

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



Flags dipped as the Last Post is played.



The Procession of sixteen wreaths from All Saints' Parish Church led by Reader/Acting Crucifer, Peter Jackson.



Lanchester War Memorial with sixteen wreaths laid as a mark of honour. Remembrance article on page 3.

## THURSDAY CLUB RAISE FUNDS FOR GNAA



One of the Great North Air Ambulance helicopters with crew.  
See Thursday Club Coffee Morning, page 15.

## PROJECT POPPIES



A mock-up photograph showing how the 2000-2500 air dried and hand painted clay poppies in front of the Methodist Church may look.

For information, see Lanchester WI report, page 14.

## HAPPY ALL SAINTS' DAY



Wonderfully colourful All Saints' Day cake. See page 2.

# 60 YEARS IN MALTON

St Andrew's Day, 30th November 2016 will be a very special day for me; it was on St Andrew's Day 1956 that along with my late husband John we moved into No 1 Officials Terrace, Malton. My husband had been appointed Forester for the National Coal Board No 5 area.

Malton was a very busy community at that time, the colliery was still working round the clock. The railway line which is now the popular Browney Valley Walk was still open; there was a tub line from the Colliery, a coke works and a brick works. There was a row of miners' cottages still occupied on what is now the Malton Nature Reserve and a primary school which the children from the Terrace all attended.

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The first year we were at Malton we went to the school Christmas service, I remember the children all had candles in jam jars, it was like something from a Victorian Christmas. Remnants of the school playground can still be seen on the Nature Reserve.

There was a tennis court behind Officials Terrace, a bit run down but still usable, where we spent many happy summer evenings. We didn't need to go out to shop; Officials Terrace and the miners' cottages were served by a baker, a butcher, a greengrocer, a fish man and even a travelling ironmonger in their vans and the Co-op grocery van also visited weekly.

This was the start of many happy years shared with neighbours and friends both in Malton and Lanchester. I have been a member of Lanchester WI for around 58 years and enjoyed working in the Red Cross shop for over 25 years.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone for making the past sixty years so memorable. I do appreciate the kindness shown to me by all those good friends.

Jessie Goodall

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## WELL DONE, HAYLEY

After outstanding success at Newcastle University, Hayley Alice Donnelly of Alderside Crescent was awarded a degree with Honours in Bio-medical Sciences. Hayley has now fulfilled her ultimate ambition to study Medicine.

She was unconditionally offered a highly prestigious and much sought-after place at Queen's University, Belfast for Medicine, and commenced in September 2016. Her studies there will last for 5 years, so coupled with her previous degree, it will be almost 10 years in total.

We wish her continued success in all her studies and would like to take this opportunity, through the Village Voice to express how very proud we all are of her outstanding achievements. "You have got what it takes to be an invaluable asset, as a doctor, to the medical profession."

Well done, Hayley, from all your family.

Mr S Donnelly

## PROPOSED RELOCATION OF LANCHESTER POST OFFICE

There is currently a public consultation period reference the above which ends on December 15th 2016, so there is still time for people who are interested to pick up the relevant form from the Post Office.

The proposed move is planned to take place during February/March 2017. The new Post Office, providing the process goes through, will be at the SPAR store premises at 4 Front Street, Lanchester.

The Post Office will change to a new style model which is part of a modernisation programme taking place throughout the country. The programme is underpinned by Government investment and will see up to 8000 branches modernised and additional investment in over 3000 community and outreach branches.

As already mentioned the relevant forms for further detailed information may be picked up from the Post Office or you may visit [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk). The code for the branch in question is 182313.

## COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for October is 55. The draw was made by C Wilson.

## HAPPY ALL SAINTS' DAY

At All Saints' RC Primary School, we had a wonderful day celebrating the Feast of All Saints on November 1st. The day began in church; Year Five led the whole school mass brilliantly. We enjoyed listening to Father Bill and

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# REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2016

The tall trees on the village green were very still, not even a leaf fluttered to the ground. Everyone gathered on the green was very still, as they stood beside the war memorial, while the wreaths of many organisations were laid upon it. Michael Gent, a colour sergeant in the Royal Marines and a former resident of Lanchester laid the first wreath and was followed by fifteen other representatives laying wreaths for their various organisations. These included the Lord Lieutenant of Durham, Lanchester Parish Council represented by councillor Ossie Johnson, the Jefferson family, Lanchester Partnership, Mothers' Union, Thursday Club, WI, Boys' Brigade, Guides, Brownies, British Legion and Help

the Heroes. The two minutes silence which followed allowed people to reflect and thank God for the self sacrifice of all these men and women in two World Wars and not forgetting Stuart Laing who lived in the village and died in the Falklands War in 1982. In the prayers, led by the clergy, the loved ones and their families who are still suffering from physical and mental

effects as a result of war, were remembered too. Lanchester Brass Band played for the hymns and the Last Post was rendered very competently by Mark Draper, a stalwart of the band. As people left the green, some to their homes and others to their several churches for Sunday worship, the war memorial remained vibrant, robed in wreaths of red, a symbol from a

village who honours its dead.

Our village has so many people of whom to be proud, not only the departed but the living too. They are carrying on the spirit of all those who have died, to serve the community of Lanchester, selflessly and graciously, in the place where they live. Long may this continue!

Brenda Craddock



A wreath laid by the Jefferson family.



Lanchester Brass Band performing at the Remembrance Service on the Village Green.



