

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## STORM SATURDAY



*A fire engine attended the flood in Newbiggen Lane and a house in Mount Pleasant.*



*Traffic negotiating serious flooding on the bypass.*



*A wonderful back view of 'man at work'. It could be anyone, but it is Peter Suddes who has come to the rescue again.*



*A close up view of prominent village shops. The rain was still torrential.*



*A view of the floods looking up Front Street, showing people working to protect properties. See report on page 4.*



# Dear Village....

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

## IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice

The Parish Council would wish to thank Lanchester Partnership for organising a successful Litter Pick at the end of April and to thank all the volunteers who took part on the day and to those who continue to litter pick throughout the year. Lanchester is a beautiful place to live and work. We would like to encourage all residents and businesses to be litter friendly and either use the litter bins provided or take your litter home with you. Many thanks Lanchester Parish Council

### Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for May was 16. The draw was made by Toni Lowe.

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Dear Village Voice

It was disappointing to see the village flooded again. I have seen the pictures from previous floods but this is the first time I have been in the village at the time of a flood. It is clear that despite all of the work, the drains cannot cope. The water was, for example, coming out of the manhole close to the location of the former Queen's Head. Perhaps it is time the village had a small portable pump for when this occurs again, which will allow water to be pumped into the river without needing to wait for the Fire and Rescue Service.



*This photo was taken at the top of Newbiggen Lane and shows the rainwater pouring off the fields and missing the drain.*

While standing outside the paper shop I was surprised at how much water was flowing down the road. On investigation much of this was coming from Newbiggen Lane. At the top of the lane a hump in the road has been installed along with two large drains to prevent water flowing down the hill. Sadly the water is coming off the fields and completely missing the drains. I suggest that the local council needs to be encouraged to undertake a survey while a flood is occurring to investigate where the water is flowing from and where best to locate new drains. Ian Taylor

Dear Village Voice

The family of the late Brenda Hartley wish to thank everyone for all the lovely flowers, cards and messages of condolence and sympathy, which were a great comfort to us at this sad time. The funeral collection in church in lieu of flowers raised £428, which is being donated to Macmillan Cancer Care and Willow Burn Hospice.

I was disappointed that we were not able to greet and thank everyone personally after the service. Please accept my apologies for this, which was due to time pressure for the crematorium.

Thanks also to David Neill Catering for the excellent buffet and to Ross and staff at Lanchester Social Club.

Neville Hartley

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# ROYAL WEDDING GUEST



*Fern Hodgson in the grounds of Windsor Castle.*

I was very lucky to be invited to attend the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. I was nominated by the Lord Lieutenant to witness the ceremony inside the castle grounds for my charity and community work including being a Cub Scout leader, volunteering in Willow Burn coffee shop in the holidays and community work in Satley where I live. My mum Karen Hodgson came with me as I was allowed a 'plus one', we had a fantastic day. My personal highlight was seeing Meghan and Harry ride past in the open carriage and seeing the little bridesmaids and page boys, very well behaved and very cute!! We sat

outside the chapel but could hear the service via speakers and we followed it with our order of service, singing the hymns and standing for the national anthem with a glass of fizz to toast the happy couple!! We took a picnic and enjoyed the lovely weather and the background noises, the gospel choir was remarkable!!

A small gift of a royal bag with some lovely souvenirs inside topped off the day! Seeing the Queen and Prince Philip was something to remember, the Queen looking fabulous in the acid green outfit.

# ARRIVING AT CHURCH IN STYLE

On Saturday 2nd June, Jessica Simpson from Square House Farm and Alex Ross from Sweetwells, Stanhope were married at All Saints' Church. Jessica arrived at the church in style on her father's tractor.

The happy couple now live in Lanchester. They had a mini moon in the Algarve and will go to New Zealand on honeymoon in December for a month. Alex is a Engineer for Cummins Engines in Darlington and Jessica is a Chartered Surveyor at Naylor's in Newcastle.



*Alex Ross and Jessica Simpson leaving All Saints' Church after their marriage ceremony.*



*The beautifully decorated tractor which carried the bride to church.*

I got up close to James Corden, George Clooney, David Beckham, John Major and Serena Williams and got great photos of the royals coming in and out of the chapel, they were all dressed wonderfully and waved to the nearby crowds. As the newlyweds left the chapel I got a glimpse of Meghan's very simple but elegant dress and Harry in his smart uniform gave us a wave!! Later we had the chance to look inside the chapel, the flowers at the entrance and inside were beautiful, the soft greenery and whites covering the columns were magnificent!! Following the footsteps of Ms Markle I saw where the Queen sat during the service and the lectern where the very enthusiastic sermon was delivered!!

Fern Hodgson, aged 16 from Satley Village

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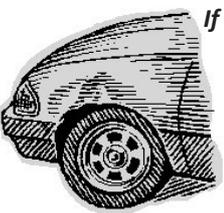
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After some wonderful summer weather Saturday June 2nd was a grim day for some villagers and the village itself. Torrential rain and thunder was forecast and it all happened between approximately 4.30 and 6.30pm.

The flood was not as bad as some previous ones but still enough to affect some of the shops where proprietors had to sweep water out and move stock: Lanchester Hardware (back and front), Bridal Shop, Red Cross, Lanchester Pharmacy, Alexander Sales & Lettings were some of those who had an ingress of water. Residents of The Square managed to lay sandbags quickly which prevented flooding of their homes.

As usual Newbiggen Lane was like a river

though more shallow than usual towards the top end, but near the Community Centre it was quite deep and flowed swiftly down into the far end of the village. A fire engine arrived quickly at the entrance to the Valley Walk where water was coming down both the path and the cut to The Close. The force of rainwater coming down both gradients lifted two manhole covers, causing a quite spectacular fountain.

The Community Volunteer Emergency Group in their bright yellow high-vis jackets were quickly in action carrying out their duties with speed and efficiency. Once again it was farmer, Peter Suddes, who arrived with his tractor and tools to lend a hand in trying to release the water from the

road near the Queens Apartments. The flood had already started to recede by a couple of inches but after that procedure and with the rain easing slightly, the flood began to subside more quickly.

Some drivers thoughtlessly drove into the flood but were quickly stopped by volunteer helpers and told to turn around. There was already a car blocking the road but it needed a large wheelie bin as well to stop the traffic. There was some flooding on the bypass near the church which caused drivers to drive cautiously.

By about 6.30 pm the water had subsided sufficiently for people to go about their normal business. It is such a pity that the new flood defence system failed yet again.

## TREE FELLING AT WOODHAM COURT

As part of an updated flood relief system it has been deemed necessary to take down the trees in the garden of Woodham Court next to the fence as the very strong rambling roots are clogging up the culvert. Whilst the trees give privacy to Woodham Court residents and are a fine feature for the village, they will be missed. However, they will be replaced by planting different trees which will not cause this problem.



A view of the trees to be felled.



The view of the culvert underneath the first tree to be removed, showing the roots of the trees.

# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th June 2018

**Police report** - received. **Area Action Partnership/Parish Councils' Committee** At the meeting of the Parish Councils' Committee the Mid Durham Environment Pot project for 2018/19 was progressed. The project aims to address path encroachment/edging across the Mid Durham area. The Parish Councils have identified problem paths in their Parishes for inclusion in the project. This project will be progressed by the Parish Council Committee over the

coming months. An update on Area Action Partnership activities was provided. **Neighbourhood Plan** A meeting of the working group took place on 6th June. The County Plan Preferred Options Paper has been published for consultation. The group will consider the content of the County Plan document in relation to the content of the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan. Work continues on policy development and mapping requirements.

**Plaque - Lady Diana Tree** Members considered prices received for a replacement plaque for the tree next to the path by the Smallhope Burn. It was agreed that prices are sought for a smaller plaque, the plaque be in stainless steel and the correct title for Diana is ascertained.

**Community Defibrillator** Members were provided with information on community defibrillators including costs, location, training and benefits. There is currently no community access defibrillator in Lanchester. Members were supportive of progressing this project.

**Biodiversity in the Community** Members received information from a

resident asking the Parish Council to consider actions to boost local biodiversity. As the Parish Council owns very little land in the Parish it was agreed to ask the County Council to consider wild flower planting on suitable verges on the rural roads in the Parish.

**Manure on field** A large amount of manure has been located on a field near to houses. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the landowner asking if it would be

possible to move the manure further up the field.

