

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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THE FINAL LEEK SHOW PERHAPS?



A splendid array of beautiful flowers by several members.



Jimmy, Norman, Vince, Mark, Billy, Terry and Alan all proudly showing their prize winning vegetables.



Kenny Harrison, Josie Hall and Harold 'the milk' Dixon all excited with the leeks.

CAR PARK MAINTENANCE



Durham County Council workers working hard on Sunday, 11th September, patching parts of the main car park behind SPAR. This job was made more difficult by two cars left in the car park overnight - workmen had to lay tarmac around the cars. This was despite a notice advising of work at least a week earlier.

FLOOD PREVENTION



The inconvenience in Front Street with traffic lights for about three weeks should be worth it as, at last, work is being done to install a good Flood Defence System.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
 The family of Mary Dew née Allison, who died peacefully on 10th September aged 92 in her home at Maple Court, Consett, would like to thank everyone for the support Mary received throughout her life, and for attending her funeral on 26th September at All Saints Parish Church, Lanchester.
 She will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren,
 Aileen, Lyn and Ian (Mary's children)

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Would you like to be involved in a village wide event to commemorate the end of World War I on Sunday 11th November 2018? YES 2018. If you do, you may be interested in helping to make between 2,000-2,500 clay poppies.

The Boys' Brigade in conjunction with Croft View Halls and other organisations, is aiming to produce this amount of poppies and display them on the lawns in front and up the side of the Methodist Church during October and November 2018. This will be similar to the poppies around the moat at the Tower of London but on a much smaller scale. The poppies will all be individually made from air dry clay, gloss painted red and be around five inches in diameter. If you or your organisation are interested and we hope you are, we invite you to a meeting at the Methodist Church on Front Street on Tuesday 18th October starting at 7 pm when more details



Eric Hepplewhite displaying three of the five air dried clay poppies that he has made (unfortunately not in colour). A green leaf will be added later.

will be available. If you cannot make the meeting then we are holding a workshop at Croft View Halls on Saturday 5th November from 2-4 pm to start making poppies. This day will be an open day at Croft View with Craft stalls and Farmers market stalls. Entry is free, as is tea and coffee which will be available during the afternoon.

2,500 poppies means that we have to make 100 per

month for 25 months starting from today! If you cannot attend either of the above and would like more information please contact Eric Hepplewhite on 521323.

Community Draw

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Paul and Janet Jackson have been very busy recently 'giving away' and the church bells have been ringing joyously on both occasions.

The first occasion was on Saturday, July 30th, when their younger daughter, Sarah Anne, was married to Mr Gareth Biggs in Lanchester Parish Church. The second occasion took

place on Saturday August 27th, when Victoria Elizabeth, their elder daughter, was married at Lanchester Parish Church to Mr Richard Pickering, whose parents also live in the village.

Both brides looked beautiful in their gorgeous wedding dresses and had a lovely smile for everyone. Love and happiness

abounded and the sun shone generously for these lovely couples.

How proud Paul and Janet must be and it must be said that they both looked wonderful too.

Our congratulations to Sarah, Gareth, Victoria, and Richard. We wish you all every happiness and blessing for the future.

Brenda Craddock



Sarah and Gareth in Lanchester Parish Church.



All smiles from Victoria and Richard after their wedding ceremony.

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MAURICE RETIRES



After spending 17 years working at Lanchester Community Centre (2 years as Relief Caretaker and 15 years as Caretaker), Maurice Swift has decided to retire completely. All the staff would like to thank him for his many years of excellent service and wish him well in his retirement.

(LANCHESTER AND Langley Park) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2016

The Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 & 35 & Pt IV of Sch. 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect being to introduce the following restrictions in Lanchester:

- (1) No Waiting At Any Time on:
 - (i) Front St, across the accesses to Woodham Ct and Stone Beck;
 - (ii) north side of Front St (access road) from No 37 to No 27;
 - (iii) across the dropped kerbed access to War Memorial;
- (2) Parking Mon-Sat 9am-5pm no return within 3 hours on the north side of Front Street outside of No.'s 3-11 and 17-19; and
- (3) Disabled badge holders only parking bay Mon-Sat 9am-5pm outside of No. 1 Front St.

All other existing restrictions in this locality will remain unchanged. A copy of the draft Order may be inspected at Lanchester Library & County Hall, Durham during normal opening hours and via the Council website. Anyone wishing to raise an objection to the proposals should submit this in writing to Loraine Holding, Legal Assistant at County Hall, Durham or by email to highways.orders@durham.gov.uk (ref: 10972) by 10/10/16.

Dated: 18 September 2016

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BEST EVER A LEVEL RESULTS AT ST BEDE'S

It has been another record year for results at St Bede's Catholic Sixth Form College, with an outstanding 60% of entries attaining A*-B grades and an overall pass rate of 100%.

A level results at the school have been consistently outstanding, securing students' places in the country's top universities. Headteacher, Neville

Harrison, is delighted. He said: "I am absolutely thrilled with how well the students have achieved. They have worked diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best and I congratulate them all. I am also incredibly proud of our team of specialist A level teachers, whose exceptional subject knowledge has ensured

that our students have achieved the very highest grades and accessed the Russell Group universities."

He added: "Whatever our students go on to do, whether it is university, an apprenticeship or employment, I wish them every success and hope they take with them many happy memories of their time at St Bede's."



From left to right: Joe Hume, George Grimes and Mark Draper all did exceptionally in their A level examinations and will go to their chosen universities: Loughborough, Glasgow and Durham respectively.

All live in Foxhills Crescent, Lanchester.

ANOTHER EXCELLENT SET OF GCSE RESULTS FOR ST BEDE'S

Following last week's stunning A level results, St Bede's students are celebrating again, with 74% achieving 5 or more GCSE A*-C grades including English and Maths.

Lanchester students Ellen Barnett, Dominic Biasi, Anna Kelly and Cecilia McAloon are among 17 pupils, who

gained 8 or more A*-A grades; a fantastic achievement in today's climate of tougher linear exams with only one opportunity to enter.

