

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER IN AUTUMN



Two stunning photographs of our Village Green showing that Autumn is upon us, the picture on the right was taken at dawn. Both pictures were kindly sent to us by Valerie Seaward.

LANCHESTER REMEMBERS



Villagers surround the War Memorial during the Remembrance Service see article on page 13



Representatives from Village organisations laid Wreaths at the War Memorial.



The organisations who laid wreaths were: Left to right: 2nd Annfield Plain Scouts; Lanchester Rainbows, Brownies and Guides; Laura Pidcock, MP; Churches Together; British Red Cross; Lanchester Parish Council; Durham C.C.; Lord Lieutenant County Durham; The Veterans Association; Mothers Union; The WI; The Thursday Club, and Lanchester Boys Brigade



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
I would like to send my appreciation for all the kindness and love given to my mother Lilian Blades who passed away on the 30th of September, Mam had lived in Lanchester from the age of 17 and had a long and happy life here, living until she was 94. Thank you for the lovely cards and flowers received. She will be very much missed by all of her family.

Thank you,
Christine Loughran.

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RED CROSS Coffee Morning

There's always a great atmosphere at Red Cross coffee events, as people meet with friends, enjoy tea, coffee and cakes, then sit back and relax to chat. There are usually some raffles going on and it's a lovely occasion - come along to their next coffee morning and find out for yourself!

On October 24th, the small hall in the Community Centre hosted the

morning and a good crowd quickly assembled. Tracey Dobson and her crew worked hard but always had time for socialising. The pleasing sum of £350 was raised to support the Red Cross in its humanitarian work.

Tracey thanks everyone for their generosity and her wonderful staff for their hard work and support



Friends, enjoying tea, coffee, cakes and a good chat

Dear Village Voice -
On behalf of the family of the late Janette Hogarth I would like to thank everyone for all the kindness shown to us during her brave fight against cancer.

Janette was very keen to be involved with life in the village. She helped out at the EP school, which our children Claire and Michael attended. She took part in the annual litter pick and for many years delivered the Village Voice around Mount Park Drive and Alderside. Janette was involved in the work of Parklife, which was successful in establishing the children's playground in the village, and would bake for coffee

mornings at the church. Janette passed away on the 5th October 2019, having fought the effects of her tumor for over 20 years. The past year was particularly difficult but she bore this with grace and courage and was always cheerful. She is an inspiration to us all.

We are thankful for the generosity of those who attended her service at Lanchester Methodist Church and who made donations, totalling £816.50, in Janette's memory to Willow Burn Hospice. We are so grateful for the compassion and care provided by the hospice during her final days and hope this donation will help them to support other families facing similar circumstances.

We will always love and cherish her memory. Many thanks,
Paul, Claire & Michael



Janette

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for last month was 79. The draw was made by Barry from the Gym.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 November 2019 at 7.15pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 8 October, Special Meeting 30 October, Planning Committee 30 October – approved

Police report – received

Traffic Issues at Hollinside - Members considered the concern of residents regarding the speed limit at Hollinside which is 60mph. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council and Police supporting a new speed survey at Hollinside and a site visit is arranged with Parish Councillors and the Police and County Council Highways

Trees – Lanchester Valley Walk - Members considered information and photographs received from a resident concerned about the proximity of trees on the Lanchester Valley Walk to his property. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking that the trees are checked and appropriate action taken.

Correspondence

* County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership – Planning Applications Training - 6 places to be booked on this course

* Letter – Northumbrian Water Ltd - Members were informed that a letter had been received from Northumbrian Water Ltd stating that they would provide a regular update to the Parish Council and would attend the Ordinary meeting on 10 December to present information on the results of the investigation surveys, hydraulic modelling and flood mitigation measures.

* Letter - Breathe Easy – Proposed Dissolution – letter received.

* Campaign to Protect Rural England – Autumn Newsletter - received.

* War Memorials Trust – November newsletter - received.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the working group meeting were approved. Members were informed that following approval at the Special Meeting on 30 October the Neighbourhood Plan Submission documents had been submitted to the County Council. Unfortunately the next consultation has been delayed due to the General Election 'Purdah' period. The Neighbourhood Plan Submission consultation is now planned to commence on 13 December for an 8 week period.

Loneliness Project – Welcome to Lanchester Guide - Councillor Friesner provided an update on behalf of the group working on the project. The guide will be printed and distributed in November. On 4 December there will be a drop in session at the Community Centre to talk about the guide. On Thursday 16 January there will be a formal launch event at the Community Centre. The guide will be available on-line. Following the launch there will be a series of sharing it activities including work with schools and young people.

Christmas Light Switch On - Members were informed that arrangements for the event were progressing including: volunteers, sound system, purchase of presents, refreshments and work on the lights.

Works on Village Green - Following the last

meeting communication has taken place with Northumbrian Water Ltd. It is Northumbrian Water Ltd who will be undertaking the works on the Village Green not an individual resident. Northumbrian Water Ltd intend to upgrade the water main by replacing the existing 35mm pipe with a 63mm pipe to serve a number of properties. The pipe will run from the front of the Blacksmiths Cottage to The Lodge. Northumbrian Water Ltd have served the Parish Council with a Notice of Intent to undertake the works. A site meeting took place on 28 October between the Parish Council, Northumbrian Water and Fastflow. Northumbrian Water Ltd will be responsible for the works including: traffic management, informing nearby residents, Health & Safety, scanning for pipes and other utilities, trial holes, heritage scan and maintenance.

Lynwood House – Meeting Room - Members discussed the audio quality of the communal room at Lynwood House. It was agreed that Karbon Homes are asked to consider possible improvements to sound quality.

Litter Bins and Dog Bins

Members considered information and photographs from a resident regarding full and overflowing bins. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking for information on the frequency of bin emptying and whether this has changed recently and informing them of recent problems.

Water – Newbiggen Lane - Members

considered the problem of water running down Newbiggen Lane. This water is entering Newbiggen Lane at the top but is by-passing the large drain hump and running over the pavement and down Newbiggen Lane. There is a concern that this could be dangerous in icy weather as both the footpath and road are affected. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking

them to look into this matter.

Quarterly Newsletter - considered and agreed

Maintenance Report received.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment – approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 at Lynwood House at 7.15pm.