Also attending the Remembrance ceremony was a large group from the 2nd Annfield Plain Scout Company including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders. Photo, Grant Potter

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# LAYING UP SERVICE FOR THE LANCHESTER STANDARD

On October 23rd, The Royal British Legion members representing Consett & District, Darlington Branch, and Northumberland attended the 6.00 pm Evensong Service at All Saints' Parish Church, to Lay Up the Lanchester Standard. The Standard had been lost for a considerable number of years and was found in Darlington. It was subsequently transferred to Consett & District Branch for safe keeping, before it was decided to have a true resting place for this important historical Standard.

The Royal British Legion part of the service was emotional. It began with the Standard Bearer and three escorts marching towards the altar. Thereafter, it was similar to Remembrance Services established throughout the country, with a similar format and words being used, and the Last Post being played impeccably, with the Standard dipped as an act of homage. There followed the Exhortation by the President of Consett & District of the Royal Legion, The Response, The Silence and The Reveille (Standard return

to the carry) - all very moving.

Finally, the President of Consett & District Branch stepped forward to the chancel steps, passed the standard to Reverend Rupert Kalus, and said: "I commit this sacred standard of the Lanchester Branch of The Royal British Legion to you, the vicar of the Parish of Lanchester & Burnhope, for safe keeping in this Holy church forevermore". Reverend Kalus responded with: "I accept the charge. May the souls of the departed rest in peace." The response from the congregation was: "And rise in Glory".



*Members of the Consett and Darlington Branches of The Royal British Legion with Standard Bearer, Graham Meek, who lives in Lanchester.*

With the ceremony back to the body of the church and the hymn, Jerusalem, was sung.

## LANCHESTER SINGS

*An evening of Christmas music, songs and carols to suit all the family.*



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To mark Armistice day, Historic England have announced the listing of 50 war memorials across the country - a pledge has been made to protect 2500 memorials by 2018 marking the centenary of WW1.

The War memorial outside All Saints' Roman Catholic Church in Lanchester has been singled out in the first batch of 50, due to being one of the first calvary memorials erected in the area and now enjoys Grade 2 listing status

granted by the Secretary of State as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

The aftermath of the first World War was the biggest single wave of public commemoration ever with tens of thousands of memorials erected across the UK. This was the result of both the huge impact on communities of the loss of three quarters of a million British lives and also the policy of not repatriating the dead, which meant that the memorials provided the main focus of the grief felt at this great loss.

The memorial at the Lanchester Catholic Church commemorates the 12 men who died in WW1 and after WW2 a further 5 men were added who died in that conflict. The memorial is described as a 5m tall hooded Calvary in oak with a metal figure of the crucified Christ. The timber cross rises from a stony cairn. A polished stone plaque let into the front of the cairn carries the principal inscription and the cairn



*All Saints' memorial*

itself is raised on a concrete block with the added polished stone plaque carrying the 5 added names from WW2. Next time you pass have a second look at the memorial and feel proud of both the named persons and the fact that Lanchester has been chosen to have its memorial listed by Historic England.

Mike Stoddart

# FOOTPRINTS WALK

About 15 walkers, all members of the Unite Union, set off from Shotley Bridge Hospital early on Tuesday 25th October, on route to the University Hospital of North Durham. They stopped in Lanchester at midday for rest and lunch, dividing themselves up into small groups to visit various restaurants in the village.

The walk was a protest at NHS cuts. In this area it would seem that Shotley Bridge Hospital may close and houses will be

built. The University hospital is likely to lose its A & E Department which is a grave threat to all of us in this vicinity. Under the new sustainability plan NHS England has been divided into 44 'FootPrints' which must make cuts and close services in order to access Transformation Plans. Two or three of our local A & E Departments could close services, leaving James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough as our nearest A & E Department.

The idea of a walk was to emphasise the large distances between our hospitals. The proposed NHS cuts, assuming they happen, will make these distances much further, will threaten lives of those who need them in emergency, and inconvenience many who have to stay in a hospital or make a visit. Other walks were taking place between other hospitals in our region. For more information please visit [www.999nhsnortheast.org](http://www.999nhsnortheast.org).



Walkers demonstrating about NHS cuts who arrived in Lanchester at midday and departed just before 1.00 pm to walk to the University Hospital of North Durham.

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Willows café, our shops and our corporate sponsors.

We also have a team of amazing volunteers who provide their time, skills and experience to enhance and treasure the lives of people and their families in our local community whose illnesses are no longer curable.

We currently have volunteering opportunities in the following areas:-

- In-patient unit
- Day Hospice, assisting with food service, running activities and complementary therapy sessions

- The Willows café
- Maintenance of the buildings and grounds
- Shops
- Administration
- Fundraising events/box collectors
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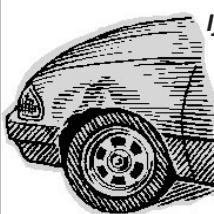


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# LANCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2016

## Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 11th October, Planning Meeting 11th October - approved.

## Police Report - PCSO Lisa Jackson

Jackson attended the meeting and presented the police report.

Members were informed that it had been a fairly quiet month. The problem of young people congregating in Front Street has eased and the Police have been working with the school to address the problem. On 14th October the Police took the drugs dogs around a number of public houses. There were no issues on bonfire night.

The Police are undertaking 'Operation Snow Angels' again which involves identifying elderly and vulnerable people to offer support to them during the winter.

## Correspondence

'Locate' and 'Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control' posters to be displayed in the notice board.

Campaign to Protect Rural England - newsletter received.

Clerk & Councils Direct - newsletter received.

