

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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CADGER BANK DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Following refusal of the application to build 52 houses on land to the West of Briardene, Cadger Bank, BDW Trading (part of Barrats, North East) have submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The original application was rejected by the Planning Committee on the grounds that "...substantial harm will

be caused to the designated heritage asset, the Scheduled Monument of Longovicium Roman Fort". The Appellant has requested that the appeal be dealt with by the 'hearing procedure' and this will take place on 19th July in Lanchester Community Centre and is expected to be of one day duration.

The hearing is, of course, open to the public, so all people with views on this proposed development and the future structure of the village are encouraged to attend if possible. There will be opportunities at the hearing for members of the public to state their views to the Inspector. All documents previously

submitted to the County Council regarding the original Application are forwarded to the Inspector and will be considered in the appeal decision. The Appeal documents can be viewed online at <http://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/> and search on 'Cadger Bank' in 'Applications' (NOT 'Appeals').

The other Application considered and rejected by the Planning Committee on the same day was for houses adjacent to The Paddock. This was subsequently appealed against and this appeal has now been upheld, so planning permission has been granted for 14 houses in outline on this site. NHartley

THURSDAY CLUB AT THIRSK



Thursday Club members and friends with their driver John on their outing to the James Herriot Museum in Thirsk. Article on page 8

BEAMISH RELIABILITY RUN



By coincidence two of the magnificent vintage cars taking part in the Beamish Reliability Run on Sunday 18th June arrive at the King's Head junction just as a very old bus passes in front of them. Beginning and ending at Beamish, the annual run follows a 150-mile route around County Durham and North Yorkshire.

WILDLIFE GROUP'S LITTLE GEMS



The pictures above are two of the 'Little Gems' that the Wildlife Group found at Allenheads. The top picture shows an Adders Tooth Corkscrew and the bottom picture is of a Moonwort.

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Dear Village....

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THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice

I read with some disbelief the amount of anti-Labour bias in a letter in May's Village Voice, in which the writer suggests the Labour Party candidate is being disingenuous in acquiring an address in Lanchester. I think this at least shows some commitment to the area and a sincere hope of winning the seat.

I have been in Lanchester for over 40 years and can remember Theresa May (yes, the Prime Minister) standing in the 1992 election having a house, if I remember correctly, in Foxhills Crescent; although I can't remember the purple curtains ever being opened or looking as if anyone lived there. Name and address withheld on request

Dear Village Voice

The Lanchester, Burnhope and Castleside branch of the Labour Party would like to thank everyone who voted for us in the Parish and County elections. We are honoured to serve our beautiful village and will do our very best for all Lanchester residents. We have diverse backgrounds and experience, and will work hard on your behalf. We would also like to thank those in the Lanchester ward who voted to help Laura Pidcock be elected as Labour MP for NW Durham in the recent general election.

If you need to contact your county councillors, their details are as follows; Ossie Johnson - 03000 268732, ossie.johnson@durham.gov.uk Jude Considine - 03000 268794, jude.considine@durham.gov.uk Alison Gray (Chair - Lanchester, Burnhope and Castleside branch of the Labour Party)

Dear Village Voice

As the impending flood season approaches I thought I would offer four reasons why this quaint Lanchester phenomenon may well continue ...

1. Historic continuing suspect town planning
2. The loss of gardens to paved driveways
3. Inadequate storm drains
4. Poor storm drain cleaning

I have attached some photographs of blocked storm drains in the hope that this will encourage the council to clear them!!! Name and address withheld on request

Dear Village Voice

I would like to thank Canon Spence, Reverend Rupert Kalus and everyone who has sent cards, gifts and flowers, lit candles and said prayers for me during my recent major surgery in Manchester.

A very big thank you also to my twin sister Diane and her husband Graham who stayed in Manchester with me and supported me at all times.

Thank you
Denise McDermott



These photographs, taken by our correspondent, show two of the blocked drains in the village.

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WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



Left to right, Tom and Oliver Bartles-Smith celebrating the wedding of their mother Catherine to Murray Wakefield at Lanchester Methodist Church.

A brief torrential downpour, thunder and lightning 30 minutes before the wedding ceremony of Murray and Catherine at Lanchester Methodist Church on May 27th failed to dampen spirits, but called for a few umbrellas! Catherine Bartles-Smith has lived in Victoria Terrace for nearly 18 years, with her sons Oliver and Tom. Oliver walked his mum down the aisle to her marriage to Murray Wakefield, originally from Birtley. The wedding party went on to the Community Centre in the village for the reception, decorated resplendently by a small army of helpers from the Methodist Church, where a delicious buffet had been laid on by Hanley and Swinbank, and celebrated into the night with a disco, and the couple's favourite band, the Pretty Weeds. Mr and Mrs Wakefield are honeymooning in Santorini.

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A MERRY MEADOW WEDDING

On 10th June an elegant top hat tent rose up in the fields of Margery Flatts to host the wedding of Laurie Shepherd of Lanchester to Ben Holden of Hebdon Bridge, a wedding of merriment, magic and wonderful celebration of the union of Laurie and Ben and their families. And a family affair it was too with close friends and family employing their creative talents to make an occasion to remember.

The humanist ceremony, led beautifully by Beth Curry, was held in the tent made and erected by Ben's dad John. The couple stood before the open archway looking out at the fields and hills beyond while everyone sang, jammed, danced and

listened to the promises written and spoken by Ben and Laurie.

The day continued with wonderful moments to remember. The guests walked and threw confetti in the community orchard. A feast of delicious homemade vegetarian food, served by the staff of Crinnions was held in the barn decorated by Laurie's friends with ivy and wild flowers. Emotive, humorous speeches were made by Laurie and Ben, friends Danny, Bethan, Ben's brother Jake, and Laurie's parents Sonny and Paul; who had the 140 guests in tears of joy, merriment and at times sadness.

The evening was full of music, Rod, Ben's brother-in-law, playing the fiddle, Laurie and the

Shoeshop Quartet singing in the tent with friend Bethany on the guitar and impromptu singing led by Joe around the campfire. To top it all the John Langham Band brought the house down with their vibrant music and the uninhibited dancing of the guests, while a super supper was prepared by the Ugly Duckling Company who source their ingredients from food the supermarkets would otherwise throw away.

A special day that was no way dampened by the rain of the morning, but instead lifted the hearts and souls of all the guests and marked the beginning of Ben and Laurie's married life together knowing they are truly blessed and loved.



Laurie Shepherd and Ben Holden celebrate their marriage in the beautiful meadow at Margery Flatts.



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017

Minutes

Annual Meeting 16th May - approved.

Ordinary Meeting 16th May - amended and approved.