Headteacher Neville Harrison, said: "Students have performed superbly and I congratulate them for working so diligently to achieve their very best. Many of our students

celebrating today, will join our outstanding Sixth Form College, where they will be supported by excellent teachers who will ensure that they continue to flourish and excel in their studies. I'd like to thank all subject teachers for their care, dedication and support shown to all our students."

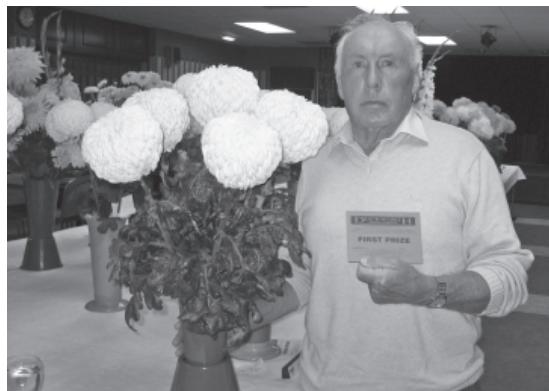


Left to right: Erin Densham, Dominic Biasi and Casey Coxon. All did exceptionally well in their GCSE examinations and live in Lanchester. The girls attended the EP School, with Dominic moving up to St Bede's from All Saints' Primary School.

IS THIS THE FINAL LEEK SHOW?

What a sad title for an historical event that has happened in the village Social Club for so many years! As far back as the 1980s there was a cap on membership of 60 and one had to have a DH7 postcode to qualify for membership. Apart from showing leeks, which is confined to club members, in the current show many of the entrants came from Wolsingham and Shotley Bridge, as did the judge, Brian Young.

At this particular occasion the membership was down to approximately seven.



Jim Fazakerly displaying his first prize John Wingfield Chrysanthemums.

Sadly, three members died during the year. Terry Barrass dominated this year in winning trophies with five to his name, Norman Holmes managed two, and the others were spread around three other members.

As for the show itself, as usual, the vegetable products were superb, the flowers magnificent, but the entrants were much lower than in previous years. There were plenty of spaces on the tables. People did come to view and gathered around having a drink or two but the general atmosphere was sombre. The talk was

negative about the future and it really does seem likely that with two of the stalwart members unwell, it either needs some of the remaining members or new blood to take over and run it next year.

It is a very full year to prepare the produce,

tending to it every single day, usually more than once. The event itself takes up a full weekend with preparation on the Friday night, benching, judging and viewing on Saturday, more viewing and the auction on Sunday night, followed

by putting the room back to normal afterwards. If this is the last show it would seem proper to offer thanks to all those who have entered their vegetables and flowers for so many years and have given pleasure to so many people.

LEEK SHOW WINNERS 2016

LEEKES

- 1st Prize
2nd Prize
3rd Prize
Best Leek in Show

Norman Stevenson Cup
H B Maycock Cup
Victor Dillon Cup

B Brunton
N Holmes
T Barras
N Holmes

VEGETABLES

- 3 varieties of vegetables
3 onions from seed
Heaviest Onion
Pair of Marrows

O H Thompson Cup
Federation Shield
Lanchester CIU Club Cup
Jim Dixon Cup

T Barras
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No entries

FLOWERS

- Vase of flowers
5 Chrysanthemums
Best Dahlia
3 Gladioli
Best Exhibit in Show
Most Points in Show

Iveson Rose Bowl
Britannia Building Society
Allan Whittle Trophy
James Halpin Trophy
Lanchester CIU Club Shield
Tetley Cup

A Swinburne
J Fazakerley
G Dobson
B Brunton
T Barras
T Barras

A NEW LANCHESTER DINING EXPERIENCE

Lanchester welcomes a new restaurant, with the advent of 'Ravello' in Front Street. Opening 7 days a week, it offers weekly specials and Sunday lunch, as well as early 'Happy Hour' meals. Owner Kristos possesses a passion for food and

spent a long time working in the 'Bistro Italiano' in Durham. He uses the freshest ingredients, locally sourced whenever possible. The decor is restful and attractive and its staff helpful and friendly. A welcome addition to local dining!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

It looks very much as if the North East Devolution Deal is no more and I cannot pretend I am sorry about that. In the end a majority of North East councils decided that a failure to get assurances from the government over funding following Brexit and the non-negotiable requirement of Government that the deal must include an elected North East Mayor was the final straw. Ultimately Newcastle, North Tyneside and Northumberland may still go ahead with a much reduced deal but for us, living south of the Tyne, things seem destined now to remain as they are. The North East Combined Authority (NECA) will remain and will move forward on issues like transport and regional development, but it seems

the 'Super local authority' and North East Mayor are hopefully now things of the past.

The other big issue that has been dominating Parliament is the Boundaries Commission (BC) proposals for Parliamentary constituencies. The BC is proposing that North West Durham (NWD) constituency should become a new constituency called 'West Durham and Teesdale'. NWD as it stands now would lose the wards of Esh, Tow Law and Willington & Hunwick and would become a much larger constituency made up of the existing wards of Burnopfield & Dilton, Consett, Lanchester, Crook and Weardale and taking in Rowlands Gill & Chopwell and Crawcrook

and the ward of Barnard Castle West. The constituency would stretch from the banks of the Tyne to the Tees and would be undoubtedly very beautiful but the single MP would have a huge area to cover.

As you are aware I will not be standing for election at the next election so this will not affect me personally but I worry about how effectively my successor could cover this massive geographical area. I work hard now to cover the whole of NWD and to have an effective presence in the many remote villages to ensure that everyone in the current constituency can reasonably access an MP surgery when they need to. Modern technology makes access easier but when a constituent has a

real problem they tell me that talking that over with their MP really helps. I therefore have very real concerns about the Government's plans that seem determined to reduce

the size of the elected House in Parliament at the same time as they have created 300+ new Lords in what remains the unelected second chamber.

