Gray and Betty Walton.

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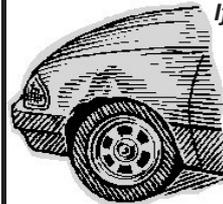
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LIBRARY SCAFFOLDING



The scaffolding seen outside the Library has been there since March, with workmen only being seen there on a few days during March. The Village Voice has had enquiries as to the reason for the delay in removing it, as it has caused some difficulties for people with pushchairs, wheelchairs etc. Hopefully it will be gone by the time you read this, as Durham County Council Highways Department have now contacted the scaffolding company concerned and asked for it to be removed.

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SUMMER SPECIAL HOLIDAY CLUB

It's not too late! There are still a few places left for primary age children to participate in the Summer Special Holiday Club organised by Churches Together.

Linking with the Olympic Games, we will be holding the 'Global Games' at Lanchester Methodist Church every morning (9.45 till noon) from Tuesday August 30th to

Saturday September 3rd, followed by a Celebration on Sunday at 10.30 to which everyone is invited, however young or old they feel. Bring a picnic

for afterwards because it's bound to be sunny. 'On Your Marks' will include songs, games, drama, craft activities, challenges, magic tricks, bouncy castle, refreshments, outdoor games - and all this for only £15 for the whole week. Coach Claire and

her team will be leading the children through this exciting time. Booking is via email, s.earl@hotmail.co.uk or via www.lanchestermethodistchurch - or by phone 520604. Hurry - and make sure your child doesn't miss out!

DURHAM CITY RUN



On July 22nd Durham CC held a 5k and 10k combined run around the city, beginning in the Market Square and finishing at the Palace Green. Several people from the village were spotted among over 2000 runners who entered and our photo, foreground, shows Michael and Leslie Lee who completed the 10k.



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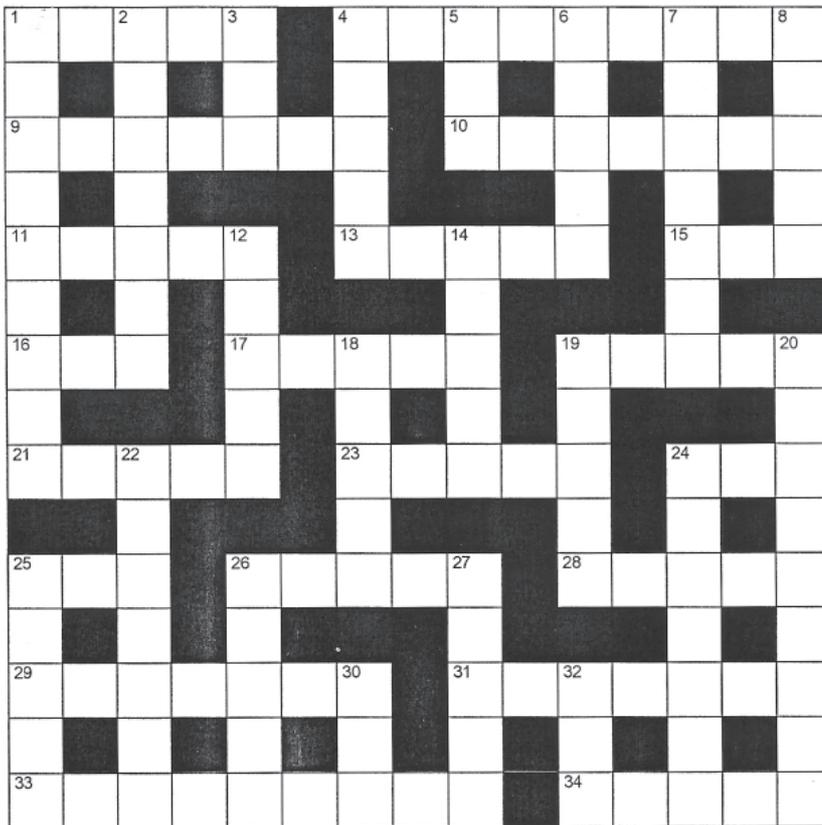


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CROSSWORD 124



ACROSS

1. Site of WWI battle in 1917 (5)
4. Disliked (9)
9. Home ground (7)
10. Planet (7)
11. Criticize severely (5)
13. Call-up used in scan for disease (5)
- 15,26d. Lame ducks (3-5)
16. Goes with dead, game, up and loose (3)
17. Spectre (5)
19. Curia becomes golden (5)
21. Understood (5)
23. Cards used for fortune-telling (5)
24. See 14
- 25,26a. New York borough (3,5)
26. See 25 across
28. Irish terrorist (abr.) (5)
29. Sceptre is source of esteem (7)
31. Goes with waste, fusion and fuel (7)
33. Officer responsible for the ship's maintenance (9)
34. See 30

