

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER LEEK SHOW



*Regular visitors to the show Jean Dunn and Esther Jablonski admire the magnificent chrysanthemums and gladioli.
See pages 8 and 9 for article, results and more photos.*

BURNHOPE BANNER RETURNS



A special treat for residents of Burnhope at their Summer Fair was the sight of the newly restored Miners Banner. See story on page 10.

SATLEY SCARECROW COMPETITION



Jack and Jill



Humpty Dumpty



*Little Miss Muffet
See story on page 10.*



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

I was just wondering if you have been made aware that an anaerobic digester is being built on Hedleyhope Fell. One of its main routes has been given approval to bring abattoir waste right through Lanchester. I thought your residents should be made aware of this as only a few people were informed from the beginning and this will impact all our villages. If you would like any more information you can contact me, Chrissy Stobart, cjstobart@hotmail.co.uk or join the Facebook group communities against

anaerobic digesters. We are well aware digesters are economically friendly but what has been approved will have a detrimental effect on all our lives.

Thank you.
Chrissy Stobart

Dear Village Voice

When John and I left Lanchester in 1988 to move to Beadnell in Northumberland, it was a quiet, pleasant place to live but with not a great deal of activity going on within its boundaries. Tom and Elizabeth Hall send me The Village Voice each month (many thanks to them) and I am delighted to see how the village has developed in the intervening years. What a vibrant place it has become! On page 10 of the August edition I counted 70 associations available to young and the elderly and all in between, catering for a very wide range of interests. A great success story.

One of these days I'll be down there to see the changes to the village and, hopefully, to catch up with some of the friends I knew. Margaret Bramley

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Lanchester Infolist Corrections

The contact for Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society is Maureen Summers, 520172.

Line Dancing with Lynn Nixon no longer takes place in Lanchester.

Table Tennis is now available in Lanchester. The contact is Adrian Evans, 528570.

Christian Aid Week 2013

A huge thank you to all who supported Christian Aid week 2013 in any way. The total raised in Lanchester and Burnhope was £3938.49, a further increase on last year. This was principally derived from the house to house collection, but includes amounts from coffee mornings and collection boxes. Well done everybody!

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for August 2013 is 26. The draw was made by Nick Lovett of the Gym.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Preparations for the Bonfire and Fireworks display are moving along nicely. All the relevant documents are with the Safety Advisory Group pending approval and discussions are ongoing with the Police. The return of the Bonfire is shaping up to be a big event with live performances from Lanchester Brass Band and local group Motion Tourist. Fairground rides for young children have been booked along with face painting to keep them entertained prior to the big event. There will be lots of lovely food to eat

which will be supplied by Crinnions. Lanchester Parish Council and Mid Durham Partnership have both kindly provided grants towards the cost of the event and their support has been invaluable. Once everything is approved and booked, there will be posters, a Facebook page and the cricket club's website with all the details. We will also provide timings in the next edition of the Village Voice.

If anyone would like to help to steward the event, then contact Jim Potts on 07973249760.

40th Birthday Surprise



Chris Blaire (right) meets Ricci, an ex-member of the Geordie Shore cast in Ricardos on 27th August to celebrate his 40th birthday. He is a massive fan of Ricci so it was a great surprise, planned by his partner Michelle (behind him). He had no idea it was happening but it was an excellent evening for him and 27 guests.

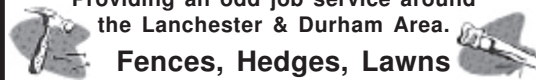
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WEDDING BELLS!



The happy couple, Fiona Johnson and Ben Holden, in their gleaming MG Midget

Thursday 1st August was a glorious sunny day and some Lanchester folk may have spotted a newly restored and gleaming white MG Midget roaring through the village as Fiona Johnson, youngest daughter of Councillor Oddie Johnson and his wife Linda, made her way to Lanchester All Saints Parish Church for her marriage to Benjamin Joseph Holden. The service was conducted beautifully by Rev Rupert Kalus and Bill Gray did a great job playing the organ. The Flower Ladies made the Church look so pretty. Fiona wore a stunning ivory Allure dress, detailed with delicate beading. The bridesmaids were Ailsa White (bride's sister) Hannah Rippon, Gemma Shorten and Beverley Charlton (bride's friends). They wore lovely knee length apricot chiffon dresses that were expertly fitted by Tina Knight.

Jenni, Natalie and Shannon of Talking Heads did a fantastic job of doing the girls' hair. The best man was Neil Cooper, Ben's long time school friend from their home town of Bradford. Neil was ably assisted by Cameron Nelson, James Oates, David Crampton and Paul Thompson. The wedding breakfast followed at Close House, Heddon on the Wall, followed by an evening celebration where the band 'The Wee Small Hours', who had travelled down from Scotland, performed brilliantly. The happy couple honeymooned in Las Vegas, Los Angeles (where they spent a brief time after leaving the University of York St John in 2007) and then the Dominican Republic. To complete a rather hectic but exciting year the newlyweds have now moved home and have become Lanchester residents once more!

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY SHEILA!

Family and friends gathered in Lanchester Social Club to celebrate Sheila Mann's 80th birthday. With a mix of all ages and a true cross section of the village, we chatted and laughed and sang and danced all night. Hosted by her daughter Sandra, we were entertained by a continuous variety show: accomplished Irish dancing displays leaping and tripping in formation across the floor, a duet of wonderful accordionists, (what is it about this instrument that just makes you feel happy?), couples taking to the floor for waltzing and country dancing, friends singing family favourites, and of course, Sheila herself, amazing and charming us as usual in her lovely Irish lilt, as she performed her speciality recitations, and even an appearance from a glam rock 'Mamma Mia' duo! We tucked into a lovely supper and admired the 'Toy Story' birthday cake created by Pat Spry which in a way summed up Sheila's sense of whacky joy. What a party - and what a lovely and loving lady.



Sheila Mann enjoying her birthday

Sheila and Sandra would like to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts and kind words, especially for the Alzheimers Society. In Sheila's name guests contributed 'gifts' amounting to £410 for the Alzheimers Society.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on
10th September 2013

Minutes

Ordinary meeting held on 9th July 2013 - approved.
Planning meeting held on 9th July 2013 - approved.
Finance, Development & General Purposes Meeting on 31st July 2013 - approved.

Recreation meeting on 4th September 2013 - approved

Police Report - for the period 26th June - 28th August (see separate article) was discussed. The Neighbourhood Warden report was received.

