

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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FAMILY FESTIVAL AT LANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB



Almost a year old Juno enjoys teaching one week younger, Georgia, how to drive. Keeping a close eye on them are Juno's Auntie Chloe first left and Georgia's Mum, Katie Storey.



One of the well used roundabouts.

Festival article on page 19 with Cricket Report.



The very popular 'Toy Story' ride.



A good overview of the huge site full of fairground equipment, food stands and vintage cars.

CROCUS PLANTING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Saturday 28th September was a busy day for volunteer crocus planters on the Village Green under the guidance of Eric Hepplewhite. Our photo shows some of the junior planters who volunteered. Brian Naylor is in the background.



90th ANNIVERSARY

14th Lanchester Boys Brigade

Lanchester Boys' Brigade are celebrating their 90th anniversary in November this year with a charity auction in aid of Henry Dancer Days. Henry was a much loved member of Lanchester Boys Brigade before he was taken from us in 2010 aged only 12 years old.

The event will be held on Saturday 23rd November starting at 7 pm and will include a finger buffet and a display of old photographs, badges and uniforms for everyone to view before the Auction which will start at around

7.45 pm. We are happy to receive any donations for the auction and these can be given to any member of our Boys Brigade or contact me on 07969 808958.

We invite anyone who would like to attend to come along especially ex members, leaders and helpers from our company and other companies in the NWD Battalion.

The celebrations will continue on Sunday 24th with our enrolment service at the Methodist Church starting at 10.30 am.

Eric Hepplewhite

WE REMEMBER IAN REECE

We at the Village Voice were saddened to hear of the passing of Ian Reece. Ian joined the paper at a critical time when the Village Voice had grown so much that two compilers were needed to continue its development. His enthusiasm, computer skills and common sense proved invaluable. He fulfilled this vital role for over 9 years as well as serving as Company Secretary for 7 years.

Ian was a skilled and enthusiastic gardener

and had a lovely garden at his home. Readers may remember Ian's Gardening column in the Village Voice and at the same time Margery, his wife, wrote the Recipe each month.

In the wider world Ian will be remembered as an eminent teacher trainer. His book (Teaching, Training and Learning: A practical guide - co-written with Stephen Walker) was first published in 1992 and ran to 6 editions. It is still considered to be

the 'bible' for teaching students. His skills as a trainer took him all over Britain and the world, especially to South East Asia. The term 'influencer' is a modern one but it could genuinely be applied to Ian. Through his teaching and writing which will have flowed down to students and pupils the world over he must have influenced literally millions of lives. He will be sadly missed by all of us who knew and worked with him.

WELL DONE HELEN!



Helen McCree

Lanchester resident Helen McCree, lecturer at New College Durham, has recently completed a mile long sponsored swim in Consett pool. Helen heads the effort to make Lanchester a Dementia Friendly Community, with the successful Musical Memories and links being forged with various businesses, shops, and groups.

Helen raised £250 to help people experiencing memory loss, and thanks everyone who contributed to her swim and encouraged her, with special thanks going to the Consett Pool attendants.

Well done Helen!

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Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for August was 18. The draw was made by Pam Fry from the Thursday Art Group.

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Since our last call for a new Voice deliverer we have had another retirement - Peter and Pauline Innes who delivered to St Bedes Court have decided to call it a day, having delivered the Voice from the start of the paper. We wish them well and they will be pleased to know that they have been booked onto the same round the world cruise as the Horsley family who regular readers will remember

retiring last month. Expensive I know but we do like to take care of our own.

Welcome on board Zoe Batty who will take up delivering to Deneside, Ian Murray who will deliver to St Bedes Court and John and Bernadette Lowes who will be delivering to all and sundry as required when others go on holiday. Many thanks for volunteering.

Mike Stoddart

GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



Judith and Alan Oliver celebrating their Golden Wedding in Barbados.

Lanchester residents Alan and Judith Oliver celebrated their Golden Wedding this year starting with two weeks in Barbados and a wonderful night with family and friends at Beamish Hall Hotel.

Their son Mark came from New York where he is living and working as an Editor with The Guardian accompanied by his girlfriend Amanda, a Californian girl from Sacramento, who also works at The Guardian and has enjoyed being in welcoming Lanchester and is impressed with North East England. Also crossing the Atlantic was Judith's bridesmaid, niece Allyson who came from her home in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mark and his sister Suzanne and husband Iain who live in the village helped organise the celebration evening.

Judith and Alan were married the very day the astronauts blasted off for the first ever moon landing and were pictured that day in the Evening Chronicle outside Consett Parish Church under the Chronicle's massive headline 'Ready for BLAST OFF to the Moon!'

Alan played football for Tow Law, Consett and

Annfield Plain but is best known for being Chief Sports Writer of the Evening Chronicle for 30 years covering the fortunes of Newcastle United and was delighted when as a resident of Lanchester, he was referred to as 'Mr Newcastle' by the Sunday Sun when he retired in 2009.

Judith also had a very successful career first as PA to the Cost and Works Accountant at Consett Iron Company and then as a Senior District Manager for Swedish skin care company Oriflame with whom she still

retains an interest. They had both enjoyed the music by The 3tones Swing Trio when they appeared at Lanchester Cricket Club in a charity night for Sir Bobby Robson and were determined, if it was possible, to have them at their Golden Wedding celebration. They provided a night of splendid entertainment at Beamish Hall Hotel, and you could have heard a pin drop when 12 year old Charlie, son of Judith's niece Esther, who when singing with his sister Imogen as Sweet Harmony has appeared on national television, enthralled everyone with two songs from his repertoire.

Alan, a committee member of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Lanchester says: "This is a beautiful village with fantastic people and we look forward to hopefully enjoying many more years living here together."

Alan and Judith would like to thank everyone for all their good wishes and for helping them celebrate their special anniversary.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEER WINS AGAIN



Diana Snowdon, who volunteers in the Red Cross shop, has won for the 5th time the Best Allotment and Kitchen Garden in the Beautiful Durham Competition 2019. We know how good her vegetables taste as she often brings them in for us and makes jam with the fruit which we sell at coffee mornings to raise funds. Our photo shows Diana in the Red Cross shop with her trophy.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2019

Minutes - Ordinary Meeting 10th September, Planning Committee 3rd September and Finance Committee 25th September - approved.

Co-option to the Parish Council - the co-option to the Parish Council was agreed.

Police report - received.

Correspondence

* **Request from resident - works on the Village Green**

Members considered a request and information received from a resident to lay a pipe over part of the Village Green to access water supply. Members felt they needed more information on the legal and practical issues involved before a decision could be made.

* **County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership - Chairmanship Training Course** - information received.

* **Letter - Lanchester Partnership Village Vita group - Fun Run** - Members received a letter providing information on the recent Fun Run.

