

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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SUMMER IN LANCHESTER A FUNKY NIGHT



French Group, Funky Style Brass, performing in Lanchester.



As part of the Durham International Brass Festival, a large audience in the Community Centre enjoyed a concert by Funky Style Brass. Story on page 7.

LITTLE KICKERS



Above, Coach, Simon Brown, of Little Kickers, with his class of 2-7 year old children, teaching football and exercises along with some social skills. About 15 children attended this summer holiday activity at this Community Centre organised event. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy it as did those adults who accompanied the children.

WI IN BLOOM



Elizabeth Lothian, Heather Muir and Maureen Clarkson with the competition entries of flowers in a tea cup. Story on page 3.

SCALES 'N' TAILS



Left, a Scales 'n' Tails animal encounters afternoon was held at the Community Centre as part of their summer activities programme. There was a good sized audience for this and the children really enjoyed cuddling and stroking some of the lovely animals available. Here we show one of the little ones with a large stick insect.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

I recently wrote to the Village Voice to provide the community of Lanchester with information on the ongoing issue of traffic congestion within the locality of St Bede's Catholic School & Sixth Form College. I mentioned that there are significant challenges that the school faces that we hope to be able to reduce in the future.

As a reminder, the traffic issues have emerged due to increased traffic congestion with an increased number of cars and business vehicles using this busy road network at key times and in part as a result of:

*The removal of free faith transport which has led to parents choosing to use their cars to transport their children to school.

*Reduced on-site and off-site parking for staff and

students compounded by the growth of the school over recent years.

As a school we have initiated many internal strategies to reduce the traffic congestion. For example, the introduction of homework clubs, Sixth Form parking permits and financially supporting bus pass concessions. We are also working incredibly hard with the Local Authority and all parties are keen to support progress.

We have frequently met with your local County Council Representatives, Councillors Young and Johnson, and are jointly planning further strategies to reduce this ongoing problem; maintaining excellent relationships with local residents is a priority that we share. We are encouraged by the support we have received from County Council Highways and the Police Authority.

As the new term begins, I thought it timely to provide you with what I

hope is a reassuring update. The Councillors and I share the same foci; to ensure that all members of the school community are safe on their journey to and from school, whilst also working in partnership with the local community, to help reduce traffic congestion in the village and surrounding areas.

Again, I ask local residents to remain patient.

Neville Harrison,
Headteacher

Dear Village Voice

I write to you with regards to Crinnions in Lanchester, to bring to people's attention that Crinnions are planning to make the marquee at the back of the establishment a permanent feature. I live on Deanery View, and at the weekend I could hear the music playing from the wedding event they had. This continued until just before 11 pm. I wonder if people more local to Crinnions can hear the music as well as I can up here. If they can, are they aware that this could become a regular thing?

K Hunter, Deanery View

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Hearing Date for the Newbiggen Lane Proposed Development

We understand that the date for the application on Newbiggen Lane to be heard will be decided on Friday 22nd August with the most likely date and time for the hearing being Tuesday 2nd September at 2 pm. It will be posted on the DCC website first but everyone that has contacted DCC about this development should receive a letter confirming the date.

Anyone can attend the hearing and there will be enough room inside the Chamber for everyone who wants to be present. Elaine Hogg will speak at this hearing on behalf of 'The Campaign to Protect Rural Lanchester', 'The Lanchester Partnership' as well as for the 99% of all the residents who

sent in objections. We intend to have a peaceful demonstration outside County Hall before the meeting and would like as many of you as possible to attend, even if it is just to protest outside for 30 minutes (1.30-2pm) and not attend the meeting. Many people will be working or on school runs on 2nd September so it is important that those who can attend do so. It would help us tremendously if those who wished to attend could contact either Andrea Stoddart on 07792 855358 or Eric Hepplewhite on 07969 808958 and we would be pleased to help sort transport arrangements for anyone who requires assistance.

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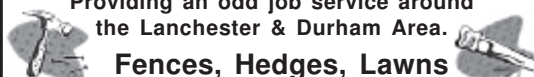
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DANCING IN THE RAIN

The dark clouds on Friday 4th July did not dampen the celebrations of Ani Tencheva's and Jake Shepherd's wedding party at Margery Flatts Lanchester. The couple, who met at a Gypsy dance club in Sheffield while both studying medicine, chose the Baghdaddies with their Eastern European inspired music to lead the dancing at their wedding. The ceremony was held in the rose gardens of Crook Hall Durham. As photographs were taken the guests were serenaded by 4 talented vocalists of the Shoeshop Quartet, one of which was Jake's sister Laurie. Afternoon tea and speeches followed before everyone relocated to Margery

Flatts. At this point the heavens opened and guests huddled under dripping gazeboes. But team games and activities brought together Ani's Bulgarian relatives, Jake's family and a host of wonderful young people who had travelled from far and wide. Everyone tucked into a fine supper provided by our own Lanchester Indian Takeaway. The rain then abated, camp fires were lit and the band struck up in the field. Jake and Ani led the dancing but soon Rosen, Ani's dad joined in and moments later the 120 guests threw off their cagoules and danced joyously in the field. A true celebration of happiness! There was then no let-up in the



Ani and Jake dancing at their wedding

dancing as the band led everyone into the barn, rustically decorated by family and friends with fairy lights, bunting, candles and straw bales.

But all was not over. After 2 hours of energetic celebrations, lifelong friend and neighbour Eddie Green led the remaining guests down to his lantern lit streamside hide away, where people reminisced on the events of such a memorable and joyful day.