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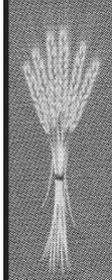
The County Council has a 'Do it online' reporting system which logs and processes reported issues. Feedback on the system has been provided to the County Council.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

## PRINCESS DIANA TREE



*As we all know there has been tremendous publicity about the Royal Family in recent weeks. This photo shows the tree on the Village Green bypass area which no longer bears the inscription commemorating the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, who died on 31st August 1997.*



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## A TWIT OR A TWOO?

Determining the sex of a bird is a tricky business when they first hatch; something that the Chxout service helps a lot of people with, but surely it's a simple matter once they've grown ... as it turns out not always!

On Wednesday 6th June, the staff at The Durham Genome Centre had a special visitor; Luna the Barn Owl! Her owner, Steven Dixon, had recently noticed some strange behaviour and decided to get her DNA tested to either confirm Luna is female, or that his suspicions were correct and Luna is in fact Male!



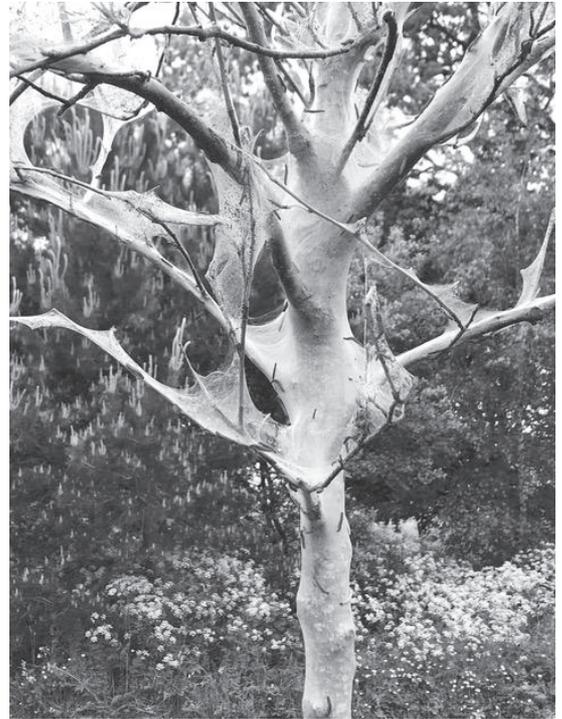
Steven Dixon with Luna the Barn Owl and the staff of the Genome Centre.

## BROWNIES LEND A HAND

On a warm May evening Lanchester Brownies and leaders planted out over 180 wild flower plugs at Lanchester Community Orchard. Everyone worked really hard to plant and water in the flowers in the grass beneath the blossoming trees. Over the next few years we hope that these plants will increase the biodiversity in the orchard providing not only nectar for insects and seeds for birds but also a wonderful vista for those enjoying a stroll around the orchard. A big thank you to all the Brownies and their leaders for their help in

improving our shared environment. For more information about Lanchester Community Orchard email us at [lanchesterorchard@outlook.com](mailto:lanchesterorchard@outlook.com) or visit our website at [lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com](http://lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com). **See photo on back page.**

## GHOSTLY TREE



We came across this apparition when out walking - it's in the area beyond the cricket and football fields near Kitswell Road. It had lots of little black caterpillars busily crawling over it. Since then, we have visited the Natural History Museum in Oxford. We showed an expert the photos and she was fascinated. She knew it was the creation of the Lappet Moth caterpillar, a tenting caterpillar, not known so far north as the NE of England (let alone Lanchester!). It is quite rare and can be spotted from the Midlands South. It is rare because it will only attack specific trees and strips and covers the whole tree.

Helen Hedley



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On Monday 21st May Peter and Gwen Bramwell set off in their little old car on a sponsored drive to visit as many Rotary Club checkpoints as they could in 4 days. The tour was to help raise awareness and rid the world of Polio and to collect funds.

Each Rotary district in England and Wales had a checkpoint, 25 in all, from Cornwall to St Andrews in Scotland. We decided to attempt only as many of the northern checkpoints as we thought the car could manage.

The car is an AJS9, built in 1930 by a company most famous for motor cycles, and was first registered in August 1931. It can manage about 30 to 40 miles per hour on the flat, 50 mph downhill and steep hills very slowly indeed.

The first checkpoint we could definitely manage was at Beamish Museum although we had to change down to bottom gear to get up Maiden Law bank. We

made it and set off again for Edinburgh with fingers crossed. We reached the Edinburgh checkpoint about teatime, ate under the famous Forth Bridge then crossed the new road bridge and drove round the Fife coastal route to St Andrews and found a hotel.

We visited the checkpoint at the famous old golf course then on to Glasgow.

We had a good run on country roads, visited the Kelpies and the Falkirk Wheel and reached the Transport Museum checkpoint by late afternoon. We then ventured into the rush-hour traffic, eventually crossing the river to head south.

After spending the night in Thornhill the next checkpoint was at Drumlanrig Castle where we were photographed and interviewed by a Glasgow Herald reporter.

The drive south took us through Dumfries, Gretna Green, Carlisle, Penrith,



Peter and Gwen Bramwell with their AJS 9 at Beamish Museum.

Kendal and Lancaster. Using the old A6 to avoid motorways, we arrived at the Preston checkpoint at Barton Grange Garden Centre then found somewhere to sleep.

The end of the run was at Halifax and we joined 30 other teams in the garden of Halifax Minster where we ate tea and admired the other vehicles. Some teams had visited all the checkpoints, covering almost 2,000 miles. Being the oldest vehicle on the event by many years, we had covered 630 miles by the time we got home to Lanchester, and were very

satisfied and relieved! When Rotary clubs began the campaign in 1979, worldwide there were 1,000 new cases of Polio EVERYDAY. Because of immunisation, polio has been eradicated except in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria but the immunisation programme must continue. A £10

donation means that 60 children can be immunised against Polio, thanks to 2 for 1 match funding by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

To show that they have been immunised, each child has a little finger marked with purple dye - hence the 'Purple 4 Polio'.

Peter Bramwell

## LONELINESS UPDATE

This month, we look at how loneliness can impact young people and how to recognise triggers by using a series of questions.

Your answers may assist you to identify how well you are presently coping and handling your experiences within your daily environment and

lifestyle including learning situations.

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions and your answers are individual to you. What they will show you is whether your current situation is likely to be impacted by loneliness triggers. You will then be better

prepared to reflect upon whether your lifestyle is in balance or not.

By having a better understanding of your own circumstances, hopefully you will then feel more able to share your feelings with others and to start putting in place a strategy and plan of your own solutions.

### Questions

- How do I feel about myself?                      How confident am I?
- How well do I cope in most situations?      What groups and circles do I move in?
- How do I spend my spare time?                What interests do I have outside of school?
- Have I started at a new school?                Do I have any friends outside of school?
- Can I rely on my friends and others to look out for me when I feel I need them?
- Do I have everything I need to get the most out of my learning and studying?
- Do I have the required support to help me achieve this?
- What learning style works best for me?
- How well do I plan and organise my time, both at school and at home, in order to get things done?
- Have I suffered, or continue to experience, any harassment or bullying?
- Do I have any difficulties studying on my own?
- How much time do I spend on my own?
- How does being on my own make me feel?

Next month, we continue this theme by considering further questions ...

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# Durham brass

## FESTIVAL IS COMING TO LANCHESTER

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“With a sousaphone bassline, guitar, accordion, pipes and some upfront horns - expect to get up close and personal as you fly round the dance floor. We’ll teach you the moves and provide the grooves with all ceilidh dances fully called, and all tunes seriously FUNKY.”

This event will also feature music from Shake ‘Em Up

Jazz Band. They formed in 2016 to perform for Girls Rock New Orleans but proved so popular that requests began to pour in for them to play elsewhere. They comprise an all-female cast of leading traditional jazz musicians from New Orleans. They have since toured leading jazz festivals in the US and overseas and performed at many top jazz venues including the iconic Preservation Hall in New Orleans.

With two great bands from Scotland and New Orleans, this is like a musical coming together of Scottish Whisky and New Orleans Bourbon!

### Details

**Street Ceilidh**  
**Lanchester Community Centre car park**  
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**Tuesday 17th July**  
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*Reel Brass*



*Shake ‘Em Up Jazz Band*

## BRASS BAND PATRONS’ NIGHT

A very joyful sound of music could be heard exuding from the Methodist Church on Saturday May 19th. It was the Annual Patrons’ concert of our village Brass Band, conducted by our new conductor Mr Tom Gray. Tom is Head of Junior School Music at Newcastle School for Boys and has a wealth of musical knowledge and experience. He has played brass at the highest level and plays regularly for the prestigious Reg Vardy Brass Band. His expertise is in Tenor Horn.

