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ART EXHIBITION



Newcomer to the group, Chris Kelly, explains some detail to Ann Carr and Jennifer Macdonald. Article on page 12.

ST BEDE'S 50 YEARS



Bishop Seamus and St Bede's Headteacher Neville Harrison cutting the celebration cake. See page 5.

PARTNERSHIP DOG SHOW



The Best in Show and Reserve at the Dog Show. See page 14.

PARTNERSHIP CEILIDH



Dancers enjoying Lanchester Partnership's Ceilidh. See page 15.

FOLK MUSIC EVENING

To the great enjoyment of a large and enthusiastic audience, Martin Matthews and Friends helped to make an extremely successful evening in aid of the Community Centre and the Henry Dancer Days Charity.

Story and more photos on page 10.





Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
My mother (Betty Calland) and I would like to say a big thank you to family and friends who came to support our Macmillan afternoon tea on 30th September. The generosity of people amazed us. Because of this we made a staggering £400. It's hard work to put on an event like this, but when the money is counted, it's all worthwhile. Thank you again, Ann Rowe and Betty Calland

Dear Village Voice
Scaffolding around library
I would be very surprised if the council removes the scaffolding around the library until structural repairs have been completed to the roof. If the scaffold was removed there would be risk of falling debris, which in turn would create a risk to public safety. I suspect the scaffold was originally erected to facilitate such a repair, but for reasons only known to the council (financial/library closure?), this has not been done.

What a shame such a beautiful, historic building has been allowed to degenerate into such a poor state. Name and address withheld on request

Dear Village Voice
On behalf of the 'Durham Not Alone Group' I would like to thank all those, in the region of 50 or so people, who supported the Big Macmillan Coffee Morning held at the Community Centre on 30th September. The Coffee Lounge and Main Hall were immaculate and the service given by the Centre staff was excellent. The amount raised for this very worthy cause was just under £600.
Phyllis Reed

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

LAST POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS

International Economy (formerly known as Surface Mail)	
Thursday 3rd November	Eastern Europe, Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Malta and Iceland
Thursday 17th November	Western Europe
International Standard (formerly Airmail) and all International Tracking and Signature Services (formerly Airsure and International Signed For)	
Saturday 3rd December	Africa, Middle East
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Thursday 8th December	Caribbean, Central and South America
Saturday 10th December	Greece, Australia, New Zealand
Wednesday 14th December	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
Thursday 15th December	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
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Saturday 17th December	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg
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FOUND

A boy's very good quality jacket, probably to fit a lad 8-10 years was found in the Play park behind Park House on Friday 12th August. Please contact Mrs Caroline Stewart for further information on 07798756115.

COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for September is 45. The draw was made by N Hartley of Computers for All.

RED CROSS NEWS

Over the next two months the shop will be holding several events in the run up to Christmas.
Wednesday November 16th will be a Fashion Evening, 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. Friday 25th November will be our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Methodist Church Hall, 9.30 am to 11.00 am. Also the Lanchester Sings Concert will be held again this year on Friday 9th December

in the Methodist Hall. More news on the concert to follow when everything has been finalised.
There will also be various promotions held in the shop, keep a look out for exciting offers.
Thank you to everyone who supports the Red Cross. All proceeds from our events are used to help people in crisis both here in the UK and around the world.
Tracey Dobson

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BEAUTIFUL DURHAM 2016 AWARD



*The Red Cross would like to congratulate long serving volunteer Diana Snowdon who won the Durham City in Bloom 2016, Best Allotment or Kitchen Garden Award. She is pictured with her well-deserved trophy and certificate.
Well done Diana!*

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

John and I celebrated our Golden Wedding on Saturday 8th October. We held 'Open House' on Friday 7th October inviting friends and family to join us for refreshments throughout the day and we had a charity plate instead of presents and raised £275 for Willow Burn Hospice. More than 50 people visited us that day and during the weekend we celebrated with family at The Pavilion, Iveston. 50 years ago we were married at Catchgate Methodist Church and saved for a deposit on a new house at Deanery View in 1968. We lived in the village until 1975 and both of our children, Andrew and Alison were born in Lanchester. We moved to Chester-le-Street for almost thirty years before returning to live in Lanchester in 2007.

We have renewed old friendships and made many new ones, particularly in Lanchester Methodist Church where we are

both members. It has been lovely to come full circle and return to the village again to enjoy our retirement.
Jennifer Nairns



John and Jennifer Nairns cutting their golden cake.

MARY'S MEALS AS A TRIBUTE FOR MARY

70 is a milestone birthday but our friend Mary Jackson was unable to reach it, due to her death in February. We, her friends and family, wanted to find a way of paying tribute to her life and the person she was and discovered a charity called 'Mary's Meals'.

Based in Scotland, the charity provides a meal

each day for children attending school in 13 developing countries. Without this support many children would go hungry and would be deprived of any education. Over 1 million children are fed each school day at a cost of £12.20 each PER YEAR. The food is sourced locally, so keeping costs to a minimum.

Mary and her husband Paul have always offered great hospitality and Mary was a very quietly generous person, with a huge concern for children. We decided to host a meal for about 60 of her friends and former colleagues, to charge £12.20 for two courses and as far as possible, we would also source the food locally. That way we would be able to raise



Local entertainer, Chris Kelly, played and sang some lovely folk music at the fundraising event to support Mary's Meals.



Some of the organisers and hard workers at the fundraising evening for Mary's Meals charity evening held at the Parish Centre. Left to right: Jan, Paul, Margaret, Tim, Lilian, Margaret and Kathleen.

a greater fund for Mary's Meals. With the support of the Knitsley Farm Shop, local allotment holders and other helpers from Lanchester, we were able

to provide a simple but tasty meal. A variety of raffle prizes was donated and a wonderful auction item from Finbarr's Restaurant in Durham was given to us. This had an

estimated value of £250. Such generosity, plus the entertaining music provided by Chris Kelly raised a total of £3490. A fitting tribute to our friend.

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WORLD WAR I: A LANCHESTER FAMILY REMEMBERED

In 1914 George and Mary Brankston lived at Oyster Shell Cottage, The Garths. Four of their children: James, William, Henderson and Alexander (all miners), volunteered for service in WWI. At the time, Alexander was only 16 so gave his age as 19 in order to be accepted. James served with the Northumberland Fusiliers while the other brothers were in the DLL. In August 1916 Mrs Brankston wrote to the War Office: "Please Sir, I am writing to ask you to get me my son Alexander out of France as he is only 18 years of age and I have nobody working at home." The Infantry Records Office replied, requesting that his birth certificate be sent to them. On 12th September, Mrs Brankston again wrote to the authorities but

received the same response. By the time this correspondence took place, James had already died having been killed in action on 1st October 1915. He has no known grave but is remembered on the Loos Memorial. In 1917, Henderson, who had been awarded the Military Medal, was killed on 18th October. His name is included on the memorial at Tyne Cot Cemetery. Again, one year later, and again in October, Alexander, the son who Mrs Brankston tried in vain to have repatriated, also died and is buried at Quieteste Cemetery in le Cateau. I believe that William (who also was awarded the Military Medal), survived the war, married Mary Ann Coxon from Hollinside Terrace and died in Durham in 1947.

