

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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BOOK FAIR AT EP SCHOOL



Nursery and Reception children all dressed up as their favourite book characters.



Very polite and helpful junior pupils at the Book Fair.



Batman and friends in the nursery. (See story, page 9)

FLAMENCO AT ST BEDE'S



Year 7 students were given flamenco dancing lessons to give them an idea of the culture of other countries.

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Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
My family and I would like to thank everyone for donating raffle prizes and supporting our Macmillan afternoon tea on 29th September. Thankfully the rain stopped and sun shone. As well as many donations, extra money was made by my homemade cakes, biscuits, jams and jellies. I would also like to thank Lotty of Water Melon Dance Studio, for letting me take biscuits and cake, raising £15. The total so far is £300 which is amazing. Big thank you again. Ann, Allan, Barnaby Rowe

Dear Village Voice
I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all of our 'Lanchester friends and family' for their kind support when our family group all ran this year's Great North Run. With over 80 supporters, we have raised well in excess of our target and in fact have collected over £2400 for St Oswald's Hospice, Newcastle, in memory of our family member, Noel Dawson, late of Shotley Bridge and Wooler. Once again, thank you so much for helping us to make such a valuable difference to such a worthy cause.

Kind regards
David Friesner and the Friesner-Carr GNR Team

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice
I would like to thank those people who kindly sponsored Allan and me on the Alzheimer's Memory Walk on 7th October. It took place at South Shields. The day was cold and very windy

but enjoyable. Everyone was walking in memory of a loved one who suffered and sadly died with dementia or Alzheimer's. It was very emotional. I was amazed at the number of people taking part, over 5,000 people

young and old, some in wheelchairs, some being pushed in pushchairs, all raising much needed money for Alzheimer's Society. So far we have raised £140. Thank you again. Ann and Allan Rowe



Ann Rowe with her medal at the end of the Memory Walk

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Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for September is 28. The draw was made by Mrs Malpass.

MEMORABILIA WANTED

It's Birthday time! Lanchester Community Centre is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on March 17th 2018. We need you to look out your photos and memorabilia relating to

the centre. We want to create a display that journeys the life of the building and its changes since it was a school, to the present day. Please send your photos into the Community

Centre with as much detail as possible, including your contact details. More information will follow about our celebration day next March and we hope you will join us for this special event.

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LANCHESTER COUPLE MARRY IN SAN FRANCISCO

It was a happy summer surprise for the family and friends of Lanchester couple Brendan McMillan and Rachel Taylor when they discovered that a summer holiday had turned into a summer wedding. The happy couple were married on 22nd August at San Francisco's City Hall and honeymooned while touring Southern California and visiting Las Vegas. Rachel was a pupil at St Bede's (1991-1998) and went on to study Law at Selwyn College, Cambridge. They will continue to reside in the village, while working locally.



The happy couple on one of the famous San Francisco trolley cars.

POSTCODE LOTTERY WIN

Lots of lucky winners to share £3 million in the October Post Code Lottery in the DH7 0 area. News broke on Wednesday 18th October. A bus transporting the winners will head for Burnhopeside Hall on 28th October where they will receive their winnings. There are many winners!

PROMISES MADE UNDER THE OLD ASH TREE

On Saturday 16th September at Margery Flatts, under the old ash tree beside Alderdene Beck, Joe Shepherd and Emily Low promised to love and support each other always.

Dan Vockins, a close friend, officiated at the ceremony while family and friends bore witness to their personal vows. They listened to Ellie and Mary read from Carl Sagan, a beautiful sonnet written just for Emily and Joe by close friend Sophie and a moving song written and sung by Joe's sister Laurie. Just as the bewitching service was coming to an end the heaviest downpour brought out the umbrellas and everyone sang and laughed their way through the final song!

But the rain wasn't too much of a problem as we sat outside and listened to the funniest and most eloquent speeches made by Emily and her sister Sam, Joe and the rest of his family, Jake, Laurie, Paul and Sonny.

The evening went with a swing as everyone danced to Newcastle's Monster Ceilidh Band in the barn bedecked with ribbons, candles, fairy lights and flowers and ate delicious vegetarian food, grown and prepared by Harrissa from Sandiford and chatted and joked with family and friends.

To make Emily and Joe's celebration complete



Joe and Emily make their promises on their wedding day.

their London friends, who had driven up from a shared house near Camden, the place of the happy couple's meeting, set up PA, lights and a smoke machine to run the after party! Friends attired themselves in animal costumes and danced to the early hours. A day for Joe and Emily to treasure as they recall all those special moments spent with family and friends... each and every one of them wishing them true and lifelong happiness.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th October 2017

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 12th September, Planning Meeting 19th September, Finance Meeting 27th September - approved.

Lanchester Flood Alleviation Scheme

Durham County Council Officer attended the meeting to present information on the proposed flood alleviation scheme for Lanchester.

The scheme comprises a number of elements:

- Work to re-line the culvert on Front Street at Woodham Court.
- To insert large gully grids in three locations: 1 Up Newbiggen Lane at the edge of the village 2 Newbiggen Lane near the Social Club 3 Front Street at the bottom of the grass bank near the fish and chip shop.
- Create a slight hump in the road in front of Woodham Court.
- Rebuild and redirect one gully on Front Street.

Members were informed that modelling has been undertaken to ascertain the effectiveness of the proposed works and consultation on these proposals in September had received positive feedback. Part of the scheme would be implemented as soon as possible with the more major works being undertaken in the New Year. Following concern of business operation, the County Council confirmed that they would work with the contractor to reduce the impact on businesses and residents as much as possible.

Lanchester Parking Scheme

Durham County Council Officer attended the meeting to discuss the recent parking scheme in the village. The scheme had included marking parking bays, inclusion of a disabled parking bay and introduction of time limited parking on part of Front Street.

There had been 32 visits from enforcement in the last 3 months. No tickets or warnings were issued. The parking restrictions seem to be being complied with. Enforcement takes place through clocking vehicle details on hand held devices. When enforcement teams attend they will address all parking infringements not just those connected with the recent scheme. Councillors considered that there were still issues with parking in the village. The County Council is to request for targeted enforcement in the village.

Police Report - The Police report was read out. 2 x burglaries to properties where car keys have been taken and cars stolen.

Antisocial behaviour continues to be a concern in relation to drug activity on the waterside behind Front Street.

