

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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CROCUS PLANTING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN



It would be great to see more crocuses like these round the Village Green.

We already have some crocus bulbs planted by the crossing on the bypass that appear every year to tell us Spring has arrived and when looking at these, I thought how nice it would look if the edge of the Village Green was covered with crocus bulbs. If you or your organisation would like to be involved by planting some bulbs you are invited to attend a meeting at the Methodist Church on Thursday 4th July starting at 7 pm. The Parish Council is backing the scheme and bulbs would need to be planted September/October this year to flower next spring.
Eric Hepplewhite

ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair is a very English tradition, and after some extremely unseasonable rain-soaked days, Saturday June 15th dawned bright and sunny, right on time for All Saints' Catholic Church fete. Crowds began to gather early, with most people meeting in the Parish Centre for tea or coffee, and to treat themselves with some very tempting home made cakes and buns. The fair was officially opened by Lady Elsie Robson, who spoke



Lanchester Brass Band entertained, helping to make a very pleasant event.

about her affection for Lanchester and received a beautiful bouquet of summer flowers. Many people enjoyed sampling hot dogs, and stalls included a bottle raffle,

books, and a hair braiding and sparkles facility for the younger ladies. Lanchester Brass Band played for everyone, making this a very pleasant summer event.



The fair was officially opened by Lady Elsie Robson. She was presented with a beautiful summer bouquet by Sarah Hewitson, pupil of All Saints' Catholic school.

LANCHESTER WILDLIFE GROUP Himalayan Balsam Update



The Balsam pulling height

In June we focused efforts around Malton. You can see the difference we've made in areas where we've pulled it up previously and where we've been working by the piles of crushed

balsam stacked out of the way and alongside walkways (on poor soil/bare earth and by the h i s t l e s / b r a m b l e s). Remember, the whole root must be pulled up and the stem crushed to prevent re-growth. If you've attended any of our supervised sessions, you will have been introduced to various wildflowers growing nearby which we are trying to protect as well as their habitats and the appearance of the

countryside. You can then try balsam pulling sessions 'on your own patch' in the future, with family and friends. It's easier to pull when the ground is damp. You'll be amazed how much you can pull in as little as an hour and how quickly the time adds up. 'Little and often' is what we try to do. For July, we meet near Dora's Wood where the railway path dips and by the 'Woodlands' housing estate road access. Dates as follows: 4th, 10th, 13th and 27th (all 10 am starts). On 2nd and 18th, we start at 7 pm. We hope to see you there.

MOTHERS' UNION FESTIVAL



Lanchester Mothers' Union banner being carried at the Durham Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service held on Monday 3rd June at Durham Cathedral. From left to right, Margaret Brown, Jean Forster, Eileen Matthews and Mary Richardson.



Dear Village....

The views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the newspaper, the editor or persons working for the newspaper. The editor retains the right to cut or amend any letter published. Letters must contain your name, address and telephone no, all of which may be withheld at your request.

Dear Village Voice

The family of Ann Suddes would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have offered their support during the past few months, both before and after her passing. It has been a great comfort and the family were particularly overwhelmed by the huge numbers who turned up at church to celebrate her life.

We would also like to mention that the support in her final days from the truly remarkable people who work at Willow Burn Hospice was second to none. They provided a sanctuary for her extended family and friends to be together and the staff coped amazingly

well with the huge numbers of us who were there. There aren't the words to say how grateful we all were that we could be together as it was a great comfort during a difficult time. We also know that the generous donations raised for the hospice (amounting to over £800) will be put to excellent use.

Ann Suddes was a truly remarkable lady who touched the lives of many people in so many ways. She was always there to lend a hand or put you on the right track and all of this was done without any expectation that she should be repaid. The strength she showed in her final few weeks was totally characteristic of her and even though she was unwell, she was still thinking of others. She was our mighty oak and we were all privileged to have known her.

Nicola Heron
(granddaughter of Ann Suddes)

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Our Nana

Nothing hurts or breaks a heart like losing those we love,

Is God watching over them?

Are they up above?

Today is one such special day

Bringing pain and tears, But try to just remember

The joy throughout the years.

A hard working, stronger lady

Would be very hard to find Always putting others first

Selfless, warm and kind. Babysitting all us kids

House always full of toys That's after bringing up

her own, Anne and all the boys.

Let's just remember good times

The love and peace that brings

As one thing I am certain of

Our Nana's earned her wings. x

Lesley Suddes

Dear Village Voice

Pam Hasler, wife of the late Jim Hasler, and her daughters Louise and Emma, wish to express their heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who have helped them through the duration of Jim's illness and their subsequent bereavement.

In particular, Pam is very grateful for the support and kindness of her friends, neighbours and her Christian family, which has been of enormous comfort to her. With thanks to Rev Keith Allison for the solace he offered in visiting Jim and Pam over recent months and the sensitive and appropriate service; to Co-op Funeral Care for their professionalism; and to all those who attended the funeral service and tea.

Pam Hasler

Dear Village Voice

A number of people have been in touch with me in my capacity as one of Derwentside's elected Public Governors of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.

The first major campaign in which I was ever involved was in defence of Shotley Bridge Hospital. More than 20 years later, my view remains fundamentally unchanged.