James, Henderson and Alexander presumably worked at Malton Colliery as they are included on the WWI memorial there. On Remembrance Sunday this year, as well as thinking about those who gave their lives, spare a thought for George and Mary Brankston who lost not one, but three sons, in the conflict. Ian Murray I would be happy for anyone to contact me if they would like to read a more detailed version of this story or if they have information to add (or dispute). Similarly, I would be happy to receive information about any other names on our remembrance list and I would also be happy to try and help anyone wishing to carry out similar research. Email iwmurray63@gmail.com



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ST BEDE'S MARKS ITS 50th ANNIVERSARY



Chaplain, Kirsty Hutchinson, chats to Bishop Seamus, just before Mass.

Bishop Seamus helped St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College mark its 50th anniversary, with a special celebratory Mass on Thursday 13th October. The newly refurbished school hall was packed with former students and staff, who joined the St Bede's community to celebrate the school's 50 year history. Among them were the 'St Bede's Pioneers', the first students to be taught at the school back in 1966. It was a wonderful occasion and an opportunity to remember days gone by as well as reflect on the achievements of the school and its tradition of excellence.

Headteacher Neville Harrison was delighted to welcome so many members of the community. He said: "It is wonderful to welcome back former students and staff, who have so many fond memories of our school. I'd like to thank Bishop Seamus for celebrating Mass with us this evening and encouraging us to reflect on the vocation of teaching." He added: "We are incredibly proud of our heritage and our tradition of excellence here at St Bede's and tonight has given us an opportunity to celebrate the past and look forward to a wonderful future."



Bishop Seamus delivers an emotional Homily.



The inaugural 'Gold Awards' presented to the winning pupils by Headteacher, Neville Harrison,

NEW CROSS FOR ST BEDE'S



This beautiful Red Cross was installed in the main hall at St Bede's School and Sixth Form College about a month ago. It was designed and made by Maralyn O'Keefe of the Glass & Art Gallery, Consett.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 13th September, Finance Meeting 28th September - approved.

Police Report - PCSO Lisa Jackson attended the meeting and presented the police report. (See separate Police Report)

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 Neighbourhood Warden co-ordinator attended the last PCC meeting to provide information on the CCTV fly tipping cameras. The cameras have been ordered. The hot spot areas in the Parish were discussed.

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Heritage Audit is

being checked and finalised. The two topic papers on 'Housing' and 'Historic Environment' are to be presented at a meeting on 14th October.

Parking Scheme - St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College

Members discussed the information received from the School which stated that following discussion with the County Council planners and considerable time and expense, the school was no longer progressing the scheme. Members expressed concern at the ongoing problem of traffic and parking at the school. It was agreed that a meeting is arranged with representatives from the School, County Council planners, Police and the Parish Council to discuss the situation.

Annual Play Inspections - Hollinside, Hurbuck, Park House and Manor Grange

It was agreed that the reports be received and identified works be addressed.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

The risk assessment for the event was approved. The quote from Durham County Council of £1087.00 to undertake dressing and undressing of the Christmas Tree and snagging of the lights was approved.

Maintenance Progress Report

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

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 8th November 2016 at 7.15 pm at Lynwood House.

POLICE REPORT

This month we have seen a slight increase in antisocial behaviour figures due to pupils from St Bede's School congregating in the village on Friday evenings. Despite there often being between 30-40 youths in the village at any one time, the majority do not cause any problems. However there is a small number who have been running in and out of the businesses and causing a general nuisance. Local officers are patrolling the village at these key times and trying to discourage the youths from congregating in the village by engaging with the parents, either face to face when they transport them into the village or via messages circulated by the school.

A hot topic in the national media is people causing a nuisance and fear to others whilst dressed as clowns. So far, we have received no complaints regarding such activity taking place in Lanchester, however there have been incidents in Delves Lane and Leadgate. Police are taking a robust approach to these incidents and officers are monitoring areas to locate such offenders. Anyone seen dressed as a clown or causing fear to others is being dealt with by Public Order prosecution. Local officers are also patrolling

schools due to the fear that these clowns were following pupils home.

This week we have received a number of calls regarding males going door to door selling household items as part of a scheme with the probation service. No such scheme exists, therefore if you get a visit from these males, please be vigilant and telephone 101.

On Friday 14th October, officers from Consett Neighbourhood Policing Team, Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit, Dog Support Unit and Special Constabulary took part in a licensing operation across Stanley and Consett. At each premises our drugs dog was utilised and at 6 premises checked, the dog only indicated 2 people, one of whom was found in possession. The King's Head in Lanchester was checked and despite the pub being extremely busy, the dog and officers did not trace anything suspicious.

PCSO Lisa Jackson will be attending the next Lanchester Parish Council Meeting, so if you have any problems or queries please don't hesitate to come along. Alternatively you can contact us via 101 or by emailing lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

In 2011 I met with a Health Minister because I was concerned that Durham and Darlington Trust appeared intent upon closing Shotley Bridge Hospital by stealth, removing services and making the hospital unsustainable so that the land could then be sold off for housing. The Minister assured me that there was no closure plan, that the NHS Trust is required to be open about its plans and consult with the local community on them and that anything else was both morally wrong and illegal. In the years following that meeting the Trust showed renewed confidence in Shotley Bridge Hospital and new services were indeed placed at the hospital. However, in the last year the Trust has again embarked on a programme of shutting down services and provision at the hospital. The canteen/restaurant was closed, a number of services have been removed and the maintenance programme for the hospital ceased. The Trust has now decided there will be no further in-patient admissions.

The Shotley Bridge Support Group and I have maintained a dialogue with the Trust and have been repeatedly assured of a commitment to continuing services at Shotley Bridge Hospital. However, we have remained concerned that sitting behind these assurances was a closure plan and it seems we were right to be sceptical. It seems that my concerns are undoubtedly shared by many residents in Derwentside. There is already heightened public concern, petitions, street stalls and letters to me as MP and it is clear the public share my commitment to ensuring the hospital remains open.

Derwentside is a growing area full of young families but with an increasingly ageing population. It needs a local community hospital to meet the needs of this growing population. I am concerned that following the end of in-patient services, the theatre services, endoscopy services and the hearing clinics etc. will be next. We cannot allow this to happen, not least because at a time when ambulances are daily

lined up outside University Hospital in Durham, unable to admit patients because of a lack of in-patient acute beds, and convalescing patients cannot move on from acute beds because

of a lack of community beds. This makes no sense, economically or medically. I am determined to make a strong case to maintain Shotley Bridge Hospital and ensure that the

Trust cannot further undermine this hospital. There will be a campaign to keep the hospital open and I hope that you will join me in this.

Pat Glass MP

WHEELS TO WORK

A new scheme is helping people get established in their first six months of employment.

Funded by Chester-le-Street, Stanley and Mid Durham Area Action Partnerships (AAPs), with a £50,000 grant contribution from the North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP), **Wheels to Work** aims to ensure travelling is not a barrier for those starting in their new role or training.

Anyone aged 16 or over who has a provisional licence can hire one of 30 mopeds. People have the

option to borrow either a 50cc moped for £25 a week or a 125cc for £30 a week. The cost will cover Compulsory Basic Training (CBT), protective clothing, a heavy duty lock, insurance, breakdown cover, servicing/maintenance of the moped.

After the loan period, and in partnership with the local Credit Union, there may be an option to buy the moped.

Mandy Hall, Chair of Trustees of the Wheels to Work Project, said: "We recognised that often jobs exist but due to

shift patterns and transport routes across County Durham it can be difficult to get to work for the time you need to start. If you are in the North Durham area then I would encourage you to get in touch to see if this scheme can be of benefit. The referral process also looks at other possible transport solutions such as car sharing as well as a scooter loan."

