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SPRING CLEAN LANCHESTER DAY



Organisers and litter pickers together on the Village Green. See article, page 5.



Cleaning up behind the King's Head are left to right, Anna Jamieson, Jack Robinson, Barbara and Martha Jamieson.



The Emsley family, Sophia (7 years old), Anja and Simon with their dog Henry.

LANCHESTER IN BLOOM



Lanchester in bloom in the Village Centre and the Community Centre.



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Dear Village Voice
I would like to thank residents who signed the recent petition asking the County Council to take the issue of school run parking enforcement outside of our schools more seriously. I was delighted that the petition attracted a massive response. On 10th April, I submitted the petition to the Chief Executive of the County Council and - after a bit of chasing - I have finally received a response. The key part of the response is as follows: "We have requested that officers undertake a more prolonged enforcement campaign to encourage parents to develop good safety habits and park in a safe and legal manner in

future. I have also requested that they ensure enforcement occurs between 3.15pm and 3.45pm in order to address concerns regarding a lack of enforcement during this particular period of time. We can also advise that your concerns have been forwarded to the Head Teacher of each school, requesting that they remind parents of the need to park safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up their children." That is a start, but only a start, and it is my view that the County Council need to finally demonstrate that they take this issue seriously. I will continue to hold the County Council to account on this issue until we see proper enforcement of parking restrictions in the village around our schools in school run hours, before it is too late.
Martin Walker
Liberal Democrat Parish Councillor

A NEW FACE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE



Glenda Horne, the new Chair of Lanchester Community Centre.

out rooms. The committee is made up of volunteers who are working on your behalf to retain, improve and keep the centre going. If you don't use it, you will lose it!

My aim, with the committee, is to continue with fundraising, (watch out for the Open Garden Day, coming up in July) and promoting the centre as a venue of choice for weddings, parties, etc. It's a great place.

I retired as National Sales Manager for City and Guilds of London in 2010, moved to Lanchester in 2014, and felt that I would like to contribute a bit to this village.

The Community Centre deserves to be here in another 50 years, and it's down to us now. So if you want to come on board, please don't hesitate, we need all the help we can get!

Glenda Horne

I have recently taken up the role of Chair at the Community Centre after serving on the committee for just over a year. Bernie Fox has decided to step down due to work commitments, but remains a dedicated member of the committee. The Centre enjoyed its 50th Anniversary this year, and THANK YOU

LANCHESTER for the support shown on that day, it was brilliant. However, as you may, or may not know, the centre is a self-funding charity and we generate every penny by renting

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for April was 48. The draw was made by B Bennett.

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WEDDING CELEBRATIONS

Andrew Todd and Sharon Whittell tied the knot on Thursday 12th April at All Saints' RC Church here in Lanchester. The day was overcast and drizzly but that did not spoil their perfect day. Friends and family from the North East, Yorkshire and America attended the beautiful ceremony, and the picturesque reception at Durham Castle.

Many of you will recognise Andrew from his Sunday paper round, working at Ged's several years ago, and who now also looks after the Village Voice website. The couple wish to thank everyone who contributed to their special day, especially Father O'Connor, Michael Quigley and everyone at Lanchester Bridal.



The happy couple in the wedding car after the ceremony.

RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON

Mr Andrew Knighton, Deputy Head of the EP School, achieved one of his ambitions by running the London Marathon on Sunday April 22nd. You may remember that it was reported as being the hottest London Marathon on record and Andrew has said that the heat was very exhausting. He has completed the great North Run on 8 occasions, but this was his first attempt at running 26.2 miles. He describes it as being an "amazing, tough but fantastic experience" despite the intense heat, and he had a huge sense of

relief when he crossed the finishing line. He took 4 hours 53 minutes to complete the course, slower than he would have thought but given the challenge also of the heat, he was delighted. Andrew's main motivation was to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which is a special charity for Andrew and his family, as they have had first hand experience of the impact this debilitating neurological disease can have on a family. Andrew's auntie died of the illness, which affects around 85,000 people in the UK

and Andrew says that "The society provides fantastic support and help for those affected by Multiple Sclerosis and helps the sufferers to manage the condition and symptoms and pain with bravery and dignity". So far Andrew has raised over £1,300 but he is aiming for £2,500. The pupils at the EP School are helping him reach his target. They ran a mini-marathon the Friday before the marathon and together with their parents raised in excess of £300. Andrew will be running again for the society in the

Edinburgh Half-Marathon at the end of May and in the Great North Run in September. If anyone would like to contribute to his target total, they can contact Andrew's website which is [https://uk.virgin](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewKnighton1)

[moneygiving.com/AndrewKnighton1](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewKnighton1) Well done, Andrew, you can be justly proud of that well-earned medal. *Brenda Craddock*
See also photos on back page.



Andrew Knighton

NEW DELIVERER

One of our deliverers who has been with the Village Voice since the very beginning has decided to call it a day and hand over the round to somebody new. A big thank you to Jean Suddes for all her years of service and I am sure the inhabitants of her round consisting of Railway Street, Ford Street, Cecil Crescent and Station Road will join me in wishing her all the best

and thanks for her years of dedication. I am sure the generous pension arrangements from the Voice will ease the financial burden when her remuneration stops. Please give a big hello to Belinda Travis who has volunteered to take over and say hello when you

see her struggling round in all weathers. I know a lot of you would have liked to take the round over but due to the hazards encountered over the years we thought it necessary to give the job to someone trained in small arms and with negotiation skills.

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GENOME CENTRE SUPPORTS PLAYGROUP

On 29th March, The Durham Genome Centre on Station Road hosted an Easter cake fundraiser in aid of Lanchester Playgroup. As soon as the team at The Durham Genome Centre heard about the possibility of the playgroup closing

after 45 years in business, due to lack of funds, they decided they wanted to do something to help. Together with lots of support from the local community they sold cakes and savoury treats raising a total of £105. To this, The Durham

Genome Centre added a further donation of £145 to increase the contribution to £250. Durham Genome Facilities Manager, Nadia Shepherdson said "As a local business we wanted to support a much needed group. It would be such a

shame for the playgroup to close when many of the parents and grandparents of children inside and outside of the village use the group for socialising and children's playtime." Playgroup officially

re-opened on Monday 16th April and The Durham Genome Centre, along with the rest of the village, wish them every success in sourcing funding to remain open for many years to come!

