

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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STOP PRESS NEWBIGGEN LANE PLANNING APPEAL

The Planning Inspector has given
her decision:

**‘THE APPEAL IS
DISMISSED’**

More information in next month’s edition

LANCHESTER SHOW



*Breeze and Chambellini enjoy a grooming session.
See page 7 for article.*

OFF TO THE PROM!



*Three friends since attending Lanchester EP School, about
to set off for their St Bede’s ‘Prom’ to be held at Beamish
Hall. Left: Chloe Taylor, Casey Coxon and Erin Densham.*

SEAFARER’S SUNDAY AT ALL SAINTS’ RC CHURCH



*The Red Ensign, the British Merchant Navy flag, and a model of the Blue Funnel Line vessel MV Ascianus in front of the altar
in All Saints’ Church. See page 7 for article.*

**TWO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS REFUSED
BY COUNTY COUNCIL** See page 4.



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice
Since I moved to Lanchester nine years ago I have always found it to be a warm and welcoming place. Since the EU referendum, I have had a couple of conversations in the village where it has become apparent that some residents who come from other countries feel that the UK wants them to leave. Since the country voted to leave the EU I have been shocked how it seems some people feel it is now OK to express certain levels of racism. I

work outside of Lanchester and have been disappointed by the comments I have heard from people while at work, many offering divisive sentiments which I thought we had left behind with my childhood in the 70s and 80s. We will see in time if the decision to leave the EU is a good one for our country but there can be no doubt it has had a profound effect on society. My favourite quote is from Martin Luther King Jr which is "Evil only succeeds when good people do nothing". I just wanted to speak out to say to my fellow citizens of Lanchester, who happen not to have been born in the UK, that I really value you making our community richer and more vibrant. Over the years I have had many friends from different cultures to my own and this has enhanced my life. I obviously only speak for myself, but I hope I

echo the sentiments of the majority of people in Lanchester, by saying it saddens me that you may not feel secure here any more. Our society is changing and I feel more than ever it is important to voice loudly positive words of love and tolerance so that together we may have a chance of making a truly great Britain.

Sonia Filmer

Dear Village Voice
It has come to my attention of another proposed development, to the field rear of Burnhopeside Avenue and the side of Peth Bank.

I do not suppose there will be much opposition, as this is not the desirable side of the village, so they will get planning permission without much objection. I will object when it comes up to the planning stage, the traffic is bad enough on Peth Bank and new housing would make it even more dangerous at the road junction with the 691.

Yours faithfully
Gregory Blakeman

Dear Village Voice
With reference to the photograph in last month's issue of the path and bollards at the top end of Alderdene, there has been a right of way there for eighty plus years that I know of, and was rarely used. I wonder were there ever any council notices posted to say there was the intention of laying this path? I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiment in the paper that it is bizarre because it has not only been laid once, but twice within a few weeks. When funds are supposedly so short, the money would have been better spent on paths which a great number of villagers use and are in need of attention. The two bollards could have been put to very good use to prevent parking on the public footpath at the front of our War Memorial. Not only cars and vans are parked there; I have even seen a trailer with a For Sale notice on it.
A Tait (Mrs)

Dear Village Voice
Last month's issue contained a photograph and letter about the well-used Newbiggin Lane to Alderdene footpath. The writer suggested there was something bizarre about the goings on. Nothing bizarre about it. Only part of the footpath was relaid, and may I add very badly. Within 2 weeks grass, weeds and dandelions were protruding through the newly laid tarmac. This was due entirely to poor workmanship. Prior to laying tarmac on subsoil the area should be treated with a pre-emergent herbicide and this obviously was not carried out, rendering the footpath useless and a waste of taxpayers' money. And what about the bollards? They have been set so far apart that vans, pickups and cars are using the footpath as a shortcut. This action is not helped by the fact that there is no turning area in Alderdene.
Mrs Clare Lamb

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for June is 21. The draw was made by L McDonald.

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Dear Village Voice
 In memory of my wonderful Dad, Eric Burns
 We would like to thank all neighbours and friends who helped us raise £275 for Macmillan

in their first 'Summer Lights', on 25th June. Although the weather was against us, we still managed to light candles in between the showers and had a great night.
 Dianne and Graeme



Macmillan Summer Lights in memory of Eric Burns

Dear Village Voice
 'Such a lovely man ...' words written onto the majority of some 200 cards received when I lost my lovely husband and best friend, Colm Doyle, to lymphoma in February. Despite us having only lived in the village for 12 years, he was already held in real affection by many people here. Colm's outgoing personality well fitted him for work on those various charitable committees that develop and strengthen our community. He could stay calm in a crisis, draw people together in raising funds or goodwill, sing to anyone who would listen and bring fun to the soberest of meetings.
 With no close relatives in the immediate area, my daughter and I have been perhaps more heavily reliant than most on the kindness of our local community. I had to write today to set down our enormous gratitude for the breadth

of compassionate support shown to us by the people of Lanchester. I hope that in doing this, others with few relatives around them may take heart from our experience in the face of griefs or challenges of their own. I would like to give special mention to the professionalism and humanity of Dr Fiona Keenan and all her angels within the specialist nursing and palliative care team, as well as the high quality care offered by Lanchester Medical Centre, the beautifully sensitive pastoral support offered by St Bede's RC School and the dogged compassion of Fr Spence and Fr Park in walking beside us, as they do for so many in our community, in our very darkest days.
 To all our Lanchester friends and neighbours, your kindness will never be forgotten.
 Thank you.
 Yours sincerely,
 Margaret Doyle

NEW DELIVERER

This month we welcome a new deliverer for the Village Voice who will deliver to The Garths and The Square area of the village. Many thanks to Jim Rafferty for volunteering so please say hello and make him welcome on his new round.
 Joyce Whitfield has decided after many years to retire from the round so our thanks and appreciation go to Joyce

for the dedication she has shown to the task - she has hardly missed a month in all the time I have been involved so she will certainly be missed.
 I understand one or two on this round had extra copies to send to relatives so if you let Jim know, then I am sure he will continue doing this as long as he knows which houses are involved.

BAPTISM IN THE BROWNEY



Rev Gavin Hume baptising his son in the River Browney.

A large gathering assembled at the river on Sunday 26th June at 3.00 pm to witness the Baptism of Cameron Hume.
 There was a short moving service on the riverbank led by Rev Gavin Hume, former minister at Lanchester, assisted by his wife Tracey, a Deacon in the Methodist Church. During the service Cameron outlined the journey through his faith. Many references were made to his life in the village and the differences when the family moved to Wickham. It was a mature, sincere delivery in which he recalled various spiritual occasions during his life.
 The Baptism followed very quickly with Rev Gavin immersing his son

into The Browney Theology at Durham University in the October term this year. After the service friends gathered at the picnic area in Malton, enjoying the food and socialising.

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TWO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS REFUSED BY COUNTY COUNCIL

A meeting of the County Council Planning Committee held on 30th June considered the Applications for development on Land West of Cadger Bank and Land South of The Paddock.

For Cadger Bank the Senior Planning Officer, Steve France, summarised the site location and characteristics and gave details of the Application to build 52 homes. Responses from consultees were listed - there were no objections from Police, Drainage Department, Coal Authority or Northumbrian Water, but major concerns from

Historic England, Conservation Department, and County Archaeologist citing irreparable damage to the Scheduled Ancient Monument (Roman Fort and its designated surrounding area). The extensive comments from the public consultation were summarised:- damage to the fort, traffic issues, loss of countryside, flooding, over development, etc.

Mike Wardle for the Parish Council and Mike Gladstone made formal statements which emphasised non-heritage aspects considered detrimental:- outside development limits,

highway safety issues, pedestrian access and flooding/drainage and its disruptive excavation work. Amy Ward, for Barratt Homes, stated that this is a sustainable development, not in a green belt, that will contribute to housing supply and will cause no significant harm to local archaeology.