Pat Glass MP

POLICE

The only crime and antisocial behaviour for Lanchester this month is loose horses. This issue began at the beginning of August 2016 when 14 calls were made to Police about horses being loose in the area of Howden Bank. An owner came forward when he believed his horses had been stolen as they weren't in their field when he had come to tend to them, however unknown to him at the time they had been illegally tethered within Willow Burn Hospice preventing them causing further issues on the public highway. Measures were put in place to formally detain the horses by the landowner and eventually for them to be removed by Equine Bailiffs. However due to the owner coming forward, the horses were returned to him and rehoused to Ford Road. While at Ford Road the horses continued to escape resulting in a further 24 calls to Police as well as numerous complaints to Lanchester Parish Council and The Woodlands Trust. The horse owner was spoken to on several occasions and eventually claimed he'd removed his horses and those remaining weren't his. As a result

REPORT

the owner was unknown and therefore the horses were deemed as abandoned and/or illegally grazing. The landowner began the process of taking over legal ownership of them via 96 hour Horse Detention Notices which meant on Wednesday 14th September 2016 he became their legal owner, as the persons initially responsible for them had not come forward or taken steps to remove them from the land. The landowner is currently taking steps to rehouse the horses and has also replaced fencing preventing them escaping any more.

If you are a landowner and experience any illegal grazing on your land, please refer to the British Horse Society website where you can find step by step guidance on how and what to do to resolve their issues.

PCSO Lisa Jackson will be attending the next Lanchester Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 7.15pm in Lynwood House. In the meantime if you have any problems or queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 101 or email lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 12th July, Finance Meeting 27th July, Planning Meeting 27th July 2016 - approved.

Review of Parking Facilities

Rachael Smith, Durham County Council major traffic projects attended the meeting and gave information on the proposed parking scheme for the centre of Lanchester. The scheme has been ongoing for several months and this is the revised proposal and consultation following feedback from residents and businesses. The proposal includes: limited time parking, marking of bays, disabled parking bay etc. Members considered the proposals along with information received from residents. It is hoped that these proposals will provide the most benefit to residents and businesses. It was agreed that a response is made to Durham County Council supporting the proposals.

Durham County Council Budget Consultation 2017/18

Andy Coulthard, Mid Durham Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator attended the meeting to provide an overview of the Durham County Council budget proposals and gain feedback from local Councillors and residents. Andy presented information on the budget proposals and members considered the survey form. Several completed survey forms were returned.

Police Report - PCSO Lisa Jackson attended the meeting and presented her report which centred on recent problems with horses. Members reported continued problems of cars on Maiden Law bank at school drop off and pick up times. It was agreed

that a letter is sent to St Bede's School asking for an update on their proposed parking/drop off scheme.

Correspondence

1. Lanchester Conservation Area Appraisal - copies to be placed at the Library, Parish Council office and with Lanchester Partnership.
2. North Pennines AONB Partnership - Annual Forum 2016 - Members to inform the Clerk if they wish to attend.
3. Letter - Durham County Council - Medium Term Financial Planning and 2017/18 Budget Setting - information on tax base to be noted.

4. Letter - Durham County Council - Drainage Improvement Scheme - Front Street - information received about the works on the drainage in Front Street.

5. County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership - training courses. Details to be forwarded to Councillors. The Clerk to attend the 'Local Council Award Scheme' training on October 26th.

6. Lanchester Cricket Club Football Team - permission given to use the pitch subject to the usual conditions and on confirmation of appropriate insurance.

7. Leaflet - 'Supportive', 'Take a stand against scams' and 'Safeguarding Durham Adults' - to be displayed in the notice board.

8. The Clerk Magazine - September - received.

9. Clerk & Councils Direct - July and September magazines - received.

10. Durham County Council - Pensions News - summer 2016 - newsletter received.

11. Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Registerable Interests -

Members were reminded to check and update their forms.

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

Dates and times for the next meetings were provided. Andy Coulthard gave an update on AAP activities including the Village Plan update and a redesigned priorities form to be distributed shortly.

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Heritage Audit is being checked and finalised.

Following the workshop led by Planning Advice Plus on 20th July the housing 'topic paper' is being progressed. The North of England Civic Trust have been asked to produce a 'topic paper' on heritage. The decision to engage the North of England Civic Trust to produce a heritage 'topic paper' at a cost of £2450.00 was ratified.

Height of Kerbs

Members considered information received from Durham County Council, following concern about the height of kerbs at the crossing point between the King's Head and the Village Green. The County Council acknowledge that the kerbs are slightly higher than at many standard crossings but state that there is limited scope to address the issue. It was agreed that further correspondence is sent to the County Council asking for further consideration of any mitigating measures to address the problem.

Horses in Dora's Wood

PCSO Lisa Jackson provided information on the ongoing issue of horses accessing Dora's Wood. The horses have been crossing the beck from a field and accessing Dora's Wood and onto the village and roads. The

13th September 2016 at 7.15 pm

Police have worked with Kitswell Park Play Area - the County Council, Annual Inspection Report landowner and - It was agreed that the Woodlands Trust to report be received and resolve the problem. The identified works be field is now secured. See Police Report.

Annual Return 2015/16

Himalayan Balsam

Members considered a request from a resident to address the problem of Himalayan Balsam in the village. Members are aware of the work of volunteers this year in pulling up a great amount of Himalayan Balsam. It was agreed that the Parish Council consider how we can address the problem next year.

Repairs to path outside Church

- It was agreed that the work is undertaken at a cost of £410.00.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 7.15 pm at Lynwood House.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLIDAY CLUB



Children and young people taking part in an Olympic Games celebration of the special Holiday Club event.