GIVE OUR WILDFLOWERS A CHANCE

Help Stop the Balsam Takeover

Lanchester Wildlife Group is again asking for volunteers to help stop the Himalayan Balsam takeover bid and dates for working groups to meet and pull out the offending plants are planned throughout the summer (see the What's On page for the June dates). We'll never remove it all, but we can aim to manage it in those areas we care about most within our community, places like Dora's Wood, along key sections of the Railway Path and around the Malton picnic area.

Each Balsam plant produces thousands of seeds each year. Its green carpet is already spreading and shooting up again as the days get warmer mixed with occasional showers. Its pink flower might look pretty but it is doing lots

of damage locally. Balsam quickly takes over huge areas and threatens our native plants which can't compete with it.

We've varied days and times for the working groups to meet - hopefully you'll be able to make it. Your attendance on just one day will add to the effort and make a real difference. We meet near Dora's Wood where the railway path dips at the point 'Woodlands' housing estate road accesses the railway path, grid reference NZ168471. For more information, contact lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com. Posters will be displayed along the railway line. You can also view dates online via Facebook Lanchester Past and Present.

See photos on back page.



Nadia Shepherdson presenting the cheque from Durham Genome Centre to Liz Smith of the Playgroup.

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SPRING CLEAN LANCHESTER DAY

On Saturday April 21st beautiful sunshine dawned and stayed with us all day. This made such a difference and meant that we did not need to put a tent up on the Green. We set up at 9 am and finished at 1 pm when the last of 72 helpers returned with her haul. 62 big blue bags were brought in and sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable piles. There were also many non-baggable items like tyres, hub-caps, a pressure washer and traffic cones. Lots of families with children helped to pick, and 4 dogs as well. Disappointingly, there were few teenagers - perhaps it was too early, or uncool or they were

busy with sports, or exams? The village now sparkles in the sun, but the approach roads are badly littered in places. For example Peth Bank was so bad it took 7 adults to clear part of it. The litter in the road verges must be due to the thoughtlessness of motorists. Perhaps the new law will encourage them to be more considerate?

Some grumbles:

Who was paid to deliver 'Coping with Cancer' bags and hid hundreds of them in a tree root covered with a large stone?

Who fly-tipped beside Peth Bank?

Who emptied their car rubbish in Newbiggen

Lane car park? And there were a lot of cigarette stubs in the village centre - particularly in the car park behind the shops. Perhaps shop owners could put receptacles outside their back doors?

Anyway, our very grateful thanks go to everyone who picked on the day, and to those who helped organise.

Thanks also to Dave, the Village Handyman, to all those who regularly litter-pick within our parish and to the Parish and County Councils.

Let's keep Lanchester looking lovely.

Mike Gladstone

The Lanchester Partnership



Left to right, Ross, Logan and Kath (the Marshall-Ivens family).

PLASTIC IS FANTASTIC

There has been a great deal of coverage recently in the media about marine pollution caused by plastics in the oceans ... and it is shocking to see the choked up waterways, strangled marine animals and filthy beaches.

But we shouldn't forget just what a fantastic material plastic is. It is versatile, cheap, light, flexible and strong. It keeps our food fresh, our houses warm, our toys safe, our clothing cheap, our medicines sterile, our packaging light. It is hard to find any area of our

lives where plastic doesn't play a part. But it does have one big drawback ... it takes 500-1000 years to biodegrade. Of the 100-300 million tons of plastic that is produced globally only 10% is recycled.

Now we could sit back and leave the problem to world leaders and there's no doubt that passing legislation helps. We all know that the 5p plastic carrier tax reduced demand by 85%. And I haven't seen a plastic bag tree for a good while!! But we, as a community and

as individuals, could do more. A few of us have just created a group to start working towards achieving PLASTIC FREE STATUS for Lanchester.

We obviously can't stop using all plastics but we can focus on a significant reduction of SINGLE USE PLASTIC in our homes and community and try to improve our recycling rates.

We need to give plastic the status it deserves, treating it as a fantastic material that we use and re-use and recycle with

respect for our environment both locally and globally. If you would like to join our group or offer your

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th May 2018

Police report - see opposite page.

Correspondence

1. **Letter of thanks from resident - crossing point near King's Head** - received.

2. **All Saints' Parish Centre - letter of thanks for donation** - received.

3. **Great North Air Ambulance - letter of thanks for donation** - received.

4. **Society of Local Council Clerks - annual membership fee** - to be paid by the Parish Council.

5. **County Durham Association of Local Councils - nominations for President and Vice President** - agreed that the Parish Council supports Councillor David Bell for Vice President.

Neighbourhood Plan

Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th April be approved.

It was confirmed that Mike Wardle will remain as Chair of the working group. An update was provided for Members.

Hanging Baskets

The price received for the provision of hanging baskets and watering was accepted.

Works to Culvert - Woodham Court

Councillors were informed of upcoming works to repair and strengthen the culvert at Woodham Court. It was noted that a number of trees would be removed during the works and that appropriate landscaping works would be undertaken following completion of the work.

It was agreed that timescales for the project are sought and that clarification is sought on any further flood alleviation works to be

undertaken in complete to monitor and enforce the scheme.

Insurance Premium

It was agreed that the insurance premium from BHIB Insurance be accepted, the level of cover provided having been accepted as sufficient, and a three year long term agreement be approved.

Manor Grange Play Area

Members considered correspondence received from a resident asking for improvements to be made to the play area at Manor Grange. The Area Action Partnership may be able to assist in any project development. It was agreed that this matter is referred to the Recreation Committee for a full discussion.

Highways Issues

1. **Parking and Waiting Restrictions - Howden Bank, Durham Road and Front Street.**

Members considered and supported the proposed plans. It was agreed to ask the County Council to provide increased enforcement when the works are

complete to monitor and enforce the scheme.

2. Parking on Peth Bank

It was agreed that the County Council are asked to consider providing double yellow lines between the A691 and the Deneside junction

3. **General Highways Issues** - it was agreed that an Officer from the County Council is invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the concerns of the Parish Council.

4. Community Speedwatch

Members received information on the Community Speedwatch initiative in Lanchester which is now run completely by volunteers. If at the Community Speedwatch session 15% or more of the vehicles recorded are speeding then the location receives enforcement action from the Road Policing Unit and the area is looked at by Traffic Management to consider if any improvements can be made to the road layout.

5. **Litter Bins** - Members discussed the issue of litter. It was agreed that an article is submitted to the Village Voice regarding litter.

General Data Protection Regulations

Members were informed about the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25th May 2018. It will be necessary to approve a number of policies and undertake an audit of personal information held.

Internal Audit Report 2017/18

- approved

Financial Year 2017/18 End of Year Accounts

- approved.

