

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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THE RIDE FOR JOAN



Participants of all ages took part in the 'Ride for Joan' event organised by members of the Lanchester Chi Taekwondo Club in memory of Joan Britton. See article on page 4.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB



Dancers Ella Davies, Ella Bolton and Lucy Moore, in sparkling form.



Grumpy Skeleton Man (Rev Stuart Earl) amusing a captive audience. See page 3.

NEW VICAR FOR LANCHESTER

Rev Stephanie Clark, vicar of St Andrew's Church in Stanley, has been appointed as Area Dean of Lanchester. She will continue in her present position as vicar of Stanley and South Moor.

Her new role will cover a wide area across Derwentside, but she will sometimes conduct services at All Saints in Lanchester and St John's Church, Burnhope.

She stressed that she will also ensure there is a regular supply of clergy to conduct services and provide the required amount of pastoral care at both churches, which have been left without permanent incumbents following the recent resignation of Rev Rupert Kalus and his curate, Rev Ali Miller.

She is 51 years old and was previously vicar at St Nicholas Church, Monkwearmouth, Sunderland.

Neil McKay

GIVE FOR GRACE



Grace Carson, a lovely young lady in need of urgent spinal surgery, enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Mel Somersall to help raise money for her 'Give for Grace' fundraising effort.

See report on page 3.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

I recently stumbled into Kitswell Road and was saved from falling by three lovely young men on the way to collect their exam results on 23rd August (I assume). They also picked up my wayward potatoes! I would like to say a huge thank you to them. I think I could have hurt myself badly if they hadn't helped. I really appreciate it and hope they did well in their exams. Thank you again. Esther Jablonski

Dear Village Voice

The family of Dulcie Mary Welsh would like to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards, flowers, kind words, prayers, support and donations received following their very sad, sudden loss. Special thanks to Reverend Peter Waterhouse, Kathryn Hendry, Funeral Director and staff of Co-operative Funeral Service, Stanley Branch, to Crinnions for catering, and everyone who helped us on the day. Donations to Willow Burn Hospice and All Saints' Church amounted to £420 which is to be divided equally. Linda and John Marrin and family.

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for August was 29. The draw was made by P Kelly, Gym member.

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice

I should like to express my gratitude to Durham County Council for their very rapid response in relation to a dangerous bench situated on the railway walk.

Before you could say 'Jack Robinson' a super new bench appeared for all to enjoy (see photo on right).

Well Done!
Ian Tute



The new seat installed very quickly by Durham County Council.

Healthwatch County Durham

This month we are seeking patients' views on the following topics:- Dementia Services and Transition in care for younger patients transferring to adult services.

Could I invite readers to submit their views via our website e-bulletin at healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk - 'Have your say'.

Thank you for your help.

Brian Jackson, Chair, Healthwatch County Durham

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SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

The Methodist Church ran their 3rd fabulous holiday club during the last week of the summer holidays.

This year's theme was 'Space Academy' led by Commander (Claire Earl) and Stellar (Claire's daughter, Ami) and ably assisted by Grumpy (Rev Stuart Earl). There were songs, dances and jokes and even a sketch, performed by members of the Methodist Church. The children were split into six groups, each led by volunteers from the three churches in the village.

Over 60 children attended each morning, from Tuesday to Saturday, and all had an amazing time. I had the pleasure of working with these fantastic people, young and old, and lost count of how many said it was the best week of the whole holidays!

Remember "God lights my path and keeps me safe, so why should I be afraid?"

Next year the club is hoping to run again during the last week of the school holidays, so keep it free!

Amy Bell



Claire Earl and her daughter Ami entertaining the children.

GIVE FOR GRACE - MEL'S MARVELLOUS MEAL

During the past year Mel Somersall has delighted everyone with his special meals through which he has raised a lot of money for various charities. On September 15th in the Methodist Church, he cooked again to help the fundraising for 'Give for Grace'. The event was very well attended and there was a wonderful sense of fellowship and goodwill.

Grace Carson herself was present as were members of her family, who expressed their great gratitude. Indeed, they are very touched and extremely thankful for the way our village has taken Grace to their heart and is making every effort to raise the amount of money needed for her to have urgent spinal surgery. Jane Nattress, mother of Henry Dancer who died from cancer at a very young age and launched the charity 'Henry Dancer Days' is helping the family to manage the fundraising. She informed the gathering of 150 people that over half of the £35,000 needed has been raised and she is confident that the target

will be reached by the end of October, for Grace to have the operation in Germany in November.

Grace, 14 years old, suffers from a major spinal deformity Scoliosis. She explains, "This means that my spine is bent, so I'm in pain a lot of the time and feel that I look different to my friends. I'm so much smaller than they are. I have a beautiful little puppy, Alfie, who I love to bits but sometimes even walking him hurts too much. I need to have an operation to straighten my spine. My case is really unusual in where my spine is affected, so it is not a

simple operation and this is why I need to go abroad to have it done. If I don't have the operation done in the next six months the doctors won't be able to help me, as I'll have grown too much. My family are doing all they can to raise the money but I need help as we have to raise £35,000! Thank you."