The site of Maiden Law Hospital has come to Police attention due to alarm call outs in derelict buildings. This site is now under demolition.

Rural crime continues to be a trend - incidents of metal gates being stolen from farmers' fields have been reported.

Community Speedwatch continues to be deployed in the areas of Cadger Bank, Ford Road, Durham Road and Maiden Law.

General Data Protection Regulations training session - Agreed that the Clerk and Councillor M Gray attend the training session.

Area Action Partnership

Members were informed that the Area Action Partnership is working alongside the Alzheimer's Society, other Area Action Partnerships as well as the County Durham Housing Forum to put in post a 2 year full time Dementia Friendly Communities Officer to work with villages and services to make them dementia friendly. It was agreed that the Parish Council expresses interest to be involved in the project.

Members considered fly tipping hot spots in the Parish and identified an area up Newbiggen Lane, Ragpath Lane north of Ragpath Heath and Hurbuck Cottages as areas needing attention. It was agreed that these areas are reported to the County Council for attention.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The edge of settlement housing policy has been agreed. Work continues

on producing the remaining policies for the plan. A small group is working on the design guidance document and on the mapping requirements for the plan. A half day workshop has been arranged for 1st November to progress policy development and ensure consistency of approach.

Ford Road - request for a mirror to assist exiting from Smallhope Drive

Members were informed that information has been received from the County Council stating that they have not provided traffic mirrors for many years. It was agreed that further information is sought from the County Council.

Hurbuck Cottages - Bus Shelter and Fencing

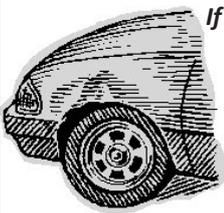
Members considered information received from the County Council informing the Parish Council that due to the poor condition of the bus shelter and as it is no longer on a bus route they intend to remove the shelter and reinstate the area with verge. If the Parish Council wish the bus shelter to be retained at Hurbuck Cottages we could pay for the maintenance works estimated to be £2,000 - £3,000. It was agreed that the County Council is informed that the Parish Council agrees with the removal of the bus shelter. It was agreed that prices and designs for fencing are sought.

Maintenance Report - received.

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

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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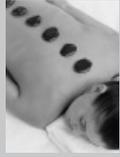
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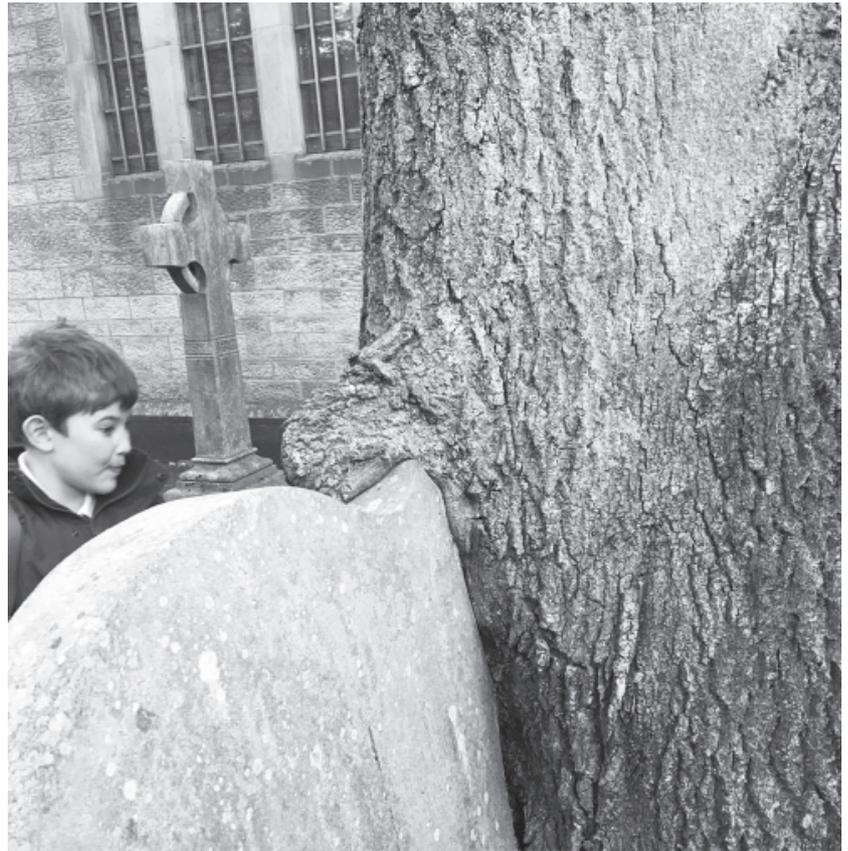
POLICE REPORT

This month our priority is Antisocial Behaviour. Over the past month information has come to light that some issues of youth related nuisance are being experienced in the vicinity of Croft Court, specifically unknown youths throwing eggs at elderly residents' windows and youths congregating on Kitswell Road causing a general nuisance. Local officers will be monitoring this area and any youths identified will be dealt with accordingly. The main crimes over the September/October period have been burglaries. Two incidents have been reported to Police whereby high valued cars have been stolen overnight. Unknown persons have gained entry to residential properties to remove vehicle keys and make off in the stolen vehicle. Both vehicles connected to these crimes have been located and are currently undergoing forensic examination. Those involved in 2 in 1 burglaries are looking for cars to steal where keys are easily obtained enabling them to sell the vehicle on quickly and without suspicion. Please therefore be

vigilant where you keep your car keys, the harder to find the better, therefore no leaving them on the kitchen bench, in the back of the door with house keys, or on key holders in clear sight. The week beginning 10th October we also received a report of a house burglary in the village where approximately £1000 worth of jewellery was stolen and a further report of three outhouses broken into and tools removed. Clearly we have some undesirable individuals in our village at the moment. Can I please ask everyone to remain vigilant and if something looks suspicious the likelihood it is, so report it to Police via 101 with full descriptions of the persons and vehicles involved. Local officers will be attending the Christmas Light Switch On event on Saturday 25th November from 5.30pm. Therefore if you have any problems or queries please don't hesitate to come along and speak with Lisa or Iain; alternatively you can ring us via 101 or email lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Cullen-Jackson

THE POWER OF NATURE

Wander through the churchyard at All Saints' Parish Church and you will see this interesting phenomenon - a tree has grown into a gravestone. The young boy is my grandson Jake. Eric Hepplewhite



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PROJECT POPPIES 'LEST WE FORGET'



Villagers of all ages at the poppy making workshop in September.



