

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## SUMMER SPECIAL HOLIDAY CLUB 2019

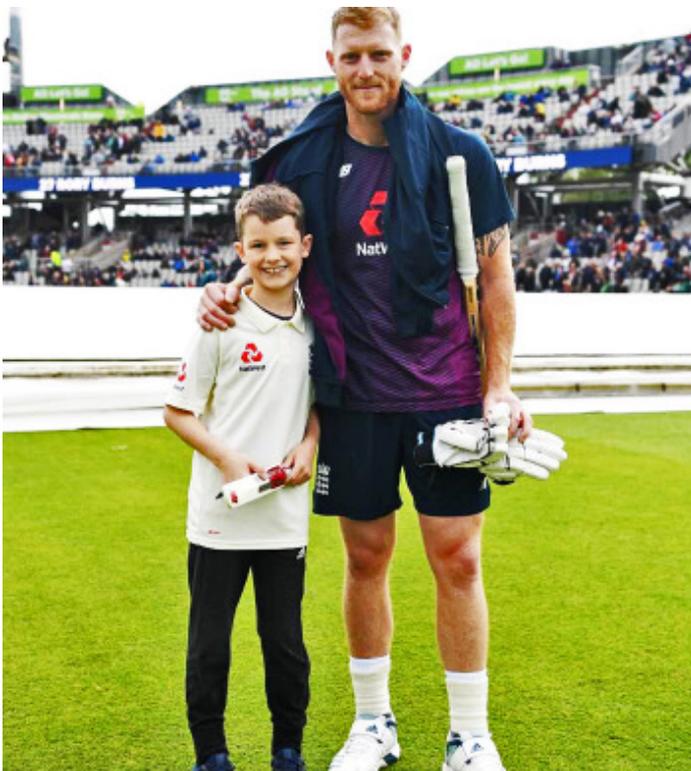


*Claire Earl, aka Binwoman and her dancers.*



*The children taking part in one of the daily challenges.  
See article on page 3.*

## HENRY'S SPECIAL DAY



*Henry White, who attends Lanchester EP School and is a member of Lanchester Cricket Club had a memorable experience when he met his cricketing heroes. Henry was chosen to be the England mascot at the Ashes Test Match at Old Trafford where he met Ben Stokes (shown with Henry) and England captain Joe Root. He also met the rest of the England Team and local hero Paul Collingwood.*

## GO TEAM ALL SAINTS



*Aiden, Lucie, Max, Will, Chloe, Luka, Felix, Izzy, Jessica, Jacob, Will and Isaac ran the mini Great North Run.  
See story on page 2.*



# Dear Village....

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Dear Village Voice  
This letter is to advise the residents of Lanchester of a planning application for three timber cabins, for holiday use, to be placed adjacent to the Lanchester Railway Path, a short way beyond the Kitswell Road Cemetery.  
Letters have been sent to nearby residents but we thought other people in the village may wish to make comments to the Council. The details can

be seen on the Durham County Council website.  
Erection of 3 no. timber cabins for holiday let purposes  
Land To The West Of Lanchester Cemetery  
Kitswell Road Lanchester  
Ref. No: DM/19/02535/  
FPA Received: Tue 06 Aug 2019 Validated: Fri 09 Aug 2019 Status: Pending Consideration  
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## GO TEAM ALL SAINTS

Aiden, Lucie, Max, Will, Chloe, Luka, Felix, Izzy, Jessica, Jacob, Will and Isaac ran the mini GNR and raised over £2,000 for the North East's Children Cancer Research

Charity. An amazing charity very close to the hearts of Aiden (no 436) and family, having had treatment for Leukemia at the RVI Newcastle. A massive well done to

the runners and a huge thank you to all the people who donated. And well done to Jacob who was the fastest boy in the run.

**See photo on front page.**

## DELIVERER REQUIRED FOR THE VILLAGE VOICE

It is not often that such a round comes along so get your names down quickly to become the permanent deliverer for Oakwood - a round of some 45 papers with the nicest set of residents that it is possible to meet. I can assure you all that there has not been a single fatality on the round since the Voice started. In fact, apart from one small altercation, that was settled quickly with a round of fisticuffs, it has

been peace and tranquility throughout. **Why is such a round now on the Market?** Our present deliverer, Michael Horsley ably assisted by his wife Angela, who have been doing it since before the Dead Sea was ill, have decided to retire to give them more time to spend with the family. Many thanks for your commitment to the Voice - I am sure that the residents of Oakwood will pass on their thanks

for the many years of turning out in all sorts of weather so they can get the latest village gossip. If you cannot commit to being a full time deliverer, we still need more people to act as relief deliverers for when one of the permanent group cannot do the round for whatever reason. Contact the Village Voice or me directly, Mike Stoddart on 520291. Thanks in anticipation.

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### Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for August was 53. The draw was made by John Richards, Heating and Plumbing.

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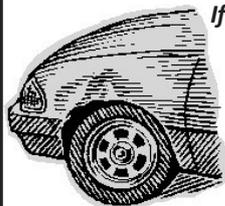
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# SUMMER SPECIAL HOLIDAY CLUB 2019

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Over forty volunteers and nearly sixty children joined in funky songs, took part in daring challenges, listened to amazing stories, watched gripping drama (more panto than

Shakespeare but none the worse for it!), bounced on a bouncy castle, played exciting games, produced amazing craftwork and laughed/groaned at Rubbish Jokes - ie jokes about rubbish and waste and dustbins.