The meal was excellent with a starter, and 4 choices for the main course and desserts, finishing with coffee/tea and mints. Mel thanked everyone for their presence and gave special thanks to his team

of helpers, who served the tables and looked after their guests so efficiently. Mel also thanked Ray Emmerton and the butcher at Leadgate, both of whom had given him very good discounts. The magnificent total of £1,835.81 was raised

which was very gratifying and will greatly help in reaching the target for Grace.

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THE RIDE FOR JOAN



Mike and Joan Britton

On 10th April 2018, the whole of Chi Taekwondo North East were devastated by the loss of Joan Britton, a popular and much-loved member of the Chi family and an instructor in all aspects of Taekwondo for over 25 years. Being fit and strong at the age of 67 she fought valiantly but sadly, within a short space of time, lost her life to a virulent form of cancer. Lanchester Club members felt that they wanted to do something as a tribute to Joan and to support

her widower Mike, also a member of Chi and senior instructor of a club in Fishburn. They came up with the idea of doing a sponsored RIDE FOR JOAN, a cycle ride in her honour and to raise funds for the cancer charity Macmillan.

Neil Hockworth, 3rd Dan who runs the Lanchester Club and Jane White, member and Neil's partner, set to organising the event. They chose Sunday 2nd September. Neither of them had ever organised anything like this, but they felt strongly that Joan deserved a tribute and that funds raised would be for a good cause. To include all age groups, they decided on 3 distances - 5, 13 and 21

miles, all of them along the railway paths for safety reasons. The ride (not a race) was based at the Malton Picnic area where BeeMyHome Estate Agents registered the riders and handed them their T-shirts. The 5 mile ride turned at Diggerland in Langley Park, the 13 mile at Broom Park and the longest at Esh Winning. At each turning point marshals and first-aiders were in attendance, to check and provide extra water and sweets for energy.

34 cyclists set off on a sunny Sunday, the 5 milers in green T-shirts, blue for the 13 milers and the bravest riders wearing red. Mike Britton wore white as he was not sure how far he would be able to cycle. Only one of the participants was a regular cyclist, and many came from as far away as Catterick. One intrepid young man, 20 year old

Corey Wilson, rode a unicycle - no mean feat to maintain balance on the gravelly paths! Ages of riders ranged from Oliver White aged 7 who pedalled 5 miles, to Mike Britton himself 69 who finished the 21 miles, arriving back at Malton to a guard of honour and cheers and applause. In addition to the T-shirt, each cyclist got a certificate with time and distance.

After the ride everyone gathered round with tea and coffee, swapping stories and comparing sore behinds! Although the purpose of the ride was perhaps somewhat serious, there was much laughter and fun, everyone enjoying the day. There is already talk of 'next year'. At the time of writing funds are still coming in but the total to date is over £2,000. A wonderful tribute to a wonderful lady who will be sorely missed by the greater Taekwondo community.

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The last workshop will be held at Croft View Halls on Saturday 6th October 2018 from 2-4 pm. This workshop will only be to paint all the poppies that are remaining which will total well over 300. Tea and coffee will as always, be available free during the afternoon. We have reached our revised target to make 4,000 poppies which is a magnificent effort from everyone involved including all the schools and young people. Tickets will go on sale for the Festival of Remembrance service on Thursday 8th and

Friday 9th November at this workshop. Tickets will only be allocated after this workshop; if you are unable to attend, email enquiries for tickets should be sent to erichepplewhite@btinternet.com. Tickets are limited to two per person. A reminder that the displays will be set up at the end of October and the Methodist Church will be open from around 9.30 am until 8 pm from 1st-18th November 2018. More details of this will appear in the next edition of the Village Voice.

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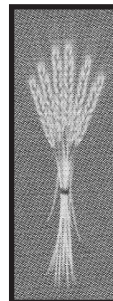
#EduFootyAid is a new charity football event raising money for Mind, the country's leading mental health charity. What makes #EduFootyAid extra special is that all the players are primary school teachers. It is set to be a bi-annual fixture with the first match taking place at Lanchester EP School on Saturday October 6th, gates open at 12 noon and kick-off is at 2 pm. Every player is raising a minimum of £50 in sponsorship and overall the event hopes to raise £3,000.