That site is coming to the end of its natural life. These things happen. But the proximity of the Lanchester and Langley Park areas to Dryburn, and the relative proximity of the Stanley area both to Dryburn and to Chester-le-Street, mean that at least the same range of services must be relocated within the Consett area.

I can be contacted on davidaslindsay@hotmail.com.

David Lindsay

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Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for May was 12. The draw was made by a member of the Ukes Group.



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NEW PCSO FOR BURNHOPE AND LANCHESTER

Hello, my name is Lewis Formosa and I am the new Police Community Support Officer covering Burnhope and Lanchester. I have been a PCSO for the last 3 years initially working in Darlington for two years prior to transferring to Chester le Street where I have worked for the last 12 months.

that with the public's support, together we can reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. I am also keen to be involved in any community events. If you have any issues that you would like me to be made aware of please don't hesitate to contact me via the 101 number.

I am really looking forward to policing the people of Burnhope and Lanchester and hope

The photo on the right shows Lewis Formosa, the new PCSO for our area.



PARISH CHURCH CEILIDH

On Saturday May 18th a very enjoyable Ceilidh was held at the Social Club, organised by the Social and Fund Raising Committee of the Parish Church. The Ceilidh Band 'Angels of the North' returned for the second year and provided excellent music for

dancing, which together with a super buffet and an extensive tombola and raffle ensured a very enjoyable evening. The same committee has organised 'Music for a Summer Evening' to be held in All Saints' Parish Church on Saturday July 13th at 7.00 pm. 'The

Gibside Singers' are giving the concert under the baton of Mrs Doris Williams, a well known and respected Musical Director in this area. The tickets are £6 including wine and nibbles and can be bought at the door or from Brenda Craddock (tel:

01207 520749) or 01207 521214). Margaret Walters (tel: Brenda Craddock



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DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Following the purchase and installation of the defibrillator at the Cricket Club, we have been able to secure a training opportunity. On Friday 9th August, the North East Ambulance service will provide some training on how to use the occasion ever arise.

Defibrillators are very easy to use and can never be used accidentally and the training is such that it should provide the confidence to someone who has to use them, that they cannot do it wrongly! There will be two sessions 12.30-14.30 and 15.00-17.00, that day. Places are limited, so anyone who

wishes to book a place (it's free) can do so by contacting Andy Allen via the following email address-andy.allen9@me.com. In your email, can you let Andy know if you are a scout leader, girl guide leader or similar as they would get preference and if you can do a specific time or both.

PARISH CHURCH SPECIAL EVENTS

The first was on Sunday May 26th when the Reverend Margaret Armstrong celebrated the 25th anniversary of her ordination.

Margaret and her husband Adrian, a Deacon in the Church of England, moved to our village last Autumn and

All Saints' Parish Church welcomed them warmly. Reverend Margaret is accompanied to church by her 'well-being' dog 'Benny' who has been trained to help her with her disability. In Margaret's words "I was ordained priest in my wheelchair with the very

first group of women in Ely Cathedral on May 28th 1994 after serving for the whole of my three year curacy as a deacon in the Cambridgeshire village of Linton". She describes herself as blessed, to settle into retirement with her family in such a welcoming village as Lanchester and she was delighted to preside at the 10.00 am Eucharist, assisted by her husband. It was a beautiful service and 'Benny' looked after her superbly.



Rev Margaret Armstrong and Benny.

During the interregnum the worship has been looked after principally by retired clergymen, residents of Lanchester, namely Rev Keith Allison and Rev Peter Sinclair. Rev David Heron, also retired and formerly vicar of Leadgate, has also been involved in presiding at the Eucharist, at both the Sunday and Wednesday services.

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The congregation are extremely grateful to all three who have done sterling work since last August and a huge thank you is due to them.

On Trinity Sunday, June 16th another special ordination was celebrated. This time it was Reverend Keith Allison, the afore mentioned priest. It was the 58th anniversary of his ordination and so presiding at the 10.00 am Eucharist service on Trinity Sunday was very special to him.

Brenda Craddock

THE GREATEST SHOW ... MAN !

Come along and join us for a great day out on **Sunday 7th July** at the 67th annual Lanchester Show. It's sure to be a hit for the whole family with attractions this year including a motorbike stunt display, Highland games, Jesse Ward the Bubbleologist, Danny Labrynth who will entertain with a bed of nails and escape from chains, Sami Nash barrel racing who is sure to entertain everyone, heavy horse demo, Taekwondo demo and a funfair.

After the popularity of the heritage tent at last year's show, we are pleased to host this again with spinners, leather workers, wood crafts and much more. This tent is interactive so please come along and have a go ... perhaps make something to take home.

Schedules for show include horse classes, ferrets, covies, fur and feather, an industrial tent where you can enter competitive crafts ... both children's and adult classes and new for this year we have sheep classes. The trade tent is not to be missed, this is where you can find all of our local crafters, artists and bakers. It's a great place to pick up handmade gifts while supporting local traders. We guarantee you won't be able to resist going home with some local produce with a great range of breads, cheeses, meats, sweet products, craft beers to name a few.

There is a great range of local food stands to pick up lunch while you're out, something for everyone. Come along with the family ... bring along the dog, we have a fun dog show which is always well attended and Fido may even bag himself a prize.