The title, you see, was Waste Watchers, an environmental theme led by the amazing Binwoman, but with a deeper theme about God

transforming people's lives. Grumpy told the Jesus-stories dressed up as a different character each day: a sumo wrestler, a bride and groom all at the same time, a frog, the Grinch, an old lady carrying a massive baby, and Forky - but then got transformed himself from Grumpy into Happy!

The drama saw Parky with the help of Barry, Larry and Harry transform a piece of parkland, with lots of "It's behind you" and "Oh yes he did" thrown in for good measure. The dancers and Binwoman led us all in boppy routines and the groups explored each day's theme creatively. It was great fun, and we all learnt lots more about God's love for each one of us.

Altogether a fantastic week, exhausting but exhilarating - and we look forward to an even bigger Summer Special at the same time (August 25th - 30th) next year. Make sure you don't miss it!

See photos on front page.



Stuart Earl as 'Grumpy'.

# HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY



Mrs Audrey Tait, born in Lanchester, on her 90th birthday on September 10th. Congratulations!

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2019

**Minutes** - Ordinary Meeting 9th July, Finance Committee and Recreation Committee 31st July - approved.  
**Police report** - received.  
**Correspondence**  
**Lanchester Allotments Association** - minutes of committee meeting received.  
**Environment Agency** - Water Resources Abstraction Licences for previously exempt activities - information received.  
**Durham County Council** - Long Term Empty Property Council Tax

**Premium consultation** - Members considered the consultation. Agreed that a response is sent to Durham County Council supporting the proposals and asking that the County Council act with discretion in sensitive cases.  
**Letter of thanks** - Crocus Project - received.  
**Campaign to Protect Rural England** - Summer newsletter - received.  
**The Clerk Magazine** - July edition - received.  
**Neighbourhood Plan** - The Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan

pre-submission consultation had taken place between 24th June - 9th August. A number of representations had been received. These responses have been put in tabular form and the working group will meet to consider all responses and amend the document accordingly. A Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement need to be produced. The Basic Conditions Statement was discussed and it was agreed that our planning consultant be asked to write this document which will take an estimated 5 days. The revised Neighbourhood Plan document along with the Basic Conditions Statement and Consultation statement will be submitted to the County Council who will then undertake a further consultation and forward the document to an independent assessor.  
**Councillor Vacancy** - Members considered and agreed the co-option to the Parish Council. The matter to be ratified at the next meeting.  
**Proposed Traffic Regulation Order** - It was agreed that

correspondence is sent to the County Council supporting the proposals.  
**Memorial Plaques on Seats** - Members considered current arrangements and confirmed them to be satisfactory.  
**Northumbrian Water Ltd - Sewer System** - Councillors were informed of information received from Northumbrian Water Ltd regarding network investigations in the Ford Road area and the modelling being used to better understand the impact of rainfall and the resultant flooding. They aim to have the results of the study in October and aim to share these findings with the Parish Council in December. Members were disappointed to note that the residents' survey had not yet taken place. Members also considered information received from a resident regarding a long term problem of water running down Cadger Bank. It was agreed that Northumbrian Water Ltd is asked to update the Parish Council every

two months, a representative of Northumbrian Water is asked to attend the December Parish Council meeting to present the results of their investigations and that Northumbrian Water is informed of the ongoing problem of water running on Cadger Bank.  
**Manor Grange Play Area** - Councillors considered and agreed a leaflet for distribution to houses on the Manor Grange estate and Deanery View estate. The leaflet would inform residents of the proposed play area and seek information on demand for the facility. The leaflet would be delivered by Councillors at the end of September.  
**Annual Return 2018/19** - External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern. The Annual Return was approved and accepted.  
**Financial report** - discussed and approved.  
**Accounts for Payment** - approved.  
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# EP SCHOOL LEAVERS SERVICE

A special service is held annually in the Parish Church in July. It is the School Leavers Service, which the whole school attends. Mrs Davis introduced the service and praised the Year 6 pupils who had brought so much to the school with their various personalities and strengths. They had matured into confident young people and were now ready to take up the challenges of a new school and their secondary education. Each Year 6 pupil traditionally receives a 'graduating' scroll and a book in which is written a testimonial of their time in the EP School. Parents

watched proudly as their child stepped forward to receive their scroll and book from either Mrs Davis or Mr Knighton and their testimonial was read out. There is an emphasis not just on academic and sporting skills but on the characteristics of each pupil, such as kindness, caring, team spirit, helpfulness, willingness, positivity, good manners, honesty and a sense of humour. Every child is encouraged to be the best person they can be, and they are nurtured and cared for with great dedication. Other awards were then presented. Attendance Awards for pupils with

100% in the last academic year, The Rotary Club Award for the 'Make a Difference' group, this being a group which has made a difference both in School and Community, with a special project. The Citizenship Awards were received by Charlotte Roe in Year 2 and Anna Niranjan in Year 6 and the Henry Dancer Award was given to Alex Hall. The Reverend Stephanie Clarke concluded the service with a short address in which she encouraged the pupils to use all their skills and attributes in their next school to the best of their ability.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Alex Hall with the Henry Dancer Award.*



*Pupils with 100% attendance.*



*Presenting the Rotary Award.*

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## LADIES WHO LUNCH

We've been thinking about it for a while but, last month we finally got our act together and headed off to sample the delights of the improbably named 'The Impeccable Pig', in Sedgefield!