Police Report - See article on next page.

Correspondence

1. Letter - resident - concern about the condition of the pavement on Durham Road between the King's Head and Lynwood House

It was agreed that the letter is forwarded to the County Council along with the concerns of the Parish Council.

2. The Pensions Regulator - acknowledgement of declaration of compliance.

3. County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership - training - Councillors and Chairmanship

It was agreed that information on the training sessions is forwarded to Members who can inform the Clerk if they wish to attend.

4. County Durham Association of Local Councils - AGM - information received.

5. Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control

Members received details of the order which came into effect on 1st June and the campaign to inform members of the public.

6. Notification of Planning Appeal - Erection of a two storey detached agricultural workers dwelling with adjoining double carport and ancillary hard and soft landscaping features - information received.

7. Notification of Planning Appeal - Residential development of 52 dwellings with new access and associated works - land to the west of Briardene, Cadger Bank
Members considered the original letter of objection and the opportunity to submit additional information for the planning inspector to consider. Since the original letter of objection was submitted in December 2015 the Conservation Area Appraisal and the Heritage Audit has been completed and there has been progress in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that this information should form the basis of an additional representation to the planning inspector.

Area Action Partnership (AAP)/Parish Councils Committee (PCC)

The AAP is organising forum events across the area during June and July to gather information from communities to formulate Village Action Plans. A

session has been arranged in Lanchester to take place at Lynwood House on Tuesday 11th July between 4.30pm - 6.30pm.

Neighbourhood Plan

Members discussed the position of Chair for the working group. It was agreed that Mr Mike Wardle is asked to continue to Chair the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

Chair of the Council

Members were informed that the election of Chair at the Annual Meeting had followed the standing orders. The Parish Council has the ability to change the Standing Orders to reflect the wishes of the Council in terms of election of a Chair as long as it remains the first item on the agenda. It was agreed that the standing orders remain unchanged.

Parking Scheme - Lanchester Village

Members were provided with an update on the parking scheme in the centre of the village. The scheme included marking parking bays, introducing time limited parking and signage. The road markings were applied in February but the signage has yet to be erected. Recent correspondence with the County Council revealed that due to an administration error the signs had not been ordered. They have now been ordered and the works should take place within 6 weeks. It was agreed that a letter is sent

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to the County Council outlining the concerns of the Parish Council.

Library - Scaffolding

It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council outlining the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the length of time the scaffolding has been erected, the access issues, difficulty of using the pavement, internal

door repairs, seeking a timescale for when the works will be undertaken. It was agreed that the listed status of the Library is placed on an agenda of a future meeting.

Street Signs - Foxhills Crescent

Members were informed that following the reporting of the state of the street signs at Foxhills Crescent, the County Council has

agreed to replace them. **Lanchester Allotments Association - request for donation**

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be awarded to Lanchester Allotments Association to help towards their centenary event in August.

World War One - Beacons of Light - 11th November 2018

Burnhope Parish Council has asked Lanchester Parish Council to work on a joint project for this centenary event. The national event aims to light 1000 beacons on 11th November 2018 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. The area identified for the beacon is the top of Peth Bank. It was agreed in principle to

be involved in the event and that more information on detail and costs is presented at a future meeting.

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

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

POLICE REPORT

This month our priority for Lanchester is youth related antisocial behaviour. This is due to recent information being received that youths are congregating at the rear of The Bridge School, under the bridge at the rear of the King's Head on the Lanchester Valley Walk, Malton picnic area and Kitswell Park to consume alcohol and smoke what is believed to be cannabis. Reports have also been received that youths are gaining access to the flat roof at All Saints' Primary causing damage to the roofing and skylights.

Local officers will be conducting additional patrols in these areas in order to identify those involved and take positive action to prevent further issues.

Bank holiday weekend saw the annual Beer Festival take place at Lanchester Cricket Club. No issues of drunken disorder were reported to Police however a theft of 4 beer kegs was reported on the Sunday evening. Since this report evidence has been obtained of the individuals involved in this theft, one of the offenders has been formally interviewed for

the offence and enquiries are ongoing.

Sunday 2nd July 2017 will see the annual Lanchester Agricultural Show. During the event local neighbourhood officers will be on site between 9 am-4 pm offering reassurance and crime prevention advice to our rural communities.

If you have any information in relation to any crime or disorder taking place in Lanchester please contact PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson via 101 (non-emergency number) or email lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson

LABOUR WINS AGAIN

Superficially there has been no change in the Durham North West constituency in the General Election. Laura Pidcock won for Labour with a large majority. However there are substantial differences between Ms Pidcock and

Pat Glass, the former MP for the area. While Mrs Glass supported Andy Burnham who was considered to be politically in the centre of the party, Laura Pidcock is on the left wing of the party, a self declared socialist and a

supporter of Jeremy Corbyn.

Ms Pidcock at 29 years old could be MP for the area for a very long time if Labour continues to have the support it has come to expect in North West Durham. The full results are below:

Party	Candidate	Votes	% of the vote	% change compared with 2015
Labour	Laura Pidcock	25,308	52.8	+6.0
Conservative	Sally-Ann Hart	16,516	34.5	+11.1
Liberal Democrat	Owen Temple	3,398	7.1	-2.0
UKIP	Alan Breeze	2,150	4.5	-12.5
Green	Dominic Horsman	530	1.1	-2.6
Majority		8,792		-5.2
Turnout		47,902	66.5	+5.2

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LANCHESTER VINTAGE TRACTOR RALLY

Our vintage Tractor Rally took place on Monday 29th May, with vehicles gathering at the farm of Peter Suddes. The weather was sombre, with rain threatening and there was still much sadness at the death of Rob Hanson, who was involved in an accident in a Rally south of Stanhope the day before. After much discussion, it was decided that today's Rally should go ahead, in tribute to Rob, and as a mark of respect a minute's silence was planned before the start of the event. Henry Wingfield, Chairman of Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club, described that, during a meeting, it had been decided that today's nominated charity was to be the Great North Air Ambulance, which does so much



Henry Wingfield, Chairman of Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club inspects the array of vehicles at the start of the rally.

important work in the region and which was involved in assisting at yesterday's accident. The route of the tractors included Burnhope, Maiden Law, Greencroft, Dipton, Burnopfield and

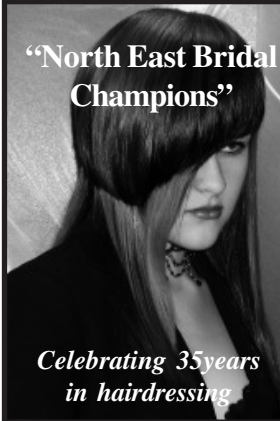
Butsfield, with a refreshment stop and arrival back in Lanchester for 3.30. Henry described the route as a good mixture of road and off road travel and expected more than 30 vehicles would be involved. On behalf of the Vintage Tractor Club, Henry offered thanks to Peter Suddes and his family, for their part in helping with the preparations for the Rally and for offering refreshments at the start of the venture. Thanks were also due to all the tractor drivers, who came

along to be involved in today's Rally.