It is being organised by the Striker Boy campaign which was set up in memory of former primary school teacher Jonny Zucker, who sadly took his own life in 2016. Mental health is a key concern for the education sector, with rates of suicide amongst

primary school teachers nearly double the national average (Office of National Statistics, 2017). Whilst the cause is very serious the event itself has been designed as a joyful and inclusive community day; ideal for children and adults of all ages. As well as the football there will be stalls, raffles, face-painting, refreshments and all the merriment that you'd expect to find at a great British school fair. The event is free for spectators and you can register via the Striker Boy campaign Facebook page. This event has only been

made possible thanks to generous sponsorship from a number of suppliers within the education sector, namely The TES, Think-IT, Groupcall, Animate2Educate, The Literacy Shed, Primary PE Passport, and 2Simple. If you would like to show your support for the teachers playing in #EduFootyAid you can make a donation on JustGiving. Any teachers who would like to play in future #EduFootyAid events should head to www.strikerboy.com to register their interest.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th September 2018

Correspondence

1. The Clerk Magazine - July 2018 - received.

2. Campaign to Protect Rural England - summer newsletter - received.

3. Durham County Council-Consultation on Proposal to Remove Street Lights

Members considered the consultation information which proposed the removal of 12 lighting columns between the A691 and Malton. A detailed discussion took place.

A number of residents attended the meeting and raised a number of concerns regarding the proposed removal of the street lights.

It was agreed that the Parish Council respond to the consultation and object to the removal of the lighting columns due to pedestrian and vehicle safety, antisocial behaviour factors, lack of footpath, effect on residents at Malton.

4. Request to spread ashes on the Village Green

Councillors considered and agreed a request to scatter the ashes of a past

Councillor on the Village Green. The Councillor had served on the Parish Council for many years and provided exceptional service to the Parish Council.

5. Lanchester Christmas Lights - Members agreed the quotation received from Durham County Council to undertake annual works on the Christmas Lights.

6. Lanchester Partnership Fun Run - Members received feedback on the event in July. The event had been successful with 200 people taking part in the run.

7. Durham County Council-consultation on tree management work on the Lanchester Walk, Malton - received.

Neighbourhood Plan Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The County Council were thanked for their involvement in work to produce maps and identify Locally Valued Landscapes. The first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan document was distributed

to Councillors. Those Councillors not in attendance would receive a copy through the door. Feedback on the document was requested by 25th September. It is intended to undertake public consultation in the New Year.

Lanchester War Memorial

Members were informed that the work to extend the War Memorial had commenced. A final consultation on the list of names for inclusion on the War Memorial had taken place. The panels are now being proofed before they are engraved. The rededication of the War Memorial will take place on Friday 19th October at 2pm.

Flooding Events and Flood Alleviation Works

Members were informed of the following information received from the County Council. The flood alleviation works include works to the culvert in Woodham Court which will require removal of trees. This work has commenced. Following this a large grated channel is to be

installed against the kerb line opposite Woodham Court to intercept runoff coming down Newbiggen Lane. A grated channel is also to be installed across the full width of Newbiggen Lane close to the entrance of Lee Hill Court to intercept runoff coming down Newbiggen Lane.

With regard to the flood event on 2nd June, the County Council have confirmed that this was a 1 in 185 year event. Typically highway drainage and sewers are designed to a 1 in 30 year event. The scheme in Lanchester is designed to a 1 in 100 year event.

Community Defibrillator Members were informed that an appropriate community defibrillator had been identified. Lanchester Pharmacy had been approached and were happy for the defibrillator to be installed on their outside wall. It will be necessary to

provide electricity to the box. Planning permission will also be required for the defibrillator.

A resident has offered to fund the defibrillator. It was agreed that the Parish Council should part fund this project. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be delighted to receive a contribution towards the project.

Annual Return 2017/18

The Lead Officer went through the papers returned from external audit. External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern.

The Annual Return was approved and accepted. **Financial report** - discussed and approved. **Accounts for Payment** - approved.

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.



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REDEDICATION OF LANCHESTER WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council and members of the community have been working for some time to have the names of fallen soldiers added to the Village Green War Memorial.

The original War Memorial was dedicated in 1951. The War Memorial was then moved to its current position in 1972.

The works to the War Memorial are currently being undertaken by Art of Stone Memorials. 130 names have been identified and will be engraved on the new marble panels.

The project has been made possible through a grant from the County Council Neighbourhood Budget. The Parish Council has also

committed funds to enable the project to progress.

The Rededication of the War Memorial will take place on Friday 19th October at 2 pm. The three churches in the Parish will lead the service. The Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowdon will attend.

It is hoped that there will be representation from the schools and organisations in the Parish. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Following the service on the Village Green, refreshments will be served at the Methodist Church.

For further information please contact Sally on 01207520146.

BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE

WWI Beacons of Light

Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council are working in partnership to light a beacon as part of the WWI Beacons of Light Event.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7 pm on 11th November 2018 throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories - a century after the guns fell silent.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who,

often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvest home and ensuring the nation did not starve.

The Beacon which has been specially made will be located on high ground at Burnhope picnic area on Edge Lane.