WI NEWS

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone before reading a first world war poem by John William Streets. Angela presented Ann Grosvenor with a Hydrangea to celebrate her Golden Wedding. If you know any member who is going to have an 80th birthday or Golden Wedding or if you know of a member poorly, please inform a committee member. The next Book club meeting is in the Black Bull on 9th September and the darts start again also in September. The quiz group is very popular meeting every Wednesday night in the King's Head. Lists were out for Satley, Edmundbyers, Durham guided walk, Full Monty theatre visit and our birthday meal on 3rd November which is coffee at the Lord Crewe then on to the Angel at Corbridge for lunch with time to shop afterwards. Menu details

are available with the cost £20 or £23 depending on number of courses, money collected over the next two meetings, cheques if possible. Ourspeaker was Sue Vidler who trained as a Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner after she retired as a teacher. Sue explained how these flower remedies are safe, non-toxic, have no side effects and can be taken alongside other medical treatments acting on the emotional state of the person to bring them

back into balance allowing the body to heal itself. This was a very interesting talk about how natural remedies can be used by us all to help heal everyday irritations and worries. Details can be found on www.suevidler.co.uk. Competition winners were Jennifer Macdonald and Maureen Clarkson and the raffle winners were Dorothy Beadling and Maureen Barker. Jennifer gave the vote of thanks and the meeting ended with refreshments.



WI members enjoying their visit to Sizergh Castle.

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Parishioners of Satley St Cuthbert's remembered their dead from the First World War.

Rev Dr Joseph Harper blessed the 40 crosses and poppies which had been placed on the village green in remembrance of the 40

young men of the parish who left to defend their country and never returned. An additional three poppies were 'planted' by relatives wishing to remember family members from other villages. Ladies of the parish either knitted

or crocheted poppies which were attached to the crosses. Satley Parish Council purchased the crosses, which bore the names of the young men who are named on the War Memorial inside the Parish Church.



Rev Dr Harper and parishioners looking at the crosses in Satley.

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RECORD RESULTS FOR ST BEDE'S SIXTH FORMERS



From left to right: Adam Dent, Alex Bainbridge, Rebecca Arkless and Chris Ayton with their A level results. All seemed very happy with their achievements and will be going to separate universities to continue their studies.

It has been a record year for results at St Bede's Catholic Sixth Form College, Lanchester, with 57% of students gaining 2 or more A*-B grades, a staggering 5% increase on



Star student, Andrew Ruxton, achieved 4 A*s in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry and will read Physics at Oxford University.

last year, and an overall pass rate of 100%.

We congratulate all of our students who have worked diligently to achieve their very best and their teachers who have supported and guided them so well.

We are delighted that Andrew Ruxton who joined us to study in Sixth Form from another school achieved four A* grades in his final examinations securing his place to study Physics at Oxford University. In addition Andrew achieved an A* for his Extended Project Qualification which supported his application to university. He is a keen gardener in his leisure time, so keeps his feet firmly on the ground whilst studying by

tending to his allotment. Another student who has certainly achieved her very best and followed her dreams is Anna Bartle, who on completing her A2 examinations is off to study Performing Arts. Anna has supported St Bede's through her countless performances at events such as 'Strictly Come Dancing' and will return in 2015 as a guest judge.

St Bede's supports students through extended work experience placements throughout their two years of study. Jack Campbell certainly



A proud Cameron McElrue with delighted Mum, Deborah, achieved 3 As in his A Levels and will soon be off to York University to read biochemistry.

took advantage of this opportunity working with Design X-Press Limited in Consett which undoubtedly supported his achieving an A* in Design Technology and is off to study Product Design Engineering at Northumbria.

Whatever our students have chosen to do, be it university, an apprenticeship or into employment, we wish them every success and happiness for their future and we hope they cherish many happy memories of their time at St Bede's.

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The cast of MiXit before their magnificent performance of dance, singing and comedy

On the evenings of 21st, 22nd and 23rd July MiXit/ Moveable Feast showcased their performance to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival from 2nd – 9th August. MiXit based in Annfield Plain are the world's first inclusive pop group made up of people with learning disabilities supported by extremely talented coaches. Gary Parker of Lanchester who joined MiXit in January this year is among the cast who are making the trip to Edinburgh. This hard hitting show sets out to promote inclusiveness in the community and awareness of some difficulties faced by people with learning

disabilities. The message is portrayed in a very professional, thought provoking way, through the medium of contemporary songs, dances and comedy sketches, described by a guest in the audience as 'mind blowing'. The Moveable Feast academy for the dramatic arts provides a centre for local people with learning disabilities, a pathway to increase their self confidence and improve their self esteem and do so by means of their pop group MiXit. Apart from attending the Edinburgh Fringe Festival for the second time in two years the group has toured all over the country performing their shows. This year the Rose Theatre, Kingston upon Thames and the Mill Volvo Tyne Theatre, Newcastle upon Tyne were some of the bigger venues. A show at the Gala Theatre, Durham is scheduled for 12th September 2014, starting at 7 pm. This will include all of the material used for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, plus additions. Tickets at £10 for adults and £8 for concessions are available from the Venue at Morrison Road (the building in the football ground, opposite the opening into the council yard), Annfield Plain. For more information or to book tickets, telephone: 01207 232727, mobile: 07768250159 or email lawraineh@aol.com. This show should not be missed.

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A GREAT CONCERT

The Annual Concert of the Lanchester and District Choral and Amateur Operatic Society took place at the Methodist Church on 8th July. All the ladies and gentlemen were dressed glamorously for the occasion. Their choral singing of well known songs from many West End Shows was extremely good and there was audience participation for two of the songs. Margaret Gray and Michael Quigley were the narrators who guided us through London's West End theatres. They gave interesting facts about the theatres and shows as well as creating some humorous banter. The guest soloist was Mrs

Elizabeth Woods, who always captivates the audience with her beautiful voice. Ian Gray from Iveston also sang solo and with the choir and performed a duet with Elizabeth Woods, singing 'Summertime' from 'Porgie and Bess', which was absolutely beautiful.

David Hughes as the producer and Musical Director always makes sure he produces a first class performance. Bill Gray on piano and an orchestra of seven accompanied the singing superbly.

We congratulate and thank all those who contributed to this performance, which definitely had the 'WOW' factor. Brenda Craddock



Elizabeth Woods and Ian Gray, soloists, with members of the Society

FUNKY NIGHT IN LANCHESTER!