The programme of music was varied with music written by some well-known composers which included Irving Berlin, Ralph Vaughan-Williams, Lennon and McCartney, Robert Saint, Annie Lennox and David Stewart.

In recent months members of the band have been working hard to form a Lanchester Youth Band. There are now about ten enthusiastic youngsters who attend on a Sunday afternoon in the upper room of Croft View Hall, at 5.00 pm. They made their first public appearance at the concert with two items. John Tobin is the conductor and Sue Hayton, Mark Draper and Amy Bell assist in training the youngsters.

The evening included the presentation of three cups. The first was to Rebecca Draper for the most improved player, a second to Tom Yates for his commitment to the band in deputising for our new Musical Director, and generally helping the band in all aspects of its work. The third award was to

Brian Yates, the father of Tom, who works very hard in an administrative capacity for the progress of the band and promoting it in the ‘brass band world’. It was a very enjoyable evening but the attendance could have been better. As one lady said “What a pity there were not more people to see and hear their very own village band”. I am sure we can put that right next year!

Future events are:  
June 30th, St John’s Church Summer Fair, Shildon (morning)  
July 1st, ‘Picnic in the Park’ Entertainment Contest, Houghall College Durham (midday)  
July 13th, Pre Gala Summer Concert, New Brancepeth Club (evening)  
July 14th, Miners’ Gala AND MANY MORE.  
*Brenda Craddock*



*Tom Gray conducts the band.*

## BEAMISH RELIABILITY RUN



A rare 1949 Allard K1, photographed going past the Fort, one of the sports cars which came through Lanchester on Sunday 17th June on its way back to Beamish. The 48th Beamish Safety and Reliability Run was a 150-mile route around Co Durham and North Yorkshire for vintage cars, motor cycles and commercial vehicles registered before 1960.

# THE BIG BAKE OFF AT ALL SAINTS'

On June 15th, All Saints' Catholic Primary School held their Key Stage Two Bake Off. This was another very popular fundraising event run by the Friends of the School and families with children in All Saints' contributed to the very tempting display of cakes available to buy and enjoy. Luckily, the weather was kind for everyone who joined in!



Volunteers prepare for a busy time waiting for eager cake buyers.

## CELEBRATING FATHER'S DAY



An unusual sight on the EP School field. The Friends of the School organised an Overnight Camp on Friday 15th June to celebrate Fathers' Day. Families pitched their tents in the school field to enjoy a night camping with their father. Breakfast was served for them the following morning.

## MOTHERS' UNION AWAY DAY

Mother's Union the way to Helmsley for and small interesting Annual Summer Outing for the afternoon. It was raining but the rain could cheer and good was, as always, a happy occasion. It was coffee in style at Guisborough Hall on explored the tea shops Brenda Craddock



Mothers' Union ready to set off for their annual summer outing.

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# PIONEERING SURGERY FOR GRACE

A Lanchester teenager with a crooked spine is to head to Germany for life-changing surgery. Grace Carson, 14, suffers from scoliosis, which is an abnormal twisting and curvature of the spine. She has been accepted

for treatment by a doctor in Germany, but her mother Tanya has had to launch a fundraising page for the private procedure abroad. Tanya and Grace want her to have surgery called Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT), which aims to

correct the spine's curves, without the need for a fusion, and enable her to live a normal life. The operation is not available in the UK.

Grace, of Burnhopeside Avenue, a pupil at St Bede's RC school, is set to have the operation on November 7th. However her mother has the daunting task of trying to raise £35,000 for the treatment.

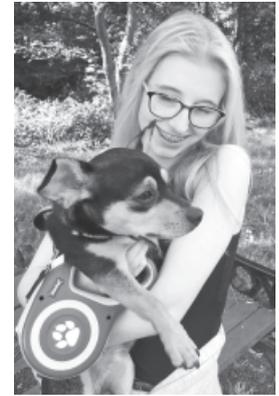
Tanya explained: "VBT has only been available for around eight years, first in the USA then in Europe. The NHS says its long term effect has not been proven, however the severity of Grace's condition means that this is the best option for her. But Grace says that if she can have a normal life for ten years then that is ten years she would not have otherwise.

We are optimistic that the effects will last much longer however."

Grace and her Mum have already been to Germany to visit Dr Per Trobisch, who has agreed to operate. "Dr Trobisch will operate free of charge but we have to find the money for hospital fees, staff wages and so on. The doctor said he is confident Grace will be able to lead a normal life, but time is of the essence. If the operation isn't carried out within 6 months, her growth will mean that it won't be possible."

Tanya said any extra money raised would be used to help other youngsters to receive similar treatment.

The alternative in the UK is spinal fusion, which involves having metal rods inserted into the spine and



Grace Carson

means Grace would have her mobility severely limited as an adult.

Already Grace has had to give up PE lessons at school, walking her beloved puppy Alfie is difficult and she finds everyday activities such as dressing tiring. To help Grace get the life-changing treatment visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/giveforgrace>

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## HEALTH AND HOPE

On Tuesday June 12th there was a special visitor at the Methodist Church. His name is Dr Sasa, who has an inspiring story to tell. He was born in a small village in the remote Chin province of present day Myanmar (Burma). There was no education available, the living conditions were very primitive, but from his childhood Dr Sasa had always wanted to be a doctor. Eventually the village people sold their livestock to make his dream of going to medical school a reality. There he met Christian medics from Newcastle. He fulfilled his ambition and returned to his village determined to help them to live in better conditions and attend to their medical needs. He had also become a Christian and he wanted to bring this faith to his village. He became involved with the organisation 'Health and Hope' whose aim is to bring health and hope to many

villages in remote parts of the world and he travels widely to bring the charity to the notice of many more people. Ian, Olna and Inga Andrew have known Dr Sasa for several years, through his visits to England and through their involvement with 'Health and Hope'. They arranged the evening and visitors were asked to take a seat at one of the beautifully set out tables. They were then treated to a delicious three course meal prepared by our favourite chef Mel Somersall and served by him with the help of his friends. After the meal Dr Sasa spoke eloquently and sincerely about his background and about his burning ambition to bring health and hope to all



Dr Sasa and Inga Andrew.

people who live in remote places and who suffer great deprivation. It was a very interesting, very pleasant and well organised evening for which we thank the Andrew family. We also thank Mel and his helpers for the delicious meal and, of course, Dr Sasa for his amazing story of commitment to the work of 'Health and Hope'. We pray that their work may long continue for deprived communities in remote regions of the world.

Brenda Craddock

# BANK HOLIDAY VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN



*Tractors on display, waiting to start.*



*And were off - leaving the farm.*



*On the back roads leaving Lanchester.*

Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club held a 40 mile run on Bank Holiday Monday, 28th May. The route headed out over back roads towards Crook, Witton Park and round by Witton Castle before stopping at the 68 café in Toft Hill for lunch. The tractors returned via Hamsterley Forest, then Wolsingham and back via Tow Law to Lanchester. Henry Wingfield, Chairman, said "I would like to thank Mr Peter Suddes and family for the kindness in providing the drinks and sandwiches at the start of the tractor run, and also everyone who has taken part in the run."

# VILLAGE BUSINESSES RALLY ROUND

The support for Willow Burn Hospice from the Lanchester village community is growing stronger. Lanchester Hardware Shop has donated a pallet of bricks to help with the new 6 bed IPU building. Ged Peaden, shop owner, has the skill to sell you

anything, any time, anywhere, whether you want it or not! But being community spirited stronger. Lanchester Hardware Shop has donated a pallet of bricks to help with the new 6 bed IPU building. Ged Peaden, shop owner, has the skill to sell you and he becomes the 15th donor. *Paul Jackson*



*Ged Peaden presenting the cheque to Paul Jackson, Willow Burn Chairman.*



*Julie Austin and Danny Castro from Lanchester Dairies who also very kindly donated three pallets of bricks to help towards the new hospice. The support from local businesses is an essential part of how the community can help our area to continue to look after the people who desperately need 24 hour care.*

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# TENNIS CLUB BBQ, COACHING AND TEAM NEWS



Guests tucking into their barbecue fare.

Lanchester Lawn Tennis club held its annual barbecue on Sunday 17th June. This was a day later than originally planned due to some inclement weather on the previous Saturday.