Well, it is quite delightful, beautifully appointed, as one of our number decided it was totally 'de-lightful and de-lovely'. As you can gather - we were quite impressed.

A warm welcome from the staff, lovely oval table, exactly right for 8 people. It was a very elegant dining room with a nice atmosphere and we were soon perusing the menu. They have an à la carte and a lunch menu of 2 courses for £16.50 and 3 courses for £19.50. Also a sandwich option which one of us tried which consisted of roast pork, roast onion, crackling and

thyme gravy. For the rest of us it was for starters, Curried veg soup, Smoked salmon, goats cheese, herbs and toasted sourdough and Chicken liver pâté, crispy onion, plum chutney, herbs and toasted sourdough. Mains were Grilled pork tenderloin, honey and red wine braised cabbage and Stonebass with crushed pots and seasonal vegs in herb oil. Puds were an ice cream selection and a lovely option of tea/coffee with petit fours.

The food was excellent. We did have a slight mishap with one of our meals, but the situation was rectified, recompense made and everyone was perfectly happy. We shall most definitely be going again. The 'impeccable pig' was impeccably turned out!

**The Gourmet Girls**

## AUTUMN AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE



**LANCHESTER  
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There are a number of varied and interesting events coming up soon in addition to the regular programme of classes and clubs.

Halloween will be here soon. Do you know that Ghost Hunts are often held at the Community Centre? To find out more look on our Facebook page.

Then we have our Wedding Fair on Sunday 13th October, 5 till 8 pm, free entry. Come and see how the 'Old Village School' can be transformed into your perfect and unique

wedding venue without costing the earth. Lots of local suppliers attending, showcasing cakes; flowers; catering; photography; entertainment; mobile pub; wedding supplies; etc.

Lanchester Art Group will be holding their annual art exhibition on 19th and 20th October.

Back to a spooky theme for our Halloween Movie Night on Sunday 27th October 5 pm till 7 pm, £3 per child (adults free), prize for best costume and for best pumpkin.

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The stall was supported by the national Refill campaign and charity behind the campaign, 'CitytoSea', which works to end plastic pollution in our seas.

Pupils from the EP directed parents, staff and fellow pupils to the newly registered Refill stations. Four venues in

the village have worked in partnership with members of the Plastic Free Lanchester group and now welcome residents and visitors to drop in to re-fill their water bottles. They are:

KaffeeHaus Amadeus, Lanchester Community Centre, Lanchester Methodist Church, British Red Cross shop. Local resident Hazel Bloor said: "In the past we sometimes felt awkward about popping in to a café or centre to ask them to refill our bottle; I feel much more comfortable going somewhere which is actively encouraging people to ask for a water refill. Just look out for the Refill sticker in the



window and you'll know you are welcome!"

A big thanks to these local venues for coming forward and joining the campaign to reduce unnecessary plastic production and end plastic pollution.

Find out more at: <https://refill.org.uk> or [www.citytosea.org.uk](http://www.citytosea.org.uk)

If you are interested in joining our group or simply finding out more, please get in touch via: [plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com](mailto:plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com).



*Our photo shows a volunteer group who are encouraging and officially supporting 'Plastic Free Lanchester'. Their stall in Front Street gave information and help about recycling.*

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## SATLEY WI

Our President Linda welcomed twelve members to our latest meeting. The minutes were approved and the county newsletter perused. A trip to the Consett Empire Cinema was arranged to see the new Downton Abbey film and members were invited to join Lanchester WI at their coffee morning on October 10th. Members were asked to suggest speakers for next year.

Our guest speaker was Dr Ray Lowry who is a retired doctor and dentist who wrote comedy material for The Two Ronnies, Dave Allen and Kenneth Williams as well as many others. He was extremely entertaining delivering his anecdotes and stories with panache. He went on to show us many examples of printed articles where misplaced

punctuation, or spelling mistakes, caused a different meaning to what had been intended. We all laughed through the whole presentation and agree with him that "Laughter is the best medicine".

Dr Lowry was thanked by Carol after he was given the very difficult task of judging our competition for a limerick about a Doctor or Dentist in his honour. The winner was Christine, second place went to Carol and third place to Linda H. The raffle was won by Linda B.

We then went on to celebrate Aldwyn's upcoming special birthday by singing Happy Birthday while she blew out the candles on her cake. The cake was enjoyed by us all along with tea and coffee supplied by Christine and Carolyn.

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# LANCHESTER WI IN SEPTEMBER

President Marie Murphy welcomed members, reminding us that our Durham County newsletter is an important source of information about outings and events. Anyone who has attended any such event should let Marie know so that it's mentioned in our Annual Report. September 16th has been delegated as WI Day and we're invited to send a photo with our thoughts about what the WI means to us personally. Ideas from members were invited last month, with suggestions about any innovations or proposed outings and people who had contributed were thanked. A valuable idea was that everyone makes a name badge to identify themselves; we have had

several new members join us lately and it will be a friendly gesture to call them by their name! It was agreed that badges are made at the Christmas party.