Over 150 poppies were painted during the latest workshop.

The most recent Poppy workshop on Saturday 23rd September saw another amazing turnout of around 50 people making and painting poppies, including several new faces which was excellent. Over 180 were made and 150 painted which now brings the grand total of made poppies to 1715 and completed 1218. The remaining 497 are in various forms of the painting process.

St Bede's school have made around 200 so far and will at least double that figure by September 2018 but these will not be counted into the figure until they are completed. Two visits are planned to the All Saints' Primary School in November for all the children to make poppies and with the next workshop due on 4th November at Croft View Halls from 2-4 pm it promises to be a very busy and productive month. We have orders for over 50 special poppies with Dog Tags and the money received for these is going to buy more clay. The Dog Tag on these poppies will carry the name of a loved one and will become a lasting memory of both the loved one and the Poppy project. They cost £10 and we are happy to talk with anyone who would like one. The next workshops are planned for Saturday 4th November 2017 and Saturday 13th January 2018. Both are at Croft View Halls from 2-4 pm. There is still time to be involved, just pop along to one of these workshops. You will be made very welcome. If anyone would like further information please contact Eric Hepplewhite on 07969808958 or 01207 521323 or erichepplewhite@btinternet.com

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NIGHTMARES IN NORFOLK

Nobody can resist a play based on a ghost story, especially if a railway is involved. This proved to be the case on 7th October when there was a full house in the Community Centre for North Country Theatre's presentation of a double bill of supernatural plays. The first was an adaptation of Charles Dickens' 'The Signalman', an eerie story about a troubled railway employee who sees apparitions which precede accidents and deaths on his stretch of line. At the end, he is himself killed by a train, but the circumstances are enigmatic and we are left to draw our own conclusions. The adaptation was largely

faithful to the original story and the two actors, Nobby Dimon and Mark Cronfield did a fine job of portraying the emotional states of the characters as well as building the tension of the story to its dramatic and thought provoking conclusion. The second play was an adaptation of 'Oh Whistle and I'll Come To You', a classic ghost story by the master of the genre, M R James. This story has been claimed to be the scariest ever written, but this adaptation by Nobby Dimon was intended as a spoof and was not at all faithful to the original! Again, the only two actors were Nobby, playing the central character and Mark, who

played all the others. The presentation was particularly memorable for Mark's frequent character and costume changes, which lightened the spooky undercurrent of the story. As always with NCT, the inventive scenery design and changes are a major part of the experience and were well used in 'Oh Whistle', where a bedstead formed the central part of every scene, serving as a railway carriage, a swamp, a church, sand dunes and, oh yes, a bed! This double bill was quite a marathon for two actors, yet they delivered a seamless performance with very fine acting. Most enjoyable. Neville Hartley



Mark Cronfield and Nobby Dimon in 'Nightmares in Norfolk'.

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LONE DOG LOOSE IN VILLAGE



Dog spotted in nearby farmer's field.
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Anyone driving along the Durham Road on 8th October may have spotted a lone dog heading towards the village from the direction of Consett. Sightings were reported outside St Bede's, at the graveyard on Kitswell Road and near the Pick Your Own. The dog, clearly hungry, was approached by a number of residents who were concerned for his welfare. However, the speedy and nervous animal was not keen on the attention and attempts to lure him closer were unsuccessful. Multiple sightings were made again on October 9th mainly on Durham Road as he headed towards Langley Park. For anyone who saw, or was concerned about the dog, it's believed he was caught later on the 9th by a Police dog handler and taken to Stray Aid in Coxhoe, where he was claimed by his owner. Hannah Bunce

EP SCHOOL HARVEST



Harvest Service in Church.



Lucy Bell, youngest attendee at the school Harvest Service.

The Parish Church was absolutely full of pupils, parents and friends on the morning of October 5th. It was the Harvest Festival Service and Rev Rupert Kalus and Rev Ali Miller were standing ready, as they always do, to give everybody a warm welcome. During the course of the service which was led by the pupils, harvest gifts were

given and suitably arranged in the chancel. The service was enjoyed by everyone, although the youngest member of the congregation slept right through it. She was Lucy Grace Bell who was only ten days old. Her mum Toni and friend Lisa Jackson enjoyed a cup of tea with the Open House team, before going on their way. Lucy's brother James Bell who attends the EP School and regularly attends 'Messy Church' on the third Sunday of the month, is very proud of his baby sister, who now accompanies him at Messy Church. Brenda Craddock



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FLAMENCO AT ST BEDE'S



Staff dressed up to bring a taste of European culture to the languages department at St Bede's.

Staff at St Bede's School brought a taste of European culture to Lanchester on Tuesday, September 26th. Despite Brexit the language department at St Bede's was keen for pupils to get a taste of what Europe has to offer. After all, learning French and Spanish is going to be much more enjoyable if the students have an idea of the culture of these countries. Which is why Year 7 students were given flamenco dancing lessons. Head of Languages Katherine Conway said students used to go on school trips to cities

such as Barcelona and Paris, but recent terrorist attacks have meant parents are now reluctant to sanction such visits. "If we cannot take the pupils to Europe we thought we ought to bring a taste of Europe to St Bede's. Hence the flamenco lessons for Year 7. We have tried to incorporate European elements in other subjects we teach here. "For example, in music lessons the pupils have been learning about Italian musical phrases, in history they have been learning Latin phrases. And the

children have sampled French and German cooking," added Miss Conway. Language teacher Paul Pine added: "Staff have been dressing up as European characters to give the school day a continental flavour. "Living in the North East we are a lot further from mainland Europe than schools in the south of the country, but we believe European culture has an awful lot to offer despite the Brexit vote and we hope the students will come to realise this too." Neil McKay (See also picture on front page)

BOOK FAIR AT THE EP SCHOOL

What a joy it was to see so many little ones dressed up as the characters from various books. The nursery and reception children were quite happy to be photographed in their various costumes and in their uninhibited way talked about the characters they were. Superman, Spider-Man, Batman and Wonder Woman still seem to have appeal and it was obvious that 'Frozen' is still very popular.