* **Clerk & Councils Direct - September Newsletter** - received.

* **The Clerk Magazine - September edition** - received.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the working group meeting were approved. Members were informed that the representations received during the recent consultation period had been considered by the

working group and a response had been formulated. Changes to the Neighbourhood Plan document had been agreed. The consultation table has been updated. The Basic Conditions Statement is being progressed through a planning consultant. The Consultation Statement is being progressed through the working group. Members were informed of the timescale for completion. The aim is to complete all the documents during October and to pass everything to Durham County Council at the end of October for them to co-ordinate the next consultation period. In order for the Parish Council to approve the

documents an extra council meeting will be arranged for Wednesday 30th October.

Footpath between Lynwood House and Kings Head - Members considered information received from a resident expressing concern over the uneven and narrow footpath between Lynwood House and the Kings Head. It was noted that the path was overgrown and that many elderly residents and residents visiting the Lanchester Medical Centre use the path. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council outlining these concerns.

Loneliness Project - Welcome to Lanchester Guide - Members were

informed that following funding from the Area Action Partnership and the County Councillors, the guide was proceeding to publication. The group working on the project aimed to circulate the guide mid to end of November. There would then be work undertaken with key community groups about the guide and how it can be used.

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

An extraordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 30th October. The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.



FROM HALLOWEEN TO CHRISTMAS!

Do you know that there is a lot going on at your Community Centre? We have some great events events coming up to look

forward to, starting off with Halloween. To celebrate this, we are having a great Movie Night on Sunday 27th October from 5pm to 7pm, showing 'Spooky Bats & Scaredy Cats', £3 per child (Adults free!). Get

dressed up and bring your pumpkin as there will be a prize for the best costume and the best carved pumpkin. Popcorn and refreshments available. Our thoughts then turn to the build up to Christmas celebrations. We are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 16th November from 9.00am to 1.30pm, this will be a great opportunity to start, (or if you are really well organised, to complete) your Christmas shopping. There will be lots of stalls, come along and support your local traders and your Community Centre. Santa

will be there too from 10 am till noon, so bring the children!

Other news - the final part of the refurbishments of the toilet facilities will soon be completed and we have received lots of positive comments. Wi-Fi will soon be available throughout the building too.

As we are busier than we have ever been we are looking for volunteers to help out with general reception duties, no previous experience necessary. If you can spare a couple of hours a week it will be really



appreciated; a chance to help your community and meet new friends.

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



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The Lanchester Calendar, 2020

Preparations are well under way for the 4th Edition of Lanchester's own calendar. Once again, for the year 2020, there will be 12 views of the Lanchester area, painted by local artists, with a range of media, subject and style. This year's 'good causes' which will benefit financially from the project, are our own Willow Burn Hospice, and the international charity Mary's Meals, a non-d e n o m i n a t i o n a l charitable organisation, headquartered in Scotland, which provides meals for children in Africa. These are two very worthwhile causes. We are grateful for the continuing support of our village sponsors, without whom the project would

not be possible. We hope that Lanchestrians will again show their support for this project, and help us raise a record sum for these two charities. The calendar will be available, price £5, in Lanchester News, Lanchester Hardware, through street sales and at the school gate from early November. The calendar, with its views of Lanchester, has proved to be a popular item to send at Christmas to friends and family who have moved out of the area. Last year, a number of Lanchestrians were disappointed when the calendar sold out well before Christmas. Don't miss out this year! Buy your copy early and support our two deserving charities.



Keith Stoker of Printmeit, Annfield Plain, presents Jan Taylor, Project Co-ordinator, with the proof copies of the 2020 Calendar, which will be available from early November.

LONELINESS GUIDE OUT SOON

The 'Welcoming Lanchester' Guide addressing loneliness will be printed and distributed throughout our community shortly. It aims to engage us all in making a difference by starting conversations to tackle Lanchester's loneliness. This project was initiated by the Patient Participation Group of Lanchester Medical Centre and is supported and funded by Mid Durham Area Action Partnership and Durham County Council Transformation and Partnerships. It has been developed by a Working Group that includes the Lanchester Partnership. The Parish Council also supports this work. Loneliness can affect anyone at any time - the elderly, those who are not able to get out as often as they would like, family members, friends, colleagues, neighbours,

newcomers, teenagers, young families, carers and those with disabilities. The Guide provides information about loneliness and things we can all do to reduce its impact within our community. Other sections focus upon newcomers to the village, rural issues, young people and volunteering. Transport, and medical, health and social care details are included and useful community venues, services and activities, together with contacts, are listed. The Guide will be delivered to each household at the end of November. Do look for it coming through your letterbox. You will be able to view it online and key village venues, such as the Medical and Community Centres and the library will carry a small stock. An informal 'drop in' session will be held for interested residents,

businesses and groups on Wednesday 4th December at the Community Centre (room 3) from 10 am until 4 pm. Residents will have the opportunity to chat about loneliness with project team members and talk about how we can all 'start a conversation' within our community.

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Project UK brings children to Britain for a recuperative holiday. Doctors in Belarus state that "a summer holiday boosts the children's immune system for at least two years, helping them to resist, or recover from serious illness". Most of the children who come to Britain are in remission from leukaemia or cancer.

In addition to the obvious health benefits, a holiday in Britain provides a huge

psychological boost and the children will go home with memories and friends for life.

The children come to Britain for 4 weeks, staying 2 weeks with one family then a further 2 weeks with another family. Another two host families are required for the interpreter and doctor who travel with the children.

For those wanting to help but are unable to be a host family there are

other equally important roles, such as fundraising and planning the children's activities.

Dornan, a host family in Solihull, said "It is rewarding to know that we have helped two children affected by a disaster long before they were born to experience the things we take for granted, breathing fresh air, playing outside, eating fresh food and receiving medical treatment".

However, currently there are no 'host families' in Co Durham. If you would like to explore the idea of hosting children next summer, please telephone Colette on 07956 093050; also take a look at the charity's website for further information, www.chernobyl-children.org.uk. Together we can make a difference to the lives of the children by bringing a group of children to Co Durham.

PILGRIMS WAY COMES TO LANCHESTER

David Potts presented the Northern Saints Trail project which was well received by quite a large audience of the Local History Group. You may be surprised

to learn that we are living in 'The Golden Age of Pilgrimage' and despite such a rich Christian heritage particularly in the North East, there are

no official pilgrimage routes.

David has been working with Visit County Durham and other key stakeholder partners including the County Council to develop these trails.

The four routes (to be known as Ways) will be from Heavenfield (Hexham) to Durham, the Way of Light, Jarrow to Durham, the Way of Learning associated with Saint Bede. From Hartlepool to Durham, it will be the Way of Love and from Gainford to Durham beginning at

St Mary's Well, and a symbol of life, it will be called the Way of Life. The Way of Light's route moves from Heavenfield, through Hexham, Devil's Water, Blanchland, Muggleswick, Lanchester, by Ushaw College to Durham.