On Friday 18th July, a packed Lanchester Community Centre was treated to a musical extravaganza provided by French band, Funky Style Brass, who were in the county as part of Durham International Brass Festival 2014. This festival celebrates all genres of Brass music aiming to make Brass accessible to all by inviting British and International bands to play in local schools and communities.

I became a volunteer for the festival because I love to see live bands and hear brass in any music. I saw FSB at Brass 2013 and as a volunteer convinced the Brass Team I could guarantee a sell out concert. Mighty words considering in 2013 I saw a band play locally to an audience of 8!

As the curtain drew back everyone knew we were going to witness a unique event. How many brass bands appear dressed as a pink rabbit, a chicken or a French policeman? Singer/saxophonist Dem-X, sporting a spiky red wig and shades, had everyone clapping and singing instantly whilst the rest of

the immensely talented band delivered the catchiest funkier style brass ever seen or heard in Lanchester!

All too soon the evening ended. I had placed blank cards for the audience to write their comments about FSB's performance. Over 60 cards were collected, my favourite being "I never knew that you could have so much fun in Lanchester on a Friday night for £3.50!"

THANK YOU Lanchester Community Centre, people of Lanchester and those who travelled up to 300 miles for making the evening a HUGE success and my sincere apologies to those we had to turn away.

The Brass Team will soon have your comments so surely we can look forward to BRASS 2015. We shall sell out of tickets AGAIN!!!

Alice Guthrie



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Kalus gave his address involving the children to help him.

Memories related by the children of their time at the EP School are always well received. Designated children spent a few moments telling everyone their most fond, or amusing times they had enjoyed most, whilst at the school. These are always well received by the parents and today was no exception.

The presentations too, read by Mrs Davis, Head Teacher, and Mr Boddy, about each child, were often hilarious, with several references to

times spent away on the Comenius visit to Paris and PGL holidays. Comments made show how well staff really know their charges and equally how much the pupils respect the staff but still enjoy some great times with them.

Each leaver was presented with a graduating scroll, a bible and a piece of jigsaw. When each piece of the jigsaw was laid on the board it made a complete picture of every pupil in Year 6.

The awards are an important part of the ritual. 19 pupils managed to accomplish 100%

attendance for the whole year.

The Rotary Club Award was presented by President, Mrs Maureen Bennett, who delivered a short speech about Rotary International, its motto, goals and aims and achievements. 'Weather Men', Danny Cleghorn and Ben Moore were chosen to receive this on behalf of the school.

Year 2 Citizenship Award went to Brandon Barras and the Year 6 equivalent was awarded to Cristal Cheng. The prestigious Henry Dancer Award was given to a very deserving Thomas Barnaby.

Some final words were spoken by Mrs Davis and Rev Rupert Kalus gave a presentation of the Jigsaw, followed by the Blessing.



Cristal Cheng displays her Year 6 Citizenship Award and Brandon Barras does the same for his Year 2 Award.



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When anyone in the locality is suspected of having a heart attack,

dialling 999 (or 112) not only secures the attendance of an ambulance, the caller will also be informed of the location of the cPAD, and the security code to unlock the large yellow cabinet housing it.

cPADs are designed to be easy to use without any prior training however the Northumbria Ambulance Service NHS Trust will arrange free training for any groups who are interested.

The proprietors of The Punch Bowl were approached and immediately offered their premises as a site to locate the cPAD. The cabinet is mounted on the wall to the right of the entrance porch and is linked into their electricity supply to provide lighting and power to keep the battery warm.

Since the beginning of July our PACT priority has been parking in the area of Peth Bank. Local officers have been monitoring the parking situation on a daily basis and as a result five vehicles were issued with £30 tickets by causing unnecessary obstruction to other road users and/or pedestrians. Recently the parking situation has improved slightly due to the majority of builders' vehicles now parking on the Durham Road site since the car park was completed. It is understood that the new site will be open to the public early September so we will continue to monitor the parking situation and will be liaising with Durham County Council if the situation does not improve.

The main incident trend has been burglaries with

POLICE REPORT

various properties, farms and businesses being targeted. As a result local officers are frequently patrolling in and around the village during the hours of darkness to identify persons and vehicles in the area. A male from Leadgate has already been arrested and charged for breaking into a business on the A691 at the beginning of July. Can we please remind everyone to make sure that doors, windows, sheds, outhouses and vehicles are all locked and secured to deter opportunist thieves.

Recently we've started to receive information regarding possible disqualified drivers and uninsured drivers in our area. Officers are now targeting individuals and a male from Burnhope has been stopped in

Lanchester driving whilst disqualified and with no insurance.

Operation Spoke (free security marking on all bicycles) is still ongoing within the force and has seen some fantastic responses from the community. So far we have security marked approximately 160 bicycles and scooters in Lanchester. The next event near your area is Saturday 18th October outside Helen's Top Shop, Burnhope between 1-3pm. Our next PACT meeting is on Tuesday 2nd September at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School so please come along. In the meantime anyone with any problems, concerns or information please contact PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson on 101 or email lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk.

PHASE 1 OF REFURBISHMENT COMPLETE

Lanchester Community Centre has now completed Phase 1 of its refurbishment plan. The main and small halls have been redecorated, with new curtains, blinds and chairs and the Play Group has new storage cupboards.

This work could not have been completed without the grants received from County Durham Community Foundation (£3500), this was provided from the Community Action Fund, the Kenneth Molly (Burnhope) Fund and the Community Health Revenue Fund. We also received a grant from the Area Action Partnership (£2500) for purchasing new chairs. Sunday Bridge raised £350 during the winter and generous donations of £700 were received from local residents.

The refurbishment has been well received by all who have seen it and the

comments have been very positive. We recently had a visit from the Environmental Health Office who remarked on the improvement seen. We have not finished yet; Phase 2 has started which is work to the exterior of

the building. This is being funded via a grant from Durham County Council from their Community Building Grant scheme. Phase 3 is in the planning stage and more information will be provided once the details

have been finalised. Lanchester Community Management Team would like to express their gratitude to all our grant providers, local groups who make donations to the Community Centre and all the local people

who support us through financial donations and most importantly through their time to make our Community Centre the best in the area.