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A LANCHESTER HERO

All countries honour the ultimate sacrifice made by those in defence of their country; Also the sacrifice made by those who served, returned home, and with their families suffer still. With pride, communities also honour acts of gallantry. One such act was performed by a resident of Lanchester, Mr Lawrence Fletcher, born in 1918. On leaving school he worked in the drift mine at Lanchester, but left to join the Royal Navy in 1937. He served on the cruiser Sheffield and the battleship Resolution. During the war he was posted to 6th Flotilla

which comprised motor torpedo boats and motor gun boats. These light and fast craft were used predominantly for coastal and channel action. In 1942, 6th Flotilla was sent to intercept a German convoy. The convoy was protected by armed merchant vessels and E boats. During the action, No 67 motor gun boat, on which Mr Fletcher served, sped towards the German armed merchant vessel, getting so close to the ship that its' guns were unable to be angled towards them. Mr Fletcher, armed the depth charge, 'turned

the screw and sped the charge on its way towards the German ship. Then his boat was moving away, at speed, when the charge exploded. In this action 2 of Mr Fletcher's comrades were killed and several were wounded, including Mr Fletcher who sustained a shrapnel wound in his stomach.

For his part in the action, Mr Fletcher was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. This is a prestigious award, in the Navy, the only two above this are the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal and the Victoria Cross. Mr Fletcher was presented with his medal by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, consort of George VI. Mr Fletcher left the Navy in 1946. He returned to Lanchester, and took up employment in the coal mines, then later with Conssett Iron Company. He died aged 77 still carrying shrapnel in his body.

His daughter, Gloria and son in law William, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all live in Lanchester. I am grateful to his family for allowing me the privilege of reading the documentation surrounding Mr Fletchers' service, and indeed of handling his medal.

Trevor Jones, Veterans Association.

LANGLEY PARK MINERS' MEMORIAL



Memorial Artist Mark Burns Cassell,

A TALENTED artist Mark, whose parents from Lanchester has created a memorial to miners in the neighbouring village of Lanchester.

Mark Burns Cassell, 31, was commissioned by the Lanchester Miners Memorial Committee to design the 10 feet high sculpture of a miner, which was unveiled on Saturday, November 9 outside Browney Court on the Durham side of the village.

For Mark it was a poignant commission as he explained: "I spent a lot of my childhood in Lanchester at the home of my maternal grandparents, Jack and Jean Malone, who are sadly no longer with us. "But Jack worked as a miner at Lanchester Park pit and he was my inspiration for the model."

Mark, whose parents from Lanchester, still live in Lanchester, collaborated on the artwork with metal fabricator and artist Ron Lawson, from Fencehouses.

The former St Bede's School pupil now has his own arts workshop in Sunderland.

The 10ft high statue features a traditional miners lamp in its chest and is surrounded by pit wheels.

Members of the Lanchester Park community contributed to raise funds for the statue, and donations were also received from the County Durham Community Foundation, Esh Parish Council, the Sir James Knott Trust and Durham County Council's Area Action Partnership.



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COMMUNITY CENTRE LATEST NEWS

The latest of the many refurbishments carried out this year is now complete; it is the new non-gender; disability accessible toilet which also includes baby changing facilities.

Our main fundraising focus for 2020 will be for new gym equipment and we ask that you please support this by sponsoring gym members who will be taking part in a 'triathlon' in January. Contact us for further details.

Maintenance of the centre is always an issue so even if you just pop in to use the toilets or sometimes use the car

park you can easily show your support by becoming a 'Friend', just pay £2 per month or £24 for the year, you will get a sticker for your car to show that you support us.

Thank you to all, both buyers and sellers, who came along to our recent Christmas Fair, a great success and a lovely start to the Christmas festivities.

Just a reminder to keep your dancing shoes handy as we still have two Tea Dances to look forward to before Christmas, firstly November 28th and then December 19th (a week early due to Christmas),

1pm to 3pm, please come and join us!

As we are busier than we have ever been we are looking for volunteers to help out with general reception duties, no previous experience necessary, if you can spare a couple of hours a week it will be really appreciated. A chance to help your community and meet new friends.

There is always a lot happening and so many ways you can keep up to date with what's going on, such as checking our Information Point; follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre'; Instagram #lanchester_community_centre; check out the website - lanchestercommunity.wix.com/lanchester, or call in and have a chat - you are always welcome, hope to see you soon.

THE VILLAGE CALENDAR



Calendar seller, Tim Taylor, with Peter and Breda Branscombe.

The Village Calendar, produced by All Saints R.C. Church, is for sale at various locations in the village at the price of £5.00 each.

All paintings are of various parts of Lanchester, which have been produced by local artists. This year is the calendar is particularly ecumenical as there are paintings of the three village churches included.

All money raised will be equally shared by Willow Burn Hospice and 'Marys Meals'. Our photo features calendar seller, Tim Taylor, with Peter and Breda Branscombe.

The organisers would like to thank all the advertisers for their generous contributions, which has made the production of this calendar possible.



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LANCHESTER ART EXHIBITION

The amount of artistic talent in and around Lanchester was available again for all to see at this year's annual Art Show. The Lanchester Art Group showcased their talent with more than 250 paintings on display in the village community centre during the weekend of October 19 and 20. Paintings were on sale and this year – to help visitors spend their money more easily – payments were accepted by card. The vast majority of the artists are retired and have found a fulfilling hobby in which they, without exception, excel. Several of the paintings were scenes of Lanchester, including those displayed by retired teacher Harry Carr. Mr Carr began his hobby as a boy, painting portraits of famous footballers and then sending them to be autographed. He explained: "I painted portraits of the superstars of the time, such as Stan Matthews and Jackie Milburn. I would post them to the clubs with a stamped address envelope and they would invariably be returned to be accompanied by an autograph!" Nowadays Mr Carr specialises in local scenes in acrylic. The number of artists who showcased their work are far too many to mention in one edition of the Village Voice, but they included Jim Richmond, Margaret Walters, Mary Charlton and Lesley Anderson.



Art Group members busy setting up the exhibition



Harry Carr with some of his works

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LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP CEILIDH

The annual Lanchester ceilidh to raise funds for the Village Partnership was again an outstanding success on Saturday, November 16.

Tickets had sold out three weeks before the event and more than 100 dancers – from the very young to a little older – danced and swapped partners in a series of intricate moves to the sound of live band Windy Gyll.