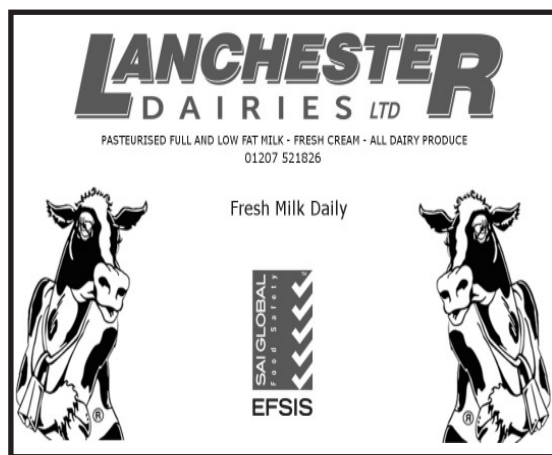
David has identified suitable viewpoints and points of interest using old railway lines and footpaths. The routes will be launched in the spring of 2020, Durham's designated Year of Pilgrimage.

There will be local coordinators - Pilgrims

Friends - and it is hoped that communities will embrace and greet these pilgrims, which should boost tourism in the areas of the trails. There will be a Walking Pilgrimages for Schools Initiative and a cycle version.

A key question was raised about accessibility for wheelchairs and some trails will have alternatives to bypass difficult terrain.

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EP SCHOOL HARVEST SERVICE

Autumn always brings thoughts of Harvest and churches and schools hold Harvest Services to thank God for His provision of food from land and sea. 'Nature Tables' in classrooms groan with fruit, vegetables, tins of food, not forgetting the fruits of the trees, such as beech nuts, sycamore wings, ash keys, lime keys, horse chestnut tree conkers, hawthorn berries, which as well as providing food for animals make sure that there will be new growth for future generations. The harvest hymns sung in schools and churches are sung with enthusiasm because they always have a joyful thankful theme. Certainly, on Monday October 7th, the Parish Church resounded with

some lovely singing. This was because it was the EP School's annual Harvest Festival Service in the church, which was still adorned with the harvest gifts given by the congregation for their Harvest Festival the previous day.

Year 4 led the service and are to be commended for their clear, well spoken words. The word harvest was spelt out in individual letters, each held by a pupil and rather cleverly the letters were rearranged at intervals, to show what the word harvest really means. 'Share' of course was the main derivative, because sharing what we have with those who do not have enough to eat or drink or even wear will help to relieve poverty, starvation and



Year 4 students presenting Harvest.

deprivation in our world. Reverend Stephanie Clark concluded the service with some wise words. She reminded the pupils that God is the chief gardener and He wants us to produce good fruit and be the best person we can be. The fruits we

can produce are not those which grow on trees or in the earth but are the fruits of the spirit, kindness, generosity, loving, sharing, honesty, helpfulness, politeness. The pupils are the harvest of the school, and with all these fruits

they will build a great future, for themselves and the community. It was a lovely service and the pupils and staff had obviously worked hard to make it meaningful. Thank you everyone!
Brenda Craddock

SPECIAL VISITORS AT THE EP SCHOOL



Pupils helping with the assembly.

On Tuesday, October 8th, the EP school had some very special visitors. They were primary teachers from Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Spain who are spending a week in Lanchester getting to know the school and its surrounding area, and especially becoming familiar with our own lovely village. During the week they will be taken on outings to Durham,

Seaham, Newcastle, Seahouses, Bamburgh Castle and Holy Island. The EP School is extremely pleased to have once again secured substantial funding from the British Council for another Erasmus project. The Erasmus projects are all about education and this present project is all about developing outdoor learning provision. The school will

be working with partner schools in Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Spain over the next two years and a number of Year 5 pupils will be visiting these schools during the length of the project. Exciting times ahead!
The very first thing to do of course was to welcome these visiting teachers, and so the assembly on October 7th had been

specially designed to do this. Individual pupils from the upper school greeted the visitors in their own language as well as in English. A video showing a map of the world was screened and highlighted each of the four countries and its capital giving information about them. The learning process had already begun. A string of flags from

many different countries was hung across the hall making another welcoming touch. The visiting teachers were eager to talk to the pupils after the assembly and friendly conversations took place. It was a very good beginning for this Erasmus project and all the pupils and staff will be working very hard for its success.
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MUSICAL MEMORIES

Playlist for Life

Our musical event in September was well attended and it's pleasing to see old and new friends taking part, as well as more people who are becoming involved in helping in various ways. This month's theme was 'Musicals' and coincided with the BBC's Day of Music. Besides our usual activities, the games and singing, the exercises and dancing, Elizabeth Brewer, a volunteer for 'Playlist for Life,' talked to us about planning our personal musical playlist.

The charity was founded by Sally Magnusson in 2013. Scientific research proves the strong link existing between memory and music, when familiar tunes and songs can take people with memory loss to a place of familiarity and belonging. We were invited to list our own favourite music, and in our October event, we will share these choices with everyone - looking forward to hearing this music which means so much to all of us! *Maisie Raine*

OPEN THE BOOK

Open the Book is a project to offer Bible Stories as part of school life. It is a programme of themed and dramatised Bible stories, around ten minutes long, which fits comfortably into assembly times in schools. Teams of between four and seven volunteers from local churches use a variety of visual aids to present the stories, in a lively and engaging way. Open the Book is for primary school age children. It is about story telling, not preaching or evangelising, so that children of all faiths, or none, can watch and enjoy the stories for their own sake. At its best it contributes to children's religious, spiritual and moral education.

There are several Open Book Teams in the Derwentside area. A number of schools in Consett are visited weekly by an Open the Book team and now we have an Open Book Team in Lanchester,

made up of people from the Methodist and Church of England churches. On Tuesday 17th September the team went into All Saints Catholic Church and the EP School and the children in both schools were very attentive and receptive. The team would like to expand and would

welcome any adult or young person who has an interest in story telling or drama. We are especially short of gentlemen! There are many Bible stories featuring men as well as women. If you are interested you can contact Brenda Craddock (01207 520749, email steve24c07@aol.com).



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SATLEY WI OCTOBER REPORT

As this was our birthday night we were pleased that the ladies from the Satley Line Dancing group could join us. They performed two difficult dances so that we could see what could be achieved with practice. Then it was time for us to join them in some easier

committees. We are to visit Consett cinema next week to see 'Judy' the film about Judy Garland. Our President, Linda, raised a toast to the past and present members of Satley WI and thanked everyone for coming. A fun night was had by all.