Despite this, members and friends were able to enjoy the delicious food and drinks on offer.

The meat was purchased from 'Just Meat' in Leadgate, and sundries, salads and desserts etc, were prepared by the ladies of the committee.

Apart from tennis, other games were provided for the younger players and parents to play. And coincidentally, the next event for the club is indeed a games night on Friday 13th July.

The coaching sessions on Monday nights are a big success for the club. Head coach Sam Stokoe and coaches, Callum Atkinson and Dennis Laycock, provide a strong coaching programme for all ages. The under 8s session is almost fully subscribed, but there are places available in the 9 to 12 year old group. Despite this, the club does operate a waiting list for any potential players so please contact the club on the number below for any further information.

The under 8 team have finished their summer league fixtures. Travelling to David Lloyd, Teesside to play their matches in a tough group, the squad, consisting of Luke Burton, Liam Morrisroe,

Joseph Potter, Molly Reeks and Ben Hutchinson performed admirably, with everyone winning some of their individual matches.

Details about the club can be obtained from Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

## YOUNG FOOTBALLERS WANTED

Deerness Valley Hurricanes Under 14s (that's current Year 8 at school) are a local community football team, and we have vacancies for new players as we start to look ahead to next season. The boys come from across North Durham, with many from Lanchester. The boys are a really friendly group. We don't do 'trials' (as we play for fun), all boys get

## FA CUP DRAW



Organisers on the night of the draw were left to right: Martin Durkin, Ian Murray, Mike Stoddart and Richard Young.

The Social Club FA Cup Draw organised by Mike Stoddart, was held on a very convivial evening with an excellent buffet, at the club on 18th May, the night before the Cup Final.

There were 32 prizes with two outright winners, Ian Murray

and Peter Harrison, who shared £1400 between them, with the other remaining 30 winners receiving prizes of £50 to £100.

The Club Committee will meet later this month to decide which charities will receive the remainder of the proceeds.

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## FUN AND FITNESS WEEK

The EP school was the ideal place to hold a Sports Training Day on Wednesday May 23rd. The vastness of the field made the organisation so much easier. It was all part of the Annual 'Fun and Fitness' week.

There were four different kinds of training and each group had its own coach, the four groups being Rugby, Football, Cricket and Tennis. The four groups rotated so that everyone could 'have a go' at each activity. The coaches each introduced the skills which were needed for their sport and then the pupils demonstrated those skills led by their coach. The pupils contributed enthusiastically. No stress, no pressure! just sheer enjoyment. Naturally some pupils are more adept than others,

but it was all non-competitive. It was just massive fun.

Lanchester Cricket Club were involved with the Cricket Coaching.

Sunderland (SAFC) were in charge of Football Coaching.

Rugby (RMA) sent a coach for Rugby Training.

Dennis Laycock from Lanchester Tennis Club, was there assisting Sam Stokoe, from Durham County Tennis Partnerships to which Lanchester Tennis Club also belongs.

So much thought, preparation and organisation is put into this special week, so that the pupils get the maximum learning experience from it, and the response of the pupils makes it all very worthwhile.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Very keen pupils lining up on coaching day.*



*Can she do it? Keep your eye on the ball and hole.*

## EP SCHOOL CYCLE RIDE



*Off we go!*

The EP School Cycle Ride is an annual event in the school's 'Fun and Fitness' week, and the day is known as Wheels Day. Evidence of this could be clearly seen on Thursday May 24th, in the many bikes and scooters which the pupils had brought to school. The bikes of the older pupils participating in the ride were carefully checked as being in sound condition. Maximum safety is of vital importance. The pupils love this annual

bike ride, and every face wore a smile as the pupils from Year 5 and 6 set off, wheeling their bikes to the car park on Newbiggen Lane where they joined the old railway line to begin their ride. They had a journey of eight miles before reaching Broom Park picnic area, where they enjoyed their picnic lunch. As if by magic an ice cream van arrived and everyone was able to enjoy a delicious ice cream or refreshing ice lolly. All too soon it was time to make the return journey of eight miles arriving back at school for almost home time, tired but proud of what they had achieved.

Well done staff and pupils and the parents who had come along 'for the ride'. More than one pupil was heard to say, "It was great".

The other pupils had fun also. Those who had

brought bikes greatly enjoyed riding them in the playgrounds at various times in the day.

There was also an activity on the tennis courts. A guest sports teacher was demonstrating all the things you can do with a hoop, (well it is round like a wheel) to make it a very good way of exercising. Hoops were provided and the challenge of keeping them spinning round the body began. It is not as easy as we might think and for many their hoop dropped straight to the ground despite their best efforts. Many however were more successful and were eager to show their mastering of the skill. The secret is to rock the body backwards and forwards, not side to side.

There were some very fit pupils at the end of 'Fun and Fitness Week' which was a very happy beginning to half term.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Keeping your hoop up ... or not!*

## RED CROSS FASHION AND FEAST

The hardworking volunteers of our Red Cross Shop are always willing to go the extra mile for their chosen cause. Not only do they greet visitors to their shop with friendliness and humour, they are closely involved with the local community. On May 30th they held one of their popular evening Fashion Events, when all kinds of quality goods were on sale. A wide range of clothes and accessories were displayed, along with lovely garments for children, toys, CDs, DVDs, china etc. Many items were brand new, still bearing their original labels, and



*Shoppers were eager to snap up bargains at the Red Cross Fashion Event.*



*Afternoon tea with Lanchester Red Cross volunteers. A perfect English Summer afternoon - beautiful weather, friends sharing tea - and lots of cakes!*

shoppers were also offered light refreshments. It's worth watching out for future such events, everyone loves bagging a bargain and helping a worthy cause at the same time! Then, on June 5th, the

Red Cross volunteers hosted another of their lovely Afternoon Teas at Lynwood House. This was a chance for friends to meet in a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere, enjoying a chat and the delicious feast of sandwiches, scones and cakes produced by the hardworking volunteers. At the end of the afternoon, Tracey Dobson expressed her sincere thanks to everyone who had come along to support the work of the Red Cross and also warmly thanked the wonderful band of helpers who give so much time and effort to help the Red Cross in the charity's valuable work.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to raise the amazing total of £4439.48 with house to house collections and other events like the coffee morning.

Christian Aid seeks to meet the needs of the world's poorest people, helping those of all faiths and none. Thank you again for all your generosity.



*A Christian Aid coffee morning was held on 19th May at the Methodist Church despite the clash with a certain Royal Event! All told an amazing £419 was raised.*

## CUPPA AND COMPANY

The lunch for June had a great turnout with lots of chat. Julie Brown the local PCSO kindly came to offer advice on door step callers (peddlers) and the lovely Mrs Brown aka Brian Lewins came to chat and bring smiles. Thank you again to all the volunteers for baking - Jeni Carson they loved your quiche - and the drivers and helpers setting up and organising the food and drinks.

throughout the UK. The advice would be if you have any concern to contact the police and inform them.

Peddler advice from Julie was regarding people who go from town to town or house to house selling goods or offering their skills in handicrafts. She explained that they must hold a certificate granted by a Chief Constable from the local police force they are trading in. The certificate is valid for one year and cannot be issued to persons under 17. Certificates are issued and administered through North and South area administration in Durham Constabulary. Samples of licenses can be found on the internet for Police Forces

July may be the last month I attend the lunch, due to work commitments. I am passing over the organising to Barbara who has offered her support so it may continue along with our other volunteers. I would personally like to thank everyone who has made this lunch for the elderly such a success over the past year and a half, it has brought such happiness and company to many and I have taken great pleasure and pride from starting it. If you can offer support of driving, baking or helping on the day please contact Barbara on 07808 243720. If you would like to attend the lunch please also contact Barbara so that we know how many are attending each month. The next lunch will be 10th July and then 11th September. There will be no lunch in August. Jo Allison

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

Our last outing was on a beautiful sunny day when we enjoyed a lovely run out over the fells, round by Derwent Reservoir and on up to the glorious mediaeval village of Blanchland. We were, of course going to the Lord Crewe, a delight in itself. Lots of folks there, sitting inside and out. We decided to stay in - more ambience! The staff are always welcoming and very knowledgeable about some of the weird and wonderful items on their menu. One of the waiters had a lovely French

accent - definitely fitted with the mood of the day. Our table, near the window, looked out over the monastery garden to the moor beyond. After a careful and considerate perusal of the menu we opted for starters: Toasted almond hummus with a sweet chilli dressing and flat bread and Salad of pork belly, spring peas, radish and cauliflower which made a good main meal when joined by a bowl of tasty frites. Mains were Pan fried Loch Fyne salmon with dressed lentils and pancetta and

Huntsham Court pork chop and banger with potatoes and shaved fennel. Puds were Pannacotta with gooseberry and hazelnut crumb, Elderflower and Prosecco jelly with strawberries, Raspberry Bakewell with clotted cream and Jocelyn '1977' strawberry parfait. All quite delicious! It's always good to go for lunch at the Lord Crewe - food with a difference and some tasty quirks along the way. We look forward to going there again.