Mr France summarised that this is a single issue decision and the Planning Officer's view is that harm to the heritage asset of the site outweighs the presumption in favour of sustainable development, and so recommended refusal of the Application. Councillors supported

this and voted unanimously to refuse the Application.

A similar procedure was followed for the Application for erection of 14 houses adjacent to The Paddock. Mike Wardle and Councillor Ossie Johnson made statements and public objections were summarised - the main issues being destruction of trees, detrimental to the landscape, no need demonstrated, destruction of existing property and prolonged disruption if self-build houses. Mr J Taylor, for the applicant, listed points in favour, summarising that the

proposal satisfies all the objectives of a sustainable development and there were no objections from consultees.

In this case, the Planning Officer's view was that the presumption in favour of sustainable development outweighs any disadvantages and Mr France recommended that the Application be approved. Councillors acknowledged the rationale for this, but expressed concerns about further development and encroachment into the countryside and subsequently voted to refuse the Application.

LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 14th June 2016 - approved.
Planning Meeting on 29th June 2016 - approved.

Police Report - received.

Correspondence

1. **Deric Youth Bus Project** - Members were informed of the project.

2. **Letter from resident - grass cutting and litter on Lanchester Valley Walk.**

Agreed that the information be passed to the County Council for action.

3. **Information from resident - concern about height of kerbs at crossing points.**

Agreed that the information be passed to the County Council for action.

4. **Pension - automatic enrolment** - information received.

Area Action Partnership (AAP) and Parish Councils Committee (PCC)

Dates and times for the next PCC and AAP meetings were provided.

Members were informed that the joint purchase of fly tipping cameras by the Parish Councils was now likely to go ahead. The cameras would be managed and maintained by the County Council.

Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Wardle and Chris Phillips, members of the working group, provided an update.

The draft Heritage Audit should be available in July.

The Conservation Area Appraisal has now been approved by the County Council. It was agreed that several copies are requested.

A full day workshop led by Planning Advice Plus has been arranged for 20th July. The workshop will focus on producing a 'Topic Paper' for each objective/area of the plan. This will involve pulling together all the evidence and information available to produce options to achieve the plan objectives.

Members were informed of details of a County Neighbourhood Plan meeting which had taken place on 7th July. Representatives from the County Council planning team had attended and presented information on the County Durham Plan Issues and Options paper. The meeting provided the opportunity to network with other Town and Parish Councils on the Neighbourhood Plan process and share information on progress. County Durham Plan - **Issues and Options Paper** Members considered a response to the County Durham Plan Issues and Options Paper. It was agreed to forward the response to the County Council.

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

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.15pm at Lynwood House.

POLICE REPORT

Over the last month we have been targeting antisocial behaviour in Lanchester after an increase of calls was received regarding the Durham Road/Denese side area. Additional patrols have been conducted and no further incidents have been reported to Police. Information was also received that young adults were congregating alongside the beck opposite the Green School, believed to be smoking drugs. Patrols have been conducted during peak times identified by the informant and no youths have been located. The waterside has also been checked and no evidence could be found to suggest drug activity was taking place.

On 14th June we received a number of calls to Police regarding a group of people in Lanchester selling artwork door to door claiming to be disabled. As a result five people

were arrested for fraud and are currently on Police bail.

Community Speedwatch equipment has been deployed on Cadger Bank since the temporary traffic lights have been removed. So far 12 vehicles have been caught speeding. Maiden Law continues to be targeted by our Road Policing Unit. Our camera van and laser speed equipment has been deployed and so far 50 drivers have been sent on speed awareness courses, 5 have received conditional offers (court or fines) and one driver has been sent directly to court.

On Saturday 20th August between 2-4 pm we will be hosting an Operation Spoke free bicycle marking event at Malton Picnic Site on the Lanchester Valley Walk. If you would like to get your bike security marked for free, please come along. PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

ST BEDE'S CENTENARY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On the morning of 1st July, a service of commemoration was held for the fallen at the Battle of the Somme 100 years ago.

A large gathering of pupils attended this moving ceremony led by Chaplain Kirsty Hutchinson. There were a number of readings and prayers delivered by members of the staff and the first verse of Abide with Me was sung by Associate Assistant Head, Jennifer Roscoe, with the remainder of those present joining in. Some heart-rending entries from the diary from one of the fallen,

Private William Roberts DLI, were read, and St Bede's student, Jacob Lloyd, played the Last Post.

The Standard Bearers from the Royal British Legion were Graham Meek, formerly a Sergeant in the 1st Battalion of the Grenadier Guards and now a Technician at the school, and a former pupil at St Bede's and member of the Royal British Legion, Sophie Brown.

A single wreath was laid by the Chaplain in memory of all those many thousands of men who gave their lives at the Battle of the Somme.



Some of the younger pupils who attended the ceremony.



Jacob Lloyd who played the Last Post.

LANCHESTER COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

The Community Centre has reached the end of an era with the retirement of Arthur Maughan, so I'm speaking to you as his recently elected replacement. Truthfully, no single person could replace Arthur and the Executive Committee has agreed to share many of the responsibilities that Arthur undertook. So a huge thank you to Arthur for everything he has done to build up and maintain the Community Centre and much gratitude goes to Bob (Secretary), Carol (Treasurer) and the other members of the Executive Committee, John Wills (Vice Chairman), John Musson, Elaine and Alison (the Manager); all will continue to play their part in the Centre's future. Thanks also go to Harry who was our IT expert; we will all miss his expertise. As Arthur said in his last letter, the Centre has made a small operating profit which has been

reinvested. We have reserves in the bank but can't relax and there are issues which need to be addressed. In these stringent times, bodies that we have relied on in the past do not have the funds to distribute as easily as they could. Our future must rely on the revenue the Centre gains from operating. This does mean that it must do as much as possible to support the community it serves and the community needs to support activities the Centre provides, but we must ensure we offer what the community wants, so any ideas no matter how off-beat will be welcomed. We may not adopt everything

but we can explore the possibilities. You could help support the Centre by becoming a Member or Friend or enter the Community Draw - it's only £1 a month and you could win up to £50. And don't forget our community gym. Unlike many gyms, there is no long term commitment so you can try for a single session, a week or a month to see what fitness feels like. It's open 7 days a week, excluding Bank Holidays, from early until late, so whether you're younger or older the opportunity is there. **Bernie Fox, Chairman**

THE SOMME

Today, the army asked for more,
He was just seventeen, when he walked out the door,
"Everyone's fine", he would write and say.

Son, please write you're coming home,
Our thoughts are with you, for what you've done.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Who would have thought that the world could change so much in such a short time. It used to be said that a week is a long time in politics but at the moment it seems like an hour is a long time in politics. In little over four weeks we have seen David Cameron leave No 10 and we have a new Prime Minister. We witnessed Ministers Gove and Johnson appear to take one another out in the Conservative leadership and Andrea Leadsom walk away from the contest and my Party is in

no better place. Labour have had 60 resignations from the Front Bench in 2 days, including my own. The Leader was then massively defeated in a vote of no confidence by his own MPs and yet he refused to go, and a young woman and friend was shot and stabbed to death in the street outside of her surgery, just doing her job as a local MP. A long and difficult four weeks.

In the midst of all this I have decided that I will stand down as your MP at the next election, which could come as early as

October this year or may be as late as May 2020. Representing the constituency of North West Durham, the people that I grew up amongst and have lived with, has been both a privilege and an honour. I think that it is unfortunate that my decision not to stand at the next election has become conflated with stories in the press about death threats and internet abuse but my decision was taken in order to give my local Party time to choose the candidate they want in North West Durham.