There were, of course, books to be seen in abundance in the classrooms and in the main hall, there were display stands containing books to buy. Very helpful and polite pupils were on hand to show the books and give advice about their content. A number of pupils belong to book clubs held in the school. There was no doubt that pupils are given every encouragement to read

and use books as a definite tool for learning, as well as for enjoyment. Parents had been invited into the school on two afternoons for coffee and cake and to browse among the books with a view to buying. There is always a welcome at the EP School and Lucy Grace Bell, at three weeks old, was a very welcome guest. After all there were books for all ages! Brenda Craddock (See photos on front page)

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CARING FOR OTHERS

As well as educating, talking with people who lived on the streets. She started feeding them and offering friendship and care, and gradually the organisation grew. The charity's base, the Alison Centre, has provided thousands of meals for thousands of needy people, as well as clothing, friendship and hope in the future. There are no paid staff at the People's Kitchen and donations come from many local sources. Various activities have developed, as a person's wellbeing depends on social interaction with others, so film nights are on offer, musical evenings are enjoyed,

several courses are available and outings are organised. Pupils from All Saints' School had collected a wonderful selection of food items and these were gratefully received by Mr Baker, on behalf of the charity. The young people had also made a 'small change' collection which had grown into the healthy sum of £170 and it had been decided that a cheque should be donated to the local St Vincent de Paul Society, to help them in their work among needy people, and two representatives of



Mr Thomas Baker told All Saints' students about the work of the People's Kitchen.

the Society were present to give their thanks. The youngsters of All Saints' School can be proud of themselves for their caring, generous actions!

A 'SOUPER' OCCASION

A 'Souper' event was held at lunchtime in the Chapter House of All Saints' Parish Church on Thursday September 28th. Margaret Walters and Eileen Matthews were in charge in the kitchen,

to serve the soup, of which there was a choice of 7 and all of them were home-made. They were all unanimously acclaimed as delicious. There was an accompanying bread

roll and a cup of tea or coffee with biscuit for 'afters'. The event was very well attended and enjoyed by everyone and raised £312.46 for church funds. Brenda Craddock

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Christine Gibson serving the soup.



Happy faces at the soup event.

WHITEWORK WORKSHOP

A big thank you to Elaine Williams for organising and hosting a brilliant weekend workshop with contemporary Royal School of Needlework embroiderer and Artist Nicola Jarvis, which also raised £415 for the Red Cross's Hurricane Fund. Members of various North

East Embroiderers' Guilds travelled to the Community Centre to start on a project designed by Nicola of an owl or squirrel. Nicola was patient and guided us all through different stitches she used for these pieces. A magnifying glass was essential to all of us and a

new reverse stitch was also invented! We were lucky that a delicious lunch was served to us all, by Sarah, Ann, Betty and Anne, to help us on our way in the afternoon to try and stimulate our skills. Nicola has her own studio in Royal

Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, and was a member of a team that created the lace for the Duchess of Cambridge's wedding dress. She has exhibited at various venues including the William Morris Gallery, London, National Trust properties and Blackwell Arts & Crafts House on

Lake Windermere. Nicola travels worldwide to lead workshops on various needlework techniques, so we were all very lucky to enjoy her tuition. We all left with enthusiasm to complete our animals and with a different palette of stitches to use for future projects.



Learning interesting skills at the successful needlework workshop.

ALL SAINTS' PUPILS SHOW OFF THEIR CULINARY SKILLS

Friday October 6th was an important day for Year One children at All Saints' Catholic School. Not only did they and their families

bake and provide some delicious sweet treats, the pupils also worked hard cooking soup from the Eco Club's produce. The

cakes and soup were sold after school, with parents joining the children in sampling the results and declaring them excellent.



The cakes proved very popular at All Saints' school.

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LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

'Sanctuary in the Cathedral'

How often do we take our local history and heritage for granted? Perhaps, even overlooking those fabulous places and heritage assets that are quite literally on our doorstep - and failing to explore and discover all about them?

This month's opportunity for members provided a fascinating insight into one of our outstanding local gems - Durham Cathedral, and in particular its role for those 'seeking sanctuary' in centuries gone by.

Delivered by our very own Arthur Dodds, Arthur captured our full attention with a presentation packed with descriptions of the sanctuary seekers, their identities, origins, status and crimes together with a comparison of the numbers of Durham and Yorkshire fugitives. From 1464 to 1524, a period of 60 years, a total of 247 persons sought

sanctuary at Durham, about 4 per year.

We learned that principles of justice and compassion had been around from early Greek and Roman times. Durham's famous sanctuary knocker - the original now kept safely within the Cathedral with a replica in position, began its use in the year 1100 when it was provided by Bishop Flambard. Its practical function ended in 1623 with the ban on church sanctuary (despite popular belief still held today).

Sanctuary was generally opposed by the local populace and often by the sovereign. Authority was gradually wrestled from the church by the Tudor monarchs who opposed the exercised authority of the church known as the 'Benefit of Clergy' (church court).

Fugitives could shelter at Durham for 37 days (Hexham 40 days and Beverley 30 days) and had

3 choices - surrender, escape or abjuration. After that he/she had to come to an agreement with their accusers/enemies or surrender to the coroner and agree to leave the country never to return (abjuration of the realm). Those choosing the latter

were dressed in white robes, forced to walk speedily to the nearest coastal port (Hartlepool in Durham's case) whilst carrying a white cross. The letter 'A' was branded on their left thumb. So, the next time you are visiting the Cathedral,

look up at its famous 'knocker', pause for a moment, reflect and imagine all about the many souls that will have indeed used that knocker to seek sanctuary at the Cathedral. History, indeed!

THURSDAY CLUB

On September 21st Ken Hutchinson came along to give us a talk and slideshow entitled 'Seaton Delaval Hall - the Good, the Bad and the Beauty'. This was a tale of the entertaining life led by the somewhat eccentric Delaval inmates. They were a fun loving,

outrageous family who became notorious for playing pranks and practical jokes on their guests while also indulging in many inter-marital affairs with other great families. We were given a glimpse into the lives of Admiral George Delaval, Sir Francis Blake

Delaval and Lady Susan Hussey Delaval.

It was then back to more mundane activities as we rounded off the evening with tea/coffee and biscuits and finalised arrangements for our forthcoming coffee morning and outings in November.



Ken Hutchinson giving his talk.

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CUPPA & COMPANY

The lunch in October was again a great success. Yet again it would not be possible without the very generous support of many - either baking, providing lifts there and back, helping on the day and providing company. We had raffle and game of bingo and as usual lots of conversation and laughter.

