

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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CADGER BANK APPEAL HEARING

An Appeal Hearing by BDW Trading Ltd - development of 52 dwellings west of Briardene, Cadger Bank was held on 19th July in the Community Centre. The hearing was chaired by the Planning Inspector, Susan Ashworth. The Appellant was represented by Robert Smith, supported by archaeology specialists Patrick Ottoway and Rob Sutton. Durham County Council (DCC) was represented by Steve France, Senior Planning Officer, Carol Dillon (Spatial Policy) and David Mason, County Archaeologist. The Inspector explained that the agenda was slim as there is a 'Statement of Common Ground' covering matters that the parties have agreed upon. The main issue was therefore the effect of the proposal on the Scheduled Monument (SM) of Longovicium Fort. The issue comprises two elements - archaeological findings; settings (historical/ascetic value). Regarding archaeology, the appellant reported on the excavation findings:- the site encroaches on the vicus, some artefacts were found and a Roman ditch, 80m long, was discovered. The remains were mainly pottery fragments which were poorly preserved and the appellant claims they are not of national importance. They considered the ditch to be peripheral to the SM and not forming part of its boundary. They think the existing SM boundaries are very extensive and there is no case for extending them. DCC considered the remains to be of equal importance to those within the SM and felt that the ditch is rare and significant, possibly the Roman site boundary and thus part of the SM. Terry Edwards (Friends of Longovicium) said that surveying is incomplete and there may be much yet to be discovered. Mike Gladstone spoke of evidence of ancient industrial activity, which could give the site international importance.

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LANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SHOW



Jannette Archer with her Alpacas at Lanchester Show.



Daniel, Lynne and David Hopps in front of the vintage tractors.



Riders and their horses preparing for the show jumping competition. Story, page 4



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
My name is Rebecca Lowe and I am postgraduate student at Durham University. I am currently researching the legacy of the mining industry in County Durham for women, particularly how women remember the 1984/5 Miners' Strike and still engage with that period of time today. I am currently interviewing women who supported or were affected by the strike, in a very informal setting (over the phone, over a cup of tea!), listening to and recording women's thoughts and experiences. Would anybody be interested in being involved with my research? If so, please do contact me on 07922200007 or rebecca.lowe345@gmail.com. I'm sure this research will be valuable for many in County Durham. Thank you
Rebecca Lowe

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CADGER BANK APPEAL HEARING

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Regarding setting aspects, Dr Mason said the site makes a significant contribution to the SM and provided a buffer zone between it and the village. DCC consider the development would cause substantial harm to the SM by noise, light and activity; the open aspect would be harmed and site artefacts destroyed. The Appellant argued that the development would not impinge on views to and from the fort, or its relationship with Dere Street. They disagreed with the visual buffer being relevant. Overall they consider any harm to be "less than substantial".
Regarding accessibility, Jill Gladstone and Brian Masterman highlighted the problems of increased traffic volumes and dangerous access. Stephen Bailey noted that the site is too far from the village and public transport and everyone will use cars. David Friesner gave a comprehensive presentation on behalf of the Parish Council based on the Village Design



Susan Ashworth, the Government Inspector, who chaired the public meeting on 19th July.

Statement, Conservation Area Appraisal, Heritage Audit and Neighbourhood Plan, the overall conclusion being that the development cannot be classed as sustainable. Stephen Bailey noted that the installation of the surface water drainage system will adversely affect the Ecology Area at the north of the site. Brian Masterman spoke passionately about adverse effects on the village landscape through loss of visual amenity and expressed disappointment that DCC have not included this in their reasons for rejecting the Application. The Inspector went through a list of conditions that would have to be applied if the Appeal succeeds, including (among others) footpath and highway work, surface water drainage design, archaeological survey and hours of operation. The meeting was well attended by the public and many people gave their views, none of which were in favour of the development. The meeting closed at 3.30 and a site visit was undertaken by the Inspector, Appellant and DCC representatives. The Inspector's decision will be announced later in the year.
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DIAMOND WEDDING



Nora and Roy Stewart, ex Lanchester residents and now living at Langley Park, recently celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends. A treasured memory of the occasion was the congratulatory card delivered on the day on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen.

80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



A very happy looking Fred, with wife Pat, enjoying the occasion.

Renowned cyclist, Fred Heppell, of Lee Hill Court, invited about 40 family and friends to celebrate his 80th birthday at the Black Bull on Saturday evening.

SUCCESS FOR JESSICA IN RURAL INNOVATION AWARDS

Durham University graduate and ex St Bede's pupil, Jessica Petrie from Lanchester, has been part of the team that won the Rural Innovation Awards 2017 on 29th June.

The North East Awards were held at Linden Hall, Northumberland which marked the awards second year anniversary. Over 200 people gathered at the black tie event to celebrate the success of North East businesses and the rural community.

The winner, chXout, is a brand of Complement Genomics Ltd, a long established and trusted DNA testing company. This service provides DNA testing for the non-human market including animals and plants. A lot of the work is carried out alongside local peregrine falcon breeders where they provide DNA sexing services to determine if the bird is male or female. This

afternoon, 24th June. It was a really special occasion with a free bar and excellent buffet provided by Crinnions. The birthday cake was adorned with a mini racing cycle with rider. Everyone enjoyed the occasion with stragglers leaving sometime during the evening.

is significant to falcon breeders as females are more expensive than males (up to 4-5 times) and are more likely to be hand reared for imprinting purposes, so early sex determination is vital.

The company moved to the Durham Genome Centre, Lanchester in July 2014. The building had previously been used as

council offices, a doctor's surgery and a police station. It is now a state of the art biotechnology business which provides employment for local people. Although it's unusual to have a business like this in a rural setting, the company is bringing its knowledge of science and genetics to the service of the community.



Rural Innovation Award Winners, Jessica Petrie (right), scientist at chXout, and Dr Maria Gonzalez who oversees the project at the Durham Genome Centre, Lanchester.

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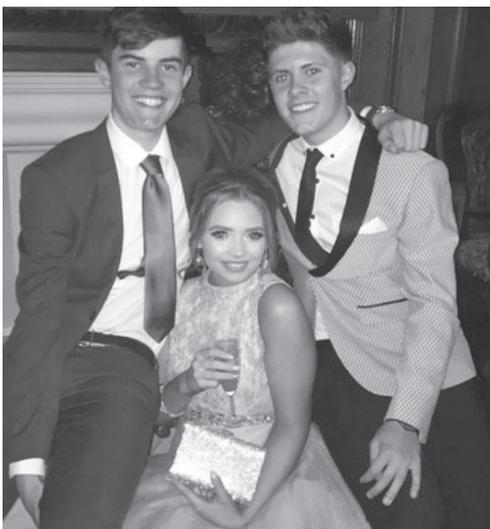
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ST BEDE'S PROM



Three best friends from Lanchester enjoying their Prom night for St Bede's School on 3rd July.

From left to right, Thomas Wilson, Lydia Winter and Liam Smith. The boys created quite a stir by arriving at the venue (Beamish Hall) by tractor!

COMMUNITY DRAW

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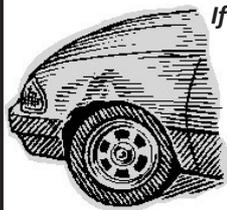
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LANCHESTER AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The weather was kind and fortune smiled on the 65th annual Lanchester Agricultural Show. Horses, ferrets, rabbits, an assortment of birds, an abundance of pet dogs, plus vintage tractors and arts and crafts gave the show an authentic rural ambience.

Crowds flocked throughout the day, many of the younger ones enjoying the bouncy castle, roundabouts and similar attractions at the entrance to the show field. Rain from the previous week had finished, meaning the ground underfoot was reasonably firm, although one or two of the 15 vintage tractors on display had to be called upon to rescue a couple of horse boxes and wagons from an adjoining field. Henry Wingfield, Chairman of the Lanchester Vintage Tractor Association, said: "The field next door was muddy and we had to haul one or two wagons out of the mud. It was a good opportunity to put our tractors into action, as well as showing them off to the public."