This is not nearly as sensational or newsworthy to the media as death threats and I had always intended to do no more than two terms in Parliament, but I do confess that I have found the last six months very difficult. The role of Shadow Europe Minister put me at the centre of the referendum storm, a referendum that has been incredibly divisive, dividing families and communities and I have found it bruising in many respects. It has had a significant impact on my family as well as on me, as

I am sure it has had on many of you.

However despite the last six months I have, mostly, enjoyed my time as your MP and the vast majority of constituents have been a pleasure to meet and serve. I hope to remain your MP until 2020 but will continue to offer the services of a constituency MP until the next election and for the avoidance of any doubt as things have a tendency to appear in an unintended way, I remain fully committed to the role for as long as I hold it.

Pat Glass MP

TV APPEARANCE FOR ELIZABETH WHARTON



Elizabeth Wharton was interviewed in Lanchester for BBC Look North on the day that Theresa May became Prime Minister. It transpired that Elizabeth knew Theresa May from her two years or so in the village living at Meadow Way, when she was put forward by the Conservative Party to fight for the North West Durham seat in 1992, held by Hilary Armstrong MP, now Baroness Armstrong. Theresa May was a regular visitor to All Saints' Parish Church and sometimes read the lesson. Elizabeth wrote to her to wish her luck in the recent election.

Another interesting fact - one of Mrs May's opponents in 1992 was Tim Farron, now Lib Dem Leader.

MINERS' GALA HERE WE COME!

If you were doing your Saturday shop in the village at 8.30 am on July 9th, you would have been surprised to see a number of people tucking in to bacon butties, ordered in advance from Cooplands, just beside the bus stop on the green. Eating their breakfast al fresco? Yes. Why? They had travelled a two hour journey, to take part in the Miners'

Gala in Durham. There were two buses, one in which their Brass Band was travelling and the other in which the 'Stone Monkeys' Sword Dancers were travelling. Mr Ossie Johnson was mingling among these visitors, to welcome them to County Durham and of course to our lovely village, and there was a great feeling of

camaraderie among them all. They were looking forward to the day ahead. Lanchester Brass Band also took part in the Miners' Gala and they, as always, had a great time there. They will also be playing at the newly refurbished Wharton Park in Durham on August 14th and would love to see you there.

Brenda Craddock



The Stone Monkeys and Lanchester Brass Band enjoy their bacon butties.



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THE NEW LANCHESTER SHOW

The sun shone for the new Lanchester Show on the morning of Sunday July 3rd. Long streams of traffic headed along the A691 towards Newhouses Farm and it was obvious that the day was going to be a very popular event and a great success.

The Lanchester Agricultural Society had worked hard to renew the show, making it a more varied and inclusive venture, a mixture of competitions and activities, a truly local show for local people. Horse classes included jumping as well as showing for the first time in several years. Cattle, sheep, goats and 'fur and feather' creatures were shown and there was a petting zoo and a dog show to please the crowds.

There were many activities for children, a climbing wall, archery and face painting, as well



Naimh checks the winners in the 'Fur and Feather' categories.

as exhibitions in the Industrial tent for adults and children, with author Terry Deary awarding the prizes for Juniors.

Lanchester Vintage Club presented a wonderful vintage tractor display. There was a chance to taste and buy artisan bread and pies, stalls sold animal feed, hats and clothes, crafts and there were many food outlets with an excellent range of victuals for the hungry crowds. Hall Hill Farm

presented the Great Lamb National Race and there was a very popular Farmer's Market to tempt the visitors.

The organisers of the Show deserve many congratulations for introducing so many new items to the event. There was something for everyone, young and old, and on the evidence of today, Lanchester Show will go on from strength to strength!

SEAFARERS SUNDAY IN ALL SAINTS

Sunday 10th July was Seafarers Sunday in All Saints' Catholic Church when thanks and prayers were sent to those and their families who make their living from the sea worldwide.

A collection was organised in support of the Apostleship of the Sea (or Stella Maris as it is also known) which provides a place for seafarers to visit in most ports around the world where they can phone home, talk over problems they may have or just relax in an atmosphere that is removed from life aboard. Having served at sea myself, I know how important these missions can be to seamen and it would be a miss if they had to close for financial reasons as they are indeed threatened in

today's climate. In some ports the Stella Maris and the Missions to Seamen (which is the Protestant equivalent organisation) have amalgamated to cut costs. It goes without saying monies received are welcomed. For those interested, the photograph on the front page shows the Red Ensign, the British Merchant Navy flag and a model of the Blue Funnel Line vessel MV Ascanius which traded between the UK and the Far East.

All Blue funnel line ships were named after classical Greek figures and they did not get any more royal than Ascanius, being the grandson of Priam on his father's side and Venus on his mother's side.

Mike Stoddart

CHURCHES TOGETHER PRAYER CARDS

It's now 15 months since we started sending out prayer cards. In that time we have delivered to Lanchester, Burnhope, Holmside, Maiden Law, Hollinside, Malton and Hurbuck Cottages. Thank you to all our many willing volunteers, for all their hard work in delivering them. Thank you too for all those who have responded to them. We are now considering a second round, but we need time to set this up and to think about how we can improve. Your suggestions/comments would be most welcome. You can do this by jotting them down and

dropping them in the prayer response box at Lanchester News in Front Street.

Also, we are having a coffee morning on 13th August at Lanchester Methodist Church, to help to raise awareness and to help finance the next round of cards. A suggestion box will be made available for your comments.

In the meantime, please be assured of our prayerful support. Your requests can be submitted at any time - you do not have to wait for another prayer card. Also, you can continue to use our website - prayer@lanchestermethodistchurch.org.uk.

CURATE ORDAINED



Curate Ali Miller, of All Saints Parish Church, was ordained a Priest at the Ordination Service at Durham Cathedral, on Saturday evening, 2nd July at 5.00 pm. Ali celebrated her first Eucharist Service at church, 10.00 am the following day, where she received gifts from the congregation.

A Faith lunch was held in the Chapter House in her honour.

Our photo shows all smiles from the Miller family.

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EP SUMMER FAIR

The Fair was reminiscent of the Lions Club Carnival when it was held at the school. There was loud lively music and so many things to do and look at.

The commercial activities were really good and much enjoyed. They included a Tea Pot Ride, a huge Blow up Slide and an area for playing Tag Rugby. Diggerland transported a huge yellow digger which also was extremely well used, with lots of children scampering over it throughout the event.

There were about a dozen or so various stalls which included

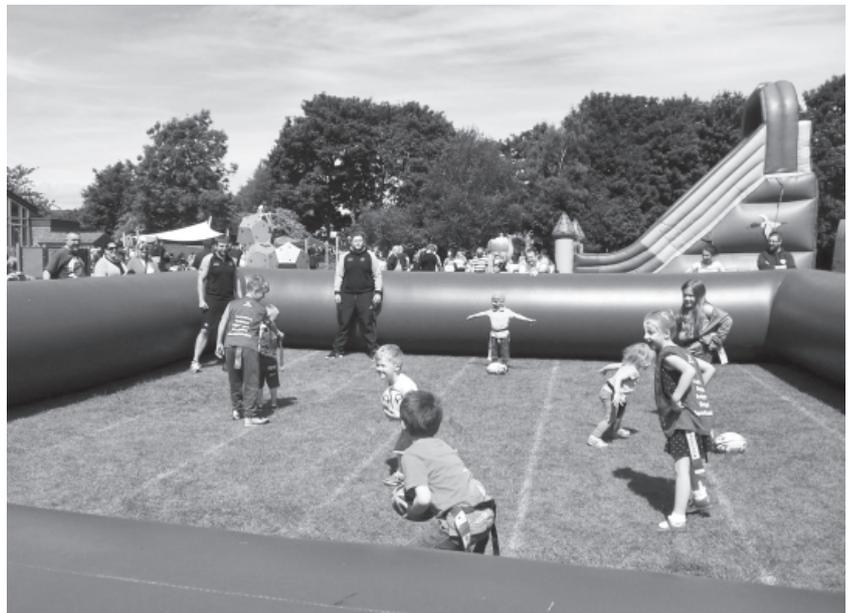
tombolas and products for sale. Face Painting is a must at this type of fair and three Face Painters were kept busy for most of the time. On the field were the traditional Coconut Stall, Lasso stall, and Hit the Tins off the stand, plus Throw the Ball in the hole.