## Neighbourhood Plan

A grant of £5000 was secured from 'Locality'. This money was used to engage a consultant to produce a 'Housing' topic paper. In addition the Parish Council appointed the North of England Civic Trust to produce a 'Historic Environment' topic paper. These two topic papers were produced during August and September and were presented to the working group in October. The next stage is to produce policy statements for the plan.

There is also a need to produce topic papers for the other areas of the Neighbourhood Plan and members of the working group will be working on these in the coming months.

It was agreed that £2000 is approved to engage a consultant to write the housing policy.

The final draft of the Heritage Audit is currently being checked. The North of England Civic Trust has assisted volunteers in producing the audit which has involved surveying and recording over 200 heritage assets. Twenty volunteers were involved in the surveying and recording which took over 6 months to complete. The completed Heritage Audit will be presented to the community.

The publication of Durham County Councils Preferred Options County Plan is expected at the end of November.

## Christmas Light Switch On Event

Members were informed that the organisation of the event was progressing well. Mr Terry Deary (writer, actor and television presenter) has agreed to switch on the lights on Saturday 26th November (carols and refreshments from 5.30 pm, lights switched on at 6 pm).

It was agreed that the fencing around the tree, sound system for future events and solar Christmas trees for lamposts are discussed in the New Year.

## Height of Kerbs

Members were informed that correspondence had been received from the

County Council confirming that they could take no action to address the height of the kerbs at the crossing point between the King's Head and the Village Green.

## Diversity Statement

Members considered the Diversity statement approved by the County Durham Association of Local Councils at its recent AGM. It was agreed that Lanchester Parish Council adopt the diversity statement.

**Newsletter** - November 2016 - approved for distribution.

**Financial report** - discussed and approved.

**Accounts for Payment** - approved.

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

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## POLICE REPORT

Our policing priority for the month of November is parking outside our schools in the village. This is an issue that occurs all year round across the whole of the United Kingdom and sadly, an issue that in many scenarios cannot be resolved. In Lanchester we are receiving complaints that parents are parking illegally on yellow and white road markings, obstructing junctions, obstructing footpaths and in some areas parking on private driveways. Local officers are now patrolling these key areas and taking necessary parking enforcement action to deter and prevent future issues. Can we please ask that if you drive to collect your children from any of our schools that you use the allocated parking facilities throughout the village. It is evident in our patrols that those collecting children are not parking and walking, despite numerous facilities being available. Parking is available at the rear of Front Street, the rear of Park House, King's Head Public House and the rear of The Green

School. All these locations are a short walk to our village schools, will reduce the risk of damage being caused to your vehicle, will prevent you receiving fines for parking and allow you to exit the village quicker as there is little or no congestion in these areas.

This month we have taken part in a passive drugs operation in some of our licensed premises across Consett and Stanley. During the operation The King's Head at Lanchester was visited and despite the pub being very busy we are happy to report that there was no sign of any drug activity. If you have any information that drug activity is taking place in any of our licensed premises please do not hesitate to get in touch. If you have any problems or concerns that you would like to speak to your local beat officers about, please let us know. PC 2058 Iain Nelson and PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson can be contacted on 101 (non-emergency number) or by emailing lisa.jackson.durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

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There are 10 key priority areas to choose from, but each AAP will need

help to decide what priorities to concentrate their efforts and funding on. The priority areas are:

- Children, Young People and Families
- Communication, IT and Technology
- Community Safety
- Culture, Tourism and Heritage
- Employment, Enterprise and Training
- Your Local Environment
- Supporting Local Groups
- Health and Wellbeing
- Older People
- Transport, Traffic and Roads

People have until Tuesday 13th December 2016 to vote for their

area's priorities and identify where money and resources should be spent first.

Gordon Elliott, head of partnership and community engagement, said: "One of the AAPs' key roles is to help residents shape their community and with online voting already proving a success with school children, we hope even more people find it easier to get involved and help choose the priorities for their local area."

To vote, visit [www.durham.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/consultation).

For more information about AAPs, call 03000 262056, email [aap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:aap@durham.gov.uk) or visit [www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs](http://www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs).

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# MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT DAY

The magnificent total of £1,100 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support at a coffee morning, held in the home of Miss Margaret Walters on November 2nd. Excellent venue, excellent cakes, excellent raffle prizes, excellent company; all contributed to the excellent total of money raised. The occasion had a poignant element, in that it was held in memory of Charlotte Easton, who after battling cancer very bravely and with stoic determination for a number of years, died in August at the age of 36. Charlotte lived very near Lanchester with her sister and parents during her childhood and young adult years, and attended Durham University, but has lived and taught in

London for a number of years. Her parents still live locally and attend All Saints' Parish Church, where Charlotte and Susannah regularly attended Sunday School as children. This lovely

family are just one of so many families in a similar position and we all know that raising money for cancer research is vital. Margaret wishes to thank all the people who attended her coffee

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## MEL'S SUPER LUNCH

Mel Somersall put on a super lunch at the Methodist Church on Friday 21st October. As usual it was a money raiser - this time for a new cooker at the Methodist Hall, adjacent to the church. About 150 people turned out for a very convivial time which lasted between 12 and 2 pm, when all the helpers were able to sit down and have their own lunch. The meal was first class - salads galore with cold meats. Every salad one could think of making must have been there, followed by half a



The salad table with people collecting their meal.

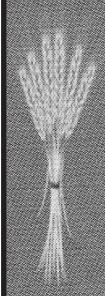
dozen wonderful mouthwatering sweets. Mel would like to thank all those who helped in very many ways and to all those who attended. Although considerable funds were raised, there will be another function sometime in the near future to complete the project.