The Beacon event will take place on Sunday 11th November at Burnhope Picnic Area. It will commence at 6.45 pm and the Beacon will be lit at 7.00 pm.

The event site will be dark in places and the ground may be muddy and uneven. In addition care needs to be taken when

crossing the road from Burnhope to the picnic site. Parking will be very limited. People are being encouraged to walk from Burnhope to the picnic area. A coach will be available free of charge from Lanchester. The coach will leave from the Village Green and booking is essential. To book a place on the coach please contact Sally on 01207 520146.

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SATLEY WI

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will be celebrating our 70th anniversary. Linda then explained that she had attended a course on how the recently implemented General Data Protection Act is going to change the way we treat our members' personal information. Our competition for 'funny footwear' was won by Kathleen Snowdon, runner up Avril Carpenter and third Linda Horn. The raffle was won by Pauline Grigg. Unfortunately our Guest Speaker had cancelled at short notice so Linda organised a nostalgic session when members could look at the WI photo albums covering 40 years. We also reviewed famous events from the year 1948 when Satley WI began. She was thanked by Christine Wilson. The evening ended with refreshments provided by Kathleen Snowdon and Jean Portwood.

LANCHESTER WI

Marie Murphy welcomed members and a visitor to our September meeting. We have a lot to look forward to at the moment, Kynren; the Group Meeting; our AGM; October's coffee morning and our birthday outing to Walwick Hall. As well as our own events our attention was drawn to all of the events and workshops available to us in County News, we were advised to book early though as places fill up quickly. Jean Forster read an amusing poem, 'Special Poem for Older Folk' by

Joan Warburton. The raffle winners this month were Carol Troy and Jean Forster. Our entertainment for the evening was Larry Page, Acoustic Guitarist. Larry entertained us with a

variety of songs from the 60s onwards, from a bit of Foreigner, Lindisfarne, Beatles, Carole King to Irish folk, we enjoyed ballads and upbeat numbers, an excellent evening!



Larry Page entertaining Lanchester WI members.

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY 2018 REVIEW

We have had a full and eventful year. The talks have been well attended with a regular attendance of 15-20 people and a selection of visitors some of whom are regular and good supporters. We had a weather disaster in March which caused a flurry in our contact details and resulted in the review of the contact sheet, creating another issue due to the wonderful current data protection rules. Attendance peaked in February when Shirley Lamb gave us her memories of the

Children's homes. 26 members and 11 visitors crowded into the dining room but all was well and everyone enjoyed themselves. Topics covered over the year have been Bomber Command, Sanctuary in the Cathedral, Charles Attwood, Anderson Place, The NE War Memorials Project, Salvage from a Tip and an update on Longovicium. Our January Show and Tell generated an unusual item of interest with some local glass finds which stumped us all, however through the

Village Voice it seems they were identified as glass caged bird feeders. Our presence at the Lanchester Community centre celebrations generated a lot of interest and reminiscents. Another enquiry that came in was about how the Beeching cuts impacted on Lanchester. The summer walk about on The Fort was a fabulous night both from the information John was able to impart and the generous donations made by the visitors, a great way to keep the coffers nice and solvent. We have a strong core of 11/12 regular attendees and the membership is stable around 26 with our 4 Honorary Members supporting us. The visitor numbers are strong at around 9-10 and of those there is also a core of regulars.

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- * If you are aged 65 and over on March 31st 2019

- * Those in long-stay residential care homes

- * If you are the main carer for someone who is vulnerable, you may be eligible, speak to your GP or the pharmacist for advice

- * Anyone with a Body Mass Index over 40

- * All pregnant women; at any stage of pregnancy

- * Children aged 2 and 3 on August 31st 2018

- * Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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LANCHESTER NSPCC COMMITTEE END OF AN ERA

It is with regret that we have to announce that the Lanchester NSPCC Committee is no more. There have been volunteers working for the NSPCC in Lanchester for many years, and the committee has been in existence for at least 50+ years. During this time its members have raised many thousands of pounds for this amazing charity, and money raised locally is used locally for children in need of help, care and security. Unfortunately, over the

years, the membership of the once very active and well-supported committee has continued to fall, and with no new volunteers coming forward, the decision had to be made to call it a day. The remaining members would like to thank everyone who has supported the NSPCC committee in any way over the past years, from taking a collection box, to attending events, buying raffle tickets and donating prizes, baking for and attending many coffee

mornings and supporting the charity with donations from your own events.

Anyone who has a collection box which they would like to have emptied should contact Chris Dunn on 07940 918289. Alternatively, your donations can be made direct to the NSPCC at www.nspcc.org.uk/donate Please continue to support this vital worthwhile charity, and thank you for all your past support.

Christine Dunn

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GRASS COURT TENNIS SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE

The 2018 grass court tennis season at Lanchester drew to a close with competition and club maintenance occupying the minds of committee and members alike.