There were also separate stands for Hot Dogs, Candy Floss, Popcorn, and Ice cream available - ideal on a warm day.

Probably the most used activities cost very little and were provided by the school. They were the Soapy Slide where sometimes 10 - 20 children kept sliding down time and time

again with one of the teachers hosing it down to keep it slippery. Always popular too, and no exception this time, was 'Soak the Teacher' in the stocks. Various teachers including the Head Teacher and Deputy took their turn in the stocks. They certainly lead by example at the EP School! It was a very warm day and they all seemed quite happy getting absolutely drenched.

It was certainly a well organised event which raised a massive £1740 towards development of the outside school play area.



Tag Rugby was very popular with the youngsters.



Bit of cheating going on here with Mr Graham getting very wet.

ALL SAINTS' SUMMER FAIR

The gamble came off! It was difficult for the organisers to decide whether to have the Fair indoors or outdoors on the afternoon of Friday 24th June. Despite the pessimistic forecast they decided outside and got a full hour before a light rain shower began, as did the mass exodus.

It was a great atmosphere - very like a small carnival. There was Football Shooting, Archery and Space Hoppers for the children to enjoy as well as all the usual stalls. It was lovely too for the adults, with tombolas and various purchases to make, but this was very much a child centered Fair with most of the activities and stalls set up with children in mind. It is impossible to name all the activities in the space provided but they included: Hook a Fish, Toffee Apples, Popcorn, Lucky Bags, Goodies Galore, Lemon Drop, Guess the number

of sweets and plenty more things to occupy the many children there. Top prize for adults was the Grand Draw which undoubtedly contributed greatly towards the takings.

It was a very successful afternoon which made an excellent £1580.57 for the school.



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PLAYGROUP FAIR



Smiles all round at this table.



An attractive looking cake stall with obvious admirers.

The Fair was held at the Community Centre on Saturday 2nd July. The few stalls on view were really good and included a Tombola,

Cakes and Toys along with refreshments. The hall was extremely

busy - far better than the last time the Fair was held, and the

profit was £230 to go into their much needed funds.



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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

The Open Evening Meeting on Friday 24th June in Lanchester Community Centre was once again a great success.

The Demonstrator was Margaret Earl; her theme was 'Travel'. Everyone enjoyed a lovely evening. Margaret cleverly began with the wheel, being the beginnings of early movement then progressed with some fabulous arrangements to show how we have moved on with cars, trains, boats, aeroplanes then finally

space rockets. We then enjoyed light refreshments, tea and coffee. The lovely arrangements were then raffled to the delight of the winners. Gillian Harrison and Jane Pegram also joined us bringing their home produce Country Market Stall - a big thank you to them.

In June the club also enjoyed a lovely Summer Outing to the gardens of Val Guest, a well known flower demonstrator at Hurworth near Darlington. The funds Val

and helpers raised was to be given to the Air Ambulance. The weather was warm and sunny, a real summer's day. We visited Blackwell Grange Hotel for lunch, and everyone agreed the food, service, friendliness and professionalism of the hotel staff was exceptional. We then went onto the beautiful gardens where we enjoyed a lovely cream Strawberry Tartlet and soft non-alcoholic drink which looked very like a summer Pimms, served by Val and friends.

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Flower Club members on their outing to Val Guest's garden at Hurworth.

GREETING SUMMER WITH WILLOW BURN'S FAIR



Early crowds explore the stalls at the Fair.

Willow Burn Hospice held their Summer Fair on July 2nd. The venue was St Bede's School and the weather changed constantly over the morning. Crowds gathered early and found a great variety of stalls and many activities indoors and outside. A lot of

handcrafted goods were in evidence and they were all produced with care, imagination and flair. Crafted garden and kitchen signs, toiletries and jewellery, plants, toys, books, handmade cards, cakes, jams, knitted goods, all attracted the shoppers, who then took the chance

to take a refreshment break after their retail therapy. Tombolas, raffles, balloon art, lucky ducks and archery ... there really was something for everyone. Throughout the day, there were visits from Rusty McNutty, the new Face of Willow Burn. He is rapidly gaining fame and now has

his own Facebook page to keep in touch with all his friends. At last, the threatened showers appeared, but everyone had a great day and wise people heeded the warning that Christmas wasn't very far away ... the rest of us felt the first twinge of panic. The sum of £4,500 plus

was raised for the Hospice, a mark of the interest and support felt by the local community. All at Willow Burn express their appreciation and thanks for all the volunteers and members of the public who always show such love and esteem for the organisation.

LANCHESTER PARISH FAIR

All Saints' Parish Fair took place at the Chapter House on Saturday 18th June. Within fifteen minutes it was packed with people. Considering the size of the building there was a good selection of stalls which included toiletries, bric a brac, tombola, books and a Grand Draw to name but a few. The room remained busy throughout the morning with a very convivial

atmosphere. There were some excellent scones, coffees and teas being consumed at the tables whilst others moved around the room looking at the products on display. Towards the end Rev Rupert Kalus was involved in the Grand Draw and lots of people went home happily with their prizes. The Fair raised an excellent £549 for church funds.



People socialising whilst enjoying their coffee and scones.



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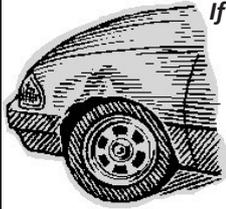


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NEW 'WILLOWS' CAFE



Willow Burn Hospice staff, Sara Johnson, Income Generation Department, and Jake Carr, Apprentice, are pictured advertising the new 'Willows' Café situated in the Day Centre at the Hospice and open to the public from 10.30 am - 2.00 pm every Monday except Bank Holidays. Staff there will be delighted to see you, and the scones etc on offer are exceptional. It is an excellent way of supporting Willow Burn Hospice.

WILLOW BURN HOSPICE AND DYLAN ARTS



Katherine Thompson with two leaders of Dylan Arts. Ossia Johnson looks on.

You will have read (above) about the new Willow Burn Café, which opened on Monday July 11th. It is a very pleasant relaxing place for hospice visitors and provides a friendly and supportive environment in which everyone feels welcome. This attractive 'Lounge' containing the café was the venue for an event entitled 'Dylan Arts' on Wednesday July 13th. This is a project made possible through an organisation called 'Colour your Life' which 'provides access to activities for the improvement of mental health and the development of emotional resilience'. The people who lead the courses are experienced professionals who share

their expertise in arts activities. These outreach programmes, as they are called, are held in a range of community venues across County Durham. The event on the 13th unveiled the artwork which the groups from Stanley and Blackhill had created. The professional artist, Katherine Thompson, was present as were the people in her groups who had contributed to the artwork. Councillor Ossia Johnson was in attendance to pull back the 'shroud' which covered the artwork and dedicate it to the Willow Burn Day Hospice. At the centre was a large wooden chair, made from re-cycled willow and it was surrounded very cleverly

by a frame of various art pieces, such as flowers and butterflies, all made with recycled materials. Also displayed were pieces of prose and poetry, written by individuals who had been inspired by the artwork. Apparently it is particularly lovely and effective in darkness because through clever technology, it lights up. Katherine Thompson can be justly proud of the work she has done with the people who attended her courses. It was all very interesting and the afternoon ended with tea or coffee, accompanied by scones, sandwiches and cakes. Delicious!
Brenda Craddock

LANCHESTER WI IN JULY

President Marie Murphy opened the meeting and addressed several topics of business. There were details of various competitions open to members and news of outings and events, all published in the County News or noted on the Information Table.