Refreshment was provided by way of a faith supper, with dancers bringing food to share, and the event was held in the concert room at Lanchester Club, who provided it free of charge.

This year there was quite a smattering of very young children, and Partnership chair Michelle Atkinson said they had tried to make the ceilidh particularly family friendly.

Proceeds, which will be matched by Barclays Bank, will go mainly to fund the Village Bus.

There is also going to be a Bussing Lunch – for the same cause – at Lynwood House on Tuesday, December 17 from 11am to 1pm. Tickets at £5 can be bought from any Partnership member.



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Pharmacy staff, Abby, Brandon and Amy who all helped

Staff at Lanchester Pharmacy organised a really good event for customers, to raise money for 'CHILDREN IN NEED'. Homemade cakes were on sale, and a Duck Race on the internet. There was also a very good raffle with excellent support from other businesses in the village, which included the King's Head £15.00 voucher;

Deano's £20.00 voucher, with Talking Heads and New Image also contributing. This well supported event managed to raise an amazing £375.00 for this very worthwhile cause.

Featured in our photo are Left to Right: Abby Carr, Brandon Robson and Amy O'Keeffe, all hard working, enthusiastic staff at the Pharmacy.

TAP DANCING

Older Persons 60+...? I'm wondering how much support there would be for such a class? Many years ago I'm sure, like lots of people in Lanchester, I used to Tap Dance. I found it exhilarating, the music hugely enjoyable and good in terms of of exercise. As I can't jump

or hop now 'time steps' would be out of the question. I haven't looked yet for a teacher or indeed anyone one who could offer advice. I'm just putting out feelers at this stage. Please ring me if you are interested, leave a message if I'm out. Jean Dougherty

CHARITY SHOPS CAN BE OUR BIGGEST RECYCLER

PLASTIC FREE LANCHESTER SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE

And our one and only Charity shop here in Lanchester, run by the Red Cross is doing a particularly good job. Manageress Tracy Dobson confidently shares information with the Plastic Free Lanchester group that for many years they have been recycling and have continued to add to the list of items they accept. At Plastic Free Lanchester we say not all plastic is bad however single use plastic is the enemy because as yet we are unable to recycle it.

* Refuse - to accept plastic in your packaging in the first instance. Take your own bag and use paper bags for goods
* Reduce - eg. buy blocks of soap instead of liquid soap, buy a reusable cup for your drinking water
* Refill - existing containers such as hand soap, shampoo and water

* Re-use - paint or redesign
* Rethink - alternatives to the plastic you use in everyday life
* Recycle - send your waste plastic to a recycling centre via your DCC blue bin or collection point which can sometime earn cash for your community.

The Red Cross accept spectacles, ink cartridges, batteries, crisp packets and oral care goods which they pass on to collection points. They are also a refill point for the general public to refill their water bottles.

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BURNHOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Phonics results are in the top 2% in the country.

Burnhope Primary School have recently received a letter from the Minister of State for School Standards for their incredible phonics results for 2019.

Burnhope Primary School is a much smaller than average Primary School who have achieved an incredible 100% in their phonic results this year and are now in the top 2% in the country.

This incredible result is even more amazing when compared to results just 4 years ago. Back in 2015 only 43% of children passed the screening check - this has steadily risen to an incredible 100% in 2019.

Burnhope Primary School's Head Teacher Lyn Adamson said; "We are delighted that the hard work of our staff and pupils has been recognised by Nick Gibb. This result is testimony to our commitment to make sure that children from

Burnhope Primary School receive the very best start in life. Reading is a life skill that we believe can unlock a lifetime of enjoyment. At our school we believe that all children regardless of their ability, needs or background should be taught the early reading skills that enable them to read."

Burnhope parents and the wider community have responded to the news: Angela Dawson: "Fantastic! Huge congratulations to all". Lynn Peacock: "I'm proud of our village school. Well done to the kids and staff."

Burnhope Primary School caters for children from Nursery – Year 6 School website: <http://www.burnhope.durham.sch.uk/> School Facebook: www.bit.ly/2oQdBAo Anyone interested in visiting the school for a school place should contact the school directly (01207) 520243.



Miss Peaker and some of our Children enjoying a phonics session



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Mrs Lyn Adamson
Burnhope Primary School
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21 October 2019

Dear Mrs Adamson,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. Your excellent teaching of phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country: decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to reading fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.

There is a substantial body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is a highly effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at Burnhope Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top two per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 88 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of teaching pupils to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in literacy, from which they can develop excellent vocabulary and cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

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LANCHESTER WI - HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY



Members of WI about to join a coach at the Village Green to visit Headlam Hall, where they are celebrating the 94th Birthday of WI with lunch and a cookery demonstration. No one admitted being a founder member! The event took place on Monday November 4th.

Lanchester WI members always celebrate their birthday by sharing a day together at a time of friendship, a lovely lunch and enjoying our local region. On November 4th we set off to visit Headlam Hall near Newton Aycliffe and Barnard Castle in the lovely rural countryside of the Durham Dales. The house was built by wealthy Henry Birkbeck in the 17th century and is now a Grade 2 listed building recognised as a luxury spa, conference and weddings venue and a famous golf Hotel. The weather was extremely changeable as we set off from Lanchester but the beautiful countryside in glowing autumn colours was still to be admired. On arrival at Headlam Hall the weather improved and we were greeted with coffee by the extremely polite hotel staff. We watched an interesting demonstration making Christmas canapés, which inspired several members to start thinking of festive food with their family. After a relaxing room with a glass of Prosecco we were invited to be seated for lunch in the impressive dining room. Everyone had already made their choices for lunch and the efficient staff ensured we received our food promptly. The three course meal was delicious and we all agreed we had enjoyed our lovely Birthday Outing. We came home with warm memories of Headlam Hall.

LANCHESTER WI Coffee Morning

Our autumn coffee morning took place on Friday 11th of October, a bright sunny day. A large number of members and their friends arrived and what was especially nice was the number of ladies attending from other branches, a lovely gesture of friendship and support. We enjoyed coffee and cakes with the cake stall proving tempting to members who decided to take some home with them. A bottle Tombola proved very popular and we also enjoyed taking part in a raffle. A lovely morning of friendship, chat... and coffee and cakes!