As this was our birthday night we were pleased that the ladies from the Satley Line Dancing group could join us. They performed two difficult dances so that we could see what could be achieved with practice. Then it was time for us to join them in some easier

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CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING



The coffee morning held on October 12th raised the great sum of £300 for Christian Aid. Thank you to all who supported the event. Left to right at the bric a brac table were Dulcie Richards, Jean Carr and Margaret Ayton.



Left to right helping out at the serving hatch were Keith Brown, Judith Brown and Sue Austin.

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OUT AND ABOUT Following Saint Bede

Bede was one of the greatest Anglo-Saxon scholars, born in the Kingdom of Northumbria about the year 672 AD. He became a monk at the monastery of St Peter at Monkwearmouth, Sunderland, and its companion monastery of St Paul at Jarrow. He is known as the Father of English History, a great scholar, linguist and translator and named 'Venerable' because of his great holiness. A legend describes how he gained the name ... Towards the end of his life, Bede began to lose his sight and in the end, became blind. He had to

dictate his books to the brothers of the monastery who could write, but he often ventured out to preach to the people. One day, when he was walking along the country paths, he was seen by a mischievous boy who decided to play a trick on the old priest. "Father" the boy said solemnly. "A crowd of people have sent me to find you. They are waiting to hear you preach." "You are a kind boy" said Bede. "Please take me to them, for I am blind." The boy led him to a lonely place. There was no congregation, of

course, only the blades of grass, some old bushes and scattered stones. "Here is your congregation, Father" the boy told him, struggling to contain his laughter. Bede knelt to pray, then began his sermon. He told of the wonders of creation and all the beautiful things in the world. He told of the birth of Jesus in the stable and the visit of the three kings to see the baby. As he spoke, he grew more and more eloquent and the boy sat alone, laughing to himself at the sight of a blind old man talking to himself. "When

he is finished, I'll tell him what a silly old man he is then I'll run away" he thought. But when Bede reached the end of his sermon, the air was filled with a thousand voices, all crying "Amen, Venerable Bede." The voices cried out three times and the boy saw that they came from the trees, the stones and the

blades of grass around them. The boy was ashamed of the trick he had played, he asked pardon from the old priest and led him back to the monastery. Today, visitors can still see the remains of some of the places connected with Bede, including his burial place in Durham Cathedral.

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BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

The Beamish Trophy trial has been organised by South Durham Vintage Motorcycle Club since 2008. This year, the 47th Anniversary of the event, took place beginning and ending at The New Board Inn, Esh, County Durham, as has happened for several years. This challenging ride with about 120 enthusiasts began on Sunday 22nd September with the course extending approximately 140 miles, covering the Northern Dales in Cumbria, Durham and Northumberland with a number of off-road sections. The riders started at 9.00 am and

began to arrive at the finish between 3.30 and 5.00 pm. Entrants came from all over the UK. The course had to be changed this year as another organisation had chosen part of the route for their own club event. Lunch this year was held at Nenthead. The weather was generally good with only slight rain showers so entrants could enjoy passing through such places as Cornsay, Corbridge, Muggleswick, Blanchland, Moorcock Inn (a checkpoint), Stanhope and Alston, to name but a few. The route is varied, interesting and enjoyable for riders, especially when the weather is good.



Martin Tuer from Kendal with his BSA, chatting to Chris Lee from Westgate, both arriving joint second.

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You can now buy your chips and eat them from a paper cone with a wooden fork and top them with a squirt of ketchup that hasn't come out of a plastic sachet!! What finer way is there to enjoy your takeaway snack? But not only has Henry thought about the wrappings of our takeaways he has also been reviewing his menu to include tasty treats for the vegans in our community.

Those of you who are up to date with the recent Climate Change research will know how much the production of meat and dairy products adds to our carbon emissions. So why not join those people who are having several vegan days a week.

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STEVEN WHITE'S WORLD CYCLE CHALLENGE

Leg 2 Section 3 Dhaka - Thailand

I headed to Dhaka to meet up with a couple who both work for the British Embassy; funnily enough they'd warned me that India's traffic was hectic, but Bangladesh would be another level! They were right. We met up at the Embassy which was exactly what I needed. It made me feel quite homesick actually; it was like being teleported back to the UK for an afternoon. Back into India, the next section was a very hilly

area in a state called Manipur. I experienced some beautiful hill climbs, climbing crazy elevations within the two days to Imphal before entering Myanmar. I'd heard great things about Myanmar and was ready for a new country and new challenges. On route I was speaking online to another cyclist who had been warned off a section of road, which I was to travel, he avoided it by taking a river boat down. I decided I would go for it, how bad can it be, I've seen it all, I thought!

At the last minute I decided to change my route, feeling I deserved a rest from the bumpy roads, and thought I had identified a better section of road... I regret everything. This was probably the last hurdle for the bike! On arriving in Mandalay the bike wasn't riding smoothly, even on the flats! I knew the back wheel wasn't right but managed to tighten the rear spokes, but I also noticed the tyres were on their last legs. I took a gamble that they would carry me safely into Thailand.



Huge respect for my hard working elders.



A road, but not as we know it.

From Mandalay I really knew I was in the rainy season! Monsoon season was in full flow, I spent most of the day pulling in to shelter from the downpours. I made it to the city of Naypyitaw - known as the fake capital - 4.5 times the size of London with only 100,000 people. Huge highways without any traffic.

To cap it all, the following day my rear tyre blew up. Perfect! They had a very basic store in the village but not a spare tyre to fit my wheels - so I took some duct tape to a seamstress to stitch the rubber firmly (I'd seen this done before in backpacking races). It worked and I managed just under 90 miles. I located the nearest city on the map and hitchhiked to the city. I got a motorcycle to take me around the whole city until I found a new tyre and inner tube. The following day I got back onto my route. I finally arrived in Thailand on 16th June. What's the next test Asia? Visit my website: chalkiesadventure.co.uk to support my

fundraising for 'Mind'. Steven White A tasty way to raise funds to help Steven is scheduled for next month. Residents are invited to attend a fundraising meal at Amins Indian restaurant in Langley Park on Wednesday, November 20th. Book

your table by telephoning 0191 373 2600. Sittings are from 5.45 to 7.45 pm, then from 8.30 pm. A five course meal is £25 per head with 20 per cent donated to Mind. Soft drinks can be bought at the restaurant but diners wanting something a bit stronger should bring their own.

EPIC ADVENTURE

Stuart Kelly from Lanchester along with Anthony Myers from Stanley, Philip Topham who married a Lanchester girl (née Jane Smith) and Mark Moore decided to attempt the South Downs 100 km in 30 hours Trailwalk Challenge. So on Saturday 22nd September they started walking. 27 hours 57 minutes later they completed the challenge, finishing 184 out of 416 teams, a very respectable effort. They have raised by sponsorship over £1,500 and donations are still coming in. The charities they have walked for are The

Gurkha Trust and Oxfam. The boys would like to thank all their family and friends for their support. A big thank you to Jane Topham and Michelle Moore who kept them going on the long trek with sustenance, encouragement and quite a lot of blister pads! Also a big thank you for the excellent support on the day from the Gurkhas and members of the Oxfam charity. The team also has a just giving page which is still open if anyone would like to donate via the link justgiving.com/fundraising/phillip-topham1 See photo on back page.