**The Gourmet Girls**

# OPEN TREASURE BOOK PROJECT

The Lanchester and Langley Park library book clubs have taken part in this project and after reading 'Venus in Winter' by Gillian Bagley, we followed this up by visiting the Durham Cathedral Refectory Library where the librarians had selected ten unique and interesting books of the period for us to view. These included the following:

John Speed's maps in 'The Theatre of the Empire of Great Britain' London 1676; An interesting early medical book on gynaecology - Francois Mauriceau's 'Traite des maladies des Femmes Grosses' Paris 1683; 'Pupilla Oculi' (The Pupil of the Eye) by John Burgh, written between 1304 and 1385, which was a handbook written for parish priests. The illustrated title page of the

Great Bible, London 1539 was pasted into the front of the 1572 Bishop's Bible, also a Book of Common Prayer, London 1600.

For needlework fans the needlework binding by Arbella Stuart, the granddaughter of Bess of Hardwick covered the Polyglot Bible, Hebrew New Testament and Syriac and Greek New Testament, printed in Antwerp 1573-1574. The binding is decorated with coloured silks and silver wire on canvas embroidered in a design of oak leaves, acorns and strawberry plants.

After this event, we then viewed the recent Tudor and Stuart Exhibition in the Open Treasure, which had portraits of Edward I, Mary Queen of Scots and documents of the period. This exhibition space changes 3-4 times a year and the next exhibition will be the Mining Exhibition.



Reading Group members in the Durham Cathedral Refectory Library.

A BIG Thank You to Zena Roddom, our librarian in Lanchester, who organised such a valuable and interesting event. One of the many pleasures of reading is how it opens such a whole new wide world of discovery, learning and interest for readers.

## 'STRIPPING THE TIP'

The History Society was entertained, educated and fascinated by John Gall's slides of old nineteenth century glass negatives which had been rescued from Stony Heap tip. His friends knew what he was interested in, and they were able to pass their discovered finds on to him for a 'price'.

John's collection of slides and photographs were attributed to J R Nicholson, photographer of Benfieldside who took some quite unusual photos. Something of a social historian himself, he composed and took pictures of ordinary people and their everyday settings. The slides covered a lot of the local area, showing staged family and groups by houses, farmsteads and roadways, in Ebchester,

Shotley Bridge, Healeyfield, Castleside and Hamsterley.

John helped us understand what the photographs were telling us, by the fashions of the day, the cut of trousers, height of hats and hair styles, the postures of the different groups and the lack of cars on the road. There were too many interesting slides to describe here, some of the notable ones include Ebchester's woollen mill and passing stick mill with all the timber (sycamore) stacked by the mill. A mediaeval farmhouse with heather thatched roof, Shotley Bridge Methodist Church with a missionary caravan parked nearby, a pair of 'vagrants' with spotted handkerchiefs on a stick relaxing by a track. Other

interesting buildings included an arched gateway into Black Hedley near the A68 that was knocked down in the early 1960s.

Our local countryside has seen rapid changes with the introduction of motor vehicles, resulting in fords, stepping stones and pack horse tracks changing into bridges with tarmacked roads.

It is sad to know that some of our history is being lost unless local groups and individuals continue to search out, collect and document the past.

John finished the evening answering our many questions including identifying one of his favourite finds as a rare bottle opener.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to John for a most interesting and thought provoking evening.



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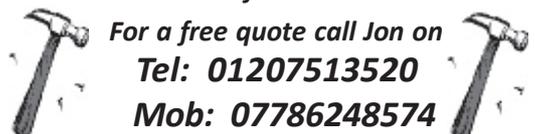


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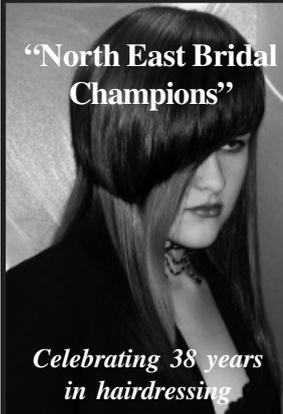


The Flower Club had one of the two celebrations planned for the Club's 45th Anniversary in May when seventeen members attended and enjoyed a lovely meal at Chapters Restaurant, Derwentside College.



One of the displays at Ushaw College prepared by 4 members of Lanchester Flower Club.

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Lanchester Flower Club who designed and was very privileged to be asked to take part in this very special event at Ushaw College. Our theme was Ushaw College Benefactors. We prepared books to represent the Great Library.

Thomas Wilkinson was the most notable benefactor; he acquired and donated over 12,000 books to this unique library. We also tried to show that there were many benefactors, architects and builders

who designed and changed this outstanding building so many times over the years.

Four ladies from the club, Helen Tomlinson, Lestrine Kelly, Helen Tregonning and Linda Butterfield prepared all the arrangements. We

worked very hard for two days but we were very pleased with the results. I am sure everyone who managed to visit would certainly be impressed with the vast array of arrangements by the 28 groups who took part.

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## SATLEY WI JUNE

Our President Linda started our meeting by sending our best wishes to Pat and her family following her recent stroke. We also wished Ann a speedy recovery following her fall. The eleven attendees then approved the minutes and discussed the county newsletter. Final arrangements were made for our trip to The Gala Theatre to see 'Kiss me Kate' later this month and plans were put in place for our trip to Whitley Bay in August. At the end of last month we were joined by family and friends for our trip to Gilsland and Carlisle and as predicted the weather improved as we travelled west resulting in a very enjoyable day. Our birthday night

celebration, to be held in October, was discussed and plans are now in full flow regarding catering, entertainment, birthday cake and guest lists. Then the fun began as we provided our own entertainment that night. We started by trying to identify various TV quiz shows from pictures and followed that with two rounds of general knowledge questions on famous dogs and airports. We then told funny stories about things that had happened to us. Refreshments were provided by Carolyn and Kathleen and the raffle prize was won by Freda.

## THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

The swirl of the pipes welcomed us in, preceded the haggis and closed the event with a resounding 'Auld Lang Syne'. We were, of course, celebrating the life of Robbie Burns and doing it rather nicely at Chapters Restaurant in Consett. What a fantastic way to herald in the New Year - or it should have been. We were meant to be having our New Year party as a Burns lunch in January, on the 18th - the day when we were all snowed in and the college didn't open! Well, not to be deterred we rescheduled and had our lunch, complete with piper on a lovely spring day in May. Everyone wore a little piece of tartan somewhere on their person as we listened to the 'Selkirk Grace' from Lesley, address to the Haggis from Kate alongside the loyal toast as we enjoyed 'a wee dram' and later the 'Immortal Memory' from Pam. The meal itself was exemplary - haggis, neeps and tatties, of course (but presented in such style) - there was

beef, pork and a veggie choice. Puds began with cranachan and continued into treacle tart, baked Alaska and more. There's one thing for sure - it wouldn't be 'Chapters' without mine host - Angelo Fernandez, who oversees every last detail and ensures it's all covered to perfection.

Our delightful piper John Stafford brought the whole event together with his wonderful piping and the lunch closed with a rendition of 'Auld Lang Syne' which everyone sang together - all of us and Chapters staff. A glorious end to a wonderful meal - 2018 has now 'unofficially' officially begun.



*Piper John Stafford who brought the whole event together and piped everyone to lunch.*

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# LANCHESTER BEER FESTIVAL

Lanchester Cricket Club hosted its fifth Beer Festival, bigger than ever this year, celebrating cider and gin alongside the always popular beer. This year it was held from Friday 25th May until Sunday 27th and offered 10-12 varieties of gins, 50 beers and ciders plus several wines.