SATLEY WI

Our next meeting will be held in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15pm on Monday December 9th. It will be a craft themed evening and we will be working with paper and card to make flowers and some Christmas decorations. So if you are feeling creative please join us for a fun filled night followed by some homemade broth.



We watched a very interesting demonstration about making Christmas Canapes,

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COMMUNITY CENTRE CHRISTMAS MARKET



Santa Claus makes an early visit to the village and greets Andrew Filmer with Elf helper, Catherine Bell looking on.



A good view of the quality of stalls in this part of the hall.

The market was held on Saturday 16th December from 9.30 a.m. until 1.30.p.m. Certainly during the mid morning it was extremely busy with people circulating and making purchases from the many stalls erected in both main rooms. The cafe area during this time and later was similar with morning coffees and teas with snacks being served, followed by light lunches later on. The atmosphere was superb as mainly villagers met going around the stalls. There was an excellent variety of goods on offer, many with Christmas present ideas to the forefront. Santa Claus made the first of many appearances in the village and was kept busy with young Elf Catherine, helping him. The Christmas Market was a huge success financially and as a social occasion.

SOUP LUNCH AT THE PARISH CHURCH



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MUSICAL MEMORIES

'WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'

Our Musical Memories meeting in November was a remembrance of passed conflicts and guests found our meeting room decorated with flags and literature from war time periods. Old and new members were welcomed by Helen and after tea and biscuits we settled down to a quiz about theme music from various films with a war theme and naming some of the pieces proved difficult! We all joined in the 'Hello' song to greet everyone and then came a great 'Sing Along' medley of popular songs... 'Bless Them All', 'Kiss Me Good Night Sergeant Major' - so many songs were remembered and sung with gusto. Many thanks to our guests,

friends, family and volunteers who joined us in fun and friendship!.

Looking forward to our Christmas celebration on December 11th.



The Quiz in progress - 'Theme Music' from War Movies

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ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GIVE THANKS - AND THEIR HELP

The school calendar is linked with special occasions and dates throughout the year, and on October 18th, All Saints' Catholic Primary School celebrated their Harvest Festival. On this non-uniform day, the children dressed in their colourful clothes, and they all joined in a very special assembly, led by Year 2 students. Head Teacher Mrs. Stephenson welcomed the pupils, staff, families and friends who gathered in the school hall, and she reminded us that besides thanking God for the food the earth produces, we should try to be helpful and caring at all times, and especially during this special time of gratitude and thankfulness. Year 2 had carried out a lot of research into the life of local heroine Grace Darling. They had visited her birthplace, sites connected with her life and seen artefacts from her family. Grace Darling was the light house keeper's daughter when the paddle steamer Forfarshire was shipwrecked in 1858. Grace helped her father rescue several people who needed help. Year 2 told Grace's story and acted out the exciting rescue. It's important to understand that need is still felt by many in society today. Students had collected many food items to be donated to the People's Kitchen in Newcastle and Mrs Stephenson commended them for their great efforts to be of help. The assembly ended with the Head Teacher announcing her special awards to pupils for effort, hard work, being a good friend etc. Well done to all at All Saints for their care and thoughtfulness.

HARVEST MASS WITH ALL SAINT'S SCHOOL

A special Harvest Mass was celebrated by students of All Saints' Catholic School, joined by their teachers, families and friends. They all enjoyed singing the upbeat, joyous 'Harvest Samba' and then came the lovely hymn 'Lord of the Harvest'. Year 6 students offered the readings, all carefully chosen for their meaningful content. Throughout the ceremony, there were many references to the importance of helping people less fortunate, and indeed the school has worked hard with the Newcastle People's Kitchen, who warmly thanked the school for the generosity and kindness shown to people in need in our local area. Thank you all for such a lovely occasion, everyone!

DANCING FOR PUDSEY



Waiting to start the Danceathon

Every November we are reminded how important it is to help people in need, children and young people especially. November 15th was the date of this year's Children in Need campaign and local schools, as always were in the forefront of the effort pupils at all Saints Catholic Primary School had worked hard to secure sponsorship in support of their nonuniform day and they're great Danceathon. They were all very colourful in the yellow or dotty tops and the Danceathon was as popular as ever, with favourite pop music and Disney characters singing on a big screen. Well done all Saints School for all your energy in support of this good cause and well done on the dance moves

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Every year Autumn begins with a trickle of falling leaves on our village green, until as they gather momentum during the ensuing weeks they cover the whole area to make as it were a carpet of beautiful coloured leaves, gold, rust, yellow, green, brown and variegated. 'Time waits for no man' is a familiar and true phrase and certainly the seasons play out in our lives and we note this perpetual pattern. So it is that each year Autumn arrives, and with it Remembrance

time. The lives of all those from our village, who died for us in World Wars, One and Two, and in other conflicts since then, are remembered and revered. Lanchester is proud of these men and women who gave their lives, selflessly, so that we can live our lives peaceably in our lovely village. The memory of them perpetuates, with the seasons and they will never be forgotten. 'Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends' John 15: 13.

The annual memorial service on the beautiful village green on Sunday November 10th was very well attended by villagers and the congregations and clergy of our three churches. The names of all those who died from our village in war were read out and wreaths of poppies representing village organisations and our local council were taken up to the war memorial with dignity and reverence. Worthy of mention were the beautiful hand made

poppies which were strewn around the war memorial. They were some of the poppies made so lovingly by so many people last year for the wonderful Centenary Remembrance Celebrations. The choir from All Saints Parish Church was present and Lanchester Brass Band accompanied the singing of two hymns while our clergy led the service and prayers, honouring the lives and great sacrifice of Lanchester men and women.