Arthur Maughan MBE, Chairman of Lanchester Community Association



Lanchester Community Centre



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QUEEN'S HEAD, LANCHESTER



The inscription on the lintel

The building which is now known as the former Queen's Head was built in the late 18th Century as a private home. A rear door lintel was found and marked P R E 1798. The first owner of the building is not known but the original building consisted of two dwellings, one of which was converted into a small shop, evidence can be seen in very early photographs of the street. There is no evidence of when the

building was changed to a public house. It has been suggested that the Queen's Head originally was a coaching house. This may be true, but no written evidence can be found. In 1860 the Landlord of the Queen's Head was a man called George Proud but no other reference to Mr Proud can be sourced, but the Queen's Head remained an active public house until it recently closed.

The Building is Grade II listed, date of listing, 4th August 1975, English Heritage, Building ID: 3505592.

The building is now being restored to its original glory, with the rear brick building being demolished. All of the renovations will be in keeping with the original 1798 original Grade II Listed building. Five apartments will be constructed within the building.

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LANCHESTER VILLAGE CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed public realm improvement scheme for Lanchester was identified by Councillor Young and Councillor Johnson during a site visit to the village in February 2014. During this visit the following improvements were proposed:

- New coping stones to planters on Front Street;

- New litter bins in the village centre to provide a uniform style of bin;
- Improved/defined parking and paving areas along Front Street - 2 rows of paving will be replaced with regular setts. These setts will identify a defined parking area along Front Street.
- Improved access to the car park to the rear of Front Street. Regular setts will be laid in order to improve access to and from the car park.

Monday 25th August 2014.

Phase 1 - A 5 day road closure will be implemented for work to be undertaken to improve/define the parking areas along Front Street.

Phase 2 - improvements to the car park access points. Temporary two-way traffic lights will be used to allow the improvement work to be undertaken.

The coping stones to the planters and the new litter bins will be installed following completion of the Highways work.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

On 9th July, twenty five club members visited Alnwick Gardens for a lovely summer outing. We travelled with Burnside Coaches driven by a very nice lady called Brenda, who looked after us all admirably. The weather was absolutely perfect, the sun shone all day. We were met by Trevor Jones the Head Gardener at Alnwick gardens. He had visited our club in February, when he gave a most interesting and enjoyable talk all about how the gardens have been created over the years and all the charity events and schemes they organise for people with dementia, loneliness and even a garden especially to encourage children to get involved with gardening called Little Shoots. He kindly showed us around the gardens telling us different stories about how certain parts of the gardens were created, all in all a very interesting tour. He then left us to our own devices.

We then enjoyed lovely food in one of the many Café Restaurants dotted about the gardens. Everyone had a wonderful day.

On 23rd July we had our usual monthly meeting and the demonstrator was Miriam Holmes. Her theme was 'Around the World on a Rainbow'. She is a very funny lady and we enjoyed her banter and her lovely colourful displays depicting so many places around the world. Her beautiful vibrant colours gave us an insight into India then America and many more, ending with a colourful

arrangement depicting a European garden. The arrangements were raffled and the winners were extremely happy with their prizes. Tea and biscuits were served. A very relaxing and enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th September at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre.

The Demonstrator will be Karl Brunton and the theme will be 'Surprises'. We look forward to seeing you all after our August summer recess. Everyone is cordially invited to join us.



From left to right, Mary Britton, Rosemary Wilson and Sue Jones enjoying Alnwick Gardens

Gardening in September

The month of September is not too hot (like August) and not too cold (like November). Most of our plants in the borders and vegetable patch have finished flowering. It is the start of Autumn.

In the Flower Borders
Jobs in borders include planting out our winter bedding (eg pansy, violas, bellis, etc) into their final positions so that they get established before the cold weather. You might also plant out foxgloves and wallflowers. Field grown wallflowers can be a good buy at this time of the year to provide a good display in spring. Some flowers will still be

producing colour like fuchsia, roses and dahlia, so keep deadheading to further extend their performance. September is a good time to plant new perennials as the soil is still warm and there is usually more rain. It is also the time to plant spring flowering bulbs like daffodils, hyacinth and crocus. Also plant hyacinth and amaryllis bulbs for forcing so that they are in bloom for Christmas.

In the Vegetable Plot
Keep harvesting your vegetable crops during the month. The French and runner beans should still be producing, so water them if the month is dry. When they have

finished cropping cut the plants off at ground level leaving the roots in the soil as they produce nitrogen into the soil and means you can use the same place for next year's crop. You can start planting autumn onion sets if you have spare ground.

General
September is a good month to sow green manures such as mustard in empty areas to improve the soil and keep weeds down over winter. Raise pots off the ground for the winter so that they do not become too wet and have stagnant water in them. Apply an autumn lawn dressing to help overwinter your lawns.

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FA CUP FOOTBALL PRIZES



Lanchester Social Club members, Richard Young, Secretary (left) and Peter Stephens, Chairman (right), present cheques for £300 from the profit of the FA Cup Football Competition, to Paul Jackson, Vice Chairman, Willow Burn Trustees Board, and Janet Hume, Public Liaison Officer, Great North Air Ambulance. Mike Stoddart, club member, ran the competition on behalf of the club.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Quick Sausage Bolognese

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Ingredients

6 good quality sausages (eg Cumberland) with skins removed
1 tsp fennel seeds
250g pack of mushrooms, sliced
150ml - 1/4pt red wine
660g jar tomato pasta sauce
300g - 11oz penne
grated cheddar cheese to serve

Method

1. Heat a large wide frying pan, then crumble in the sausage meat and fennel seeds. Fry for a few minutes, stirring well to

break up the meat, until golden and cooked through. Tip out some of the excess fat, add the mushrooms and fry for a few minutes until beginning to soften. Stir in the wine and bubble for 1 minute, then add the tomato sauce and heat until bubbling again.

2. Meanwhile cook the pasta following the instructions given on the pack. Drain and tip into the sauce. Mix well until completely coated, then divide between 4 plates, and sprinkle the Bolognese with a little of the grated cheese and some seasoning to taste.