Financial report

- discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment

- approved.

National Salary Award - 2018 and 2019

It was agreed that the National Salary Award is applied to both staff posts. The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12th June 2018 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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POLICE REPORT

This month our priority across both the Lanchester and Burnhope wards is speeding. Over recent weeks we have received concerned emails in relation to speeding across both wards and therefore intend to carry out a month of action where our Community Speedwatch and Unipar Laser Gun will be deployed in these specific areas. Depending on the data collated there may be cause for speed surveys to be carried out or periods of enforcement action by our Road Policing Unit. Dora's Wood has been receiving a lot of unnecessary attention of late by youths congregating on Friday and Saturday evenings. So far Police and Neighbourhood Wardens have had to deal with large groups of youths congregating causing antisocial behaviour, fires and by far the worst, six large trees aged over 100 years old each have graffiti on, causing substantial damage which may be permanent. Police are actively working with The Woodlands Trust to

clear up this area and prevent further issues occurring. However if you have any information or know who is responsible for the damage to the trees please do not hesitate to contact PCSO 6780 Cullen-Jackson on 101. Any information given will be dealt with in confidence.

On Thursday 3rd May we held a Farmwatch Operation with neighbouring forces due to an increase in reports regarding unknown persons acting suspiciously on farms in our area. During the evening we had a heavy police presence within our rural areas. Vehicles and persons were stopped in order to disrupt any criminal activity and future operations are being planned.

On Saturday 9th June PCSO 6780 Cullen-Jackson will be hosting a Street PACT on Front Street, Lanchester from 10-11 am. If you have any problems or concerns please come along and speak with Lisa, alternatively you can contact us via 101 or by emailing lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk.

OUT AND ABOUT ... Meet the Roman Soldiers of York

York is beautiful in spring! The Treasurer's House is the scene of York's most famous and oldest ghost story. In 1953, a central heating system was being installed in the house and an 18 year old apprentice was working in a small cellar, ready to house a pipe in the vaulted ceiling. He had climbed a ladder and was hammering at the roof when he heard the sound of a horn blast. The sound was regular and gradually grew louder. He was shocked to realise it was actually coming out of the stone wall to the right of his ladder. The young man looked down and saw a Roman soldier emerge from the wall, in military uniform and blowing on a short horn.

In shock, he fell off his ladder and crawled into a corner of the small room. He watched in terror as about 20 Roman soldiers walked past him, including one riding a sturdy cart horse. They seemed real, but not like any of the Romans he had seen at the cinema, they looked tired and untidy, carried short

swords and round shields. The watching man realised he could only see them from the knees up. As they passed through an archaeological trench dug into the floor, he saw that their feet and lower legs were walking on an excavated Roman road. He could actually hear their tired mutterings, as they passed through the opposite wall. The workman sat in a state of shock, the elderly curator of the site, coming at last to find him exclaimed "You look as if you've seen the

Roman soldiers!" It seems that over the years, there have been many sightings of these exhausted, dishevelled men, still marching along an ancient roadway into York.

The young man eventually became a police officer and his strange story has been retold several times in various books. I met him when he was guiding tourists in York and I took a party of students there on a study trip and heard his account of the day long ago when he came face to face with the legionaries.

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LANCHESTER BRASS BAND IN THE SUN

Lanchester Brass Band are getting out and about again after the long winter months. On Saturday, May 12th they were at Dunston Football Club, to play for Dunston's Annual 'Love Dunston' Festival. They actually opened the proceedings with some excellent playing of entertaining music, which

was very well received by all those attending the festival. It was so good playing out of doors in the sunshine.

The band now has a new conductor. Tom Grey is his name and he is an accomplished musician who is Head of Music at the Newcastle Boys School in the west end of Newcastle. The band has

welcomed him warmly, whilst also appreciating the work which our deputy conductor has done with us until Tom

was appointed. He is another young man, also called Tom, surname Yates, who lives in Meadowfield.

Look out for further news of the band engagements. They are well worth attending!

Brenda Craddock



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SPRING CEILIDH

On April 21st All Saints' Parish Church held a Church Family Ceilidh in the Social Club which was a huge success. It was organised by the Church Fundraising Committee, with Margaret Walters at its helm. Noel Jackson, who is well known in the village through the Wildlife Group and who is a great musician, led the Ceilidh Band which is called 'Angels of the North'. Their music was excellent and attracted people to the floor for some good dancing.

Everyone, children and adults had a wonderful time. It was great to see youngsters dancing, not to mention the numerous twinkle-toed adults who joined in the fun. All the exercise made people thirsty and hungry, and the 'Faith Supper' was devoured with relish, while the bar did a roaring trade. The food was delicious, and thanks to the many who had contributed, the choice was especially good. There were so many smiles and happy faces,

which was just what was needed to lift the spirits after a long drawn out winter. There were more happy faces and smiles from the people who won a raffle prize or had a win on the Tombola stall because the prizes were extremely good. The amount raised was over £500 (after expenses) which pleased the Fundraising Committee greatly. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening so enjoyable!
Brenda Craddock



Noel Jackson leading the band.



Margaret Walters and Peter Smith welcomed everyone to the ceilidh.



Children and adults enjoying the dance.

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LANCHESTER COMMUNITY CHARITY FUNDRAISING

As the first foundation blocks begin to be laid at the new 6 bed inpatient unit (IPU) at Willow Burn Hospice, the Lanchester village community begin a 12 month programme to support its development. Led by Paul Jackson, Chairman of Willow Burn, a group of villagers has formed a working group to provide a range of events at Lanchester Community Centre.

This is a first for the village of Lanchester, to focus on one main charity and could be the start of an ongoing programme. The plan is to raise enough funds to allow the Lanchester village to name one of the new state of the art patient bedrooms, 'The Lanchester Room'.

As we all know, Lanchester village is a fabulous community, it will be wonderful to see just what we can achieve. We have so many different groups working out of the Community Centre and other locations.

If you would like to join us, please contact the Community Centre for more information, watch out for the following events (all starting at 7pm):

- 23rd June - The history and tasting of gins
- July - Family BBQ
- 22nd September - Race night
- October - History of Lanchester & District Railways
- 24th November - Martin Matthews musical concert.



Checking foundation plans for the new Willow Burn Hospice building.

THE GIFT OF BRICKS

The first individual and company have donated pallets of bricks to help the new build at Willow Burn Hospice.

The new £2 million, 6 bedroom hospice has

started to be developed at the Maiden Law Hospital site and will be complete for patients at the end of the year.