People enjoying their excellent lunch in the Methodist Church.

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# COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS FAIR



A lovely Christmas stall with two little helpers.

The fair was held in both halls of the Community Centre on Saturday 12th November. It included a Christmas Grotto so Santa, who was kept busy, won the race by a whisker to begin his duties first in Lanchester in 2016 (photo on back page). The fair seemed to be really well supported and the various stalls, in the region of 30, seemed to have a large turnover of potential shoppers. All the tables were filled with high quality products, many with Christmas themes only. The refreshment hall was full

for much of the time serving coffees, snacks and light lunches.

One particularly interesting stall was there to raise money for Northumbria BloodBikes, a registered charity that saves lives. The stall had mixed offerings on it including a lucky dip where all were winners - very appealing. The charity is supported by the Henry Surtees Foundation which also supports Great North Air Ambulance.

The Blood Bikes Charity began in 2014 and since then has made more than 7000 potentially lifesaving

deliveries to our local NHS. Speakers are available for any group in the village which may wish to use this service. The Publicity Officer is Kirsty Lawrence. Talks may be tailored to requirements with or without Powerpoint presentation. For further information re this group please visit [www.northumberlandbloodbikes.org.uk](http://www.northumberlandbloodbikes.org.uk).

The fair began at 10.00 am and continued until 1.00 pm so it is hoped that the Community Centre funds have been satisfactorily augmented.



Kirsty Lawrence and her Mum Doreen on the Blood Bike Charity Stall, with interested villagers, Christine Armstrong, Carol Morcum and Bernadette Lowes.

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# WILD GOOSE CHASE?



Louise, from Genome, with the Jackdaw.



The Jackdaw feeding on Jill's windowsill.

It isn't often our reporters are summoned to a wild goose chase. This event was the nearest to one in recent times. It turned out to be a wild Jackdaw chase! Your reporter on arrival immediately recognised that the house where the Jackdaw lived turned out to be the house belonging

to Jill Ramsay, one of our long term deliverers. There in the garden was this young Jackdaw who couldn't fly. Jill had left it food in a proper feeder. At odd times it did manage to cross the road on foot to Genome (Park House), where Louise and Angela fed it. So who does it

belong to? By a short beak, probably Jill who owns the property where it lives. The picture above shows Louise, from Genome, with the Jackdaw. Jill was out at the time. Jill added: "Actually, I wasn't out, but making sure I didn't 'bomb' the photograph!

One morning in July I heard terrible squawking, so went out to investigate. There, in the middle of a rose bush, was a young bird. I managed to entice him out of it by leaving breadcrumbs on the fence. For the next few days he was seen in several gardens in Percy Crescent

and Church View, then disappeared. Presumably flown away.

Then, about a month ago, I noticed him on my fence again, furiously flapping his wings, but failing to get airborne. His left wing has

some feathers missing, so perhaps damage was caused when he fell from the roof in July? He spends much time in my garden, doesn't make a sound and will even take food from my hand."

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A busy, interesting Greek Day at All Saints.

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## CHRISTIAN AID FUNDRAISER



*Dulcie Richards happily knitting away on duty at the Christian Aid stall at their recent Coffee Morning fundraiser, in the Methodist Church.*

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## SATLEY WI

Our President Linda welcomed the members to our AGM. Sue Fox came along with Judy of the County Committee to supervise the re-election of President and committee for Satley. We firstly discussed the business before the voting took place. Secretary Alwyn gave a report on the activities throughout the year. Carolyn then gave her Treasurer's report, which was very favourable, then Linda reported on her year as President.

Sue Fox then took over and conducted the elections. Linda was wholeheartedly re-elected and was willing to accept. Sue then gave a humorous talk on household hints, eg, on ways to remove spilled wine and candle wax.

Finally supper was served - a lovely selection of savoury and sweet dishes provided by all the members. The committee dinner will take place on November 29th at Crinnions.

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14 oz/400g strong white flour  
Pinch salt  
1 tsp allspice  
Half tsp dried yeast  
4 oz/100g each of butter, beaten to a cream, currants, sultanas, candied lemon peel  
4 oz/100g sugar  
1 egg white, beaten to a froth

#### METHOD

Sift together flour, salt, and allspice. Mix in yeast. Add 9 fl oz/250ml tepid

water. Mix and knead for 10 minutes. Cover and leave to rise in a warm place until doubled in size.

Knead in sugar, fruits and peel. Roll out to a square/oblong 1½ inch/ 4 cm thick and place on baking tin.

Using a well greased knife, slice halfway through the dough to make smaller 'tear and share' size rolls. Brush with egg white.

Bake at 200C, 400F or Gas Mark 6 for 20 minutes.

When cool, tear into individual rolls. These were traditionally served with cheese and ale.

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## INNOVATIONS HALLOWEEN LUNCH



A Halloween themed lunch with the healthy eating group was held at Innovations. Everyone had a fabulous time. Innovations is sited at the former Doctors' Surgery, behind Park House.

## RED CROSS WINDOW



A wonderful display at the Red Cross Shop for Halloween.