Correspondence

(i) County Durham Association of Local Councils AGM - It was agreed that Colin Burton attend.

(ii) Community Renewable Energy Workshop, Newcastle University - the information was received.

(iii) Durham County Council - Medium Term Financial Planning and 2014/15 budget setting - the information was received.

Area Action Partnership & Parish Councils Committee - Members received an update on recent meetings.

Andy Coulthard the AAP Co-ordinator attended the meeting and gave members information on the 'Your Money, Your Area, Your Views' event which is due to take place on Saturday 12th October at the Community Centre between 10am - 12noon. The event will build on recent meetings and residents' surveys and provide the opportunity for residents to vote on which selected projects

should receive funding (see separate article).

North Pennine Dales Leader - Annual Celebration Event - Members were informed that the Clerk had delivered a presentation on the recently completed Locality Map project at the above event. The Council had been presented with a plaque for display.

Financial report - discussed and received.
Accounts for Payment - approved.

Pay Settlement 2013/14 Members were informed that the Local Government Employers and trade unions have agreed the pay scales for staff for 2013/14.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 8th October 2013 at 7.15 pm.

POLICE REPORT

Since our last PACT meeting on Wednesday 28th August we have received 91 calls to the area of which 13 were community related. Problems of anti-social behaviour have been received from the area of Front Street, Mount Park Drive and The Garths. Due to these problems extra patrols are being conducted and local CCTV has been requested to monitor the area during peak times to assist Police with identifying offenders.

At our last PACT meeting it was decided that speeding on Durham Road would be the new priority for the area. This follows deployment of the community speedwatch equipment over the school summer holidays which resulted in some vehicles being recorded travelling at 45mph. Further deployments of the equipment will take place alongside attention from our Road Policing Unit during peak times. Positive results for Police in the village this month have been the discovery of two cannabis cultivations, one at a farm on the A691 and a

property at Manor Grange. As a result two males have been charged with the cultivation of cannabis.

The multi-agency operation to target scrap dealers in the area (see opposite page) has resulted in over 50 vehicles being stopped, 2 vehicles caught using red diesel which carries a £500 on the spot fine, 21 scrap dealers are being investigated for benefit fraud and 9 people have been issued with 'Producers' to show their waste carrier licences. Alongside this a North East wide Farmwatch Operation was held to tackle rural crime. This involved various vehicles and persons were stopped in the area and intelligence obtained.

This month local officers have Jet and Ben visiting our primary schools to educate pupils about Stranger Danger and a Stay Safe operation to tackle underage drinking. The next Police drop-in is planned for Friday 11th October at 10 am in Lanchester Community Centre. The next PACT meeting is Wednesday 23rd October.



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DERWENTSIDE ACTION AGAINST SCRAP METAL THEFT

PCSO Julie Brown Neighbourhood Warden, HMRC and Department for Work & Pensions are working together to take action. PCSO Julie Brown said: "We would encourage anyone who sees suspicious vehicles in their street to contact the police to give us the opportunity to stop them and ensure they are legitimate". Officers will also be taking proactive steps to inform the immediate communities regarding

action taken and identify property which could be a potential target. These homes will receive a letter explaining the insecure items they have on show in gardens and yards that could potentially be taken by these unscrupulous collectors. She would appeal to anyone with information regarding illegal scrap collection to report to police by calling 101 with descriptions of persons and registration numbers of vehicles.



PCSO Julie Brown and the team tackling scrap metal thefts

FARM WATCH OPERATION

On 5th September, Durham Constabulary and their colleagues from other northern forces joined a Farm Watch operation which covered a total of 4,000 square miles. Nearly 200 volunteers took part, supported by over 100 Police Officers and PCSOs. During the operation over 100 vehicles were stopped and a number of the occupants of those vehicles were searched. It


was a fairly quiet night in Durham. Farm Watch began in the Durham force area in 1989 in Teesdale and Weardale and has gone from strength to strength, becoming the most successful of its kind in the UK. There are six schemes in County Durham and Darlington with 1,600 members from across the rural community including farmers, gamekeepers and residents.

Sergeant Rogers from Durham Police said "These operations send out a strong message to the travelling criminals that rural areas are not an easy touch and with the help of all the volunteers we will continue to target the criminals attacking the countryside 24 hours a day 365 days a year. Crime remains lower in rural communities compared to more urban areas; we intend to keep it that way".

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YOUR MONEY, YOUR VILLAGE, YOUR VOTES

As you may have seen in recent publications, the Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) across the County are providing an opportunity for local people to help make decisions on AAP funding using a participatory budgeting activity. The process involves residents coming together to discuss and vote on projects developed to benefit your village.

In June and July of this year, alongside our Parish Councils and our County Councillors, we visited 16 villages across our AAP area and listened to local residents' concerns and solutions. Using this feedback and the feedback from last year's village residents surveys (a combined

total of over 800 residents) we have developed 16 village action plans.

Each of the 16 villages (including Lanchester) will be allocated £5,000 with AAP, Northern Clinical Commissioning Group and our County Councillors each contributing towards this allocation. We will be going back around these villages to ask residents to come along and vote on which village project proposal they think should get the £5,000. At the same time we will be using this opportunity to bring you up to speed on the work being carried out on the actions plans, as well as asking you to help Durham County Council to look at shaping their budget allocation over the coming years.

The Lanchester event will take place on Saturday 12th October in the Lanchester Community Centre from 10 am till 12 noon. Residents will be able to vote for either the 'Community Venues Refurbishment Pot' (this is a joint proposal between the Community Centre and Croft View Hall) or the 'Community Flooding Project' (top up the equipment and storage from Operation Valencia).

For more information on the above village session, including further detail on the actual project proposals or if you want a copy of your village action plan then please do not hesitate to contact the AAP on 01207 529085 or 529844 or mdaap@durham.gov.uk or call into our office at Park House in Lanchester.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Parliament's summer recess was cut short this year by a recall to Parliament. This is the fourth recall in my three years as an MP. Parliament was recalled previously for the military action in Libya, for the riots in 2012, for Margaret Thatcher's death and for the government's proposed military action against the chemical attacks on civilians in Syria. I have learnt that it is not a good idea to go very far away in August and always to have an escape plan. Some of my colleagues have been called back to Parliament from the Far East, from Africa and even from way up the Amazon so it was camping in France for me. I spent a week in the Loire valley and had a copy of the airline schedule from Tours airport to Gatwick

handy then in the second week I met up with some of my family in Normandy where it is easy to get a ferry to Portsmouth and then a train to London, so it all worked out fine. In the event I was home in Lanchester when the recall came.