If you want to have a named brick for a loved

one, or buy a pallet of bricks then please contact Laura Forbes on 01207 523294 or email lforbes@willowburnhospice.org.uk.



The first pallet of bricks sponsored by D & J Franks. David Franks with Willow Burn corporate fundraiser Laura Forbes.



Kevin Leary and grandson James presenting a cheque to Laura Forbes of Willow Burn for the sponsorship of a pallet of bricks.



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'ALWAYS REMEMBERED'

Dorothy Hall from the North East War Memorials Project gave an enthusiastic and emotional talk to members and visitors at the May meeting of the History Society.

This project covers an area from the Tweed to the Tees, where there are 4850 known war memorials. Many war memorials have disappeared over the years from churches, schools and old industrial buildings, many of which have been demolished, developed or changed their use. There could be many more than the 4850 found to date.

We were all captivated watching a short film made by local company, the Lonely Tower Company. Focusing upon the region, it included the history of memorials dating back from the time of the Pharaohs. Memorials can take many forms: statues, plaques, rolls of honour

and even buildings such as a memorial hall or hospital eg Darlington Memorial Hospital. The Renwick 'The Response' memorial near Newcastle Civic Centre was unveiled by the Prince of Wales, with an estimated cost of £2700 and Stanley Crook's unusual Memorial, showing the Statue of Sorrow cost £435. Lanchester Green memorial's cost is unknown.

Due to the nation's shock at the time of the enormous casualties of WWI, towns and villages set up committees to organise a memorial site to recognise these losses and create a place for people to remember those they had lost. It is not hard to understand the difficulty of relatives grieving for their son, husband, or brother when they could not organise a funeral for them. Some families did not have their

relative's name included on the memorial, when they had been posted as missing in action and their body not found, in the hope that they would one day return home.

Dorothy mentioned two northern 'Thankful Villages' - Hunstanworth and Meldon. Here, there was no need for a memorial as everyone returned home.

Dorothy and Marian Morrison concluded by describing the research and new design of the Lanchester Village Green memorial which will be updated and extended. It will include the names of soldiers lost from Knitsley, Malton and Lanchester covering WWI, WWII and other conflicts.

The film can be viewed on You Tube, 'Always Remembered'. The www.newmp.org.uk website has a lot of information for each memorial, plaque and roll of honour.



Lanchester Green War Memorial dated 15.11.1951
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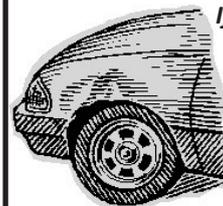
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MOTHERS' UNION COFFEE MORNING



Jill Finlayson and Margaret King offering the last of the cakes for sale at the Mothers' Union Coffee Morning.



Phyllis Reed, Linda Geer and Joyce Thomas relaxing after their hard work in the kitchen.

SATLEY WI MAY

Our President Linda Horn welcomed 14 members to our May meeting held in the Parish Hall. The minutes were read by Aldwyn Alderson and the monthly newsletter and other correspondence were discussed. Members voted in favour of the proposed WI resolution which will be discussed at the National AGM in June.

Final arrangements were made for our day trip to the Gilsland Hall Hotel, Houghton Hall Garden Centre and Carlisle, and Linda informed us that the weather is predicted to be good. We were reminded that we have been invited to join Lanchester WI at their 60s night and on their day trip in June.

Four of our members attended the Spring Council meeting in Bishop Auckland where we were presented with a Certificate as our WI is celebrating its 70th year. Our guest speaker was Mr Iain Anderson who gave

us an illustrated talk about the National Garden Scheme. We learned that Mary Berry is their President and last year they raised a record 3 million pounds for numerous charities (Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and The Queen's Nursing Institute amongst them). We were shown slides featuring some beautiful gardens of which many of us were envious. Details of when participating gardens are open to the public can be found online and there are many available to choose from in the North East. Iain was thanked by Freda Scott. We then enjoyed our refreshments which were supplied by Christine Wilson and Carol Dobinson. The raffle was won by Linda Horn. Our monthly competition for a 'miniature garden' was won by Joan Smith, 2nd Christine Wilson and 3rd Linda Horn.



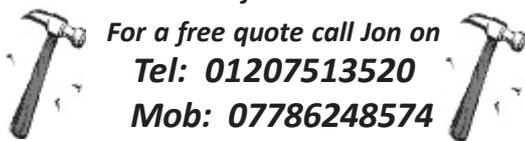
Joan Smith's winning entry in the Miniature Garden competition.

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A Coffee Morning was held at the Chapter House on Wednesday 16th May for Mothers' Union. This was a well attended event with cakes, tombola and raffle, which raised in the region of £500 for their funds. Organisers would like to thank all those who supported the event with such generosity.

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Sun protection - there is no safe or healthy way to get a tan. Use at least factor 15 to protect against SPF/UVB; children require factor 50. You can burn even if it is cloudy. Check your sunscreen's expiry date and cover up, wear sunglasses, some head covering and stay in the shade between 11 and 3. **Travel Insurance** - it is vital to have the right

insurance. Check your policy covers your destination and the duration of your stay as well as any specific activities you are planning. Remember to declare any medical conditions to ensure your policy offers sufficient cover.

European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is required when travelling in Europe. Remember, it won't cover you for everything that travel insurance can, such as emergency travel back to the UK.

Holiday Vaccinations - Do you need jabs? If you are planning to travel outside the UK, you may need to be vaccinated against diseases found in other parts of the world. Contact your surgery for advice; they will know if your existing jabs are up to date. Remember! Jabs

need to be given weeks before you travel.

Flying - If you have health concerns about flying seek advice from your surgery. Wear comfortable clothes, stand up, stretch your legs and keep moving your feet. Drink plenty of fluids but minimal or no alcohol. Jet lag is worst when travelling from west to east.

Medication - if you take regular medication or have a medical condition, take written information with you about your condition. Ensure you have sufficient medication for your holiday and order it in ample time. Take recent prescription information with you, (this accompanies each pharmacy prescription).

First Aid Kit - it's wise to take a few essentials to include painkillers, antiseptic, hand wash

gel, insect repellent and some band aids.

Food and Water - many illnesses are contracted through contaminated food and water. In countries with poor sanitation, don't drink tap water or use it to brush your teeth. Filtered, bottled, boiled or chemically treated water should be used. Bottled fizzy drinks with an intact seal are usually safe, as is boiled water. Ice in drinks should be avoided. The most reliable way to purify water is by boiling it.