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VOLUNTEERING IN CANKIDS



Julie and Peter Richardson at the airport in New Delhi with the vast amount of luggage for the children in the hospice there.

We are writing on our only one in India. With return trip from New Delhi, India, our second self-funded visit this year. We worked in the specialist inpatient hospice, the

directly on the children, families and the unit. The money went a long way and we were able to buy a huge range of items and provide rupees for day to day needs of this very vulnerable group of children who are often presenting from hundreds of miles away with cancers like Retinoblastoma and Osteogenic sarcoma. The children can stay on the ward which is 100% charity funded for chemotherapy and

other treatments by their treating doctor. Many of the children have lived on the streets and others live in abject poverty. They have the spirit and the gratitude that shows great humbleness and inspiration. We sincerely thank the people who donated money and essentials to take to this very needy group of children, many of whom do not survive into adulthood. Sadly their chances of cure are much lower than in the west where presentation of the cancer is early and treated with a higher success rate. We plan to go again and will continue fund raising with my retired colleague Dr Lindsay Crack, Palliative Care Consultant, and my husband, Peter. Julie Richardson Contact Julie.richardson 1211@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to support or need more information.



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The Big Learner Relay is a nationwide collaboration of driving instructors, in which they have a student driving from a specific location to hand over the Pudsey bear specifically designed Learner Box. I am the lead driver this year from Durham to the handover near Darlington. We cover our car in Pudsey spots and then invite local businesses and local people to sponsor a spot! My learner this year is Lanchester lad, David Selby. Please keep an eye out for my learner car in the following weeks and if you would like a spot please contact me on 07587238123 or alternatively use our JustGiving page www.justgiving.com/DurhamBLR2016 Thanks in advance for any support. Andy Allen



Andy Allen with his Pudsey spotty car.

BE ACTIVATED!

The young performers of the Activate Theatre Group are preparing for their next show, based on the ever popular 'Mary Poppins' musical. Louise and Patrick Rimmington-Kane head this creative and exciting theatrical experience for the young performers of the North East, supported by a team of talented individuals. Classes are available for children of all ages, from

Mini Stars aged 4 years old, Rising Stars of 7 and Shooting Stars for youngsters aged 10. It's widely recognised that the performing arts are very valuable in confidence building for young people, to encourage them in working as a team and in developing communication skills. Classes are held at several local venues, including Lanchester, Witton

Gilbert and North Durham Academy. At the end of every term, a show is produced in the 300 seat theatre in the Academy and this year's production looks really magical, with youngsters working hard - and enjoying themselves! You can enquire about classes or about tickets for the show at 0191 3737200 or 07896554555.



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FOLK MUSIC EVENING



Kitchy Retro, the lively duo of Lucy Dawlish (bass) and Mark Scott (guitar and vocals).

Miserable Les, a talented singer/guitarist with a wonderful dry wit.

Phew! Another Folk Concert successfully concluded, I think everyone had a good evening and a decent amount was raised. These things are always a team effort, and there are so many wonderful people to thank - namely Tony Morland for selling so many tickets, for donors the Parklands Cars, Lanchester Pharmacy, CountryCrafts, The King's Head, Amadeus Kaffeehaus, Lilydale Pet Supplies, Lanchester Club,

SPAR, Talking Heads, Lanchester Hardware, Fastfit and Martin Matthews. Thanks also to Alison, Richard, Di, Elaine, Rhoda and everyone else who helped. The show got off to a lively start with Kitchy Retro, a duo who have their own unique style of Forties and Fifties songs. The Sunderland band Pipe Dream followed with their usual professional style and delivery. There is little wonder that they are in such demand at the

moment. The second half commenced with the unique Miserable Les who quickly had us all laughing with his amusing anecdotes and jokes. His song subjects range from spiders in the bath to serious issues, all with an impressive guitar style. The evening was concluded by our local musical maestro Martin Matthews on banjo and mandolin, accompanied by Paul Archer on fiddle, Jamie McLaughlin on flute, and Andy McLaughlin

on guitar and vocals. Their music is fast, dynamic, precise, invigorating and brilliant. It was a pity that the time passed so quickly and before we knew it, it was time to go home for a cocoa! NB The whole evening was recorded by Mr Ben Hudson for internet radio. At the time of writing I do not yet have the broadcast date. Should we have a 4th Big Concert next year I would make a few logistic

tweaks, but at the end of the day we made £753, to share betwixt our Community Centre and Henry Dancer Days and that can't be bad! PS If you have any suggestions or ideas which might improve any future event, please leave them in an envelope at the Community Centre for my attention. Thanks and keep singing, Ian Tute. Thanks to Richard Openshaw, Ben Hudson and Jane Nattrass for supplying the photos.



Ian Tute, organiser and entertainer.

Pipe Dream, Pat and John Haswell from Sunderland.

KIPLING'S STORY MOVED TO YORKSHIRE!

One thing you can rely on in a North Country Theatre production is creativity, especially important when adapting a dialogue-based short story, and in this production of Rudyard Kipling's 'The Wish House' on 8th October, the Company did not disappoint. This was their second visit to Lanchester in their 20th Anniversary Year and both plays have been cleverly adapted from legends or stories by Nobby Dimon.



The Reverend Smith in a compromising position as Grace attempts some running repairs.

Kipling's Wish House is a strange and rather disturbing story based on reminiscences of two elderly Sussex ladies, but Nobby has transported it to the Yorkshire Dales, removed one lady and added new characters to make it a stage-worthy play. It is basically a sad love story which could easily have descended into pathos, but this was avoided by a good helping of Yorkshire humour and dialect and extra plot lines. The story deals with the lifelong love of Grace for Harry, who eventually rejects

her, but later becomes seriously ill. Grace then visits a 'Wish House', having been told that here one can ask a 'token', or spirit, to grant a wish to take on another's pain. This duly happens and she eventually becomes terminally ill whilst Harry is cured and leads a healthy life.

There was less scope for creative scenery changes in this play, but the use of background scenery printed on sheets suspended from a ceiling clothes rack was very effective and skillfully

blended into the actions of the central character. The standard of acting was superb, with only three actors playing all the parts - Ashley Christmas as Grace, Mark Cronfield as Harry and Vivienne Garnet as Nurse Fettlely. This play was also Vivienne's debut as Director and she can feel justifiably proud of this fine production.

The performance was well attended and enthusiastically received and we look forward to their next visit to Lanchester. NH



The cast of 'The Wish House' - Mark Cronfield, Ashley Christmas and Vivienne Garnett who also directed the play.

THE ADDAMS FAMILY COMES TO STANLEY

The Addams Family are leaving their creepy mansion beside the cemetery and coming to Stanley. Are the Addams Family the first Goths? I remember as a boy enjoying the black and white television show (that shows my age) but later generations will know this bunch of spooky characters on film, TV and animation. In fact they first appeared in the 1930s in a cartoon in a New York newspaper. Inevitably someone had to write a musical and what a superb job they have done of it. South Moor

Musical Theatre Group are over the moon about obtaining the performing rights to this great show (to get the full significance of that remark you need to see the show). The show is packed with great music from the 'knock 'em dead' opening piece to the ghoulish last number and has some beautiful love songs thrown in for good measure. However the writers have not forgotten that the essence of the Addams Family is comedy. So if you like a good laugh or you like good music, treat

yourself to the perfect post Halloween night out. For details see the What's On page.