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LANCHESTER WI'S AGM

Our meeting on October 7th was our AGM, and President Marie Murphy welcomed everyone. She reminded us that it's possible to keep in touch about important dates, etc, by email, a secure procedure. Our County News this month has many Christmas events detailed and once again, early booking is advised. We were requested to volunteer to offer raffle prizes, give readings etc in 2020, and members who had made contributions this year were thanked. Up to date information was given about our Coffee Morning and a Tour of Durham Castle. Jean will be our delegate to the Autumn Council meeting. We welcomed WIA Lesley Jerred to our meeting, and the official business began with our Treasurer's Report. Lynne Hodgson reminded us that the financial statement was displayed on the Information Table for inspection and members could see our healthy financial position. Then Secretary Jean Forster gave the Committee's Report, detailing a very



Lanchester WI President Marie Murphy presented flowers to WI Advisor Lesley Jerred in thanks for attending our AGM.

busy year, with several interesting speakers and a wide range of events and visits. It's pleasing to note that close ties with other WI branches are being consolidated, and Jean thanked all our members for continued support in the past year. In her President's Report, Marie said we had tried to raise our profile by increased use of the internet and have supported local initiatives such as Project Poppies and the Dementia Friends work to make Lanchester a dementia friendly community. Marie thanked the committee for their continued support. The Nancy Walker cup for competitions was

awarded to Jan Vasey with Ann Carr in second place. Raffle winners were Eileen Reay and Barbara Sproat. Lesley Jerred, the WI Advisor, carried out the voting procedure for President, with Marie re-elected for another year. Lesley reminded us of some of the important events in WI history, from its founding in 1897, and its proud record of working for social improvements. We had a short quiz about the WI and Lesley was presented with flowers. Ann Carr thanked Lesley for her attendance. Many congratulations to Marie on her re-election as President!

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Just off the Brockbushes roundabout, up a very long, narrow, twisty and quite steep country lane you come to the small hamlet of Newton which is home to the 'Duke of Wellington'. Well worth the effort if only for the spectacular views over the Tyne valley. We were there on a lovely sunny day, so - extra spectacular views!

Inside, the place itself is rather lovely - a definite rustic look combined with comfort. And, lots of cow pictures which we rather liked.

Very pleasant staff who quickly produced menus for our perusal. They have a Table d'hote with 2 courses £21.95 and 3 courses £24.95, plus a Dukes special menu and a Dukes favourites. Also, at lunchtime they have a sandwich menu. Something for everyone. We sampled for starters, Prawn cocktail and brown bread and Chorizo Scotch egg with a celeriac remoulded (evidently, the BEST starter ever). Mains were Pork belly with black pudding mash and red cabbage, Braised lamb

shoulder with French peas and fondant pots, Shepherds pie and seasonal veg and Garlic, chilli and ginger flat iron steak with rocket Parmesan, fine beans and roast cherry tomatoes. Puds were Caramelised apple rice pudding (not really caramelised) and Sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce. Except for the uncaramelised apple, the rest of the meal was excellent - we were most impressed and can't wait to make a return visit.

The Gourmet Girls

NEW LIFE FOR STATION HOUSE

Due to an increased demand in iron works from Consett, access to the iron town of Middlesbrough and beyond was required. The Browney Valley provided such a link and in February 1861 construction of Station House began. Station House opened on 1st September 1862 to cater for the goods such as iron and coal. It closed on May 1939 and was used occasionally for the Durham Miners' Gala. The Branch closed in June 1966 and the track was lifted in 1967 which now provides unlimited access to a network of bridleways and cycle routes including the C2C. Station House, becoming a private residence, had

been standing dormant for several years and was in dire need of restoration to prevent it becoming another piece of local history. Current owners Carol and Steve first spotted Station House in 2014 and, after much deliberation, purchased the property in 2016. The intention was to relocate back to the north east after nearly 20 years in civil engineering in the south/south west, a lifestyle change as well as wanting to start a family in the area. The project aimed to potentially start a small, local business whilst restoring and preserving an iconic piece of local history. Taking on this project has had its highs and lows

plus many hidden challenges but after three painstaking long years, Station House is becoming what we first envisaged. With a little help from the newest member of our family, we are incredibly proud to announce the Porters Lodge at Station House will be open for accommodation from November 2019 with two bed and breakfast rooms to follow in early 2020. The property has been renovated to an incredibly high standard but is in keeping with the Victorian character. Here's to another chapter in what can only be described as a truly magnificent historical building.



An archive photo of Station House when Lanchester had a station.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE HOSPITAL UPDATE

You may be aware that in recent months there has been some uncertainty surrounding the availability and use of capital funding across the NHS. The North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has been seeking clarity on the availability of funding which was earmarked in relation to a building solution for services currently delivered from Shotley Bridge Community

Hospital. The CCG must ensure that it has funding in place before consulting with the public on the development of health services in North West Durham. We can now confirm that the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) have told us, following a further discussion with DHSC finance and NHS England/Improvement colleagues, that the Shotley Bridge scheme can now be progressed with

an identified funding source. The CCG will now continue to work with NHS Property Services in developing a Pre-Consultation Business Case by the end of the calendar year. This will then be subject to the usual assurance processes by NHS England and we anticipate following this to consult formally with the public. Daniel Blagdon, (NHS North Durham CCG)

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'Myths and Legends'



Two examples from Kath's wonderful display.



Kath Gibson with one of her beautiful and unusual arrangements.

The meeting held on Wednesday 25th September in Lanchester Community Centre was a flower demonstration by Kath Gibson. Her theme was 'Myths and Legends'. Kath did some very beautiful and unusual arrangements, showing us some very simple ways to make floral designs for us all to try at home. The arrangements were then raffled to the delight of the winners. Everyone enjoyed a lovely relaxing and entertaining afternoon, finishing the afternoon with a cuppa, chat and biscuits.

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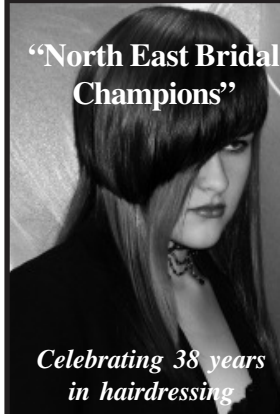
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THURSDAY CLUB COFFEE MORNING

On Thursday October 3rd we held our second coffee morning of the year in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. For the first time, instead of selling tickets, we spread the word around and on the day invited donations. We got the Small Hall in the Community Centre all set and ready with coffee/tea, cakes and scones, raffle and tombola prizes, our usual jewellery stall and tables bedecked with pretty cloths and vases of flowers. What a lovely busy morning we had, making £516.25p in the process. A big thank you to all the helpers, cake and scone bakers, folks who contributed prizes and especially to the coffee morning customers for making the event such a success.