During the last week of the summer holidays Churches Together arranged a Summer Special Holiday Club. This took place in the Methodist Church and had an Olympic Games theme to it. The event lasted from the Tuesday to the Saturday and culminated in a special

church service for all those taking part on the Sunday. Each morning over 50 primary aged children enjoyed songs, crafts, drama, bible stories, refreshments and even a bouncy castle. A team of 25 volunteers led by Stuart and Claire Earl joined in the fun and a great time was had by all.

There was a fantastic turnout of children and families for the Sunday celebration with a picnic lunch being enjoyed after the service.

Following the success of this year the club will plan to run again next year in the same week, so put the date in your diaries.

ART EXHIBITION AT RED CROSS SHOP

Talented local artist, Alan Williams, has produced nine very good works of art which can be viewed upstairs in the Red Cross Shop. All are welcome to view the paintings and purchase if they wish. It is essentially a fundraising event for the

Red Cross. Alan's works are acrylic on canvas or board and are very aptly named. It is impossible in the space provided to describe them all but two which stood out were 'We Will Remember' which has painted into it very cleverly, 1916 and DLI.

The other was 'Cross Purposes', a good play on words which depicted a pallet of crosses. The exhibition, which is well worth a visit, will run throughout October, and is advertised in the window of the shop.



The Art Exhibition at the Red Cross Shop, by Alan Williams.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society Annual General Meeting on Friday September 2nd was well attended and supported. Marian Morrison gave her report and explained we have joined the County Durham History and Heritage Forum which supports the group by advertising our meetings. The new programme is being finalised and will also be updated on the Community Centre website for another successful year.

Jean Dougherty explained the annual finances for the year, which were healthy. Subscription rates have slightly changed for 2016-2017 and were agreed as: individual members £15, couples £25, visitors £3, and the meeting rate for members is still £1.

After refreshments of wine and cheese which were enjoyed by everyone, Marian then gave her talk on Colliery Doctors in the Nineteenth Century, which she took from a paper she had written. Marian talked with illustrations and

references to reports and Acts of Parliament about the ill health of miners and children working in the pits. Common problems included heart and lung disease, back injuries, eye injuries from accidents, the effects of darkness and diseases carried by mice and rats. She covered the poor air quality and the development of the safety lamps from 1811. Physicians of the time and their treatments possibly could do more harm than the illness itself, and there were both regular and irregular practitioners. This was a time when miners trained as first aiders, there were few doctors who also needed paying by the casualty and Grey's Anatomy was first published in 1858.



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MAGGIE'S CENTRES

£310 has been raised by Sophie and Nigel Hepplewhite, who completed the Great North Run, raising funds for Maggie's Centres, which offer practical, emotional and social support for people with cancer and their families.

This is Sophie's story: "Running doesn't come naturally to me and the last charity run I did was 5 km so this will be a challenge and also an ambition of mine that I hope I finally get the chance to complete.

Many people know 4 years ago I was diagnosed with cancer and went through a year of active treatment including surgeries, chemotherapy and radiotherapy. Following this was hormone therapy and the excitement of 'getting back to normal'. Well little did I know cancer didn't quite work like that and instead I would need to adjust to a new normal. I like to think I was positive through my treatment and managed it with little fuss and a good attitude,

however there came a point where I saw the following saying and it rang true for me, 'I'm exhausted from trying to be stronger than I feel'.

Maggie's was suggested to me by my family and oncologist as somewhere I and my family could go for support and a friendly face, and the Centre in Newcastle was just that. I am hoping to complete the run and raise some money for this fab cause on the way." Sophie Hepplewhite
(Photo on back page)

RUNNING FOR HENRY

This year's Great North Run included 15 people running for Henry Dancer Days, including one of his best friends, Joe Hume (photo on back page). Henry's Mum, Jane, would like to thank all of the Lanchester runners (as well as those from throughout the region) who undertook

the 13.1 miles for Henry's charity. The final total is not yet known but is estimated to be in the region of £5,000 to £6,000. She said, "Our fastest runner was from Washington (1 hour 24 minutes) and the slowest took 2 hours and 54 minutes, though this included time

spent with St John's Ambulance (she's fine!). Their fundraising will help us to help so many children with cancer. I'm in awe of their efforts." Jane hopes to get more places for 2017, so if you'd like to run for the charity, please contact henrydancerdays@aol.com.

LANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB FC



The football team and members of the club line up in front of the goal.

Consett and District Sunday League Division 3 league-leaders Lanchester have enjoyed an unbeaten start to the 2016-17 season following relegation last term.

Having struck 21 times in their opening four league

games, Lanchester have also sealed their place in the Iveston Bowl second round as well as the Sunday Cup 3rd preliminary round.

The end of September sees Lanchester host Stanley Ball Alley in the Jack Grigg

Memorial Trophy before returning to league action the following Sunday.

Players and staff at Lanchester Cricket Club would like to pay homage to the support they have received week in week out, especially from Lanchester Dairies for their sponsorship.

Lanchester Cricket Club are always on the lookout for talented youngsters to join their team. So if you are interested in attending a training session, please contact Kevin Clifton 07787626526 or cliffty99@aol.com.

VINTAGE BUSES



The Northern National Restoration Group were having a run out on Sunday afternoon 4th September and passed through Lanchester. The front bus is from Bridgend, near Cardiff, is 40 years old and had been brought here for the occasion.

Third left in the photograph is Craig Smith, Engineer, from Chester-le-Street.

BRAVE THE SHAVE

Before



The Shavers before: Left to right: Jay (dairyman) and chefs Gordon, Fred, Dave and Sean.

It was a glorious sunny afternoon on Thursday 18th August. The back garden of Crinnions was filled with families and other patrons. They were all drinking and waiting for a spectacle about to happen. Out trudged five men, some reluctantly, who were about to get

their heads shaved. brilliant! Even Fiona Apparently it was Fred's Wilson, of Crinnions, idea that the four chefs came out with "no more from Crinnions with hair in the soup then". another friend from the dairy joining in, agreed to have their heads shaved One by one they trudged out to the chair to cheers have Macmillan. The would have thought the humour amongst them chair was the electric and the onlookers, some version such was the look on some of the chef's



Now cleanly shaved and bald as coots: Left to right: Dave, Fred, Donna (hairdresser), Gordon, Sean and Jay.

faces. There were cheers, too, at the end of each cutting, with mobile phones in the hands of everyone, taking photos. There was hair flying about all over the garden. The hairdresser, Donna Bell, from Snippers of Consett, was in great form and joined in with the fun.