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# LANCESTER HISTORY SOCIETY

## 'Canny Work'

Bill Trenbirth, an Information Assistant at Killhope Lead Mining Museum, gave a fascinating and informative presentation covering Lead Mining in the North Pennines and its effects on the landscape and its settlement patterns at our November meeting. Bill has extensively researched and 'lives this history' explaining the process of lead mining and how it was organised, from removing the Galena ore by different methods, removing the rock from the Galena (dressing the bouse), smelting and transporting it by Dale ponies, each with 100 kilos at a time (!) to the industrial areas of Tyneside. The heyday from 1760s to 1880s brought 3-4000 miners to this area. A

typical wage would be 15s (75p) a week compared to coal miners on £1-£1.10s. Agricultural workers at the time were on 10s (50p). Lead miners were also farmers/smallholders and worked flexibly within the demands of the seasons. The North Pennine area formed the most important lead producing area in the country managed by 3 companies: WB Beaumont Lead, London Lead Company and the Derwent Mining Company. WB Beaumont was the richest commoner in England living at Bretton Hall in Yorkshire with an income of £100,000 per year! Thomas Sopwith, the Lead Manager of WB Lead earned £1000 per year and Allenheads Hall was built for him at a cost of £7000 plus £1500 for the garden. Bill's talk encouraged us

to look more closely when visiting the North Pennine area and he recommended an accompanying book 'Lead Mining Landscapes of the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Beauty' by Ian Forbes. Scars of lead mining can still be seen today - where hushing took place, where the spoil is heaped, the washing floors, the smelting flues and chimneys, and the Beaumont and Barrington Schools and the large Non Conformist Churches. A visit to Killhope is in the diary, to learn more about this industry. The Graham Letters at Killhope would give you more social history and looking further at Mining Inspector Reports will give you a factual account of the conditions and successes of this lost industry.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LANCESTER WI!

President Marie in 2018 with 'Project Poppies'. Since the Great War, the poppy has been recognised as a symbol of sacrifice and loss, and it is aimed to make between 2,000-2,500 clay flowers, all of air dry clay, painted the same red colour, measuring about 5 inches in diameter and representing the lives lost during the Great War in our own area. The Boys' Brigade and several other local organisations are involved in the venture and local people are encouraged to join in, or to pay for a poppy, bearing a metal tag engraved with the name of a loved one connected with a conflict. Eric can be contacted on 521323 and will gladly give more details. A mock-up photo (on front page) shows how the poppies are envisaged around the Methodist Church. The evening ended with Maisie speaking about the ancient festival of Samhain which occurs at this time of the year. We heard some of the legends and folklore of the North East and the evening rounded off with tea, biscuits and chatter.

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# THURSDAY CLUB

At our last meeting in October, a packed Thursday Club listened and watched enthralled as Kath and Harry Gilbert took us on a 'wild journey through Botswana'. It was another of their epic journeys into regions we'd all love to see but are a little apprehensive of going ourselves - just lovely to sit back and watch it all happen from the safety of our seat back home. As well as amazing scenery,

the kaleidoscope of animals and birds seen on their travels was wonderful - lions, tigers, elephants, giraffes up close and personal.

Kate Laurie, a safari veteran herself, was on hand to give a most enthusiastic vote of thanks.

Our evening finished off with coffee/tea and biscuits as well as our jewellery sales table which were running for our Great North Air Ambulance fundraising.



Kath and Harry pictured by Victoria Falls.

## LANCESTER FLOWER CLUB Social Afternoon

The meeting held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 26th October was a mini demonstration. Our demonstrators for the afternoon were three lady members and we would like to thank Helen Tomlinson, Norma Jenssen and Andrea Stoddart who kindly completed the arrangements the ladies demonstrated the art of flower arranging most admirably. We further entertained ourselves with a quiz ending with light refreshments. Everyone enjoyed a convivial and relaxing afternoon.



Andrea Stoddart, Norma Jenssen and Helen Tomlinson with their arrangements.

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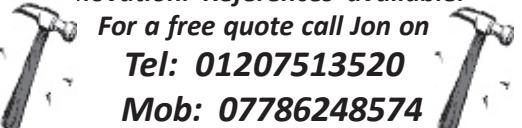
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## THURSDAY CLUB COFFEE MORNING

On 27th October we held our second Coffee Morning of the year in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. It was a bright, chilly morning but this didn't deter our supporters turning out. In order to get more tables into the dining room we moved the raffle and jewellery tables into the conservatory. The dining room was still full to bursting! Ann Marie, a representative of the GNAA, arrived to thank everyone for being there and supporting GNAA both on the day and in the past. She explained how important fund raising is as they are not

government funded in any way and that donations, no matter how small, are all very welcome. They are now running a lottery and details of how to join can be found on their website and some leaflets were left in the Community Centre if anyone is interested. The raffle table had some wonderful prizes and we would like to thank: Crinnions, Emertons, the Gift Shop, Hanley & Swinbank, Lanchester Pharmacy, Lilydale Pet Supplies and Spar for their generosity - our members for their Jewellery and Tombola contributions, cakes, scones and hard

work. Finally, and most importantly, we thank everyone who turned up and made everything worthwhile - there would be no point without you all. We raised £457 and together with the £335.35 at our March coffee morning we will be forwarding our cheque for £792.35.