The Syria vote was the hardest vote I have ever had to face in Parliament. Having spent my holiday visiting the Normandy landing beaches and the war graveyards I know only too well the issues in not standing up to dictators and as my great-grandfather was killed in a gas attack in 1915 I am not immune to the impact of chemical weapons. The use of chemical weapons on anyone, let alone civilians is inhuman and a war crime and the international court has to

have a place in holding those responsible to account but I had serious concerns about the evidence, the plan, the long term outcomes of military intervention and I had seen nothing that would suggest that dropping yet more bombs on Syria would make things better for the Syrian people or stop things getting worse. I have tried to detail my thinking on this very difficult decision and have posted it on my website <http://www.patglassmp.org.uk> and am very happy to receive feedback on my decision and on the situation in Syria and the Middle East generally so please do not hesitate to contact me via email at patglassmp@parliament.uk with your views.

HANLEY & SWINBANK

Family Butchers and Delicatessen



John and Neil with Anouska, outside their superb new premises in Front Street

An exciting new business has opened in the village with John and Neil in company with Anouska who will be in the shop and work behind the scenes. Both men are trained master butchers and have spent many years in the area

practising their trade. It was felt that the village needed a family butchers where all meat will be locally sourced from surrounding farmers. Pies and cakes will be mainly made on the premises. Celebration cakes will be available as well.

The aims for all three are to make friends with people in the village, feel part of the community and, of course, to work towards having a very successful business.

NEW HOSTS AT THE THREE HORSE SHOES



Darren and Melanie, hosts at The Three Horse Shoes, Maiden Law

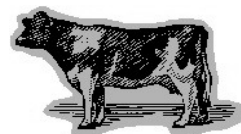
Darren and Melanie began their new venture in hospitality on 28th August. They have led an interesting life including a spell abroad but are now firmly settled at home ready to enjoy a new life meeting lots of

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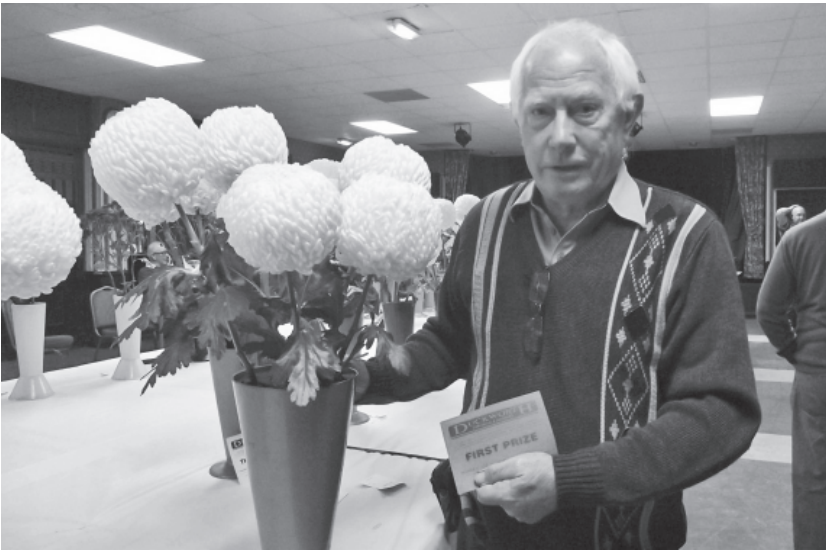
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LANCHESTER LEEK SHOW



Vince Pickersgill with his prize winning chrysanthemums



Terry Barras, super celery grower, cleans up the prizes

Once again on the second weekend in September the Annual Leek Show was held at the Social Club. It was the culmination of a year's work for the 14 members, an increase of three, and other entrants from Durham, Sacriston, Stanhope and Shotley Bridge who have been giving TLC (tender loving care) to their flowers and vegetables for the past year.

On Friday night at 11.00 pm they began to transport them down to the hall ready for benching on Saturday morning. Judging started at 1.00 pm by Brian Young of Weardale.

The public are allowed in for viewing on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon with prize giving and the auction, a lively affair, being held on that night. People were more keen than usual

to buy this year so the auction did quite well. Last year it was too wet. This year it was mainly dry but some heavy showers of rain made it difficult for the flowers, beautiful though they were, and the general quality of leeks. Whilst numbers of members increased as already mentioned, the amount of produce was slightly down from last year.

There is great friendly rivalry among growers. Billy Brunton, Vince Pickersgill again lead the way in the points table with Billy just ahead of Vince to take the Tetley award for most points in the show.


Long may this traditional show in Lanchester continue along with the one at Burnhope (see photo on opposite page). This year three of the large County Council Shows in the region have been discontinued.

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In the Borders

If we do get frosts which blacken the dahlia tubers, then now is the time to lift, remove dead foliage, dry and store them. The same needs to be done with begonia and gladioli corms. If you haven't completed your planting out of biennial plants sown

earlier in the year such as primroses, viola, wallflower and/or bellis, there is still time.

Now is also the time you can cut down dead perennial herbaceous plants (or you can leave them for overwintering wildlife) and lift and divide any that are overcrowded. After tidying borders you can mulch with bark chips, well rotted manure, old grow bag material, or leaf mould to insulate the plants from the rigours of winter. There is still time to plant bulbs (like daffodil, tulip and others) for their spring display.

In the Vegetable Plot

Finish picking peas and

beans and cut the plants to soil level but leave the roots in the ground to provide nitrogen as the roots break down. When you harvest cabbages leave the stem in the ground and some new tender leaves might be produced. Any plants with green tomatoes or peppers remaining can be cut, brought indoors and hung upside down over, say, a curtain pole, to ripen.

General

As leaves fall, collect them and start a new compost bin to provide leaf mould as an excellent soil conditioner. It is a good time to clean out water butts and let them refill over winter.