A very busy Small Hall in the Community Centre with lots of people enjoying the coffee/tea, cakes and scones on offer.

THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

At our last meeting on September 19th we welcomed Prof John McCabe who gave a talk entitled 'Japan - Behind the fan'. And what a fascinating talk it turned out to be.

The professor is actually qualified in dentistry and it was that qualification that has taken him to other countries lecturing on the subject. The country that he has been to the most is Japan. He now has many friends there and students have come over to the university in Newcastle to study under him.

Going to Japan as a visitor on holiday would

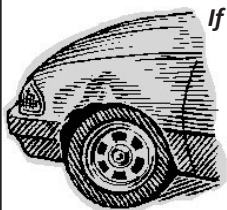
in no way give such an insight into life such as the professor and his wife have been privileged to witness. Just in the simple matter of everyday greetings, we do things so differently. Having a meal - your water would be poured for you by the person next to you - you most definitely wouldn't pour your own!

I think he could have kept us entertained with anecdotes for a good few hours. But, all too soon it was time to thank the professor for his talk and move on to coffee/tea and biscuits and a good natter.



Professor John McCabe giving a fascinating talk on Japan.

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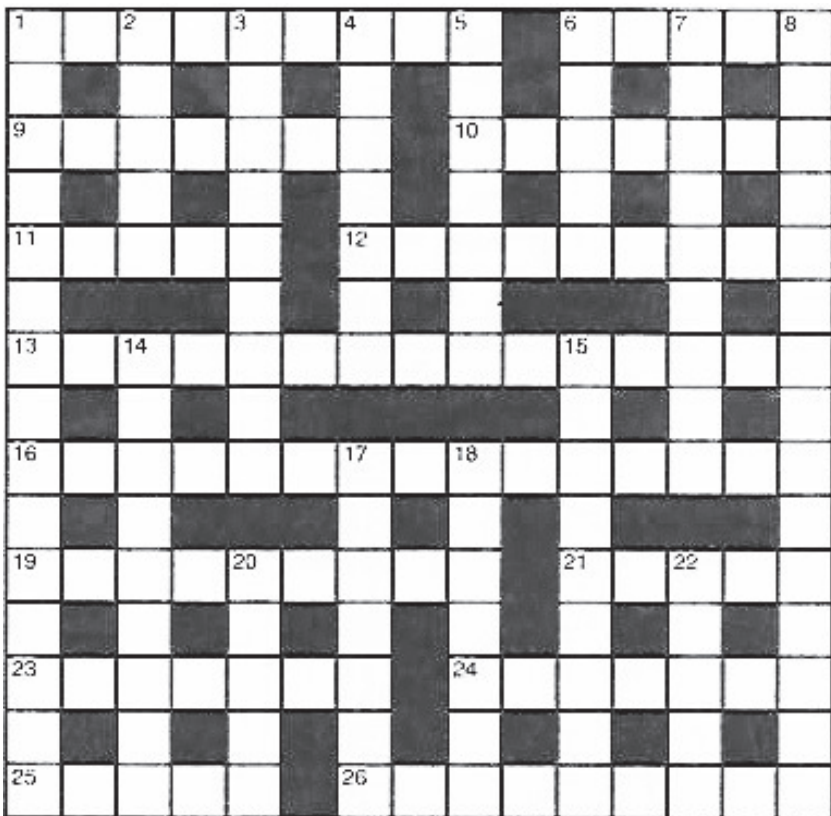
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CROSSWORD 162



ACROSS

1. Rigorous (9)
6. Exhausted (5)
9. Sparing (7)
10. To rifle plant with three-lobed leaves (7)
11. Zulu warriorbands (5)
12. Decree (9)
13. East Asian location for example (4,2,3,6)
- 16,22. Abroad (5,5,2,3,5)
19. The Apocalypse (3,2,4)
21. Goes with Bannister, Jolly and Whittaker (5)
23. Rubbers (7)
24. Covered opening in a floor (7)
25. Third-longest river in England (5)
26. Faeces (9)

DOWN

1. The result of one's education? (4-11)
2. What bowlers do (3,2)
3. 1922 Nobel Prize winner for Physics (5,4)
4. Beg (7)
5. Chemically analyse using a standard solution (7)
6. Smell (5)
7. Do a disappearing act and lone me pet (9)
8. Stop a kith letter and confess (4,2,3,6)
14. Wet again (9)
15. River forming part of the US-Mexico border (3,6)
17. Under discussion (2,5)
18. Concerning heat (7)
20. Swift (5)
22. See 16

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 161

ACROSS

1. Zagreb
5. defender
9. a decoder
10. minder
11. freelancer
12. gaga
13. zucchini
16. ponder
17. scares
18. neckline
19. Inca
20. tailor-made
23. bender
24. do it down
25. intruder
26. lied

DOWN

2. adder
3. recce
4. bad habits
5. direction-finder
6. femur
7. nonagonal
8. evergreen
14. unconcern
15. coriander
16. pictorial
20. tired
21. midge
22. dowse

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

CROSSWORD 161

There were 13 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Peter Bridgewater who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Lamb and Vegetable Broth in a slow cooker

This is a modern version of the traditional recipe for Irish mutton broth and is a perfect meal for dark, cold autumn and winter nights.

To serve 4, you need:
675g/1½lb stewing lamb
2 bay leaves
1 large onion, chopped
3 carrots, chopped
Half turnip, diced
Half small white cabbage, shredded
2 large leeks, thinly sliced
15 ml/1 tbsp tomato paste
30 ml/2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley, plus extra to garnish
Salt and ground black pepper

METHOD

1) Trim excess fat from the meat and cut into 2 cm cubes. Chop the onion and put the lamb and bay leaves in a large pan.
2) Add 1.5 litres/2½ pints of water and bring to the boil. Skim the surface and transfer to the slow cooker, turned to high.
3) Add the vegetables, tomato paste and parsley, season well and stir together. Cover and cook for 4-6 hours. Ladle into soup bowls and serve garnished with chopped parsley.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

How happy is the public?



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This is the yearly question the British Social Attitudes survey has been asking around 3,000 people since 1983. While opinion surveys can be fickle and hard to read, this one because of its longevity carries a fair amount of clout.

Hospital and GP Surgery - survey results

Public satisfaction - people valued quality of their care, the range of services and treatments available, the way they were treated by staff and that treatment is free. Over 65s were found to be more satisfied than younger people.