DOWN

1. Hornet bar is despicable (9)
2. Change a product's appearance etc. (7)
- 3,12. Bide one's time (3,5)
4. Whenever (5)
- 5,6. Wind instrument (8)
6. See 5
7. One who is amused (7)
8. Scottish dances (5)
12. See 3
- 14,24a. Boy who would not grow up (5,3)
18. Surpass (5)
19. Misbehave (3,2)
20. Open space used for public gatherings (9)
22. The Clintons' daughter (7)
24. Important dietary constituent of meat (7)
25. Pulsate (5)
26. See 15
27. Noble gas (5)
- 30,34. Afternoon knees-up? (3,5)
32. Tease (3)

Name _____

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

CROSSWORD 123

There were just 14 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Mrs M Taylor of Brookview who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 123

ACROSS

1. premise
5. banish
9. ageless
10. sign off
- 11,3. dry ice
12. convolvulus
13. thong
14. lots of fat
16. beady-eyed
17. lurch
19. hydroponics
- 22,25. hot air
23. achieve
24. evasive
26. invent
27. portend

DOWN

1. plaudit
2. every now and then
3. See 11
4. Essen
5. bespotted
6. Negev
7. spoilt for choice
8. offset
12. cagey
14. lay to rest
15. ogles
16. behead
18. hothead
20. obese
21. ice-up
25. See 22

SUDOKU

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

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DEREK HESLOP'S MEMORIAL GAME

This took place at Ashley Park on Sunday 14th August. A group of lads who drink at the club played a cricket match against Consett Rugby club. The club team call themselves the Bees Knees, aptly named and dressed appropriately, after the bees tattooed on Derek Heslop's knees. Derek was such a well known popular character that the day in his memory was really well supported and was a perfect way to celebrate his life. This was the third time the match has taken place.



Well known Lanchester man, Jamie Bates, took time out from his career flying around the world as a Champion Kick Boxer and Model to support his late friend Derek Heslop at the Memorial Cricket Match, sporting, or even modelling a Bees Knees T-shirt.

The day began at about 2.00 pm and went on until around 6.00 pm. It was very much a family day with a bouncy castle for children, sumo wrestling outfits for children and adults to wear and compete, plus a rodeo bull which all enjoyed, especially the spectators. The BBQ looked excellent with a good variety of food and was busy throughout the afternoon.



The teams together

During the afternoon money was being raised for Great North Air Ambulance who

responded to Derek's accident nearly three years ago, from which he died very soon afterwards. The

match which was played in a very convivial atmosphere ended with a win for the Bees Knees.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

We haven't been to the Badger at Ponteland for a while, so that's where we headed last time out. A lovely spot and part of the Vintage Inns Group - always a good place for a relaxing lunchtime venue, with quick service and friendly staff. They had a new menu out which we weren't too sure about but eventually chose to eat a Prawn cocktail for a starter. Main course was Chicken pie with spring

onion mash and veg, Fish and chips with mushy peas, a Caesar salad, Steak and ale pie with creamy mash and two of us had a Pizza, one was a ham and pineapple, the other continental meats with caramelised onion - served on wooden platters, long thin based pizza worthy of an Italian restaurant and to be recommended. Puds were Eton mess, mini Eton mess with a cappuccino,

Bramley apple pie and a mini Sherry trifle with coffee. All our meals were thoroughly enjoyed. We then proceeded to put the world to rights with Boris being a main component of the conversation. We don't usually get political at the 'Gourmets', but it was a most enjoyable discussion. I'm sure we'll return to the more mundane next time out - or maybe not!

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WHAT'S ON?

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 7th September 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.

Fun Dog Show

Sunday 25th September in Community Centre. Entries from 1.00 pm; judging starts 2.00 pm. Refreshments, raffle, rosettes and prizes.

Country Market

The September Country Market will be taking place in the Methodist Church on the SECOND Saturday in September - 10th. After that the markets should return to their normal first Saturday in the month.

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club to be held on September 15th, at 7.30pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre will be a talk given by Noel Adamson entitled 'In the footsteps of the Brontes'.

