

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## LANCHESTER'S OPEN GARDENS



*A corner of The Old Hall gardens, Hollinside Farm, showing the lovely summer house.*



*An Alderside garden - peaceful and serene.*



*A corner of the colourful Victoria Terrace yard garden.*



*The 200 years old walled garden with formal knot box hedging at Newfield Hall. See article on page 3.*

## BISHOP SHOCKS CONGREGATION

Lanchester found itself unwillingly in the national news this month following the enforced resignation of vicar, Reverend Rupert Kalus and his curate, Reverend Ali Miller. News of the suspension was confirmed at All Saints' Parish Church by the Bishop of

Durham, Paul Butler. A spokesperson for the Diocese of Durham said: "I can confirm that the Rev Rupert Kalus (vicar) and the Rev Ali Miller (curate) of Lanchester and Burnhope Benefice, had an adulterous affair which has ended. Following the procedures of the Clergy Discipline

Measure, The Bishop of Durham has prohibited both Rupert and Ali from their ministry for a period of 18 months and 12 months respectively. They have both therefore had to resign their posts." The Rt Rev Paul Butler, Bishop of Durham, confirmed these facts to the congregation at the

normal Sunday service which he led on August 12th. "We are deeply saddened that this situation has arisen and ask that you respect the privacy of both families and hold them in your prayers." In his last letter to the congregation, printed in the July/August parish

magazine, Rev Kalus signed off by saying: "Thank you for the great care and support you have shown to me and my family in the past year. My deep apologies for all the myriad ways, large and small, I have let you down. With all my prayers, Rupert." *Neil McKay*



# Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice  
This year, Remembrance Sunday will fall on Armistice Day itself, the centenary of the Armistice. It is therefore greatly to be hoped that Lanchester will hold its ceremony at the normal time, thereby marking 'the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'.  
David Lindsay

Dear Village Voice  
We have been overwhelmed by the love and support we have received from so many people following the deaths of Jonathan and Jeremy Ashcroft. If you are ever in the unfortunate position to need the help of Sue at the Coroner's Office and the team at Stuart Wright, they take the burden from your shoulders. The police, paramedics and others too numerous to mention have been wonderfully sensitive and supportive at this difficult time for us. We just wanted you to know how your kindness has been very much appreciated.  
Thank you All.  
Eunice Ashcroft, Liane, Glen and Sam Collins

**POST OFFICE MOVE?**  
The Post Office in Lanchester could now be moved across the road to the Spar store by the end of this year. Residents in the village are being consulted - again - over the proposed transfer of the post office from its present location in the newsagent's. A lack of disabled access caused the postponement of such a move back in 2016. But now the addition of a portable ramp could see the transfer take place in November or December. Daniel Rooney, Multiple Account Executive for The Post Office, writes in a leaflet available to Lanchester customers at the present Post Office: "The proposed new operator has undertaken extensive engagement with the local authority to raise the pavement at the entrance of the Spar store, unfortunately this has not

been possible due to the potential utility mains pipe running underneath the pavement which would need to be relocated. However we are pleased to advise a portable ramp will now be available with a bell and signage at the entrance to assist less able customers to summon assistance if required. As this is a change to our previous proposal we will now be undertaking a further period of consultation." The Post Office says that relocation to the Spar store would mean it would stay open longer, from 8 am to 9 pm seven days a week. But opponents of the move argue that there are no plans to relocate the present, popular staff who currently run the post office counter at the newsagent's to across the road. Public consultation began on July 26th and will end on September 13th. To air your views go to [postofficeviews.co.uk](http://postofficeviews.co.uk) or email [comments@postoffice.co.uk](mailto:comments@postoffice.co.uk) or post to [postoffice.co.uk](mailto:postoffice.co.uk) or post to [Freepost/Post Office Views](mailto:Freepost/Post Office Views) or call 03452660115.

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# THE MARRIAGE OF SARAH MURRAY AND NICK SPENCER

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Peter Smith. It was very much a family affair, with Sarah's brother, Stuart playing the organ and her cousins Rebecca and James Draper and sister-in-law, Imogen Murray singing the psalm and the music accompanying the signing of the register. The bride was stunning in a beautiful vintage ivory beaded dress by Eliza Jane

Howell, while the bridesmaids wore matching ice blue beaded dresses from Monsoon. After the service the wedding party repaired to The Winter Gardens in Hexham for a reception and ceilidh. Sarah and Nick will continue married life in Cambridge where they both work.



*Sarah and Nick celebrate their marriage.*

## LANCHESTER'S OPEN GARDENS

The term 'Nation of Shopkeepers' was said to have been used by Napoleon, as a dismissive description of the British. He may well have added 'and a Commonwealth of Gardeners' as the country's passion for their gardens is well known, and was evident on Saturday July 28th. This was the day when several residents of Lanchester proudly welcomed visitors into their allotments, orchard and plots, to share their passion and love for their own piece of ground. The weather had been sunny, but changeable on the big day although luckily conditions stayed fine. Routes had been plotted to cover the village and its surrounds, with helpful notes describing a little bit about each garden. Lanchester Community Orchard and Margery Flatts allotments are wonderful examples of people banding together to share their love, knowledge and skills for growing fruit, vegetables and flowers. The orchard and the allotments provide a meeting place for members and their families and a focus for various social events, while the allotments on Peth Bank produce lovely produce for the table, as well as flowers. A wide range of gardens had been made ready for

the day - the Old Hall, Hollinside Farm, dates from about 1650 and the owners have lovingly brought the gardens back to life. A traditional knot garden enjoys a fabulous open view of the Browney Valley, and reclaimed Roman stones have been used to create a summer house, temple and a fountain featuring a Green Man, the ancient symbol of rebirth and protection. Vegetables are grown, surprising since the garden is at 700 feet. Alderside is a pleasant, quiet area, and the garden there on view is a real surprise, a haven seeming along way from the hustle of everyday life and surrounded by mature trees. The sound of the pond emphasises the calm, soothing atmosphere ... you feel in your own little oasis and

at peace with the world! The garden at Burnside is another revelation, surprisingly spacious, with a host of interesting plants and lots of healthy vegetables and fruit, all beautifully planned and tended. Again, the restful atmosphere is encouraged by a summer house looking like a corner of a taverna on a Greek island ... a place to relax, take a glass of wine and enjoy your lovely garden. Like all the other gardens made available to visitors, the garden owners are devoted to their plots, learning more about plants all the time. Victoria Terrace is a delight, a lovely yard garden, with a host of pots and baskets containing beautiful blooms. This is proof that if you love plants and appreciate their colours, a yard garden can be a real joy to look at,

delighting passers by and providing a rainbow of hues. Newfield Hall with Chapel House, off Ford Road, is a well kept secret. Chapel House is a beautiful cottage garden, full of perennials, trees and shrubs. The owner is very knowledgeable about blooms, being a member of Plant Heritage, and once again, exploring the narrow paths through the gardens, there is a distinct feeling of peace and distance from the hurly-burly of life. Impressive Newfield House has a 200 year old walled garden, with knot box hedging, a variety of plants, lily ponds and a bridge. Many thanks and acknowledgements are

due for this lovely, very different day. First of all, thanks must be paid to the Community Association for liaising with the gardeners, for planning the day meticulously and also for providing a delicious afternoon tea, when everyone could meet up with old friends, make new ones, and discuss the events of a most enjoyable day. Of course, so many thanks are owed to the gardeners of Lanchester, for their patience and humour to their visitors, for passing on their knowledge ... and for their coffee! *Maisie Raine*  
**See photos of these beautiful gardens on the front page.**