Food served in hotels or restaurants may not always be safe, so take care. Ask around and pick places to eat that have a reputation for serving safe food. As a rule, only eat freshly prepared food that is thoroughly cooked and served steaming hot. Remember always wash your hands after going to the toilet and before preparing or eating food. **Take these healthy steps and you will be on track for a happy, healthy holiday!**

RED CROSS EVENTS

Fred Cleveland is celebrating his 92nd birthday with family and friends at the Red Cross coffee morning where £120 was raised which is going towards Red Cross Week.

Lanchester Red Cross is holding a Fashion Event on Wednesday 30th May 5.00 to 7.00 pm in the shop. We have many new items for sale including shoes, bags etc. Refreshments will be available.

Afternoon Tea, we are holding another of our very successful Teas on Tuesday 5th June in Lynwood at 2.00 pm. Tickets are £7.50 and can be bought from the Red Cross shop.



Fred Cleveland celebrating his 92nd birthday in the Red Cross shop.

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LANCHESTER FUN RUN REVIVED

Pictures of the old Lanchester Fun Run, posted on Facebook recently, sparked a discussion about re-establishing the event. A small group of volunteers has been formed (within The Lanchester Partnership) to resurrect the fun run.

The date is set for Sunday 22nd July and the event will be a Fun Run and Summer Fair from 10am to 2 pm in the grounds of Burnhopeside Hall. The route is a 2.5k course opening at 11 am and, for £5 per adult and £2 per child, can be run as many times as each runner wishes until 1 pm.

Aside from the Fun Run there will be family games, inflatables and activities, and Willow Burn Hospice

will be onsite selling BBQ food and refreshments. A shuttle bus from the King's Head Car Park (donations appreciated, not compulsory) will get people to the event and back. Access is also available from Malton picnic area by foot.

It is hoped that a successful first year will mean that future years will incorporate additional options of 5k and 10k routes.

You will soon see advertising and entry forms around the village. Please remember, this is not only for the runners, there will be plenty for the non-runners to participate in too.

If anyone would like to get involved in this year's event, as a runner or a

volunteer, please contact Michelle Atkinson on michelle.atkinson@hotmail.co.uk and follow the Facebook page - Lanchester Partnership Village Vita.

Proceeds will support Willow Burn Hospice and the Lanchester Partnership (both of which do a lot of great work in our village).

Thanks to Lanchester Parish Council, Councillor Ossie Johnson and Councillor Jude Considine of Durham County Council, for funding. Also to Burnhopeside Hall for their hospitality. Also, thanks to The Lanchester Partnership and Willow Burn Hospice for their support in the organisation of the event.



The whole family can enjoy the Fun Run.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Deciding to stay closer to home, we chose The Stables, which was wonderfully warm, extremely cosy and we certainly got service with a smile.

It was very busy but they found us a table - no mean feat when you're looking to seat 8. During our meal a birthday cake was brought in, one lovely old gentleman was celebrating his 90th! The Stables offer a light lunch menu on Monday - Friday 12 noon-3 pm for

£6.95 which is really good value and some of us took up the offer choosing a small Cod and chips and the Roast of the day with Yorkshire pud, roast pots and veg. We also sampled Fillet of stone bass on a crab risotto with a red wine butter sauce and Stables steak and Copy Lane ale pie with spring onion mash, pickled red cabbage and red wine gravy. For puds it was Rum and raisin creme brûlée with biscotti biscuit, Sticky toffee pudding with toffee sauce

and clotted cream ice cream, Dark chocolate and pistachio tart with honey pistachio brittle, Baileys and caramel cheesecake and Chocolate orange brioche bread and butter pudding with vanilla anglaise. Add a good glass of wine and some excellent coffee and we were most definitely well fed and watered!

It was a lovely meal which we all enjoyed and we look forward to paying the Stables a return visit.

The Gourmet Girls

LANCHESTER WI MET IN MAY ...

We met on May 14th, a lovely spring evening. Members were greeted by Maisie Raine, who reminded everyone of the importance of being aware of everything that was happening at this busy time - events are displayed on the Information Table during meetings and published in our Durham County News. Merryoaks WI are planning to start up a Durham WI film club and local branches are invited to view a movie every month, encouraging closer links between members. Our local Red Cross shop plan a fashion event and afternoon tea soon, and we are returning to Consett Glass and Art Gallery for a demo, wine and nibbles and shopping opportunity. Our next Coffee Morning is in October and our Birthday outing is being planned. We look forward to our Open Evening next month and to our Summer outing. It will be a busy and interesting summer!

Dorothy Beadling won our competition, 'My Pet Gripe' and raffle winners were Janis Suddes and Margaret Rutter. Our speaker was Lisa Jackson, a Police Community Support Officer, who has been a member of Durham Constabulary for 12 years. Lisa spoke with humour and passion about her duties in our area. Durham Constabulary was formed in 1839, one of the first police forces to be set up and today it serves a population of 595,300. Although the Police

service has suffered some severe cuts in the last few years, Durham has used this as a valuable period of reorganisation, with merged specialism units and training facilities with Cleveland Police, development of use of the internet and social media and information sharing with neighbouring forces. Lisa enjoys working with the local community, and acknowledges the importance of developing close links with the younger generation. The excellent work of Durham Constabulary is

recognised by the HMIC rating of 'outstanding' after their inspection. We enjoyed Lisa's

presentation and appreciate the valuable service of her and her colleagues.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB



Marion Hinchley with her 'Back to Basics' arrangements.

Lanchester Flower Club's meeting was held on 25th April in Lanchester Community Centre. The Flower Demonstrator was Marion Hinchley, a well known arranger. Her theme was 'Back to Basics'. Marion showed

us the different styles and shapes for the basic beginnings for floral arrangements. She produced some excellent arrangements for us to raffle. Everyone then enjoyed tea, coffee and biscuits and chatter.



PCSO Lisa Jackson

THURSDAY CLUB APRIL MEETING



Kath demonstrating wearing her Indian sari.

I thought that, because it was a rare sunny, warm afternoon, our members would be enjoying their gardens instead of being indoors. However such is the popularity of our 2 speakers, Kath and Harry Gilbert, everyone arrived in

colourful shades of spring bringing the garden inside!! Kath and Harry took us on a journey across India which really was 'Beyond Belief'. The temples and buildings were not only Hindu but also from the Mogul empire (Islam), and also Portuguese and British (Christianity). The colours, complex carvings and mosaics were amazing. The people were always smiling, eager to greet everyone and happy to have their photo taken. Despite the poverty the women were dressed in beautiful saris, some cotton, some silk, in every colour imaginable.