We will be holding the lunch on 14th November and again 12th December. If you would like to attend please telephone so we know how many to cater for. We provide a lift for those that require it and a cup of tea with a sandwich, pie and cakes. Please contact Jo on 07969454815 and if you are able to provide support in any way please also let us know.



Three ladies enjoying the lovely spread at the Cuppa & Company lunch.

REBECCA RAISES FUNDS FOR TRAGIC MUM

Rebecca is a pupil at St Bede's School and it was a chance meeting in Norfolk that inspired Rebecca Saunders, 13, to organise a coffee morning in support of Helen Harber.

Helen's mother Shirley Day had spoken to Rebecca about the loss of her mother, husband and two daughters to cancer. She had then told of her surviving daughter Helen, who was terminally ill with the disease.

Rebecca heard how Helen had launched an appeal to try to raise £70,000 for new treatment on the NHS which would extend her life. This would enable Helen to spend more

precious time with her fifteen year old son who has Down's syndrome.

Rebecca says, "I wanted to do my bit and raise money for a family struggling through some very hard times".

Together with the help of friends, family and parishioners of All Saints' RC Church, Rebecca was delighted to have raised over £200.

"I am grateful to everyone who has so generously helped me to make this contribution to Helen's cause", she said.

You can find out more about Helen's appeal on www.youcaring.com/helenharber830039 Mary Saunders



Lynwood House was again busy for the Cuppa & Company lunch in October.

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LANCHESTER WI IN OCTOBER

President Marie Murphy welcomed members to our AGM. She drew attention to the many events and courses planned within the branch and at County level. Anyone wanting to attend a County event, please make sure to book early. Campaign action packs for our current resolutions, Alleviating Loneliness and Ending Plastic Soup had been received and are now available to members with suggestions of how to support the resolutions. Lists were available for anyone wishing to sign up for upcoming events. We look forward to our next Coffee Morning and to our Birthday outing in November when we plan lunch and a tour of Langley Castle. Members were reminded about preparations to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Community Centre, with appeals for any old

photographs or personal memories to be brought to the December meeting. There were many business matters to address at tonight's meeting. Treasurer Lynne Hodgson introduced the financial statement. We had a good year and the branch is in a healthy position.

Lynne proposed that the report be adopted and was seconded by Ann Carr. Secretary Carol Troy presented the Committee's Report, describing how committee members' confidence was growing. She hoped members had enjoyed the varied and interesting speakers we had hosted throughout the year and the many diverse outings and experiences which had been offered. She reported that our meetings continue to be well attended and our current membership is 55. In her

President's Report, Marie said her second year as President had been busy and enjoyable. She had visited other branches to sample their meetings and she had been involved with more County events. She thanked the committee for their hard work and

support over the year. Ann Carr read an amusing piece, 'The Green Thing' and Jan and Judith were thanked as tea hostesses. The Nancy Walker Cup was won jointly by Maureen Barker, Ann Grosvenor and Cynthia Pearson with Jane Friesner and Jill Gladstone

jointly in second place. Christine Gibson and Jessie Goodall were raffle winners. WI Advisor Tina Bickerdike marked DCFWI's Centenary Year with an amusing and informative account of early WI activities. Marie presented Tina with flowers.



President Marie Murphy and Secretary Carol Troy listen to WI Advisor Tina Bickerdike describing the exploits of some of our early WI members.

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LADIES WHO LUNCH

We've just been back to 'The Rat' at Anick and once again we fortunately didn't come across any. It's a lovely journey with super views all the way and we had sunny weather. Once settled in we enjoyed reading the menu, they have some most unusual dishes. All choices are chalked up on the blackboard except for their printed fixed price offering which comes in at £17.50 for 2 courses or £20 for 3. They also have a very interesting Gin and Tonic menu.

We sampled for starters: Smoked mackerel on sour dough toast with a soft egg and radishes. For mains it was Slow cooked belly pork on Puy lentils with smoked bacon and

beetroot, Parsnip, Stilton and red onion tart with a French bean and pear salad, Ground rib burger in its own bun with roasted tomato salsa, Swiss cheese and chips and Roast lamb bubble and squeak, fried egg and rosemary gravy. Puds were Sticky toffee pudding, Damson and Bakewell tart with Chantilly cream, Yoghurt pannacotta with strawberries and Chocolate mousse with shortbread. Lattes and cappuccinos to follow. Really well cooked food - a delightful meal which we all enjoyed. 'The Rat' is a destination to be savoured more than once.

The Gourmet Girls

SATLEY WI

As it was our 69th birthday this month we decided to celebrate by going for a meal at the recently refurbished Punchbowl Inn in Satley. Unfortunately only 12 members were able to attend as the dreaded flu bug had

caught up with some of our ladies. Those that were there were warmly greeted by our hosts who delivered our pre ordered two courses in a speedy and efficient manner. A special mention must be given to the Sticky Toffee

Pudding which was one of the best I have tasted. Everyone agreed that all dishes were delicious and good value for money. We were given plenty of time between courses to socialise and catch up on the latest news.

Six of our members have recently attended the mini group meeting which was hosted by Lanchester WI. It was a most enjoyable evening as they had arranged for a guest speaker and a musical act, to entertain us. The secretary from each of the seven institutes read out a brief summary of the activities they had undertaken during the year and it was no surprise that eating, having fun and visiting places featured heavily in all reports. There was a competition which could

be entered into by all the institutes for an animal made out of fruit and vegetables and I am pleased to say that our President Linda Horn was awarded 'The Elsie Walton Memorial Cup' for her giraffe. The evening ended with a lovely supper.

It will soon be time to finalise next year's programme and members have been asked to select their choices from a list of suggested activities and speakers together with suggested venues for trips.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB



Wendy Smith with her beautiful arrangements.

The first meeting after our summer break was held on 27th September. It was held in our usual venue Lanchester Community Centre at 2 pm. The demonstrator was Wendy Smith, a very accomplished flower arranger who has visited us on many occasions. Wendy's theme was "Travels with my Aunt"; she regaled us with some lovely stories and produced some beautiful varied and colourful arrangements. All seven flower

arrangements were raffled to the joy of all the winners. Our next meeting will be our second Open Evening Meeting when the demonstrator will be Val Guest. Her theme will be 'Christmas Crackers and a Feast of Festive Elegance'. The date for the meeting in the Lanchester Community Centre Friday 24th November at 7 pm. Tickets will be £7. Light refreshments will be served after the demonstration. Everyone is welcome. If you need any further

information or tickets please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667.