Dates were given for future events, including the Downton film, Hamsteels Fashion Show, our Coffee Morning and Janis's Macmillan Coffee Morning. We look



Ann Carr thanks Dr Jared Johnson for sharing his memories of his career in teaching.

forward to our Birthday lunch at Headlam Hall in November. Glenda was offered thanks for producing a quiz about the school reports for various people and the competition for an amusing school memory had three winners, Cindy

Brockington, Maureen Barker and Ann Carr. Raffle prizes were won by Maureen Barker and Janis Suddes.

Our speaker was Dr Jared Johnson, a Biology teacher of 25 years, who recalled several incidents from his career. Ann Carr

proposed the vote of thanks to Jared, and Glenda Horne was thanked for her hard work over the last three years in planning a varied and interesting programme of speakers. We ended our evening with tea and biscuits.

## LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

The Choir is 'back at work' following its usual Summer break with its new Conductor, Peter Bridgewater, firmly ensconced in his new role. He has made changes to choir practice routines and procedures in keeping with his own style and methodology and all members look forward to grappling with the new techniques and to the rehearsal and

performance of new music.

LMVC is in good order, with its 27 members raring to go through the remainder of this year. Three concerts are planned during the period starting with an evening with the Women's Institute at Newton Hall on 2nd October. An Autumn Concert will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday 9th

November where, in addition to a wide variety of 'numbers', coffee and cake will be served. Finally, the annual Celebration of Christmas will be in the C of E All Saints' Church. The latter two will commence at 7.30 pm and we hope that you will come and join us on those evenings.

Look out for Autumn Concert posters in the Village; tickets are £6 (children £4) and can be bought through the Community Centre (521275) or from members (see details on the Lanchester Community Association website). As always, you will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

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Paul Brolly from the North East Ambulance Service delivered a training session on defibrillators at Lynwood House on Tuesday 17th September. The session was well attended with 23 members of the community taking part.

Paul delivered an excellent and entertaining training session which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. The session enabled people to understand how the defibrillator can be accessed and used as well as seeing the defibrillator in action.

The defibrillator can be used by anyone. If you see someone who is unconscious and not breathing normally call 999 for help. As well as guiding you through CPR, the call operator will be able to advise you if there is a defibrillator nearby. If there is, they will ask you to stay with the patient and continue CPR but ask someone around you to go and fetch the defibrillator. The 999 call operator will give you the code to unlock the cabinet so the portable defibrillator can be removed. Once

activated the defibrillator will give the person using it clear audio instructions. You cannot hurt someone with a defibrillator because it won't work unless the person is in cardiac arrest.

A defibrillator is located on the outside wall of the pharmacy on Front Street. It has been installed in the centre of the village for the benefit of the community. The defibrillator is available to members of the public 24 hours a day to use in the case of a life threatening emergency.



Volunteers practising CPR and the use of the defibrillator.

## MUSICAL MEMORIES OF PLACES

Our Musical Memories afternoon was based on 'Places' and we were invited to think about some famous sites, recognising and matching them in a quiz. After enjoying tea, biscuits and a chat, we greeted everyone in song, and then did some fun warm ups, to get ready for our music. We also played the usual 'silly game' with great hilarity. As always, it was a warm and friendly afternoon, with old and new friends joining together in a relaxed

social environment. We welcome anyone living with conditions that affect memory, and their

family and friends, and also anyone who wishes to come to help and support us in the sessions.



Our quiz was all about some of the world's famous sites and why they are famous.



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# STEVEN WHITE'S WORLD CHALLENGE

## Leg 2 Section 2 One lucky son of a gun

In the latest instalment of Lanchester's Steven White's World Cycle tour he describes dicing with death on the Bangladesh roads. I don't class myself religious but, after crossing India to Thailand I do think there's a guardian angel looking out for me, here's why...

Moving from Kolkata I headed straight for the Benapole border, Bangladesh. Despite an early start (5am), on arrival the queue was huge but I'd

prepared myself for a long wait, bike in hand. On speaking to a security guard, who enquired where I was from, I was asked to wait and minutes later I was instructed to follow him, so I awkwardly skipped past the mile-long queue to the front.

Having been granted my visa the customs officer asked me to sit tight as he was organising an armed escort!

So I followed the escort down the road. After 10km we stopped and just like clockwork the next team

of police took charge. Next day I set off from Jessore. I had a big day ahead, I was aiming to make it all the way to Dhaka, crossing the Ganges, about 130 miles in total.

Eventually I arrived at the river crossing, just under 90 miles at this point. We all squeezed on the boat and everyone grabbed the shade! I was left roasting in the sun.

Arriving on land the next section proved to be as crazy with traffic.

Sadly, the inevitable happened... on continuing my journey to Dhaka the traffic became denser and more chaotic. Suddenly, out of nowhere a truck accelerated, crossing our road and heading directly into me. My front wheel hit the bonnet, twisted and sent me flying into the windscreen -

smashing it on impact, the brunt taken by my right shoulder, but as I slid down the back of my hand was cut open with the broken glass. Landing on my feet I looked to the bike and thanks to my guardian angel we'd both survived, sort of!

People gathered round to help me get off the road and the driver gave me his scarf to wrap up my bloody hand. With some support we straightened the handlebars out and people informed me that there was a hospital in the direction I was heading.

I limped into the hospital centre and one x-ray and some stitches later I was released and despite medical advice needed to get on the bike and find somewhere to stay.