The senior tournaments were completed in early September with several players collecting more than one trophy! Ursula Heale and Liz Kime were ladies doubles champions, and Ursula then won the mixed doubles with Ryan Robson. Simon Gerry and Dennis Laycock were victorious in the men's doubles and Dennis was the winner in the revived men's singles tournament, the runner-up Dougal

Reed. Congratulations and well done to all participants; there were some hard fought matches, especially the men's singles.

The summer of 2018 has been one of the best on record and, although the tennis courts were baked dry, they have been excellent all season. Following the demise of the old net posts after years of sterling service, new posts and nets were installed and all looks good for 2019.

The club was able to hold the Great British Tennis Weekend in May and over 60 people enjoyed a taste of tennis. The strawberry tea and

barbeque were also 'on the menu' in 2018 with the glorious weather providing the perfect summer backdrop.

Coaching attendance numbers were consistent throughout the year with head coach, Sam Stokoe, providing an excellent programme for young and old alike.

The under 8 team were in league action at Teesside during the summer, and all players played well and, although no trophies were won, their performances bode well for the winter league. As the outdoor coaching season is ending, there was time to hold a small junior tournament (see photo on back page).

Despite missing the last few weeks due to the bad weather on Mondays, the players were ready and willing to do battle for the trophies. The overall winner was Joseph Potter and the runner-up was Ellen Filmer and in the rally competition, Maxi Diaz-Bloor was just ahead of Daniel Garside.

Thanks were also given to the ladies who provide support and the light refreshments on coaching nights. The winter indoor coaching



Ladies and Mens Doubles Winners



Mixed Doubles and Mens Singles winners

venue will be announced soon.

So, our thoughts turn to 2019 and work begins almost immediately on preparing the courts for

the winter and into next year. Any information about the club can be obtained from the website clubspark/lanchesterlawntennisclub.

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CRICKET NEWS

The firsts finished the season in eighth place. Ashington gained revenge following the defeat that Lanchester had inflicted earlier, Greg Halliday making 51 and Callum Barnes an unbeaten 35. Then they had a big win over Stocksfield with Graham Brinton making 80, Sam Crooks 65 and Callum Barnes 56 not out. Greg Halliday and Barnes took 3 wickets each. The final game against Lintz got started but was washed out by rain.

The seconds had a big win over Annfield Plain, Nav Ahmed making 93, Sam Reynolds 47 and Marc Ramshaw 44. Nav also took 3 wickets in the Plain's response. They then faced leaders Stocksfield, bizarrely without neutral umpires. The visitors ran out winners by 39 runs despite Mark Small taking 6-32 and 60 runs by Sam Reynolds. Finally, they played Lintz and Jack Ramshaw took all 5 wickets before the rain came. That meant that the seconds finished second

in the league narrowly missing out on promotion.

The thirds managed only two games as August Sundays tended to have poor weather. They did lose both but have survived in Division 1 for another season. They entertained title chasing Fenham Falcons and made 156 off their overs, Dan Arthur and Jack Ramshaw both making 36. Fenham lost five wickets in their win. Lanchester then finished with a heavy defeat at the hands of Sacriston who scored 306 for just 2 wickets. In reply, veteran Andy McConnell made an unbeaten 100, whilst 13 year old Charlie McPhail made an unbeaten 47 in a stand of 163.

Wisden Recognition

Two of our juniors gained national recognition when their success was published in the September edition of Wisden monthly. Charlie McPhail and Daniel Scott achieved the unusual feat of taking a hat trick - three wickets in three balls - in the same game. Playing against Ryton in July, Daniel was first to strike as he bowled three players in a row. Then Charlie did exactly the same thing in the next over. It is uncommon for any player to take a hat trick but two in the same innings for the same team is almost unheard of, hence the interest by Wisden. **See photo on back page.**

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Chicken Bonne Femme

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To serve 4 people, you need ...

1 chicken, weighing 1.8kg/4lb
55 g/2 oz unsalted butter
675 g/1 lb 8 oz baby onions
675 g/1 lb 8 oz new potatoes

6 rindless bacon rashers, diced

1 bouquet garni

Salt and pepper

Bay leaves, to garnish

METHOD

1) Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C/350 degrees F/Gas Mark 4. Season the chicken well with salt and pepper. Melt the butter in a flameproof casserole. Add the chicken and cook over a medium heat, turning frequently, for 8-10 minutes or until browned all over. Transfer to a plate.

2) Add the onions, potatoes and bacon to the casserole and cook over a

low heat, stirring occasionally, until the onions soften and the potatoes begin to colour.

3) Return the chicken to the casserole and add the bouquet garni. Cover and cook in the preheated oven for about 1 hour 30 minutes, or until the chicken is tender and the juices run clear when a skewer is inserted into the thickest part of the meat. Remove and discard the bouquet garni.