Henry also made a heartfelt plea for patience and understanding from other motorists if they were affected by the route of the vintage tractors, as many charities benefit from the Rallies, a fact that we all should try to bear in mind.

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making new friendships. Rare breed and the more common commercial breeds of sheep were shown at their best and various commodities associated with the industry were on show. Amateur judges were encouraged to state their preferences with Butsfield Young Farmers on hand to spread their expertise. Trade stands selling herbicides vied with ear tags and wormers to attract attention. The Crewe from the kitchen of The Lord Crewe

Arms provided cookery demonstrations and samples of how to gain extra flavour from everyday dishes. Outside there was a variety of stands displaying tractors, quad bikes, trailers and grass maintenance machinery. Fast food outlets ensured no-one went hungry or thirsty.

A dry-stone walling demonstration attracted much attention whilst sheep-dog handlers showed how these dogs are a much-appreciated aid to gathering and controlling flocks.

Crowds queued for tractor and trailer rides to inspect around 900 acres of the farm which was shown in its glory and several thousands of people had a thoroughly enjoyable, informative and memorable day out in this spectacular part of County Durham. Thanks to Gavin Clark for sending this article and photo.

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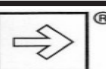
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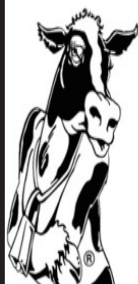
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THURSDAY CLUB OUTING

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minutes we boarded the coach for our destination at Thirsk. Once there we headed for the museum and were able to wander through the museum which gave an insight into the life of the real 'James Herriot'. We again boarded the coach (photo on front page) and headed off to Northallerton for lunch and an afternoon of 'retail therapy'. Some of us

lunched at 'Barkers' where the food was excellent and reasonable, with friendly and helpful staff.

We left Northallerton at 4.30 pm in glorious sunshine for the journey home and arrived at Lanchester at 6 pm. Our driver John was very helpful and pleasant and contributed to making the whole day a really enjoyable experience.



Mrs Pumphrey and Tricky Woo from 'All Creatures Great and Small' in the James Herriot Museum.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

How to reduce the impact of being alone in a rural community

This challenge is to all people involved with the great choice of groups we are lucky to have across this community. How easy is it for an individual to find out where you are and when you meet? What are the aims of your group and how do you work within those aims to invite new members? I am sure that as an organiser of a group that has regular meetings you will be busy at the meeting with the general business on the day. How do you deal with newcomers? Think of this scenario, you arrive alone at a meeting having made a great effort to get yourself

there struggling with the fears and anxieties of not knowing anyone and being quite scared that they might not welcome you. This scene splits into two options: one you are made welcome, they acknowledge you are new, so someone takes you aside and lets you know about the group, how the meetings run and sits you down with a cuppa making you feel welcome. The other scene you walk in, find yourself a seat and just wait feeling strange, probably anxious, wondering why on earth you have put yourself through this added life trauma.

I know many groups have different styles; with

singing, joining a choir is slightly easier as you expect to find your collective voice and the main interaction is with the conductor. However, it is still important that someone notices you and talks to you during the refreshment break. Group members must think of their role and often new folks get missed as there is so little time for catching up with other members, and unfortunately it is so easy to ignore the newcomer.

So a challenge for groups, how do you make new members welcome either as the organisers or the individual members?

Loneliness, c/o Lanchester Medical Centre

FITNESS IN THE PARK?

Recently fourteen adult fitness machines have been installed in the park at Wolsingham. They are adjacent to the area where the children play. It seems like a very good idea that adults can keep fit whilst watching their children play. The machines are also suitable for teenagers. Fitness machines are now appearing on promenades near beaches in many locations in Spain and possibly in the UK too. This could be a good addition for Lanchester. All day and every day people of all ages can be seen in and around the village walking, riding bikes and running. Fitness is so important to many people of all ages. There is probably a need

for this type of addition to our park facilities. Who knows maybe one day fitness classes could be held in the open air in warmer months of the year. It is certainly worth thinking about by the Parish Council or Durham County Council or perhaps grants could be raised by the Partnership if they were enthused by the idea.



Fitness machines installed at Wolsingham Play Park.

LEAD MINES AND LITTLE GEMS FOR WILDLIFE GROUP

Lanchester Wildlife Group joined Lizzie Maddison at Allenheads to explore an old lead mining area. These areas are good to spot rarer plants and smaller species that can't usually compete with more dominant grasses and other plants that grow vigorously on richer nitrogenous soil. Some plants specialise in being resilient to remnant 'toxic' chemicals in the soil eg the calaminarian grassland at Allenheads. On 13th June we saw lots of gems including magnificent carpets of Pansies, Adders Tongue, Butterwort and

Moonwort (see photos on front page). In July and August it is well worth visiting Allenheads to view the variety of Orchids which should be in full bloom.

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Castles and Country Houses of the North East

We were pleased to see a good turnout at the monthly meeting following such a spell of good weather so possibly it was the slightly chillier evening that brought folks out to hear Richard Pears enlighten us about the wealth of family seats across the north. It seems there isn't much difference between a castle and a country house but both of them are very expensive to own with a huge demand for cash. Both are residences for the family, centres of economy, politics, judiciary and culture for the lands that family owns. Castles in addition are defensible and have military purpose but that was often as being the store, the armoury should an owner be required by the king to raise an army. So many castles turn out to be country houses that had defences built around them such as additional thick walls with peepholes for throwing or shooting things through without getting injured. The status such pretentious buildings reinforced

was all part of the structure of the society over the years. The manorial hall would always be situated so that the visitor very quickly realised they were inferior to the owner. These ornate halls with high ceilings, warming tapestries and big windows created a feel of opulence and show of wealth. We learnt about the Donjon, often incorrectly attributed to the place you retain prisoners, a dungeon. Well the Donjon turns out to be the Keep, where the Estate Manager collected the rents and various items which tenants brought in lieu of cash. So the Keep is the estate office and store house however built in such a style as to reinforce the status of the Lord of the Manor. Across the north it is interesting to find out that many of the families are still living in the same houses many centuries after they took up residence, however many of the houses have declined and been lost to the landscape, but do venture out and see the ones that still exist as they are fascinating.