Public dissatisfaction - people did not like long waiting times for hospital

and GP appointments, staff shortage, and lack of funding and government reforms.

The survey found that seventy years on, despite widespread social changes, fluctuation in the economy and changes in government, the NHS as an institution enjoys unwavering support for its founding principles; that it should be free at the point of delivery providing a service to everyone; and it should be funded through taxation.

However, as a tax-funded system, NHS must operate within the budget set by government which is becoming increasingly difficult because of a prolonged funding squeeze and rising demand for services. Consequently, all health care systems are faced with difficult choices about prioritising how funds are used.

Other decisions are taken nationally; the National

Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommend whether new treatments should be provided by the NHS based on cost effectiveness. These decisions can prove controversial and highlight the difficulty in balancing public expectations within the resources available.

Tough decisions lie ahead for it will be difficult to reduce financial deficits among NHS providers while trying to improve waiting times and further develop services.

Maybe the question should be: "Are we expecting too much from the NHS?"

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WHAT'S ON?

Community Centre

Christmas Market

Saturday 16th November
9 am until 1.30 pm with
over 25 stalls.

Light lunch/raffle and
Santa from 10am-12noon.

Tea Dance

The Tea Dance will be
held on the 4th Thursday
of the month from 1 pm -
3 pm. £4 including tea/
coffee and cake.

Whist Drive

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

Mahjong

Thursdays - Meeting
Room 1, 10 am - 12.

Flower Club

Friday 29th November will
be the second of our Open
Evening meetings in
Lanchester Community
Centre at 7 pm. Tickets are
£7. The demonstrator is
the well known Val Guest
and her theme will be
'Scents of Christmas'. For
tickets or further
information about the
evening call Helen
Tomlinson 01207 503667
Chairperson or Lestrine
Kelly 01207 521494
Secretary. Everyone
welcome.

Local History Society

Subject: Diving Treasures
Speaker: Gary Bankhead
Date: Friday November 1st
Time: 7 pm

Venue: Lanchester
Community Centre.

Gary is an Honorary
Research Associate in the
Department of
Archaeology, Durham
University and the
country's leading expert
on cloth seals, he has
dived in local rivers
discovering an
incredible 11,400 finds,
now known as the
Durham River Wear
Assemblage. For more
information contact the
History Society at
marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be
on Sunday 10th
November. Meet in
Malton car park at 10 am.

Patient Group AGM

Lanchester Medical
Centre Patient
Participation Group will
be holding their Annual
General Meeting at 6 pm
on Wednesday 4th
December, at the surgery.
Members of the surgery
are most welcome to
attend; please come along.

Lanchester Social Club

Live Entertainment on
Sundays from 9 pm
2nd November - David
Walton
9th November - Peter Kelly
16th November - Davey
Wrenn
23rd November - Abby
Faye
30th November - Lacey

Riverside Musical Theatre Co

Present our Christmas
Pantomime - **Treasure
Island** by Ben Crocker.
Evening performances
from 11th to 13th
December at 7.15 pm
and a Saturday
matinee performance on
14th December at 2.30 pm.
Venue: Park View Theatre,
Chester le Street.
Advance tickets £10,
at the door £12. A family
ticket is £35 (family of 4).
Under 5s are free.
Tel 0191 3857500.

Halloween Craft Session

Have fun and be creative
on Thursday 31st
October, 10 to 11 am.
£1 per child at
Lanchester Library,
under 8s need to be
accompanied by an
adult. Tickets are
available at the
Library desk.

Library Book Club

On Monday November
25th from 2.30-3.30 pm,
the group will be
discussing 'The Tribute
Bride' by Theresa
Tomlinson. A story of
resilience, survival,
courage, love and
loyalty set in
Northumbria. If you
have read this book,
come along and join
the discussion.

On Thursday November
21st from 5.30-6.30 pm,
the discussion will be
on 'The Quality of
Silence' by Rosamund
Lupton, 'an elegant and
icy unique thriller'
(Observer). If you
would like to join this
group, pick up the book
from the library and
enjoy the discussion.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday
November 11th from
3.45-4.30 pm.

Children aged 5-11
years old have the
opportunity to read and
take part in activities
relating to the book
of the month.

Places are limited so
please contact Zena or
another librarian at the
library or contact
03000269514.

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

Remembrance Service on the Village Green

The time for the
Remembrance Service
on the Village Green
on Sunday 10th
November is 11.45 am.
This is to accommodate
the different timings of
services in our three
churches.

York Shopping

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

Cuppa and Chat

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

Choir Concert

Lanchester Male Voice
Choir will present an
Autumn Concert in the
Community Centre on
Saturday 9th November
at 7.30 pm where, in
addition to a wide
variety of 'numbers',
coffee and cake will
be served. Tickets are
£6 (children £4) and
can be bought through
the Community Centre
(521275) or from
choir members.

Lanchester Partnership

Lanchester Partnership
ceilidh is on 16th
November at the Social
Club.

Adults £7.50

Children £2.50

Tickets available from
the Red Cross shop or
by calling 07743642075
or emailing
thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com

Musical Memories

Our Musical Memories
meeting will take place
on Wednesday
November 13th, in
Lynwood House,
from 2-3.30 pm.

The theme will be
'Remembrance', in
honour of our national
day remembering
everyone who fought
in past years. As
always, we'll meet
up with friends,
sharing tea, biscuits,
singing, dancing and
friendship. Everyone
is welcome, hope to
see you then.

Lanchester WI in November

There will be no
meeting for members
on Monday November
4th, as we celebrate
our Branch Birthday.
We will travel to
Headlam Hall for
lunch, with the bus
leaving the Durham
bus stop on the green,
opposite the bakery at
10.30 am.

Thursday Club

On November 21st at
1.30 pm we will be
welcoming Noel
Adamson to tell us all
about 'Whickham's
hidden gems'. The
meeting will take place
in the Small Hall of
the Community Centre.

Look forward to
seeing everyone there
and a warm welcome
will be given to
anyone new who
would like to join us.

Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will
be on 12th November
11.45 am onwards at
Lynwood House.

Everyone welcome,
plenty of free places.
Just a reminder lifts
are no longer provided
although you can use
the village bus.

At our December
meeting we will be
providing a Christmas
Lunch and we will
require numbers in
advance. If anyone
isn't attending
November's meeting,
could they let one of
us know you would
like to attend the
Christmas meal on
10th December.

07908 838452 Jackie,
07702 811166 Gillian,
07752 640409 Liz or
you can let Sarah or
Olive know.

Sunday Bridge

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

Lanchester Agricultural Society

Lanchester Agricultural Society will be holding their AGM on Monday 25th November at 7.00 pm. The meeting will be held at The Brown Horse, High Stoop, Tow Law. We welcome anyone to join us, maybe you are thinking of joining the committee or would like more information on how you could help out on show day. Please come along and have a chat. It's a great way of meeting new people and being part of an amazing village show. Thinking you can't commit to too much? No problem, we welcome any level of involvement; come along and find out for yourself.