The Minutes of our Meetings are now available electronically, and anyone wanting these needs to request them to be sent. The Group Meeting will take place at Castleside in September and tickets are now available.

Some of our members had enjoyed tea at Wynyard Hall, a really pleasurable experience, and we were

looking forward to our Summer Outing to Yorkshire.

A 'Goodbye' card from Angela had been received, thanking everyone for their friendship over the past years. Once again, members were reminded to check the Information Table, for details and lists of visits and outings, please keep informed about all the things happening!

Ann Carr gave a moving reading about the importance of the Sisterhood of Women in our lives, and the raffles were won by Dorothy Beadling, Betty Walton and Lynne Hodgson. Tonight was our



Many thanks to the young ladies from the CBS Theatre Group who sang to us - we really enjoyed their performance!

Strawberry Supper, we followed this theme with our competition, producing Homemade Strawberry Jam, with winners Janet Vasey and Ann Carr. The CBS Theatre Group sang a selection of songs from 'Annie.' They had recently performed the

musical on the stage, and the young ladies gave a really enthusiastic and professional rendering. We then settled to enjoy chat with friends and enjoyed a lovely strawberry supper, topped off with cream and meringues, another very

special night for us all! Members are reminded that orders for the 2017 Diaries and Calendars will be taken during August's meeting. Diaries cost £4.50 and need to be paid for in August, and Calendars are priced at £2.70, this needs to be paid by September.

LANCHESTER WI SUMMER OUTING

Our Summer Outing is always greatly anticipated! Beautiful locations, interesting visits, nice things to eat, coffee, shared with all our WI friends - all add up to a very pleasant day out. We left Lanchester at 9 am, glad that the weather, which had been very changeable over the last days, had settled into a sunny, clear July day. We progressed into Yorkshire, enjoying the green of the countryside and heading to Ripley. We had booked coffee in the attractive Boar's Head, an old coaching inn, and then had time to explore the village. Despite several dark clouds, the weather remained good and we arrived in Skipton ready to explore.

We split up into smaller groups, as we all wanted to do various things. Some explored the medieval castle, built in 1090 and withstanding a three year siege during the Civil War. It's a very well preserved fortress, giving a good idea of what it was like as a

Our photo right shows a group of members who toured Skipton Castle

home as well as a stronghold. Several people took a walk along the canal, or walked up the award winning High Street, praised for the individuality and character of its many shops. In 2014 The Sunday Times named Skipton 'the best place to live' because of its proximity to the Dales, its good schools and the character of its High Street. After a leisurely lunch, there was time to visit the Wednesday market and a craft fair before setting off home, tired but everyone had enjoyed a very interesting day.



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'AN EVENING WITH ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'

'Absolutely Fabulous' is the title which could apply to the Annual Summer Concert' of Lanchester and District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society. Andrew Lloyd Webber has written an abundance of beautiful songs and the society gave full justice to those which had been selected for them to sing. David Hughes as Musical Director, always pays attention to detail which adds to the excellence of the performance and obviously every performer was giving their very best effort, to make it an evening to remember. The guest soloist was

Elizabeth Woods, whose beautiful soprano voice we have enjoyed many times and never tire of hearing. There were two narrators, Michael Quigley and Margaret Gray, who were very entertaining, as they conveyed interesting details of the life and times of Andrew Lloyd Webber, who is now a Lord. The small orchestra was superb and included several well known, talented Lanchestrians, Bill Gray, Ian Murray, Ray Hill and Wendy Hughes. The Society members looked so good in their smart and glamorous attire,



Soloists Elizabeth Woods and Ian Gray receiving the applause of members of the Society.

not to mention the cat masks, glittering stoles and coloured velvet bow ties.

It was certainly a night to remember and great thanks are due to David and all the people who

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MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

The Lanchester Male Voice Choir presented their 48th Annual concert in the Methodist Church on 1st July. The choir were in good voice singing songs from their varied repertoire. There were regular favourites mixed in with some songs new

to the choir such as the seasonally inappropriate but very enjoyable Schneewalzer (Snow Waltz). This year's guest artists were Aurora Strings, a quartet of local professional musicians who played a lovely mix

of popular classical music, film tunes and musical theatre pieces. A special moment came when one of the ensemble members, Lanchester's Bill Gray, a former music teacher of hers. He must have been proud of his former pupil.



Aurora Strings

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Many thanks to all who helped in any way with the Christian Aid collection, especially

those who contributed towards the great total of £3810.64. Judith Brown

EAT FOR HEAT

This unusual title for a buffet lunch was, in fact, very apt. The function was put on at the Methodist Church by Mel Somersall, supported by friends, to raise money for a new boiler in the church hall.

Two celebrations happened during proceedings when a cake was brought into the hall for Ethel Bulmer who was celebrating her 93rd birthday. The appropriate song was sung by all, which really thrilled her. Colin and Jean Burrows had already celebrated

the previous day, the actual day of their 65th Wedding Anniversary, with a visit to Open Church in the morning where they met many friends, and in the afternoon with a drop in session at their home. As a complete surprise, Norma Polly, who produced Ethel's birthday cake, brought another to celebrate Jean and Colin's Blue Sapphire Wedding Anniversary. This really was 'the icing on the cake' for Jean and Colin, a remarkable couple, with so many

lovely friends in the village.

The lunch was a magnificent array of various meats and salads. This was followed by apple tart, meringue and strawberries, profiteroles, trifle and fresh fruit salad.

Mel was delighted with the phenomenal amount of money raised. He would like to thank all those who helped at the function and all those who attended. Watch this space for another event to be held probably in September.



The magnificent buffet at the 'Eat for Heat' lunch.



Colin and Jean Burrows cutting the cake to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary at the Eat for Heat Lunch.

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FASCINATING HISTORY DISCOVERED ON OUR DOORSTEP!

History Society members and visitors enjoyed an interesting tour of Lanchester Parish Church with Peter Smith in July, learning new information about the extensions and changes to the Church.

The North and South aisles were added around 1180 to 1200 using monolithic pillars from the Roman Fort.

Bishop Bek changed the status of the church from Rectory to Collegiate Church (endowed for the support of a college of priests) with a Dean, seven canons and two assistant vicars. The Parish covered about 68 square miles, from Deerness to Derwent and Allensford to Craghead. Between 1284 and 1300, the Chancel was widened and the beautiful corbel heads added, interesting in that they have slanting eyes - modelled from whom?

The Norman Chancel Arch is stunning and is

described by Nicholas Pevsner as 'spectacular ... the inner of twin shafts with one single-scallop capital, the voussoirs closely beset with zigzag' (voussoirs being wedge shaped stones forming an arch).

There are many beautiful features in the church particularly the Frosterley marble font dating from 1902, which was presented by Judge Greenwell and Rev Greenwell. The Jacobean communion rail (1697), the thirteenth century stained glass, the 1939 pews and their mice are other features.

The funeral hatchments are especially interesting, made from canvas and wood and carried at the front of the funeral cortege. They show the coats of arms, with the crest and supporters of the family/person often with a skull and crossbones.

We discovered that Edward I worshipped in 1306 offering alms of 3/- (15p) to St Lawrence. The arms of George III are displayed by the belltower.

The three main local gentry families are evident in their support of the church - Clavering, Hedley and Greencroft. Their monuments which have been refurbished, show the love and care from the community and particularly the church supporters. A Grade I listed building, it has to generate a lot of money for its maintenance.