Luckily my guardian angel intervened for a second time that day... as I was leaving the hospital I was

approached by a young man, asking if he could help. On sharing what had happened he explained that he was part of a cycling club, hence he knew where I could get the bike checked over. The bike was easily sorted and my need for accommodation and food was resolved by an invite to stay with his family. I was well looked after, even my cycling gear was laundered ready for the next day when I'd complete the last few miles to Dakar.

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Steven with two of his armed police escort in Bangladesh.

## CRICKET NEWS

It was a dramatic end to the season and the fantastic news was that the club will play in The North East Premier League next season for the first time, the highest level for a club side. The firsts had a setback in the penultimate game, losing to last year's champions Swalwell. That meant they had to win the final game against close rivals Annfield Plain and hope that other results went our way. The victory over the Plain was duly delivered with ease. Skipper Kieron Taylor led the way with four wickets, while Callum Barnes took 3-22 off 12 overs. In response, Dan

Nicotra signed off with an unbeaten 97 off just 63 balls, Kieran Goherly was also unbeaten on 40 and Johnny Green made 32. However, Alnmouth won, so the team couldn't top the league, but Consett did us a huge favour in beating Tynedale, which meant we finished second. Alnmouth couldn't be promoted as they didn't meet the range of strict criteria, so Lanchester made that leap instead. It wasn't how we wanted to achieve this, but it was a brilliant conclusion to the season. Part of the criteria required us to achieve the ECB Clubmark accreditation, which we

finally fulfilled earlier in the year. Meanwhile the seconds went 15 games unbeaten since 1st June to romp away with their divisional title. Johnny Green made two centuries in the final four weeks. Our teams made five cup final appearances in the final weeks, The firsts beat Philadelphia in a high scoring final at Whitburn, but lost in two others. The under 18s were well beaten by Burnopfield, while the under 13s gained some satisfaction by thrashing Beamish. The seconds have a final to play after this was written. It has been an awesome season.

# THURSDAY CLUB



*The Mitford sisters.*

On 15th August Sharron Vincent continued with part 2 of the Mitford sisters.

**Nancy 1904-1973.** In 1933 she married Lt-Col Hon Peter Rodd and divorced in 1958. She lived in France for most of her adult life and had a long standing relationship with Col Gaston Palewski (Charles de Gaulle's Chief of Staff). A writer of many novels including 'The Pursuit of Happiness' and 'Love in a Cold Climate' she was also a biographer of many historical figures. While seriously ill with cancer in 1972 she received the CBE and the Légion d'Honneur. She died in Versailles in 1973 and Gaston was with her.

**Pamela 1901-1994.** Married and divorced millionaire Derek Jackson. After her divorce she became a lifelong companion of Italian horsewoman Guiditta Tommasi. Childhood polio left her with a lame leg and she did not ride or hunt as did her sisters. She transitioned from debutante to farmer learning about husbandry and even

becoming a self taught poultry expert. Thrifty and with a good head for business she could be tough and was forced to make difficult decisions during World War II. In 1994, after falling down some steep stairs, she had an operation to mend a broken leg - a blood clot formed and she died shortly after.

**Diana 1910-2003.** In 1929 she married aristocrat/writer Bryan Guinness leaving him in 1933 for the British fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosely. During the second World War she was imprisoned in Holloway prison for three years. Apparently she remained a devotee of facism and Adolf Hitler. She died following a stroke in 2003.

**Unity 1914-1948.** Widely publicised was her adulation and friendship with Adolf Hitler. She tried to commit suicide by shooting herself in the head, days after Britain declared war on Germany, but did not die of her injuries. She died of meningitis, caused by the bullet, at a cottage hospital on Inch Kenneth - a small island

off the west coast of the Isle of Mull.

**Jessica 1917-1996.** Eloped with Esmond Romilly to the Spanish Civil War. In 1939 they went to the US and at the outbreak of 2nd World War Romilly joined the Royal Canadian Airforce. In 1941 he was killed during a bombing raid. In 1943 Jessica married Robert Treuhaft - both joining the American Communist party until 1958. A writer and campaigner she wrote several memoirs and the best selling 'The American Way of Death' about the funeral industry. Jessica died of lung cancer in 1996.

**Deborah 1920-2014.** In 1941 she married Andrew Cavendish who became the Duke of Devonshire in 1944 following the death of his older brother who was killed in action. Together they turned his ancestral home, Chatsworth House, into one of Britain's most successful stately homes. Deborah was a writer and memoirist who loved dogs and country life. She died in 2014 and is survived by three of her seven children.