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My head in a turmoil I succumbed to myself
As I spied the Glayva up on the top shelf
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LANCHESTER BEER FESTIVAL 2017

Sponsors' Night

Lanchester Cricket Club once again hosted their popular village Beer Festival, from Friday May 26th - Sunday 28th, and every year the event grows bigger and better. Friday evening was Sponsors' Night and there was a tangible air of excitement and anticipation as the crowds started to gather. The Event Sponsor was Aqua Aid Water Coolers and other major sponsors included Sustain Landscapes and Pip Stop, while sponsors of beers included Talking Heads, the Black Bull and Alexander Lettings. The Cricket Club were proud to announce three local charities which will benefit from the 2017 Festival. Downs Syndrome North East is a

charity run by unpaid parents, carers and volunteers for the children and people of all ages with Downs Syndrome in the North East. Willow Burn Hospice is also a chosen charity and contributions will help their excellent care given to people with life limiting illnesses. The third charity to benefit will be Henry Dancer Days, in their work of supporting parents of children with primary bone cancer.

Neil Graham, Chairman of Lanchester Cricket Club was eager to thank the many people who had been involved in the planning of the event; the sponsors, the people who had bought tickets for the weekend, the catering team and the



Lanchester's young generation prepare to enjoy a weekend of cricket, music and beer sampling!

Club committee members who had worked since last December to organise the Festival. He is proud of the mixture of activities involved over the weekend, the live music from local performers and the cricket matches, as well as the chance to

support some traditional, artisan ales in a friendly, social setting. Neil Graham also suggested that in future years, this event may become known as 'Lanchester Festival' to describe its varied nature, and he hoped

that all the nominated charities would benefit over the weekend. Fingers were being crossed that the pleasant weather we had been enjoying would continue for the expected crowds over the Bank Holiday weekend.

What a weekend we had!

It started on Friday with the tent bathed in glorious sunshine and by the end on Sunday we had our best numbers yet. Saturday saw every type of weather with sun, wind, rain and hail at different points. The storm that struck at 4 pm did little to dampen spirits and if anything meant that people took refuge in the marquee rather than head home. As the weather picked up again, Zen took to the stage and played a glorious session of 80s music which the crowd of all ages thoroughly

enjoyed. There were lots of requests for them to be back next year and we will definitely be trying for that. Sunday, without the distraction of cricket, allowed us to field additional bands. Local lad, Joe Tracey was first up and entertained with his own songs, plus a couple of covers. He was followed by The Dee Tees who rocked the tent with their wide range of music, all with an edge to it. The Pretty Weeds rounded off the night in their usual crowd pleasing manner and even invited James



Despite storm clouds gathering, a huge crowd arrived to enjoy the Beer Festival at the Cricket Club.

Herdman on to the stage for one song where he wowed everyone with a great rap performance. The event was bigger and better in every way and was entirely trouble free. Three charities were given the opportunity to raise money and all three,

Willow Burn Hospice, Downs Syndrome North East and Henry Dancer Days did well and were given a further boost when the Cricket Club added an equal donation to each of them. A big thank you to all our sponsors which the event relies upon and the

volunteers who worked tirelessly to make the event the success it was. See you next year! #putting Lanny on the map

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The MiXiT Theatre Group performing in Lanchester Social Club.

You may not have heard or know about 'MiXiT' but they are an inclusive Theatre Company, using theatre to address issues that affect people with learning disabilities and their families. Their performances want to challenge, educate and inspire their audience and our local Co Durham MiXiT Group did just that when they gave an amazing performance at the Social Club on May 18th. Their base is 'The Venue', Morrison Road, Annfield Plain, and it is here where their presentations and performances are rehearsed and brought to life.

The evening opened with a selection of songs sung by the talented singer Peter Kelly, who is well known as an excellent performer in music circles.

The MiXiT group followed with their performance and their large audience of family and friends thoroughly enjoyed it. It was a fundraising evening primarily, because the group has been invited by the equivalent of our 'Mencap' organisation, Lebenshilfe, to perform in Germany, in Durham's twin town of Tübingen. This visit will of course incur much expense and the group is raising money in all sorts of

ways. You may even have seen some of them busking on the streets of Durham and no doubt they were wearing the special T-shirts which they were wearing for their performance. They all bear a caption, eg, 'Labels are for jars not people', 'I'm not one of them, I'm one of us', 'Together we are better'. All of the captions draw attention to the fact that disabled people matter just as much as able bodied people and they each have special gifts to offer to the community.

This was clearly seen in their performance that evening as each individual, in the group of at least 30 people, gave themselves wholeheartedly and confidently to their performance. The way they blended dance movements with their singing was very cleverly done. There were some lovely songs in their repertoire and their enthusiasm was so infectious.

Throughout the evening a feeling of happiness prevailed. It was a

privilege to be present. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Mr John Hails, the Director of MiXiT, who with his wife Lorraine, and daughters Victoria and Charlotte and other family members and friends work tirelessly to train and nurture this special group of people.

MiXiT have nearly twenty years of experience in creating, devising and presenting issue based plays at workshops and conferences across the UK and Europe. MiXiT works with local authorities, the NHS and many larger charities in the UK to effect positive change for physically and mentally disabled people. We wish this Co Durham group every success in whatever they do and especially when they go to Germany, as ambassadors for England. Long may this work continue! They are a credit to their families and friends.

Congratulations and thank you for a splendid evening.

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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

'A Night to Remember'



Anne Codd with her beautiful arrangements.

The first of two Open Evening Meetings was held on 19th May in Lanchester Community Centre. The floral demonstrator was Anne Codd; her theme was 'A Night to Remember'. Anne regaled us with some funny and interesting stories about some of the holidays she has done. While chatting, Anne created some beautiful arrangements so colourful, she made eleven arrangements and two bouquets which were raffled to the delight of the thirteen winners. Quite a display in two hours, considering we had a couple of hiccups with some equipment but the show carried on and what a show of arrangements. We are having our summer outing on Thursday 13th July when we are visiting Wynyard Hall and Gardens. Can everyone be at the Village Green, the bus will leave at 10.30 am. As in other years the National Association for Flower Arrangers had their usual Lonely Bouquet weekend. All the NAFAS clubs leave small bouquets in their particular town or city, for someone to pick up and enjoy. Lanchester Club has done this for the past few years. This year the Women's Institute were

asked to join us in this. Lanchester Women's Institute along with ourselves left 6 lonely bouquets in Lanchester. I hope whoever picked these up enjoyed the idea. We would like to thank Maureen Clarkson and Helen Tomlinson who produced our lonely bouquets.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 27th September at Lanchester Community Centre at 2pm after our summer break.