LANCHESTER LEEK SHOW TROPHIES 2013

LEEKES

1st Prize	Norman Stevenson Cup	B Brunton (Annfield Plain)
2nd Prize	H B Maycock Cup	E Brown (Delves Lane)
3rd Prize	Victor Dillon Cup	A Stewart
Best Leek in Show		E Brown

VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables	O H Thompson Cup	T Barras
3 onions from seed	Federation Shield	B Brunton
Heaviest Onion	Lanchester CIU Club Cup	D Hall
Pair of Marrows	Jim Dixon Cup	B Brunton

FLOWERS

Vase of flowers	Iveson Rose Bowl	A Swinburne (Shotley Bridge)
5 Chrysanthemums	Britannia Building Society	V Pickersgill
Best Dahlia	Allan Whittle Trophy	V Pickersgill
3 Gladioli	James Halpin Trophy	B Brunton
Best Exhibit In Show	Lanchester CIU Club Shield	N Lee (Durham)
Most Points In Show	Tetley Cup	B Brunton



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As well as winning the first prize for leeks and most points in show at Lanchester, Billy Brunton (left) was also this year's winner at Burnhope Cricket Club Leek Club Show. Billy swept the board winning best leek in show as well as being the overall winner of the show. Our photo shows County Councillor Ossie Johnson presenting the winner's cups to Billy. The competition this year was fierce with some magnificent specimens on show. Long may our Northern Leek Clubs continue to flourish.



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BURNHOPE SUMMER FAIR

It was a brilliant Bank Holiday Monday, when Burnhope had its annual Summer Fair. It was in direct contrast to last year when it rained heavily. This year was rather special because Burnhope's Banner, which was always paraded in the Durham Miner's Gala, has been away being restored and on its return it had been decided that the banner which was an important part of Burnhope's heritage should have a special part in the Summer Fair. This gave many residents a chance to see the banner, which is beautifully restored. A look at the banner is highly recommended. It is double sided, one side depicting Durham Cathedral, while the other side bears the words 'United we stand,

Divided we fall'. Both sides are hand stitched in silk thread, on beautiful silk which has come from Thailand. Lanchester Brass Band was asked if they could lead the procession of residents holding the banner, through Burnhope to the primary school grounds where the fair was taking place. Always willing to help the band agreed to do this and played a variety of marches as they processed from the War Memorial to Burnhope Primary school. At the fair they played several items before dispersing into the crowd of people to enjoy all the fun of the fair if they so wished. It was a proud village that day, welcoming back their banner, restored to its full magnificence. Brenda Craddock

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

We have enjoyed the August break, although we have not been totally idle as we have had involvement with the Flower Festival in Durham Cathedral which was held in August and September and has been a great success. I am sure many of us who visited the Cathedral would have enjoyed the arrangements and appreciated just how much work goes into producing such magnificent displays. We would like to say a big thank you to the two ladies from our own Club who contributed a very interesting and colourful display showing an array of items used in sport. The two gifted ladies were Helen Tomlinson and Cathy Smith and we would like to thank them for all their hard work, ideas and time given so generously.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Flower Club Meeting on Wednesday 23rd October in Lanchester Community Centre at 1.30pm where we will have a mini demonstration by some of the members and a social afternoon. We will be hosting once again our second Open Evening Demonstration

Night in Lanchester Community Centre on Friday 22nd November at 7 pm, tickets £6.00, the Demonstrator will be the very well known Mildred Stafford and her theme will be 'The Magical Mystical Season'. Anyone wanting tickets please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667 or any club member.



The display in Durham Cathedral

SATLEY SCARECROWS



The winning scarecrow, Three Blind Mice, by Tony, Kathryn, Alex and Nick Ingram.

sleepless nights! The judge had a tough task, but declared 'Three Blind Mice' to be the overall winner. Complete with their bandaged tails, dark glasses and a scary farmer's wife it was a true family effort. All the scarecrows were 'winners' and they added to the traditional entries of vegetables, flowers and baking entered in the show. Hopefully we will have more entries next year for passing motorists to admire.

The first Scarecrow Competition was held over the weekend of September 7th/8th in conjunction with the annual village Show. The theme was 'Nursery Rhyme Characters'. Residents entered with enthusiasm and fourteen scarecrows were displayed in gardens or on the village green. A huge amount of effort went into them and some



Mary (who had a little lamb)



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WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone before Maureen Clarkson spoke about the flowers in Durham Cathedral. Subscriptions for 2014 will be £34.70 an increase of £1.70 but £1 comes directly to us, 50p to county and only 20p to national. Our birthday meal on November 4th is at Horsley Hall costing £35 for a three course lunch and morning and afternoon workshops. The subsidised coach is £5 making a total of £40. Can members please bring either the £40 or the £5 coach cost to the October meeting.

Last month members enjoyed visits to Whickham Community Gardens and afternoon tea at Lumley Castle.

Our speaker this evening was Mr Larry Smith who

stood in at very short notice after our original speaker had a fall. Mr Smith was the oldest person in the north-east to carry the Olympic torch after being nominated by his granddaughter. Larry was 85 years old when he carried the torch but this was not his first Olympics. Larry held the Olympic torch when he was a marshal at Aldershot for the 1948 Olympics. He bought his torch after the run (which he walked so as many people as possible could see the torch) raising over £600

for diabetes. However, this was just the beginning as Larry now gives talks to raise money and awareness of diabetes and has spoken to over 2500 school children of all ages. Larry was also awarded the Chairman's Medal in Durham Cathedral. This was a wonderful talk by a very modest gentleman who continues to inspire others through his talks and school visits.

Sylvia Smith won the raffle, the competition winners were Cynthia Pearson and Ann Smith.



Sylvia Smith, Mary McKee, Jennifer Macdonald, Ann Carr, June Wallis, Rhoda Joyce and Kathleen Morris admiring the landscaping at Whickham.

WILLOW BURN SPONSORED WALK

This year the date and time were changed, in the hope that more people would participate, so the walk took place on the afternoon of Sunday 18th August instead of the usual August Bank Holiday Monday morning. Sadly, this did not work, in spite of the organisers arranging for a children's fun session and a bouncy castle, free of charge, provided by the Woodlands Trust. About 18 people, including supporters and patients, met at Park House Play Park,

Lanchester, and we were given goodie bags before we set off on the three-mile shorter route or the 6-mile walk, which most participants did. This was the usual route to Malton, through the Nature Reserve to Biggen Farm, down the hill to the main road and then cutting through a farm to reach the railway walk, turning left to return to the village. This is always a very pleasant walk apart from when we are on the road to Langley Park and the cars go past so fast; the rest of the time it is

beautifully quiet. The weather was good too.

The Hospice held another walk, it was entitled 'Reflections' just outside the village, earlier in the year. All events are to raise money for the new building. The total amount of money raised by the August walk is not yet known, but so far enough money to build phase 1 of the project has been raised and fund-raising for phase 2 has begun. If you wish to donate to this worthy project, so very important for the area, contact 01207 523296.