One popular attraction was the alpacas shown by Jannette Archer from Castleside. Jannette said "The animals, which are kept for the fur they produce, are almost as domesticated as pet dogs. One of them is particularly tame, she would live in the house with us if she could". Competition was fierce in the tents, and on the showjumping fields. The scarecrow competition attracted much interest, where many of the creations were imaginative to say the least.



Scarecrows at Lanchester Show

Show President Sean Kell said there had been a "bumper turnout" and added that he hoped the show would now go from strength to strength, after some lean years in the past due to poor weather and the foot and mouth outbreak in 2001.

Neil McKay

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A demonstration of harrowing.

PLAYGROUP TODDLE



Inclement weather prevented the Playgroup Toddle from taking place at the park so the children and carers did a few laps of the Community Centre main hall and sat down for a photo, displaying their medals. The event has so far raised £280 for Playgroup funds.

MAJOR CHANGE AT LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB

Sadly for many of the members Richard Young and Trish Bennett retired from running the club on July 5th. However, things often don't go exactly to plan and the incumbents are staying on for a few more weeks whilst the independent selection committee appoints new stewards to take over. Trish, front of house, and Richard, Secretary, have been running the club since August 1st 2000. There have been so many good memories and many sad ones as older members have sadly passed away. However, the first shock happened

in 2001 when the roof blew off! This had to be dealt with as quickly as possible. The club has long been a focal point for socialising for many people mainly from the village. Entertainment has been provided every weekend to encourage people to attend. There have been some wonderful memories of Leek Shows with vast quantities of excellent produce and fine prizes. However, this has sadly gone into decline over the past few years and finally finished last year when the few members left were

mainly in poor health and were not able to tend to their produce. What next for Trish and Richie as they are familiarly known? They intend to stay in the village but will have a period of chilling out. They will take another trip to Turkey in August, one of their favourite holiday destinations, where they will spend three weeks. At Christmas they will welcome family from Australia and will probably go to Australia in the new year where Trish has a daughter, Hayley, and four grandsons who live on the Gold Coast. This will be a



Trish and Richie at the bar enjoying one of their last nights at the club with some regulars.

three month visit rather than the few weeks taken previously. Trish and Richie would like to thank all club members past and present, the lovely members of staff, and entertainers who have supported them and the club during their tenure, and wish the new stewards every success in the future.

SOCIAL CLUB SERVICE AWARDS

An event took place at Lanchester Social Club on Friday evening 7th July to honour Jimmy Nichol who has completed 50 years as a committee member, and Richie Young, who has completed 10 years as Secretary, on the same committee. Vena, wife of

Jimmy, received flowers as did Trish, partner of Richie. There was a superb buffet supplied by Hanley & Swinbank and a very good turnout of members to celebrate the occasion. A short speech was made and a photo was taken outside.



Featured in the photo are: Brian Green, Divisional Secretary CIU; George Smith, Durham Branch Secretary and NEC member, Jimmy Nichol; Richie Young; Eric Campbell, President CIU. Jimmy Nichol and Richie Young are seen holding their service awards for 50 years and 10 years respectively from the CIU and Heineken. They also received lapel badges.

FA CUP DRAW AT SOCIAL CLUB



The FA Cup Draw for last season was run by Mike Stoddart on behalf of Lanchester Social Club. A function was held at the end of May where a buffet was provided for those who took part. A profit of £900 was made which was split between Great North Air Ambulance and Willow Burn Hospice. Our photograph shows Richard Young (Club) presenting a cheque for £450 to Mike Stoddart, who will forward it on to Great North Air Ambulance. Paul Jackson (centre) is receiving a cheque for the same amount on behalf of Willow Burn.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 13th June, Planning Meeting 13th June - approved.

Police Report-The Police report was read out. See separate report.

It was agreed to ask if the Community Speed Watch equipment could be deployed at Peth Bank and Ford Road.

Correspondence

1. Durham Local Councils Charter - draft Charter received.

2. Open Space, Play and Outdoor Recreation Study - Town/Parish Council Survey-Durham County Council - agreed that the Clerk completes and returns the survey.

3. Neighbourhood Protection Team Event- information received.

4. County Durham Association of Local Councils Secretariat proposals for 2018/19 onwards - information received.

5. Correspondence from resident - river behind Browney Mews

Members received information from a

resident outlining concerns of youths congregating at the Smallhope Burn. Agreed that the Clerk arrange a site meeting with the Police to consider the matter.

Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Wardle attended the meeting as Chair of the working group and provided Members with an update. At the last meeting the Topic papers and Review Papers were considered and approved. The draft settlement edge housing policy was presented to the group by Shaun Hanson the Consultant. A meeting has been arranged for the end of July for members of the group to meet and discuss policy development. It was agreed to engage a consultant for two days to assist with policy development.

It was agreed that a budget be prepared and presented to the Parish Council outlining projected costs for the year/completion of the plan.

War Memorial Project

Work continues on confirming a list of names for inclusion on the war memorial. Prices and designs have been received and discussed. Members were informed that a Neighbourhood Budget Grant of £9,500 had been confirmed from the County Council. The current estimate for the works is £10,400. It was agreed that the Parish Council makes a financial contribution to the project of up to £1000.

Planning Appeal - Residential development of 52 dwellings with new access and associated works-land to the west of Briardene, Cadger Bank

Members received the additional representation sent to the planning inspector. It was agreed that Councillor D Friesner speaks at the hearing on behalf of the Parish Council.

Condition of the pavement on Durham Road between the King's Head and Lynwood House

A site visit had taken place with the Clerk and an Officer from the County Council. Although the path did not require emergency action, the high lid on the utility cover has been reported. The officer undertook some immediate minor repairs to the path and the path

has been placed on a list for replacement.

Resident - Ashdown Grove - boundary of property

Members were informed that a resident had contacted the Parish Council with a boundary enquiry between his property in Ashdown Grove and land in Kitswell Recreation Area. It was agreed that although the Parish Council lease the land this matter needed to be resolved between the resident and the County Council.

King's Head - vehicle access

Members considered the access and egress arrangements at the King's Head which can be confusing and result in vehicles entering the King's Head car park through the exit. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the King's Head asking that they review their signage.

Newbiggen Lane-works undertaken on grass verge

Members received information on works undertaken to part of the grass verge on Newbiggen Lane including cutting back grass and tree work. It was agreed that this matter is reported to Durham County Council.

Library Building

Members considered the importance of the Library building, being unique in design and shape and in a prominent position in the village. The building has significant history and is noted in the Conservation

Area Appraisal and Heritage Audit. It was agreed that the building was of note and should be considered for listing.

Section 106 funds held by Durham County Council

An application has been prepared by the County Council to use S106 funds to undertake refurbishment works at Park House Play Area including replacement of safety surfacing in the fenced play area. These are maintenance works already identified by the Parish Council. The estimated cost of the works is £25,000 with £17,600 available from S106 funds. The Parish Council supports the application and commits £7,400 towards the works.

Annual Report 2016/17 - approved for distribution.

Maintenance Report - received.