Community Centre Activities

Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 8th September from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, starting 9th September, Fridays, 7.00 - 9.00 pm; 12th September, Mondays, 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

Needlecraft

Starting 14th September Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday September 5th in the Community Centre at 7.15. Susan Howard will speak about the History of Handbags and the competition will be to design a Handbag for the year 2050. Members are reminded to check on future diary dates every meeting - details and lists on the information table. There are vacancies on the committee at the moment, please enquire if you'd like to be involved, or to volunteer in another way. Remember to post ideas for interesting outings etc in our suggestion box. The Christmas visit to Castle Howard must be paid by October and ideas about 2017 Resolutions will be welcomed at this meeting.

Library Book Club

The group will meet on Monday 26th September from 2.30-3.30pm to discuss 'Between a Mother and a Child' by Elizabeth Noble. The reading group read a variety of books chosen by Zenna Roddom, our Lanchester Librarian. If you are interested, then pick up a book from the library and join us.

Macmillan Cancer Tea

My Mam (Betty Calland) and I will be holding an afternoon tea on 30th September for Macmillan Cancer between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm at our home. Hope you will come and support us and Macmillan Cancer. Ann Rowe

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 1st September 11.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Paradiso Social Club

The first Social of the new season will be held on Sunday September 11th at 7pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be refreshments, a raffle and a film show at 7.30 pm. The film we are opening the season with is 'BRIDGE OF SPIES', starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance, directed by Steven Spielberg. This is a dramatic cold war thriller set against the backdrop of historic events in 1960s Berlin. It tells the story of the tense negotiations over the recovery of U2 pilot, Gary Powers. All are welcome. Members pay £5 annual membership and subsequent ticket entry of £2.50, occasional visitors ticket entry £3.50, Young persons ticket entry is £2. Entry ticket is a raffle ticket which covers the raffle, refreshments and film show.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 18th September. Meet 9.30am in the Community Centre car park.

Folk Concert

Come to Lanchester Community Centre for a great night of Folk and Country Music on September 24th. Tickets are still available at Lanchester News, the Community Centre, or via Ian Tute on 529286. The price is £5, (or £6 at the door); all profits are for Henry Dancer Days and the Community Centre.

Lanchester Writers

Lanchester Writers meet in Lanchester Library every Tuesday 2 - 4 pm during school term time. New members are welcome.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be the first after the summer holidays on Wednesday 28th September at 2pm in Lanchester Community Centre, everyone is welcome. The Demonstrator will be Kath Gibson and her theme will be 'The Splendour of Nature'. The cost for a relaxing and pleasant afternoon is £3 to visitors so please come and join us.

Lanchester Social Club

Friday 2nd September FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING
Saturday 3rd September PETERSON Vocalist
Sunday 4th September Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 9th September FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING
Saturday 10th September COLIN McGANN Vocalist
Sunday 11th September Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 16th September FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING
Saturday 17th September KATHERINE STONE First Class Vocalist
Sunday 18th September Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 23rd September FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING
Saturday 24th September CHRIS SMALL Sensational Male Vocalist from Scotland
Sunday 25th September Sunday Night Buskers

The Big Macmillan Coffee Morning

This event will take place at the Community Centre on Friday, 30th September, from 10.00am until midday. There will be Coffee/Tea, Cakes and a Raffle. Please support this extremely worthwhile cause! Everyone will be made very welcome.

Art Exhibition

The Lanchester Art Group will hold an exhibition of their work in the Community Centre on Saturday and Sunday October 15th and 16th. With a 50p admission charge the exhibition will be open from 10.00am until 5.00 pm both days. Refreshments available.

Durham Dramatic Society

Present 'Enter a Free Man', a comedy by Tom Stoppard, which will be performed at The City Theatre, Fowlers Yard, Durham, on Sunday September 18th starting at 2.30 pm and then Monday to Friday (19th-23rd) at 7.30 pm. Tickets £7.50 from the Gala Theatre, Durham (2 weeks before) or at the door.

Local History Society

Subject: AGM followed by 'Colliery Doctors in the Nineteenth Century' Presentation Speaker: Marian Morrison
Date: Friday 2nd September Time: 7 pm
Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.
*Remember subscriptions will be due. After the AGM, wine and nibbles will be served and a talk from Marian. If you are interested in local history come and join us. Visitors are always very welcome. For more information contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on 13th September.

Mammal Web - a look at footage captured via camera traps throughout the country and research results for this joint project between Durham Wildlife Trust and Durham University. The speaker will be Vivien Kent, Durham Wildlife Trust.

COMPETITIVE TIME AT TENNIS

As the summer tennis season nears its conclusion, there are still several competitions to be settled at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club. The Ladies team, who this season, surprisingly found themselves placed in a higher standard league, have acquitted themselves well. They have won 2 and lost 3 matches, the last one by only one game. With one match remaining, they are currently in a good mid-table position and should remain in their division.