We do hope that you all had a good time and that we can count on your continued support in 2017. A note for your diary Thursday 30th March same time, same place. Meanwhile we hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



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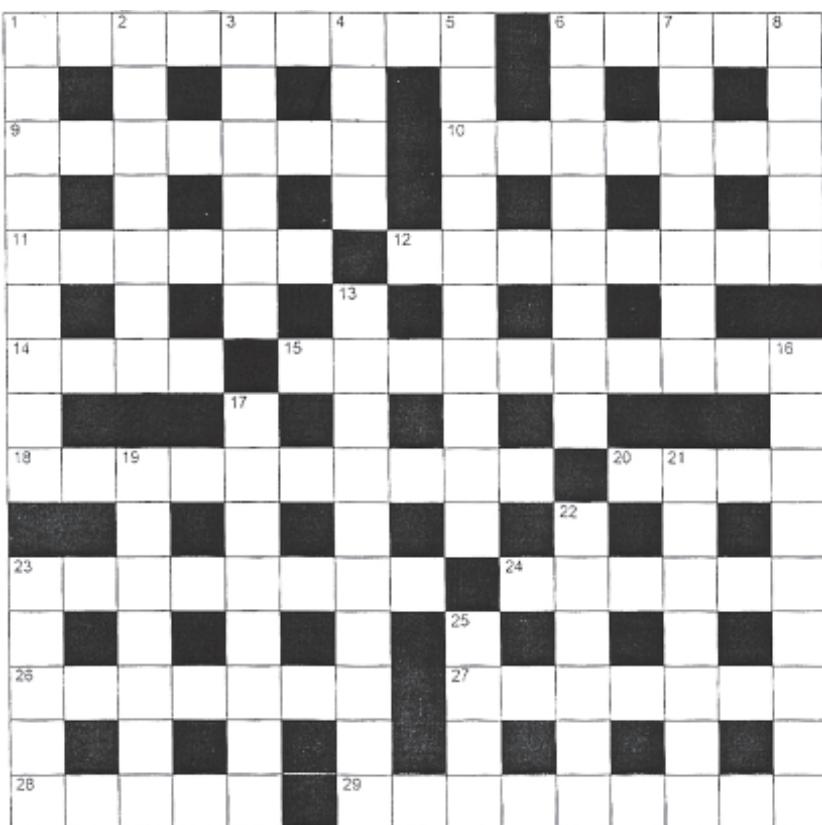
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## LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

## CROSSWORD 126

There were 20 entries in last month's crossword competition, though not all were correct. Congratulations to Fred Heppell of Lee Hill Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

### ACROSS

- Solution from a moose cup is apple-like (9)
- Strode (5)
- Magnify (7)
- I n d o n e s i a n currency (7)
- Boy hidden in border motel (6)
- Engaged (8)
- Kill (4)
- Less skin in provocative appearance (10)
- Poison from deadly nightshade (10)
- Goes with last, box and code (4)
- See 3
- Members of the Irish police force (6)
- Husbandry (7)
- Poison (7)
- Last (5)
- Poison from foxglove (9)

### DOWN

- Puss booed for crocodile tear (6,3)
- Infectious disease (7)
- Poison (6,8)
- Used too much of a drug (9)
- Poison from nux vomica (10)
- Genre that started in the 1950's (3,5)
- Poison (7)
- See 4
- Haematophobia (5,5)
- R e h e a r s e d manoeuvres (3,6)
- Car manufacturer (8)
- Wool fat (7)
- Number such as third, sixth or tenth etc. (7)
- Hound with short legs and long ears! (6)
- Single decoration on a jumper etc. (5)
- Goes with on, up, man and dog (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 126

### ACROSS

- clemency
- fidget
- autonomy
- ignore
- merriment
- ethos
- glee
- whoopee
- uncivil
- joke
- cater
- billowing
- narrow
- diatribe
- treble
- synopsis

### DOWN

- charms
- entire
- ennui
- compete
- inglenook
- Good Hope
- The Ashes
- stew
- Liverpool
- succinct
- scot-free
- lobe
- jollity
- Sirius
- egress
- outdo

## 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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					1	8		9
				6			3	

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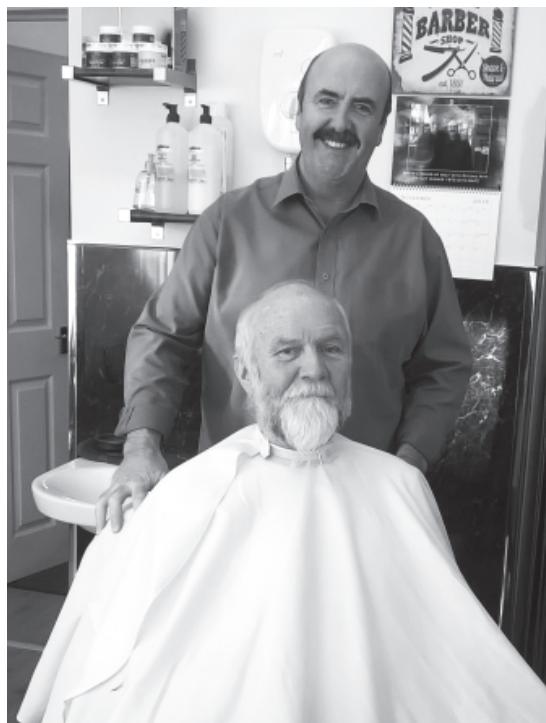
After 45 years Allan Rowe has decided to shave his beard and head.

The reason for this is his daughter Zoe Rowe, who lives in Glasgow and plays Australian Rules Football for Scottish Sirens. Zoe attended St Bede's school and worked for a number of years at Lanchester Club.

Zoe has recently been chosen to play for GB Swans, which is a great honour. As this is a minority sport which is self-funded, the family is trying to raise money to help Zoe and her team mates, to buy equipment including strips and travel etc. Allan is doing his bit by having a sponsored shave off.

There is no closing date for contributions. Anyone wishing to donate can give donations to Allan Rowe 07837163671 or Ann Rowe 07773489549.

If you have access to a computer you can donate at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and look for GB Swans, which will also tell you more about the sport and GB Swans, also [makeachamp.com/Zoe](http://makeachamp.com/Zoe) Rowe.