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

Questions from Members

Councillor M Walker raised the matters of the village centre parking scheme and the scaffolding at the Library which had been discussed at the previous meeting. Members were informed that a response had not yet been received from the County Council. It was agreed that a response be requested.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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POLICE REPORT

This month our policing priority for Lanchester has been antisocial behaviour. This follows reports that antisocial behaviour has been on the rise in the village specifically in Kitwell Park where youths are congregating to consume alcohol and drugs, All Saints' Primary where youths are climbing on the school roof causing damage, The Bridge School where youths are congregating to cause nuisance and consume alcohol, Peth Lane allotment where youths are running through the site causing a nuisance and damage and finally to the rear of the King's Head where youths are accessing the waterside to consume drugs. Local officers have carried out extensive patrols of these locations and successfully seized a small amount of alcohol. Feedback received from within the community shows that these issues

are beginning to decline, however Police attention will continue to deter further issues. Speeding is continuing to be targeted especially on main routes in and out of the village. Our Police volunteers are deploying Community Speedwatch equipment and local officers are utilising our Speed Laser Gun to identify offenders and issue fixed penalty notices or warning letters. Next month our priority is going to centre around Willow Burn Hospice where information has been received that youths and adult males are frequenting the derelict buildings of Maiden Law Hospital to gain entry. If you have any information or would like Police advice please do not hesitate to get in touch via 101 (non-emergency number) or by emailing lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH OPEN DAY

July 8th was a special day for All Saints' Parish Church. It was an 'Open Day' when everybody and anybody could visit our church. As you know it is a beautiful historic church which dates back to medieval times and there are many interesting features to be found. The pillars are Norman architecture, and there is a Roman Altar in the South porch. The font is made from beautiful Frosterley marble and there is a very old stone effigy of a priest lying in a recess at the East end of the South aisle. His head rests on a cushion and his feet on a lamb. It is thought to be dated 1350. Peter Smith gave excellent talks about the history and architecture of the church and Eric Gaskill similarly gave excellent talks on the various memorial wall monuments and plaques. There was an opportunity to climb the tiny staircase in the Bell Tower up to the ringing chamber, where Craig Davies, our organist and a bellringer, and Sandy Jackson, also a keen bellringer, explained all about bells and the art of bell ringing.

A very interesting feature of our church is the mice which were carved into the woodwork by Robert



Craig Davies explains how bells are rung with aid of a model.

Thompson, 'The Mouse Man'. There are at least 18 of these to be found in various places in the church. Maps of the church were given out so that children and others could mark the locations of the mice as they found them. Some say there are 22 but you will have to do a count yourself to get an accurate figure. Our church always welcomes those who pass through its doors. Reverend Rupert Kalus and Reverend Ali Miller, our curate, were waiting to do just that. They also

readily explained the various prayer spaces which can be found around the church. Another interesting activity for the day, involved making a path of 10p pieces from the North Door to the South Door, round the outside of the building. The trail looked rather like that of a large snail and with donations it raised £214. Altogether it was a lovely day with many visitors and everyone went away with more knowledge of our beautiful, historic church. Brenda Craddock



An example of one of the church mice.

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COMMUNITY ORCHARD OPEN DAY

The Lanchester Community Orchard and Allotments hosted an open day on Saturday 24th June and to celebrate the midsummer. The forecast was mixed and sunshine was interspersed with dark clouds throughout the morning. However a brisk south easterly breeze kept the clouds moving and the afternoon was blessed with sun. Approximately forty people attended and enjoyed being shown round the orchard and the allotments. The allotments looked splendid in full growth heading into the summer, and are a credit to the gardeners who have obviously put in a huge amount of graft. They should be proud of their work.

The orchard is coming along nicely and promises a good crop of fruit again this year. Already the strawberries are ripening well, and the embryonic fruit is apparent on the trees. Energy levels were kept up with some sumptuous edible offerings from the members and the children were entertained with various games and activities. The afternoon finished with the usual raffle with some lovely prizes being donated. The kite that was won by Grandad Steve was promptly given to his grandson, but grandad then commandeered it! We were entertained for the next half hour by Grandad, James and



Visitors to the Orchard Open Day relax in the pleasant surroundings.

Daniel showing their kite flying skills, but not sure that poor James got much of a lookin. It was suggested that we have a kite making competition next year at our open day. All in all a lovely family afternoon.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the community orchard the cost is £15 yearly for a family. Forms available from any of the current members or email to lanchesterorchard@outlook.com. We ask you to

commit to a couple of workdays each year and to share in the produce. What could be better than a workout in the open air with something to eat at the end; everything grown is organic and with a low carbon footprint.

SEAFARING SUNDAY



The model ship displayed in All Saints' RC Church for Seafaring Sunday is the MV Governor built in Sunderland 1952 for the Liverpool Shipping Company, T&J Harrison Line.

This company is perhaps better known for the MV Politician which went aground in the Outer Hebrides with a cargo of whisky and was portrayed as the MV Cabinet Minister in the film and book Whisky Galore written by Compton Mackenzie.

CHURCH WIVES AWAY DAY

The Church Wives Group visited Lotherton Hall, which is between York and Leeds and was the home of the Gascoigne Family. A lovely home, lovely

gardens, lovely food, lovely sunshine and very interesting history. It was a very relaxing day.

Brenda Craddock



Jean, Maureen, Elaine and Pam in the sunshine.

MOTHERS' UNION OUTING

They say 'the sun shines on the righteous' and certainly both our church group outings were lovely warm/hot sunny days. Our Mothers' Union

enjoyed their day in York, either shopping, walking by the river or visiting York Minster and other historic places.

Brenda Craddock



Margaret, Mary and Brenda ready for the outing.

LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

50th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

This very popular choir was founded fifty years ago, the first meeting taking place on 26th June 1967 with Mark Munroe, a music teacher at St Bede's School, as conductor and his mother as pianist. Once established, numbers increased and the first concert took place in the Methodist Church in September 1968, with 28 members present including John Wills who sang at both that concert and this Anniversary Concert. 50

years! A tremendous record of commitment, John. Congratulations! John was LMVC Chairman for 25 years until January 2017, serving the Choir diligently in that capacity. Alan Gill, also present on Day One, was in the audience as was Sally, representing her late father Ralph Hindle. Another 'original', Brian Reekie, was away on concert day but sent warm wishes by card and visited the following Monday's

practice. Stuart Eaton, John's successor as Chairman, paid tribute to the latter's steadfast dedication across the years and to his wife Pat and daughter Christine for their frequent support to the Choir. They were in the audience and how proud of John they surely were. Harry Carr, a respected and accomplished local musician, was conductor at this concert and the very talented Noreen Bridgewater was the

pianist. The songs varied, each being sung with sensitivity and sincerity, touching everyone's heart and reflecting a commitment to a high standard of music. The Prince Bishops Brass were guest artists and to say they are talented does little justice - they are super talented and masters of their craft! Their musicality was demonstrated expertly on the Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Fluegel Horn and Tuba.

They delivered on their belief that music should be both entertaining and exciting. The performance of both the Choir and the brass quintet made an extremely enjoyable and memorable evening with lengthy applause at the close. Here's to the next 50 years and if you are interested in joining a choir you would be welcomed warmly by LMVC. Why not think about it? Brenda Craddock



Harry and Noreen, a great duo.



The Prince Bishops Brass, the Fabulous Five.

LANCHESTER BRASS BAND UPDATE



Lanchester Brass Band playing at the Summer Fair at Shildon.

Lanchester Brass Band is doing extremely well this year, and thanks are due to our present Conductor, Mr Gareth Sykes, who took over the band last September. He has worked very hard with us, and we have certainly benefited from his dedication and commitment to us. We have entered three major contests this year and have been placed in each

of them. At Beamish and Houghall College we were placed second. Gareth works hard with us but he always says our success is due to the hard work of band members. There are a number of youngsters in training at the moment and if anyone else is interested in playing in Lanchester band, please get in touch either through email or phone:

lanchesterbrassband@googlemail.com
07940 033449 (Brian Yates)

07903544966 or 0191373 3205 (Susan Hayton)
You will be warmly welcomed, by everyone. We are known in band circles as a very friendly band. Perhaps you will think of us as contributing to any event you are organising. We have played for several summer fairs this year, the last one being at Shildon, (see photograph). We have given several concerts, the most recent being at New Brancepeth, on the eve of the Miners' Gala, in which we always take part.