Listen out for us on Radio Newcastle as they will be promoting us in the weeks leading up to the show.

All ticket sales at the gate.



EP SCHOOL FUN AND FITNESS WEEK

Sunshine all week long was the ideal weather for the 'Fun and Fitness' week at the EP School. Each day there was some special activity to mark this annual event in the school calendar. Various organisations visited the school to enhance the activities, including Consett Rugby Club, Sunderland Association Football Club, Durham Tennis Partnership, Lanchester Cricket Club, and 'Skip to be fit'.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the week and a very happy atmosphere was evident. Years 5 and 6 especially looked forward to their annual

cycle ride to Broom Park via Malton. The ride was very closely monitored of course for the safety of the pupils. Bikes and hats were carefully checked and members of staff and parents accompanied the pupils. When they returned the children had a great sense of achievement and certainly felt the exercise had been very good for them.

Meanwhile on that day the nursery, reception, and years 1, 2, 3, and 4 enjoyed their fitness activities in school. Happy faces abounded in the nursery and reception classes, and there is something very

special about the way the little ones like you to share their experiences and talk about them. It was great fun trying to keep up your hoop as you spun it round your body.

Many of the young ones had brought their own bikes and helmets to school and time was allotted for each to enjoy riding them in the play yard with their friends and classmates.

Inside there was dancing and keep fit exercises to enjoy.

Years 1-3 were happily engaged with their fitness activity on the playing field or play area at the back of the school.



Fun with hoops.

See also photo on back page.

There were some very good performances on the much updated roller skates, now called roller blades.

There were still those of course who love their football and could be

seen practising their moves on the football pitch. Everyone was obviously happy to be active and getting fit, exactly the purpose of 'Fun and Fitness Week'.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th June 2019

Minutes - Annual Meeting, Ordinary Meeting 14th May - approved.

Police report - received.

Correspondence

- * **The Clerk Magazine - May edition** - received.
- * **Durham County Council - Traffic Sensitive Street Review Consultation** - received.
- * **County Durham Association of Local Councils - nominations for President and Vice President** - the Parish Council proposed Councillor David Bell for Vice President.
- * **Project Poppies - Request to display poppies around the War Memorial** - Permission is granted to display around 1000 poppies around the War Memorial on the Village Green during November.
- * **Crocus planting on the Village Green** - Members considered a proposal for a community project to plant crocus bulbs on the Village Green. The project would see groups in the village and residents planting around 20,000 bulbs around the edge of the Village Green during September/October. The Parish Council supports the project and permission is given to plant bulbs on the Village Green. The cost of the project is to be explored further.
- * **Lanchester Christmas Lights** - the price of £1,203 is accepted from Durham County Council to undertake annual works on the Christmas Lights.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st May were approved. Further meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had taken place on 23rd May and 5th June to finalise the plan and prepare for the pre-submission consultation period. The pre-submission Neighbourhood Plan document and the summary document will be printed in the next few days. The consultation will take place between 24th June - 9th August. The pre-submission draft document will be placed in key

community locations. A display will be prepared to include the policies to be displayed in the Community Centre between 1st - 20th July. During this period a number of staffed sessions will be held. A summary document is being prepared and will be distributed to dwellings and businesses. Written feedback will be welcomed. Feedback can be dropped into boxes in community locations or posted or e-mailed to the Parish Council. Information will be available on the Parish Council website.

Northumbrian Water Ltd - Sewer System

Members were provided with an update from Northumbrian Water Ltd on a range of concerns on Ford Road. It was agreed that a letter is sent to Northumbrian Water Ltd outlining the ongoing concerns of the Parish Council.

Newsletter - approved for distribution.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following on from the excellent visit last year of 'Durham Brass', they are coming along again to entertain us with a free street ceilidh on Tuesday July 16th, 6 pm to 8 pm, in the car park. Fabulous family event for all ages. There will be tea, coffee, juice and hot dogs available to build up your energy to dance the time away! Come along and have a great time at this free event!

A great time was had by all at the BadApple Theatre production of The Frozen Roman on 8th June.

Keep a lookout for future productions that you can enjoy. On 3rd June the BBC hired Hall 2 as the venue for a programme called 'For Love or Money' which will be broadcast in the Autumn. The Producer/Director commented that it was 'a lovely venue'. Are you an individual, a business, an education establishment, etc? Are you looking for a great venue to hold a training session, a conference, meetings, interviews? Do you want the flexibility to be able to book a room by

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LANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Pre-Submission Consultation

The Neighbourhood Plan is a document which will guide development, regeneration and conservation within our Parish over future years. The Parish Council set up a working group several years ago to create a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish of Lanchester. Representatives from the Parish Council, Lanchester Partnership and residents have met regularly to develop the plan. The Neighbourhood Plan contains a Vision and Objectives. It sets out a number of clear and important planning policies. These have been developed from feedback from surveys completed by residents, businesses and interested parties and from the review of a range of evidence documents such as the Lanchester

Conservation Area Appraisal and the Lanchester Community Heritage Audit. Policies include the Settlement Boundary, Design, Historic Environment, Green Spaces and the Rural Environment as well as Landscape and Views. The next stage will be a presentation of the Pre-Submission plan to the community. This consultation will provide an opportunity for you to consider the policies and give feedback. Your feedback will then be considered by the working group and fed into the final submission draft of the plan which will then be consulted on again by the County Council before it is sent to an independent examiner who will decide if the plan can proceed to a referendum.