Helen McKenry, a talented newcomer to the society and the ever popular Lindsay Kellegher, as Wednesday and Morticia Addams.

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LANCHESTER ART EXHIBITION

Once again the Art Exhibition held on the weekend of 15th October was a great success. Out of the capped figure of 40 members there were 32 exhibitors, making it an exhibition well worth seeing. For various reasons several members had been forced to drop out in the recent past, but fortunately Chris Kelly, George Ellison, Pauline Gill, Sylvia Turnbull and Malcolm Coils have all joined in 2016. Christine Gibson joined last year and introduced her excellent debut stand at this exhibition. In fact, all new members displayed some excellent works, keeping up the standard that we have now come to expect and perhaps take for granted.

As usual the range of subject matter was extremely wide with the artists working in various mediums - oils, watercolours, acrylics and so on.

Even at the early stages of the show several paintings had already been purchased and no doubt the sales would have been very satisfactory by the end of the second day.

Certainly on Saturday morning it was very busy with people visiting from various parts of the North East. Everyone spoken to was very enthusiastic about the event and paid tribute to the exhibitors.

The refreshment area was full where visitors could enjoy a remarkably good homemade buffet.



The varied display by Margaret Walters.



Toni Wood and Sheila Skirrey, from Chester-le-Street, admire the works of Lesley Anderson and Gordon Reeve.

NEWS FROM LANCHESTER COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND ALLOTMENTS



James enjoying a taste of his labours.

This season the orchard has been looking vibrant ... the trees have been laden with apples of all shapes and sizes and we have had some rather unusual successes too like medlars, greengages, cobnuts and a healthy, though small mulberry tree.

The orchard has been visited by an enthusiastic group of Brownies who helped us to audit our best growing trees by counting the apples on the heavy cropping ones. The highest recorded was 150 apples. Not bad on a 5 year old tree! They also learnt a great deal about different fruits and most importantly how they tasted. We are hoping to plan

some follow up activities with the Brownies soon.

Members of the church have visited on several occasions as the orchard provides a wonderful sanctuary for meditative walks. One member has suggested that we create a secluded seating area for quiet contemplation ... something to think about!

Apart from that the allotments are progressing well with near on 100% occupancy and some fantastic produce on show including a stand of pumpkins which would impress Alan Titchmarsh!

New links have been made with Pact House, a Stanley charity which runs a drop-in

café in the centre and cooks a free meal for 60-70 people every Wednesday. What better way to use our excess produce?

This last weekend we produced litres of fresh apple juice from our own organic crop and were also able to assist other people from Lanchester who wanted to turn their own surplus apples into juice.

Lanchester Community Orchard is open to all families in the area for a small annual fee and some volunteer gardening. In return our members share friendship, a chance to learn new horticulture skills and fresh organic fruit from April to November. To find out more contact Sonny Shepherd on 07817369160.

GATEWAYS TO LANCHESTER

These old photographs show some of the routes into Lanchester in bygone times. Our thanks to Kevin Leary.



Please do not try to walk down the middle of Durham Road today as these people are and those chickens would not last very long either.



Cadger Bank when it was a leafy lane around 1910.



This photograph is entitled 'Bargate (Ford Road to Tow Law)'

OUT AND ABOUT IN YORK

York is an interesting destination for a visit in the mellow days of autumn. It has the reputation of being one of the most haunted cities in Europe, with some fascinating, grisly tales.

St Saviour's Church is just off the Shambles and it is believed that the spirit of a Viking warrior frequents the place where he was tied to the door and skinned alive by Christians. Another story relates how one of the gravediggers was in the habit of robbing bodies when they were laid out in the church before burial. The man had secretly amassed a large quantity of jewellery placed with the dead.

A wealthy resident of York died and her body was laid in St Saviour's Church for its final night on earth. The gravedigger knew there would be a small fortune buried with the body. As he'd done so many times before, at midnight, he left his cottage and made his way to the church. He felt there was something different about this night and a shiver ran down his spine. He suddenly realised why

he felt so uneasy - tonight was All Hallow's Eve, the time when according to superstition, spirits wandered the earth.

The door creaked open and he lit the lantern he had brought. On a stand before the altar stood the coffin. He placed his tools on the floor and began to remove the coffin lid. At last he saw the woman as she lay there and gasped when he saw the magnificent ring on her finger. Reaching in, he started to pull the ring, but it refused to budge. He used more force, tugging and twisting it, but it wouldn't move. Reaching into his tool bag, he found a small saw. He WOULD have there! As he began to saw through the finger, the woman's eyes flashed open and she sat up in her coffin. "Where am I?" she asked. "What are you doing to my finger?" The man gave a howl of horror and fled from the church as fast as he could. The woman had been in a deep coma and the pain she had felt brought her to her senses. She lived another 15 years and always wanted to thank her rescuer ... but he was never seen again.

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LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP FUN DOG SHOW

The fine weather on the afternoon of Sunday 25th September encouraged owners to bring their dogs to the Community Centre to have an enjoyable afternoon with their well-loved pets. There were about 40 well behaved dogs of all shapes, sizes and colours from small, smooth, black ones to a large white, long-haired German Shepherd.

The judge for the pedigree and non-pedigree classes was Kym Dundry who breeds, exhibits and judges miniature dachshunds. Best in Show was a handsome young black Labrador with a smart Jack Russell as Reserve. Canon Spence had to make

very difficult choices for the novelty classes such as the dog with the waggiest tail.

There was a very good raffle and refreshments and altogether just over £200 was raised for the Village Link Bus. Many thanks to the judges and steward Anneliese who kept things running smoothly, all the helpers and those who donated raffle prizes. Also to Cobbydog who donated several bags of dog food, ring numbers and place cards, James Wellbeloved for small sample bags which Lilydale gave me and also to Pat Burgess who made the lovely rosettes.



Abigail Hobson-Horne with her dachshund Lucy who won the pedigree veteran class.

HAPPY ENDING

When Maureen Clarke, who has recently returned to live in the village, came to the Lanchester Partnership Fun Dog Show to help with entries and the raffle, little did she know she would go home with two dogs! Just two days previously she had mentioned that she missed walking her daughter's dog, which had sadly died, but she didn't think she would have one of her own. Volunteers from Tendercare Rescue Dogs in Burnhope attended the show with boards displaying the work done by the charity and also two very small dogs, Kit, who is a black dachshund type with a grey muzzle, at least 9 years old. Minnie is very pretty and dainty with longish white hair and probably about 2 years old.

Maureen couldn't resist these delightful dogs and they both went to live with her the following Friday after her garden had been made very small dog-proof. The two dogs had been rescued from Kill Shelters in Rumania, where stray and unwanted dogs are taken with very little hope of being rehomed. Kit had been taken there and exchanged for a puppy whereas Minnie had been found wandering the streets, heavily pregnant. They are still a little nervous with people and other dogs but gradually improving and quickly made themselves at home with Maureen.

Anyone interested in fostering or rehoming a dog can contact Tracey at Tendercare on 01207 5229233 or 07982005429.



Kit and Minnie in Maureen's lounge.