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# STRONG A-LEVEL RESULTS FOR ST BEDE'S

It has been another excellent year for results at St Bede's Catholic Sixth Form College, with over 40% of entries attaining A\*-B grades - a figure well above the government's expected target for this year's cohort - and an overall pass rate of 98% (above the national average). A-level results at the school have been consistently strong, securing places in the country's top universities.

Headteacher, Neville Harrison said: "I am absolutely thrilled with the results that our students have achieved. A-levels are more challenging and more rigorous than ever and our students have worked diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. On behalf of the governors and staff, I'd like to congratulate each and every one of them. I am also incredibly proud of our team of specialist



Some very happy students with their A-level results.

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A-level teachers, whose exceptional subject knowledge has ensured that our students have achieved the very highest grades and accessed the Russell Group universities." Some outstanding individual performances this year include Connor King, who achieved 4 A\*s in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and his Extended Project Qualification. Connor is a former student from

Tanfield School and is going on to study Dentistry. Eve Coulthard achieved A\*, A A and is going to study Costume Interpretation with Design. Sophie Armstrong (completed in 2017) achieved 2 A\*s in English Literature and Mathematics, an A in Chemistry, and an additional A\* for her Extended Project Qualification. Sophie will be studying Biochemistry at Oxford. Emily Naylor

has also secured a place at Oxford this summer following some excellent results. Joining her at Oxford where she will be studying English will be Cecilia McAloon who achieved an A\* in Maths and A grades in French and English Literature.

Overall, eight students achieved three A\* or A grades this year.

Mr Harrison added: "Whatever our students have chosen to do, be it university, an apprenticeship or into employment, we wish them every success and happiness for their future and we hope they cherish many happy memories of their time at St Bede's."

Neil McKay

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# LONGOVICIUM 'PLACE OF THE SHIP FIGHTERS'

Rodney Hawkins, one of the Friends of Longovicium gave a very interesting and evocative talk about the work of the group and archaeologists in their findings and interpretations of the Lanchester Fort and Vicus.

He explained the recent technological changes in the geophysical surveys, which give much improved readings, but this is all dependent on future finances and funding. £1000 covers a day's work of professional surveying. Rodney brought along different maps with these findings and some brilliant wooden model interpretations of buildings that would have been part of the fort.

The site of the Vicus was found to be much bigger than previously thought and included part of Dere Street, an industrial area where small smelting furnaces were identified and other workshops. The fort itself housed about 1000 soldiers, the Commander and his family plus 300-400 wives and children, a big area indeed! Along Dere Street evidence of tightly packed houses perpendicular to the road can be seen on the survey. Rodney suggested there might have been 2000-3000 people involved in supporting the fort. Compare this with Lanchester's present population of around 4500!

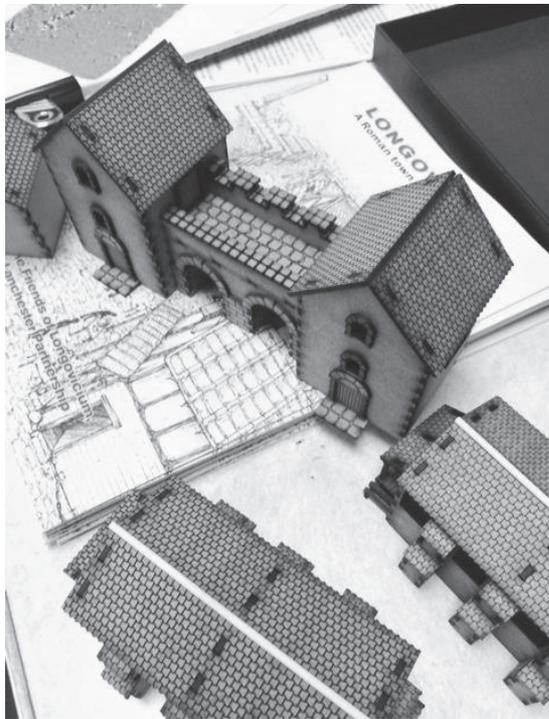
The group is building up a catalogue of Lanchester finds which are housed mostly in museums in

London, Newcastle and Durham. It will bring it all together and build a better picture of life in the fort. With the recent find of the Sailor's Diploma and the information it gives, it demonstrates the link with its important industrial and supply past.

The audience which welcomed sixteen visitors were keenly interested in our valuable asset on the hill and the importance of keeping the fort area free of development, so one day with new technologies, the secret of the fort 'in situ' can be revealed.



Marian Morrison with Rodney Hawkins with the maps of the Longovicium area.



Wooden model interpretations of buildings that would have been part of the fort.

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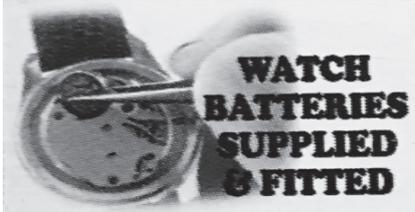


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## JAZZ AND BRASS COME TO LANCHESTER

On the evening of 17th July, Lanchester came alive with the sound of music in the car park of the Community Centre, played by 'Shake Em Up Jazz Band' from New Orleans.

We were told to expect a vibrant and brassy street party for all the family. The audience was not disappointed. They clapped with enthusiasm, giving the 6 musicians a special welcome.

The audience grew as the evening passed, creating a great atmosphere.

The second part of the evening was taken over by the Scottish Street Band 'Reel Brass' for all the family to enjoy

musical entertainment and dancing. Several pieces were played which met with huge appreciation, then the compere invited the audience to take part in the ever-popular 'Gay Gordons'. There was no shortage of dancers, including children dancing with their parents. This was great fun, enjoyed by both the dancers and the audience. The 'Dashing White Sergeant' took a bit more time to organise and 'Strip the Willow' followed with whoops of pleasure. Some of the jazz players joined in the dancing, with Lanchester people showing them how

welcome they were. Finally the jazz band took to the stage and invited the Reel Brass musicians to join them. They all showed how talented they are and delighted the audience.