The event started at 7 pm on Friday and looked right away as if it was building to be a great success, with queues for entry forming on opening. Not only is this a popular social occasion, with some good live music and, of course, a cricket match, it's an important fundraising opportunity, with the folk

of Lanchester always ready to support good causes. As always, several local shops and businesses stood as sponsors for the Festival, with the Event Sponsor being Aquaid UK. Westland Dental Services, the Black Bull, Talking Heads, Alexander Lettings, Ravello's, Pip Stop, Crinnions and Lanchester Dairies besides many other well known names deserve thanks for their sponsorship and support. Without their involvement, it would not be possible for the Festival to grow bigger and better each year.

Our weather had been extremely changeable all week, and on Friday night,



*The crowd enjoying themselves at the Festival during a sunny Bank Holiday weekend.*

fingers were crossed in the hope of a sunny Bank Holiday weekend!

Chairman Neil Graham praised the efforts of so many people who contributed in many different ways to ensure the event is safe and successful every year. The help from sponsors is invaluable, the efforts of bar staff and people on the gate are greatly appreciated and the help of so many people who give up their time for this occasion ensures its great success. The Friday night audience was treated to local band 'The Buskers' and looked forward to a really enjoyable weekend. *Maisie Raine*

Well, we had a great three days and I hope that so did everyone who came to the event. Friday's rain stopped in time for the

sponsor's night which was also the gin night. Lots of gin supplied by Pip Stop was drunk and the Buskers did a great set in entertaining the crowd. Saturday was lovely and warm without the sun and a stream of customers came and went throughout the day while the cricket match was played. Radio Star did two one hour sets and showed their skills by taking requests as well as playing from their own play list.

Then Sunday came around and the sun shone brightly. Solo singer Lesley Stanbury started the entertainment and did a great job. She was followed by The Jet Reds who played their own songs before the entertainment culminated in the ultimate party band, Zen, who literally had the marquee jumping once again.

All three charities, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Downs Syndrome North East and Willow Burn Hospice did very well in their fundraising over the three days, with just short of a thousand pounds being raised.

The three days ran smoothly and as far as possible, people went home happy and without causing a nuisance. It is important for us that we get trouble-free days both for our neighbours but also for our partygoers.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and of course all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event what it is. *Andrew McConnell*

Final word ... the Festival was enjoyed by more than 1,000 visitors and the weekend remained sunny and warm!



*The Buskers entertaining the crowd on Friday evening.*

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# LANCHESTER WI GOES BACK TO THE '60S!



*Ann Carr, dressed in kaftan, offered the vote of thanks to Phil Curtis presenting 'Life in the 1960s'.*

## WI CHAIRMAN'S LUNCH



*Members from Lanchester WI joined with women from all across Durham to attend the Chairman's Lunch at the Ramside Hall Hotel on May 18th. Our speaker was Colin Alderson, Chef to the Queen's Household, and he recounted many stories and secrets of the Royal kitchens and menus - a fascinating insight into Palace life!*

Our June meeting took place on the 4th and President Marie Murphy welcomed everyone. She reminded us that the minutes of last meeting were available on the information table, as were details of the many events planned over the next weeks. There's a Pewter Workshop in October and the Flower Club are celebrating their 45th Anniversary with an open evening on June 30th. This year marks the centenary of women gaining the vote and Durham Women's Gala has been revived. This was once a popular event celebrating the achievements of women and will take place on June 29th. Ushaw College is holding a Flower Festival from June 12th, we plan a WI presence at the Lanchester Show in July and we welcome craft items from our members to display there, please get in touch with Marie. We also look forward to Lanchester's Open Gardens event, with tickets available from the Community Centre office. We anticipate our Summer Outing, the Autumn Council Meeting, the DCFWI Bake Off, attending a performance at Kynren

and our next Coffee Morning in October. Looking forward to a summer full of activities! Following tonight's theme of the 60s, Maisie read an amusing poem about ladies in their 60s, and the competition, 'A Memento of the 60s' had two winners, Ann Carr and Jean Forster. Raffle winners were Barbara Sproat, Jill Gladstone and Margaret Rutter. We then listened to Phil Curtis, who talked about 'Life in the 60s' and showed many interesting slides. He related how the 1950s had appeared to be lived in 'black and white' before the 60s arrived, when it seemed life was now 'in colour'. Huge social changes occurred, with a more affluent age, slum clearance, new gadgets, more modern decor appeared in homes, and the communication satellite Telstar beamed TV from the USA. Holidays abroad, Pirate Radio, night clubs - all contributed to a rapid change in the way we lived. We loved remembering the music! Ann Carr, dressed in 60s fashion, thanked him for taking us back in time. The evening ended in tea, biscuits and social time for everyone.



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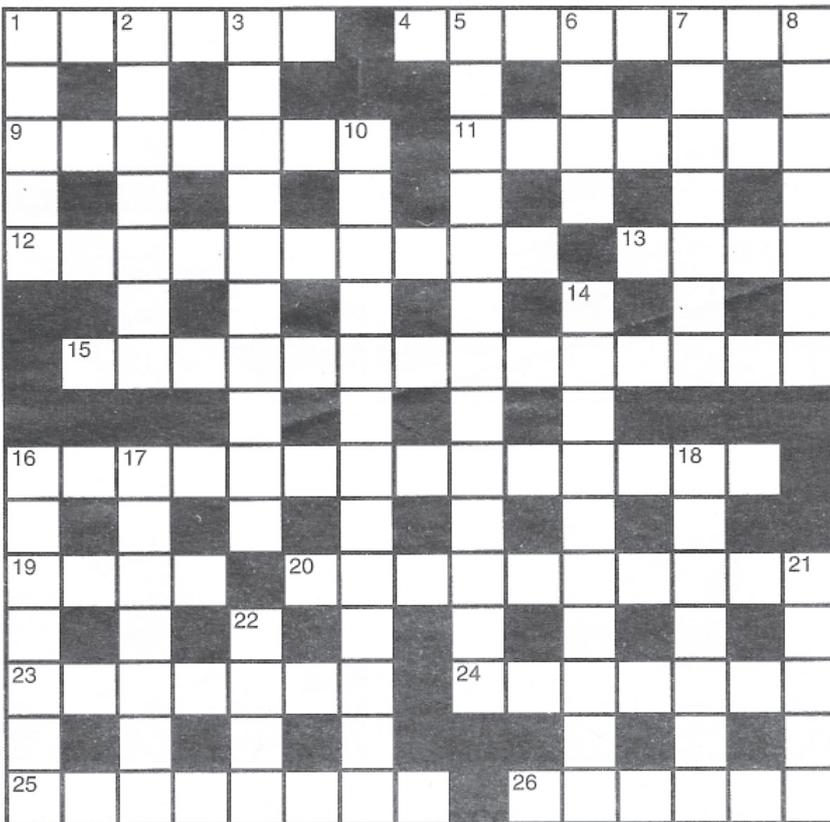

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# CROSSWORD 146



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

## LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

1. Interrupt (4,2)
4. Supporter (8)
9. Hot wind that blows into southern France (7)
11. West African state (7)
12. 1 x 2 x 3 x 4 (6-4)
13. Drop (4)
15. French middle-of-the-road (5,2,5,2)
16. Admire (3,2,1,8)
19. Aid (4)
20. Say (10)
23. Ends (7)
24. Dishonesty (7)
25. Unconscious (8)
26. Stature (6)

## DOWN

1. Trouble (5)
2. Ruin (7)
3. Provocation (10)
5. What AA members do? (8,5)
6. Jane Austen novel (4)
7. Hug (7)
8. Windpipe (7)
10. Price of fiesta get-togethers (6,7)
14. Enfeeble (10)
16. Cat's lip is supple (7)
17. Mathematical proposition (7)
18. Rascal (1,3,3)
21. North African state (5)
22. Goes with price, black and shopping (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 145

### ACROSS

1. embroider
6. scab
10. commend
11. involve
12. passé
13. embarrass
14. keep your hair on
19. pile on the agony
21. rendition
24. flash
25. earbash
26. regrets
27. yo-yo
28. traveller

### DOWN

1. escape
2. bombshell
3. obese
4. dodge
5. reimburse
7. Cilla
8. blessing
9. overhang
15. prodigal
16. out with it
17. ring a bell
18. sparsely
20. chaser
22. nervy
23. Norma
24. fugue

## CROSSWORD 145

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to J Dixon of West Drive who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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

## WALKS WITH BROCK



Hi, it's Brock again, finishing the walk from Allensford that I started in the last issue. We had reached Mosswood, if you remember ...