A lonely bouquet left on a seat in Lanchester.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Many thanks to all who donated and helped in any way with Christian Aid week in Lanchester and Burnhope. The grand total of £4,650.58 was made up largely of the house to house collection, boosted by a very busy coffee morning raising £350 and a supporter's bake sale at work which raised £410. Thank you one and all. CHRISTIAN AID HELPS PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND NONE.

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The choral year moves on apace and the LMVC diary becomes ever busier. The Choir followed its highly successful Patrons' Concert in April with a very well received concert in St Cuthbert's Church, Shotley Bridge, on Wednesday 14th June. The aim of the evening was to raise funds towards the repair of the building's rather leaky roof and some £234 was taken in donations. Compliments upon the standard and style of LMVC's performance came from all quarters. Next on the agenda, most importantly, is the 50th Anniversary Concert scheduled for Friday 7th July in the Methodist Church (7.00 for 7.30pm). The evening will include an array of popular numbers and will also feature the Prince Bishops Brass Quintet, a local, very versatile and committed ensemble with

a wide repertoire. Contact for tickets may be made via the local Community Centre and the LMVC website. This concert will mark the 50th Anniversary of LMVC's very first meeting on 26th June 1967. John Wills of Lanchester was present on that occasion and is still a choir member to this very day, in the Bass line, where he will be on 7th July.

LMVC is always 'on the lookout' for new members and hope to recruit more this year to join John and the rest of us and to help see us into our 51st year and beyond. Choir practice is every Monday evening (7.30 - 9.30pm) in the Lanchester Community Centre though LMVC will break for summer recess on 10th July and restart on 4th September. Come and join us!

We wish you all a pleasant summer holiday.

LOCAL COMMUNITIES CAN WIN, WIN AND WIN IN MID DURHAM

A number of year plan for each village, opportunities for which is what happened in 2013 when a similar set of drop ins took place and 16 village action plans were developed. These action plans had input from over 1,000 residents. Collectively, there were just short of 470 issues identified and over the 3 years, with an investment of over £2.6m, 350 of these issues were addressed (75%) and a further 63 are ongoing. Issues included work on roads, paths, shop fronts, community facilities, play, transport, allotments and of course litter and dog fouling.

There will be 16 village drop ins commencing in June and running through to 26th July; the event in Lanchester will be on 11th July, from 4.30-6.30pm in Lynwood House. The drop ins will enable residents, as well as local businesses and services, to chat over a cuppa with their local AAP team and relevant Councillors about how they could collectively work towards improving their village. The plan is to create a 3

operates within the Mid

Durham AAP area. Representatives can come along and provide their views as well as the name of their chosen community group and the more that come along and mention that group the more chances that group has of winning the final draw, which will take place at the AAP Board meeting on 13th September in Satley Village Hall at 6pm. They can also highlight their group's needs and we will add these to the plans.

A list of all the dates for the drop ins can be found on our web page at: www.durham.gov.uk/article/4265/Area-Action-Partnership-AAP-news or you can contact the AAP office at mdaap@durham.gov.uk or phone us on 07557541413. Look out for posters and leaflets which will be on display in various public places across the village.



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LANCHESTER WI IN JUNE

We met on a cold and wet Monday evening and were welcomed by our President, Marie Murphy. We had a very special visitor, Angela, here from South Africa, spending time with her family. Marie reported that both Resolutions for this year, 'Alleviating Loneliness' and 'Keeping Microplastic Fibres out of our Oceans' had tied in our recent vote and she would take the results to the NFWI Annual Meeting in Liverpool. Our campaigns bring members together in attempting to achieve real change in national policy and practice. Marie drew attention to the many events

planned for the near future, County Centenary Celebrations, a craft event at the Community Centre, 'Playing the Spoons' evening, pub lunch, darts meeting, etc. Members are advised to have their diaries with them in meetings, to keep informed about everything which is happening! We have a suggestion box on the Information Table for any comments or ideas about future outings, etc and any member who is interested in joining our Committee is invited to ask Marie for more details.

Our competition describing 'A Life Changing Moment' was won by Jill Gladstone, with Tracy Dobson and

Muriel Gibbons raffle winners. Thanks were offered to tea hostesses Vee Wintrell and Muriel Gibbons. Volunteers for hostess duties, readings etc are always most welcome and a good way to become more involved with your branch.

Our speaker for the evening was Helen McDonald, based at Gibside and involved in bat protection and conservation. She told us there were 18 species of bats in Britain, with 10 resident in the North East. Bats are complex, fascinating creatures and Helen informed us that their numbers are decreasing, with the use of pesticides killing the insects they feed on and their feeding patterns



Helen McDonald related the life and lore of our native bats - we were intrigued to find out about these complex creatures.

and nesting habitats coming under increased threat. Many people are scared of them, or are superstitious about them, and don't realise that their populations are declining. It's often hard to find support for these mammals a lot of people

consider as 'mice with wings'.

Ann Carr gave our sincere thanks to Helen, saying she had been interesting and informative and we all felt we understand these fascinating creatures a lot better!

SATLEY WI

Our June meeting was attended by 16 members and two guests. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the monthly newsletter, Carol Dobinson was thanked for arranging the enjoyable trip to Kirkharle and Wallington Hall. Members were asked for ideas for our outing in August and names were

taken for our mini group meeting at Lanchester Social Club on 28th September.

Our first guest speaker was Marie Murphy, the President of Lanchester WI, who gave us her very interesting report from the recent WI Annual General Meeting in Liverpool. She was thanked by Linda Horn.

Our second guest speaker was Lesley Pike from Age UK who delivered a thought provoking talk about 'Beating the Scammers'. Members were given many tips and guidelines to follow and were provided with literature to read at their leisure. She was thanked by Freda Scott. The raffle was donated by Shirley Rogan

and won by Kathleen Snowden. The refreshments were provided by Aldwyn Anderson and Shirley Rogan. The competition for a homemade birthday card was won by Jean Portwood, second Avril Carpenter, third Joan Smith. This has been a busy month for activities. Some members enjoyed a visit to Ushaw College which was followed by

refreshments. Some ladies also joined Wolsingham WI for a talk by the family of Jennifer Worth who inspired the BBC drama 'Call the Midwife'. We also held a successful tombola at the National Sheep event in Satley which, despite being a long day, was enjoyed by all. We all had a tractor and trailer ride around the farm during the day. Linda Horn, President

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first started this event many years ago. It began as a coffee morning but over the years has grown into a Fair and Fellowship event, which is enjoyed by everyone. Good company, good food and good fun! Thank you Elizabeth for initiating and organising such a pleasurable occasion. Brenda Craddock



Margaret and Mary manning their stall.