The wonderful evening took place with an open top double decker bright green bus as a backdrop and all this free of charge.

We hope Lanchester will be a part of the Durham Brass Festival again next year.

The Community Centre staff were responsible for the refreshments to help boost their funds - a special thank you to them.

*Dorothy Maskery*  
See back page for photos.

## RECORD TOP GCSE GRADES FOR ST BEDE'S

Following excellent A level results, St Bede's students are celebrating again, with 72% of students achieving the combined English and Maths score of grades 4 and above.

Amongst the eighty-six grade 9s achieved across the year group seventeen students achieved the maximum grade 9 in Maths, and fourteen grade 9s in English Literature.

Some outstanding individual performances

this year. Ayesha Harsh achieved maximum grades in ten subjects - eight grade 9s, one A\* and one Distinction\*. Emily Kingshott achieved seven grade 9s while Euan Kearney and Anastacia Seccombe both scored six grade 9s.

Headteacher Neville Harrison, said: "Students have performed superbly and I congratulate them for working so diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. This year

has seen further significant changes to the curriculum and grading criteria. This was indeed a challenge for staff and students but a challenge they met with real determination and commitment: the fruits of their labours are evident in these fantastic results. I'd like to thank all subject teachers for their unremitting care, dedication and support shown to all our students."



Some of the St Bede students who received top grades in their GCSEs.

# THE MAGIC OF THE MUSICALS

The evenings of Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th July, were the dates for the annual Summer Concert of the Lanchester Choral Society, a concert which is held in high regard and is always very well attended. It was no surprise therefore that the Methodist Church was very well filled on both those evenings.

The title for the evening was 'The Magic of the Musicals' and indeed the performance was magical enough to delight all those who attended. The Musical Director and Conductor was of course David Hughes, who always demands a very high standard of performance and the choice of songs which he had chosen from a number



*Lanchester Choral Society entertaining a very large audience at their summer concert.*

of well known musicals was excellent. David is always keen to involve the audience and had arranged for words to be screened for several of the songs so that the audience could join in the singing. Michael Quigley and Margaret Gray as in other years exchanged some humorous repartee before some of the songs. Adding to the excellence of the performance was the singing of the guest soprano Elizabeth Woods. She is well known to the audience, as she has sung with the society many times. Her beautiful singing voice always delights the audience.

She has won a number of awards throughout her career and is currently a singing teacher and choral director in County Durham.

All the singing was accompanied by a small but extremely talented orchestra of local people, including the society's pianist, Paul Conroy. They are all very much appreciated.

The long and loud applause at the end of the performance showed how much everyone had enjoyed the evening. Congratulations to David and the Choral Society for a very successful concert. *Brenda Craddock*



*Soloist Elizabeth Woods delighted the audience.*

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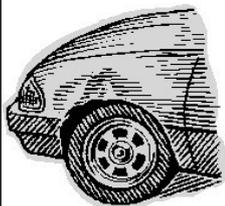
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Moving home can be daunting, challenging and unnerving as well as positively exciting and exhilarating. It could be associated with securing a new job, changing personal circumstances, for health reasons or changing schools. In some cases, it can be a decision to downsize, put down roots within a new community, or to move closer to family and friends.

At times like this, you might be forgiven for having feelings of loneliness as you strive to complete all the various tasks of moving home and combining

them with your everyday lifestyle, personal demands and routines.

However, don't despair, there's help at hand. There a number of simple steps you can take to help you engage and quickly feel 'at home'. We've listed 10 steps: Firstly, introduce yourself to your neighbours. Secondly, call into the Post Office and local shops along Front Street. They can look after your everyday needs and are an absolute lifeline if you need to find something out or source a tradesperson. You'll quickly discover our many leisure and recreation opportunities, sports clubs, the Lanchester Railway Path together with a wide range of interest and hobby groups which use our Community Centre. Our Library

also offers internet access. Local schools arrange meetings and events throughout the year. Our several churches hold regular services as well as social meet ups. For 'me time' and some TLC, relax at the local Social Club or at any of our other establishments. Not forgetting your pets and walking the dog... a great way to meet new friends whilst exercising along the Railway Path.

Finally we have The Lanchester Partnership. Residents can join as members. If you're reading this you've already discovered The Village Voice - the 'must have' publication keeping you informed about everything going on.

But first, you must commit to getting involved. Go on, give it a try - we know it works. WELCOME!

## POLICE REPORT

Over the last month our priority has been speeding in the village, especially with attention being given on main access/exit routes ie A691, Howden Bank and Cadger Bank.

During the month officers and volunteers have deployed our Community Speedwatch equipment and Laser Speed Guns whereby educational letters have been distributed as well as fixed penalty notices.

This attention will continue over the coming months.

For this month our priority will be antisocial behaviour. Over recent weeks information has been received of youths drinking, taking drugs and causing nuisance in and around Deanery View woods. Over coming weeks additional patrols will be conducted in these areas and where necessary action will be taken against anyone

identified to be committing criminal offences.

On Saturday 15th September between 10-11 am, PCSO 6780 Lisa Cullen-Jackson will be in the vicinity of Front Street as part of a Street PACT.

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# WELL, I NEVER



I didn't know Balsam 'invasion' where we could grow so high! Yes, it definitely can. Our picture shows a recent pulling session and the Balsam in question was well over 10 feet tall! We've continued our 'pulling' this summer focussing on Dora's Wood, and along towards Malton near the picnic site. You can see that there's been less

'invasion' where we worked in previous years. We're on the home stretch now for this year and working to get as much out now before all the seeds start popping and firing everywhere. Remaining dates are on display along the Railway Path. *Lanchester Wildlife Group*

## 'WORK IN PROGRESS'

We are currently improving the garden by the conservatory entrance to the Community Centre. To date, we have removed some of the invasive species that have been planted and planted some perennials. We also need to improve the soil. We are planning to sell plants at the monthly

coffee mornings to generate funds for the Centre, they are held on the second Thursday of every month. If you have any spare plants or compost, please bring them down to the centre. Equally if you want to get involved and can spare an hour a month let me know. *Jane Friesner 01207 529982*

# TURNING THE TIDE ON PLASTICS



*Some of the many plastic bottles which are thrown away every day*

We've started!!! Lanchester has signed up with Surfers Against Sewage, SAS, to join the campaign to reduce single use plastics. Our challenge is to gain 'Plastic Free Status', alongside over 300 other UK communities, by following their 5 point plan. This means urging local government to change its behaviour and support the campaign; encouraging businesses to ditch single-use plastic; working with schools and youth groups; arranging events including plastic pickups and creating a steering group to grow the mission.

So how does Lanchester turn the tide on plastics. Firstly by uniting as a community to reduce our use of plastics and upping our recycling rate.