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LANCHESTER SLIMMING WORLD INSPIRATION

After losing 4 stone and winning a Slimming competition, the only thing that's big about Sue Pearson nowadays is her beaming smile.

Sue's weight has dropped from 14 stone 7.5 lbs to 10 stone 5.5 lbs in just 10 months. And her transformation hasn't gone unrecognised as Sue has just been named Lanchester group's Woman of the Year 2013.

Theatre nurse Sue joined Slimming World in September 2012 after becoming increasingly unhappy with her size. She says "I gradually put on weight over the years and found working at the hospital difficult as everyday jobs like bending down or lifting left me breathless! I tried several different diets in the past but they usually left me feeling hungry and miserable. Slimming World is completely different. I never have to go hungry and after losing 4 stone I'm the happiest I've been in years!"

"I know people worry about joining a slimming club - they don't know what to expect. But the support I've received from my consultant Tracey and the rest of the group has been brilliant" adds Sue.

Now Sue will go forward to the regional finals of the competition, putting her in the running for the national title. The national Slimming World Woman of the Year 2013 will be announced in November and the winner will take home a £5,000 cash prize.

The Lanchester group is held every Wednesday at Lanchester Social Club.



Sue Pearson's photos when she weighed fourteen and a half stones and, after 10 months slimming, weighing ten stone five pounds.

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LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The 2013/14 season began on 6th September with a presentation by one of the Society's regular, popular speakers, Bill Saunders. Entitled 'A Historical Walk along the Quayside', the talk and slides took us to many fascinating places on the north bank of the Tyne. As usual, Mr Saunders' comments were very interesting, amusing and informative. Although I visited the Quayside with my parents quite often as a child, I did not know of these places and after

listening to Mr Saunders I would love to visit them. I am sure many of the 20 or so other Members who were at the meeting feel inspired to do so too. The vote of thanks was given by Arthur Dodds and we look forward to having a visit by Mr Saunders again. Next month's meeting is on Friday 4th October. The speaker is a perennial favourite, Mike Richardson, with another collection of his old photographs of Durham, together with the AGM.

LANCHESTER BRASS BAND PATRONS' NIGHT

On September 4th Lanchester Brass Band's annual Patrons' Night took place in the Methodist Church. The conductor James Burton had selected some excellent pieces for the band to play and the audience was drawn into the music and applauded enthusiastically after each item. Many people said how much they had enjoyed the evening. There was tea and biscuits in the interval and near the end of the second half, prizes were given out. Rebecca Draper was given a trophy for the most improved Junior member. Her father Mark Draper was presented with the Ron Clarkson Trophy for the most improved player. The conductor praised Mark for the excellence of his progress. Mrs Susan Hayton also received a trophy for her

services to the band. She has been associated with Brass Bands for many years and is the secretary for the Northern Regional Brass Band Trust. She is also Chairman of Lanchester Brass Band and is always encouraging and supportive. She promotes our band when and wherever she can and is passionate about making sure Brass Bands will not die out.

Three members gave a solo performance, Ellen Bradshaw on Euphonium, Catherine Bradshaw on trombone and James Draper on the horn - a hat trick for the Draper family! Its fourth member Fiona Draper was in charge of the refreshments. The whole family are involved with the band and greatly appreciated.



Lanchester Brass Band Patrons' Concert - Conductor: James Burton. Thanks to Dennis D'Ugo who provided the picture.

During term time the band becomes a little depleted, as the young ones go off to university. This year we lose Andrew Scoins, who performed a solo last year at the concert and is an excellent musician. He is going to Nottingham University. James Burton our conductor, returns to his second year at Huddersfield while Ellen Bradshaw, a medical student, returns to

Aberdeen University for her second year of study. The good thing is that they always attend band practices when they come home for the holidays. We wish all these talented young people every happiness and success in their studies. Remember, the band welcomes anyone to join them. They will be given an instrument and taught to play it at no cost to

themselves. Contact our secretary Pete Bradshaw, 0191 386 0357, if you are interested. Advance notice is given for our Christmas Concert to be held in the Parish Church on Wednesday December 4th. Your Christmas will begin there! Tickets for the concert will be available in due course from the secretary. Brenda Craddock

MUSIC FESTIVAL

It is 11 years since Dr Ian Brunt introduced his 'Early Music Concerts' to our village. They are held bi-monthly in the Parish Church, during July and August with the final performance being early in September. Dr Brunt is a very accomplished musician and has brought a feast of classical music to the village. He plays a variety of instruments himself, the harpsichord and organ being the most played, but he also invites other talented musicians to play at his concerts, which means we have heard the flute, viola-da-gamba, cello, oboe played to perfection and we have marvelled at their expertise. The music is interspersed with appropriate readings, both humorous and serious, all of which have enhanced our knowledge and understanding of the many facets of music. The ladies of the church

provided refreshments during the interval. This year the last concert was on September 7th and the 'Clerkes of Durham' with their Director, Andrew Fowler, came to perform. Their beautiful voices filled the Parish Church. Dr Brunt both sang with them and accompanied them on a small mediaeval style organ, from his large collection of musical instruments. The regular attendees at these concerts are sorry that the concerts have ended for another year but look forward to July 2014 when they will begin again. Thank you Dr Brunt for all your very distinguished performances and for sharing your talent and knowledge with us. Your concerts are unique and we appreciate all the time and effort you put into bringing them to us. Brenda Craddock

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LATEST FROM CRICKET CLUB

The season drew to a close with the satisfaction of having played more cricket than in the previous two seasons and whilst there was disappointment in not winning anything, there were many notable performances.

In the final month the firsts saw two games rained off and sandwiched in between was a defeat at the hands of Burnopfield. They finished the season with a win over Percy Main. Michael Lukic picked up six more wickets to take his season's tally in the league to 46. That left the side in fifth spot.

The seconds had the same mixed bag with a win, two rained off draws and a defeat. The win was against Backworth with Mattie Callaghan taking 7-19. Ian Steward then scored his fourth 50 of the season. Ian did well at Shotley Bridge with 70 but it wasn't enough as the side fell 50 short of Shotley's total. The rained off final game against bottom side Percy Main meant we finished 4th.

For various reasons the thirds only got two fixtures. They finished their season with a 50 run win at Marsden, Neil Graham scoring 90 in a

total of 204 and then used nine bowlers, six of them taking wickets. The side finished runners up. They then ended the season with a cup semi final against Cowgate and fell just short against them. The side bowled well and restricted a normally high scoring side to 128. However, Cowgate are an all senior side and have bowling strength in depth and whittled us out for 113.