Look out for details coming soon of our Patrons' Concert in the Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining the band, you could come to one of our practices to see us in action. We practise on Sunday afternoons, 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm in the upstairs room of the Croft View buildings. We have had some new members recently and would welcome more. All ages welcome!
Brenda Craddock

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BAIRNS LEARN ABOUT VIKING ROOTS

All Saints' Primary School recently held a Viking Day for year 6 pupils. Building on what they have learned in recent history lessons, pupils experienced real Viking artefacts, practised their Norse vocabulary and viewed a large visual timeline; all aided, kindly by experts from Durham University.

The class learnt about the impact that Vikings had on the local area such as the role that Hadrian's Wall played during the Viking invasions. Even the way we talk today has Danish-Viking influence - for example, the word 'bairn' derives from the old Norse word 'barn', also meaning (small) child.

Highlights from the day included being able to hold real, ancient, household objects and even a sword from the era. The whole experience was possible thanks to the growing relationship the school has with Durham University.

Hannah Bunce



All Saints' pupils concentrating on the Viking presentation.



All Saints' pupils learning about the Vikings and studying artefacts and a timeline, aided by Durham University.

END OF TERM MUSIC ASSEMBLY AT ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's become a tradition to hold an End of Year music assembly at All Saints' School, showcasing the skills and musical appreciation of their students. On July 12th, parents and relatives of the performers joined the rest of the school to enjoy a varied and most enjoyable programme. Head Teacher Mrs Stephenson welcomed the audience, stressing

the school's pride in the musical skills of the students and thanking them for all their hard work. All the young people are at different stages of attainment, with some offering pieces they were preparing for examination while others were experiencing their first public performance. They were ably led and guided by Mr Cotes and

Mrs Carr, with the students offering musical arrangements of film scores, traditional airs and light classical pieces. Their enjoyment at performing in public was obvious, as was the support shown to the performers from all their peers. The school trooped back to lessons sent on their way to the Harry Potter theme music!



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PUPILS AT LANCHESTER EP THANK NEIGHBOURS



Some pupils with one of their Thank you cards.

On a very wet Friday, as the end of term approached, a group of year 6 pupils from Lanchester EP could be found hand delivering thank you cards. The individually crafted cards were addressed to residents directly affected by the building works, thanking them for their patience and inviting them to the school's end

of year show, 'Yanomamo' at the Consett Empire on July 11th. Ongoing building work at Lanchester EP has amplified school pickup problems for residents surrounding the main gates. Poor parent parking has often been inconsiderate and dangerous, not only for

locals, but also for young people walking home from St Bede's School. The thank you cards were gratefully received by residents. A handful of households were able to attend the performance while many others contacted the school to express their appreciation for the gesture. Hannah Bunce

REFUGEE WEEK AT LANCHESTER EP SHOOOL

Pupils and staff at Lanchester EP primary school welcomed visitors from the local refugee community last month to celebrate national 'Refugee Week.' The week's activities were organised with support from Save the Children and local charity Durham City of Sanctuary.

During a special assembly and classroom sessions led by Save the Children volunteer Irene Wilkinson, pupils met four local residents from Syria, learning more about why they had to leave their home country and how it felt to arrive in a new country and learn a new language. One of the Syrian guests said "It

was a great day, thank you for inviting us, we had a lovely time meeting the children." The week culminated in Save the Children's 'Den Day,' another national initiative which aims to raise children's awareness of the importance of shelter and having a safe place to live for everyone. Parents, pupils and the refugee

community came together for a 'Great Get Together' at the end of the day to share refreshments, see the children's dens and to support the motto of MP JoCox that 'we have more in common than that which divides us'. Local parent and member of Durham City of Sanctuary Hazel Bloor said "We should all be

so proud of the children, they showed such kindness and empathy in welcoming the guests from Syria who have recently arrived here. Their suggestions for how to welcome refugees ranged from a hug to sharing their favourite meal of pasta!" Hazel Bloor (picture on back page)

EP SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

The EP School held its Annual Summer Fair on Saturday July 15th and nothing, including heavy showers of rain, could dampen the spirits of all those who attended. A van with a loud speaker boomed out a welcome and played lively music throughout. There were plenty of activities to keep busy and enjoy. The wet slide was popular, despite succumbing to being very wet indeed, as was the larger than life big bouncy slide. The teacup roundabout was well used and there were always people at the various side shows, where you had to aim and throw at a target. The dads enjoyed this as much as the children! The ice-cream, candy floss and 'slush drinks' stalls did good business but of course by far the most popular outdoor activity was throwing a pail of water at the teacher in the

stocks. What good sports the teachers are! Indoors there were lots of interesting stalls and things to do, including tombola, choose a lucky bottle, bathroom items, 'Osborne Books', Toiletries, 'Name the teddy', 'Guess how many sweets in the jar', the raffle with great prizes and the ever popular face painting. There were also two boards of photographs on show of the pupils performing 'Yanomamo' at the Empire Theatre in Consett. What wonderful opportunities these pupils are given. They gave a brilliant performance and this corner of the hall was very busy with parents ordering photographs from those on display. If you missed the show this year be sure not to miss next year's show! These children have remarkable talent.



Fun for some!

Hot drinks and hot dogs, biscuits and tasty bites were served in one of the classrooms and altogether the fair was a great success. It was well attended and such a happy atmosphere prevailed throughout the morning. It certainly banished the weather blues. Brenda Craddock



Target practice success.

CROFT COURT CONCERT

Around 30 residents and friends from Croft Court in Lanchester had a coffee morning with a difference on Monday, June 26th. For more than a year now residents from Croft Court have been meeting once a month at Croft View Hall over the road for coffee mornings. Because the residential

development does not have a communal lounge, people living in the Anchor Housing complex decided that a coffee morning was a good way of getting to know their neighbours.

Joan McKay and Jean Dougherty were the instigators of the monthly get-togethers which have

proved very successful in allowing neighbours to get to know each other. For the first time, in June, entertainment was provided by folk trio Kiddars Luck, who sang a variety of traditional folk and Geordie songs.

Jean Dougherty, who was invited by the group to step onto the stage to play the 'wooden spoons', said: "Everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. We normally have about 15 people at the monthly coffee mornings and this time the numbers were double that. It was a lovely get together for the residents, and Kiddars Luck were very entertaining and very funny."

To cement the new-found neighbourliness in Croft Court, a bus has been booked for a day out to South Shields later this year.

Neil McKay

SATLEY WI JULY

Our July meeting was well attended. Linda welcomed the members along with the speaker, Major Barbara Fawcett. Before we began the meeting we sang Happy Birthday to members Ann Suddes and Grace Hall whose birthday was actually that day. We enjoyed a lovely birthday cake to celebrate with our refreshments at the end of the meeting. Business was discussed and names taken for the Autumn Council meeting in Spennymoor on 3rd October. The group meeting is in Lanchester Social Club on 28th September. Ebchester WI are having an open meeting on 20th July at 1.15pm to which members will be made most welcome. Orders for WI calendars and diaries 2018 with payments were taken by our treasurer, Carolyn Marston. Our August meeting will be an afternoon out followed by a meal at the

'Boatside Inn' at Warden, Hexham. Menus were perused and Kathleen Snowdon took the orders. This will take place on Thursday 17th August, leaving at 2.15 pm.

Major Barbara Fawcett was introduced and given a very warm welcome. She spoke about the 'Work of the Salvation Army' which was started by William Booth in the 1800s. They do a tremendous job, helping people in need in whatever capacity. Major Fawcett is very dedicated in all she does and would welcome anyone to her Conssett branch. Pat Gibson gave the vote of thanks for the very enlightening and informative talk.

The raffle was then drawn and won by Cynthia Bradbury.

The competition 'a pretty cup and saucer' was won by Linda Butterfield, 2nd Avril Carpenter and 3rd Linda Horn. Tea, biscuits and of course cake were then served.