KOGS (KIDS OF GOD)



KoGs at an Indoor Soft Play Centre called The Ark in November 2013

Lanchester KoGs is a Christian youth group for people aged school years 5+ and is held in Lanchester Methodist Church.

It was started by two best friends Laura Cole and Jonathan Quinlan in April of 2007 as they realised there was nothing local to keep kids entertained.

KoGs meet on a Monday evening from 5 pm to take part in different activities that include: Games, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dancing, Bible Study, Messy Games, Day Trips, Night Trips,

Weekend/Weeks away etc.

We have recently ended our summer term 2014 with a trip to AMF Bowling. We are also taking 13 of our members to a Christian youth camp we attend yearly called 'Kairos' in Thirsk on August 22nd-25th.

KoGs starts at 5 o'clock and ends at 7.30 pm. We dedicate approximately 45 minutes of this to come together for a 2 course meal.

Please come along and join us when we return on Monday 8th September. Your first night is free so

why not bring a friend or two or more??!!

We would also like to note that you DO NOT have to have a Christian background or be a member of other church related activities to join us, everyone is welcome!

Subs are £1.75 per week or £18 per term to cover food/activity costs.

For more information please contact:

Laura Cole - phone 07411721529, 01207 590044

Mervyn Burdon - phone 01207237161

Email: kidsofdaygod@hotmail.co.uk

BILLY AND ZEENA



Billy Carr, of Deneside, transports his dog, Zeena aged 14, all over the village and along the Lanchester Valley Walk. The dog seems to love going into the carrier. At this grand old age Zeena is unable to walk far through ill health, but is perfectly at home in the carrier. Billy's bike is special as well. It's a 'Powabyke' which makes the outing a lot easier.

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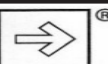
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LATEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB

Our first ever under 9s team won the two part competition they were in, beating teams from Consett, Leadgate, Beamish, Burnopfield and Shotley Bridge. So well done to Sam Small, Charlie McPhail, Toby Somersall, Jake Toase, Ethan Connelly, Josh Cottom, Ben Raynor and Jack Morris.

The firsts and seconds both need a couple of wins to relax a bit in the final weeks. In the past month, the firsts have lost all four games, whilst the seconds lost two and had two rained off. The rained off games are giving the seconds concerns about safety, so they are hoping for some fine weather for a good run. The seconds have reached their league cup final but it was rained off on consecutive Fridays in August. It is hoped to play the final on 14th September at

Lanchester. The firsts are in the John Armin finals day at Annfield Plain.

The thirds have had a good month with comfortable wins over Lintz, Bill Quay and Consett. Lintz were bowled out for just 89 with teenagers Jack Ramshaw taking four wickets and Arran Halliday three. Nathan Somersall was unbeaten on 49 in passing the Lintz score. David Killeen took three wickets against Bill Quay and Cameron Metcalf scored 56 as we cruised past that score. Andy McConnell made 77 against Consett and Arran Halliday took 3 for 7 in a 90 run win.

Arran Halliday played for the County under 15s in a tournament at Scarborough and played a key role in helping Durham beat favourites Cheshire to lift the trophy. On a happy note, despite the poor weather, a good

day was had in the memory and celebration of Des Heslop with over £400 raised for the GNAA.

BONFIRE

It is with great regret that the Cricket Club wishes to inform you that they will NOT be in a position to run the 2014 Bonfire. The Club has now made two appeals for volunteers and got one response. The club cannot charge entry to the sports fields for the event, hence the request for a donation of a minimum of £1. You may be surprised to learn that some people refused to make that £1 donation last year, which caused great upset for our volunteer collectors. The County Safety Advisory Group needed the event application and as the club cannot afford to hire paid stewards to manage the event, a decision had to be made now. Sadly the decision is not to go ahead.

SUMMER FAIR AT THE CRICKET CLUB

It was a really lovely sunny Sunday afternoon on 17th August for the Cricket Club to hold their first Summer Fair, to raise some much needed funds for the Club.

They had their own stall serving some delicious looking hot dogs and burgers but the rest of the money raising was achieved with the hire of some professional equipment with a percentage donation being made to the Club by the show people. There were plenty of activities for the youngsters who came to the Fair with an obstacle

course, the traditional swing chair roundabout, the cup roundabout, a penalty shoot, smile and jump, slides and others. Different enjoyable ways to spend money were at the vans selling ice cream, sweets and drinks. Everyone spoken to seemed to be enjoying themselves.

The Cricket Club would like to thank Crinnions of Lanchester for supporting the event and all those families who attended. It was certainly worthwhile. A profit in excess of £250 was made and it is planned to repeat the occasion next summer.



Neil Graham, Chairman of the Cricket Club, takes the role of chef to serve one of the members with a delicious looking burger.

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UNDER 10 FOOTBALLERS WANTED

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ethos of the team, we are not bothered whether a new player has played for a team before, what their best position is, what their ability is - and we certainly don't hold 'trials' for new players. We will provide the opportunity and the environment for any new player to really enjoy and develop their footballing skills, and all we ask is a commitment to attend the training (on Wednesdays at Ushaw Moor) and the matches (which are currently on Saturdays at Wrekenton in term time) whenever possible. Please contact Martin on 07954 099737 for more details.

GREAT FINISH FOR BOWLERS

Eight consecutive wins for the Monday triples team including a rare away win against top team Dipton set them up for a cliff hanging match away to View Lane (Stanley). Needing four points to finish second in the league, it came down to the last bowl. With one shot needed to win his rink, Lanchester skip Dick Ball held his nerve and drew in to ensure the necessary points. Yet another second place certificate for the pavilion wall.

Our Tuesday team which has a number of players who are relatively new to bowling also had a vital game. They succeeded in winning the crunch match away to View Lane that decided who would be propping up the league. Dipton as usual won both leagues.

As we have made a swift exit from the Tom Burleigh knockout competition we will be playing the ever popular end of season jumbles on Tuesday afternoons to the end of September, start time 2 pm.