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PETER RABBIT AND FRIENDS TAKE TEA

Sunday October 2nd was a beautiful autumn day and local children were thrilled to meet the famous Peter Rabbit and his friends who came to tea. Over 100 tickets had been sold for the event hosted by Willow Burn Hospice. Lanchester Social Club donated the venue. Mr McGregor was on hand to help the children plant carrot seeds; there was a raffle, cake stand, craft and toy stalls, a competition to count the watering cans and a colouring corner. It was a lovely afternoon, the youngsters enjoyed themselves and it was a fitting celebration of Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday.



Fun in the sun-blowing bubbles.

LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP CEILIDH

Where could you find the fleet of foot, favourite friends, friendly fellowship, fine food, fabulous fiddlers, and fantastic prizes on a Saturday night in Lanchester? The answer: Lanchester Social Club, where the Annual Lanchester Partnership Ceilidh was held on Saturday, October 15th. It is always a super night and this year was no

exception. Mick and Jill Gladstone, and their daughter Sally and members of the committee, made sure the evening went with a swing, as of course did the wonderful ceilidh band, 'Windy Gyle'.

It was a night to remember, not just for its social value but to be mindful and thankful for all the good things that the Partnership has initiated

to make our village the special village that it is and from which we all benefit. The evening raised £495 and Barclays Bank have promised to double this amount, which will bring the total to almost £1000. It is worth remembering that all this money will be spent to enrich the life of our village. What a wonderful contribution! Brenda Craddock



Peter Rabbit meets his young guests.



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THE YULE DOOS OF LANCHESTER

The tradition of 'Yule Dolls' goes well back into the 19th century, and they were probably made a lot earlier. They were an important feature of Christmas

celebrations in Lanchester, made and given to tradesmen, helpers and workers. Pitmen's wives made them as gifts for the young putter lads who helped their husbands underground, and if a Doo wasn't presented, a pitman might well find that his clothes had disappeared and he had to return home naked!

The custom of making Christmas dolls appears to have stopped at the start of World War I, but this is a lovely tradition which deserves to be revived, as an important piece of village social history. Lanchester WI have decided to make some - perhaps other people may be encouraged to join in and try their baking skills.



A Yule Doo made for Beamish Museum by Lanchester historian Arthur Reay.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

A traditional recipe for Yule Doos

This is the original recipe for the Lanchester Christmas dolls. There is no mention of spice being added, but the recipe just does seem to call for this, and in fact, a friend recently followed the recipe and added a pinch of spice. The result was delicious.

8 oz/225 g strong white flour
 1½ teaspoons sugar
 ½ teaspoon dried yeast
 1 oz/ 25 g lard or butter
 2 tablespoons of currants (plus a few for decoration)
 ½ inch/1 cm triangle of candied peel or cherry
 Pinch of spice

Mix the flour, sugar and yeast.
 Rub in the fat and work in up to 150 ml of tepid water to form a soft dough.
 Turn onto a floured board and knead for 5 minutes.
 Knead in currants and add the spice.
 Roll out to form two 9 x 4 inches/23 x 10 cm or four 7 x 3 in/18 x 8 cm ovals.
 Place on a greased baking sheet in a warm place to prove to double the size.
 Make shape with the dough that represents a person and decorate with the currants and peel.
 Bake at 190C/375F or mark 5 for 10/15 minutes until brown.



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LANCHESTER WI

This month, we held our AGM which was attended by WI Advisor Tina Bickerdike. President Marie Murphy opened the meeting with news of the two resolutions voted for this year, details of which and the Food Poverty survey can be found on the WI website. Voting forms will appear in the November/December WI Life and should be returned at the January meeting. Prizes for our forthcoming coffee morning were invited, along with cakes for a stall. Any member who has attended any event organised by the County is invited to give details to Carol, to be included in our Annual Report.

Marie reminded us about plans to make poppies to mark the centenary of the end of WWI in 2018 - she and Ann Carr will go to a

meeting and report back to members. A reminder was given that subscriptions had increased to £39 and thanks were offered to members for returning their completed questionnaires. Ann Carr was awarded the Nancy Walker cup and a £5 voucher for her competition entries over the past year and Anne Grosvenor was presented with a £3 voucher. Raffle winners were Rhoda Joyce and Eileen Curnow. Marie presented cards and flowers to retiring committee members Maureen Barker, Breda Branscombe and Barbara Sproat, in recognition for their hard work and support over the years. Lynne gave her Treasurer's Report, describing a healthy financial position and the Report was adopted.

Carole presented the Committee's Report, recounting a 'voyage of discovery' with so many changes in personnel occurring, various outings, cinema visits, an interesting speaker programme - we are a thriving and vibrant group. In her President's address, Marie described a very interesting and enjoyable year as President and thanked all members for their great support. Jennifer Macdonald gave a warm vote of thanks on behalf of the members in recognition of the committee.

Tina Bickerdike gave a brief outline of the history of the WI and covered some of its issues. Marie thanked Tina and presented her with flowers. A busy and informative meeting!



We held another popular Coffee Morning in October.

SATLEY WI

Our October meeting was Birthday night for Satley WI celebrating 67 years. Before the celebrations began, our President, Linda, welcomed the members along with Marion Forrest from Edmundbyers WI. She came to give us the report of the AGM she had attended in Brighton. Marion gave a very interesting and

informative account of all that had taken place and the resolutions discussed. Good news is that national membership has increased considerably. Linda thanked Marion for an excellent report. Our party then began by playing some games that included Irish bingo which caused some hilarity. A number of prizes were won as the

last man standing received a wrapped parcel and then sat out. The pie and pea supper arrived at 8 pm provided by Fiona of Crinnions. Empty plates indicated an enjoyable feed. This was followed by meringue nests, lemon drizzle cake, coffee and tea. A good evening was had by all. The raffle was won by Joan Smith.

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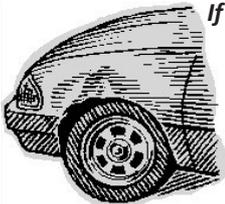
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'TREASURING LIVES' AT WILLOW BURN

Treasuring Lives is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative. The supermarket has teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help scheme, which see grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 - all raised from the 5p bag levy - being awarded to environmental and greenspace projects. Three groups in each of Tesco's 416 regions have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and this month shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who

they think should take away the top grant. Treasuring Lives is one of the groups on the shortlist and the Construction of a 'Viewing Deck' at Willow Burn is going to be our community project and will be invaluable to our patients, giving them a peaceful area to relax in during their stay. This deck will include wheelchair access, including access to external areas, views of our countryside and wildlife. The views are beautiful at Willow Burn, they are all green and the creation of a

natural meadow will give the patients more variety to look at and a better overall atmosphere. Wheelchair access walkways will travel through the meadow. We hope this deck will give people comfort in their last days and help family and friends to reflect and relax during a difficult time. Voting is open in stores from 31st October to 13th November. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shop.

LANCHESTER CHURCHES TOGETHER - PRAYER CARDS

We are pleased to tell you that we have already started the next round of prayer card deliveries to the Lanchester village area. The schedule is similar to the first, in that they will be delivered in the same order as before. However, there will be some differences too. Delivery began at the beginning of October and will finish in November next year. Initially the card format will be the same, but

it is also in the process of being amended to incorporate some reference to Burnhope. We are hoping to place boxes in the two shops in Burnhope and will continue to use the box in Lanchester (beside the Post Office counter at Lanchester News). We are also inviting families to take part, and hoping to have delivery teams from all three churches. This will be especially helpful on some

of the larger estates. All volunteers are welcome to join us of course. We hope that as a village community you will feel supported by the three churches in this way. Please remember that if you do need prayer support at any given time, there is no need to wait for the next prayer card - just leave a message in one of the prayer boxes, or contact us by email (prayer@lanchestermethodistchurch.org.uk).