Let's look at that drinks bottle ... we collected over 2 sacks full at the Lanchester Partnership Litter Pick in April - bottles made from easily recyclable plastic just thrown in our ditches and hedgerows each of which take over 400 years to degrade.

In the UK we use a staggering 38.5 million plastic bottles a day! They are a major problem for both land and marine environments. So what can we do? **REDUCE:** Many people carry refillable bottles to avoid purchasing new ones. **REUSE:** I'm sure the people of Lanchester will have many ingenious ways for reusing plastic bottles. **RECYCLE:** It is so important to keep them out of the environment. If they are squashed as well they are less likely

to roll off the conveyor belts. **REGULATE:** Since Norway introduced their deposit return scheme, a massive 96% of all plastic drinks bottles are recycled. Should we be pressurising our politicians to bring in this new scheme? So is Lanchester up to the challenge to Turn the Tide on plastics? We think we can. Are you on board? If you have ideas or comments to share with us contact us on [Plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com](mailto:Plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com)

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# LANCHESTER WI WONDERED 'WHAT IS IT?'

Marie Murphy, our President, welcomed everyone to our meeting, including 2 new members and a visitor. The minutes of last meeting were available and in accordance with health and safety measures, members were reminded of the procedure which must be followed in case of fire in the building. Our attention was drawn to events published in the County News, and we were informed about the first steps in proposing a Resolution for the consideration of WI members. Because of new Data Protection rules, measures must now be taken to ensure we follow their guidelines, and the necessary privacy consent forms were distributed. Full details of the updated policy can be found on the WI site. Lisa Jackson, from Durham Police had talked

to our members recently and she had contacted us regarding speeding in the village. A survey had been carried out to assess the situation and the area was to be monitored again. Information was given regarding future events and about our Coffee Morning in October. Sue Smith guided us in singing the amusing 'Gardener's Hymn', to the tune of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and Jean Forster reported back on the NFWI Annual Meeting which was held in Cardiff this year. Raffle winners were Christine Emerson, Lynne Hodgson and Sue Smith and the competition of crafting a felt object was tied, with joint winners Jean Forster and Lynne Hodgson. John Gall had stepped in at the last minute as guest speaker, challenging our wits in a 'What Is It?'

quiz. He had brought various artefacts from past times, and we discussed and speculated as to what these strange objects could be. We all had a lot of fun and were very surprised when we found out what some of these mysterious instruments were used for! A very enjoyable evening ended in tea, biscuits and conversation.



*We questioned, speculated and guessed about the purpose of these artefacts, until finally John Gall supplied us with the answers.*

## 'HAPPY MONDAYS'



*The 'Happy Mondays' a capella group at their first performance.*

Lanchester's own their hearts out to a wide variety of songs from folk, gospel, jazz and pop. Sheila Trow, made their first public appearance in The Chapter House of All Saints' Church on Monday 6th August. Over £100 was raised for church charities from donations for tea, coffee and cakes by an appreciative audience. The group meets every Monday from 10.30 am to 12 noon and sing join, just come along.

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## THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

Our last meeting on July 19th was held in the evening as our speaker couldn't make it during the day and it was definitely worth the time change. Sharon Vincent, our speaker for the meeting, was excellent and everyone was completely enthralled throughout the session.

She had come to give us a talk and slide show on the Mitford sisters. They're a fascinating bunch and it can feel as though you know it all until along comes someone like Sharon - who really knows it all. The talk which was entitled 'The Mitford sisters Part One' finished off with the

caption 'to be continued'. Needless to say, we have already booked her in for 2019 so that we can hear the next enthralling episode. We arranged our Christmas outing and then finished the meeting with coffee/tea/biscuits and a good natter.



The fascinating Mitford sisters.

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## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last time out we treated ourselves to a visit to Finbarrs at Ayckley Heads and found a packed restaurant buzzing with happy diners. Scrumptious olives and bread appear as if by magic along with a jug of ice cold water as we were given the menu - which was superb! - we could have eaten EVERYTHING. We eventually settled on, for starters, Melon and prosciutto salad with a honey mustard dressing and Treacle cured chalk stream trout with watercress and radish. Mains were Slow cooked Bistro rump steak with salad, fries and maitre d'hotel butter, Char-grilled marinated pork steak

with pea and pancetta risotto, Grilled fillet of haddock with pea purée, Stornaway black pudding and tomato salsa and Crispy fishcake with buttered spinach, fries and parsley cream. Puds were Soft shell meringue with cherries and pistachios, Northern gooseberry and elderflower fool with shortbread biscuits and Poached peach with vanilla ice cream and lavender. The service was excellent - the food up to its elevated high standard - and of course, the company, exemplary! What a delightful lunch. Obviously destined to be repeated - often!

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# ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ENDS ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR



*The 'swinging' Brass Section.*

In every school, the end of an academic year always brings mixed feelings for students and their families, especially for youngsters preparing to move up into a Secondary School. It's a time for looking back and remembering their Primary education and for looking forward to the 'big school' with many new things to learn and people to meet. All Saints' School's tradition of a Musical Assembly at the end of the year is a lovely chance to showcase the musical skills of the students, and to celebrate their hard work through the past year.

Head Teacher Mrs Stephenson welcomed the whole school and families and friends on Tuesday, July 17th, reminding everyone that this was the opportunity for pupils to

show their progress with their chosen instruments, and also a chance for other students to consider studying a musical instrument in the future. Mrs Carr led the Brass section in a rousing Latin-American melody, performed in a Boogie style, then beginner players and more advanced musicians performed, with an obvious enjoyment.

Mr Coates introduced the guitar group with solo performers and youngsters performing collectively. Blues music and '80s classic pieces were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Mrs Stephenson ended the performance by thanking the students for their hard work and the parents for their support and time spent in rehearsing the

youngsters. She also hoped that more pupils might be inspired to decide to study an instrument. A lovely performance from these talented and enthusiastic musicians.

The final day of term was celebrated with the whole school participating in a very moving Leavers' Mass, with singing and readings coming from the children. At school, Year 6 pupils had composed their 'Yellow Brick Road' account of their time in Primary School, their friendships, their working in school and their personal achievements and events.

Very best of luck in the future for students making the transition to Secondary School!  
*Maisie Raine*



*Some of the school's talented young guitarists, accompanied by Mr Coates.*

# EP SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

The end of the summer term when the Year 6 pupils leave primary school to move into the secondary stage of their education is always a poignant time and can be rather daunting but in both our schools in Lanchester we know the pupils are well prepared and equipped for all the challenges of a much larger school.