For special festivals the women wear Jasmine garlands in their hair. In order to reach one temple, Kath and Harry had to climb over 450 steps which was quite an effort in the heat but well worth it. Kath could not resist buying a sari and brought it with her to demonstrate how a sari is worn - not as easy as it might seem. Once again they did not disappoint and we are all looking forward to their next adventure. After quite a lively question and answer session the afternoon ended with refreshments and a good natter. The perfect end to a lovely afternoon.



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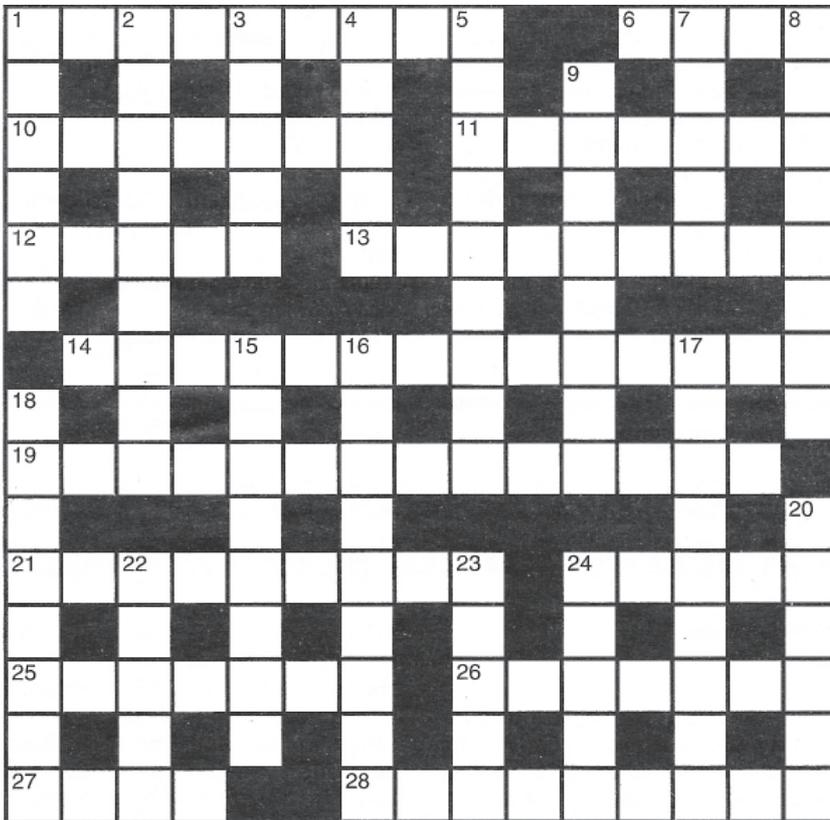
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CROSSWORD 145



ACROSS

1. Exaggerate (9)
6. Blackleg (4)
10. Compliment (7)
11. Embrace (7)
12. Out of date (5)
13. Show up (9)
14. Stay calm (4,4,4,2)
19. Aggravate pain (4,2,3,5)
21. Performance (9)
24. Ostentatious (5)
25. Harangue (7)
26. Rues (7)
27. Fluctuate (2-2)
28. Gypsy (9)

DOWN

1. Bolt (6)
2. Complete surprise (9)
3. Overweight (5)
4. Avoid (5)
5. Recompense (9)
7. The Black lady in lilac! (5)
8. Approval (8)
9. Project (8)
15. Grip load is extravagant (8)
16. Explain now! (3,4,2)
17. Jog the memory (4,1,4)
18. Spread thinly (8)
20. Search yields a strong drink (6)
22. On edge (5)
23. Roman lady (5)
24. Type of musical composition (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 144

ACROSS

1. posture
5. liaises
9. speedwell
10. ailer
11. elan
12. riboflavin
14. adding
15. Trotsky
16. chowder
18. entity
20. rotten meat
21. liar
24. among
25. oblivious
26. treadle
27. Yorkist

DOWN

1. paste
2. steward
3. undo
4. evening primrose
5. lily of the valley
6. at all costs
7. strives
8. springy
13. middle aged
16. currant
17. outcome
19. Tripoli
22. resit
23. over

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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.

CROSSWORD 144

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to A Tait of Briardene who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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.

6			3					2
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		1	8		9			
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		9			4			
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					7		6	3

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WALKS WITH BROCK



Hi, it's Brock again and I'm that Jack Russell cross who gets cross when I don't get my share of walks. I'm going to tell you about a walk we did at Allensford.

I have always enjoyed a trip to the Allensford picnic area, just off the A68 on the Durham/Northumberland border. I love going there because there is a river to splash about in and lots of canine pals to chat to and to chase over the grass. One never knows, occasionally you can bump into the odd frisky female.

One thing that does bother me about my Human is that whenever I cast my eye on the female of the species and try to get to know her better, to put it politely, he invariably produces my lead and issues a stern shout.

Nevertheless, he does have his good points, and one of those is his

enthusiasm for walking in the country, one that I of course share, which is why we get along OK most of the time.

On this occasion he took me on a walk starting from the car park at Allensford. We started off with a quick sprint (me) and a gentle stroll (the Human) across the grass from the caravan site towards the main road, the A68, where I was put on my lead.

From there we walked across a road bridge over the Derwent, to the sound of barking dogs at a house at the side of the road.

We continued for what seemed like a long way uphill on a footpath until we reached the summit where we crossed the road and followed a farm track to a place called Mosswood.

I'm afraid I'll have to stop at this point as the editor of the Village Voice is really mean and only allows me a short space to tell of my adventures but I suppose it's only fair because there are lots of things going on in the village that need to be reported, so I'll be back soon, I hope.

LONELINESS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst potential triggers can be similar for various age groups, there is no 'set' way to act and distinct challenges face our young people today.

Youth loneliness and isolation is a matter of significant concern. 1 in 3 young people suffer from loneliness and 65% of 16-25 year old report feeling loneliness at times and 32% feeling lonely "often" or "all the time".

Moments of transition are challenging and significant influencers as young people experience new situations and relationships, for example, school/college/university transitions; school/work transitions; leaving home/living independently and dating/seeking/forming adult relationships.

Coupled with other difficulties, more than momentary loneliness may result - experiences

like: parental separation/divorce; homelessness or moving house; changing schools; siblings leaving home; difficult break up of early romantic/sexual relationships; illness and bereavement.

Young people's experiences of loneliness include such things as getting to 13, coping with change and adolescence, "being new here, in a new place...", encountering loss or being a victim of violence or bullying, "being different..." - not fitting in, being left out (online and social media too), and feelings of failure and disappointment.