*'Before' and 'After' pictures of Allan Rowe with Ian Kane, The Village Barber, Langley Park.*

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## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ravellos has been open for a while and we've only just visited - but what a treat! It has been reborn into a new Italian restaurant. And for a small village in County Durham it is very ITALIAN.

Lovely surroundings, pleasant music, linen cloths and fresh flowers on the table along with bread and dipping oil to enjoy while perusing the menu. The kitchen is open to view and looked immaculate.

We had a very pleasant, attentive waiter. When a phone message for one of our members arrived via Ravello's phone line, it caused no problem, all taken in their stride. They were most obliging.

They have a super menu with certain pastas and pizzas at a special price of £4.95 if ordered between 12 noon and 6.30pm. There is also a specials board full of lovely choices.

All the food was beautifully presented and we sampled for starters,

Smoked salmon and prawn in Marie Rose sauce. Mains were Lasagna al forno, Tagliatelle carbonara, Risotto pollo e fungi and Rigatoni arrabbiata. Puds were Torta slevanera, Sorbetto limone, Mixed ice cream and Tartufo nocciola.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 7th December at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

## Lanchester Library

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

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 11th December. Meet 10.00am in Malton car park.

## Thursday Club

15th December is our outing to Newcastle Theatre Royal. Gillingham's coach will leave at 8.30 am from outside Cooplands Bakery. Please note that there will be no meeting in the Community Centre in December.

Will members please ensure that they have given their name and paid £10 for the New Year buffet which takes place on 19th January 2017 at 1.30 pm.

## Lanchester Writers

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

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting, our AGM, will be on 13th December. It will be in the Community Centre Dining Room at 7.30 pm, followed by a Wildlife Quiz.

## Mother's Union

The meeting on 14th December is the Advent Evening. We will meet in the Chapter House and go into church for 7.30 pm. After the service seasonal refreshments will be served.

## Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. There will be a slide show by Michael Robbie; it is also the AGM. Everyone would be most welcome so do come along if you think you would enjoy a relaxing afternoon with us. For any further information just call Helen Tomlinson 01027503667, Norma Jenssen 01027520574 or Lestrine Kelly 01027521494.

## Lanchester Line Dancing

A new line dance class is planned to start in Lanchester in January 2017 in Croft View. The two-hour class is scheduled to begin on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 1.30-3.30 pm. The class is aimed at beginners and those who wish to return to line dancing and need a refresher to bring them 'back in line' but anyone from beginner to experienced dancer is very welcome to come along.

## PPG Meeting

We are having the next meeting of the Lanchester Medical Centre Patient Participation Group on 7th December at 6 pm. This will also be the AGM.

New members are welcome.

## Satley WI

The next meeting will be on December 12th in the Parish Hall, Satley, at 7.15 pm. All are welcome to join us.

The WI Carol Service will be held on Saturday 10th December in Durham Cathedral.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas from Satley WI.

## Community Centre

### Activities

#### Coffee Morning

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

#### Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays and Fridays 7.00-9.00pm.

#### Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

## Local History Society

Lanchester History Quiz with wine and Christmas treats.

Quiz Master: Sue Stone

Date: December 2nd

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

Visitors are always very welcome.

## Lanchester WI

Monday December 5th is our very popular Christmas Night with the members when we enjoy seasonal celebrations with food, fun and friendship. We begin our evening at the normal time, 7.15, we share a Faith Supper, and members are reminded to bring items of food. We will enjoy songs from Lanchester Male Voice Choir, who will 'sing for their supper' and join us later to help in finishing the festive food. Our members are invited to come along and share in this event, always a lovely start to the Christmas season.

Lanchester WI would like to wish family and friends a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

## Willow Burn Event

### Light up a Life

Sunday 4th December, St Bede's School. For further information contact: 01207 523 900.

## Library Book Club

On Monday December 12th at 2.30 - 3.30 pm, the group will be discussing Longbourn by Jo Baker, "If you are a Jane Austen fan you will devour Jo Baker's ingenious Longbourn". This was a Richard & Judy Book Club pick. If you have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Come and Sing

Come and sing acapella, for the pure joy of singing in harmony with each other. The Chapter House, All Saints' Parish Church, Lanchester. Monday from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Enjoy singing Gospel, Folk, Jazz and more, in two, three and four part harmony. Start the week with a smile! EVERYONE WELCOME. Look out for our posters around the Village.

## A 'bussing' Christmas Gathering

A Buffet Lunch will be held on 6th December from about 11 am - 1 pm at Lynwood House. The food will have a seasonal theme with turkey and ham sandwiches, mince pies, Christmas cake etc, and to finish some apple pie and custard and as much tea and coffee as you like. A Christmas hamper and other great prizes will be raffled and there be plenty of goodies to win in a Tombola. The bus will take you there and back home. Please come along, bring your friends and let's support the Village Bus. Tickets £3.50 are available from Luke the driver, Karin (520784), Marie Harrison and the Red Cross Shop.

Hope to see you on 6th December.

## Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 1st December, 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

## Lanchester Social Club

Every Friday - FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING Every Sunday except 1st January - Sunday Night Buskers

Saturday 3rd December DAVID WALTON, Award Winning Vocalist

Saturday 10th December NICOLA BROWN, Delightful Young Singer

Saturday 17th December INDIA, Top Class Vocal

Saturday 24th December ALAN WATSON, Vocalist

Saturday 31st December BACKGROUND MUSIC

Sunday 1st January FOREVER YOUNG plus FAYLEY.

## Paradiso Club

### Christmas Social

The next meeting will be held on Sunday December 11th, 7pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. As well as the refreshments and raffle there will be a DVD sale of the previous year's films, which you might like to put in Christmas stockings.