She seemed to complete the job really quickly snipping those with longer thicker hair as she would normally style, until the brutal electric shaver was used. It was all worthwhile as at the last count more than £500 had been raised for Macmillan and there could be more to follow.

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LANCHESTER ARTIST ILLUMINATES CATHEDRAL

Celebrated local artist Judy Hurst is presenting a major exhibition of her recent work in Durham Cathedral's Galilee Chapel from 13th September to 3rd October.

She also has a full vellum, 'Pilgrimage', in the cathedral's sensational and beautiful Open Treasure exhibition.

Judy's bright and intricate work draws inspiration from the natural world and its relationship with the spiritual Celtic history of the North East, as well as from patterns found in nature, science and mathematics.

The Galilee Chapel, which also contains the Cathedral's surviving medieval wall-paintings, provides a fitting space for over 16 new pieces, many of which are being shown for the first time, including 2 new triptychs. Many of the artworks are painted on vellum (calf-skin),

prepared in the tradition of the ancient Lindisfarne scriptorium. Every year, Judy collects pebbles from Holy Island to use as 'pippins' which help attach the vellum to the frame. The frames are made by Judy's husband, John, who is also a fine artist, collaborating with Judy

to produce the 3D aspects of her work, using medieval oak, 24 carat gold leaf, 18 carat gold, and exotic inlays. She can often be seen demonstrating her fascinating techniques in the Cathedral, enabling visitors to handle vellum, and ask questions about the techniques she uses.



Judy Hurst with her artwork 'Pilgrimage' in Durham Cathedral.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Leek, onion and potato soup

This has to be one of my favourite soups, it's especially nice garnished with chopped chives and a swirl of cream.

To serve 4-6 people

4 large leeks

2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced

1 medium onion, chopped small

1½ pints chicken stock or water (850ml)

½ pint of milk (275 ml)

2 oz butter

2 tablespoons cream

1½ tablespoons fresh snipped chives - or you

can use chopped parsley

Salt and freshly milled black pepper

1) Trim off the tops and roots of the leeks and discard the tough outer layer. Split them in half lengthways and slice them up finely. Wash them thoroughly in two or three changes of water and drain well.

2) In a large, thick based saucepan, gently melt the butter, then add the leeks, potatoes and onion, stirring them around with a wooden spoon so they all have a coating of butter.

Season with salt and pepper, cover and let the vegetables sweat over a very low heat for about 15 minutes.

3) Add the stock and milk, bring to simmering point, put the lid back on and let the soup simmer very gently for a further 20 minutes or until the vegetables are soft. If the heat is too high, the milk may cause it to boil over. Either liquidise the mixture and blend to a purée or press it all through a sieve.

4) Return the soup to the saucepan and reheat gently, tasting to check the seasoning and stirring in the chopped chives. Add a swirl of cream just before serving.

LOCAL ACTRESS BRINGS POWERFUL ONE-WOMAN SHOW TO THE STAGE

Professional actress Michelle Parker (stage name Shelley O'Brien) is bringing her moving one woman show 'She Wins All the Races: A Tragicomedy with Biscuits' to theatres around the North East this October and November.

Shelley is a former Head Girl of St Bede's RC Secondary School and regularly delivers drama projects at St Bede's. She is also the founder of Mad Alice Theatre Company who have performed numerous theatre productions in both All Saints' RC Primary and Lanchester EP Primary as well as in schools and theatres throughout the North East.

She has received major Arts Council funding and a commission from Queen's Hall Hexham to create the show.

'She Wins All the Races: A Tragicomedy with Biscuits' is set in the 1970s. It tells the story of an intelligent, happy little girl who loves life, her two brothers, and stealing the priest's biscuits. But her world is blown apart by the discovery that her brothers won't live past their sixteenth birthdays.

This dynamic, heartening and quirky show is based on Shelley's own story of growing up with two brothers born with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. It's a play

full of humour and courage and it is a fitting tribute to the bravery of Shelley's brothers.

Canon Spence saw the play in the summer term and wrote:

"I recently

had the privilege of being at a production of Shelley's very moving 'She Wins All the Races' at St Bede's School. I couldn't believe that a one-woman show could both amuse us and inspire us to such profound silences. I would strongly recommend this very talented Mad Alice production."



Shelley O'Brien in her one-woman show

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SATLEY WI

Our August meeting was given to her 20 years ago. an outing to South Shields. We boarded the minibus at Satley 1.45 pm on a beautifully sunny day, everyone in good spirits. We enjoyed a meal at the Little Haven, booked for 4.30. Departure time was 6 pm after a lovely afternoon was had by all.

The meeting on 12th September began with our President Linda welcoming everyone followed by good wishes for a speedy recovery for two of our members, Ann Suddes and Grace Hall who have both just been in hospital. The business was discussed with a busy programme ahead. Linda then introduced the speaker, Anita Atkinson who is editor of the Weardale Gazette. She spoke about her experience as an Editor and how the post was

Anita leads a very busy and interesting life meeting a variety of people including Royalty, the Bishop and many celebrities, reporting most activities in Weardale and Upper Weardale. She recalled some very amusing stories. A vote of thanks was given and tea and biscuits served. On September 13th some of us attended Waterhouses WI for a talk by Peter Barron, past Editor of the Northern Echo, which was enjoyed. Final arrangements were made for the afternoon tea at Durham College on October 13th.

The raffle was drawn and won by President Linda. Competition results for a basket no more than 10" by 10" was won by Joan Smith, 2nd Avril Carpenter and 3rd Linda Horn.