RICCI



Ricci Guarnaccio, formerly of Geordie Shore, is the son of the owners of Ricardos. He entered the Celebrity Big Brother House, on Channel 5, on 18th August.

RAT RACE ROAD TRIP

Otherwise known as the London to Edinburgh cycle challenge, this huge event is now very well established in the cycling calendar. It began at Wembley Stadium on Friday, August 8th and finished for most participants four days later at Murrayfield Rugby Stadium. The age range is 18-75 years and about 400 cyclists took part, many of whom were raising money for their favoured charities.

The ride is in four almost equidistant stages and at each stage riders can rest, camp, or use B&Bs/hotels. The first stage is London to Stamford, then on to York, followed by the journey to Morpeth and finally ending in Edinburgh, as already mentioned.

The ride is well marshalled with support following in cars with mechanics and medics and others carrying essential luggage. At each major

stopping place there is a Pit Stop and pop up café. The ride passes through Lanchester where the King's Head provided one of the Pit Stops. Some riders complete the event in two days and such was true of the riders pictured. They had left York at 4.00 am in the morning, made the brief pit stop at Lanchester, before travelling on to the Morpeth stage point, and on to the finish.



Riders in the Road Trip take a welcome break at the Pit Stop at the King's Head before carrying on to Edinburgh.

These riders completed the event in just two days!

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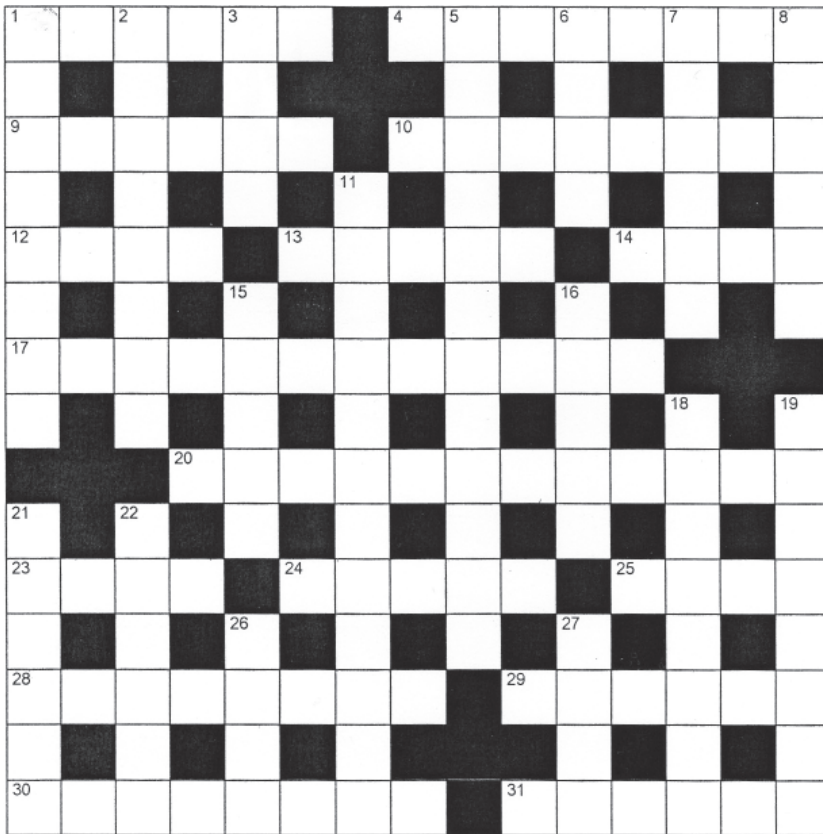
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ACROSS

1. Wickerwork canes (6)
4. Copycat (8)
9. Goes with bean, shoe and along (6)
10. Ninepins (8)
12. Thrash (4)
13. Belfast's river (5)
14. Very small amount (4)
17. Superficially (2,5,5)
20. Only a wash and readily available (6,2,4)
23. Keen (4)
24. From Houston perhaps (5)
25. Thin skin (4)
28. From the start (L) (2,6)
29. Leg bone (6)
30. Copses (8)
31. Salmon on first return journey (6)

DOWN

1. Left over (8)
2. Moliere's hypocrite (8)
3. Skin disease (4)
5. Skip game area as screw up (4,1,4,3)
6. Deceased (4)
7. Fat from almost all owls (6)
8. Scallywag (6)
11. Utah state capital (4,4,4)
15. Whale food (5)
16. False (5)
18. Persistent as a halibut (8)
19. Water (5,3)
21. As rash as badger (6)
22. Atoll used for US nuclear tests (6)
26. Goes with language, post and V (4)
27. Storyteller (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 99

ACROSS

7. operation
8. Islay
9. soft-touch
10. scrap
12. see 17
14. ectomorph
16. mazurka
18. steamer
20. optimists
21. see 19
24. feral
25. off-limits
27. gilet
28. fecundity

DOWN

1. uproar
2. fret
3. stoop
4. concoct
5. psychopath
6. bad-apple
11. booty
13. elucidates
15. skein
- 17,12. apple-pie order
- 19,21. stuffed shirt
22. rotate
23. clout
26. mode

CROSSWORD 99

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to W Phillips of Briardene 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. See next month for answers.

		6			9			
1			5		2			
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			4			1	5	
4		9			1			
2			6					
7			8					3
	8			7				
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TENNIS NEWS AT THE NET!

Continued from page 20
 have been able to go ahead unhindered. The social side of the club has also been successful, with the Strawberry Tea in June and the BBQ, held in July, being well supported by members and non-members alike. On the competitive side, the Ladies team have had a mixed season in the league. Two wins, two draws and two outright defeats, will probably mean that they will still be in the same league next year. On 16th August, the Ladies and Men's

doubles tournaments were held despite the very breezy conditions. After some competitive and fun matches in the Ladies doubles, Joyce Dixon and Sally Laverick were declared the winners of the round robin play. Although the men had a more modest turnout the games were fiercely contested. Ian Murray and Grant Ridley triumphed over Paul Gardiner and Ryan Robson in the deciding match. The mini red tennis players took part in a competition on Monday

18th August. For such young players, the standard was terrific and after a round robin competition, Daniel Smailes was declared the winner. The Mixed competition will take place on 7th September. After a short break, the coaching is continuing on the grass courts on Monday evenings from 1st September. Any information about the sessions can be obtained at the number below. For information about the club, please contact Dennis Laycock on 01207 520278.