Following a terrific mixed doubles tournament in July, Michelle Ridley and Dennis Laycock were crowned the new champions for 2016. The ladies and men's doubles and the junior competitions will be resolved in early September. We look forward to some exciting matches.

The coaching sessions are continuing at the club until the end of September.

Please contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278 for any information regarding the club.

FIGHTING FIFTH

It's not often a sporting club will celebrate finishing fifth in a competition but we at Lanchester Bowling Club can enjoy our finishing position in the Tuesday league. The reason is that this is our development team and represents the future of the club. Last season we struggled and came last in the league but this season we have earned more than double last year's points. Things look good for the future of the club but we will miss two of our members, Anne and John Hurran, who are emigrating to be with their family in Australia. We will miss them as good bowlers and also for the good work they have done in the club's administration, Anne as the club's Treasurer

and John as a member of the committee.

The Monday team finished in a disappointing sixth place but we are looking forward to doing better in the League Cup.

As we go to press we can report that we have made progress into the semi-final of the Tom Burleigh Knockout Competition with an unexpected victory over Leadgate.

Finally we must not forget that bowling is principally a social sport. This is no more evident than in our much enjoyed annual friendly game against Birtley. This year the game was even more enjoyable because it was played in lovely sunshine. The result of the game is not important but let's whisper that we won.

The photo right shows the Under 11s: coaches - Dan Nicotra, Stuart McPhail, Alan McPhail; kneeling - Sam Small, Jack Morris, Charlie McPhail, Ethan Connelly, Sam Lee, Dan Scott; front - Josh Cottam and Ben Rayner. Missing - Tom Deaville.

CRICKET NEWS

What a fantastic ten days for the club, as three trophies were secured by three different sides. The first team started the haul of silverware when they picked up the Tyneside Charity Bowl at Tynedale. Facing the hosts in the final, Lanchester set a testing target of 143 with Dan Nicotra making 49 and Graham Brinton 37. Sixteen year old Arran Halliday opened the bowling and took 3-11 in his five overs to destroy the top order. Tynedale battled gamely but with Graham Brinton taking 4-34, they fell 19 short of our total. This trophy is one of the hardest to win, with the inclusion of some NEPL clubs.

The under 18s then claimed the league title, albeit by Annfield Plain conceding the final game. They will share the title with Stocksfield, but Lanchester were only deprived of winning the title by themselves due to a rained off match with bottom club Greenside. The lads beat all the other main contenders including Stocksfield to be worthy title winners. The only disappointment amongst the wins was a cup final defeat for the second team at Stocksfield. They let Stocksfield get a few too many runs and in reply ended up 12 short in a

gallant chase led by Liam Haney's unbeaten 69. Then the third title was secured when our Under 11 side completed an unbeaten league season when they comfortably beat Leadgate. Ben Rayner 29 and Sam Small 23 were the top scorers. Leadgate started well but then our bowlers got on top and restricted them to 67-5 with Dan Scott and Charlie McPhail taking two wickets each. It was great to have two parent led spontaneous barbecue parties on the Tuesday and Sunday following those league title wins and a lot of thick heads following the first team win.



Under 18s: back row - Alisdair Nairn, John Lawson, David Selby, Arran Halliday, Chris Halliday, Connor Hunt; front row - Keanan Proctor, Chris Tully, David Barnett, David Killeen, Andy McConnell (coach). Absent - Jack Franklin, Francis Guthrie, James Kime, Chris Shadforth, Mattie Butler.



BOWLING AT BIRTLEY



Lanchester bowling team outside the Birtley Club pavilion where they played a friendly match. The couple in the centre are John and Anne Hurran who are shortly leaving to live in Australia.

TENNIS FINALISTS



Mixed doubles winners Michelle Ridley and Dennis Laycock and the runners-up Janet Strong and Paul Gardiner.

LANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB WIN THE TYNESIDE CHARITY BOWL



Lanchester Cricket Club won the Tyneside Charity Bowl on Friday 22nd July for the first time in its 93 year history, beating Tynedale by 20 runs at their home ground in Hexham. The competition is entered by numerous Premier league teams and other top teams from various leagues in the area so winning it was a proud moment. We were backed by amazing support from the village, outnumbering the home fans, which helped us put in such a good performance. Coincidentally Lanchester Dairies sponsored the final for which we are grateful. We will be making a small donation of the winnings to a local charity.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 20th September. The deadline for **adverts** is 18th September.

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