LANCESTER WI

The History of Handbags



Self confessed Handbag Admirer Ann Carr thanks Susan Howard for her interesting Handbag History.

The meeting opened with President Marie Murphy welcoming everyone, including 3 new members and 5 visitors. Advance notice was given about annual subscription now costing £39, £1 of which is received by the branch. Donations are requested for our Coffee Morning next month - Raffle and Tombola prizes will be

welcomed as well as stock for the cake stall. There have been several changes over the past year in meeting arrangements, etc so your opinions are needed in a questionnaire - please complete it and hand it in at the next meeting. The balance of our Christmas visit to Castle Howard is required next month, with your menu requests.

Raffle winners were Glenys Gibbon and Lestrine Kelly, with Jill Gladstone and Ann Carr our competition winners. We were then informed and entertained by Susan Howard, who described the History of Handbags. Men started keeping money in a purse in the 1820s before pockets were added to trousers and in the 18th century, Empire Line fashions required ladies to carry a small 'reticule' to contain a dance card and a secret supply of make up. From then on, handbags became more and more popular, reflecting the changing trends of social life. As mass travel developed, women entered the labour market, new materials and techniques were invented, two World Wars were experienced and bags were made quickly and cheaply abroad. Bags have illustrated the changing role of women in society over the centuries. We all found this a fascinating topic and the evening was rounded off with tea, biscuits and a chat.

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THURSDAY CLUB

'In the Footsteps of the Brontës'

At our September meeting we welcomed Noel Adamson who took us on a journey 'In The Footsteps of the Brontës'. Patrick, (father), first of 10 children was born in County Down in 1777. Despite his humble origins, driven by ambition and hard work, he was accepted at St John's College Cambridge. In 1820 he took up his appointment as curate at Haworth Parsonage and arrived with Maria, his Cornish wife, and their 6 children - Maria, Elizabeth, Charlotte, Branwell, Emily and Ann. Maria (mother) died of cancer in 1821 and her sister, Elizabeth Branwell, leaving her comfortable home in Penzance for the harsh climate of the north, came to take charge of the Parsonage. Due to their father's lack of income the girls had to gain accomplishments to enable them to earn a living as governesses - the

We all know and love the books written by Charlotte, Emily and Ann which have been made into films and TV series. This is just a brief synopsis of the research carried out by Noel Adamson for his excellent film. There is so much more to their story but space is limited. Our usual 'chatfest' and refreshments ended a very good evening.

Members, please note our October meeting will be at 7.15 pm in the Small Hall.



Noel Adamson with his film at the Thursday Club meeting

LADIES WHO LUNCH

It's been on our list for a while, but we finally made it to Bradley Gardens at Wylam. Various ways to get there, via Rowlands Gill, Chopwell or Blaydon, each taking about 40 minutes. Everyone gets there in the end!

The gardens are lovely as are the various gorgeous shops and well worth a visit for themselves. We, of course, were there for the food. They have a

tearoom situated in the original Victorian hot house which has been converted. It overlooks beautiful, peaceful, well tended gardens which, even on a rainy (it does occasionally happen, even to us) day are quite delightful.

Lovely staff, good choice of food and we were all set.

We sampled a Ploughmans, a Tomato and Haddock risotto and an enormous, perfectly

formed, Cheese soufflé (I do assure you, not for the faint hearted) with celeriac. For puddings it was Fruit tart, a soft brown sugar Meringue and a Frangipane tart. Soft drinks as well as wine available and good coffee.

The food was delicious, the setting sublime - we had a thoroughly decadent lunch - and we fully intend to do it all over again.

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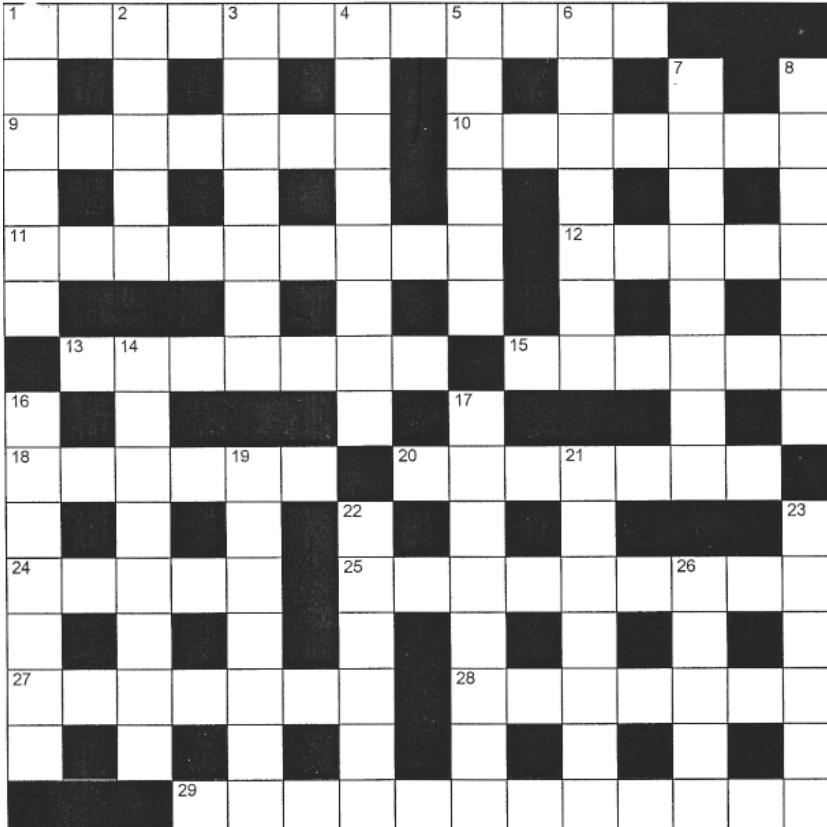
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CROSSWORD 125



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LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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CROSSWORD 124

There were 20 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to J McGill of Ridgeway who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ACROSS