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LOCAL LADIES RUN IN RAINBOWS

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 and Vicky ran the Sunderland Colour Run. Between them they've raised £360! June said, "We were all feeling a little intimidated at the thought of running 10k but the support and remembering why we were doing this soon spurred us on. The memory from the whole event was entering Gateshead Stadium for the last 300m and the applause from the crowd as we

crossed the finishing line. I would like to say a big thank you to all my sponsors." Vicky commented, "I ran the Sunderland Colour Run with my friend Mei Mei Quinney. Every kilometre we were blasted with paint powder! The atmosphere was amazing, everyone had a common set of goals - get as painty as possible, raise money for charity and have fun! What a great event and a privilege to run on behalf

of Henry Dancer Days. Jane, Henry's Mum, thanks both ladies and added, "Henry would have had a good giggle at their antics and would have enjoyed seeing Vicky (as his Boys Brigade leader) splashed with paint! I'm SO grateful to June and Vicky." STOP PRESS! A further £830 has been raised by Michael Johnson of Lanchester from the Edinburgh Marathon. Thank you Michael.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Having heard that Knitsley Mill had once more reopened for business we decided to go and see for ourselves, it being one of our favourite lunchtime spots, not too far away and in such a lovely, peaceful setting next to the stream. We arrived to a very warm welcome from Pauline who, along with her family is now definitely in charge and has Knitsley Mill back on track. They have a 2 course menu of main and starter for £12.95 or you have the choice of the full à la

carte and we sampled a bit of both. For starters we tried Surf and turf - chicken goujons and scampi bites with a sweet chilli and garlic mayo dip, Garlic mushrooms in a white wine and cream sauce, Deep fried potato skins with either a garlic dip or a barbeque sauce. Main courses were Slow cooked belly pork with Dauphinoise potatoes, fine beans and sage and onion, Duck breast/Tuna on pak choi noodles with a chilli sauce (we had it without the chilli). For puds we had Lemon meringue pie, Banoffi pie

with cream, Dunking doughnuts and ice cream. As we were eating there were some very satisfied murmurs coming from our table - the food was lovely, most enjoyable - we thought Chef was doing a superb job. Knitsley Mill, right on our doorstep, is a lovely place to go. You can be sure of a warm welcome and a good lunch. A quote written up on their wall reads 'the only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it' Oscar Wilde. We do agree - we really do - often.

The Gourmet Girls

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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WHAT'S ON?

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Our next meeting will take place in the small hall of the Community Centre on Monday 1st September at 7.15 pm when May Wilson, Postmistress of Witton Gilbert, will be the speaker.

The competition is - Design a stamp.

Visitors are as always very welcome with the cost of the evening £2.

PACT meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd September at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School. All welcome.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30 pm in Crinions.

Open House

Everyone is welcome in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 4th September, 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

History Society

The next meeting will be on Friday 5th September in the Community Centre, at the new time of 7.00 pm. The new season will begin with Neil Straughan speaking about his father's remarkable WW2 escape from the Germans and his walk to freedom. Visitors are welcome subject to a small admission fee.

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 6th September from 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Social Club

Saturday 6th September, JAYJSTEPHENS, Female Vocal Entertainer

Saturday 13th September, EDDY, TopClass Vocalist

Saturday 20th September, JOHNBLACK, Fabulous Vocalist

Saturday 27th September, TIA LOUISE, Popular & Talented Young Singer

Early Music Festival

The final concert will take place on Saturday 6th September at 7.30 pm.

'Nocturnes for Prince Nikolaus', a programme of the sublime Baryton Trios by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) composed for Prince Nikolaus Esterhazy 'The Magnificent' (1714-1790) will be performed by TRIONOTTURNO, Dr Ian Brunt (flute), Edward Cross (violin) and Greg Pullen (violoncello and viola da gamba) with music for harpsichord and organ. There will also be contemporary readings from Haydn's letters.

Tickets available at the door, £8 with concessions £5 and those unwaged, under 18 years or full-time students free. Refreshments during the interval will be served in the Chapter House.

Lanchester Wildlife Group

On Tuesday 9th September (meet at 6.45 pm in the Community Centre car park), there will be an outdoor meeting, studying Bats. Please ring Cath Bailey on 01207521884 in advance so that transport can be arranged.

Mothers' Union

The September meeting is on Wednesday 10th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House when Jenny Collins will speak about the work of Traidcraft.

Community Centre Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 11th September from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Bowls Test Matches

Stanley Indoor Bowling Centre will be hosting the following test matches: England v Wales Mixed Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th September

England v Scotland Men Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October

England v Scotland Ladies Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd November

All tickets £5 per day.

Short Circuit Walks

13th September, Penshaw Monument, 5 miles. Meet in the car park at East Herrington Country Park on A183, NZ336542.

27th September, Keswick Away Day. A 5 mile linear walk from Castlerigg Stone Circle going south to Walla Crag. Coach leaves Regent Centre, Gosforth, at 9.30 am. Advance booking essential. Contact David Moore, 0191 2852925.

Thursday Club

After the summer break the Thursday Club gets back in action on September 18th. when Kathleen and Harry Gilbert take us on a journey 'Into the Hidden Kingdom'. A week later on September 25th we shall be holding our 2nd Coffee Morning of the year in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance in the Community Centre Dining Room from 10 am to 11.30 am. If you happen to have a ticket with 13th March as the date please ignore our tactical error and come along on the appointed date of the 25th - you will be made most welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Community Centre Music Evening

Lancastrian performers will be joined by compatriots travelling from as far away as Whitby, Sunderland and Darlington on Saturday 20th September for the folk orientated fundraising evening.