Thanks to John Bell for his tireless efforts on the ground and to the tea ladies for the delicious fare they served throughout the season.

LANCHESTER BOWLING FINALS

Lanchester Bowling Club competed in two end of season competitions.

In the Tom Burleigh Knockout competition we went out at the semi-final stage and in the new League Cup Veterans competition we very narrowly missed out on reaching the final. We finished our group equal top on points and shots total but losing out on shots difference.

The Saturday League is now finished and we achieved a respectable mid-table position.

Very close matches epitomised the Club's Finals Day. Four championships were decided on the day and all matches went down to cliff-hanger finishes. The Pairs Competition was resolved by a measure on the last end, Anne Hurran and Paul Monaghan winning against Ron Carr and Stan Easten. Stan however did go home with a win defeating John Hurran in the Handicap Final. John sadly did not have the best of days as he also went down to Dick

Christon in the Challenge Trophy Final. The Two Woods Trophy went to Christine Monaghan who narrowly defeated Mike Stoddart. Due to a holiday commitment the local Club Championship was not played on Finals Day, Joe Newton becoming champion with a victory over Mike. Anne and Christine played the Women's Final on a different day, another close match which Christine just won. Joe and Stan still have the Three Woods Final to play.



Action from the Pairs Final, Ron Carr and Anne Hurran (left picture), Paul Monaghan and Stan Easten (right picture)

FAMILY FUN DAY

A super free fun day was held at Lanchester Garden Centre on the last Saturday of the holidays as a treat for children. There were numerous enjoyable activities both outside and inside the centre. The Polytunnel was well laid out. It included 'ride on vehicles', sandy areas and a playhouse, along with several other interesting child friendly activities. Another area was available for photographs with pets, whilst local man, Phil Kendal, now working at the centre, was there with his collections of owls for children to hold. He also gave talks to the children. Other events included the popular Chainsaw Demonstrations and a visit from 'Crazy Creatures'. Outside was a Mini Fair which included Shuggy Boats, a Teacup Ride, Face Painting and other stalls. Hot food was also available. The car park was full for this well organised Fun Day. Families came from all over the area for a great day in glorious sunshine.



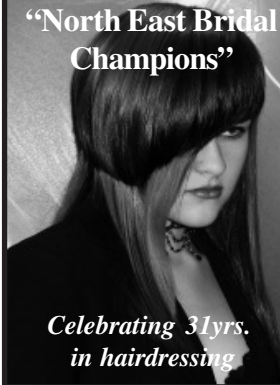
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1 level teaspoon mixed spice
1 level teaspoon Bicarbonate of Soda
50g/2oz Sugar (any kind)
100g/4oz Lard or Margarine
150g/6oz Syrup or Treacle
1 egg
125ml/1/4 pint Milk

Method

1. Light the oven, Gas 4, 180% C. Position the shelf in the centre.
2. Grease a small (1 lb) loaf tin, line the bottom with greaseproof paper.

3. Sieve the flour, ginger, spice and bicarbonate of soda into a bowl. Stir in the sugar.
4. Put the syrup into a pan, add the lard/margarine and melt without boiling. Pour into the flour and beat well.
5. Add the egg and milk a little at a time, beating until smooth. The mixture will be very soft. Pour into the tin. Bake for 40 minutes until firm.
6. Leave in the tin until almost cold, then remove the paper and cut into about 15 squares.



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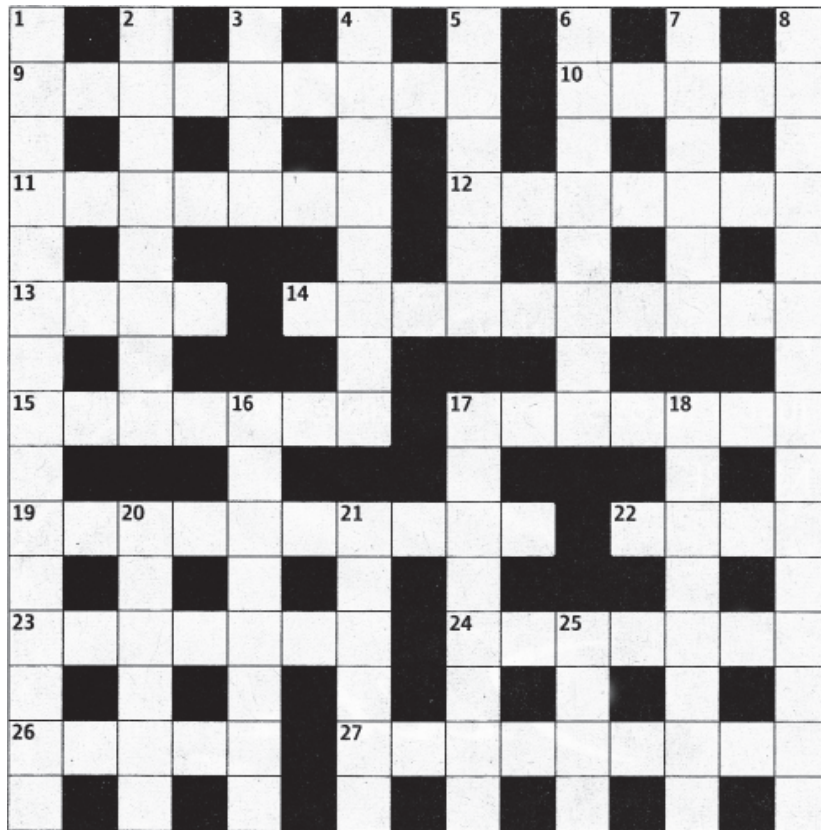
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CROSSWORD 88

There were just 14 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Roy Sunley of Watling Way who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 9. Well fed (9) | 1. Very happy in the Arctic? (2,3,2,3,5) |
| 10. Main part of reefs (5) | 2. Able to count (8) |
| 11. Cricket delivery (7) | 3. Mineral from formic acid (4) |
| 12. Massive (7) | 4. Approval (6,2) |
| 13. Iridescent mineral (4) | 5. Black Sea Port (6) |
| 14. Shrub is a NE local (10) | 6,25. Weakness (8,4) |
| 15,21. Where planes should not fly (7,6) | 7. German inland port on the Weser (6) |
| 17. Knight in act that is longed for (7) | 8. Erratics and moraines for example (7,8) |
| 19. The lot (10) | 16. Producer of playthings (3,5) |
| 22. Acronym for quickly (4) | 17. Is a round person well behind the times? (8) |
| 23. Japanese art form (7) | 18. Public toilet (4,4) |
| 24. Balls (7) | 20. Belied consumable (6) |
| 26. Industrial city in northern France (5) | 21. See 15 |
| 27. Floating pad (9) | 25. See 6 |