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HISTORY SOCIETY

So Who Says History Isn't Fun!

Richard Pears royally entertained the History Society with his well researched presentation about the history of toilets from 3500BC to date and also looking into the future. Technologies, the workforce, water supply and sewerage systems influenced the development of this fundamental necessity for the health and well being of civilisations. Though prehistoric man identified the need for indoor toilets as shown in the plans of Skara Brae in the Orkneys (3500-2500 BC), these developments in town planning were forgotten. Roman latrines were a communal affair that can be evidenced in Roman remains in Housesteads and Pompeii. We even saw a picture of a wooden toilet seat from AD120! In medieval castles, garderobes were sited on an outside wall and can be seen in the Newcastle Keep, Brancepeth Castle and Pockerley Manor, Beamish. Gongfermors (a brilliant word) were the poor guys who cleared them out at the bottom! Different approaches to sanitation were taken to solve this problem including Little Houses seen at Wallington 1740,

Gibside 1748, Portaloos, commodes and chamber pots were used in stately homes. With the expansion of cities during the Industrial Revolution sanitation was crucial to stop Cholera, Dysentery and other diseases. Whittle Dene Reservoir 1848 above Ovingham improved the water supply to Newcastle and Gateshead.

Thomas Crapper 1836-1910, a Yorkshire man and plumber who built up a reputation for quality, effectively invented the bathroom showroom. He supplied Sandringham House and was awarded a Royal Warrant. Other contemporaries, Thomas Twyford invented the one piece toilet and Henry Doulton began making WCs much as we know them today.

Richard also elaborated on how the waste products were used for fertilising the fields and were used in making leather, Harris Tweed, colour pigments, face cream, shampoo and gunpowder.

The evening ended with funny anecdotes from members (toilet humour indeed!) and we are hoping that Richard will return again in the future with another topic.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

We held our first meeting after the summer break in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 28th September.

The guest demonstrator was Kath Gibson; her

theme was 'The Splendour of Nature'. She arranged some different and beautiful arrangements and her stories were very funny. She created a lovely

cheerful afternoon of entertainment. Everyone had a relaxing time and of course all arrangements were raffled to the delight of the winners.



Kath Gibson with her beautiful arrangements.

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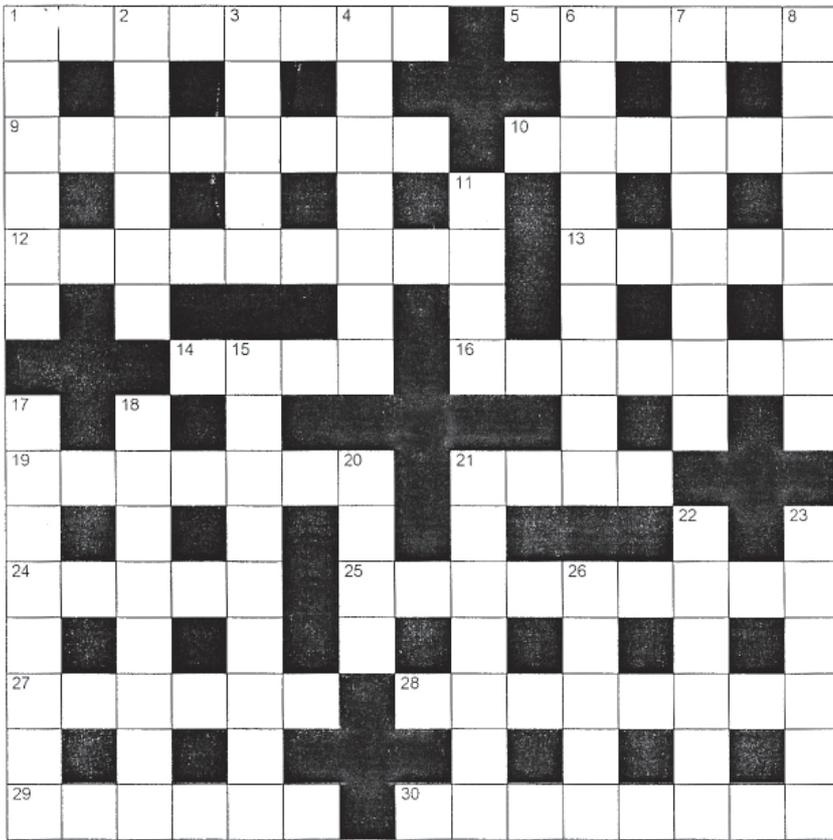
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CROSSWORD 126



- ACROSS**
1. Forgiveness (8)
 5. Move restlessly (6)
 9. Freedom of action (8)
 10. Overlook (6)
 12. Fun (9)
 13. Those change character (5)
 14. Fun (4)
 16. Fun (7)
 19. Rude (7)
 21. One-liner (4)
 24. Haveregard for (5)
 25. Swelling sounds like outstanding debt (9)
 27. Limited (6)
 28. I bar diet that gives rise to abuse (8)
 29. Soprano voice (6)
 30. I spy sons going into review (8)
- DOWN**
1. Allures (6)
 2. Whole (6)
 3. Lethargy shown by striven nuisance (5)
 4. Vie (7)
 6. Fireside corner (9)
 7. South African cape (4,4)
 8. Cricket trophy (3,5)
 11. Boil (4)
 15. Home port of the Titanic (9)
 17. Brief (8)
 18. Force set for reform without penalty (4-4)
 20. Part of an ear (4)
 21. Fun (7)
 22. Brightest star in the sky (6)
 23. Way out (6)
 26. Surpass (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 125

- ACROSS**
1. Gustav Mahler
 9. Italian
 10. Capulet
 11. grenadine
 12. nudge
 13. strolls
 15. reveal
 18. charge
 20. pungent
 24. up-end
 25. engrossed
 27. granted
 28. détente
 29. rhyming slang
- DOWN**
1. gringo
 2. shade
 3. animato
 4. mantilla
 5. hacker
 6. expunge
 7. bludgeon
 8. utterly
 14. trade gap
 16. scourge
 17. Gunga Din
 19. go Dutch
 21. grottos
 22. seldom
 23. Edberg
 26. senna

Name _____

Address _____

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

CROSSWORD 125

There were only 11 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to G Davison of Front Street who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

SUDOKU

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

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

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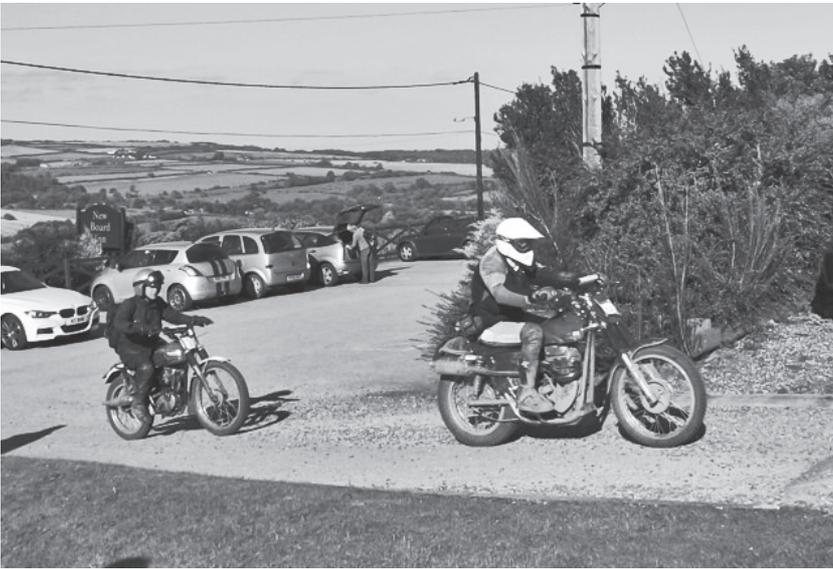
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BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL



Two of the later starters arriving at the finish.