The group came away much more aware of this unique church's history and this article cannot do full justice to its history and fabric. I do hope you will take the opportunity to visit and support this impressive heritage asset 'on our doorstep'. Many thanks to Peter Smith, Church Warden.

COFFEE MORNING FOR VILLAGE BUS

Isabel Appleton organised a Coffee Morning to raise money for the Village Link Bus on a rainy Wednesday, 29th June. It was really well attended and coincided

with a service at the church which helped swell the numbers. There was a raffle, tombola and a very good cake stall. On the wall was the new extended bus route with bus

stops indicated with times, as well as sections on the route where the bus will stop when requested. The Coffee morning made an excellent profit of £450.50.



The busy Tombola stall which raised quite a lot of money.

THURSDAY CLUB

At our June meeting we welcomed Dr Craig Barclay, curator of the Oriental Museum in Durham. He gave a passionate talk about the museum, from its origins to the present day, with a slide show of some of the collections.

Oriental languages have been taught at Durham University from as early as 1835. In the 1920s, the university led the way in developing the teaching of modern Arabic

languages and literature in the UK.

A school of Oriental Studies was founded in 1951 and the first director, Professor William Thacker, believed that students also needed to understand the material culture of the countries they studied and set about creating a teaching and research collection. In 1949 the acquisition of the Northumberland Collection of Antiquities from Egypt and the Near

East was a major step forward and arrived in Durham in 1950. Housed in 2 rooms in Hatfield College and only viewed by appointment until 1956 when it was forced to close.

In 1957 the Lisbon based Gulbenkian Foundation agreed to donate £60,000 to build the first of three planned phases. The Gulbenkian Museum of Oriental Art & Archaeology, as it was then known, opened in

1960. Over the last 50 years the aims of the museum have changed though it is still actively involved in supporting teaching and research. It is now open to the public 7 days a week. Attracting almost 30,000 visitors each year, including more than 4,000 local school children, meant making many changes to meet the needs of visitors. The doors closed in 2000 in order to carry out the work. Museum staff run

a very active programme of activities for children under 11 during weekends and throughout the school holidays. The collections include some 30,000 objects. In March 2016 the museum won, for the second year running, the Visit England's Welcome Accolade. What a gem on our doorstep.

An enjoyable evening ended with refreshments and, of course, a good chin-wag!

SATLEY WI JULY

Our meeting began with our President Linda welcoming a full complement of members followed by a busy time discussing business. The times of outings were confirmed and monies collected for our busy schedule ahead. Names were taken for the Jubilee group meeting on 23rd September. On 8th August, instead of our meeting, we are having an outing to South Shields, leaving Satley at 1.30 pm. We will have free time there followed by a meal in the 'Little Haven'.

Linda, our President, then introduced the speaker, Ingrid Kilner, who spoke on 'A year behind the veil'. Everyone's attention was held throughout as she gave a very interesting, informative and humorous account of her life living in the Middle East. The vote of thanks was given by Jean Portwood. We then had our social time with tea and biscuits. A most enjoyable evening.

The competition a poem with 'Satley WI in it' was won by Cathleen Snowdon (see below), 2nd Jean Portwood and

3rd Carol Dobinson. The raffle was won by Christine Wilson.

Our meetings are always the 2nd Monday of the Month in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. Please feel free to come along at anytime and you will be made most welcome.

The winning poem

I've decorated eggs, I've dressed some pegs, a wreath I've made from rags

A pretty plate was required whilst items of glass, silver and silk were admired when displayed for us all to see

We've had a number of talks, by interesting folks, on subjects so varied and new

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A trip to the coast is enjoyed by most, with a meal at the end of the day

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My first year has been enlightening, the movement of the WI made clear

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Cathleen Snowdon

HENRY DANCER DAYS TRIUMPH

A HUGE thanks to TEAM CRINNION: Fiona, Stuart, Callum and Sean who took part in a Tough Mudder, raising £353 for Henry Dancer Days. The bruises were all too evident to anyone visiting

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Once again this was a moving service with contrasting emotions of happiness and sadness. Two children introduced the service with a brief welcome followed by a very appropriate hymn. Revd Rupert Kalus welcomed everyone to the church which was full, with extra seats needed at the back. There followed a succession of prayers and bible readings by selected children, with memories read by each child from their time at the school, interspersed with some lovely singing of hymns. Mrs Davis and Mr Boddy alternating, gave short sincere comments, often amusing, about each leaver. Curate Ali Miller assisted them by presenting a bible, a memory book from the teachers to each child,

together with a piece of jigsaw of themselves, to complete the class 6 year. Revd Kalus entertained everyone, especially the children, with a short address about changing lives, in this situation moving on to a new school. He illustrated this with seasonal items in colourful bags representing each season of the year. Enthusiastic children in the congregation were desperate to be selected on a show of hands, to perform this fun exercise of retrieving the items from the bag. The awards are an important part of the service. Thirty one children qualified for the 100% Attendance Award, presented by Sophie Cornwell from Vision for Education. The Rotary Award was



Award Winners at the EP School Leavers Service with Jane Natrass, centre back row, were: Max Densmore, left; Ben Sunter, right and Caitland Atkinson, centre front.

presented by Margaret Matthews, Rotary Club of Consett and EP School Governor, to the current leader of

Rotakids. Year 2 Citizenship was awarded to Caitland Atkinson. The Year 6 Citizenship Award was presented to Max Densmore. The prestige Henry Dancer Days Award was presented to Ben Sunter by Henry's mum, Jane Natrass. It was a poignant moment when she told those

present that Henry would have been 18 this year! Mrs Davis, Head Teacher, delivered a summing up with thanks to everyone. By this time her voice was almost completely worn out! Revd Rupert Kalus gave the Blessing and Presentation of the Jigsaw.

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Primary School Sports Days will be covered in next month's edition.

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END OF TERM FOR ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The end of a school year is always a time of mixed feelings within Primary schools. There is the promise of the long summer holidays stretching ahead, and also the sadness of Year 6 students and their teachers, for the youngsters will be leaving their familiar surroundings and moving on to their Secondary education. Many events marked the end of the summer term.

Musician's Concert

A 'Progress Concert' was held at the end of term for those parents who had supported their children to learn to play musical instruments. There must have been about forty parents there as well as a full complement of children in the school. The hall



Talented musicians from All Saints' RC Primary.

was completely full. It was well worth it! These very young musicians, some who had only been learning for a very short time, were making very good progress with their instruments. There were two sections, brass taught by peripatetic music teacher, Mel Carr, and guitars by freelance music teacher, Matthew Coats. The brass section with a variety of instruments entertained first with

individuals playing some lovely familiar tunes, some from well known shows and movies. Some renditions were accompanied by background music. The Trio who played Tenor horns were extremely accomplished, especially as they had only been playing for just one year. The guitar players too, showed considerable talent with some classical themes, the influence of Italian

music, with themes from movies being rendered as well. Star Wars theme went down very well particularly with the young members of the audience. The concert lasted for about an hour - the entertainment was lovely and it was a delight to see so many pupils wanting to learn music and enjoying themselves. The visiting parents must have been very proud.

each year group. The youngsters enjoyed learning about the different nationalities and had a good time in the process!

The Yellow Brick Road

(see photo on back page)

Throughout their years at All Saints' School, students have experienced many events as a group of young people growing together. These milestones have all been gathered together in their 'Yellow Brick Road', marking their lives and progress in a very effective record of their time in Primary School. The very best of luck to the new Year 7!



Year 5 studied Italy during the EUFA competition and there was a lot of green, white and red in evidence!