The consultation is planned to take place between 24th June - 9th August 2019. During this period, a summary of the plan will be distributed to households and businesses. A full copy of the Neighbourhood Plan will be available to view at the:
* Library
* Community Centre
* Lanchester Medical Centre
* Lynwood House (by appointment only 01207 520146)
The Neighbourhood Plan can be viewed on the Parish Council website Neighbourhood Plan page at <http://lanchesterparishcouncil.co.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>
In addition a display about the Neighbourhood Plan will be at the Community Centre between 1st July -

20th July. Members of the working group will be in attendance at the Community Centre at the following times to answer any questions on the policies:
* Thursday 11th July - 6.00 pm-8.00pm
* Tuesday 16th July - 2.00 pm-4.30pm
* Saturday 20th July - 10.30 am-1.00pm
Feedback will be welcomed. Feedback in writing stating name/

organisation can be dropped into the boxes at the Library, Community Centre, Lanchester News and Lanchester Medical Centre.
Feedback can be emailed to the Parish Council at lanchesterparish@bopenworld.com or posted to the Parish Council at: Lanchester Parish Council, Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester, Co Durham, DH70LS.

MUSICAL MEMORIES OF COLOURS

Our Musical Memories events are becoming more popular by the month, and despite the unseasonable nasty weather, a large gathering met in Lynwood House to celebrate the theme of 'Colours'. A quiz was given, tea,

coloured biscuits and sweets were shared, and everyone enjoyed meeting up with old friends and making new. We welcomed each other musically, then joined in with some of the songs everyone remembered from the past, each mentioning a different colour. We

sang songs in 'parts', we danced and played a silly game, which everyone enjoyed. This was a lovely friendly and relaxed meeting! Thanks to everyone who attended, we look forward to seeing you next month!



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THE FROZEN ROMAN

A friend of mine said to me as we were leaving the Community Centre: "Good luck writing about this". I was thinking just the same thing. An old joke came into my mind as I heard the comments of people leaving the Community Centre who had clearly enjoyed the evening. Man 1: "How was the comedian?" Man 2: "All right if you like laughing."

A wacky 'off the wall' production like this is never going to please everyone and sadly I am one of those left cold. The plot was about a property developer who wanted to knock down a historic pub in a village that traced its roots back to the Romans. Any thoughts of a serious work with parallels to our own village were immediately dispelled. From the word go, this was played for laughs. The style of acting was as far from 'less is more' as you can get, more Carry-



on meets Cbeebies. At one point an actor said "We are not doing a pantomime are we?", a thought that had already entered my mind. You had to admire the quick fire dialogue and I did enjoy the songs especially the voice of Emma Bright and the ensemble numbers, although even these were played for laughs. The laughter slowly built from chuckles and groans at the outrageous puns to full

laughter as the audience adjusted to the absurdity which at one point verged on the surreal. Even I laughed at the attempt at conversation in Latin that consisted of random unconnected phrases. Overall while it was not my cup of tea I cannot deny that many people went home having had a jolly good laugh and I am sure they will welcome Badapple Theatre Company if they return to Lanchester.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Classic Mince and Onion Pie

We are so used to cooking and eating many foreign dishes and foods we sampled on holiday, that we tend to forget how satisfying and tasty some of our traditional recipes can be. This is easy for beginning cooks, and delicious for everyone.

- You need...**
- 3 medium onions
 - 2 carrots
 - 2 sticks of celery
 - 2 sprigs of fresh rosemary
 - Olive oil
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 500 g minced beef
 - 1 teaspoon English mustard
 - 1 teaspoon Marmite
 - 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - 2 teaspoons flour, plus extra for dusting
 - 1 beef stock cube
 - 500 g shortcrust pastry

A large egg, or a splash of milk

To make your mince filling:
Peel and chop the onions, carrots and celery. Remove the rosemary leaves from the woody stalks and chop finely. Place a large casserole pan on a high heat and add 2 lugs of olive oil, all the vegetables, the rosemary and bay leaves. Stir every minute for about 10 minutes or until the veg have softened and are lightly coloured. Stir in the minced beef, breaking up any large chunks with a wooden spoon. Add the mustard, Marmite, Worcestershire sauce and 2 teaspoons of flour. Dissolve the stock cube in a litre of boiling water and add to the pan. Turn down the heat and simmer with

the lid slightly askew for about an hour, stirring every now and then to stop it catching.

To make the pie:
Fill a large baking dish with the mince filling and allow to cool. Remove the pastry from the fridge 10 minutes before you roll it out. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Dust the work surface and the rolling pin with flour and roll out the pastry to the thickness of a £1 coin. Cover the dish with the pastry and use a fork to press around the edge of the pastry to crimp it. Make a hole in the pastry using the tip of a knife and brush the top of the pie with beaten egg or the milk. Bake on the bottom shelf of the preheated oven for 40 minutes or until the pastry is golden and crisp.

LONELINESS UPDATE

This month we look at some practical information about Volunteering. You can identify what works best for you and what you want to follow up.