Christine Wilson

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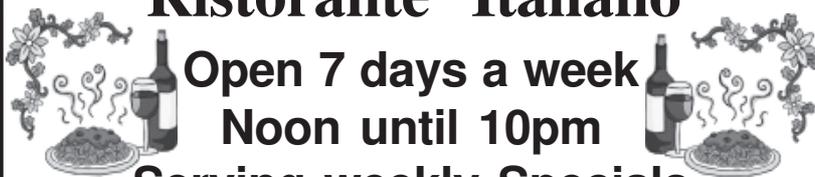
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For the Cuppa & Company in June Sarah Milburn very kindly donated one of her pictures for the raffle which was won by Margaret Challenor who was over the moon to win. Once again for July there was support from Hanley & Sons and Greggs the bakery at the Arnison Centre provided cakes and cooked pastries. Spar and Jed in Lanchester Hardware provided raffle prizes and Tesco have given a donation towards the cost of the sandwiches. There was a raffle and bingo and lots of chatter and laughter along the way. I was concerned on the day that there would not be enough support and then extra support arrived

which made it an enormous success, thank you so much for all your help ladies. The purpose of this lunch each month is to do a little bit to try to combat loneliness for the elderly and lonely. I did think July would be the last one because I always ask the same people to provide lifts and to help and it needs the support to be sustainable. This lunch is only once a month but gives such wonderful company and pleasure to the elderly Lanchester residents that attend. September 12th and October 10th are the next ones and if you feel you could offer lifts, or come on the day to make tea or chat please let me know; I don't like to ask the same

people each month so all help would be appreciated. Providing lifts is one area that we are short of and help on the day. You would need to collect 2 to 3 people at 11.45 am and collect again at 2 pm to take them home. Please call Jo 07969454815 to offer support. If you would like to attend on 12th September from 12 noon to 2 pm for lunch please also phone by Monday 11th so that we have accurate numbers for seating. So many people appreciate this event and really want it to continue but this will only be possible if more people could come forward to help on the day. Joanne Allison

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VILLAGE HISTORY WALK

A large group gathered around John Gall as he led us through the village describing the social/physical history from Roman times to the present day, together with his memories of Lanchester in his youth - making a particularly colourful, honest and fascinating view!

John highlighted the changes to buildings, local orange stone (from Maiden Law area) and the recycling of resources through the centuries, in the church and many houses eg runes in flagstones noted by Surtees. We looked at the Wrestler ridge tiles (Deanery Farm) and gritstone (Brook Villa, 1830). We began at the Parish Church taking particular interest in the churchyard, where many distinguished families were laid to rest, including George Neasham, a nineteenth century local historian living at West Park. His stone memorial (by subscription) reading 'in appreciation of his



A large group of Local History Society members listening closely to John Gall explaining some of the historical facts about Lanchester.

valuable contributions to permanent literature in his native country'. Thomas White 1739-1811 of Woodlands, a landscape designer and arboriculturist (Raby Castle, Burton Constable, Scone Palace) assisted and perhaps over-

shadowed by Capability Brown. He won an impressive eleven medals from the Society of Arts for his vision. John suggested we looked at the mason's marks and materials used on the tombstones, and discussed the unique

'segarclay' stone (Durham area) made from waste coal products. Lanchester was central to the Parish - its importance seen in the Workhouse, railway and Dere Street. It even had a police force - one sergeant and twenty constables (and 3 banks).

John suggested further study/resources: Durham and Beamish archives, Newcastle and Durham Universities, finds at Durham Cathedral's Open Treasure, British Museum and Minsteracres. Thanks, John, for a truly great evening!

OUT AND ABOUT IN YORK

YORK MINSTER
With warm summer weather comes the opportunity to explore local sites, and the city of

York is a historic and fascinating destination. The huge Minster, the Gothic cathedral dominates the city and is

built over the remains of earlier Norman and Roman constructions. Several legends and ghost stories are connected with this ancient church ...

In the middle of the 19th century, a young lady was being shown around the cathedral by an older gentleman. A young man suddenly appeared from behind one of the monuments. He was in the uniform of a naval officer and as he walked towards the young woman, he said to her softly, "There is a future state." The figure disappeared, leaving the lady in obvious distress. When she had recovered, the older gentleman asked her what had happened. The

young woman explained that the naval officer was her brother, currently serving at sea, and before his departure, the two of them had discussed the possibility of a life after death. They made a pact that whoever died first would try and contact the other if there was an afterlife. She was convinced that she had seen her brother's ghost in the Minster and that he had returned to confirm the existence of an afterlife. A few days later, the family received the news that her brother had died at sea at the exact time that she had seen his figure in the cathedral. Another strange occurrence happened in

the 1960s, when the Minster was undergoing renovation work to strengthen its foundations. A lady visiting the church became aware of a small, roughly dressed man standing at her shoulder as she was looking up, admiring the architecture on the ceiling. He pointed to one of the wooden bosses and proudly stated "I carved that" before fading away into thin air. It might be that the disturbance to the Minster's fabric had brought the apparition of the medieval craftsman, as such occurrences have been noted at other ancient sites undergoing construction work.

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HIMALAYAN BALSAM PICKING

A hardy group of volunteers braved the rain to collect Himalayan balsam at Malton Picnic Area, near Lanchester. As well as locals Jane Friesner, Elaine Williams and Steve Bailey, around a dozen members of staff from the Environment Agency based in Newcastle travelled to Malton to clear the pesky plant.

Himalayan balsam is a relative of the Busy Lizzie, but reaches well over head height, and is a major weed problem, especially on riverbanks and waste land, but can also invade gardens. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering other

vegetation as it goes. Clearing it is "similar to painting the Forth Bridge, a never ending task," said Anne Kelly, of the Durham Wildlife Trust. But after volunteers succeeded in clearing many of the plants from Dora's Wood, it was time to switch the



The volunteers from the Environment Agency and Lanchester Wildlife Group who picked huge quantities of balsam despite the rain.

attention to Malton. Anne added that she was grateful to Environment Agency staff for spending a day picking the balsam as part of a scheme for staff to give something to the community.

But more local volunteers will be welcome to clear

balsam further upstream. "By getting rid of the balsam we can allow other plants and wildflowers to thrive," she explained.

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The Environment Agency group at the end of the day.

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as we'd like to encourage 'adoption' of an area. Anne Kelly

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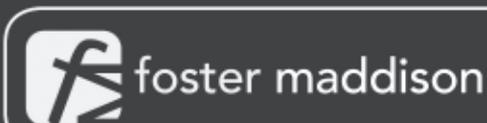
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THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE



Nancy Spain and friend on camera

At our last meeting in June, Freda Thompson came along and gave us a talk and slideshow entitled 'Brave Hearts - 3 Northern Ladies'. Three very emancipated women from very different times, one from

the 1700s - Elizabeth Montague, one from 1872-1913 Emily Davison and finally the totally liberated Nancy Spain, 1917-1964.

Elizabeth Montague, born a commoner, married the Earl of

Sandwich and was an avid social climber. Emily Davison, a very well educated lady who went to Oxford became a radical suffragette, undergoing force feeding 49 times and finally throwing

herself under the Prince of Wales' horse at the Epsom Derby, which resulted in her death. She was brought home and is buried at Morpeth.

Nancy Spain was the bisexual television personality of the 50s and 60s, who had a fascinating career, famous friends and lived life as she saw fit. This absorbing talk

showed us how life for females has evolved over the years, slow to change and then such a rapid escalation of changing values in the 20th century.

For we emancipated females the evening closed with a welcome tea break, jewellery shopping and a good old natter - times don't really change that much.

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Thank you to everyone who has supported The Willows over the last year and here's to many more successful years! The Willows is open every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays) from 10 am - 1 pm and offers handmade cakes, light snacks and hot and cold drinks. The hospice values the support of our volunteers and the public and if you would like to visit our café, a warm welcome awaits.