Mark Draper sounded 'The Last Post' on his cornet after the two minute silence, before the band played 'The National Anthem' which ended the beautiful poignant service. 'Lest they forget' is a familiar Remembrance phrase. We can be assured that Lanchester will never forget. Those who lived, loved and died will be remembered for ever. Brenda Craddock. (see front page for pictures)

A GREAT DAY FOR REV. LESLEY

Monday October 21st, was a very special day for Lanchester All Saints Parish Church. The Reverend Lesley Sutherland, was going to be licensed that evening as Priest in Charge, to the parishes of Lanchester and Burnhope and Harelaw and Annfield Plain. This means that she has three churches in which to minister, namely All Saints Lanchester, St. Johns Burnhope, and St. Thomas's Harelaw. St. Aidan's Church at

Annfield Plain has been closed for several years and the congregation is now part of St. Thomas's church. Three churches to care for is quite a challenge but Reverend Lesley is looking forward to her new ministry, and all the churches are looking forward to her leadership. They can all now move forward confidently to the future, embracing their discipleship to further the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. Lanchester Community also

welcomes Reverend Lesley and her husband Ian and hope they will be very happy living in our lovely village. The service of licensing took place in All Saints Parish Church and members of the congregation of each church were present, as were the clergy from Lanchester Deanery, and in addition many of Reverend Lesley's former congregation from Ferryhill. The church was very full! The Right

Reverend Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow, led the worship, accompanied by the Archdeacon who had to present Reverend Lesley to the Bishop of Jarrow, for her licensing. Bishop Sarah was consecrated as Bishop of Jarrow in February 2019 after the retirement of Bishop Mark. It was a beautiful service, which included hymns with the theme of dedication, commitment and mission, which was also reflected in the Bible Readings and prayers. Bishop Sarah spoke some very wise and appropriate words in her meaningful sermon and

warmly welcomed Reverend Lesley to the Lanchester Deanery. Various people who hold office in Lanchester Deanery were presented to Reverend Lesley to endorse her welcome and the closing words of the service were for us all, 'The blessing of the One God be on our community this day and always.' Amen. Wine and an excellent buffet in the Chapter House followed the service and were very much enjoyed and appreciated. Brenda Craddock



Bishop Sarah, Reverend Lesley, Robert Matthews (churchwarden)



Bishop Sarah conducts the service



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BREATHE EASY HAS CLOSED

On Thursday Nov 14th many hundreds of the Breathe Easy Group for Durham and Derwentside decided to close. (The Breathe Easy network is the support system for the British Lung Foundation.) It is very sad as there is no other group - ours was the last in the area. We had been active for 24 years, helping people by holding fun events and visits, inviting interesting speakers, holding table-top sales etc, supporting our 2 local hospices and raising

many hundreds of pounds for research. Lung disease is poorly funded and frequently overlooked nationally – probably because of a misconception that it is usually self-inflicted. There are 38 known diseases of the lungs. It is a horrible illness and patients need support. Our Breathe Easy group was run by patients but it had become too difficult. We regret our closure. We have made long lasting deep friendships and on Thursday remembered



Some members of the Breathe Easy Group at a meeting

our friends who are no longer with us. We also decided to meet socially for monthly lunch-outs. Gladstone on 01207 528 If you would like to join 114 or Christine O’Hare us please contact Jill on 01914 103 726.

FEEDING FAMILIES 2019

Our mission is to provide Christmas food hampers to alleviate hunger and to support those struggling with the added pressures of the Christmas season. From a humble start on social media in 2017 asking if there were any

local families who needed help at Christmas, Feeding Families has now grown to be a region-wide Registered charity. We are about bringing communities together. In these challenging times families can

struggle to make ends meet. We link donors to families who need help and everyone gains! Giving a food hamper, especially at Christmas, can make a huge difference. We began through one family helping another, now we accept donations from businesses, schools, colleges, groups of friends, churches and community groups – could your family or group make a donation? Using an army of volunteers we pack and deliver hundreds of hampers in the days leading up to Christmas.

We are seeking the support of businesses to act as collection points for donations which will be brought into the centre and used to help families in Lanchester, Consett, Stanley, and surrounding areas. CEO Juliet Sanders said: “We are delighted that we are doubling the amount of packing centres this year. Our aim is to reach deeper into communities to find those in need but also to raise up volunteers to take on the task of making a difference to other families. Many of us

have been through hard times ourselves and having a helping hand means a lot. We want every child, every adult, every older person to have a little sparkle at Christmas and together we can make that happen.” The feedback from givers and receivers last year was amazing: Feeding Families welcomes applicants, donors, volunteers, businesses and schools. For more information see the website feedingfamilies.org.uk or email: info@feedingfamilies.org.uk



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THURSDAY CLUB REPORT

In October we welcomed Marsha Spence, of Community Liaison at Asda in Stanley, who gave a very interesting and informative talk about the History of Asda. Starting with how the company was founded in 1949 when the supermarket owning ASquith family merged with Associated DAiries (ASDA) to the present day and now being part of Walmart. Apart from the taking care of the finances, staff, of whom some have

been at the Stanley store for 20 years or more, and customers they also run the Asda Foundation Trust helping many local community projects:- Green Token Giving, our community centre is to be a recipient at the end of December so when you shop pop your token in the slot. Community Lunches for the elderly, sports equipment for schools, litterpicks and more. Check out their website to see if your group/organisation

qualifies. In 20 years, from 1996-2016, the group raised over £50 million for the Tickled Pink campaign for Breast Cancer Care and Breast Cancer Now charities. Good to know a company that gives back to the local communities who support them. After a lively and fun question and answer session the afternoon concluded with refreshments, with cakes given by Marsha, laughter and chatter

LOST AND FOUND

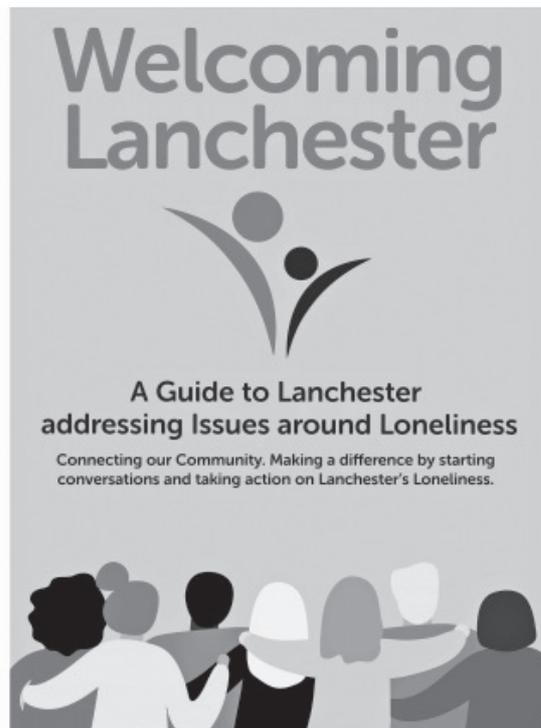
Gary Bankhead returned to the village for the **History Society** in November to give a fascinating talk and insight about the many treasures he has discovered over some years whilst diving in the River Wear in Durham. He brought social history to life through the stories of his archaeological finds and gave us a better understanding of medieval Durham through to the present day, making connections with European Traders from the past. He explained that many of the artefacts might have been lost in the river or purposely thrown in, as in the case