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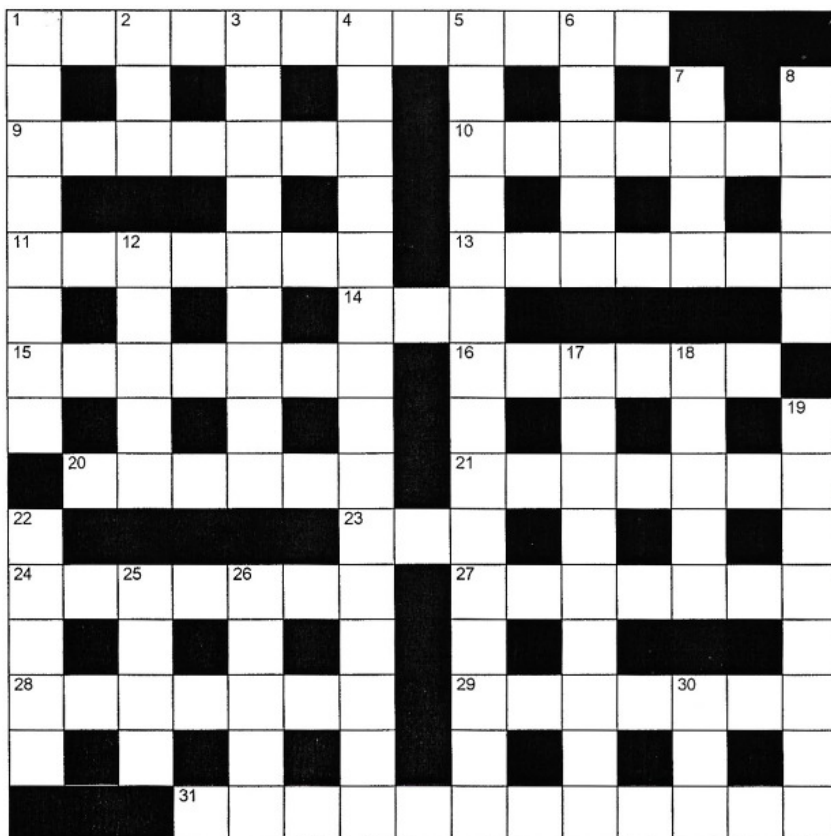


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CROSSWORD 134



ACROSS

1. The act of making worse (12)
9. Pope responsible for our current calendar (7)
10. Enliven (7)
11. Sell off (7)
13. Electrical relationship from cooked slow ham (4,3)
14. Put on (3)
15. Means (7)
16. Pass (6)
20. Rides a bike (6)
21. Listening apparatus (7)
23. Goes with sweet, green and cock (3)
24. Huge figures (7)
27. Picture (7)
28. Someone from Calcutta perhaps (7)
29. Marine mollusc (7)
31. One prods this circumstance (12)

DOWN

1. Out of kindness (2,6)
2. Chop (3)
3. Upsetting (9)
4. Totally innocent (6,9)
5. Lose it (4,4,4,3)
6. Disgust (5)
7. Become boring (4)
8. Cat calls (5)
12. Spiteful (5)
17. Altar base mineral (9)
18. Dish discovered in census history file (5)
19. Emphasised (8)
22. Diving apparatus (5)
25. Feline mammal (4)
26. Clasp for head cover (5)
30. For (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 133

ACROSS

1. measure
5. advance
9. Rioja
10. utilities
11. ubiquitous
12. keen
14. steel erector
18. conservation
21. anon
22. blind dates
25. beekeeper
26. ample
27. entered
28. saddest

DOWN

1. maraud
2. Adonis
3. up a gum tree
4. exult
5. acidulent
6. vain
7. noisette
8. Elsinore
13. second-hand
15. enveloped
16. scramble
17. indolent
19. staple
20. assent
23. narks
24. rear

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LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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1	4	8	7	3	5	6	2	9
2	7	6	4	9	1	8	3	5

CROSSWORD 133

There were 16 entries in last month's crossword competition (though 6 down caused a few problems).

Congratulations to Neville Hartley 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.

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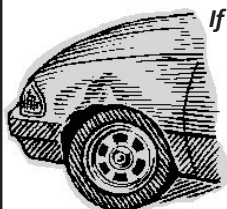
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YOGA, D-OGA, B-OGA?

Fans of ITV's Britain's Got Talent will be familiar with the concept of D-oga (Dog-Yoga). But did you know, you can regularly find Mums, babies and pregnant ladies in Lanchester, participating in the discipline of yoga? Mother of two and village resident Laura Ridgeon

runs weekly classes that teach mums and mums-to-be a relaxing blend of stretching, toning and breathing. Currently on maternity leave herself, Laura's classes are being run by trusted colleagues Sarah Giles (Pregnancy Yoga) and Jo Briley (Mum and Baby Yoga).

In June, Jo ran a free introduction session to Mum and Baby Yoga. The class, held in Croft View Hall, was welcoming, relaxed and interactive, with 45 minutes of gentle exercises for baby and mum to do together. Each exercise was carefully demonstrated and the

benefits of each stretch explained, helping give confidence in repeating the exercises at home. The session was rounded off with tea and biscuits and provided a great opportunity to meet other local Mums and babies. Many in attendance had also partaken in pregnancy

yoga and raved about how the class had helped ease aches and pains throughout their pregnancies. More information about future classes and free taster sessions can be found at www.laura-northeast-yoga.co.uk Hannah Bunce

RED CROSS POSH TEA PARTY



Guests of the Red Cross enjoying their 'Posh' Tea Party at Lynwood House.

Staff of Lanchester Red Cross shop hosted a very 'posh' tea party in Lynwood House on June 13th. Best china was on display, complete with a most tempting display of dainty sandwiches, scones, jam and cakes. Manageress Tracey

Dobson thanked the many members of the public who attended and the staff of the shop, who had worked so hard to make the day a success, along with the ladies who stayed behind to run the shop. Warm thanks were also offered to Hanley and Swinbank,

Finbarr's Restaurant and Lynwood House for their contributions to the success of the event. Tracey announced that the proceeds of the day would be sent to the Red Cross UK Solidarity appeal for victims of terror attacks in the UK.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Irish Soda Bread

Soda bread has been a staple in Ireland for a great many centuries. It is a bread made without yeast, the raising agent is bicarbonate of soda mixed with buttermilk. It's simple to make, needs little kneading and no time at all rising. It's traditional to cut the loaves on the top into a cross shape, to help the bread rise and, according to folklore, to let the devils (or fairies) out. It can be made with brown or white flour, or a mixture of the two and is perfect

for a light summer lunch of cheese or soup.