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KOG'S 10th BIRTHDAY

LIKE most teenagers, 16-year-old Laura Burdon was bored rigid after finishing her GCSEs with a long summer ahead of her. Unlike most teenagers, Laura knew exactly what to do about it.

Ten years later and the fruits of her inspiration are still going strong, in the shape of KOGS (Kids of God) who meet regularly at Lanchester Methodist Church.

On Saturday, June 24th, KOGS celebrated its tenth anniversary with an evening meal for 80 plus

guests and a night of entertainment at the church. The meal was cooked by the group's 16 members.

Laura, now Laura Cole, aged 26, is still very much involved, as is her husband Peter, but they are keen to encourage more youngsters to join up.

She explained: "I remember moaning to my pal, Jonathan Quinlan, that there was nothing to do in Lanchester after the exams finished. We decided to do something about it. We approached

the church council and they said we could form a youth group if there were any adults willing to help out running the group.

My Dad Mervyn has worked with youth groups in the past so he was a perfect choice to be roped in, and he is still involved ten years on too. We still meet up every Monday and do all sorts, including a messy church, music, drama, camping, day trips, evenings out. We also have bible studies where we try to find parts of the bible which are relevant

to today's teenagers and discuss them."

To celebrate the anniversary the members provided an evening of entertainment with music and comedy sketches after the meal.

KOGS is open to all young people in School Years 4 to 8 whether they attend Church or not, and is open to all religions.

Contact information: Kidssofar@hotmail.co.uk
Neil McKay



Members of KOGS entertained with music and comedy sketches.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Blueberry Crumble, a seasonal treat

The blueberry plant is native to North America, introduced to this country in the 20th century and rapidly becoming one of our favourite fruits. This recipe uses breadcrumbs, giving a crisper topping than the usual flour crumble mixture.

Blueberries 450 g (1 lb)
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1 lemon, grated rind and juice
Breadcrumbs 75 g (3 oz)
Ground almonds 75 g (3 oz)
Butter 110 g (4 oz)
Flaked almonds 25 g (1 oz)

1) Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Mix the fruit, 75 g (3 oz) of the sugar and lemon rind and juice in a shallow ovenproof dish.

2) Make the crumble by mixing the breadcrumbs, ground almonds and remaining sugar. Rub in, or cut in the butter roughly and spoon the mixture evenly over the fruit. Scatter with flaked almonds.

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LANCHESTER WI STRAWBERRY SUPPER

President Marie Murphy welcomed members to our July meeting before giving us her report on the Liverpool AGM which she attended as our delegate and where 4,300 ladies were welcomed to the Echo Arena by the Mayor. Resolutions were passed in favour on saving our oceans and alleviating loneliness and Marie enjoyed a programme of learning, laughter and fun which included guest speakers and a Beatles band. Lists are out for Metal Embossing on 5th September, £4 payment at the August meeting please; group meeting 28th September, £5 also

due in August and Theatre visit 22nd November, 'Paint your Wagon' at Tyne Theatre & Opera House, details later. The craft event at the Crushed Chilli Gallery was enjoyed by all who attended. Ann Smith and Pat Cotrell won the raffle and the competition winners were Ann Grosvenor and Ann Carr. Our entertainment for the evening were Renata and Trev who had our feet tapping with their songs from the 60s onwards and more than one of us remembered every word of songs recorded by Buddy



WI ladies enjoying their strawberry supper.

Holly and the Animals amongst others and enjoyed joining in the singing. Ann Carr then gave the vote of thanks and the evening ended with

strawberries, cream and meringues with a glass of wine, all served to us by the committee. This was a lovely evening spent with WI friends, a

time of lively conversation, laughter and relaxation. A big thank you to all the committee who worked so hard to make this evening so enjoyable.

WI SUMMER OUTING TO MANDERSTON HOUSE

The coach left Lanchester on Wednesday 5th July with 37 ladies on board. We had a coffee stop at the White Swan in Alnwick before continuing to Manderston House. This is the family home of the Huntley and Palmer family, which was

built and furnished with money no object and it is to this day lived in and enjoyed by the family. We were the only group there; it was opened especially for us and we enjoyed a guided tour which included the history of the family and house. We walked the famous

silver staircase and admired the wonderful needlework and samplers. After the tour

we enjoyed lunch in the tea rooms and had free time to explore the gardens and dairy. The

weather stayed dry and it was a lovely day out. Thank you to everyone who arranged this.



Ladies enjoying the gardens at Manderston House.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB



The ladies from Lanchester Flower Club posing in front of the spectacular entrance to Wynyard Hall.



The ladies eagerly awaiting lunch in the elegant Mirrored Banqueting Hall of Wynyard Hall.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING

On Thursday 13th July the Lanchester Flower ladies enjoyed a splendid day outing to Wynyard Hall, where a lovely lunch was served in the very elegant Mirrored Banqueting Room. After the meal we continued the day with a visit to the Wynyard Walled Rose Gardens which was abundant in colour with so many beautiful flowers and shrubs and of course many different roses. We further enjoyed a coffee in the café. We all needed the shade as the day was so lovely with sun and high temperatures. The chatter and friendliness of the day continued. We then drove home with Gillingham's coaches. A big thank you to a very pleasant and helpful driver.

'GET AHEAD HATS'

The June monthly meeting was held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 21st June. There was a good attendance. The speaker was Lilian Flint who talked about and demonstrated some of the beautiful hats from the village. All the ladies enjoyed trying on the different hats. Then refreshments were served along with a quiz so a very enjoyable social afternoon was had by all. We will not be holding a further meeting until Wednesday 27th September, so we hope everyone enjoys the holiday break.

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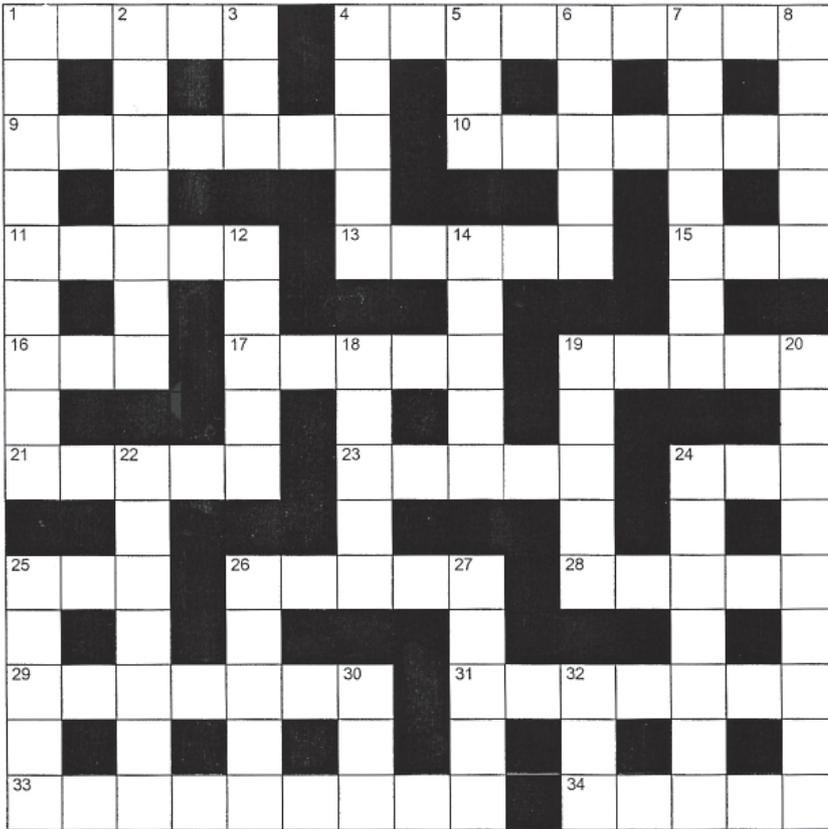
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CROSSWORD 135