4) Transfer the chicken to a large serving dish with the vegetables and bacon. Garnish with bay leaves and serve immediately.

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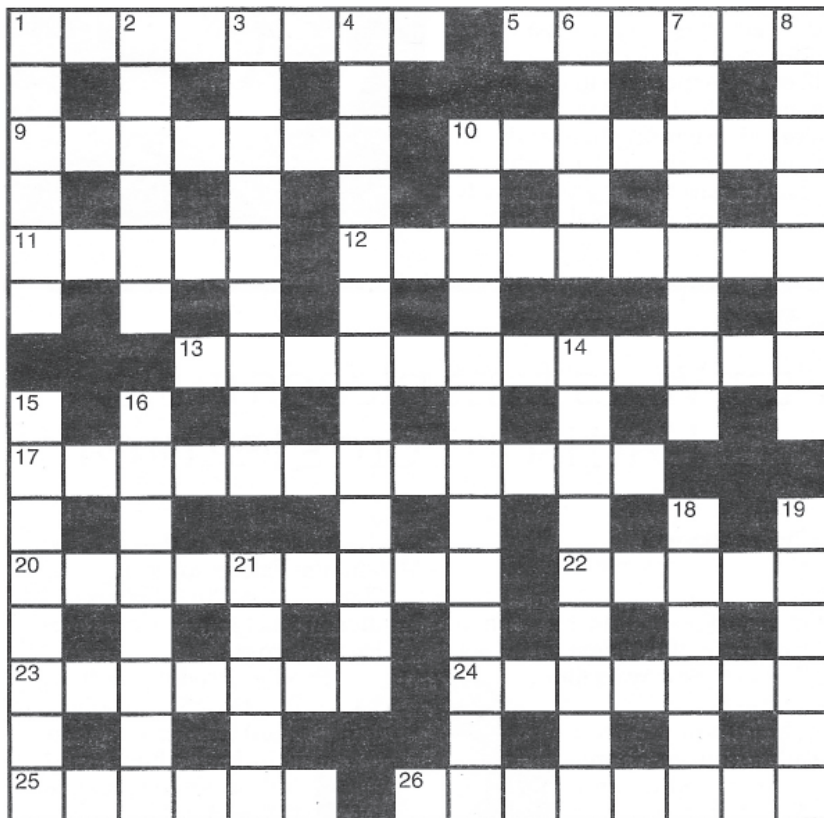
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LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

4	9	2	5	6	1	3	7	8
1	7	8	9	3	2	6	5	4
6	5	3	4	7	8	9	2	1
8	6	7	3	2	4	5	1	9
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7	8	9	2	4	3	1	6	5
3	4	6	1	5	9	2	8	7
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CROSSWORD 148

There were 23 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Roy Sunley of Watling Way who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. Utter coward used porn tool (8) | 1. Held back (4-2) |
| 5. Curtains (5) | 2. Find (6) |
| 9. Unable to help (2,3,2) | 3. Race losers (7,2) |
| 10. Paddy — Lib Dem politician (7) | 4. Sole responsibility (2,4,3,4) |
| 11. Loosen (5) | 6. Bizarre habit covers short restoration (5) |
| 12. Set up (9) | 7. Region (8) |
| 13. Vitamin C (8,4) | 8. Awning (8) |
| 17. Everybody is welcome! (3,4,2,3) | 10. Life story covered by a rough patio (13) |
| 20. Not straight (3-6) | 14. Work out (9) |
| 22. Convention (5) | 15. Capable of victory (8) |
| 23. Assault (7) | 16. In unison (2,3,3) |
| 24. Pacify (7) | 18. 50th American state (6) |
| 25. Harem guard (6) | 19. Humble (6) |
| 26. Intentionally (2,6) | 21. Esau and Jacob's father (5) |

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 148

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. lymphoma | 1. lodge |
| 5. dated | 2. motorbike |
| 9. determine | 3. See 22 across |
| 10. pushy | 4. maimed |
| 11. err | 5. duplication |
| 12. guesstimate | 6. Tosca |
| 13. otiose | 7. day centre |
| 14. filament | 8. seismic |
| 17. ice cream | 12. gastronomic |
| 18. Richie | 13. oligarchs |
| 20. Argentinian | 15. exhibitor |
| 22. Ben-Hur | 16. satisfy |
| 24. chasm | 19. fiancé |
| 25. fantastic | 21. grain |
| 27. sonic | 23. niche |
| 28. rehearse | 26. age |

SUDOKU

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

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LONELINESS UPDATE - Volunteering

This month we highlight some questions to help you identify the sort of volunteering you might want to do and provide some more practical examples. Your answers will give you various ideas.

What particular skills, knowledge and experiences have you built up over time that you would like to continue with and share with others?