Firstly, some questions to consider:

What am I good at?

What do I like doing?

What do I want to have a go at?

Am I more of an outdoor or indoor sort of person? (or both!)

Do I prefer more practical 'hands on' tasks and physical activities?

Which of my hobbies can I harness whilst volunteering?

What special skills and qualifications have I got from previous employment and other experiences?

And finally, which days and times am I available?

How often am I available?

Is my availability limited?

Now consider some things you might have a go at...

Admin duties, accounts, catering services, communications, driver, designing publications, events (one off), fundraising, gardening, housekeeping, kitchen duties, maintenance (DIY), marketing, PR, reception, retail services, selling, social media, technology and training. That's probably enough for starters!

Next, identify relevant organisations and charities which need these sorts of things done and match yourself to them. Then make contact and away you go ...

SATLEY WI JUNE REPORT

Linda welcomed 13 members to our latest meeting. We were reminded about our trip to the Gala Theatre to see The Gala Stage School production of Chicago in August and the open evening which Edmundbyers WI are hosting in July.

Members were invited to use the 'bring and borrow' magazine scheme which the Parish Hall committee has started up. Ideas were taken for our August meeting and details will be finalised shortly.

Our entertainment for the evening was

provided by Avril, Linda and Jean and we thoroughly enjoyed our puzzles and game of beetle. Jill won the prize for the best completed beetle. The evening was rounded off with refreshments, provided by Carolyn and Christine, and social time.



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LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

'Postcards can improve your Geography'

Our June meeting of the History Society with George Nairn titled 'The River Wear from Source to Sea' was a delightful, entertaining and relaxed evening enjoying the countryside by this interesting river.

Before our modern technological age, we sent postcards regularly for a variety of reasons: to mark holidays, when moving house, to keep in touch with family particularly during the World Wars, and to recognise important local and worldwide events.

Local photographers increased their income by supplying postcards from photographs taken

whilst travelling around their local areas and documenting life, landmarks and events. We would certainly have less pictorial information about events and this record of life at various times through the nineteenth and twentieth century, if this had not been completed.

George has a magnificent collection of local North East postcards documenting the way of life, the construction of bridges, reservoirs, Prisoner of War camps, sanatoriums, public houses and places of work.

Changes in transport can be identified from

postcards of the 'new' railway stations along the Wear. The railway also played a big part in the success of postcards. New road systems made some ferries redundant. Postcards of new bridges at Sunderland under construction included the Monkwearmouth Bridge and the New Wear Bridge as well as Sunderland Bridge near Durham.

Highlights included a postcard showing the discovery of the fossil tree found at Parkhead and which can now be seen in Stanhope. Also an event captured as a postcard when the ship Orion broke its back in 1913 and showing people collecting coal from the beach.

Postcards can show you the fashions of the day and the weather, like in 1902 when the river at Durham froze over and curling and skating took place.

After this talk it makes you really think and question how we are recording life in the twenty first century and exactly how much will be there for future generations to similarly view and enjoy?

LADIES WHO LUNCH

We've been back to that lovely old mediaeval village of Blanchland again, to visit The Lord Crewe. Always a warm welcome and the day we were there, it being a little chilly, big log fires as well. The bench seating is not the best, so a table with chairs is much comfier. Also, the Lord Crewe is not a cheap option but, such a quirky delight of a menu.

At lunch time they have on offer light bites, brunch or main meals. We chose for mains, Chicken breast schnitzel with a fried egg, caper butter and fries, Crewe battered haddock and chips with tartare sauce, Sweet cured bacon chop, charred hispi cabbage and creamed

pots and Pan fried sea bream, red pepper and chorizo stew with saffron pots. Puds were Vanilla pannacotta with poached rhubarb, Chocolate brownie with vanilla ice cream and Blackberry cheesecake with blackberry sorbet. All washed down with a sloe gin and elderflower cocktail, quite delicious! It takes approx ½ hour to get there from Lanchester, passing through some glorious scenery, in and out of County Durham into Northumberland and back again. Just a lovely way to spend a long lunch time in good company, we'll be going again!

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LANCHESTER WI'S JUNE MEETING



Kristi Lennon, the Burlesque performer

At our meeting on 3rd June we were welcomed by President Marie Murphy who drew our attention to some events and courses listed in our County newsletter. Reminders were given of our upcoming events such as our tour and afternoon tea at Ushaw, an invitation to a musical evening at Edmundbyers WI, our summer outing to Newby Hall and Gardens and a proposed visit to Kynren in September. Instead of a reading Ann Carr shared with us some moments in her life, the support she gets from her family and friends and how we all need to accept that we are not

invincible and that it is OK not to be OK all of the time. The competition for a decorated tennis ball was won by Jean Forster. Next month rather than a competition members are asked to bake a cake which will then be auctioned, by silent auction, at the meeting, no fresh cream please. Thanks were given to Carol Troy and Breda Branscombe for supplying the prizes, which were won by Christine Emmerson and Janice Mahon. Congratulations were given to Maureen and Ronnie Barker who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding anniversary later

this month, a card and flowers were presented to Maureen. Our speaker was Kristi Lennon, a Burlesque performer, who gave us a brief history of burlesque, its origins in ancient

Greece through to the present day. We were given the opportunity to learn a 'routine', practice our 'shimmy' and 'sashay' across the floor, what a laugh! Thoroughly enjoyable!!