Serves 4-6

1 lb plain flour

1 tsp salt

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
14 fl oz buttermilk

METHOD

1) Preheat the oven to 220 degrees C/425 degrees F/
Gas Mark 7.

2) Sift the flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda into a mixing bowl.

3) Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in most of the buttermilk.

4) Mix well together, using

your hands. The dough should be very soft but not too wet. If necessary, add the remaining buttermilk.

5) Turn the dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead it lightly. Shape into a 20 cm/8 inch round.

6) Place the bread on a greased baking tray, cut a cross in the top and bake in the oven for 25-30 minutes. When done, it should sound hollow if tapped on the bottom. Eat while still warm, as soda bread is always best eaten the same day as it is made.

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WHAT'S ON?

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 5th July at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Musical Minis

Musical Minis class takes place in the Small Hall at Lanchester Community Centre between 10 and 11 am every Tuesday.

Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 13th July from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm

Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00 am. Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

Thursday Club

At our next meeting, on 20th July, we will be welcoming Andrew Middleton from the Northumberland Cheese Farm. He will be bringing tastings and also some cheeses to sell. The meeting starts at 7.15 pm and is in the Community Centre Small Hall. Please remember that there will be no meeting in August.

Lanchester Library

The library offers Songs and Stories on Thursday afternoons from 2-3 pm. All children under 5 years are welcome.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 6th July 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

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Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 2nd July for a trip to Bishop Middleham Quarry. Meet 9.30 am in the Community Centre car park.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip, looking for things cold blooded and spineless with Sam Tranter in the North Pennines. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 6.30 pm.

Cuppa, Lunch and Company

Free Cuppa, Lunch and Company age 70+.

Do you have neighbours or family who would like a cup of tea, lunch and company for 2 hours a month?

Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 11th, 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House.

You will have a driver to collect you and bring you home (all drivers are DBS checked). We also need volunteers to do some baking for the lunch. We do need an idea on numbers attending. Please phone to say if you would like to come and if you need a lift there and back. Call Jo: 07969454815.

Calling All Dog Lovers

Lanchester Partnership is holding its 3rd annual Fun Dog Show on Saturday September 23rd at Lanchester Community Centre. Doors open for registration at 1.00 pm. Many classes and lots of fun. Prizes, refreshments and raffle.

Ceilidh

Please keep Saturday November 18th free for the Partnership's annual Ceilidh. Dance, listen, watch, ENJOY!

Himalayan Balsam

Removal dates

Meet on the railway line at the entrance to Dora's Wood. Bring gardening gloves, suitable footwear, long sleeve tops and trousers to avoid nettle stings; a kneeling mat may be useful. See you there. For further information contact us: lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com

Sunday 2nd July 11 am

Tuesday 4th July 7 pm

Saturday 15th July 11 am

Sunday 16th July 7 pm

Tuesday 18th July 7 pm

Saturday 22nd July 11 am

Conny Art Festival

Throughout the month of July, Consett will be host to an exciting month-long contemporary art festival, providing a platform for talent on a local and national scale. Organised by two local undergraduates from Oxford University and Northumbria University; Elaine and Ellen are hopeful that the festival will provide and encourage an 'intergenerational conversation about Consett's and wider North East's identity, putting emphasis on the present and future, as well as celebrating and remembering the past'. Make sure to keep an eye out for upcoming events, workshops, volunteering opportunities and exhibitions. If you would like to become more involved, please email us: connyartfestival@gmail.com

Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday July 12th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House is the AGM, followed by strawberries, cream and 'bubbly'.

Just Jane

When: Saturday July 8th 10 am - 12 noon

Where: Lanchester Methodist Church

Why: Coffee morning to raise awareness and support for The Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre at East Kirkby. This is the home of one of the last remaining Lancaster Bombers. Lots of aviation memorabilia and model aircraft to see. All money to go towards returning 'Just Jane' to the skies. If World War Two bombers are your thing, come along for a chat.

More details from Derek Ramage 01207238268 or ramage@talktalk.net

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held on Monday July 3rd, when we will enjoy our annual Strawberry Supper. As always, the evening will also feature musical entertainment, and a competition entitled 'A Strawberry ...' which should encourage some imaginative entries! Ladies are kindly reminded that anyone who ordered WI diaries or calendars need to pay for them at that meeting. Any members interested in joining our Committee will be warmly welcomed, so please come and join us!

Lanchester Social Club

Every Friday - **FRIDAY NIGHT 50/50 DANCING**

Every Sunday - **SUNDAY NIGHT BUSKERS**

Saturday 1st July

India, Top Class Vocalist

Saturday 8th July

Mark McCann, First Class Vocalist

Saturday 15th July

Katherine Stone, First Class Vocalist

Saturday 22nd July

Lance Newman,

Outstanding Male Singer

Saturday 29th July

Gerry Garcia, Sensational Irish Vocal Entertainer

Library Book Club

'A library ticket is a ticket to independence, to pleasure, to new thoughts and ideas, to other worlds, to other selves - to other parts of yourself!' Shelley Day.

On Thursday July 20th from 5.30-6.30, the group will be reviewing *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty. "The writing is beautiful; sometimes funny, sometimes sad but always compelling", Good Housekeeping review. If you would like to join this group, pick up the book at the library and we will see you there.

Monday Library Book Club

On Monday 24th July at 2.30 to 3.30 pm the group will be discussing *The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton, a novel set in the seventeenth century in Amsterdam, centred on a doll's house displayed in the Rijksmuseum. If you have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

Pink Champagne

Lanchester & District Choral and Operatic Society Present **Pink Champagne** by Johann Strauss in Lanchester Methodist Church on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st July at 7.15 pm. Conductor - David Hughes
Accompanist - Bill Grey
Soloists - Anna Foster (from Radio Newcastle) - Soprano
Elizabeth Woods - Soprano,
Paul Smith - Tenor
Richard Woods - Tenor
Jim Morgan - Baritone
Ian Grey - Bass
Tickets £9 including refreshments from Choir Members or Tel 01207 521458 or 01207 529082.

Parish Church Open Day

An Open Day is to be held in the Parish Church, Lanchester on Saturday 8th July when there will be the opportunity to learn more about the history of the building which has been a prominent feature of the village for almost 900 years. Conducted tours, to be held throughout the day, will cover the history of the building and those persons remembered in the many memorials around the walls. The tower will be open so it will be possible to see the ringing and clock chambers and also have a peek at the bells; a demonstration of bellringing is also planned. For the young and not so young there will be a mouse hunt!

The church will be open from 9.00 am and the first tour will start at 11.00 am with the final one at 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be available. Admission is free but donations in aid of Church funds would be appreciated.