Have you trained, coached, mentored or supervised individuals and groups?

Do you want to learn something new? What do you want to achieve?

Do you like meeting and being with lots of new people, prefer being part of a small group, or doing things with other like minded people?

Do you like to be mostly indoors or to get out and about in the fresh air?

How active are you currently? Do you want to become more active?

Are you a member of a sports club? If yes, how might you become more involved?

How much time do you have? What other commitments do you have? Do you prefer a regular routine, or to volunteer as and when you can?

Do you like working with your hands? How might you use your practical skills?

Do you enjoy a good book? How might you support others with your love of reading?

How do you get on with technology? Would you like to find something which harnesses your IT skills?

In what areas would you really like to make a difference and inspire others?

There are lots of opportunities locally to make a worthwhile contribution within our community. Our local charities always need your support eg, Willow Burn and the Red Cross shop. Why not consider becoming a School Governor, or supporting our local schools? We stage several community events each year - why not get more directly involved? The Lanchester Partnership and the Community Centre always welcome volunteers. Finally, help a neighbour - it all counts!

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL HOSPICE



Paul Morgan has donated a pallet of bricks to help Willow Burn to build the new IPU ward. To donate, contact Paul Jackson on 07957 871106.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Our last venture was an outing to the Black Bull at Frosterley which has been mentioned quite a few times as somewhere good to go for a good meal. So, we decided to give a go. From the outside it doesn't look very big but, my goodness, it opened up like the Tardis. It has 2 rooms at the front and 1 on the back. When we went in, both front rooms were full so we had to go in the back and it has to be said,

the front is lovely, the back very plain and ordinary. So, if you decide to go, book your table first. The staff are most warm and welcoming and the service quick and efficient. We sampled for starters: Carrot and coriander soup with warm bread and Northumbrian pork and apple compote sandwich. Mains were the Black Bull burger made with Mireford beef rib trimmings with bacon, mozzarella and

onion marmalade, and Northumbrian pork belly with crispy skin, mash and a cider reduction (the best, one of our number stated, ever tasted). Puds were Lemon meringue pie, Salted caramel ice cream with vanilla and Sticky toffee pudding. The food was delicious and we had a most enjoyable lunch. Next time we'll book and enjoy a front of house table.

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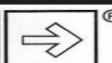
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Sat 13th - John Mac
Sat 20th - Toni Anderson
Sat 27th - Ashleigh
Little Treasures - Autism Playgroup, 2nd Saturday of every month - 11 am - 1 pm. £3 per family.

Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th October, 12 noon to 2 pm, in Lynwood House. If anyone new would like to join can they call 07808 243720.

Barbara Webb

Lanchester Art Group

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

Wildlife Group

At the next meeting on Tuesday 9th October, the subject will be 'Fynbos - The Cape Floral Kingdom, South Africa with Mark McKeown'. Meet at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre dining room.

Cuppa and Chat

All Saints' RC Parish Centre, every Tuesday during term time 1.30-3.10. Come and join us for a cuppa and good chat. Toys and crafts for children and cakes and scones for all. No charge but donations always welcome. Further information, contact Andrea Stoddart 01207 520291.

Community Centre

Kids' Halloween Film Night

On Sunday October 28th, 5 - 7 pm, there will be a Halloween film with fancy dress and pumpkin competitions. Price £3.

Christmas Fair

November 10th, 9.30 am - 1.00 pm. Lots of stalls for your Christmas presents and also a raffle and refreshments.

Lacemaking

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

Needlecraft

On Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

Baby Group

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

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A capella

'The Happy Mondays', Lanchester's A capella group meet every Monday morning at 10.30 till 12 in the Chapter House of All Saints. Everyone welcome.

Taizé Worship

Taizé Worship will take place at 6.00 pm on Sunday 18th November. ALL ARE WELCOME. There will be practices in church on Thursday 8th and 15th November from 6.00 - 7.00 pm.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 4th October 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

York Christmas Shopping

The trip is on Saturday December 1st. Seats are going fast. Ring Brenda 01207 520749 or email steve24c07@aol.com.

Paradiso Social Club

The next Paradiso Social will be held on Sunday October 14th at 7 pm in Lanchester Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and screening of a film at 7.30 pm. The film which we are showing is 'FINDING YOUR FEET', a Feel Good Film!

"When Lady Sandra Abbot discovers her husband of 40 years is having an affair with her best friend she seeks refuge in London with her estranged sister Bif. Sandra is fish out of water next to her outspoken, serial dating, free spirited sibling and she reluctantly lets Bif drag her along to a Community Dance where she starts to find her feet." All are welcome.

Ticket entry, which covers raffle, refreshments and film:

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£3.50 occasional visitors

£2.00 young persons

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be our birthday celebration on October 8th commencing at the earlier than normal time of 7pm in Satley Parish Hall. This is an Invitation Only event as we catering for a set number. Visitors will always be welcome to events from November onwards.