The EP School held their leavers service in the Parish Church on Thursday 19th July. The church was filled to capacity with parents, supporters and fellow pupils. They saw each pupil presented with a scroll of graduation, a memory book filled with teachers' and friends' comments about them, a small book containing the four gospels of the Bible and a jigsaw piece. This was later put into place on a very big jigsaw, signifying that every person is part of the bigger picture but has a definite place in it which only they can fill. Everyone is unique. Mrs Davis and the Deputy Head, Mr



*Goodbye from Year 6*

Knighton, made the presentations and for each pupil they read out a short assessment with regard to their work, personality and character, including all that they had contributed to the life of the school. There were some very proud parents! The service had been prepared by Mr Taylor and Year 6 pupils, who read Bible readings and said the prayers. Lovely hymns and songs were sung and Reverend Kalus, who presented the Gospel books, gave a short talk praising the school.

After the presentations there were special awards in the categories of attendance and citizenship and the Rotary and Henry Dancer Awards.

Mrs Maureen Bennett from the Consett Rotary Club presented the Rotary Award and Henry Dancer's Award was presented by Henry's grandmother, Brenda Craddock

who gave an inspiring explanation of the award. We wish all Year 6 every success and happiness in their new schools.



*Happy smiles.*

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stigma and inaccessible environments - let's change this!

On the day:

\* Introduction and short presentations

\* Three workshops:

1. Focusing on the person

2. Stigma

3. Barriers

\* Summary and way forward.

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Rebecca Haynes,  
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### Physical activity: love it or hate it?

Whatever our feelings are, we know that exercise is good for our health and we should partake. Some of us, me included, seem to be missing that gene that makes you don't the sports gear and rush to the gym.

I know it is medically proven that regular exercise lowers the risk of type 2 diabetes, colon cancer, breast cancer and osteoarthritis to name but a few.

As well as benefiting weight loss, increasing energy levels, regulating

blood sugar and blood pressure and helping memory, it helps you sleep better. It can make you feel happier too; I certainly want all these benefits!

The evidence goes on: I need to do different types of exercise, aerobic to increase my breathing and heart rate, strength exercises for stronger muscles, some flexibility to stay limber and add in some balance exercises, all for at least 2½ hours a week. I am beginning to feel worn out and I haven't even started exercising yet!

I look at the different types of exercise and see that as well as vigorous team sports, circuit training and gymnastics, a brisk walk, water aerobics and things

where there is a product at the end of it such as gardening, are all different forms of exercise, not forgetting Yoga, Pilates and Tai Chi. Plus when I take a look at what is on offer at my local leisure facilities they offer support and lots of choices.

Perhaps I need to rethink; there are many types of exercise and there are some I can do and enjoy. So the message I am seeing is that we are all individuals of differing ages and abilities but there is some form of physical activity that we can all do that will benefit our health and wellbeing.

I am convinced, are you? More information: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well>

*Senga, Member of the Patient Group*



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## OUT AND ABOUT The Bishop Auckland Brawn

Legend describes how in the Middle Ages, the Bishop Auckland area was the haunt of a huge, fierce brawn (an ancient term for boar).

The beast terrorised the area and although many attempts had been made to kill the creature, it was very cunning and every effort had failed. The Bishop of Durham finally offered an unspecified reward for anyone who could kill it.

Richard Pollard, a courageous but poor young knight began to study the behaviour of the brawn, said to be as large as a cow. Finally, Richard decided the time was right to attack the monster and armed himself with several spears. He followed the beast towards Raby Castle and after a long and bloody struggle, he succeeded in slaying the huge boar. He cut off the brawn's tongue and placed it in his pocket as a souvenir.

Exhausted after his struggle, Richard fell asleep next to the dead brawn. Later, a man passing by noticed the sleeping knight and the monstrous beast. He remembered the Bishop's promise of the reward and quickly made off with the carcass.

When Pollard woke, he was horrified to see the animal had been taken and hurried off to see the Bishop. At the palace, he found he was too late and someone had already claimed the reward after showing the dead animal to the Bishop. Pollard told the real story and showed the brawn's tongue, proving his claim was true. After careful consideration, the Bishop accepted Pollard's request for the reward and told him that he could have all the lands he could ride around in the time the Bishop could finish his meal.

Pollard quickly set off, accompanied by one of the Bishop's servants, to check everything was done in the right manner, but surprisingly, he returned to the palace just a few minutes later. The Bishop learned that the clever young man had simply ridden around Auckland Palace itself. The Bishop could not possibly give Pollard his palace, but he was impressed by the young knight's clever reasoning and presented him with some of the most fertile lands in the Auckland area.

*Maisie Raine*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Crusted Sea Bass

Sea bass is always a popular fish, with its delicate, delicious white flesh, and this recipe gives it a crunchy herby topping.

You need for 2 people ...  
1 lemon, finely grated zest, plus 2 tsp juice  
2 sea bass fillets  
Ciabatta bread, 25g (1 oz) torn into crumbs  
2 spring onions, trimmed and finely sliced

Chopped parsley, 2 tbsp  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Butter, 25g (1 oz), melted  
METHOD

1) Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C/Gas 6. Brush the lemon juice over the fish fillets and place them, skin side down, on a baking tray.  
2) Tip the breadcrumbs into a bowl and stir in the

lemon zest, spring onions, parsley and seasoning, then stir in the butter. Press the crumb mixture on top of the fish fillets.

3) Bake the fish in the centre of the oven for 12-15 minutes, or until the crust is slightly golden in colour. Remove from the oven and serve immediately while it's piping hot.

# DO YOU OWN THE BEST DOG IN LANCHESTER?

There will be a new class at this year's Lanchester Partnership Fun Dog Show. This will be for the dog judged to be the Best in the Parish of Lanchester, pedigree or crossbreed. The winner will receive a special rosette and a voucher for £15 very generously donated by Lilydale Pet Shop.

Another new class will be for the Best Biscuit Catcher and there will also be show and fun classes for dogs of all breeds and ages. The judge for all classes is Mrs Fiona Thurm from Lanchester. The show will be held on Saturday 29th September in the Main Hall of the Community Centre starting at 2 pm.

Entries will be taken from 1pm at £1.50 per class and proceeds will be donated to the Lanchester Partnership Village Bus Fund.