- Bohemian - Austrian composer d. 1911 (6,6)
- Merchant of Venice perhaps? (7)
- Juliet's surname (7)
- Syrup from Eden grain (9)
- Push (5)
- Rambles (7)
- Leak leaver switch (6)
- Accuse (6)
- Cutting wordplay man (7)
- Drastically affect (2-3)
- Absorbed (9)
- Allowed (7)
- Co-operation (7)
- Dog and bone = telephone for example (7,5)
- Purgative (5)

DOWN

- Latin-American term for white English-speaker (6)
- Tone (5)
- An aim to play in lively way (7)
- Spanish shawl that covers head and shoulders (8)
- Internet intruder (6)
- Get rid of (7)
- Batter (8)
- Try lute in all respects (7)
- Difference between imports and exports (5,3)
- Point to courage without a curse (7)
- Poem by Kipling (5,3)
- Share the cost (2,5)
- Underground galleries (7)
- Changed models not often seen (6)
- Men's Wimbledon champion in 1988 and 1990 (6)
- Purgative (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 124

ACROSS

- Arras
- unpopular
- habitat
- Neptune
- roast
- lupus
- has-beens
- end
- ghost
- auric
- tacit
- tarot
- See 14
- The Bronx
- See 26
- Provo
- respect
- nuclear
- boatswain
- See 30
- abhorrent
- rebrand
- sit tight
- until
- panpipes
- See 5
- laugher
- reels
- See 3
- Peter Pan
- out do
- act up
- concourse
- Chelsea
- protein
- throb
- See 15
- xenon
- Tea dance
- cod

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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DURHAM BIG RIDE

The Ride took place on September 4th, starting at 9.30 am from County Hall. Overnight train would have made some areas on the Lanchester Valley Walk somewhat uncomfortable, but the cool, almost windless conditions more than made up for that.

The 3 mile ride around Aykley Heads, the 10 mile event from Durham to Sacriston, Witton Gilbert and Langley Park is circular and very family orientated.

The 25 mile ride, too, is for families as well as individuals, though this

event caters for those with the ability to complete the course whatever age. Many families did take part. Around 1000 people entered, with the first riders passing through Maiden Law at about 10.00 am. They cycle on to Iveston where many cyclists have to dismount to climb the

very steep hill. The leaders arrive at Lanchester at about 10.40 am having passed through Bogglehole to join the Lanchester Valley Walk, on the return to Durham. There are plenty of super fun activities going on there, with all riders receiving a T shirt and



What a great way to involve a young child in the Durham Big Ride.

SUNDERLAND CLARION CC RIDE

Sunday morning 11th September, at about 10.00 am, 150 cyclists passed through the village heading towards Newbiggen Lane car park. This huge cycling event

was organised by the above named club under Audax UK guidelines, which is the internationally recognised Long Distance Cycling Association in the UK, established in 1976.

with a system of timed checkpoints, which also validates and records successful rides. The ride began at Herrington Park, and was aptly named the 'Penshaw Punisher'. The car park in Lanchester was the first checkpoint in a ride that took the cyclists on to Blanchland, Rookhope, Stanhope, Wolsingham, Langley Park and back to Sunderland. During the ride of 110k there were 1750 metres of hill climbs. The sight of so many cyclists riding through the centre of the village was a great spectacle.



First at the checkpoint, Steven McAllister, left, closely followed by Kris Adlington, right.

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goody bag. It is a friendly occasion and many rode in groups so that they could chat on the way and render help if needed. There were drink stations at various points on the well signposted route, as well as marshals and first aid people available. The Durham Big Ride has now become an established cycle event which gives an opportunity for those who wish to raise money for their favourite charities.

PETH BANK HILL CLIMB

On Saturday 10th September, 54 cyclists specialising in Hill Climb time trials gathered at the Community Centre to prepare for the Peth Bank Hill Climb. This road is one of the national climbs recognised by the cycling association and is 1.5k

long. Cyclists came from all over the country for this time trial won by Tim Wilcock from GS Metro Club, Forest Hall, Newcastle, with a time of 4 minutes 9 seconds. Afterwards there followed a buffet and an awards ceremony.



Kieran Savage, his father Ian and family pet Schnoodle, Freddie, look on as Kieran warms up for the race. Kieran is the National Hill Climb Winner for under 18s. He is now 19.

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WHAT'S ON?

Lanchester Library

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

Art at the Red Cross

A small exhibition of paintings by a local amateur artist is now in the upstairs room of the Red Cross Shop during opening times as a fund raising event. All paintings are for sale.

North Country Theatre

Presents '**The Wish House**', a sinister story of superstition, sacrifice and dirty laundry based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling, adapted by Nobby Dimon, on Saturday 8th October at Lanchester Community Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets £9.00 available from the Community Centre or the village newsagent.

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.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 16th October. Meet 9.30 am in the car park at Malton.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 13th November 2016 in the Dining Room of Lanchester Community Centre. All members of the public are welcome.

Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on October 9th at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and a film show.

The film we are screening is 'THE LADY IN THE VAN'. Starring Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings, it is based on the true story of Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins, who 'temporarily' parks her van in Alan Bennett's London driveway and somewhat unexpectedly proceeds to live there for 15 years.

Ticket entry:
Membership £5 per annum and then £2.50 per social, non members £3.50 per social. Young persons £2 entry.

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

Community Centre Activities

Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 13th October from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Lacemaking

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

Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

Library Book Club

Our next book club on Monday October 24th at 2.30pm will discuss Magnificent Joe by James Wheatley set in Durham, a coming of age story of the lengths we go to when everything we have is at stake.

Dates for your diary of future meetings: November 21st and December 12th.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th October at 2 pm in the main hall of Lanchester Community Centre. This will be our social afternoon and there will also be a mini demonstration. The cost for a relaxing and pleasant afternoon is £3 to visitors so please come and join us.