The Centre Hall will ring to the sound of the pipes, guitars and a plethora of other stringed instruments, and will hopefully herald other events in the future, for the benefit of our much loved Community Centre. NB The hall will be set out in the café style (please bring own drinks and glasses). Tickets are £5 on the door, or £4 in advance from: The Community Centre (521275), Lanchester News, or Ian Tute on 529286.

Flower Club

On Wednesday 24th September at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre, Karl Brunton will give a demonstration entitled 'Surprises'.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A Coffee Morning will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 26th September from 9.30 am - 11.30 am. All welcome to come and support this very worthwhile cause.

Vintage Tea Party

A small group of Lanchester ladies are grouping together to host a Macmillan event on Saturday 27th September 1.00 pm until 4.30 pm in the small hall in Lanchester Community Centre. As well as tea, coffee and cake served all on vintage china, we will have a tombola, raffle and cake and craft stall.

Red Cross Art Exhibition

An exhibition of original art work by a local artist will take place upstairs in the Red Cross Shop, commencing Monday 29th September until Saturday 1st November. Viewing during shop opening times. Free entry.

The Reading Group

The Reading Group starts on Tuesday 30th September at 2 pm until 3.30 pm in the Chapter House of the Parish Church. New members welcome. Our first book is 'Madame Bovary' by Gustave Flaubert. Further details from Suzanne, telephone number 01207 529155.

'the Gathering'

Our 3rd Gathering of the year, a community lunch in aid of the Village Bus, will be held on Tuesday October 7th. in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. Tickets can be obtained from Maureen Barker, Karin Bravington, Jill Gladstone and Marie Harrison.

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 5th 2014

Nov 2nd 2014

Nov 30th 2014



Jan 11th 2015

Feb 1st 2015

Mar 1st 2015

Mar 29th 2015

WHAT'S ON?

Autumn Fair

Croft View Autumn Fair will take place on Saturday 18th October from 12 noon until 2 pm. There will be a presentation by the Activate Theatre group and Lanchester Brass Band and a Craft Fair. If anyone is interested in taking a table (£10 per table) to sell their goods they should contact Eric Hepplewhite on erichepplewhite@btinternet.com or 01207 521323. Refreshments will be available and entry is free.

Ceilidh

On Saturday October 18th the Lanchester Partnership will hold its Annual Ceilidh in the Social Club. Dancing will be to the famed Moorcock Ceilidh Band. Please come and phone your friends. Everyone welcome - all ages. For information and tickets ring 01207 528 114.

Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group is holding the Annual Exhibition on the weekend of October 18th -19th in the Community Centre

from 10 am till 5 pm both days. Admission is 50p, and as well as a display of hundreds of paintings, some of which will be for sale, there will be refreshments available.

Willow Burn Events

The Great North Run takes place on Sunday 7th September. The 25 places acquired by Willow Burn have all been taken and we have had notification of 4 people running independently and raising money for the hospice.

Anyone interested in running for Willow Burn in 2015, should get in touch with Claire Ross on (01207) 523296 to have their names added to our waiting list.

The second annual sponsored walk will take place on Sunday 21st September. Our Autumn Reflections Walk starts at 2 pm at the Tanfield Railway and follows a 5 mile circular route taking walkers through lovely countryside with views. This walk presents a bit of an uphill challenge during the return stretch only.

On finishing the walk, light refreshments will be available. Registration is £10; book on 523900.

NB: A shorter 2 mile, flat, linear route is also on offer.

On Sunday 28th September Willow Burn will be holding the second cycling event of the year. Pedal4Pounds, approximately 30 miles, starts in Consett, goes up onto the moors before dropping down into Lanchester then comes back up to Consett. There is also a shorter route from Consett to Lanchester and back, or vice versa. For more information and to register for the event contact Crystal on (01207) 523900.

Giving Us The 'AdVAN tage'

Do you know anyone who would be willing to donate a van to Willow Burn? Do you know anyone who would sponsor a van - over a 5 year period (help us buy one)? Have you got relatives or friends who run a garage or are mechanics, or may have acquaintances who can help us out? If so, please, please, please tell them to get in touch with Sue Fox on (01207) 523292.

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ALL SAINTS' SPORTS DAY



Cheering on our friends ... so exciting!

It was a brilliant sunny July day when All Saints held their Sports event. A large crowd of family and friends joined in the fun and excitement, and cheered and encouraged the children to do their best.



Those final anxious seconds before the start.

TENNIS NEWS AT THE NET!



Some of the youngsters who took part in the mini red tennis competition.

The summer tennis season is drawing to a close following a good year on the grass courts on Ford Road. With the weather being kind so far, all coaching sessions

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The winners of the doubles tournaments with their cups : left - Joyce Dixon and Sally Laverick and right - Ian Murray and Grant Ridley.



VISIT BY GOLD MEDALLISTS!



Paul and Joanna Drinkhall (centre) wearing their Commonwealth Games gold medals pose with members of Lanchester Table Tennis Club.

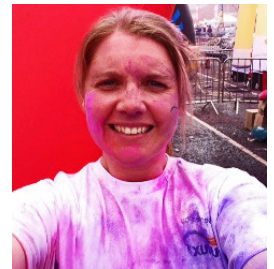
Lanchester Table Tennis Club hosted an exhibition with Commonwealth Gold Winners Paul and Joanna Drinkhall at the Community Centre after only a week of recuperation from their win in Glasgow. The mixed doubles champions performed international level warm ups and

practices, before inviting questions and showing specific skills of the highest quality. All members were invited to a 5-point match against the champs, who were given a bouquet in recognition of their success in the Commonwealth Games and also of their 1st wedding anniversary.

LOCAL LADIES RUN



June Taylor



Vicky Davison

June Taylor and Vicky Davison have gone the extra mile for local Charity, Henry Dancer Days. Henry's charity has a rainbow as its emblem and June completed the Great North 10k dressed in a rainbow coloured tutu

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NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th September. The deadline for **adverts** is 14th September.

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