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Hill. From there we crossed the road and followed a sign which said public footpath, and led to a stile which I had to be carried across. There was no room to scramble underneath. From there we crossed several fields, heading right and uphill all the way, following arrows. There were lots of diverting smells but I was kept on my lead due to there being livestock in the near vicinity. We finally reached a farm track and turned right along it for a hundred yards or so, before heading right again along another farm track which took us to the back of houses at Maiden Law. We joined the path alongside the main road through Maiden Law and turned right back downhill towards Lanchester. After a short while we crossed the road and

followed signs indicating another public footpath past a house called WildWood. This time I was allowed off my lead as the fields seemed free of pesky sheep or cattle. The walk took us across a field up another steepish incline where my Human seemed red faced and made funny gasping noises. While he was distracted I made it my business to hunt out rabbits in nearby winny bushes. Finally we could look down on Lanchester below us, and we walked diagonally downhill across a couple more stiles before we came back to the bypass by the entrance to the Green School. Two hours well spent if you ask me. \* For more information on Derwentside Short Walks contact friendsinwalking@gmail.com



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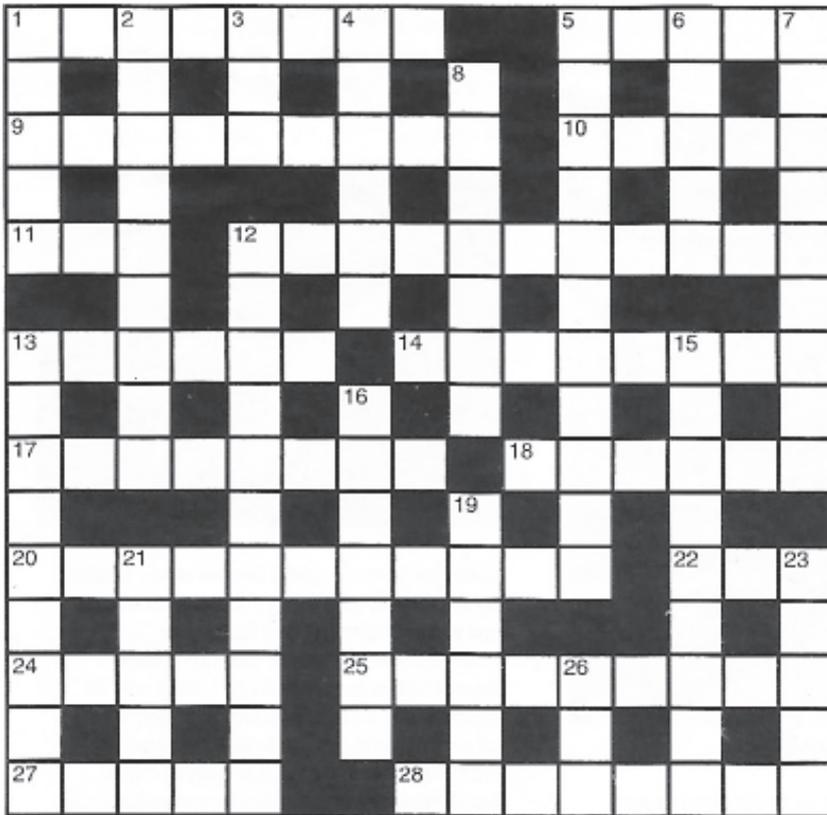
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# CROSSWORD 148



## ACROSS

1. Type of cancer (8)
5. Old fashioned (5)
9. Decide to discourage pit (9)
10. Forceful (5)
11. Misjudge (3)
12. Inspired shot in the dark (11)
13. Of no practical use, i.e. soot (6)
14. Wire in a light bulb (8)
17. Dessert (3,5)
18. Lionel ———, American singer/songwriter (6)
20. Someone from Buenos Aires perhaps (11)
- 22,3. 1959 film starring Charlton Heston (3-3)
24. Gorge (5)
25. Wonderful (9)
27. Referring to the speed of sound (5)
28. Practise (8)

## DOWN

1. Cabin (5)
2. A Harley Davidson perhaps (9)
3. See 22 across
4. Badly hurt (6)
5. Copying (11)
6. Opera by Puccini (5)
7. Social venue for dependants (3,6)
8. Concerning earthquakes (7)
12. Concerning good food (11)
13. Powerful men in giro clash (9)
15. One who displays (9)
16. Please (7)
19. Betrothed (6)
21. Seed (5)
23. Recess (5)
26. Goes with limit, group and old (3)

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## CROSSWORD 147

There were 18 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Jill Ramsay of Percy Crescent who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 147

### ACROSS

1. soft-soap
5. lentil
9. name-drop
10. Sharon
11. allocate
12. embers
14. consortium
18. heart-throb
22. season
23. in charge
24. icicle
25. ringworm
26. nomads
27. agonised

### DOWN

1. syntax
2. fumble
3. seduce
4. apostrophe
6. ephemera
7. turmeric
8. lonesome
13. astounding
15. thespian
16. paradigm
17. strolled
19. shogun
20. droops
21. teemed

## LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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## 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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# AN EXTREMELY HOT DAY FOR THE LANCHESTER FUN RUN AND SUMMER FAIR



Helpers at the ready to serve food organised by Willow Burn Hospice.

Despite searing heat a Fun Run and Summer Fair held by Lanchester Partnership proved to be a huge success. Held on Sunday, July 22nd at Burnhopeside Hall, there was a slight delay in starting as there was a pig loose on the course but that was soon sorted. A few runners had a pig running with them too, which added to the atmosphere. The Fun Run was well attended with more than 150 people participating in the run and the

Summer Fair had a lovely atmosphere. Willow Burn Hospice did the food which was locally sourced (sausages from the farm the run was on). The organisers would like to thank Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester Parish Council, Councillors Ossie Johnson and Jude Considine, the Lanchester Partnership and St Bede's School and the Red Cross Shop.

Organiser Michelle Atkinson said: "We hope to do the event annually and would welcome offers



Lanchester Brass Band was present to add to the festive atmosphere.

of help with organisation, please follow the 'lanchester village vita' Facebook for updates

about planning etc." "The course was 2.5k and lots of children participated too. The fire brigade were there and sprayed people with

water as they neared the finish, and the Lanchester Brass Band were there and played fabulous music." Neil McKay



Escaped pig back behind bars.

Additional pictures of the Fun Run on back page.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Table Top Sale

Table Top Sale to be held at St Andrews Methodist Church, Langley Park, Durham, DH7 9XB, Saturday 29th September. Table Hire (provided) £10 by advance booking only. Sellers to arrive 9 am. Buyers arrive 10 am. Entry Fee £1. To book a table email [mattydog393@hotmail.com](mailto:mattydog393@hotmail.com)

## Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September, 12 noon to 2 pm, in Lynwood House. If anyone new would like to join can they call 07808 243720. *Barbara Webb*

## Library Book Club

On Monday September 24th at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing *The Road to Little Dribbling* by Bill Bryson. To mark the 20th year of the classic *Notes from a Small Island*, the author takes a brand new journey around Britain. 'I snorted with laughter ... this book is unendingly fabulous' (Clare Balding).

## Thursday Book Club

On Thursday September 20th from 5.30-6.30pm, the group will be reviewing *A Slice of Britain* by Caroline Taggart. Another journey around Britain, investigating cake, maybe you had Coventry God Cake or Whitby Gingerbread on your holidays, sounds delicious! If you would like to join this group, pick up your copy in the library.

## Toddle Time

Every Thursday 2-3 pm For babies and under 5s, come along and enjoy songs and rhymes with other young families. This session will coincide with Children's Crafts which will be influenced by the Summer reading scheme.