This ever popular event in the vintage motorcycle calendar is now in its 44th year and continues to attract motorcyclists from all over the UK, and both this year and last year, one rider from France. The complement of riders was full at 150 again and in glorious sunshine they set off between 8.30 and 9.00 am from The New Board Inn at Esh.

The very pleasant route is extremely well set out taking motorcyclists through the Northern Dales of Durham, Northumberland and Cumbria. A lunch stop is taken at Allenheads. During the course of the run there are several checkpoints, warnings of

hazardous roads, difficult bends, inclines and descents and busy junctions.

Most arrive back at the start between 3.30 pm and 4.00 pm. However, one unlucky rider, Sean O'Brien, from Stockport, broke down after twenty miles and had to be rescued. Sean was riding a Triumph Tiger Cub 1964, the same age as he is. He was quite philosophical about it - the clutch was broken. He was followed about half an hour later by officially first back, Alan James, from Ireshopeburn, on a 250cc Honda 1974. It should be said at this point it is not a race and entrants leave at different times.

One unusual motorcycle was a sidecar combination 1929 Sunbeam model 9 ridden by Chris Kaye, from Dorset, with passenger Dave Polden from Cornwall. In fact the variety of motorcycles was amazing and a pleasure to admire. Some of them had acquired some mud probably in the off road areas, but would no doubt be restored shining bright ready for the next event.

It was a perfect day for riding around the Dales and some of the lucky ones will be waiting for the Awards Ceremony which takes place later in the year.



Alan James came back first on his 250 cc 1974 Honda.

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WHAT'S ON?

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 2nd November 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.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting is on Wednesday 9th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House and is the annual Wave of Prayer service.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 20th November. Meet 9.30 am in the Community Centre car park to go to Shibdon Pond.

Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on 8th November in the Community Centre Dining Room at 7.30 pm. The subject is **Lichens** and the speaker will be Janet Simkin from the Natural History Society of Northumbria.

Thursday Club

This will be on November 17th at 1.30 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre when Wendy Smith will give a talk on the Durham Cathedral flower show that accompanied the Lindisfarne Gospel exhibition.

Service of Remembrance

The above will take place on the Village Green at 9.30 am on Sunday, 13th November. Present will be: Lanchester Brass Band, Uniformed Organisations, Representatives of the three churches, Deputy Sheriff, Parish Councillors, Red Cross, Lanchester Partnership and WI.

Parish Church Autumn Fair

Lanchester and Burnhope Parish Church Autumn Fair will take place on Saturday November 26th beginning at 10.00 am in the Community Centre. Admission is free, with refreshments costing £1.00. There will be a free drink and treat for children.

Attractions include: Grand Raffle, Tombolas, Crafts, Homemade Cakes, Preserves, Ginger Wine, Christmas Stall, Jewellery, Scarves and Traidcraft. All are welcome to enjoy a very convivial morning.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be the second of our Open Meetings to be held on Friday evening on 25th November at 7 pm in Lanchester Community Centre Main Hall. The Demonstrator will be Christine Ogle and her theme will be 'Winter Ice'. She is a very well-known demonstrator and I am sure we will be guaranteed a most enjoyable evening. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Helen Tomlinson on 503667, Lestrine Kelly on 521494 or Norma Jenssen on 520574 should you require a ticket. The cost is £7 and includes tea/coffee and light refreshments.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 3rd November 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

Village Voice AGM

This will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 13th November in the Dining Room of Lanchester Community Centre. Everyone welcome.

Community Centre Activities

Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 10th November from 9.30-11.00 am.

Lacemaking

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

Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

Lanchester Social Club

Every Friday - FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING
Every Sunday - **Sunday Night Buskers**

Saturday 5th November STEVERICHARDS

Vocalist

Saturday 12th November SUE CASSIDY First Class Vocalist

Saturday 19th November JOHN MAC Vocalist

Saturday 26th November HAZEL First Class Vocalist

Sunday Bridge

Are you a Bridge player?, Why not come along to the Community Centre on 6th November at 2.00 pm for an enjoyable afternoon of Bridge. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

The Addams Family

South Moor Musical Theatre Group presents a new musical at the Alun Armstrong Theatre, Civic Hall, Stanley on Tuesday 15th to Saturday 19th November, Tuesday to Friday at 7 pm and Saturday at 2.30 pm only. Tickets just £10 on Tuesday; Wednesday to Saturday tickets £10 concessions, £12 adults, £36 family (2 adults and 2 children). Tickets are available from the Civic Hall Box Office on 01207 299110.

Christmas Shopping Trip to York

Taking place on Saturday, November 19th. The coach will leave the village at 8.30 am and leave York at 7.00 pm. Cost £12.50. Please contact Brenda Craddock (01207 520749, or email steve24c07@aol.com) as soon as possible if you are interested.

Taizé Worship

This will be held at All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday, 13th November, at 6.00 pm. There will be two practices in church for those who wish to help lead the singing, on Thursdays 3rd and 10th November from 6-7 pm. Please come and join us. All are welcome.

Breathe Easy

Meeting on November 10th at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre Dining Room.

Do you get breathless? The Breathe Easy network provides support, information and friendship for people affected by lung conditions - which is 1 in 5 of our population.

We (the Durham, Derwentside and Chester-le-Street branch) have invited Paul McCallion, the Senior Respiratory Physiotherapist at Freeman Road Hospital and the RVI, to come to our next meeting. He will give a Powerpoint presentation, will bring exercise hand-outs and will answer questions.

Anyone is welcome to come along; these are always friendly meetings. We hope to spread knowledge of lung disease and how to live well with it.

Please tell your friends and colleagues about this meeting and come. There will be a raffle and refreshments. For more information ring Jill Gladstone on (01207) 528114.

Lanchester WI

We meet again on November 7th in the small hall - please use the front door of the centre. We will be marking the ancient festival of Samhain with some folklore and spooky stories. We also follow local traditions when our competition will be to produce a 'Yule Doo'. Raffle prizes remain uncollected after our Coffee Morning, please check the following tickets: Orange 187, 193, 194, Blue 55. Thanks are offered to our tea hostesses; please continue to volunteer help. Remember our Christmas Night in December, always an excellent evening. Thanks for the support for our recent coffee morning. November marks our 91st Birthday - we look forward to the future!

Christmas Fair

The Community Centre will be holding its Christmas Fair on Saturday 12th November, from 9 am to 1 pm. Free entry. Santa will also be there.

Christmas Connection

We are holding this event on Saturday 3rd December from 6.30 pm @ Lanchester Methodist Church to raise money for KoGs and the 3 Church Charities. Tickets are priced at £8 per person and £5 for children under 10 years. There will also be entertainment which includes games, a short pantomime/sketch, carols and the debut of the all new KoGs Band. Tickets are available from Mervyn Burdon 01207 237161/07776307729 & Laura Cole 01207590044/07428500059.