ACROSS

1. Always available (2,3)
4. Italian hors d'oeuvre sat in a pot (9)
9. Eurydice's husband (7)
10. Town where Oscar Wilde did time (7)
11. Principle covered by discreet hiccups (5)
13. Tall steel tower (5)
15. Charged atom covered in onions! (3)
16. Anger found in retirement home (3)
17. Tree found in Nova Scotia's peninsulas (5)
19. Goes with carpet, wand and lantern (5)
21. Lived (5)
23. Fibre seen in whorl on fingers (5)
- 24,26. Colour (3-5)
25. Charge (3)
26. See 24
- 28,31,33. Try to sell fridges to Eskimos! (5,5,2,9)
29. Large ape (7)
31. See 28
33. See 28
34. Muslim ruler sought in California (5)

DOWN

1. In agreement (2,3,4)
2. Footware from tea shop (3-4)
- 3,12. Data shown by segmented circle (3,5)
4. Fable writer (5)
5. Hill in West Oregon (3)
- 6,7. Easy (5,7)
7. See 6
8. Essential body part (5)
12. See 3
14. Czech former tennis player who now is coach to the world's best (5)
18. Inclined (5)
19. Deranged (5)
20. Game linked to fun parks (5,4)
22. Face feature (7)
24. Inspection of S. American country's short aluminium supply (7)
25. Dickens' dip (5)
26. — Meir, Israel's only female PM (5)
27. Mother-of-pearl (5)
30. Inclined (3)
32. Electric discharge (3)

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 134

There were just 14 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to G Davison of Front Street, Lanchester who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 134

ACROSS

1. exacerbation
9. Gregory
10. animate
11. auction
13. Ohm's Law
14. don
15. intends
16. elapse
20. cycles
21. headset
23. pea
24. colossi
27. imagine
28. Bengali
29. octopus
31. spinsterhood

DOWN

1. ex gratia
2. axe
3. emotional
4. beyond suspicion
5. tear one's hair out
6. odium
7. pall
8. meows
12. catty
17. alabaster
18. sushi
19. stressed
22. scuba
25. lynx
26. scalp
30. pro

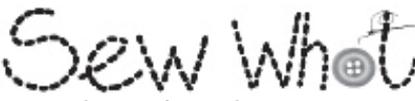
LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

SUDOKU

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

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



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AVIATION COFFEE MORNING

A coffee morning was held in Lanchester Methodist Church on Saturday 8th July, with all proceeds going to The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre. Having first visited the Centre in 2015 both my wife and I were amazed at the place and of course the main attraction 'Just Jane', the Lancaster Bomber. The bomber was bought by two farming brothers Fred and Harold Panton. Over the years they have managed to restore it to its former glory and it is capable of performing 'Taxi' runs. These taxi runs are available but need to be booked; check out www.lincsaviation.co.uk for further details. If you have ever wanted to sit or ride in one of the most famous of World War Two bombers then this is the place for you. All proceeds go to maintaining 'Just Jane' and hopefully one day restoring her to fly again. Although the coffee morning itself was quiet we still raised £100. A big thank you to all who came and parted with their cash for what I believe is a very worthwhile cause. Those who did come were pleased



Derek Ramage holding a replica of 'Just Jane', an Avro Lancaster Bomber N611 which is based at the Lincoln Aviation Heritage Centre. Alongside Derek is the framed photo of the plane awarded to Derek when he took a 'taxi' ride in 'Just Jane'. He may just be visible in the cockpit.



Brian Naylor with friend Ian, enjoying the excellent exhibition of RAF memorabilia.

with the display. Two people travelled from Hexham and we discovered that they have visited the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre many times.

We may do this again in the future and hopefully not clash with many other events on at the same time. Thanks again to all who came.
Derek Ramage

LADIES WHO LUNCH

We have been out lunching - but we've been visiting some well loved favourites, Knitsley Mill and Ravellos, which we didn't think you'd really want to hear about. However, we do hope you've given them a go yourselves and hopefully love them as much as we do. Last month we had a super drive out - fantastic weather and glorious countryside led us over the moors, past the reservoir and on to the delightful Lord Crewe in the lovely mediaeval village of Blanchland.

It's always a pleasure to go there and we were soon settled in the small dining room off the bar. There's a large slogan written over the fireplace, clearly stating 'No Riff Raff' - we felt well at home. Menus arrived and our friendly, knowledgeable waitress was on hand to explain some of the more quirkier aspects of it - it all adds to the enjoyment, something different! We eventually settled on Pan fried red mullet from the south coast with crushed peas and sides of buttered Anyas and grilled courgettes,

Bacon chop with bubble and squeak and a fried egg, Cotswold white chicken breast schnitzel with tomatoes and grilled cheese and Flat iron steak with a peppercorn sauce, chips and onion rings. Puds were Lemon Posset with gooseberries, Sticky toffee pudding, Cotswold Brie with quince paste and biscuits and Coffee and hazelnut parfait with a doughnut. The Lord Crewe is not a cheap option, but what a treat! We had a very pleasant lunch - really enjoyed ourselves. We really will be back.
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WHAT'S ON?

Churches Together Holiday Club

This year's **Summer Club** will have the theme of "MISSION RESCUE". Building on last year's amazing Summer Special Holiday Club, we are inviting children to be part of the 2017 spectacular!!! Their role for the week is to become a secret agent with Spy Chief Claire and her team. The event starts on Tuesday 29th August and runs till Saturday 2nd September at Lanchester Methodist Church from 9.45am (10.00am start) till 12.00 noon. There will be loads of exciting things to do: songs, keep fit, games, drama, craft activities, challenges, bouncy castle, refreshments. All of this and more for only £15 for the whole week!

Loneliness Calling all residents, group organisers and people who want to make a difference.

You may have seen in previous issues of the Village Voice our attempt to raise awareness about isolation and loneliness, a growing problem in society today. Our group of individuals from Lanchester Partnership, Lanchester Medical Practice Patient Participation Group and Churches Together have been meeting to explore how this affects our area. We can't do this alone and want to hear your views and listen to your ideas of what can be done to reduce the impact of the problem for the area. We have some ideas but need the support of the community for anything to have a positive and worthwhile effect. We are holding a meeting on Tuesday October 3rd at 6.30 pm in Lynwood House Community Room.

Community Centre Coffee Morning

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

Lacemaking

Lacemaking sessions will resume on Monday 11th and Friday 15th September.

Needlecraft

Needlecraft sessions will resume on Wednesday 13th September.

Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00 am. Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Himalayan Balsam Removal Dates

One plant can turn into 1,454,400 plants in three years! Please come and join members of the Lanchester Wildlife Group to remove plants in accessible areas in Lanchester. Meet at Malton Car Park with gardening gloves, suitable footwear, long sleeve tops and trousers to avoid nettle stings.
Sun July 30th at 11 am
Tues Aug 1st at 7 pm
Sat Aug 5th at 11 pm
Sun Aug 6th at 11 am
Tues Aug 8th at 7 pm
Tues Aug 15th at 7 pm
Due to Balsam plants setting seeds, other dates may be cancelled and/or may follow on. Contact lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com

Lanchester Writers

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

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held in main hall of the Community Centre on Monday 7th August starting at 7.15 pm.

The speaker will be Alison Morgan from the National Garden Scheme with the competition a miniature garden no bigger than 8 x 8 inches. Ladies are requested to pay the £4 for the metal embossing and £5 for group meeting at this meeting, thank you. Visitors are always welcome.

Thursday Club

We are having an extra meeting in August, on the 17th at 1 pm to either make or paint poppies with Eric Hepplewhite. It's then Afternoon Tea time and hopefully we shall be enjoying that in the garden. If you missed the meeting for putting your name on the list and would like come along, please let me know. Olive 520229.