of the Bishop Ramsey artefacts. This made an interesting link with the previous month's speaker who described the new pilgrimage routes recently planned for Durham and the practice of past pilgrims throwing a Pilgrim's ampulla into the river as a sign of thanks for reaching the city and for good luck on their onward journey. Gary showed us examples of these on screen. Textiles were a major source of work and industry in Durham, and there were sixteen different Guilds in Durham. Gary has found

a number of tools from these trades in the river, including various cloth seals that he has specialised in. Some of his finds have been found in remarkable condition, including a Russian icon, buttons, buckles, coins and a 1775-mourning ring with the hair still in place. Some of the artefacts can be seen in the Palace Green Museum. Gary has recently been seen on our local news and has also made a number of programmes for different channels including the History and the Smithsonian Channels. Do look out for these programmes.

LANCHESTER LONELINESS GUIDE

The 'Welcoming Lanchester' Guide has now been printed and should be landing on your doormat imminently. It's a community initiative and the Guide addresses issues around loneliness and contains related information about Lanchester and County Durham services. In the future by taking the Guide into the Community, sharing its contents, the project Working Group hopes to encourage everyone to make a difference. By starting up conversations we can all make a change and tackle Lanchester's loneliness. If you have any particular concerns about loneliness, then visit the Lanchester Medical Centre or visit your own Lanchester GP. You can discuss things with the receptionist who will then be able to guide



and direct you towards further confidential personalised support and assistance. Do mention the Guide to others, they may find it helpful. You can encourage others to view it online or pick up a copy. Key community venues carry a small stock. With seasonal

festivities quickly approaching, nights drawing in and more variable weather to contend with, loneliness can affect anyone at any time. It sounds like the ideal time for everyone to make a difference by starting conversations to tackle Lanchester's loneliness.



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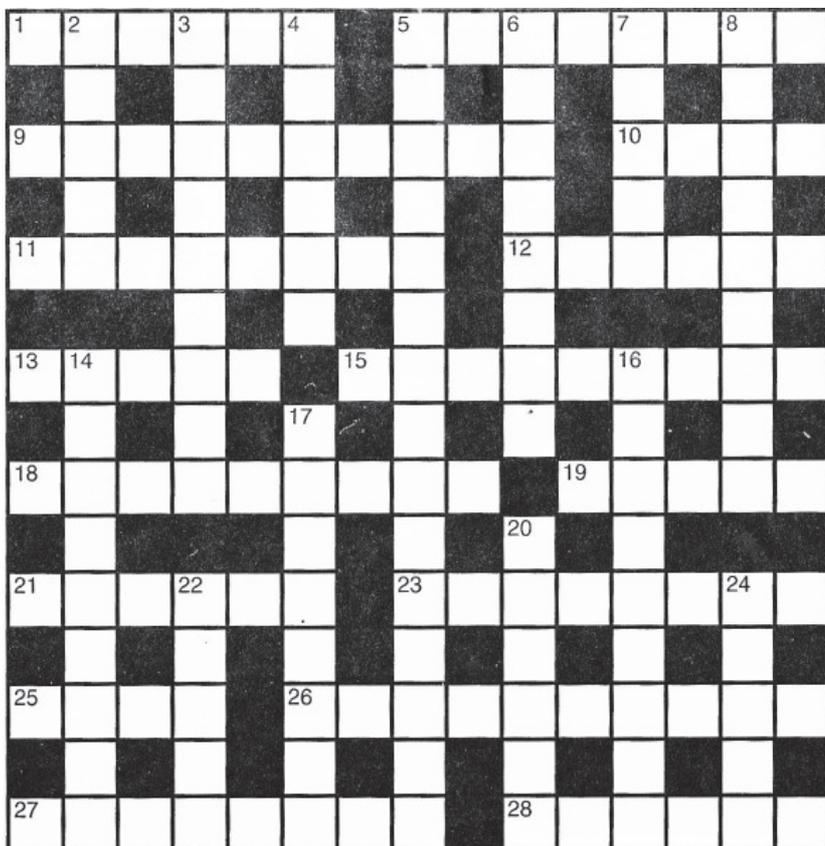
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ACROSS

1. Superficial (6)
5. 880 yards (4,4)
9. Scattered sunbeam? (7,3)
10. African river (4)
11. Steal one for experience (4,1,3)
12. Decrepit (6)
13. Pungent (5)
15. Maligning giant crud (9)
18. Urgency (9)
19. Helpful (2,3)
21. Useless (6)
23. Chemical weapon (5,3)
25. Bitterness (4)
26. I can't end in a disturbance (2,8)
27. Fool (8)
28. Figure of speech (6)

DOWN

2. Nimble (5)
3. Puerile (9)
4. Store in a silo (6)
5. Difficult to come to terms with (4,2,9)
6. Save for a rainy day? (3,5)
7. The — Gate, WW1 memorial (5)
8. Dreamworlds (2,2,5)
14. Political system (9)
16. W a t e r t i g h t enclosure on a building site (9)
17. E d u c a t e d bookworms? (8)
20. Brawl (6)
22. Female name (5)
24. Declare invalid (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 162

ACROSS

1. stringent
6. spent
9. lenient
10. trefoil
11. impis
12. enactment
13. part of the orient
- 16,22. other parts of the globe
19. end of time
21. Roger
23. erasers
24. manhole
25. Trent
26. excrement

DOWN

1. self-improvement
2. run up
3. Niels Bohr
4. entreat
5. titrate
6. scent
7. elopement
8. talk to the priest
14. rehydrate
15. Rio Grande
17. at issue
18. thermic
20. fleet
22. see 16

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

CROSSWORD 162

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How do I tell if I have if I have a cold or flu?

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Cold Symptoms: The first is often a sore throat, typically accompanied by a runny nose and sinuses congestion usually lasting about a week. Coughing and a build-up of mucus may drag on longer. As long as you have any symptoms, whether it's the slightest cough or occasional sneeze, you will still pose the risk of infecting others with the virus. **Treatment:** Get plenty of rest, keep warm and drink lots of fluids to avoid dehydration. If you have a cough, drinking hot

lemon with honey can have the same effect at soothing your throat as cough medicines. You can buy over-the-counter cough or cold medicines or pain relief from your local pharmacy to ease your symptoms and ensure your comfort.