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THURSDAY CLUB AWAY DAY

We didn't have an early start for our day out - just enough time to head straight up the A1 to reach Newton on the Moor in time for lunch which we enjoyed at the Cook and Barker. The weather had been amazing on the way up - the sun splitting a totally cloudless blue sky. And we were lucky, it continued in that vein all day long.

After lunch it was time to head for the glorious Northumberland coast and first stop was Alnmouth for some sea and sand. Next came Warkworth for a little retail therapy and possibly coffee and cake. Someone was seen back on the bus with an enormous painting! Finally we arrived at Amble and went to investigate the harbour and the ice cream parlour!! On the way home we did have 'in house entertainment', with our very own concert party singing away in the back of the bus.

It was a lovely day out - enjoyed by one and all!



The 'beach belles'.



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YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY QUESTIONS



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I'm only going to Europe; do I need jabs?

We mistakenly think that it is only exotic destinations that require vaccinations, however in rural parts of places including Austria and Switzerland there's a risk of tick-borne encephalitis, so you may need a jab. No

matter where you are going Hepatitis B is a risk if you come into contact with an infected person's body fluids.

Solution - at least six weeks before you travel seek advice from your surgery or pharmacist.

We are holidaying in Britain; do I have to worry about deep vein thrombosis? (DVT)

DVT, a blood clot that develops in a deep vein in the body is most often attributed to flying but any journey that involves inactivity of more than six hours increases the risk. Pre-existing conditions

such as a history of DVT or some heart and lung conditions can also increase the risk.

Solution - wear loose clothes, do regular leg exercises, drink plenty of water and make regular stops to walk around. Wearing below the knee compression stockings can help, but getting the right sizes is crucial; they should apply gentle pressure and feel comfortable not tight.

I want to avoid an upset tummy

Wherever you are there is a risk of coming down with food poisoning, especially

if your immune system is weak. Symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, cramps and fever may strike within hours of eating or drinking contaminated produce.

Solution - basic food, such as rice and dairy if not stored or heated properly can cause food poisoning; best to avoid places where food is left out, such as buffets and street vendors. Make sure the tap water is safe; only buy water if the tops are sealed.

Does Travel Insurance cover common pre-existing medical conditions?

Standard insurance does not cover conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or cancer.

Solution - you need to declare your current medical history or your insurance could be void.

Beach Tips

1. Keep flip-flops cool by placing them face down.
2. Sand dusts off easily if you sprinkle yourself with talcum.
3. Put your phone in a sandwich bag to keep it clean.
4. Use aloe baby wipes to clean off sweat, chlorine, salt water then reapply sunscreen.

TENNIS CLUB BBQ

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held its annual barbeque on Saturday 15th June and members and friends were able to enjoy the delicious food and drinks on offer with sundries, salads and desserts etc prepared by the ladies of the committee. Despite a rainy end to the event, a good time was had by all (see photo on back page). Fingers crossed for a

better day for the Strawberry Tea on 7th July. The coaching sessions are continuing on Monday nights and are a big success with head coach Sam Stokoe, assisted by Dennis Laycock, providing a strong coaching programme for all ages. The under 8s session is fully subscribed, but there are places available in the

groups. The club operates a waiting list for any potential players so please contact the club on the numbers below for any further information. The under 8 team are in the midst of their summer league fixtures and remain unbeaten so far. Details about the Club can be obtained from Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

PEOPLE POWER

Can we really make a difference?

Last week I read that the government is banning plastic straws, ear buds and stirrers from 2020! Great news for our wildlife and oceans! And good news too that the politicians are listening to what campaigners are saying (at least over some issues!). But our fight against single use plastic can't stop there waiting for government policy to change. I believe that as consumers we really do have power to show retailers how much we care about the environment. Every decision we make when choosing a purchase influences what future products are stocked. It's easy to think we can't make a difference but as a community, I believe, we can.

We are fortunate to have a good selection of shops in Lanchester and many of these businesses are trying to reduce their single use plastic and the more we make the choices to shop plastic free the easier it is for the shop holders to reduce their



SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

plastic use. Our own greengrocers is full of loose fruit and veg that the assistants are happy to weigh without bagging. You can even take your own containers for those smaller items to cut down further on single use plastic. Our pet shop teams with wonderful goodies for our furry friends. They too are happy for you to take your own containers and reuse your plastic bags again and again to be refilled with dog biscuits and treats alike.

It's difficult to wrap meat without plastic but the local butcher, Hanley and Sons, is keen to reduce plastic waste and more than happy for customers to bring their own meat containers that can be popped straight into the fridge or freezer back home.

We have all learnt to carry our own shopping bags, which has cut plastic bag use by 85% or more, so why not add a handful of smaller bags too? We need to believe that we can all make a difference. Shop local, shop plastic free. We do have people power.

BOWLS REPORT

It couldn't last could it? Sadly our Monday team after a very strong start has slipped to third place. A win against View Lane (Stanley) was followed by three defeats, let's hope we get our early season form back. Our Tuesday team is currently in a mid-table position which is very

good as many of this team have only been playing a few years. Our Wednesday afternoon team has won through to the quarter finals of the knock out but will face a first division team for the first time. The mixed fortunes of the Saturday team continues with two wins and one defeat.