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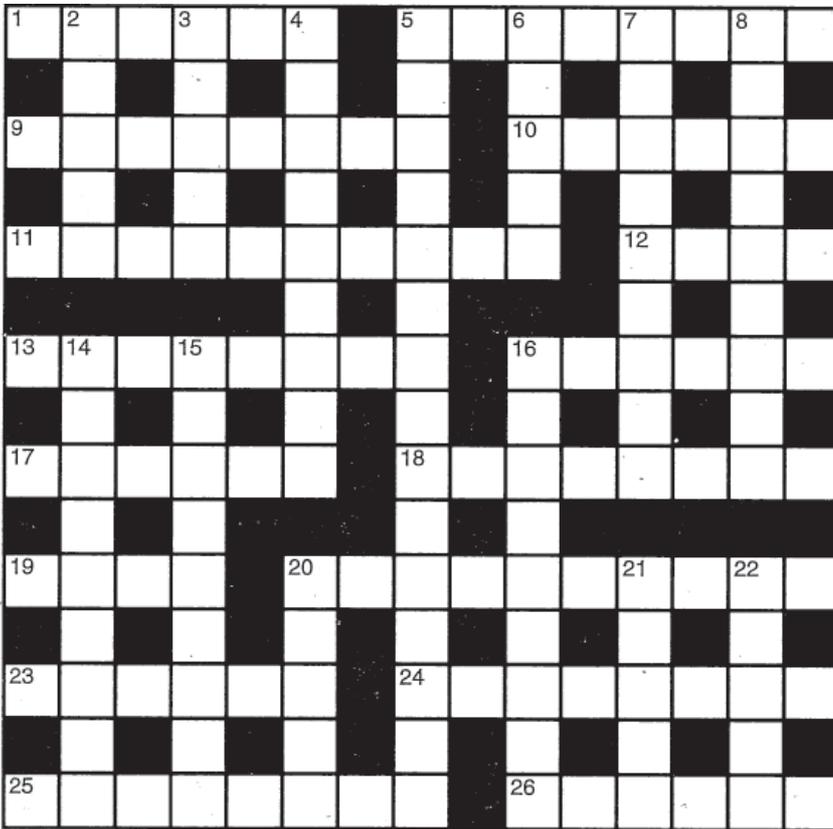
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# CROSSWORD 161



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## ACROSS

1. European capital city (6)
5. Protector (8)
9. One who works it out! (1,7)
10. Bodyguard (6)
11. One who works independently (10)
12. Senile (4)
13. Courgette (8)
16. Consider (6)
17. Startles (6)
18. Dress boundary! (8)
19. Someone from Machu Picchu, originally (4)
20. Just right (6-4)
23. Drinking bout (6)
24. Criticise (2,2,4)
25. Trespasser (8)
26. German songs (6)

## DOWN

2. Snake (5)
3. Shortexamination (5)
4. Poor practices (3,6)
5. Navigation aid (9-6)
6. Leg bone (5)
7. Nine sided (9)
8. Unfading (9)
14. Indifference (9)
15. Spice from dire acorn (9)
16. Illustrated (9)
20. Spent (5)
21. Gnat (5)
22. Use a diving rod (5)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 160

### ACROSS

1. clay pipe
5. dental
9. in repose
10. opt out
12. a bad lapse
13. yucca
14. coincidental
18. experimental
21. Natal
22. nerveless
24. trepan
25. oriental
26. lessen
27. agitates

### DOWN

1. chital
2. aortal
3. papal
4. postponement
6. emphysema
7. too acute
8. letttable
11. designer drug
15. on release
16. neonatal
17. spotless
19. septet
20. psalms
23. event

## CROSSWORD 160

There were 18 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Elizabeth Laycock who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

## SUDOKU

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

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	8	7						6

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Penne Carbonara

Pasta has rapidly become a favourite dish for many people over the past few years, and it's important to remember that the very best recipes are often simple and plain, reflecting the rustic origins of the food.

You need ...

455g, 1lb dried penne pasta

10 slices of pancetta or dry-cured smoky bacon

Olive oil

5 egg yolks

100ml or 3½ oz double cream

125g, or 4½ oz Parmesan

cheese, grated

Salt and freshly ground

black pepper

**METHOD**

1) Cook the pasta in salted boiling water until al dente. While the pasta

is cooking, slowly fry the pancetta in a little oil until crispy.

2) Break it up a bit, then put it to one side. In a bowl, whip up the egg yolks, cream and half the Parmesan.

3) When the pasta is cooked, drain it and immediately toss it with the warm, crispy pancetta and the egg mixture. If you add the penne immediately the residual heat is enough to cook the eggs and for the sauce to stay smooth.

4) Season well, using plenty of freshly ground black pepper, adding extra Parmesan to taste. Serve straight away with salad and maybe some red wine?

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**So what's next for Willow Burn?** All of the staff and volunteers at Willow Burn are committed to develop our services for the community of Derwentside, but we can't do this vital work without you! There is often a

perception that hospices are predominately funded by external sources, however this is not the case. Whilst a small percentage of funding does come from the NHS, the main running costs are funded through the generous donations and support from you, the local community. We largely rely on your kind donations however small, every penny really does count.

Each one of us can make a difference; together we can make a change.

**So how can you get involved?** Volunteering is the perfect way to meet new people, learn new

skills or develop existing ones. We have a number of roles available including meeting and greeting on reception, fundraising, serving in our shops or The Willows Café.

Of course, there are other ways you can support Willow Burn; you could host your own fundraising event, make a donation or take part in a sponsored challenge.

Get in touch with us and find out how you can become part of the Willow Burn family. Please contact the team by email at: [info@willowburnhospice.org.uk](mailto:info@willowburnhospice.org.uk) or telephone: 01207 529224.

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We are a long established choir that sings a wide variety of music - choral classics, operetta, folk, music from the shows. You might have heard us singing on the village green at the lights switch-on.

We perform two concerts each year and also join the Male Voice Choir each December for a carol concert.