There I was allowed off my lead and was able to sniff some interesting scents in the hedgerows. We continued past sheep on a field on the left, where I was sternly warned to keep my distance, past a farm called Wallish Walls with a huge granary or something, and along another footpath towards some woods.

There I am afraid I had to leave my Human. The scent of rabbits playing in a wood on the right proved irresistible, and I shot off to chase them, keeping him waiting for a good 20 minutes.

When I finally returned, somewhat out of puff I must confess, we continued down a steep bank towards something called Derwent Gorge, turning left at a picturesque, isolated cottage, past a greenhouse and across a narrow footbridge over water, where I could pause for a refreshing drink after my exertions with the aforementioned rabbits.

We continued up a footpath through woods until we came to a road at the top. We turned left

after crossing a stile and followed the road first downhill, then very much uphill for quite some distance. During the walk uphill I could sense my Human was struggling a bit, so I allowed him to grab my lead while I helped him up the bank. At the top of the hill we shot off left along a minor road, past a farm, then after 200 yards or so turned left following footpath signs into a field, where we kept on the left of a row of trees. Again, my Human warned me against going anywhere near the sheep on the other side of the row of trees.

Eventually we came to a fence with a stile which the Human struggled over and I sneaked underneath, then walked downhill through woods, then down more steep banks to a waterfall with a footbridge. I again stopped for a refreshing drink at the waterfall.

From there it was a straightforward footpath back to the A68 which we had to cross carefully before returning to the Allensford picnic area. I am pleased to say I still had the energy to run around with some new found doggy pals on the grass at Allensford despite my exertions. And by the way, I must add that at Allensford the authorities have provided several litter bins in case we are caught short. My Human always carries a number of poo bags for such eventualities.

## LANCHESTER MEDICAL CENTRE



Lanchester Medical Centre

### Patient Participation Group

#### Hayfever season

It's that time of year again when the pollen count is climbing and hayfever sufferers react to pollens when the pollen comes into contact with their nose, eyes and mouth causing a runny nose and sneezing, itchy eyes and inflammation of the throat and sinuses. If you have asthma it may make your asthma symptoms worse.

Hayfever, also known as allergic rhinitis typically starts in the early years of life often where there is a family history of allergies, but can strike at any age. Pollen is a fine protein powder from trees, grass and plants. Once a rarity, the number of sufferers is growing rapidly, thought to be due in part to climate

change. For city dwellers symptoms can be worse as smog prevents pollen escaping into the upper atmosphere. The Met Office issues a five-day pollen forecast; more than 50 pollen grains per cubic metre are classed as high. There is no cure for hayfever, but you can ease your symptoms.

#### DO

- put Vaseline around your nostrils to trap pollen
- wear wraparound sunglasses to stop pollen getting into your eyes
- shower and change your clothes after being outside
- keep windows and doors shut as much as possible
- avoid areas of high pollen and stay indoors if possible
- buy a pollen filter for your vacuum and car air vents

- check the five-day pollen forecast
  - keep away from pets if they have been outside as they can carry pollen
- DON'T**

- spend too much time outside
  - keep fresh flowers in the house
  - smoke or be around smoke
  - dry clothes outside as they catch pollen
- Speak to your local pharmacist if you have hayfever symptoms. They can give advice and suggest best treatments, such as antihistamine drops, tablets or nasal sprays, often cheaper than a prescription.

If after taking all these steps your symptoms are getting worse then contact your surgery.

For more information [www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/)

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Mini Cornish Pasties

Over the years, the pasty has become synonymous with the county of Cornwall. It made up a popular Cornish miner's lunch, with meat and potato at one end and jam or fruit at the other, creating a full meal. This recipe for mini savoury pasties is ideal for a light lunch.

#### You need...

Potato, large, peeled and very finely diced  
Carrot, 1, peeled and very finely diced  
Small onion, 1, peeled and very finely diced  
Lean beef steak, 225 g

(8 oz), trimmed and cut into small pieces  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Shortcrust pastry, 450 g, (1 lb)

Egg, 1, beaten

#### METHOD

- 1) Preheat the oven to 220 degrees C/425 F/Gas 7. Mix together the potato, carrot, onion and steak - season well.
- 2) Roll out the pastry thinly on a lightly floured surface. Cut 3 saucer-sized circles, then use the trimmings to make a fourth. Divide the meat

and vegetables between each circle and brush the edges with egg.

3) Bring up the edges of each pasty to meet at the top. Crimp together the edges by pinching gently with the finger and thumb to seal.

4) Place on a baking sheet and brush all over with beaten egg. Bake for 10 minutes, then reduce the heat to 180C/350F/Gas 4 and cook for a further 15-20 minutes until golden and cooked through. Allow to cool for 10 minutes before serving.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip on Tuesday 10th July for a joint meet with Durham Wildlife Trust at Bearpark Woods. Meet in Community Centre car park at 6.30pm.

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 15th July for Waskerley Way. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

## Crafty Coffee Morning

Crafty Coffee Morning will be held at Lanchester Methodist Church every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10am -12 noon.

The aim of this gathering is to reach out to anyone in the local area who is feeling anxious, isolated or lonely. Come along and have a coffee, meet new friends, knit for charity, learn a new craft, tuition available.

There will be no charge but donations accepted. For more information contact Jennifer Nairns 07940263457.

## Get Creative

Whether you're just beginning or already an expert... it can be Knitting, Crochet, Card making or Cross stitch or anything crafty.

Where: Lanchester Library  
When: First Thursday of the month

Time: 10 - 11.30 am

Cost: Free (donations for refreshments)

## Cuppa, Lunch and Company

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 10th July 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House.

Please phone to say if you would like to come. Call Barbara, 07808 243720.

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## Community Centre

**Coffee Morning** - The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 12th July.

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

**Needlecraft** - Wednesdays 1.00 - 3.00pm

## Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday 11th July, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is the AGM. When the business is completed, strawberries, cream and 'bubbly' will be served.

## Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be on July 19th in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. Our speaker will be Sharron Vincent with a talk entitled 'The Mitford Sisters' part 1.

Do please remember, this meeting will take place at 7.15pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

## Garden Open Day

A Garden Open Day will take place on Saturday 28th July with a tour of 8 beautiful Lanchester gardens from 11.00 am until 3.00 pm followed by Afternoon Tea at the Community Centre from 3.00 until 5.00pm. Numbers are limited and tickets are £10 which includes the Afternoon Tea.

## Lanchester Flower Club

A Coffee Morning will take place on Saturday 7th July, 10 am - 12 noon at Lanchester Methodist Chapel.

## Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 4th July at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

## Balsam Pulling July dates

Tuesday 3rd at 2 pm  
Thursday 5th at 10 am  
Sunday 8th at 10 am  
Wednesday 11th at 7 pm  
Saturday 14th at 10 am  
Monday 16th at 2 pm  
Tuesday 31st at 7 pm  
More dates via posters along the railway line and Facebook Lanchester Past and Present.

Meet near Dora's Wood where the railway path dips at the point 'Woodlands' housing estate road accesses the path, grid reference NZ168471. Email lanchesterwildlife group@outlook.com.

## Local History Society

Subject: A Walk around the Fort

Led by Nick Greenwell

Date: Friday July 6th.

Time: Meet at the lay-by, by the Fort, Cadger Bank at 7 pm

Venue: Outdoor meeting. Please dress appropriately for all weathers.

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

## Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 5th July 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

## Want To Feel Good

No problem - just come along to **Lanchester Choral Society's** summer show 'Feel Good - the Magic of the Musicals!' on 19th and 20th July, 7.15 pm in the Methodist Church. As usual we will have our live band and our regular beautiful soprano soloist Elizabeth Woods. You will hear songs from your favourite shows interwoven with an unusual story line. Tickets on sale from any member or telephone 520172 or 520427.

## Get active

Perfect Fit are providing three opportunities for the community to improve their fitness. FitSteps, an energetic, upbeat dance class is delivered every Monday, 6.00 - 7.00 pm; HIIT Circuit, a high intensity circuit based session is delivered every Tuesday, 6.00 - 6.30 pm and Metafit, the original 30 minute metabolic workout is delivered every Thursday, 5.30 - 6.00 pm. The sessions are held in St Bede's School, in the Girls' Gym next to the Sixth Form College. Ample parking is provided immediately outside. No booking is necessary. For further information please contact Bobby on 07803 426832 or LIKE us on Facebook @perfectfitbh.