Satley WI

Our next meeting, on November 14th will be our AGM in the Village Hall, Satley.

Paradiso Club

The next Social will be held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre on Sunday 13th November at 7.00 pm. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and a film show. The film we are screening at 7.30 pm will be 'GONE GIRL', based on the global best seller by Gillian Flynn. This is a mystery psychological thriller, starring Rosamund Pike and Ben Affleck. They present a public portrait of a blissful marriage, but when the wife goes missing on the couple's 5th wedding anniversary her husband becomes the principal suspect in her disappearance. Ticket entry at the door:

Membership £5 per annum.

Members £2.50 per social. Non-members £3.50 per social. Young persons £2.00 per social.

All are welcome. The ticket covers the raffle, refreshments and film.

Local History Society

Subject: Lead Mining in Weardale

Speaker: Bill Trenbirth

Date: November 4th

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

For more information about the History Society contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Library Book Club

The book which will be reviewed by the group on November 21st will be 'The Tea Planter's Wife' by Dinah Jefferies, a Number One Sunday Times Bestseller; it was published in September 2015. We hope to see you in the Library.

Lanchester Writers

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

Apology

The Village Voice would like to apologise to any of its readers who visited the Country Markets venue on Saturday 8th October and found it closed. An incorrect date was published in the What's On section of the paper. The normal day of the event is the 1st Saturday in the month but

at the request of Country Markets it was changed to the 2nd Saturday in September. It should then have reverted to the 1st Saturday in October but unfortunately this date was not changed. We regret this error and hope that it did not cause too much inconvenience to their customers.

CRICKET CLUB NEWS

Saturday 1st October was the date for the cricket club presentations. It was a change of time and process starting mid-afternoon with the junior presentations, then a break for a buffet generously provided by those who attended, then into the early evening for the senior presentations.

As a club we had the Under 18s league title, the under 11s league title, The Horner Cup, The Tyneside Charity Bowl and the Eric Topham Trophy to celebrate.

The following were winners of individual awards:

Under 11s

Batting - Ethan Connelly
Bowling - Charlie McPhail
Fielding - Ben Raynor
Player of the Year - Charlie McPhail

Under 13s

Batting - Charlie McPhail
Bowling - Jack Morris
Fielding - Ben Raynor
Player of the Year - Jack Morris

Under 15s

Batting - Mattie Butler
Bowling - Chris Shadforth
Fielding - Keanan Proctor
Player of the Year - James Kime

Under 18s

Batting - David Selby
Bowling - Arran Halliday
Catches - Chris Halliday
Player of the Year -

Chris Tully

Most Improved Player - David Barnett

Personality of the Year - Chris Tully

Clubman - Alisdair Nairn

First Team

Batting - Greg Halliday
Bowling - Gareth Wade

Fielding - Kieron Taylor
Player of the Year -

Kieron Taylor

Second Team

Batting - Jonathan Hames
Bowling - Naveed Ahmed

Catches - David Selby

Third Team

Batting - Andy McConnell
Bowling - David Barnett

Fielding - Keanan Proctor
Player of the Year -

Chris Tully

LADIES WHO LUNCH

It has been open for a few months now but we have only just made it back to Finbarrs in its new location. Its new location is, of course, the old home of Bistro 21 at Aykley Heads - so it was a little bit of déjà-vu all round.

We've really missed both establishments so it was rather nice to have a bit of both back in one package. The décor has, obviously, changed, it's very nice, but I do miss the chair wall art. One lovely thing that has continued was the gorgeous bread, butter and scrumptious olives that await you as you

arrive at your table - a starter in itself!

The menu, as always, was a joy, which we thoroughly enjoyed reading. The set lunch menu is now £17.50 for 2 courses/£20.00 for 3 with a 10% service charge.

All but one of us ate from the set menu and we sampled for starters, Potted salmon with pickled cucumber and toasted sourdough and Slow cooked chicken terrine with sauce gribiche and lambs lettuce. Main courses were North sea cod with tomato gratin and pine nut relish, Pan fried sea bream with olive and

basil crushed potatoes, Chickpea curry with fragrant rice and Chargrilled minute steak with fries and salad. Puds were Marmalade sponge pudding with vanilla custard, Dark chocolate mousse with British strawberries and Iced mango parfait with coconut and lime salad. Our one option off the à la carte was Seared liver with sage and onion purée, green beans and bacon.

And we all came to the same conclusion - absolutely delicious.

We will, quite naturally, be back.

The Gourmet Girls

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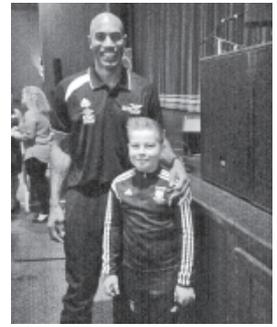
DERWENTSIDE SPORTS AWARDS

Friday 23rd September saw Derwentside's awards for Sport and Physical Activity organised by Leisureworks and staged at Consett's Empire Theatre. Radio presenter, Lisa Shaw was the compère for the evening and did a great job in making prize-winners feel comfortable and keeping things moving along.

The Newcastle Eagles player coach, Fab Flournoy was guest speaker and enraptured the audience with his wisecracking and inspirational style with one comment, "Is he a comedian or a coach?" Entertainment was provided by some young cheerleaders and a Stanley Dance group. After the interval the

awards were presented over several categories and amongst the nominees were Lanchester CC in two categories. The under 11s were nominated for their unbeaten league season in the young sporting achievements category. The junior section as a whole was nominated for the Junior Sports Club category, having fielded teams in all five available

age groups with two of those teams winning their leagues. Neither nomination was successful, as the under 11s were pipped by an international boxer and the junior section lost out to a thriving trampoline club. It was still a great achievement for the juniors to be considered and a very entertaining evening.



Daniel Scott from Lanchester Cricket Club with guest speaker Fab Flournoy.

THE BEAST

Glorious sunshine and hardly any wind welcomed some 350 or so Beast Riders as they set off from Sniperley Park and Ride at 9.00 am on Sunday, 18th September. They were quickly through Witton Gilbert in just a few minutes before taking off on a similar route to the Durham Big Ride towards Iveston, which took place a couple of weeks earlier. The Beast is an appropriately named tough ride for people



Riders climbing Iveston Bank, a real challenge!



The leaders in 'The Beast' climbing Iveston Bank.

between the ages of 18-60 who feel fit enough to complete the 52 miles hill challenge. The first main hill challenge is Iveston

Bank which some have to partly walk. Riders then cross the A691 through Bogglehole, on to Knitsley towards the A68, taking in

Wolsingham and Tow Law, another massive hill climb, before returning to Durham via Wilks Hill and Langley Park.

The route is entirely on road, well signposted and marshalled, with several drink/first aid stations. An ambulance follows the route as well. Some of the more experienced or fittest riders usually complete the ride in about two hours, while others may take up to almost four hours. It is a lovely country run with pleasant scenery for most of the way with some hilly challenges to accomplish.

TABLE TENNIS TASTER



Children from year 4 and 5 at the beginning of their taster session of Table Tennis ready for a fun hour of coaching by Frank Clarke. Mrs Riddell from the EP School is also in the picture back left. During the session the children had the opportunity of using the ROB PONG automatic serving machine and there were prizes as well.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 15th November. The deadline for **adverts** is 13th November.

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