The winning giraffe made out of fruit and vegetables by Linda Horn, Satley WI's President.



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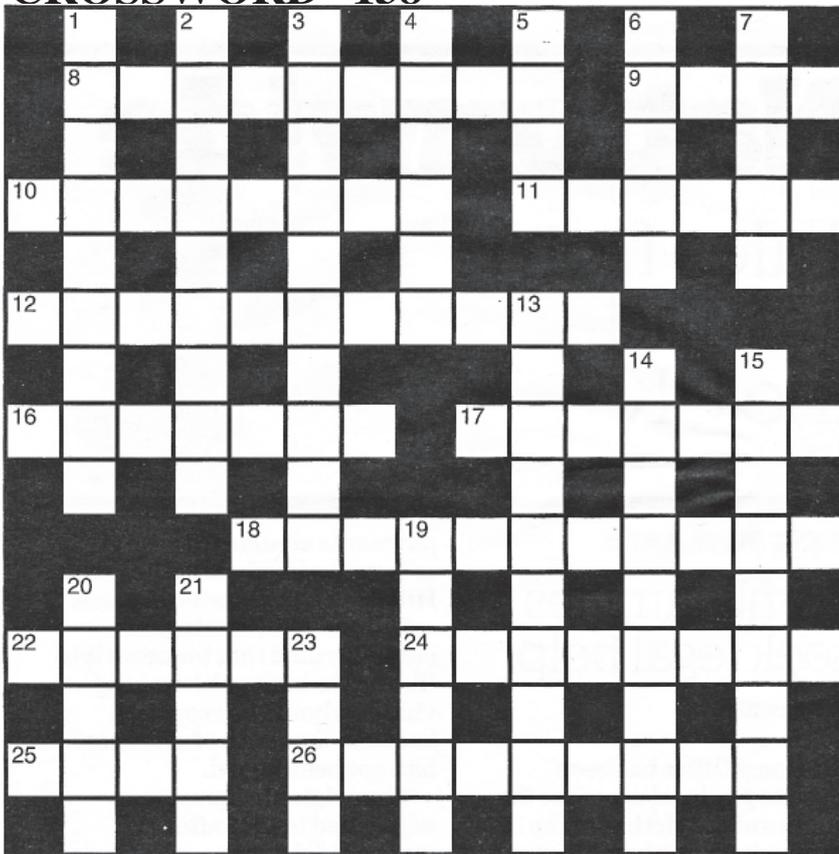


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CROSSWORD 138



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ACROSS

8. Chronometer (9)
9. A desire to leave Shoreditch? (4)
10. Maxim (8)
11. Flexible (6)
12. Feisty scone, inevitably (2,9)
16. Roar etc. in a nuclear power plant (7)
17. Ape myth gives rise to feeling (7)
18. Inconvenient (11)
22. Move text on a computer screen (6)
24. Dependence (8)
25. Goes with wife, cake and supper (4)
26. A true claw used with a call from puss! (9)

DOWN

1. Seriously confused (9)
2. Powerlessness (9)
3. Inverted (6,4)
4. ----- Heaney, Irish Nobel Laureate (6)
5. Goes with in, out, on and off (4)
6. Lawful (5)
7. Point to hypocrisy as inadequate (5)
13. Nonsense (10)
14. Wine bottle found in a Hartz lab. (9)
15. A bell or a buzz? (5-4)
19. Equality (6)
20. Pungent (5)
21. Mountain shelter (5)
23. Goes with good, bad and hard (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 137

ACROSS

1. idioms
4. Horlicks
9. tapir
10. opportune
11. rare gas
12. roll-top
13. let it be quick
17. reaction time
20. upstart
21. trivial
23. Neolithic
24. arête
25. electors
26. portal

DOWN

1. in thrall
2. impurity
3. Morag
5. opportunistic
6. Lord Lucan
7. counts
8. sleepy
10. oystercatcher
14. therapist
15. diligent
16. pell-mell
18. nuance
19. ashore
22. Idaho

CROSSWORD 137

There were 26 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Mrs M Nagel of Broadoak Drive who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

SUDOKU

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

1	3		7					
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CRICKET NEWS

Saturday 7th October saw the Cricket Club packed to the rafters for our Presentation Day. It was fantastic to see so many players, parents and family present and the turnout certainly impressed Durham legend, Geoff Cook. Geoff was on hand to say a few words of encouragement and hand out the trophies to the juniors.

The winners were:
 Under 11s ... Batsman - Ethan Connelly, Bowling - Tom Deaville, Fielding - Sam Lee, Player of the Year - Sam Small
 Under 13s ... Batsman - Jack Morris, Bowling - Charlie McPhail, Fielding - Nathan Scurr, Player of the Year - Josh Cottom
 Under 15s ... Batsman - David Barnett, Bowling - Daniel Arthur, Fielding -

Chris Shadforth, Player of the Year - Daniel Arthur
 Under 18s ... Batsman - Owen Shield, Bowling - David Selby, Fielding - Arran Halliday, Player of the Year - Owen Shield
 Overall Most Improved Player - Sam Small
 Junior Personality of the Year - Ben Raynor
 Senior award winners:
 Thirds ... Batsman - David Selby, Bowling - Andy

Allen, Fielding - Chris Shadforth, Player of the Year - Charlie McPhail
 Seconds ... Batsman - Chris Ramshaw, Bowling - Nav Ahmed, Fielding - Scott Luke, Player of the Year - Chris Ramshaw
 Firsts ... Batsman - Graham Brinton, Bowling - Kieron Taylor, Fielding - Mark Small, Player of the Year - Greg Halliday
 Special individual awards

were given to David Selby on scoring his maiden century and to Andy Allen for setting a new club individual scoring record when he scored 177 at Bill Quay. Finally the tea ladies received their floral bouquets and Groundsman John Bell and his team were the toast of the place for their endless hard work.

CHRISTMAS GIN FESTIVAL

The good news is that the Gin Festival will take place at the Cricket Club on Friday 8th December between 6.30 and 10.30 pm. The better news was that we added a second date the following Friday. However, the bad news is that if you don't have your ticket, both events are already sold

out. Numbers are restricted to 80 people and the tickets went within hours of being posted on the website - lanchesterbeerfestival.com with the newly added Gin Festival page. We apologise to those who missed out but hope that those who did get the tickets have a great time.