Prevention: Colds spread extremely easily, especially when you spend a lot of time in close proximity with other people. Take simple precautionary measures such as washing your hands regularly with warm water and soap regularly and avoid sharing items such as towels or cups with people who may be infected. Use tissues when you cough or sneeze and discard them in a bin as soon as possible.

Flu symptoms: Symptoms usually appear from one to four days after exposure to the virus, and include a high temperature, dry cough, sore throat, muscle aches, headaches, tiredness and difficulty sleeping. You may have tummy pains and feel sick. The symptoms are similar for children, but they can also get pain in their ear and appear less active. Symptoms usually improve after a week making a full recovery within two weeks although you might still

feel weak for longer. **Treatment:** To help you get better more quickly get plenty of rest, drink plenty of water and keep warm. Take paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower your temperature and treat aches and pains. Be careful not to use flu remedies if you're taking paracetamol and ibuprofen tablets as it's easy to take more than the recommended dose. The pharmacist can give treatment advice and recommend flu remedies and always speak to a pharmacist before giving medicines to children. **Prevention:** The flu vaccine reduces the risk of catching flu, as well as spreading to others. Those deemed as being high-risk, people over 65, pregnant or have a serious health condition, are eligible for a free flu vaccine. It's more effective to get the vaccine before the start of the flu season (December to March). People who've had a flu vaccination may contact a milder form of flu recovering quickly. Flu is very infectious and easily spread to other people; most likely within the first 5 days. As with any virus washing your hands regularly with warm water and soap is a must and avoid sharing

towels or cups with common cold and flu are others, placing spread by germs from discarded tissues into a bin as soon as possible. Did you know: A strong sneeze can travel the length of a bus or train carriage! If you sneeze, don't forget to cover your nose with a tissue to try and limit the spread to others. Both the

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three. It was a lovely varied selection, we opted to sample for starters, Roast spicy tomato and red pepper soup with anchovy salsa and Crispy duck, watermelon with pomegranate salad. Mains were, Braised lamb shanks with Nicosia vegs, Seabass with leeks, chorizo + crispy shallot onions and Roast chicken breast with all the trimmings. Puds were, Rissotto rice pud with

apricots, cinnamon and orange creme fraiche, Chocolate bread and butter pud with custard, Custard tart with Garibaldi biscuits and Chapters banoffee pie with banana ice cream. A veritable feast! High standard, good service, good food and as always good company. What a lovely way to spend a lunchtime! The Gourmet girls

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Please support this appeal to bring a little cheer to a homeless person

The idea is that you fill a box with necessary items and some treats. Now it doesn't have to be a shoe box but could be small rucksack. Suggestions: Underpants/knickers, Socks, Baby wipes deodorant/soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, Chocolate, Hand warmer, Sanitary towels if shoe box for woman, talcum powder, Greetings card, envelope, pen, stamp (to inform relatives they are alive), emergency foil blanket, gloves, hat, rain poncho, torch, high energy snacks. No alcohol based products (mouth wash) or razors. Seasonal gift

These can be dropped off at RC church porch any weekday morning except Sat. 9-9.30 or Sunday 9-10.30 or Cuppa and Chat every Tuesday 9-11 during term time. Please drop off before 2 December. Many thanks. Contact Andrea Stoddart on 01207520291

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal

Lanchester Methodist Church will be supporting the appeal by collecting toys and gifts for children and young people in our area who would otherwise receive few or even no Christmas presents.

Church is open every Thursday and Saturday morning as well as on Sundays and, if you would like to contribute, we will be collecting gifts from Sunday 17th November until Sunday 15th December.

Please help so that as many children as possible can experience a happy Christmas.

Thank you

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Cuppa and Company

Next meeting will be on 10th December at Lynwood House from 11.45 am onwards.

Everyone welcome, next meeting is Christmas Lunch, a donation as usual of £2 is required.

If you haven't already confirmed you are attending please call Jackie on 07908838452

Just a reminder lifts are no longer provided although the village bus can still provide lifts.

Community Centre

Tea Dance

The Tea Dance will be held on Thursday 19th December from 1pm-3pm. £4 incl tea/coffee and cake.

Whist Drive

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

Mahjong

Thursdays - Meeting Room 1, 10am - 12.

Cuppa and Chat

Every Tuesday during term time, 9-11.30. Come and join other parents, carers, meet childminders, toys and crafts for under 5s, refreshments, cakes, scones. We look forward to seeing you soon. No charge but donations always welcome. Queries Andrea Stoddart 01207520291

Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday 8th December at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre with the usual raffle, refreshments. Screening of the film at 7.30 pm.

The film we are showing is 'Mary Poppins Returns'.

Ticket entry:

£2.50 members

£3.50 occasional visitors

£2 young persons.

Ticket covers entry to raffle, refreshments and film. All are welcome.

Lanchester Social Club

Free Live Entertainment Every Saturday from 9pm

December Artistes:

Saturday 7th December - Darryl Todd

Saturday 14th December - Amy Saxon

Saturday 21st December - Robert Black

Saturday 28th December - Dionne

Saturday 21st December - Christmas Jumper Night. Prize for Best Jumper.

Tuesday 31st December - New Year's Eve. Dress to Impress, Join us to See in the New Year.

Wednesday 1st January - New Year's Day Party from 2pm in Our Concert Room £5 per ticket, on sale now! Followed by Disco & Karaoke in Our Lounge Bar from 5pm (Free Entry)

Also showing Newcastle V Leicester football match 3pm KO. To Keep Updated Follow

Mothers' Union

The next meeting on 11th December will be our Advent Service. We will have guests from Womens Clubs in the Village as well as Burnhope and Harelaw. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas from Lanchester Mothers' Union

Lanchester WI

Next month will be our Christmas celebration and we expect a very enjoyable evening on December 2nd. As a change, instead of our usual Faith Supper we will share a buffet, which will be delivered to us and our evening will start at 7 pm. We look forward to a quiz, a Chinese Raffle and some festive songs from the Male Voice Choir.