## Community Centre

**Coffee Morning** - The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 13th September.

We apologise for the cancellation of our August coffee morning due to the volunteers who run this event being away on annual holiday.

**Lacemaking** - Mondays from 10.00am - 12.00noon and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm.

**Needlecraft** - Wednesdays 1.00 - 3.00pm

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 2nd September at Malton. Meet in the car park at 10.00 am.

## Playgroup Quiz Night

Saturday 29th September at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club, Newbiggen Lane. Tickets £8 which include a buffet supper. All proceeds to go towards keeping Lanchester Playgroup open.

## Paradiso Social Club

The first Social of the new season will be held on Sunday September 9th, 7 pm in the Main Hall of Lanchester Community Centre.

The film shown is to be 'THE POST'. This is directed by Stephen Spielberg and stars Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. It is a political drama, telling the story of The Pentagon Papers, President Nixon's attempt to gag the press. Everyone is welcome.

Ticket entry:

Members (who pay £5 per annum)

Non members £3.50

Young persons £2.00

The entry ticket is comprehensive and covers a raffle, refreshments and film.

## Local History Society

Subject: The AGM followed by a talk on the proposed new Lanchester History Book Date: September 7th Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

Visitors are always welcome (£3).

For more information about the History Society contact [marianmorrison@btinternet.com](mailto:marianmorrison@btinternet.com)

## Lanchester Art Group

will be holding their Annual Exhibition of paintings at the Community Centre from October 13th - 14th. (Saturday and Sunday) 10 am till 5 pm both days with a 50p admission. Along with over 250 paintings on display, there will be the usual high standard refreshments. Many paintings will be available to buy so come early.

## New Ladies Choir

Ladies! A new group is starting on September 18th, to be called Lanchester Belles. Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings in All Saints' Parish Church from 7.00 to 9.00 pm. The repertoire will cover a wide variety of music. All are welcome and experience is not essential. Please contact Peter or Noreen, [lnbelles@outlook.com](mailto:lnbelles@outlook.com) or 01207520750.

## Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be held on 20th September in the Small Hall of the Community Centre at 1.30 pm. Our speaker will be Geoff Hughes with a Northumbrian Quiz.

Look forward to seeing you all there - well rested after the summer break I hope!

## Monthly Folk Session

Singers and musicians meet on the first Sunday of the month in the Social Club bar from 8.30 pm. We are relaxed and informal, and usually enjoy a good evening in convivial surroundings. Anyone is most welcome to participate or spectate. I do believe that the village and surrounding area is awash with talent, so come along and join the throng! *Ian Tute* (01207 529286)

## Project Poppies "LEST WE FORGET"

The next and probably last workshop for the Project Poppies will be held at Croft View Halls on Saturday 1st September from 2-4 pm. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come along and make poppies in the bottom hall or paint some that have already been made in the top hall. Tea and coffee will be available free during the afternoon. We currently have over 3,700 poppies made with 3,400 finished and stored and over 300 awaiting painting. We need one last push to achieve our revised target of 4,000 poppies so would welcome as many as possible to help achieve this target.

## Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 2pm in Lanchester Community Centre. The demonstrator will be Wendy Smith her theme will be 'Favourite Things'. Come along and enjoy a relaxing and entertaining afternoon.

For more details or information about the Lanchester Flower Club just call Helen Tomlinson 01207503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.

## Willow Burn Events

### Race Night

Saturday, September 22nd is a date for the diary - not just for horse racing fans but for anybody who would like to help Willow Burn Hospice, or simply have a convivial night out.

The race night is being held at Lanchester Community Centre, beginning at 7 pm.

Local businesses are being asked to name a race, and there will be six races on a screen, enabling participants to have a bet - and maybe win some money!

Tickets costing £15 include four drinks of your choice and a Crinnions buffet will be on offer. Tickets are available from the Post Office, Community Centre and Willow Burn. Funds raised from the evening go to the hospice which is currently undergoing a major renovation programme.

### Go With The Glow

Get your Glow this Autumn!

The ultimate combination of work-out and night-out, Go with the Glow is the most epic neon course in the north and the best part is, it's nothing but fun fun fun!

Bring along your family and friends to light up the night at Consett Football Club on Saturday 6th October 2018! Run, dance, skip or walk your way along our Glow Course.

To find out more or to buy tickets visit [willow-burn.co.uk/events](http://willow-burn.co.uk/events) or email [jpgiford@willowburnhospice.org.uk](mailto:jpgiford@willowburnhospice.org.uk).

### Mothers' Union

The September meeting is on Wednesday 12th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House when there will be a presentation by Kynren.

## Lanchester Social Club

Live Entertainment  
Every Saturday Night  
from 9 pm  
Saturday 1st September -  
Marty Scott - Male  
Vocalist  
Saturday 8th September -  
Take This - Award  
Winning Vocal &  
Comedy Duo  
Saturday 15th September  
- Chris James - Male  
Vocalist  
Saturday 22nd September  
- Female Vocalist  
Saturday 29th September  
Patrick Gee - Male vocalist  
**Little Treasures**  
Autism Playgroup  
2nd Saturday of every  
month, 11 am-1 pm. £3 per  
family.

## Wildlife Group

At the next meeting on  
Tuesday 11th September,  
the subject will be  
'Managing Flass Vale  
Nature Reserve' - a  
different approach to  
'wildness'. Meet at  
7.30 pm in the Community  
Centre dining room.

## Macmillan Cancer Support

The Choir that Rocks, Rob  
Slater's 60 piece choir, plus  
Pittington Brass Band,  
performs on Friday 19th  
October in Sherburn  
Village Club, at 7.30 pm.  
There is a tombola, raffle  
and refreshments. This is  
an excellent event, very  
well supported which has  
raised £1000 in the past.  
Tickets are £6 and are  
available from Christine  
Sewell 0191 597 9233 or  
Sherburn Village Club.

## Partnership Events

### Dog Show

Saturday September 29th  
in the Community Centre  
Our annual Fun Dog  
Show - always a happy  
afternoon. Registration  
opens at 1.00 pm.

### Ceilidh

Saturday November 17th  
in the Social Club  
Our annual Ceilidh, with  
the wonderful 'Windy  
Gyle Band'  
Doors open at 7.00 pm  
Tickets from Jill: 528 114.

## Lanchester WI in September

Because of how the  
Summer Bank Holiday  
falls, our next meeting  
will be on Monday 3rd  
September, when we  
will be entertained by  
musician Larry Page.  
As usual, we meet in  
the Community Centre  
and the meeting begins  
at 7.15pm. We will hold  
our regular raffle, and  
the competition will be  
to design and make a  
dog collar. We share  
social time, with tea and  
biscuits, and all  
visitors are welcome.  
Early reminder - our  
next Coffee Morning,  
will be on Thursday  
October 11th, in the  
small hall of the  
Community Centre.