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 88

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1. forged | 1. festival |
| 4. consumer | 2. rarefied |
| 9. spree | 3. exert |
| 10. motor home | 5. on the face of it |
| 11. infatuate | 6. strapping |
| 12. prime | 7. Maoris |
| 13. Azerbaijanis | 8. reefer |
| 17. King's English | 10. moaning Minnie |
| 20. Omaha | 14. brigadier |
| 21. infuriate | 15. dilatory |
| 23. Brazil nut | 16. wheedler |
| 24. spool | 18. bomber |
| 25. returned | 19. vacant |
| 26. Magyar | 22. Rasta |

SUDOKU

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

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TENNIS - continued from page 20

The ladies team have narrowly missed out on winning their league with victory in four out of five matches and one draw, the title being decided on number of games won in the drawn match. It may still result in promotion, we shall wait and see next year. The mixed team won two, lost two so more of a steady season for them! To their great credit, one of the mini red tennis teams won their division in the Aegon league. These were children between 6 and 8 years old who competed against some of the strongest teams in the area, but were

victorious and will be presented with a league pennant later this year. On a local note, the club's own competitions were completed in September. Congratulations to Grant Ridley for success in the men's singles with Paul Gardinertaking the runner up. Grant also won the mixed doubles with mum Michelle. Victory to Eddie Cooke and Dennis Laycock in the men's doubles, and to Sally Laverick and Jane Laycock in the ladies doubles. Michelle was also awarded the Most Improved player trophy for 2013.

Although the grass courts will be closed at the end of September, members will continue to meet on a Tuesday evening in St Bede's School to play Touch Tennis. It is envisaged that coaching and a Tennis Xpress course will be held during the winter. For any information please contact 01207 520278. With reference to last month's article on Wimbledon, an apology. In the photograph with members, the player was Ross Hutchins and not Chris Hutchins as stated.

DURHAM BIG RIDE

Continued from page 20 Walk at Delves and back to Durham to receive their Goodie bag and T shirt. No times are taken and there are no winners. It is a genuine fun ride with people of all abilities and ages taking part. However, there is nothing to stop people having their own private challenges.

The Beast, a 50 mile ride, took place on the following Sunday on a sunny morning with temperatures rising from 10 degrees to 18 degrees throughout the ride with little wind, so it was ideal for cycling. The event began at Sniperley Park and Ride with the route similar to the 25 mile ride

as far as Iveston but then deviating to Knitsley, the A68 and Wolsingham and back to Durham. This route has some really very hilly country hence the name of 'The Beast' and riders need to be quite fit and experienced to take part. Most cyclists finished the route in under 4 hours.

TABLE TENNIS NEWS

In only their second year the Lanchester Club has gained promotion from the 4th to the 3rd division of the Northumberland Table Tennis Summer League. Chairman and coach, Frank Clarke, said "We have some excellent Juniors coming through and the team is a blend of experience and youth". The Club has over 40 Junior and 20 Senior members and meets twice per week (Wednesday and Friday 6-9 pm in Community Centre). Jacky Quincey is standing down as Secretary due to other commitments, not least a stint in Kenya doing voluntary work. She will continue to coach when

available. The Club would like to record thanks for her valuable work, particularly getting the Club started, and wish her success for the future. The Club is to compete in the Sunderland Winter League but due to space restrictions are to play home matches on a Monday evening in Lanchester Social Club. The Club is pleased to welcome, as a main sponsor for the coming year, Fastfit Tyres Langley (FTL). Sponsors of trophies are invited and a Patron scheme, in which an individual or local business can become a Patron of the Club by making a donation, is also being launched.

The Club is holding a race night in Lanchester Community Centre on Saturday 28th September from 7 pm. Tickets are available at £2 which include a pie and peas supper, quiz/raffle, and are available from any Club Member or Lanchester Community Centre office. For further information contact Adrian Evans, Treasurer, on 01207 528570.



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WHAT'S ON?

Open House

Everyone is welcome at the Open House in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 3rd October, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

Local History Society

The next meeting, on Friday 4th October in the Dining Room of the Community Centre at 7.30 pm, will be the AGM together with a talk and slides presented by a perennial favourite, Mike Richardson, and entitled 'More Photographic Discoveries of Durham'. Everyone welcome.

Country Market

We are holding our Country Market on Saturday 5th October as usual. We will also have a market on Saturday 26th October. Our normal market date of 2nd November has had to be changed due to the Community Centre holding an event on that date.

Art Group Exhibition

Saturday October 19th - Sunday 20th at the Community Centre from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission 50p. The hall will be filled with hundreds of paintings to be admired, discussed and bought.

Short Circuit Walks

5th October, 10.30 am, Scot's Gap, 5 miles. Meet at the National Trust car park on north side of B6343 to west of railway bridge, NZ037864.

19th October, 10.30 am, Ponteland, 5 miles. Meet at the Memorial Hall car park, Darras Road, 200m west of traffic lights, NZ163726.

WI

Our next meeting will be on Monday 7th October in the Community Centre at 7 o'clock for 7.15 start. This meeting is our AGM and as well as WIA Sue Fox representing County we have the Rev Rupert Kalus as our speaker.

The Nancy Walker Cup will be presented to the member who has earned the most points this year in the competitions.

The committee will be invited to stand again and as always new committee members are always needed and welcomed. The committee meetings are on the last Monday of the month so if you feel you would like to join the committee or want to know more just contact Jennifer, Ann, June, or any other committee member.

Items for the coffee morning can be brought to this meeting.

Visitors are as always very welcome.

WI Coffee Morning

The ladies of Lanchester WI are holding their autumn coffee morning on Wednesday 9th October in the Community Centre from 10.00-11.30 am. The £1 entry includes a scone and a drink. There will also be a raffle and cake stall as well as a sales table. Members can bring items for the raffle and stalls either to the next meeting or to the coffee morning. This is always a very friendly and social time so do come along and enjoy spending time with friends old and new.

Shopping Trip to York

On 9th November. Bus leaves at 9.00 am from the Village Green (arrives back approximately 9.00 pm). Tickets £14. Organised by Croft View Fundraising Committee who are trying to raise £25,000 for the top hall. Please contact Rosemary Naylor, 520087 (Mobile 07803 106615) or Eric Hepplewhite, 521323.