Your Committee would like to wish all our members, their friends and family a peaceful and Merry Christmas and offer a sincere Thank You for all your support.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on 10th December for our AGM followed by a wildlife quiz. Meet at 7.30 pm in Community Centre dining room.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 15th December to go to Seal Sands. Meet in Community Centre car park at 9.30am.

Musical Memories

Our next get together will be our Christmas celebration on December 11th at Lynwood House when will be joined by All Saints RC Primary School choir.

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15pm on Monday December 9th. It will be a craft themed evening working with paper and card to make flowers and some Christmas decorations. So if you are feeling creative please join us for a fun filled night followed by some homemade broth.

Local History Society

A Christmas Social Evening with photographs from the Heritage Audit. Remember to Bring a Dish to accompany wine and other beverages.

Date: Friday December 6th

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

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

Sunday Bridge

Come and join us in the Community Centre on 1st December at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3 and all profits to the Community Centre.

Library Book Club

On Monday December 16th from 2.30-3.30pm, the group will be discussing Local Girl Missing by Claire Douglas.

'Compelling and page turning, wonderfully written. If you have read this book, come along and join the discussion.

On Thursday December 20th from 5.30-6.30pm, the discussion will be on All That I Am by Anna Funder. There are echoes of the best espionage tales (Sunday Telegraph). If you would like to join this group, pick up the book from the library and enjoy the discussion.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday December 9th from 3.45-4.30pm. Children aged 5-11 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 3pm. Come along to this social time for you and your child to enjoy music, songs and rhymes.

Crafty Coffee Morning

Join us at Lanchester Methodist Church at 10 am to 12 every second and fourth Tuesday.

For more information please contact Jennifer Nairns on 01207 520515.

Thursday Club

On December 12th we will be off to Ramside Hall for our Christmas party afternoon. The coach will leave the Durham bus stop at 11.45am (opposite Cooplunds) and leave Ramside at 3.30pm.

There will be NO meeting in the Community Centre in December.

CAR DAMAGED

A Lanchester resident woke up on the morning after Halloween to find that his car – parked in his drive in West Drive – had had its back windscreen shattered.

Three youths were seen running away from the scene in the direction of Humberhill shortly after 3am on Friday, November

1st. One may have had a head injury after reportedly head butting the glass, causing it to shatter.

What they – and their parents – would not have been aware of was that the car owner works as a volunteer driver for a local charity and had to cancel medical

appointments for elderly people and outings for vulnerable adults at short notice.

Before shattering the rear windscreen the youths were reported to police for kicking over wheely bins in Ford Road.

Somebody reading this article will be fully aware that their offspring did not arrive home until after 3am on the morning after Halloween.

They may wish to do the decent thing and report them to police by dialling 101 quoting reference number 0086 of November 1st. The investigating officer is PC Joyce Neil McKay.



The car with its back windscreen shattered.

TALK LIKE TIGERS



Pop rock group Talk Like Tigers, fronted by twins Charlotte and Stephanie Walker from Lanchester, played to a packed house at the Kaleidoscope venue in Stepney Bank, Newcastle on the evening of Saturday, November 16 to promote their latest single, *Diamonds*. The group's music has been played on national radio and they have a loyal local following. Charlotte is in front of the microphone and Stephanie on keyboards

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Honey Glazed Ham

This is the time of year when food is being planned for the important Christmas season. A traditional dish is glazed ham. Queen Victoria loved apricots and every Christmas, a York ham, with an apricot compote glaze was served to the Queen.

YOU NEED

Gammon joint, 2kg (4lb), smoked or unsmoked
1 onion
A handful of cloves
Bay leaf
8 peppercorns
Apricot halves in fruit juice, 410 g can
Light muscovado sugar
5 tbsps

METHOD

1. Rinse the gammon and put it in a large pan, with the onion studded with 6 cloves, the bay leaf and peppercorns. Add enough water just to cover the meat. Bring to the boil, cover the pan and simmer as gently as you can for 1 hour 50 minutes.
2. Drain the apricots, reserving 8-10 of the firmest, best shaped fruit. Mash the rest with the sugar for the glaze.
3. Preheat the oven to 190C/375F/gas 5. Lift the gammon out of the pan and put into a roasting tin with the onion and about 300ml of the cooking

water. Leave the meat for about 5 minutes until cool enough to handle, then remove the string and skin and score the fat into a diamond pattern. Stud the top with cloves then spread the apricot mixture over the top, using your hands.

4. Roast in the oven, uncovered, for 40 minutes, until the glaze browns. Place the meat on a serving dish and garnish with the reserved apricots, warmed in the fruit juice. Make a sauce with the juices from the roasting tin. Serve hot with vegetables or cold with salad.

CRICKET NEWS

Saturday 2nd November, thirteen members of the cricket club attended the annual presentation night of the Northumberland and Tyneside Cricket League, Newcastle Racecourse, featuring a three course meal and guest speaker, Durham County Cricketer, Chris Rushworth. The club picked up two awards, the main one of which was the Division 5 South league trophy. Second team captain, Chris Ramshaw was on hand to have the honour of collecting it. The club also picked up an award for scoring most combined runs between the two teams in the top five divisions. It was an enjoyable night, but nice to be leaving...

The third team league presentation had taken place two nights earlier at Hetton Lyons cricket club. There were no trophies to collect, but there were honourable mentions for Andy McConnell and Mattie Butler who finished second and third in the league batting, whilst 14 year old Ben Raynor was second placed in first division wicket keeping. Looking ahead, the club will hold a Christmas Prize draw which will be drawn on 21st December at the Club's Christmas party, where local singer Charlotte Foreman will be belting out the tunes. The club is open on Friday nights in the run up to Christmas and we hope to see you there.

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HALLOWEEN



Creepy house in Foxhills—this person went to Weight Watchers! Should have gone to Spec Savers.



Archie Alderson, Matthew Bell and Megan Kelly tricking and treating around the doors.

EP SCHOOL DOES CHILDREN IN NEED



Lovely 'Pudsey Bears'



Handsome 'Pudsey Bears'

1000 POPPIES AT THE WAR MEMORIAL



The War Memorial area decorated for Remembrance Sunday with poppies laid by Eric Hepplewhite and Brian Naylor, with a back up team assembling them at Croft View Halls. A total of a thousand poppies were laid.

EARLY DECEMBER DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 10th December. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 6th December.

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