EUFA Quiz

Inspired by the EUFA competition, the whole school investigated some of the countries involved in the competition. Their work was completed by a Challenge Quiz with questions set by and for

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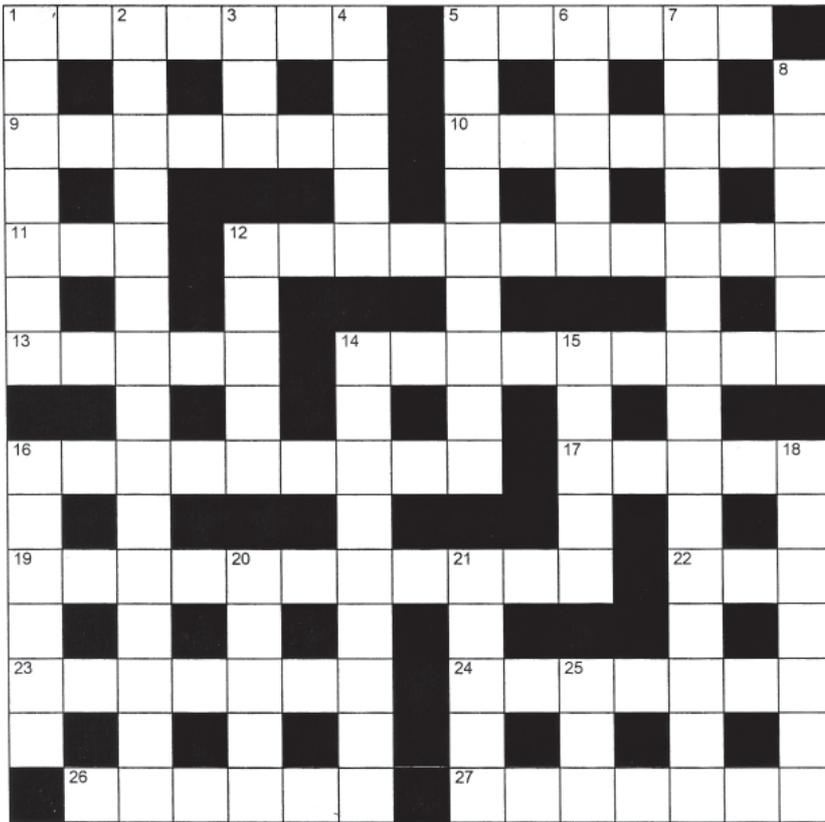
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CROSSWORD 123



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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

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

CROSSWORD 122

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

Congratulations to Neville Hartley of Foxhills Crescent who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

1. Assumption (7)
5. Bar (6)
9. Eternal (7)
10. Retire (4,3)
- 11,3. Solid carbon dioxide (3,3)
12. Hedgerow plant with white funnel-shaped flowers (11)
13. Skimpy knickers (5)
14. Part of an unhealthy diet (4,2,3)
16. Intensely watchful (5-4)
17. Sway (5)
19. Soil free horticulture (11)
- 22,25. Blether (3,3)
23. Realize (7)
24. Cunning (7)
26. Come up with (6)
27. Predict harbour to close (7)

DOWN

1. Enthusiastic approval (7)
2. Occasionally (5,3,3,4)
3. See 11
4. German city in thoughtless enterprise (5)
5. Speckled (9)
6. Israeli desert (5)
7. Unable to select (6,3,6)
8. Counterbalance (6)
12. Guarded (5)
14. Inter (3,2,4)
15. Stares at (5)
16. Guillotine (6)
18. Volatile individual (7)
20. Fat (5)
21. Freeze (3-2)
25. See 22

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 122

ACROSS

1. next to nothing
10. crucial
11. suffice
12. break even
13. inept
14. caution
16. ignore
19. Oliver
21. Tartufe
25. tempt
26. odd number
28. intense
29. undoing
30. schadenfreude

DOWN

2. exude
3. thicket
4. oblivion
5. on song
6. huffing
7. noises off
8. scabs
9. testier
15. axiomatic
17. contain
18. dandruff
20. Estonia
22. trundle
23. Popeye
24. dregs
27. blind

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.

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

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Duckling with Apples

The slow cooker provides a very useful and versatile kitchen helper. It's economical to use, vegetables and fruits are cooked in their own juices and it's ideal for cooking less expensive cuts of meat, as it cooks at a low temperature for a long time. During the summer holidays, food can be prepared quickly then left for up to 12 hours while the family are out for the day and then return to a delicious meal. This slow cooker recipe is easy to prepare and is very good. Serving 4, you need 8 portions of duck, breasts and legs

2 tbs olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
1 carrot, finely chopped
300 ml chicken stock
300 ml dry white wine
1 bouquet garni
4 eating apples
55 g unsalted butter
Salt and pepper

1) Season the duckling pieces with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a large heavy-based frying pan. Add all the duckling pieces, placing the breast portions skin-side down. Cook over a medium-high heat for a few minutes until golden brown, then transfer the breast portions to a plate. Turn the other pieces and continue to cook until browned all over. Transfer to the plate.

2) Add the onion and carrot to the pan and cook over a low heat, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes, until the onion is softened. Add the stock and wine and bring to the boil.

3) Transfer the vegetable mixture to the slow cooker. Add the duckling pieces and the bouquet garni. Cover and cook on low for 7-8 hours.

4) Shortly before serving, peel, core and slice the apples. Melt the butter in a large frying pan. Add the apple slices and cook over a medium heat, turning occasionally for 5 minutes, until golden.

5) Spoon the cooked apples onto warmed plates and divide the duckling pieces among them. Skim off the fat from the cooking liquid, then spoon the liquid and vegetables over the duckling and serve immediately.

FOLK AND COUNTRY CONCERT

The Folk Concert organisation is well under way and features the return of Martin Matthews with his band, who went down a storm two years ago, as did the very popular Pipe Dream from Sunderland, again on the bill. Newcomers are 'Kitchy Retro' (Mark Scott and Lucy Dawlish), a

wonderful act from Chester le Street, who do all kinds of music from 50s to Country or Folk with great aplomb and energy. Finally we have Miserable Les, who isn't really miserable, but a great, humorous and talented musician and singer who I feel you will all love! Tickets are already selling. These are available at

Lanchester News, The Community Centre, or via myself, Ian Tute on 529286. The price is £5, (or £6 at the door); all profits are for Henry Dancer Days and The Community Centre. The venue is Lanchester Community Centre, the date is Saturday 24th September. It will be a good night. Don't miss it! Ian Tute



Martin Matthews with his band who are making a popular return.

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WHAT'S ON?

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Home for Good

Home for Good is a charity aiming to increase the number of people willing to foster and adopt, or to support those who do. Come and hear about it on Thursday 22nd September, 7.30 pm at the Methodist Church.

Lanchester WI

August's meeting with Lanchester WI will take place on Monday August 1st, in the Large Hall in the Community Centre, starting as always at 7.15 pm. Louise Wright will explore the History of the Little Theatre at Low Fell and the competition is any Theatre Programme or Ticket, which probably involves searches through cupboards! A final reminder about ordering WI 2016 Diaries and Calendars during this meeting, with Diaries needing payment also, £4.50 each.

Lanchester Writers

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

Thursday Club

Please note that we have no meeting in August. Our next meeting will be 15th September. See next issue of the Village Voice for details. Until then keep well and fit and enjoy the rest of SUMMER!

Short Circuit Walks

Venue: **Rothbury - Ray Hemmings Memorial Walk**

Date: August 6th
OS Ref: NU057015
Miles: 4.75
Leader: David Moore
Ann Dickinson
Phone: 01912852925
Meet Riverside car park in Rothbury, pay at meter.

Venue: **Allensford**

Date: August 20th
OS Ref: NZ0756503
Miles: 5
Leader: Bill Wright
Phone: 07947043610
Meet/park at Allensford Country Park just off A68 where it crosses the River Derwent, **NOT** at Caravan Park.