We are working in partnership with Pip Stop who will supply the gins and probably even better, someone to serve them who knows what he is doing and can recommend the right mix to compliment your choice of gin. At present, we hope to have the following choices:-

Malfy, Steampunk, Durham, Whittaker's Pink Peculiar, Seedlip Garden, Poetic Licence Old Tom, Edinburgh Christmas, Brockmans, Hayman's Sloe, The Lakes Explorer, Edinburgh Rhubarb and Ginger, Gunpowder Irish, Seedlip Spice 94 and Poetic Licence Fireside.

We hope to be able to provide a specially commissioned commemorative glass and a programme. However, there will only be the gins, Prosecco and the mixers on sale, with no beer/lager available. So let's bring on what we hope will be a great event.

3 TONES - SIR BOBBY ROBSON FOUNDATION CHARITY EVENT

On Saturday, 30th September, around 70 people attended a charity event in the recently refurbished Lanchester Cricket Club in aid of the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. The evening was opened by Neil Graham on behalf of the Cricket Club and Liz Luff

representing the SBRF, who stressed the work of the foundation explaining that since its inception in 2008 over £11 million has been raised to find more effective ways to detect and treat cancer. Given the charity relies entirely on voluntary support this figure is particularly

impressive. It really was happy faces all around as people enjoyed a free buffet and raffle and then danced to some favourite rat pack classics such as Mac the Knife right through to the Take That favourite Hold up the Light. The inspiration for the event came from Charles

McCaughey, a vocalist with the 3 Tones who has recently been given the 'all clear' following cancer surgery and treatment. Keen to put something back into the community, Charles approached Lanchester Cricket Club who were only too pleased to lend their support. The event, also attended by Sir Bobby's son, Mark, was a huge

success raising £653. A big thank you to members of the Cricket Club who volunteered their time and support and without whom this event could not have taken place and thank you also to the 3 Tones Swing Trio who provided their services free of charge and ensured that all who attended had a wonderful time. Susan Graham



The 3 Tones Swing Trio with Mark Robson (Sir Bobby's son).

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cantonese Chicken

This is a perfect recipe when you're in a hurry - it's tasty, quick and easy. It takes about 20 minutes to prepare and 10 minutes to cook.
 You need ...
 1 oz (25g) butter
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 2 medium carrots, thinly sliced
 1 green pepper, thinly sliced
 8 ozs (225g) bean shoots
 6 ozs (175g) chicken diced

2 tablespoons soy sauce
 Salt
METHOD
 1) Heat the butter and oil in a heavy pan or a wok, add the carrots and pepper and fry briskly for 2 minutes.
 2) Add the bean shoots, chicken and soy sauce and cook over a moderate heat for 5 minutes.
 3) Taste for salt and serve at once, with brown rice.

WHAT'S ON?

Lanchester Methodists Wives and Friends

Our Mission is to offer friendship and fellowship to all women who attend our Group's meetings which are held fortnightly, on Wednesday evenings, in the Methodist Church, at 7.30 pm.

The programme is wide ranging in content and variety with a selection of speakers.

The autumn 2017 programme continues with:

1st November, Gina Hopper: 'Think Carefully!'

15th November, Hilary Taylor: Antarctica Adventure

29th November, Simon: The Cheese Man

12th December, Janet Arbon: Advent devotions. All welcome.

Lanchester Partnership Ceilidh

Saturday November 18th 2017 at Lanchester Social Club

from 7.00 to 10.00 pm
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Children £2.50

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Village Voice AGM

The AGM of Lanchester Publications Ltd (publishers of The Village Voice) will be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 12th November in Lynwood House. Members of the public are welcome.

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Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 9th November.

Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00am.

Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

Kids Halloween Night

Sunday 29th October 5.00pm-7.00pm. A film, fancy dress and Best Pumpkin competitions. £4 and parents come free.

Lanchester Library

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

Musical Minis

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

RSPCA

Christmas Fair

The RSPCA Durham and District Branch are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November from 10am-2pm at North Road Methodist Church, Durham. There are plenty of stalls for all the family such as home-made cakes, refreshments, Christmas presents and decoration, tombola, face painting and Santa will be visiting from 12-1 pm. Hope you can come along and support our Branch.

Local History Society

Subject: Charles Attwood, Tow Law Iron Works

Speaker: John Banham

Date: November 3rd

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

Charles Attwood 1791 - 1875, from soap and glass making to forming the Weardale Iron Company, this will be an interesting talk about our industrial heritage on our doorstep.

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

Lanchester Social Club

For your entertainment, Saturday 4th November **Paul Vincent** - Top Vocalist.

Saturday 11th November **Dani** - Suberb Female Singer.

Saturday 18th November **Mikki Lawton** - Fabulous Vocalist.

Saturday 25th November **Lee Paul** - Top Class Singer.

Come and Dance the Night Away.

Tickets on sale now for New Year's Day Entertainment from 1.00pm

Nicola Brown & Just Like Jodie (Band).

Karaoke on after 5 pm (no ticket required).

Lanchester Writers

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

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 19th November. Meet in Malton car park at 10.00 am.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 1st November at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on 14th November. The subject will be 'Trials and tribulations' - a year using wildlife spy cameras with Anne Kelly. Meet in the Community Centre Dining Room at 7.30 pm.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be our second Open Evening Meeting.

The demonstrator will be Val Guest, her theme will be 'Xmas Crackers and a Feast of Festive Elegance'. The date for the meeting in the Lanchester Community Centre is Friday 24th November at 7 pm. Tickets will be £7 and light refreshments will be served after the demonstration. Everyone is welcome if you need any further information or tickets please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207503667.

Lanchester WI

We congratulate Marie Murphy on being re-elected as our President and we look forward to another year of sharing and learning together in fun and friendship!

Monday 6th November is the date of our Birthday outing for members and we're booked into Langley Castle for lunch and a tour. The bus will leave at 10 am from the Durham bus stop (opposite the bakery). Fingers crossed for good weather!

Early reminder about our Christmas party night with members, taking place on Monday 4th December.

Sunday Music

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

Library Book Club

On Monday November 27th at 2.30 to 3.30 the group will be discussing 'Sisterland' by Curtis Sittenfeld. "A work of psychological genius and has a wonderful twist at the end ... a literary page turner".