Canny Café

All Saints' RC Parish Centre will be providing a light lunch every third Wednesday of each month except December and August. The next lunch will be on Wednesday 17th October. Please come and join us for lunch and good friendship. No charge but donations welcome. Further information, contact Andrea Stoddart 01207 520291.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 14th October, 'Fungi'. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

Crafty Coffee Morning

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10 am till 12 at Lanchester Methodist Church. We have had a large donation of wool and needles and more knitters needed! We are making traumattedies, premature baby clothes, knitted angels etc. Everyone welcome to call in for coffee and chat.

Dementia Friendly Event

To help our community become more dementia friendly, this will be held on Tuesday 2nd October from 11 am - 1 pm in the Community Centre. It would be good if participants booked in advance. Please ring Rebecca Haynes on 07708 510082 or 0191 3890400. However, you will also be welcome on the day.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be on Monday 1st October at 7.15 pm at the Community Centre. This is our AGM and we will be joined by WI Advisor, Tina Bickerdike. We are reminded to bring along to the meeting items for the Tombola/Raffle/Handbag stalls for our Coffee Morning on Thursday 11th October in the Community Centre. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, please come along and join us. Check out our Facebook page too.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th October at 2 pm in the Community Centre for a slide show and talk by Jeff Hughes, National Trust, on Wallington Hall. For more details or information about the Lanchester Flower Club just call Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494.

Library Book Club

On Monday October 29th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'Wake' by Anna Hope, a heartbreaking historical tale of love and hope set at the end of World War I. If you have read this novel, do come along and join in with the discussion.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday October 18th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'A Perfect Daughter' by Amanda Prowse. "A powerful page turner" (Closer magazine). If you would like to join this group, pop into the library, pick up this book and join us.

Chatterbooks

Monday 8th October from 3.45-4.30 pm. Suitable for 5-11 year olds. A theme around a book is chosen and there are craft activities to complement the book, which is shared with the group. Future dates are 12th November and 12th December.

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Local History Society

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 For more information about the History Society email marian.morrison@btinternet.com

Thursday Club

The next meeting will be on October 18th at 1.30pm in the Community Centre. Our speaker will be Norman Kirkland talking on the subject of 'Forensics'. Look forward to seeing you all there - new members always welcome

Mothers' Union

The October meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th at 7.30pm in the Chapter House. The Rev Ruth Crofton will give a talk on Bumblebees.

New Hospice Preview

There is an open invitation to the public to attend the opening of the new 6-bedroom hospice on Saturday 27th October 11 am - 2 pm at the Willow Burn site. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Sunday Bridge

Come along to the Community Centre on 7th October at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

BOWLS WINNERS



Bob Russell and Paul Hammond Jr in action in the Pairs final.



David Friesner and Stuart Lee at the start of their 2-wood final.



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In a great finish to the season, Lanchester Bowling Club won the Derwentside League Cup against South Moor in a match played at Consett Park. Our numerous supporters held their breath as the last ends played out. We won on two rinks but only by a few shots. On the third rink we lost to a close result. In the final match we were behind until Stan Easten came up with the shot of the season to take out the only wood South Moor had near the jack and we scored a six to take the overall win. Well done to all twelve players and the other three who played their part in reaching the final (see photo on back page). The finals of the club championships were as difficult to organise as they usually are. In the past the complication has often been caused by Stan

qualifying for most of the finals. This year he was 'only' in two finals. He now has a rival in Bruce Fox, a new member. New to our club that is, obviously not new to bowling. Bruce had to fit in four finals and came out successful in three of them, only losing out to Stan in a very close, high standard Club Championship final.

Results

Club Champion:

Stan Easten, runner-up Bruce Fox

Three woods:

Bruce, runner-up Stan

Two woods:

David Friesner, runner-up Stuart Lee

Pairs:

Bruce and Paul Hammond Jr, runners-up Bob Russell and Mike Stoddart

Handicap:

Paul Monaghan, runner-up Mike

Challenge:

Bruce, runner-up Paul H.

BOWLS LEAGUE CUP WINNERS



Lanchester Bowling Club Winners: left to right, Ian Murray, Barbara Howliston, David Friesner, Ken Raper, Jim Howliston, Peter Harrison, Mike Stoddart, Paul Monaghan, Christine Monaghan, Bruce Fox, Stan Easten and Adrian Evans. Others who played in the qualifying rounds were Stuart Lee, Malcolm Laverick and Joe Newton. See report on page 15.

CRICKET HAT TRICKS



Charlie McPhail and Daniel Scott whose exploits against Ryton earned them a mention in Wisden, cricket's famous monthly publication. See page 11.

JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT



Junior Competition Winners together with other players in the junior section. See report on page 10.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th October.

The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 12th October.

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