Mothers' Union

The speaker at the meeting on 9th October, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, is Carol Winskill from the Cathedral Listening Service.

Junior/Family Wildlife

The next meeting will be at Malton on Sunday 13th October. Meet at 10 am in the car park.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th October at 7.30 pm in the small hall of the Community Centre. Ann Francis will give a talk on 'Wildlife on Railways'.

Come Dancing

Strictly for those who would like to keep fit, burn calories and have fun! An hour of dancing to Latin-American, cha-cha, samba, mambo, rumba, calypso etc music. Led by Win, qualified teacher with over 20 years' experience. Mondays 1.30 pm to 2.20 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. £3.50 per session. Wear sensible shoes and bring towel and water, please. Beginners welcome.

Monday Club

All Saints Church Monday Club meet every Monday evening in the Parish Centre, Kitswell Road from 6.30 - 8.30 pm for a social evening of fun and activities. The Club provides tea, coffee - entertainment, music, bingo and much more! New members are always welcome.

Taize Worship

If you would like to learn Taize songs and chants please come and join us on Thursday evenings from 6-7 pm, October 10th, 24th, 31st and November 7th at Lanchester Parish Church. No previous singing experience necessary, just come along and enjoy it. All welcome.

Ladies Shopping Night

Come to All Saints Primary School on Friday 18th October 7.00 to 9.00 pm for a chance to make a few purchases for Christmas with crafts, homewares and tasty treats on offer. Tickets, which cost £3 and include a glass of something fizzy, are available from the school office.

SoSad Charity Concert

The Supporters of Stray and Abandoned Dogs have been lucky to get Sue Allen, a popular singer and comedienne, to do an encore at Meadowfield Club and Institute, Frederick Street South, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8LZ on Friday 11th October.

Sue takes a very keen interest in animal welfare and has kindly taken time out of her busy schedule once again to perform for us. If you missed her last time you're in for a real treat!! Tickets, just £4 each (which includes food), are available from Deerness Kennels Rescue Centre or contact me, Simon, on 01388 603135 and we'll arrange tickets for you. Alternatively you can pay at the door on the night. Doors open at 7.30 pm.

Flower Club

Come and join the Flower Club on Wednesday 23rd October at 1.30 pm in the Community Centre for Mini Demonstrations and a social afternoon.

PACT Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd October at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre. All welcome.

Music in the Library

'Fool's Gold' in concert, 'Stories with strings'. Original Traditional Music. Lanchester Library, Thursday 31st October at 2.00 pm. Admission Free. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome.

Lanchester Community Centre

Sunday Bridge

Sunday Bridge will be held on the following dates. Entrance is £3 starting at 2-00pm, everybody is welcome so put these dates in your diary.

Oct 6th 2013
Nov 3rd 2013
Dec 1st 2013



Jan 12th 2014
Feb 2nd 2014
Mar 2nd 2014
Apr 6th 2014

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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 2013 in the Dining Room of the Community Centre, Lanchester. All members of the public are welcome.

Paradiso Club

The first Social of the new season will be held on Sunday 13th October at 6.30pm-9pm (please note the change of start time) in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. The film is the James Bond movie SKYFALL with stars Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Javier Bardem. It has had rave reviews. Skyfall is an exciting action spectacular. Despite the title, Bond is a hero who just keeps defying gravity.

Entry: £5 membership per annum for those who join the club, £2.50 per social for members, £3.50 per social for occasional visitors, £2 children. All are welcome to attend any of the events.

Autumn Fair

At Croft View Halls on Saturday 12th October from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Free entry.

Activate Theatre Group will present 'Songs from the Musicals' at 12.30 pm and Lanchester Brass Band will play at 1 pm. Stalls selling savoury

items, cakes, cup cakes, bric a brac and refreshments will be open from 12 noon. There will also be a quiz 'Lanchester through the decades' and photograph shoots available.

Willow Burn Hospice

The Annual shopping trip to York is to take place on Saturday 16th November with 8 am pick-ups from Lanchester, Consett and Stanley, 5 pm return from York. Tickets on sale now £15. Please contact Claire Ross on 01207 523296 or cross@willowburnhospice.org.uk.

All Saints Primary Friends

The AGM of the Friends of All Saints Primary School will take place on Wednesday 16th October in the school at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend and nomination slips are available from the school office should anyone like to stand for the post of Chair/Treasurer/Secretary.

DANCE CLASS



For those who would like to keep fit, burn calories. See 'Come Dancing' in What's On (p18)

HARRY'S FIT CLASS



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NEWS AT THE NET - 2013 - A GREAT TENNIS SEASON!

Throughout 2013, the weather has enabled Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club players to enjoy excellent playing conditions and to have an active tennis season. After a cool start all but a handful of the scheduled sessions went ahead, both in social play and coaching. The Barbeque and Strawberry Tea and several other social functions were well supported and enjoyed by members and non-members alike.

For several of the club members, the highlight of the season was the visit to Wimbledon as reported in the August issue of the Village Voice, an opportunity to play at the world's premier tennis venue and one that shall be remembered for a long time to come.



Winners of the 2013 club competitions: Eddie Cooke, Jane Laycock, Michelle Ridley, Grant Ridley, Sally Laverick and Dennis Laycock.

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DURHAM BIG RIDE



25 mile route: Two riders crossing Newbiggen Lane with conditions improving.



The Beast

A large peleton follow the leaders Taking the sharp bend into the lane

The 3 mile, 10 mile and 25 mile cyclist rides took place on Sunday 1st September with all leaving at 9.30 am and returning to County Hall. Conditions initially were cool, gloomy, with high winds and riders on the latter route seemed to be slower and struggling against the wind as they

passed through the crossroads at Maiden Law. Several people from the village took part. Steven White was spotted leading the first group through the crossroads at Maiden Law just after 10.00 am. The junior event was a circular ride around

Aykley Heads, the 10 mile ride went through Sacriston, Witton Gilbert and Langley Park before returning to Durham. The 25 mile route took riders through Sacriston, Burnhope, Maiden Law, Iveston and then off road on to Lanchester Valley

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GREAT NORTH RUN



Three members of the Hebdon family, Georgie, Barbara and Alice celebrate their successful completion of this year's Great North Run. All were raising money for the charity Shine.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next Village Voice by **Tuesday 15th October**. The deadline for **adverts** is **13th October**.

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