If you have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday 16th November from 5.30-6.30 pm, the group will be reviewing 'The Hundred Year Old Man who climbed out of the window' by Jonas Jonnsson. A funny adventure of a 100 year old man who does not want to go to his party! If you would like to join this group, pick up a book at the library and we will see you there.

Chatterbooks

November 13th from 3.45-4.30pm.

Are you 8 to 11 years old?

Come along to the library to read and take part in activities relating to popular children's books. We have covered Where's Wally, Horrid Henry, Dirty Bertie, so what is the next book?

This is a national scheme for children who love reading and those who need help to get involved in the joy of reading; it will also introduce new authors. Places are limited so please contact Zena or the other Librarians at the library or contact 03000269514.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 2nd November 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

Paradiso Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday November 12th at 7pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and the screening of a film. The film we will be showing is 'THE ARRIVAL'. This has been acclaimed as the best Sci-Fi film in years. "When mysterious spacecraft touch down across the globe, an elite team - led by an expert linguist - are brought together to investigate. As nations teeter on the verge of global war, it leaves the team in a race against time for answers. To find them they have to take a chance that may threaten lives and quite possibly humanity's very existence." All are welcome. Entry by tickets which cover raffle, refreshments and the film: £2.50 members £3.50 occasional visitors £2 young people.

Mothers' Union

The November meeting on Wednesday 8th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House is the annual Wave of Prayer service.

Cuppa, Lunch and Company

Free Cuppa, Lunch and Company, age 70+. Do you have neighbours or family who would like a cup of tea, lunch and company for 2 hours a month?

Our next meeting is on Tuesday November 14th, 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House. A driver will collect you and take you home. We also need volunteers to do some baking for the lunch.

We do need an idea on numbers attending. Please phone to say if you would like to come and if you need a lift. Call Jo: 07969 454815.

Knit and Natter

Come and join us at Lanchester Library on the first Thursday of every month between 10.00 am and 11.30 am, we would be delighted to see you.

Christmas Lights Switch-on

The annual Christmas Lights Switch-on event will be on the Village Green on Saturday 25th November from 5.30 pm.

Taizé Worship

Taizé Worship will take place at All Saints' Parish Church on Sunday 12th November at 6 pm. Practices in church for those who would like to help to lead the singing will be held on Thursdays 26th October and 2nd November from 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm. Please come and join us. All are welcome. Further details from Margaret Walters on 521214.

Parish Church Autumn Fair

This Lanchester and Burnhope Parish Churches event will take place on Saturday November 25th at 10 am - 12.00 midday in All Saints' Parish Church.

Admission is free - refreshments are £1.00 with a free drink and treat for children.

Attractions include: Grand Raffle; Tombola; Ginger Wine; Bottle Tombola; Homemade Cakes and Savouries; Hand Crafted Goods; Christmas Decorations; Jewellery; Scarves; Wives 'Hook a Bag' and Traidcraft. All are welcome.

Thursday Club

In November there will be no meeting of the Thursday Club in the Community Centre. Instead, we shall be out and about. On the 16th a group of us will be dining at the Duke of Wellington in Durham and then moving on to a flower demonstration at Durham High School for Girls. On the 23rd another group will be off to see 'Paint Your Wagon' in Newcastle.

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be on 13th November in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. This is our AGM which will be followed by a shared supper and social time. Please feel free to come and join us.

Shopping Night

All Saints' RC Primary School ladies shopping night, Friday 10th November, 7 pm onwards. £3 per ticket with a glass of bubbly on arrival.

For tickets please contact the school or Rebecca Gray on 07841665432. Come along for a wide range of stalls and a wonderful atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all!"

Seated Exercise

As we get older, joints get stiff and painful which often stops us from getting much exercise. We may worry about expensive gyms or whether we can cope with anything high impact or too strenuous. Exercise helps relieve stiffness, helps to maintain flexibility and increases energy levels. We are fortunate here in Lanchester to have a good gentle exercise class run by Leisureworks. It takes place every Tuesday afternoon between 2.00 and 3.00 pm in the lower hall at Croft View. It is open to all and only costs £3.00 per session. So what's stopping you? It's never too late to start! Please contact 01207 218872 for further information.

Sunday Bridge

Come along to the Community Centre on 5th November at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

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ANNUAL PETH BANK HILL CLIMB



One of the riders on his way up Peth Bank during the Hill Climb on Saturday 30th September.



Cyclists taking some rest and refreshment in the Community Centre after completing their hill climbing efforts on Peth Bank. This annual hill climbing event is organised by Cestria Cycling Club and was won this year by Andy Cunningham in a time of 4 minutes and 8 seconds.

UNDER THE RAINBOW

At the end of the very last day of the trout fishing season Derwent Angling Association Club member Jonathan Taylor was fishing on the River Derwent in a favoured deep pool at Ebchester.

After hooking and landing four healthy wild brown trout, Jonathan's evening on the river was made more exciting when he landed a relatively rare, beautiful silver female grayling.

With an hour to go before trudging the mile back to his car he entered the water to his waist in a stretch of rapids. Changing his fly from a wet bead-head to a hook and worm he cast into the current and let his worm trot down the rapids of the river. Letting out about 60ft of floating line Jonathan checked his watch and started to head home by reeling in. Thinking he had snagged a branch he was delighted to get



Jonathan Taylor, from Lanchester, proudly displays his 3lb 21 inch Wild Brown Trout, caught on the last day of the fishing season at Ebchester.

that tell-tale nudging of his 3lb breaking-strain line as it went taut. Realising that he had hooked a BIG fish, he had to be careful as merely pulling would

surely snap off any heavy quarry! By slowly playing the fish into the rapid current to tire it out and letting the reel eventually managing to get part of it into his small landing net.

The wild brown trout was 21" in length and a weight to behold! The fish was weighed and verified at a club member's house and was thought to be the heaviest fish of the season; a position that leads to the member being awarded free membership the following year and his/her name on a cup!

Imagine Jonathan's frustration when it turned out that his large fish had been pushed into second place by a rogue non-native Rainbow Trout that someone had caught a week earlier in his favourite pool.

If anyone is interested in learning more about this hidden gem on our doorstep with nearly 17 miles of beautiful wild river fly fishing then please feel free to make contact with the club for next year's fishing season (starting the end of March 2018) by visiting <http://www.derwentangling.co.uk>.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 14th November.

The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 10th November.

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