Sadly rain has been a major victor in many games this season.

We must congratulate club members Bruce Fox and David Friesner in winning their match in the local area finals of the County pairs. Good luck when they move on to play the winners from other areas.



Stuart Lee and David Friesner (left) have been on a Bowls Durham coaching course. Stuart said "We have been on a fantastic coaching course, great ideas to make bowling FUN for newcomers and experienced bowlers alike". If you want to give this super sport a try, contact Stuart on 01207 521088 or come to our get-together sessions at 1.45 on Thursdays or 2.45 on Sundays.

WHAT'S ON?

Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th July. Note the revised times - 11.30 am to 1.30 pm, in Lynwood House. The contact for anyone interested is - Jackie on 07908838452.

200 Years

Celebrating 200 years of Methodism in Lanchester, please join us for an all age Birthday Party at Lanchester Methodist Church on Sunday 7th July.

10.00am THE BIG SING

Come and join in singing the favourite songs and hymns chosen by our village community.

12.00 noon onwards - Picnic Lunch and Games

Please bring your own picnic with you.

6.00 pm - Lanchester Churches Together

Service on the Village Green with music led by Lanchester Brass Band.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on Saturday 27th July 10.00 am - 2.00 pm and is a joint field trip with Weardale Wildlife Trust and North Pennine AONB at Baal Wood (Durham Wildlife Trust nature reserve), north of Wolsingham.

Lanchester Social Club

Free Live Entertainment from 9 pm

Saturday 6th July - Luke Osbourne, fantastic young guitar vocalist
Saturday 13th July - Steve Taylor singing songs from 70s, 80s, 90s and now

Saturday 20th July - Beth Bruce, talented young vocalist

Saturday 27th July - Toni Anderson, outstanding young singer performing classic and modern hits.

Parish Church Concert

On Saturday July 13th at 7.00 pm there is a concert at All Saints' Parish Church by 'The Gibside Singers' whose musical director is Mrs Doris Williams. There will be wine and nibbles in the interval. Tickets £6 at the door or from Brenda Craddock 01207 520749 (email steve24c07@aol.com) or Margaret Walters 01207 521214. We look forward to seeing you.

Return of the Pirates!

After a gap of 25 years the Lanchester Choral Society is pleased to announce the return of those fearsome brigands to terrorise the village once again. Well - not really, it's the Society's summer show of the G and S favourite 'The Pirates of Penzance', to be performed in Lanchester Methodist Church on July 18th and 19th at 7.15 pm. With a live band, costumes, and our invited soloist team of Anna Foster (Radio Newcastle), Paul Smith, Ella Foster, Andrew Fowler, Jim Morgan and Ian Gray, you are certainly in for a good time. Don't worry about the intricate story, our narrator will guide you safely through it. Tickets from any member or 520427, 520172, 521458 or 290822.

Community Centre Tea Dance

Every 4th Thursday of the month from 1 - 3 pm Please note. July's dance will be the last until the tea dances resume on 26th September.

Whist Drive

Every Wednesday 2 pm - 4 pm, Meeting Room 2.

Mahjong

Thursdays - Meeting Room 1, 10am-12.

Lanchester Show

Don't forget to put 7th July in your diary and come along and join in with all we have to offer at this year's Lanchester Show. There's still time to enter any of the classes, schedules can be found on our NEW web page www.lanchestershow.co.uk To see what we have planned for this year check out our advert on page 5 where you will find more details of this year's attractions. It's sure to be a great day out. **DONT MISS IT.**

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting is Monday 1st July, our strawberry supper, with entertainment from Hexham Village Band, a fun night indeed!

There will be a 'Silent Auction' of cakes made by members, no fresh cream please.

Many visits and events are planned so remember to check the Information Table and White Board at the meetings to keep up to date.

Visitors and new members are always welcome, why not come along and get to know us and meet some new friends. Check out our Facebook page too.

Local History Society

Please Note Change of Programme

Subject: The New Tyne Bridge

Speaker: Mike Gladstone

Date: Friday July 5th

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

Mike will present a fascinating insight into the design and construction of this world famous landmark.

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

Library Book Club

On Monday July 29th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'The Postcard' by Leah Fleming. How far will one woman journey to uncover a long lost family secret? 'A moving and compelling story' (Kate Atkinson). If you have read this bestseller, do come along and join in with the discussion.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday July 18th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the discussion will cover 'The Muse' by Jessie Burton. A Sunday Times Number One Bestseller and Richard & Judy Book Club selection 'Gripping' (Independent). Pop into the library and pick up this book and join the discussion.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday July 8th 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 03000269514.

Toddler Time

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

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held on July 8th in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. Our President Linda has arranged a Mystery Evening which promises to be unique. Please feel free to join us.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 21st July to go to High Force. Meet at Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

Thursday Club

At our next meeting, in the Community Centre Small Hall at 1.30 pm on 18th July, we will welcome Louisa Gidney who will tell us all about 'The Tudor Housewife'. Why not come and join us for a relaxing afternoon. New members welcome.