We rehearse each Friday evening at 7 pm in the hall at All Saints' School on Kitswell Road. All are welcome and there is no audition.

Call David Hughes on 01207 520427 or just come along to a rehearsal on Friday evening.

## Mothers' Union

Our next meeting on Oct 9th at 7.30pm will be a talk on the NHS by Mrs Ethel Armstrong MBE.

## Community Centre

### Wedding Fair

See our advert, page 7.

### Tea Dance

The Tea Dance will continue from 1 pm - 3 pm.

### Whist Drive

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

### Mahjong

Thursdays - Meeting Room 1, 10 am - 12.

## Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be at Lynwood House on 8th October, 11.45 onwards. Everyone welcome, plenty of free places.

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

## Library Book Club

On Monday October 28th from 2.30-3.30pm, the group will be discussing 'Catching the Sun' by Tony Parsons.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday October 17th from 5.30-6.30pm, the discussion will be 'The Colour of Bee Larkham's Murder' by Sarah J Harris. Would like to join this group? Pick up the book from the library and enjoy the discussion.

### Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday October 14th 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.

## Lanchester Red Cross

Are holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday 24th October, in the Community Centre Small Hall 10.00am to 11.30am. Tickets cost £1.00 which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. There will be a Pick a Bag stall, Raffle and Cake stall.

Tickets are on sale in the shop. Please come along for good company and cake!

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 20th October. Meet with adult group for a joint Fungi Foray at Community Centre car park 9.30am.

## Crafty Coffee Morning

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

There is no charge but donations are accepted towards postage and refreshments. The important thing is the fellowship and friendship we share while carrying out this worthwhile task. Why not call in for a coffee and see what we are doing. Donations of wool also appreciated. For more information contact Jennifer Nairns 01207 520515.

## Juice your own apples

### At the Lanchester Community Orchard.

Do you have an abundance of apples on your trees? Why not turn them into delicious fresh apple juice with the help of Lanchester Community Orchard members. We're planning to have a juicing day on October 19th when non-members can bring their own apples and with our guidance turn them into juice. The juice will keep for a week in your fridge or months in the freezer. This is a fun and productive activity for all the family. So start saving your containers and contact Steve Bailey on 07713 101656 if you wish to book a session or just to find out more.

## Musical Memories

Our Musical memories group will meet on October 9th, from 2pm-3.30 at Lynwood House, Durham Road. A warm welcome goes to old friends who are now familiar faces and to new visitors who will enjoy singing, fun and companionship. Come and join us!

## Vintage Entertainment

**The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and Willow Burn Hospice** have set up a night of entertainment to raise money for the two charities to be held in Lanchester Social Club on Friday 18th October starting at 7 pm.

Three different acts will perform:

North East band, Shoreline group,

Fiona Robson, a fantastic singer and entertainer, David Greener, an international comedian.

Lady Robson will be in attendance and signing Sir Bobby Robson's autobiography.

Children are very welcome. Tickets are available from Lanchester newsagents, Lanchester Social Club and directly from Paul Jackson (07957 871106 or [Lanchesterinvestments@hotmail.com](mailto:Lanchesterinvestments@hotmail.com)).

## Local History Society

Subject: Pilgrimage of the Northern Saints

Speaker: David Pott

Date: Friday October 4th

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

2020 is designated as Durham's Year of Pilgrimage, with stunning churches, priories, abbeys and the cathedral in the area. Come and learn some of our region's history. For more information contact the History Society, [marianmorrison@btinternet.com](mailto:marianmorrison@btinternet.com)

## York Shopping

This will be on Saturday 30th November. If you are interested contact me, Brenda (01207 520749, [steve24c07@aol.com](mailto:steve24c07@aol.com)).

## Thursday Club

On 17th October we will welcome Marsha Spence who will talk about the 'History of Asda'. Visitors and new members welcome.

### Coffee Morning

Thursday 3rd October, from 10.00 till 11.30am, in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. Coffee/tea, cakes and scones. Raffle, tombola and jewellery tables. Come and join us for a fun morning with friends. A donation at the door would be gratefully received.

## Social Club

Free Live Entertainment in the Lounge Bar from 9pm every Saturday in October: Saturday 5th - Stevie T Saturday 12th - Declan Thomas Saturday 19th - Jacey Saturday 26th - Halloween Party with live entertainment by Toni Anderson. Fancy dress encouraged.

## Crocus Planting

We are starting to plant the 20,000 crocus bulbs on the Village Green on Saturday 28th September starting at 10 am and finishing at 4pm. If anyone would like to be involved just come along with a dibbler if you have one, at any time and take part. We will hopefully be completing the planting the following Saturday 5th October at the same times.

## Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held on October 14th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish hall. It is our birthday night so we will be having fun followed by a lovely supper.

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### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 17th November 2019 in Lynwood House. Members of the public welcome.

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting on Tuesday 8th October with Steve Hudson of the Wear Rivers Trust whose subject will be 'Fishy goings on with the Wear Rivers Trust' (focus on the River Browney Catchment). Meet at 7.30 pm in Community Centre dining room.

On Sunday 20th October meet with junior group for a joint Fungi Foray at Community Centre car park, 9.30am.

## Indoor Bowls

We meet at Croft View Hall every Friday from 1.30 pm - 3.30pm. We are a small friendly group of men and women who enjoy a fun afternoon of Short Mat Bowls. We would love to welcome new members, why not give it a try. For more information please contact Jean Hockaday on 01207520014.

## Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group will be holding the **Annual Exhibition** of painting during the weekend of October 19th-20th in the Community Centre, 10 till 5 both days, 50p admission. As well as over 200 pictures to view and buy, there will be cakes, sandwiches, teas and coffee! See you there.

## Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday 6th October 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 'Vice'. Ticket entry: £2.50 members £3.50 occasional visitors £2 young persons Ticket covers entry to raffle, refreshments and film. All are welcome.

## Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday October 7th and will be our AGM, attended by an advisor from WI. There will be no competition this month and the overall competition winner will be announced. We look forward to our members only Birthday lunch at Headlam Hall in November - deposits have been paid and the balance is due at the October meeting. A reminder of our Coffee Morning on Thursday October 10th, in the Community Centre, from 10.00-11.30. Bring a friend and enjoy a chat, cake stall and our Grand Bottle Tombola.

## Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.00 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre.

The talk will be on the subject of Gardening by Howard Lesley.

## Cuppa and Chat

Cuppa and Chat is back. Please come and join us in All Saints' RC Parish Centre. All ages welcome, toys and craft for babies and under 5s. Cakes, scones, cuppa and good chat. **Every Tuesday, 1.30-3.10 pm.** This is a chance for young parents to make new friends. Enquiries Andrea Stoddart 520291 or email [mikeandrea1@btinternet.com](mailto:mikeandrea1@btinternet.com)

## Lanchester FC

Are currently looking for new players for the squad for this season. Matches are weekly so ideal for socialising and fitness but we take the first more seriously.

We are looking to add to a couple of positions but aim to bring in as many people from the village as possible to build on what we have achieved so far. If you are interested please call Kevin Clift on 07787626526.

## MULTI WINNERS AT TENNIS CLUB

On 31st August and 7th September, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held their annual championships with several players successful in winning more than one trophy! Tournaments held included Ladies' and Men's doubles, Mixed doubles and Men's singles. Due to injury and other commitments, the number of competitors was slightly down on previous years but, nevertheless, good competitive matches ensued followed by excellent refreshments. With the 'round-robin' format in operation in the doubles tournaments, players played with or against each other.

The Ladies' doubles winners were Sally Laverick and Michelle Ridley. Men's doubles, Grant Ridley and Dennis Laycock. In the Mixed doubles, Sally and Dennis were the side to beat winning all their matches and securing the championship. After some excellent, hard fought matches in the

Men's singles, Dennis was crowned champion for 2019.

Other awards for the season were the junior and senior most improved player trophies and this year's winners were Molly Reeks and Liz Kime respectively.

The club President, Rosemary Fawcett, presented the trophies and the photographs on the back page show her and several of the successful players. The tournaments and awards mark the end of another tennis season with lots of reasons to look forward to 2020. The club coaching programme attracted new members and saw the return of several previous players to the club. Junior team success also bodes well for the future.

This coming winter, coaching sessions are to be held for a trial period, in Croft School, Greencroft from Monday 30th September. Full details from Sam Stokoe on 07493 032229 or email [sam@theracquetman.co.uk](mailto:sam@theracquetman.co.uk) or Dennis Laycock on 07960494442.

## BOWLS REPORT - ANOTHER CERTIFICATE

The walls of the bowling pavilion are covered with second place certificates and this year we have won two more. Last year we were able to win the Derwentside League Cup. This year we once again made the final but came up against Dipton in top form. All we could do was add another second place certificate to the one we won earlier in the season.

The sun shone for us on our finals day. The new Club Champion is Joe

Newton who defeated Paul Hammond Jnr in the final; congratulations to them both. Joe also won the pairs final in a close match with his partner David Friesner over Stuart Lee and Bruce Fox. Close games were the order of the day. Mike Stoddart's victory in the three woods final over Ken Raper went down to the wire as did Nigel Page's win over Keith Brown in the Challenge Trophy. Adrian Evans took a narrow victory over Stan

Easten in the two wood final but Stan did not go home unrewarded as he won the handicap in a close match with Paul Hammond Snr. This was the climax of a marathon for Stan that saw him play three matches in the day. The Hammonds (father and son) have not been playing for very long and have done extremely well to make finals day, especially Paul Jnr whose work commitments restrict the time he can play bowls.



*Paul Hammond Jnr bowling while Joe Newton awaits his turn during the Club Champion final.*

**See also picture on back page.**

# BOWLING CLUB COMPETITION FINALS



Competition finalists before the start of their matches, left to right, Joe Newton, Keith Brown, Nigel Page, David Friesner, Mike Stoddart, Stan Easten, Bruce Fox, Adrian Evans, Paul Hammond Snr, Stuart Lee and Ken Raper. **Bowls report, page 15.**

## MULTI WINNERS AT TENNIS CLUB



Winner of the most improved junior award, Mollie Reeks.



Club President, Rosemary Fawcett (centre) who presented the trophies is shown with several of the successful senior players. **See story page 15.**

## LANCHESTER TABLE TENNIS CLUB



Trophy winners Billy Lee, Joel and Reuben Sanderson alongside staff colleagues admiring the runners up trophies.



This is our juniors section.. Three of them received trophies awarded for being in the runners up squad in the Sunderland league team handicap.

## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 15th October. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 11th October.

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