Loneliness can make young people feel awkward and anxious. They may not readily ask for help or seek support. However, they can benefit tremendously from mutual support. Opportunities to do something together, participating in local

clubs, leisure activities, venues and voluntary roles can all help to encourage a personal sense of achievement and positive belonging. Key principles still hold true: showing empathy and respect; taking time to fully understand what loneliness means to them; being genuine and 'real'; and having a non-judgemental manner.

Young people readily recognise acts of friendship as being very important. One young person summarised it like this, "Friends are different to everyone else. Friends are there when you need them. Friends are people who take the time to listen and pay attention".

Let's all take the time to listen, pay more attention to and make more friends, especially with our young people. *Article inspired by the work of Manchester Metropolitan University and 42nd Street Charity.*

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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To serve 4.
Pasta shapes, 175g (6 oz)
Butter, 50g (2 oz)
Red onion, 1, sliced
Garlic clove, 1, crushed
Sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil, 50g (2oz) drained and chopped
Button mushrooms, 150g (5 oz), wiped and sliced
Courgette, 1, sliced

Baby corn, 110g, (4 oz), sliced in half
Tomato pasta sauce, 1 x 275g jar
Eggs, 2
Greek-style natural yoghurt, 300g, (11 oz)
Mature Cheddar cheese, 150g (5 oz) grated
Basil or oregano, chopped, plus sprigs to garnish
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F, Gas 6.
2. Cook the pasta shapes in plenty of boiling, lightly salted water until just tender, about 8-10 minutes, or according to pack instructions.
3. Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large frying pan and sauté the onion and

garlic gently for 5 minutes. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and all the remaining vegetables and cook for 5 more minutes, stirring frequently.

4. Drain the pasta well and add to the vegetable mixture with the pasta sauce, stirring to combine. Transfer to a large buttered ovenproof dish.
5. Beat together the eggs and yoghurt, then stir in the cheese. Add the basil or oregano and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Pour evenly over the pasta and vegetables. Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and golden brown. Serve, garnished with fresh herb sprigs.

WHAT'S ON?

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip on Tuesday 12th June to Vlass Vale Nature Reserve guided by 'Friends of Vlass Vale'. Meet at 6.30 pm in the Community Centre car park or at 7 pm in King's Lodge car park, or Waddington Street.

On Saturday 23rd June there will be a Saturday morning Field Trip - a joint meet with Durham Wildlife Trust. The subject will be 'Birding in the North Pennines'. Meet in the Community centre car park at 9.30am to share lifts to Tunstall Reservoir where we will meet in the car park for 10am, finishing by 2 pm.

Enter and View

A visit to **Lanchester Medical Centre**, facilitated by Healthwatch for the practice, has been arranged for Monday 18th June, 9.00 am till 12.00 noon. Everyone welcome.

Gillian Webster, new Practice Manager

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting, one of our two Open Evening Meetings, is to be held on Friday evening 29th June at Lanchester Community Centre at 7 pm. Tickets are £7, everyone is welcome. Our demonstrator is Katie-Jane Hermes and the theme will be 'Anniversary' as we will be celebrating 45 years of Lanchester Flower Club meeting in Lanchester Community Centre.

Tickets on sale, please contact Helen Tomlinson 01027 503667 or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494. You can also just come along on the evening and pay at the door.

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Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 14th June.

Lacemaking

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

Needlecraft

On Wednesdays 1.00-3.00pm.

Baby Group

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

Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 24th June. Meet in the Malton car park at 10.00 am.

Parish Church Summer Fair

The SUMMER FAIR will take place in the Chapter House on Saturday, 23rd June, 9.30 - 11.30 am.

The theme this year is 'Sunshine and Strawberries'. On sale will be: cakes and savouries, jams and preserves, books, bric a brac, toiletries, bottle tombola, bags and scarves, and hand crafted goods, ie bags, pinnies and tea towels. The GRAND SUMMER DRAW will take place with some fabulous prizes to be won.

Coffee, tea, and strawberry scones are £1.00, with a free drink and treat for children. Do come and join us - everyone is very welcome.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 7th June 11.30 am until 1.00pm.

Balsam Pulling

See article on page 4 for further details.

June dates

Thursday 14th at 7 pm
Saturday 16th at 10 am
Tuesday 19th at 2 pm
Saturday 30th at 10 am
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 railway path, grid reference NZ168471. Contact lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com.

Lanchester WI

Lanchester WI invite you to their Open Evening on Thursday 14th June, at Lanchester Social Club. The theme is The Sixties, tickets are £5 and include live entertainment and 60s style light refreshments. 60s dress is optional.

A few places remain for our visit to Kynren, Gold seats are reserved and cost for ticket and transport is £40. Find out details from lanchesterwi@talktalk.net.

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 4th June, when Phil Curtis will talk about 'Life in the 1960s' and our competition is to find a souvenir of the '60s.

Cuppa, Lunch and Company

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 12th June 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House. Please phone to say if you would like to come. Call Jo: 07969 454815.

Musical Minis

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

Gin History & Tasting

On Saturday 23rd June at 7 pm, a gin extravaganza night will be held at Lanchester Community Centre.

Noel Jackson, an expert on the history of gin will tell the story, which will be followed by 4 samples of different gins, including the Durham Gin. Exciting mixers and nibbles will be on offer.

Tickets from the Community Centre, Post Office and from Paul Jackson, Stonebeck. Be quick as numbers are limited!

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.

Thursday Club

At our next meeting, on 21st June at 1.30 pm, we are looking forward to welcoming Tom Richardson of Wheelbirks Farm.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday 13th June is our Musical Evening when our church's Music Group will entertain us with a selection of musical items. We will meet in the Chapter House first at 7.30 pm before going into church for the entertainment.

Toddler Time

Lanchester Library hold sessions for Under Fives every Thursday between 2 and 3 pm.

Come along to these sessions for your child to enjoy music, songs and rhymes.

Partnership AGM

Our AGM will be held in the RC Parish Centre at 11.00 am on 9th June. All members are urged to attend. There will be short reports, plans for next year, questions, a poster display, wine and nibbles.

Library Book Club

On Monday June 25th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'Starter for Ten' by David Nichols from the same author as 'One Day' and 'Us'. 'Hugely Entertaining' (Daily Mail). If you have read this bestseller, do come along and join in with the discussion.

Thursday Book Club
On Thursday June 21st from 5.30-6.30pm, the discussion will be 'The President's Hat' by Antoine Laurain, a really enjoyable read about the effects of the hat on different French residents.