## Lanchester WI

We will meet on Monday July 2nd, to share our Summer Strawberry Supper. Our speaker will be Anna Groendahl, describing The Art of Chocolate Making, and the competition is to Bake a Cake to be auctioned on the night in aid of Willow Burn. Members are kindly asked not to use fresh cream, please!

Our Summer outing to Ford and Etal will take place on Wednesday 4th July, with the coach leaving at 8.30am from the green school/ bowling green.

Visitors are always welcome to our meetings, held monthly in the Community Centre, come along and meet new friends!

## Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday July 9th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall when we will be entertained by US2 a group who sing songs made famous in musicals and films. If you would like to join us please do.

## LMVC Annual Concert

Lanchester Male Voice Choir will hold its 50th Annual Concert on Friday 6th July at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Methodist Church. The guest artistes will be the Arco String Quartet from Newcastle. Tickets £7 (children £3) are available from the Community Centre, 01207 521275.

## Library Book Club

On Monday July 30th at 2.30-3.30pm, the group will be discussing 'The Light between the Oceans' by ML Stedman. A global bestseller and now a film, it is a story of a lighthouse keeper and his wife who face a life changing moral dilemma when a baby in a boat washes up on their island. If you have read this bestseller, do come along and join in with the discussion.

## Thursday Book Club

On Thursday July 19th from 5.30-6.30pm, the discussion will be 'The Rosie Project' by Graeme Simsion. An amusing story about Don's adventures to secure a perfect partner. Pop into the library and pick up this book and join in the discussion.

## Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday July 9th from 3.45-4.30pm. Aimed at children aged 8-11 years old, they will have the opportunity to read and take part in activities relating to the Book of the Month. Places are limited so please contact Zena or another librarian at Lanchester library or contact 03000269514.

## Toddler Time

Sessions for Under Fives, every Thursday between 2 and 3pm. Come along to this social time for you and your child to enjoy music, songs and rhymes.

# TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

Bowls can throw up unexpected results, no more so than Lanchester's win over Leadgate in the North West Durham League Cup. The Leadgate team was packed with star players with county wide reputations but by an all-round effort we came out on top. We now look forward to the semi-final. Our Tuesday team also had an unexpected win against Leadgate. We must be their bogey team. I am pleased to say the fortunes of the Wednesday team have changed. Let's hope the wins against Great Lumley and White-le-Head are a portend for the future.

Sadly we have not been immune from weather disruption. Our annual game against a County Durham President's team was disrupted halfway through so we sat down for our sumptuous tea a little early. Storm Saturday cut short the game against White-le-Head (see photo on back page). Fortunately we were winning at the time and sufficient ends had been played for the result to stand. The Monday team is having an up and down season as the league reaches the midway stage. However I can report a win over Consett Park and winning two rinks against top team Dipton feels almost like a victory.

# CRICKET NEWS

The firsts have won two, lost one and had one rained off mid game, with the seconds winning three and one rained off. I have to focus on 9th June when the first team winning at arch rivals Ashington was actually overshadowed by a magnificent batting performance by Chris Ramshaw and Mark Small in the second team. Against neighbours Annfield Plain, Chris and Mark batted through the innings scoring 263 in an unbeaten partnership. Chris top scored with 121 and Mark made 106. That's definitely one for the record books. The same day, the firsts travelled to Ashington,

a team that we don't have a good record against when they have been winning league titles. Put in to bat, Lanchester looked to be labouring at 32-3 but the team dug in and there were stubborn contributions from most of the lower order. Dan Storey top scored with 46, Sam Crooks made 35 and there were several double figures as the team soldiered to 200-8. Plenty of times in the past, Lanchester have had Ashington's top order in trouble only to wriggle away but not this time. As Kieron Taylor claimed Ben Harmison for a duck, the bowlers never relented and Ashington were

dismissed for 112, a fantastic win. The thirds picked up a pair of wins at Boldon and Ryhope in their only two games. The 13s have been in good form and ended up with three games in three days which culminated in a cup final with Burnopfield. Unfortunately after a good string of results, they struggled to score against tight bowling and the opposition were comfortable winners on the night. The 18s have won one and lost one, while the 15s have lost twice by six runs but then picked up a first win against Ryton. The 11s beat Greenside but lost to Leadgate.

## LANCHESTER GIRLS T20 LEAGUE DÉBUT

Lanchester girls Mae Deaville, Annie Lee and Lucy Houghton (all 10 years old) made their home début in the Durham Ladies T20 league on Friday night against Durham City at Leadgate. All three live almost on the boundary of Ashley Park, the home of Lanchester Cricket Club, and have grown up on cricket teas and the sound of leather on willow. They were excited to be offered T20 experience from Leadgate Ladies as the girls currently play in the mixed U11s league. The philosophy of the T20

league is that the younger girls will gain experience of competitive cricket whilst showcasing the women's game. Lucy Houghton said "Girls' cricket is important to me because it is a game where physical strength doesn't really affect your game too much. Cricket is much more to do with skill which means that girls and boys can be equally good". Mae Deaville feels that cricket is very inspirational and hopes that by playing in leagues

such as this "Girls will show girls throughout the world that cricket isn't just for boys and anyone can give it a go". The girls can often be found watching Lanchester's teams playing their weekly league matches and usually help with refreshments. Stuart McPhail is Club Captain at Lanchester and dedicates much of his time to developing the junior wing of the club. He is very supportive of the girls saying, "Ultimately my goal is to develop a girls' team based at Lanchester

which may be an amalgamation of girls currently playing for local teams in Derwentside and Durham. The number of girls at Lanchester is unprecedented and we are delighted that we have a firm foundation to build upon." This is echoed by Lanchester U11s coach and proud father Paul Deaville, "I'm really proud of the girls and the progress they have made. I'm sure they will go from strength to strength and I hope to see a local girl's league before too long". Durham City were a class act and proved to be too

much for Leadgate Ladies but the girls held their own against the opposition. Mae and Annie bowled whilst Lucy did her first stint as Wicket Keeper and their batting was fearless and bold. The girls have gained a wealth of experience in the space of twenty overs. Annie Lee summed it up as she tucked into a hard earned post match tea, "I've never known an atmosphere like that. It was just like being at the T20 at the Riverside on a Friday night ... but with my Mam following me in the batting order!" **See photo on back page.**

## U14 FOOTBALL GIRLS DO THE DOUBLE!

On Wednesday 9th May, the U14 girls' football team from St Bede's Lanchester, led by Miss Armstrong, Teacher of Girls' PE, travelled to the Riverside in Chester-le-Street, to compete in their second consecutive County Cup final. The girls reached the final by beating Cardinal Hume in

the quarter finals, 3-1, and St Robert's in the semi-final, 2-0. This was going to be an extremely hard game; the team were facing Durham Johnston who have just reached the ESFA national final for U14 Girls. A tense start to the game, with most of the play going back and forth, it was St Bede's who took

the lead midway through the first half with a lovely passing move between Aimee Steele, Millie Brewerton and Amelie Pattison, with Aimee Steele slotting home with a fine finish. The girls dug deep to defend but couldn't hold on and Durham Johnston scored with one minute of normal

time remaining. This meant the game went to extra time; in the first five minutes it was St Bede's who scored through Alisha Cass at the back post from a corner. The girls managed to hold on for the remaining half of extra time through some resolute defending by Niamh Hilditch, Lydia

Lattimer St-Julien and Lara Duffy. It is the second time in consecutive years this U14 team has become Durham County Schools Champions at both U13 and now U14 level. This is a huge achievement and we are incredibly proud of our talented young footballers! **See photo on back page.**

## ST BEDE'S CHAMPIONS



The U14 girls football team, who beat Durham Johnston School team in the County Cup Final. **Report on Page 23.**

## BOWLING GREEN FLOOD



This was the scene at the end of the bowling match on Storm Saturday. **Bowls news, page 23.**

## GIRLS T20 DÉBUT



Lanchester's Mae Deaville, Annie Lee and Lucy Houghton. **Article on page 23.**

## BROWNIES LEND A HAND



The Lanchester Brownies and leaders who planted 180 wild flowers at the Community Orchard. **Report on page 6.**

## PLAYGROUP TODDLER



Young children from the Playgroup based at the Community Centre, about to set off for their annual Sponsored Toddler around the Play Park. Financially, the Playgroup is going through a difficult period and has to raise money to survive, by whatever means possible. The picture shows the group with their parents/childminders ready for the start.

## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 17th July.  
The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 13th July.

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