Lanchester Mothers' Union

Our meeting on June 12th was a very fascinating and informative talk by Rodney Hawkins on a 'Roman Town at Lanchester' namely Longovicium.

The next meeting on 10th July will be our AGM followed by strawberries and cream and 'Bubbly'.

Musical Memories

Our Musical Memories sessions are becoming more and more popular and we next meet on July 24th at 2 pm in Lynwood House. Our theme is 'Holidays' so come prepared to enjoy games, songs and activities with that in mind. Don't forget, this is a very friendly, welcoming occasion and includes people living with conditions that affect memory, carers, and people who just want to join in and enjoy a chat with all their friends over a coffee.

Canny Café

At the Canny Café Luncheon Club all are welcome to share in our lunch (choice of sandwiches, cake) on Wednesday 17th July, 12-2 pm in All Saints' RC Parish Centre.

Good food and companionship. There is no charge but donations are always gratefully received. If you could give a lift to someone who otherwise could not come that would be good.

CRICKET NEWS

The first team currently sits top of the first division after 8 games, with wins over Lintz and Tynedale and the other two washed out. Lintz was a low scoring affair, where Callum Barnes took 4-33, with Lanchester losing 6 wickets chasing 125. Tynedale were second when the two sides met but we comprehensively beat them. Tynedale were

dismissed for 112, with Greg Halliday 4-26, Callum Barnes 3-39. Graham Brinton smashed an unbeaten 70 in chasing down the meagre total. The seconds absolutely smashed Lintz but lost to Tynedale, as with the firsts, the others were washed out. Skipper Chris Ramshaw made an unbeaten 110 against Lintz with Lewis Donnelly

getting 45 in a total of 257 for 3. Lintz were dismissed for 88 as Lewis Donnelly took 3-22 and Charlie McPhail took 3-27. Against Tynedale, the seconds struggled to 158, Ben Holden topscoring with an unbeaten 40. Tynedale chased it down with five overs remaining. The under 18s have lost their two league games, hampered by absent

players who have exams to do. They have beaten Lintz and Tynedale in the cup though. Mattie Butler made an unbeaten 75 in the win over Lintz. Dan Arthur took 5 wickets and Ryan Daughtery three in the semi final win over Stocksfield, with Burnopfield or Greenside to face in the Final. The 15s are going well, sitting second behind

Burnopfield who unfortunately have done the league and cup double over our boys. The under 13s sit proudly on top of their division after four wins out of four and have a spot in the cup semi final where they will face Leadgate or Blaydon. The under 11s have been hit by the weather but have won two and lost one of those played.

ALL STARS CRICKET

By the time you read this, we will have just passed the fifth week of the eight week sessions and they have been a great success. Sixty boys and girls have signed up and in the first three weeks we averaged over 50. To put this in perspective, many clubs hope for 20, so our turnout has been fab. We had a surprise

visitor in week one, as Twinkle, the All Stars mascot, put in an appearance. Week two saw heavy rain after the start of the session, but once everyone got wet, they still enjoyed themselves. Big thanks to Ben G, Cath, Gaby and Ben H, who have done the hard work as activators.



'Twinkle', the All Stars mascot, makes an appearance.

BEER AND CIDER FESTIVAL

Another year, another great event. The weather did dampen things slightly but numbers were still on par with last year. Big thanks to Aquaid, Milburngate, Sanderson Weatherall and Pip Stop, who were the major sponsors, but we couldn't do without all the individual beer and cider sponsors, to whom we are extremely grateful. Gentoo also came in late in the day and provided sponsorship that allowed us to buy some proper speakers to provide background music during the days. There were 30 beer and 25 ciders to sample as well as the keg wall, (three draught lagers) and a great range of wines. The introduction of the draught lagers went down really well and will be featured again next year. Friday night was gin night and we had the most people yet for a Friday.

Attendees were well fed by Centurion Events and superbly entertained by

Radio Star. Saturday did get very damp after about 4 pm but the biggest tent yet coped admirably. Charlotte Foreman did a short solo spot before Rendez Vous kept everyone entertained. Sunday brought strong winds and the only real problem we encountered, when it destroyed the fencing surrounding the gents urinals. A fix was

created but apologies to a couple of homes that were adversely affected by it. The Liane Rivers Band rocked the marquee in the afternoon and then the entertainment was rounded off by Howaysis, an Oasis tribute band, who sent the final customers away happy. By the following afternoon, there was almost no trace it had happened ... until next

year. Huge thanks to the group of volunteers who give up their time, to serve the beer, take the money, give out the tokens, set up and clean up. Without them, this great event wouldn't happen.

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ALL STARS CRICKET

Some of the sixty boys and girls, with their activators, who have signed up for the All Stars Cricket which is the England and Wales Cricket Board entry level participation programme for all boys and girls between five and eight years old. See story page 15.



LANCHESTER V DURHAM PRESIDENTS BOWLING



The teams line up ready for the annual friendly match in which a team from Lanchester Bowling Club plays against a team representing the President of Bowls Durham. For additional bowls news, see report on page 13.

TENNIS CLUB BBQ



Members and friends were able to enjoy the delicious food and drinks on offer. See page 13 for report.

EP SCHOOL FUN AND FITNESS



Ready for action. See article, page 5.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th July. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 12th July.

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