Willow Burn Event

Walk for Willow Burn on 29th August, Bank Holiday Monday. Come along and join us for a sponsored walk in aid of Willow Burn Hospice to suit all the family - it's **FREE FOR ALL** to take part! The walk starts in Lanchester Village and the route takes you through Malton picnic area and beyond. Choose the length of walk to suit you ... from 1 to 5 miles.

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Lanchester Social Club

Friday 5th August
FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING.

Saturday 6th August
PAUL ALLEN Vocalist
Sunday 7th August

Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 12th August
FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING.

Saturday 13th August
GAYNOR MARIE
Superb Vocalist

Sunday 14th August
Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 19th August

FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING

Saturday 20th August
PETE BEVERLEY
Super Male Vocalist

Sunday 21st August
Sunday Night Buskers
Friday 26th August 2016

FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING

Saturday 27th August
MARK THOMAS
Vocalist

Sunday 28th August
Sunday Night Buskers

Lanchester Partnership's Coming Events

1. Fun Dog Show

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

2. Ceilidh

Saturday October 15th in the Social Club from 7.00 pm to 11.00 pm. Brilliant band 'Windy Gyle', bar and 'faith supper'.

3. Paradiso (Film) Club

Season of monthly films begins Sunday September 11th at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre with Tom Hanks in 'Bridge of Spies'.

4. Lunch in December in aid of the Link Bus

Information and tickets - Mavis Datta on 528 814 or Jill Gladstone on 528 114.

Henry Dancer Days Events

Treasure Hunt

August Bank Holiday sees the first Charity Treasure Hunt for Henry Dancer Days. Organised by local resident Karen Ledger and Alice Moss (a Durham University Intern working with the charity over the summer) there will be one for adults and one for children 11 years and under.

Pirates and Princesses

Fancy Dress Treasure Hunt starts at 11 am in the King's Head car park on Saturday 27th August. £5 for the first child and £2.50 for any additional children in each family. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Adults' Pub Crawl

Treasure Hunt (over 18s) starts at the Three Horse Shoes, Maiden Law at 5.30 pm on Monday 29th August. £5 per person.

Tickets for both are available from Hanley & Swinbank, Lanchester Hardware and Lanchester News.

Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be a Field Trip on 9th August. A Pennines area with Malcolm Birtle. Meet in Community Centre Car Park at 6.45 pm.

Lanchester Library

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

Country Market

Please note that the next market will be on Saturday 6th August from 10 am until 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Local History Society

Subject: Ushaw College
Speaker: Brendan Hodgson
Date: Friday 5th August
Time: 7pm
Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.
Brendan Hodgson, a member of the History Society and a former student at Ushaw College, will be giving a talk about the college at this meeting and will then show us around the college on Saturday 6th August. If you are interested in local history, come and join us. Visitors are always very welcome. For more information contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com.

Library Book Club

Our next discussion is on Monday 22nd August 2.30 to 3.30 in the library to discuss 'Woman of a Dangerous Age' by Fanny Blake, sounds like historical novel but it is a recent novel, Elizabeth Buchan reviews Fanny Blake as a 'novelist who understands exactly the comedy, absurdities and frustrations of your lives'. So there will be a lot to discuss!

Community Centre

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 11th August from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Satley WI

Our guest on 12th September will be Anita Atkinson, as 'Editor of the Weardale Gazette'. The competition is a 'Harvest box' size 10 in by 10 in. Our meetings are always the 2nd Monday of the month in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. Please feel free to come along at any time and you will be made most welcome.

CRISIS, WHAT CRISIS?

It appeared that the first week in July could be a big problem for the bowling club, when most of the club's established bowlers were away on holiday. However, this was an opportunity to show the club's strength in depth when newer club members rallied round and not only fulfilled our match commitments but also produced reputable results and were not overwhelmed. Mention also needs to be made of the Wednesday team who are often overlooked in Village Voice reports. This team often struggles against tough opposition but I can gladly report two sound wins against Annfield Plain and Consett Park. The overall view as we are now in the middle of the season is of the club getting stronger in membership and enthusiasm. Our top team in recent years, the Monday team, has somewhat taken a downturn and a mid table position will be a disappointment for them, but the Tuesday and Wednesday teams have played themselves into much improved league positions compared to previous years.

After a tough month, the first team are in third place having suffered defeats to two of their nearest rivals. Leaders Ashington confirmed their title credentials when they beat us by over a hundred runs. Lanchester bounced back with a win over Leadgate by 30 runs before losing to Shotley Bridge by 13 runs. Graham Brinton nearly guided the team home with 94 but a batting collapse left us

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

just short. The firsts reached a cup final with a comfortable win at Morpeth and will face Tynedale in the Final. The seconds' match with Newcastle City couldn't be finished due to the rain and then they suffered a heavy defeat at Ashington with a very weakened side, before a good win at Bedlington by 70 runs. The month ended with a close defeat to Shotley Bridge.

The thirds started with a win at Sacriston and finished with a win over Bill Quay Academy losing at Mitford and Fenham in between. The under 18s are joint top of their league with Stocksfield with two games remaining when we went to press. That follows an exciting win at Stocksfield and an easy win at Shotley Bridge with a rained off match in between. Games with

Consett and Annfield Plain remain. The under 15s and 13s sit in mid table as we near the end of their season whilst the good news is that the under 11s are also on course for a league title with two games remaining. The side is unbeaten and recently beat challengers Beamish by just two runs in an exciting game. Lintz and Leadgate are the remaining challenges they face.

BUSY SUMMER AT THE TENNIS CLUB

It has been a busy few weeks at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club situated on Ford Road. On 26th June, a Strawberry Tea was organised for members and friends to coincide with the Championships at Wimbledon and with strawberries, cream and a glass of Pimms to wash it down. The well-attended event was enjoyed by all, which was just as well because, at the 'close of play', the heavens opened as they made their way home. On Friday 8th July, members took part in a 'Games Night'. This was a first for the club with different activities being used in friendly competition. Target golf, bowls, tennis, golden shot, quoits and longest

rally were included in a number of various 'events'. The family pairing of Michelle and Grant Ridley were the outstanding winning competitors. The night was enjoyed by those who took part and it is something that will be repeated soon.

Finally, the barbecue was held on Saturday 16th July. On a beautiful day, members and guests enjoyed tennis and some lovely food and refreshments. Thanks to the social committee and volunteers for making these events so successful.

With coaching sessions going on Monday evenings from 4.30 pm, the summer continues to keep committee and coaches busy. Phew!! For any information about the club, contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjan@gmail.com.



Having a laugh at the barbecue are Ryan Robson with Grant and Michelle Ridley.

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LANCHESTER PLAYGROUP TODDLER



Due to the damp weather the Playgroup children toddled around the main hall of the Community Centre instead of the Play Park. Each child was given a medal as they entered the room. Money raised for their much needed funds was £210.

LANCHESTER WILDLIFE GROUP PULLING BALSAM

Thank you to the stars that came to help pull Himalayan Balsam in a section of Dora's Wood on 10th July. Left to right in the photo: Bill, Anne, Alison and Daniel, Michael, Mark, Steve and Kath. The volunteers did a great job in Dora's Wood, particularly as the plants were not the large, upright plants that frequent many other places, eg Malton and along the railway line.



The Balsam under the large trees in Dora's Wood was sparse and 'weedy', but if we'd not pulled those plants out, there would be hundreds more seeds attempting a take-over bid next year. By the time you read this we should have been pulling on areas along the railway line as well.

ALL SAINTS' YELLOW BRICK ROAD



The Yellow Brick Road records the school careers of Year 6 students at All Saints' Primary School. See page 19

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th August. The deadline for **adverts** is 14th August.

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