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be our AGM on November 11th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall. Please feel free to join us.

Crafty Coffee Morning

Join us at Lanchester Methodist Church at 10 am to 12 every second and fourth Tuesday. For more information please contact Jennifer Nairns on 01207 520515.

Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday 10th November at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre with the usual raffle, refreshments. Screening of the film at 7.30 pm.

The film we are showing is 'The White Crow'.

Ticket entry:

£2.50 members

£3.50 occasional visitors

£2 young persons.

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

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on 12th November with Terry Coult whose subject will be 'North East Wildcats'. Meet at 7.30 pm in Community Centre.

Autumn Fair

Lanchester and Burnhope Parish Church are holding their annual Autumn Fair in All Saints Church on Saturday 23rd November from 10.00 am until 11.30 am. Admission is free.

Refreshments available in the Chapter House at £1 with a free drink and treat for children.

Attractions include, Grand Raffle, Tombola, Bottle Tombola, Homemade cakes and Savouries, Ginger wine, Hand crafted goods, Christmas Decorations and Bric a brac stand, Church Wives Hook a bag and Brantub and Traidcraft Stall.

All are welcome, please come along and have a good morning.

Nurses' Christmas Fair

The Nursing and Care Team at Willow Burn Hospice invites you to join them at the Nurses' Christmas Fair on 23rd November, 11 am - 2 pm. This annual event is a great opportunity to enjoy some Christmas shopping

and to catch up with the wonderful team at Willow Burn. Gift stalls, cakes and produce, raffles and tombolas. All proceeds will go to Willow Burn. Refreshments will be available to purchase in the Willows Café.

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FAMILY FESTIVAL

On Sunday 22nd September, Lanchester Cricket Club hosted its first Family Festival in partnership with Carnival Ride and Events2Go. Fun was had by children of all ages as they sampled the various rides on offer, including merry go rounds, roller-coasters, bouncing bungies, pony rides and 'hook a duck'. The adults also enjoyed visiting the various stalls

which satisfied those with green fingers and thumbs, petrol heads, dog lovers and pie fanatics. The cricket club chairman, Neil Graham said "We were delighted to close a successful season with an event that catered for the whole community and will certainly be looking to do the same next year ... thank you all for coming!"

Stuart McPhail

(Pictures on front page)

CRICKET NEWS

Saturday 5th October saw the Cricket Club packed out with excited young players, expectant parents and satisfied seniors, as we held our annual presentation day. There was a lot to be pleased with, following promotion to the NEPL, a league title for the seconds, cup wins for the firsts and the under 13s as well as cup final appearances for the firsts, seconds and under 18s. Centurion put on a fantastic spread between the junior and senior presentations and it was great to see so many

seniors at the junior awards and many juniors and parents staying for the seniors. Club President, Dawn Fairlamb was on hand to present the trophies.

The winners were:

Under 11s: Batting - James Leary, Bowling - Ben Taylorson, Fielding - Toby Somersall, Player of the Year - Mae Deaville
Under 13s: Batting - Ethan Connolly, Bowling - Toby Somersall, Fielding - Sam Small, Player of the Year - Ethan Connolly
Under 15s: Batting - Charlie McPhail, Bowling - Josh Cottom, Fielding -

Toby Somersall, Player of the Year - Nathan Scurr
Under 18s: Batting - Mattie Butler, Bowling - Dan Scott, Fielding - James Kime, Player of the Year - Dan Arthur
Firsts: Batting - Kieran Gohery, Bowling - Callum Barnes, Player of the Year - Kieran Gohery
Seconds: Batting - Nav Ahmed, Bowling - Charlie McPhail, Fielding - Sam Reynolds, Player of the Year - Chris Ramshaw
Thirds: Batting - Andrew McConnell, Bowling - Dan Arthur, Fielding - Ben Rayner, Player of the Year - Mattie Butler.

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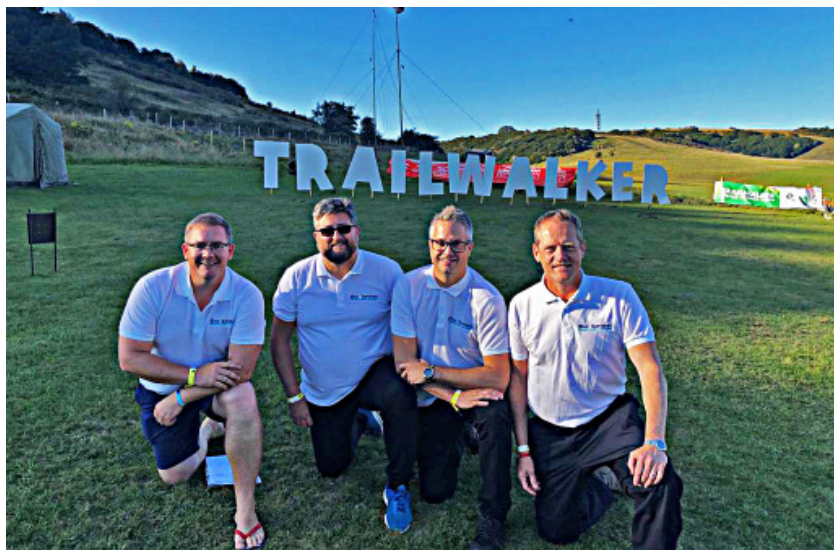
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CRICKET SUCCESS



Dan Nicotra and Graham Brinton of Lanchester Cricket Club with the Hedworth Williamson Cup. **Cricket Report, page 19.**

EPIC ADVENTURE



Stuart Kelly, Anthony Myers, Philip Topham and Mark Moore on the South Downs 100 km in 30 hours Trailwalk Challenge. **See page 11.**

BEAMISH TROPHY TRIAL

Mr J J Calver from North End, Durham decided not to enter the Beamish Trial Trophy this year, but took great pleasure in meeting other riders, having lunch and chatting about his fine 1927 Morris Cowley (known as a light car). He has owned it for some 10 years.



Eric Bushell from Langley Park on his Velocette250 MOV set off at 9.30 am and returned first at about 3.20 pm. **See story page 10.**

WEEKEND OF STITCHING FOR THE BRITISH RED CROSS



Butterfly Garden



This piece of embroidery 'Butterfly Garden' was taught by Nicola Jarvis, Royal School of Needlework at Lanchester Community Centre in September. Organised by Elaine Williams as a fundraising weekend of stitching for the British Red Cross, £400 was raised. Appreciation to Nicola, the stitchers and the ladies who prepared and served lunch.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 19th November. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 15th November.

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