A Jazz Night in the Cathedral

On Saturday 19th August there will be an opportunity to hear one of the North East's leading traditional jazz bands in concert at Durham Cathedral.

The performance starts at 7.30 pm when Maureen Hall's Rendezvous Jazz will play a foot tapping, hand clapping selection of great music. Along with a programme of traditional jazz will be gospels and spirituals, blues and ballads and a good night of entertainment by these talented musicians is guaranteed.

The concert is being staged by The Friends of Durham Cathedral (by

Local History Society

Subject: A history walkabout in Lanchester.
Led by: John Gall
Date: Friday July 7th
Time: 7 pm

Meet outside the King's Head Public House
We are lucky that John's considerable local knowledge and experience will answer our questions about the social history of our village. It is guaranteed to be a most informative and enjoyable evening. Meet up afterwards for drinks at the King's Head. Visitors are always welcome. Donations. For more information about the History Society contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Lanchester Male Voice Choir

The **50th Anniversary Concert** will take place in Lanchester Methodist Church on Friday 7th July at 7.30 pm. Also featuring will be **Prince Bishops Brass Quintet**. Tickets £7 (Children £3) from Lanchester Community Centre.

Lanchester Writers

Lanchester Writers meet in Lanchester Library every Tuesday 2 - 4 pm during school term time. New members welcome.

Lanchester Flower Club

We are having our summer outing on Thursday 13th July when we are visiting Wynyard Hall and Gardens. Please meet at the Village Green, the bus will leave at 10.30 am.

Satley WI

Our next meeting is on July 12th when our guest speaker, Major Barbara Fawcett, will talk about the work of the Salvation Army. Please feel free to join us at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall.

Sunday Music

Folk singers and musicians now meet on the first Sunday of each month in the Lanchester Club Bar. All are welcome to join in, play, or be our audience! We usually start at 8.30 pm. See you the next time!
Ian Tute

The Friends' Office Tel 0191 3845266, the Gala Theatre booking office 03000 266600 (online at www.galadurham.co.uk/book-online/?webeventid=3293) and at the door on the night.



Rendezvous Jazz

TENNIS continued from back page

After a delayed start due to wet weather, all players enjoyed and looked forward to the sessions. The new course starts on Friday 30th June from 1.30 to 2.30 pm (6 weeks) on the grass courts on Ford Road. Booking is

essential as places are limited.

If you wish to book a place or require any other information about the tennis club, please contact Dennis Laycock on 07960494442 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com for full details.

BOWLING continued from back page

We have over the years struggled to get people to play on Wednesday evenings but now we have a team of enthusiastic players and this result against one of the best clubs was a real boost. Our Saturday team

is also doing well with wins over View Lane (Stanley) and White-le-Head. I must also compliment the Tuesday team which has a number of new bowlers in its ranks on their win over South Moor.

CRICKET NEWS

It's been a right mixed bag for the firsts over the four weeks. They featured in a tie with league leaders Swalwell, both sides scoring 174 with Kieron Taylor scoring the run off the final ball to earn a share of the points. Then there were two low scoring defeats against Shotley Bridge and Tynedale in rain affected conditions and an easy win over Ponteland. They currently occupy fourth spot and are hoping for better.

The seconds have had two games rained off as well being in a great position against Shotley when the storm struck. The one game that they completed was a comfortable win over Ponteland with Jonathan Hames making 87 not out. Things are certainly looking brighter for the seconds after a poor start.

The thirds have had three games, winning two and losing to Fenham Falcons. The win over Shotley Bridge

saw teenager David Selby score a maiden century, finishing on 138 out of a team score of 265-6. This was then followed up with a two wicket win at Littleton in the first ever game between the two clubs. 12 year old Charlie McPhail has taken wickets in each of the three games.

The under 18s have beaten Lintz and Greenside but lost to Burnopfield and Tynedale and will struggle to retain their title.

The under 15s beat Whickham and lost at Greenside with two rained off.

The under 13s have won all their games in the past month, most of them with ease, however their last win over Shotley was by the finest margin of one run. They currently sit second in the league.

The under 11s have won their three matches too and sit proudly on top of the table despite having five different players from last season.

'SIZZLING' BARBECUE AT THE TENNIS CLUB

Not only the meat was sizzling at the Tennis Club Barbecue on Saturday 17th June, but the weather was wonderful for an outdoor event. A beautiful hot day saw a terrific turnout of members and friends who enjoyed the excellent food provided by the ladies of the social committee and the courts were available for players of all ages to enjoy a game or two. The next social function will be the

Strawberry Tea on Sunday 9th July. Let's hope for the same great weather. **'Over 35's' free tennis** The free tennis course provided by the club and funded by 'Seniors GB' has been a tremendous success. This is the first venture of its kind at the club and has been well supported by players who are new to the game or returning to play after a lengthy absence.

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The recent participants in the 'Over 35s free tennis' course. Not in the picture is head coach Sam Stokoe, as he was behind the camera!

UP FOR THE CUP



Bowlers in action during the match between Lanchester and White-le-Head on a wonderfully warm Saturday afternoon.

Lanchester Bowling Club has made it into the semi-final of the League Cup with convincing wins over White-le-Head and Consett Park. This is a tough competition and we have progressed further than we have for many a year.

I am tempted to say the biggest bowling winner in the last month was the weather. We have certainly seen a varied mix. Some matches were

cancelled as the green resembled a boating lake but on other days we had bowlers flaking out in the heat. Fortunately our green drains well and we are currently experiencing some of the fastest rinks we have had for a long time.

Our other results are, as usual, up and down. The talk of the club was a 4-4 draw for our Wednesday team against Leadgate.

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DON'T BOTCH YOUR BALSAM

Perhaps Pick YOUR Patch?

It is heartening to notice people have been pulling Balsam between Lanchester and Malton, in addition to Lanchester Wildlife Group organised

events - THANK YOU. Please make sure it is Balsam as other plants look a bit similar and can have pink flowers. Balsam starts to flower at the end of June through to September, it has non-hairy, fleshy

stems which if pinched 'squish' as they have lots of water in the stem. Pick YOUR Patch - why not choose your own special place to remove ALL the Balsam. Mark out a place with Balsam

growing eg between two trees along 'the line' or 100 footsteps alongside a path. Try to remove ALL the Balsam (because one plant can produce many, many seeds and you'll be back to square one next

year). We can't clear all the Balsam, but we can keep a few patches completely free to allow our natural plants to thrive. It's fun and after a few years you can be proud you've kept it clear!



Pictures illustrating the Himalayan Balsam before and after flowering.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 18th July.

The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 14th July.

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