If you would like to join this group, pop into the library and pick up this book and join the discussion.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday June 11th from 3.45 - 4.30 pm. Children aged 8-11 years old 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 the library or contact 03000 269514.

Local History Society

Subject: 'Treasures from the Tip'

Speaker: John Gall

Date: Friday June 1st

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

We are delighted once again to be entertained by John's wonderful knowledgeable, humorous, informative, and interesting talk on his many treasures discovered locally.

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

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held on June 11th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall. Our entertainment will be supplied by our own members so a fun night is guaranteed. Please feel free to join us.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 6th June at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

EARLY SEASON WINS FOR BOWLING CLUB

I would be lying if I told you the early season matches were an unmitigated success for Lanchester Bowling Club, but on the positive side, all of our teams except one have had wins in the first few games of the season. The Saturday team got off to a good start with a 7-3 win away to our neighbours Annfield Plain. Although the Monday team had a narrow defeat in their first game, they bounced back to beat Sherburn Park (Consett) 8-2 in their second and the Tuesday development team had a good 8-2 win over Consett Park. The Wednesday team have

Lanchester Agricultural Show

Lanchester Show is on Sunday 1st July, and has been running for the last 65 years in Lanchester. In line with our history there will be a Heritage Marquee which will include a range of country and traditional crafts including Spinning, Leather Workers, Greenwood Workers, Bee keepers, Guild of Stick makers, Willow Weavers, to name just a few.

Come, bring the children and have a truly family fun day out. Dangerous Steve will be performing juggling feats, unicycle riding and ladder balancing. Captain Raggy Beard will be captivating his audience with tales of the high seas.

Other attractions include British Showjumping, Shetland Pony Racing, Terrier Racing, Heavy Horses, Animals about Town, Fun Dog Show and more.

Look for details on the website lanchestershow.com and Facebook.

only played one game, a 6-2 defeat to Chester-le Street. Was it the long journey that put them off?

The get together sessions on Thursday afternoons (1.45 pm) and Sunday (2.45 pm) have been well attended with a good mix of new, developing and established bowlers. We are delighted to welcome some new members. Some are returning to the game after a long absence, others are just starting to learn and enjoy bowling. These sessions are open to all people who want to give it a try and help is on hand to get you started.

BEER, CIDER AND GIN FESTIVAL

I suspect that by the time you are reading this, the Beer Festival will be well underway. If you came along, then I hope that you had a great time and come back next year. Ravellos Italian Restaurant were a late addition to our sponsors list, as well as Safety Checked and Chris Clinton Dog Walking and Grooming service who are based in Lanchester and Brooklands Wedding Cars from the village who are our Gin night sponsor. Aukestra Creative Solutions were another

late addition to the team. We'd like to thank all of our sponsors for their help and support as we couldn't host the event without them. We have 30 beers provided by Wylam, Box Social, Almasty and Two by Two, with great names such as Swipe Right, Gentleman's Nectar and Snake Eyes. Then there are 20 ciders supplied by Lilleys and Gwynt Y Ddraig, with titles such as Black Dragon, Dog Dancer and Happy Daze. Remember Pip Stop will be supplying wines all

weekend and a selection of gins on the Friday.

No one gets paid to work at the Beer Festival, we rely heavily on club members and friends to work voluntarily and it is hard work but well worth the effort, so do spare a thought for all those who are trying to ensure you have a great time.

I hope that everyone behaves as last year and goes home quietly so as not to disturb our neighbours. Please enjoy the event and keep it a good news event for our great village.

CRICKET NEWS

After the first week of fixtures was cancelled and reallocated later into the season, the games finally got going. The firsts have won two, lost two. Unfortunately, the fixture list wasn't kind and we had champions and runners up to face in the first three games. Against Swalwell, we were short of three key players and lost by four wickets. We then trounced Newcastle City with Graham Brinton scoring 90 in a crack. There then followed defeat at the hands of Shotley Bridge, where despite Kieron Taylor's five wicket haul and a century by Sam Crooks, we were a long way

behind. The month finished with a hard fought win at Tynedale. Brinton fell just short of his hundred with 97 despite a painful hand as the side crept past Tynedale's score of 197. The seconds started life in the new set up with wins over Cowgate and Greenside. Marc Ramshaw and Mark Small both made half centuries against Cowgate whilst all six bowlers that were used took wickets in a big win. Against Greenside, Harry Lovell made 53 and Marc Ramshaw 47. Greenside were bowled out with Nav Ahmed taking five wickets. There was then a defeat against

Tynedale despite 101 by Mark Small.

With a very young side, the thirds were comfortably beaten at Kimblesworth and lost in a close match with Whickham.

The under 18s lost to Stocksfield in the cup but beat them in the league. Arran Halliday top scored with 45 and 36 not out. Younger players James Kime and David Barnett have taken three wickets in one of the games.

The under 15s have only had one game and ran national contenders Burnopfield close. It was a great night for Dan Arthur who took 5-8 and then scored an unbeaten 50.



A good turnout of members for the Thursday 'get together'.

RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON



Marathon man, Deputy Head Andrew Knighton.



Andrew's supporters, the pupils at Lanchester EP School who ran a mini marathon and with help from parents raised over £300 for Multiple Sclerosis. See story page 3.

GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND

On Sunday 13th May, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held the Great British Tennis Weekend Event. This is a national initiative by the Lawn Tennis Association to promote the sport to players of all ages. The weather was fantastic and over 60 people attended the event enjoying activities such as the ball machine to practise those strokes, cardio tennis, the tennis factory and of course the game of tennis itself. Refreshments were also on offer along with equipment availability. Head coach Sam Stokoe, along with Dennis Laycock ran the activities on court and club committee



Both young and old enjoying the activities organised for the Tennis weekend.

members helped to organise registration and the refreshments.

The next social event for the club will be the barbeque on Saturday 16th June.

A reminder of coaching sessions on Monday evenings:

4.30-5.15 pm Tots tennis, 4.30-5.30 pm under 8s, 5.30-6.30 pm 8 to 11 years, 6.30-7.30 pm over 12s and adults. Adult coaching will also start on Friday 18th May 1.30 to 2.30 pm. For information about the club, coaching or courses please contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

GIVE OUR WILDFLOWERS A CHANCE



A beautiful display of our native flowering plants (Cranesbill and Red Campion) at Malton.



Himalayan Balsam which is threatening to take over our nature reserves. Can you help? See page 4.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 19th June.

The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 15th June.

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