Lanchester Social Club

Every Friday - **FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING**
Every Sunday - **SUNDAY NIGHT BUSKERS**

Saturday 5th August
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Saturday 12th August
Alexander McRae, Star Vocalist.

Saturday 19th August
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Saturday 26th August
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North Country Theatre

The ever popular North Country Theatre is returning to Lanchester Community Centre with the play 'Nightmares in Norfolk' on Saturday 7th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £9 are available from the Community Centre and the local Post Office.

Local History Society

Subject: The Great North Road

Speaker: George Nairn

Date: August 4th

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

The talk will cover this historic road from Scotch Corner to the Scottish Borders. Visitors are always welcome (£3).

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Lanchester Methodist Church will be hosting a family event on Friday 18th August at 7pm raising money for 3 local charities. There will be a performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream by Durham Shakespeare Group suitable for all the family from 3 yrs upwards. Children free, Adults £5. Refreshments will be served after the show. Tickets from Heather 07799 271731 or at the door.

Musical Minis

Musical Minis class takes place in the Small Hall at Lanchester Community Centre between 10 and 11 am every Tuesday.

Sunday Music Sessions

Folk singers and musicians meet on the first Sunday of each month in the Lanchester Club Bar. All are welcome to join in, play, or be our audience! We usually start at 8.30 pm. See you the next time!
Ian Tute

Canon Spence's Retirement

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at All Saints' Catholic Church on Friday 8th September at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

Age UK County Durham

We are looking for volunteers to give talks to external agencies about the services we provide in the Information and Advice team. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact 0191 3746367.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip to a mystery woodland site deep in the Derwent Valley, guided by Peter Downes, Woodland and Access Officer, Land of Oak and Iron Landscape Partnership. Meet in Community Centre car park at 6.30 pm.

Lanchester Library

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

Library Book Club

Monday Book Club

On Monday 21st August at 2.30 to 3.30 pm the group will be discussing 'The Secrets We Share' by Irish author Emma Hannigan. Winner of the 2016 Romantic Novel of the Year Award in the Epic category, sounds like a 'summer read'. If you like the sound of this book or have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We look forward to seeing you.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday 24th August from 5.30-6.30, the group will be reviewing 'The Saffron Trail' by Rossana Ley. The main character Nell travels from rural Cornwall to the colour and chaos of Marrakech to find her own 'saffron trail'. If you would like to join this new group, pick up the book at the library and we will see you there.

CALLING ALL GIRLS AND LADIES

As a Cricket Club, we would like to broaden our opportunities and would like to hear from females of any age to see if they want to come and try cricket. We have four very good girls playing in the under 11 and under 9 categories and they are good prospects to progress to county and beyond. It has long been an objective of the club to introduce a female team and with our other recent successes we would love to give it a go now. So if you want to try cricket, please contact us through our email address lanchestercc@outlook.com. If we get enough response we will put on a taster event but with the younger age groups you can come along to our regular sessions to get started. We dare you ladies ... come and give cricket a go!!!

BEER FESTIVAL 2017

If anyone has any pictures of the Beer Festival which they would like posting on our website, then please email them to lifeonmars2910@gmail.com.

CRICKET NEWS

The first team won three out of four league games of the past month, winning comfortably against Ryton, Leadgate and Newcastle City and losing at Consett. Ryton saw Lanchester make 255 for 8 with good contributions from Graham Brinton (87), Sam Crooks (45) and 30+ from Mark Small, Greg Halliday and Callum Barnes. In reply, Arran Halliday was the pick of the bowlers taking 3-29. Leadgate was a difficult wicket and Sam Crooks rose to the challenge making 103 off 107 balls, out of a team total of 199. Leadgate were never close to the challenge and Arran Halliday and Callum Barnes took three wickets

each, Greg Halliday and Kieron Taylor two each. Newcastle City were next up and Lanchester looked in trouble until Callum Barnes made an unbeaten 68 to get Lanchester to 200. Newcastle City started well but teenager Arran Halliday took his best senior figures with 6-27. The seconds started with a heavy defeat at Alnmouth but then bounced back with good wins over Cowgate and Consett. Against Cowgate Nav Ahmed took an incredible 5-5. He then followed up with runs alongside skipper Chris Ramshaw as Lanchester won by 3 wickets. Consett was a great game, Lanchester

winning by 2 runs, Andy McConnell and Jack Ramshaw taking the final two wickets as Consett looked to be closing in on the win. The thirds had a big win at Bill Quay which included a club record breaking innings of 177 by Andy Allen. Andy hit 22 fours and 11 sixes in his magnificent innings. The under 18s won their only game against Blaydon. The under 15s won the two games they played beating Burnopfield and Leadgate. The under 13s haven't managed a game due to the weather while the under 11s remain unbeaten and top of the table.

NEARLY BUT NOT QUITE

If you read the bowls report in the Village Voice regularly you will know that the team we all want to beat, but rarely do, is Dipton. They are the commanding team in the area and frequently win their matches 10-0. When our Saturday team played them at home, that was the result. Having few expectations on the following Monday we bravely

travelled to their stronghold on the hill above Dipton, expecting a similar result. However on this occasion fate or was it good bowling dealt us a better hand. We did not win but our 6-4 defeat

felt almost as good. Our winning rinks were:- Malcolm Laverick, Christine Monaghan, skip Ken Raper; Dorothy Turnbull, Peter Harrison, and skip Mike Stoddart. Another satisfying result

this month was the 8-0 win for our Wednesday team over Annfield Plain. With results like this we are no longer down in the depths of the Wednesday league as in previous seasons.

TENNIS CLUB STRAWBERRY TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Once again, wonderful weather was evident for the July social functions at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club. The Strawberry Tea was held on the middle Sunday of the Wimbledon Championships and a large attendance enjoyed strawberries and cream and a glass of Pimms. Grateful thanks to the social committee for their

hard work in organising and providing the tea. Some patrons even managed a few games of tennis to burn off the calories! Alongside the Monday night coaching on 17th July, the club hosted an adult/junior competition sponsored by Quorn together with an end of term sausage sizzle for parents and children alike.

Following the under 8s coaching session, a tournament was held for the under 10 year olds partnered by an adult member of their family. As expected, the matches were played in a competitive but friendly spirit, and close games were the order of the day. The eventual winners were the Potter pairing of Joseph and father James.

A tight final against Liam and Patrick Morrisroe was enjoyed by an attentive crowd, with the Potters winning the match 10-8. Congratulations to the winners and well done to all the participants. Ladies from the club supplied sausage sandwiches and drinks throughout the evening and a big thank you to

them for their sterling effort. Coaching will continue through the summer and if anyone requires information, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or by email den.lizjane@gmail.com. Ongoing club news and information can be found at clubspark.lanchesterlawn.tennis.club **See photo on back page**

SUMMER SPORTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The wet weather we had early this month meant that the school's planned Sports Day was changed to a later date, but the morning of July 13th dawned sunny and bright. The events were to be held on Lanchester

Cricket Club ground and families and friends began to gather early, complete with folding chairs, lots of bottles of water and their loudest cheering voices. As always, many events were planned for the youngsters, who

thoroughly enjoyed joining in, encouraging and supporting each other enthusiastically. The weather remained sunny and hot all afternoon and everyone enjoyed the exciting and fun time. **See photo on back page**

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TENNIS CLUB STRAWBERRY TEA AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE



Joseph Potter and his father James who won the adult/junior competition with Dennis Laycock and other participants in the background. Story, page 23

REFUGEE WEEK AT EP SCHOOL



Pupils taking part in Save the Children's 'Den Day,' which aims to raise children's awareness of the importance of shelter and having a safe place to live for everyone. Article on page 11

SUMMER SPORTS DAY AT ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL



Planning tactics for the events. All Saints' School enjoy their day in the sunshine. Story, page 23

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 15th August.
The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 11th August.
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