Local History Society

Subject: The Necessary History of the British Toilet

Speaker: Richard Pears
Date: Friday 7th October

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

A warm welcome and invitation to everyone to hear Richard Pears, from the Whickham History Society. Visitors are always very welcome (£3).

Thursday Club

At our meeting on 20th October, at 7.15 pm in the Small Hall, we will welcome Kathleen and Harry Gilbert who will give a talk/slideshow on 'WILD IN BOTSWANA'.

Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 27th October, from 10.00 am till 11.30 am, in the Community Centre Dining Room in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. Tea or coffee with either a delicious scone or slice of cake only £1.00. Tickets available from members or pay at the door. There will also be a raffle, tombola and jewellery table. Please come and join us for a fun morning and help a worthy cause.

Come to the Ceilidh

October 15th from 7.00 pm to 10.30 pm at the Social Club. Adults £7.50, children £2.50.

This is Lanchester Partnership's great Annual Ceilidh. 'Windy Gyle' is a superb band, including Northumbrian pipes. Please come along and bring a plate of food to share.

All welcome.
Phone 528 114 for more information.

Lanchester Choral Society

Land of Hope and Glory

The Choral Society's spring concert is to be a 'Last Night of the Proms' with all the 'last night' favourites, and plenty of flag waving. In addition the music will consist of traditional English ballads and folk songs as well as a couple of choral favourites. We would LOVE you to come and join us every Friday

7.15 pm in the RC Primary School. Further details from any society member or ring 520427.

Mothers' Union

At the meeting on 12th October, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, Alastair Leadbetter of Traidcraft will speak of his experiences working in Swaziland.

Apple Juicing

Juice your own apples at Lanchester Community Orchard, October 15th and 16th. For more details contact Sonny Shepherd 07817369160.

Lanchester Playgroup

The Playgroup are holding a Quiz Night in Lanchester Social Club on Saturday 8th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each. All proceeds to go towards new equipment for the Playgroup.

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 7.00pm. Cost £12.50. Please contact Brenda Craddock (01207 520749, or email steve24c07@aol.com) as soon as possible if you are interested.

Lanchester Social Club

Every Friday - FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING

Every Sunday - Sunday Night Buskers

Saturday 1st October MARTY Q, First class Vocalist

Saturday 8th October LEWIS LAKING, Star Vocalist

Saturday 15th October TIA LOUISE, Popular & Talented Young Singer

Saturday 22nd October FRANKI JAX, Vocalist

Saturday 29th October RICHIE YOUNG, Guitar Vocalist.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Lanchester Writers

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

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 6th October 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

CRINNIONS GREAT NORTH RUNNERS



Runners in the Great North Run raised £1200 for Willow Burn, £430 for Cystic Fibrosis and also ran for Henry Dancer Days.

BUSY FINALE TO TENNIS SEASON

As the 2016 tennis season draws to a close, it has been a busy time on the competitive front with several tournaments being contested at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club.

The ladies' and men's doubles and junior singles titles were up for grabs, and the weather was kind enough to enable matches to be played before the grass courts are closed for the winter.

Despite injuries depleting the senior tournaments, it was still highly competitive with Janet Strong and Julie Walker prevailing in the ladies' competition with Pam Graham and Michelle Ridley runners-up and Dennis Laycock and Dougal Reed succeeding in taking the men's title. The junior singles were played in a very competitive spirit with Daniel Hogg winning all his matches and his brother, Patrick, taking second place. A special



Ladies' competition finalists: Michelle Ridley, Janet Strong, Julie Walker and Pam Graham.

mention and thanks for the wonderful chilli supper provided by Joanne Sherwood for the players and spectators alike. The photographs show the successful players (see back page).

After several years as head coach, Michael Hume has decided to leave the club and pursue his career elsewhere. Michael was instrumental in bringing new junior members to the club through his involvement with the local schools and we wish him success in the future. Level 3 coach, Sam Stokoe from the Shotley and Benfieldside Club has agreed to complete the club's 2016 coaching programme.

Following a full and exciting season, it is time to take stock and the Annual General Meeting will take place in the clubhouse on Saturday 12th November at 10.30 am. Any information about the club can be given on 01207 520278.

BOWLS RUNNERS-UP AGAIN

Once again Lanchester Bowling Club players have proved themselves to be consistent runners-up. This year it was in the Tom Burleigh Knockout competition. After a good win against Sherburn Park (Consett) in the semi-final, we came up against Dipton in the final. We put up a good fight but were defeated in the end by a superior side that have swept all before them this year as they did last.

The club competitions took place on a beautiful sunny September day. Christine Monaghan will be filling her sideboard, having won the Three Woods, Ladies and Pairs with her partner Barbara Howliston. This is the first time two women have won



Dorothy Turnbull and Christine Monaghan before the final of the Ladies' Championship.

the pairs playing together. Mike Stoddart won the Club Championship, Stan Easten the Two Wood, Robin Scudder the Handicap and Dorothy Turnbull the Challenge. It is only right to mention the honourable runners up who successfully fought through earlier rounds. Championship: Robin, Three and Two Woods: Mike, Pairs: Dorothy and Stan, Handicap: Joe Newton, Challenge: Malcolm Laverick. The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Thursday 13th October at 7 pm in the Pavilion.

AN ABUNDANCE OF SPORTS IN OUR AREA



Lanchester First XI securing the treble, defeating Boldon to win the Horner Cup.



Lanchester Bowling Club Chairman Mike Stoddart showing some style when winning the Club Championship. (Bowls report on page 19)



Dennis Laycock with Daniel and Patrick Hogg.
(Tennis report on page 19)



Joe Hume, one of Henry's best friends, who completed the Great North Run, raising money for Henry Dancer Days. (See article on page 10)



One of the many groups of cyclists passing through Lanchester taking part in the Durham Big Ride. (Story on page 17)



Sophie and Nigel Hepplewhite from Satley who completed the Great North Run to raise funds for Maggie's Centres. (See story on page 10)

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 18th October. The deadline for **adverts** is 16th October.

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