The film we are screening that night is DARK HORSE. "An emotional funny, heart-warming film - a real life fairy tale", based on a true story.

Entry by ticket which covers refreshments, raffle and film show:

Members £2.50

Occasional visitors £3.50

Young persons £2

## Sunday Bridge

Are you a Bridge player? Why not come along to the Community Centre on 4th December at 2.00 pm for an enjoyable afternoon of Bridge. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

## BEER FESTIVAL 2017

It's still early to be talking about the fourth annual Beer Festival but we are looking for ideas for the entertainment for next year's event. We are happy to showcase new talents or local talent and would welcome contact from anyone who may be interested. Also, on the Saturday whilst the cricket match is on, we can't have a band on, so if there is anyone who is starting out to be a street entertainer or comedian then we might be interested in utilising your talents. Obviously, we will be hoping to maintain our links with our previous years' sponsors, but we are always on the lookout for new ones. Anyone who has been to the event and would

like to be a sponsor or anyone who sees the opportunity to advertise their company through a sponsor deal, please get in touch.

One thing for attendees to keep an eye on, is that the event is getting increasingly popular and we are limited by law as to how many can attend at any one time, so we would encourage people to buy their tickets in advance. It is cheaper, but in future it may be the only option open to you. That would be good news for us, but it is always painful turning people away, which we would prefer not to have to do. So if any of these items interest you please get in touch ... Lanchester cc@outlook.com.

## OUT AND ABOUT - DURHAM CASTLE

When the University of Durham was founded in 1837, the Bishop of Durham gave the Castle to the University and it remains in their care today. The castle's Black Staircase is said to be haunted by the spirit of Isabella, the wife of William Van Mildert, who fell down the stairs breaking her neck. Another sad story involves Frederick John Copeman, who studied at the University in the early 19th century. He lived in the highest room at the top of the Black Staircase, called the 'Crow's Nest' by the students. As the time for his final exams approached, he became more and more nervous. He took the exams and waited anxiously for the results.

As today, degree results were pinned on the notice board outside the

University Library on Palace Green and on the day of publication, Frederick Copeman hurried to see them. The results lists for each subject show students with first class degrees at the top and the other classes in order below. If a name does not appear on the list, it means a failure. Frederick could not find his name on the list and returned to his room in despair. After a time, he could bear his failure no longer and rushed from his room, ignoring everyone. He ran across Palace Green to the cathedral, climbed the steps to the top of the tower and threw himself off.

When the results were examined later, it was seen that the sheet pinned above his had accidentally covered up Frederick Copeman's name at the

## LANCHESTER LINE DANCING

Many people love to line dance. It is fun, good exercise, a great form of dance and you don't need a partner. Research has found that line dancing is the best form of activity to combat dementia. The basic argument is that with line dancing you are not only exercising your body, but because you are learning new dances you are also exercising your mind. General research has shown that line dancing improves people's well-being, coordination and confidence.

Line dancers meet up with a group of people weekly or even more often for the same reason. This builds a bond and improves the person's outlook and therefore their feeling of well-being and self-worth. Line dancing is also recommended as a good form of keep fit and weight loss.

A new class is starting in Croft View in January (see What's On page). So everyone, get ready to dance and lose those extra pounds gained

over Christmas and New Year! Wear comfortable clothes and comfortable low-heeled boots or shoes but preferably not trainers.

I have found over the years that line dancers are the friendliest bunch of people and I'm really looking forward to starting this new class and I hope to see old friends and also make lots more new friends.

Agnes Roberts  
Instructor,  
Renegades Line Dance Club

## NEW STRIP FOR LANCHESTER CC FOOTBALL TEAM

This season sees the Lanchester Cricket Club's Football Team playing in a new strip - with Henry Dancer Days emblazoned upon it!

The lads bought their own shirts and raised money for the printing of the charity's logo by selling football cards. Kevin Clift organised the new shirts with a view to helping raise the profile of the local charity and approached Henry's Mum to see if she liked the idea. Jane says, "I was thrilled! Some of the players were at school with Henry and I think it's so great that they want to remember him this way. The more our charity's

name is heard and seen, the better it is for us."

When the team wore the shirts for the first time a rainbow appeared above the pitch so Henry must have been smiling

down. They then won 5-0!

Here's hoping that he continues to bring them luck throughout the season. (See team photo, back page.)



Modelling the shirts are Kieran Jewitt and Joey Trotter, with Jane Nattrass, Henry's Mum, in the centre.

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## TRICK OR TREAT



Two lovely families joined together to trick or treat neighbours at Halloween: Left to right: Isla Wisson, Matthew Bell, Alexander Wisson, Catherine Bell, Alice Bell. Back row mums: Amy Bell and Marie Wisson.

More Halloween photos, page 13.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR



Santa busy chatting to two enthusiastic young girls, Ellena and Jennifer Huthart, at the Community Centre Fair. See page 9.

## BOWLS DINNER



Lanchester Bowling Club competition winners (Robin Scudder, Mike Stoddart, Barbara Howliston, Christine Monaghan and Stan Easten) with their trophies after the presentation by Club President Ron Cole (founder member of the Club) and his daughter Catherine, 3rd from left.

## NEW STRIP FOR LANCHESTER CC FOOTBALL TEAM



Lanchester Cricket Club's Football Team wearing their new strip with the name of the Henry Dancer Days charity emblazoned on the front. See story, page 19.

## EARLY DECEMBER DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 6th December. The deadline for **adverts** is 4th December.

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