## York Christmas Shopping

The trip will be on  
Saturday December  
1st. Names taken now.  
Ring Brenda 01207  
520749 or email  
steve24c07@aol.com.

## BOWLS REPORT

Wins over View Lane  
(Stanley) and Consett  
Park saw us secure a  
fourth place in the  
Monday League. We  
subsequently won  
against Leadgate and  
Annfield Plain in the  
Round Robin stage of the  
League Cup and go into  
the last game at Consett  
with a good chance of  
making the final. We have  
already won against  
them in the Tom Burleigh  
knock out competition  
which has put us into the  
semi-final.

Our development  
Tuesday team were not  
disgraced in their league  
and did not finish last.  
This team, whilst not  
having many overall wins,  
is improving and  
regularly picks up  
points for rink wins. We  
now have a number of  
players who have been  
with us for a few seasons  
and are getting better as  
they get more match  
practice. In addition we  
have some new members

who have played bowls  
previously and have  
returned to the game.  
There are also people who  
are new to bowling who  
after a minimum of tuition  
are thrown in at the deep  
end. The challenge this  
season for our selectors  
is to try to keep everyone  
happy and give them a  
game while maintaining  
sufficient experienced  
bowlers in the team so as  
not to be badly  
outclassed. A difficult  
balancing act. Thanks to  
all those who have  
supported the  
development team.

Our Wednesday team  
has had a good season  
finishing in sixth position  
out of twelve. This is by  
far the best result the club  
has had in this league for  
many years.

We have had a couple of  
friendlies recently. It's  
not important to record  
the result of these  
matches only that  
everyone had a enjoyable  
afternoon bowling.

## CRICKET NEWS

It's been a topsy turvy  
month full of exciting  
matches. The firsts  
started with a win over  
Shotley Bridge which for  
the second consecutive  
season damaged their  
opponents' title hopes.  
Greg Halliday took 5-26  
as Lanchester won by 7  
wickets. There followed a  
half played game with  
Tynedale, Brinton, Potts  
and Halliday all getting  
fifties before the rain  
came. Alnmouth were next  
up in a low scoring tied  
game. The bowlers were  
on top with Halliday and  
Taylor taking 3 wickets  
apiece, however they  
couldn't stop Alnmouth  
getting the runs off the  
final ball to level things  
up. Unbelievably, the next  
match with Consett also  
was down to the last  
wicket with the

opposition getting over  
the line. In between the  
two tight games, there  
was a cup final with  
Shotley. Shotley gained a  
degree of revenge  
winning by 6 runs.

The seconds won three  
of their four matches to  
hoist themselves into  
second place and in three  
of the games, a player  
scored a century. Dan  
Storey was first up with  
133 v Greenside, then  
Johnny Green scored 134  
v Tynedale and finally  
Marc Ramshaw made 111  
v Consett. The wins over  
Greenside and Tynedale  
were very comfortable but  
Benwell came down to the  
last ball. The opposition  
belied their lowly position  
to rack up 246 and in the  
pursuit, several players  
made scores as wickets  
fell. It came down to the

last 2 balls needing 7 to  
win. Up stepped 16 year  
old David Barnett to  
smash a six and scamper a  
single to win the game.  
The Consett defeat might  
prove costly in pursuit of  
promotion, losing with an  
over to spare.

### Junior Review

The under 13s were  
crowned league  
champions two years  
after being under 11  
champions. They were  
impressive throughout  
the season, winning out  
in their duel with  
Burnopfield who finished  
second. The crunch  
match was early in the  
season and was the  
smallest total that  
Lanchester had to chase.  
Dan Scott took 4 wickets  
and true to a team  
performance it was two of  
the younger players,

Ethan Connelly and Tom  
Deaville who saw the team  
home. During the season,  
eight of the team have had  
to retire in an innings  
having reached 30 runs -  
Charlie McPhail, Ben  
Rayner, Dan Scott, Ethan  
Connelly, Nathan Scurr,  
Josh Cottom, Sam Small  
and Sam Lee. The team  
will expect to challenge  
for the under 15 title at the  
first attempt.

The under 18s finished in  
midtable winning five and  
losing four with two  
rained off. The top  
performance came in a  
match against Blaydon,  
Arran Halliday made 91,  
falling just short of a  
maiden century in an  
outstanding innings.  
The under 15s surprised  
everyone by finishing  
third in the league. With  
only two 15 year olds, this

was quite an  
achievement. Daniel  
Arthur had a great season  
with bat and ball scoring  
three fifties and was  
leading wicket taker.  
Charlie McPhail also did  
well with both whilst Tom  
Deaville belied his age to  
take second most wickets.  
The under 11s had the  
weight of two league  
titles to fight, as well as  
having a new line up,  
which included three  
girls every week. They  
did very well finishing  
sixth out of fifteen teams  
and gave the five teams  
above them a tough  
game. Well done to all  
our players and a big  
thanks to Stu McPhail,  
Sam Crooks, Paul  
Deaville, Mark Small,  
Alan McPhail and Andy  
McConnell for their hard  
work.

# DAISY'S PHENOMENAL JOURNEY

Daisy Sadler is a remarkable lady. At the age of 73 she began the journey in her vintage cart with Tad, her beloved mongrel dog, pulled by her Brabant Belgium Draft horses, Olive and Arthur. They left home in Banbury, Oxfordshire, during April and so far have travelled over 700 miles.

Inspired by the local Banbury tragic story of Imogen Whitby, Daisy decided to raise money by travelling in excess of 1000 miles, collecting money for The Brain Tumour Charity. What better place for her to visit than The Kelpies



*Daisy Sadler, with her vintage cart and horses.*

near Falkirk, a massive monument of the heads of heavy horses, thirty metres high. The sight of her on the road is awe inspiring. She

has made many friends en route and has collected over £15,000 so far, which has encouraged her to increase her target to £20,000.

Daisy doesn't seem to have a care in the world and never knows where she will stop and spend the night, but she always finds somewhere. From Lanchester, where she stopped on the bypass for an hour or so on Thursday 16th August, she was heading by mid afternoon for Durham, and south on the way back to Banbury.

She is raising money by donation on the Just giving page 'SYDS73' #sydsplodsgoesnorth.

## JAZZ AND BRASS COME TO LANCHESTER



*The fabulous all girl 'Shake Em Up Jazz Band' from New Orleans. Article on page 6.*



*The Scottish Street Band 'Reel Brass' played for this lively Gay Gordons in the Community Centre car park*

## LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP FUN RUN



*Both young and old took part in the fun run in extremely hot conditions. Report on page 17.*



*The fire brigade were there and sprayed people with water as they neared the finish.*

### NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 18th September. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 14th September.

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