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POSTCODE LOTTERY WINNERS CELEBRATE IN STYLE



The lucky winners of the Postcode Lottery holding their cheques at the presentation in the grounds of Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester. See article on page 3.

REMEMBRANCE AT LYNWOOD HOUSE



Year 3 pupils from All Saints' RC Primary School, dressed in period costume, giving a wonderful rendition of the Vera Lynn classic 'We'll Meet Again' at the end of their visit to Lynwood House. See story page 5.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

Our Group wishes to thank all those who supported the recent Swish event, including the Red Cross Charity shop for the loan of clothes rails and for accepting the surplus items.

The clothes swap was, as usual, a great success, raising £171.89 for the church's nominated charities: Health & Hope and Christians against Poverty.

The next fundraiser, a festive tea, is to be held on Friday 15th December 2-4 pm in the Methodist Church. Tickets at £5.00 are available now. Contact 01207 520817.

Lanchester Methodist Church Wives & Friends Group

Dear Village Voice

The picture below was taken at Malton. A very inconsiderate dog owner cleared up their dogs' (2 bags) waste, and left the plastic bags on the path, no doubt either for it to remain there indefinitely or for someone else to remove.



The plastic bag of dog waste left on the path.

Apology

Unfortunately there was an error in last month's paper. The name of the baby pictured on page 8 should have been given

It is unfortunately a very common occurrence. It is difficult to imagine why someone would be responsible and clear up after their dog(s) but then leave a plastic bag, which will not bio-degrade and is an eyesore for the rest of us, as someone else's responsibility, especially when there are bins there for the purpose.

K Anderson

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Crisis thanks the people of Lanchester

A huge thank you to everyone in Lanchester who has contributed to what has become an amazing collection for Crisis this Christmas. Crisis provides services to the homeless, vulnerable and isolated opening their doors throughout the festive period.

What started out as a relatively small collection with some work colleagues at Mental Health Concern in Newcastle became much more when it was embraced by a number of Lanchester residents. To name a few, Andrea Stoddart and the Cuppa and Chat group are doing a great job of collecting toiletries, gloves, hats, sweets etc. Margaret from Lilydale

Pets has a box in store to collect for the doggie friends of the homeless ... it is Christmas after all! Someone even took the time to crochet some blankets. Numerous other donations have come in from friends and neighbours.

We are still collecting until Sunday 10th December at which point they will be taken to a collection point.

Should anyone wish to donate or have any raffle prizes we could use please contact Justine on 07957254715, alternatively they can be dropped off with Andrea Stoddart at the Cuppa and Chat group who meet at the RC Parish Centre on Tuesdays, 1.30 till 3.00. *Justine Harrison*

Birthday thank you

A big thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, gifts and good wishes I received for my birthday. Also to Tracey and her team for the wonderful surprise party. Thank you so much with love to you all. *Marjorie Gray*
Red Cross shop

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LANCHESTER HITS POSTCODE LOTTERY JACKPOT

More than 200 Lanchester and Burnhope households can look forward to a bumper Christmas after picking up thousands of pounds in the postcode lottery.

A total of 244 residents won at least £9,073 as part of a £3m prize pot. Those in the DH7 0 postcode area who had more than one ticket in the draw won twice or thrice that amount, depending on how many tickets they had.

Excitement was intense at a Postcode Millions event at a marquee in the grounds of Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester, when coaches ferried lucky

winners to the event. Glasses of bubbly were handed out and there was an air of expectancy before the result of the draw was announced.

Most residents seemed to expect to win a prize of around £3,000, so to win three times that amount was a wonderful surprise. But the full winning postcode, DH7 0QL was Ornsby Hill, enabling two residents there to win a jackpot of £270,489 each.

One of the jackpot winners, Jean Bambrough, 69, a retired NVQ trainer, who was at the event with Brian, her husband of 47 years, said: "We've been thinking of upgrading our car so we are off to the



Jean Bambrough, one of the lucky winners, with her husband Brian

Jaguar garage this afternoon to pick out a new one."

The other winner was Alan Foster, 71, who said: "I'm

absolutely stunned. I am going to frame my cheque and put it on the wall."

Jeff Purdy, who won £9,073, said it was "a lot more" than he was expecting. "I'm going to buy an apartment in Benidorm with my winnings," he told the crowd present in the marquee.

Wendy Robinson, who works at the fruit shop in the village, also won £9,073 and said she was "delighted" to have won so much.

The event was hosted by People's Postcode Lottery Ambassadors Judie McCourt, originally from Consett, and Matt Johnson. *Neil McKay*



Alan Foster receiving his cheque from Postcode Lottery Ambassador Judie McCourt, originally from Consett.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was very cold on Remembrance Sunday when people gathered on the village green for the service of Remembrance, but that was a small suffering compared to the suffering of all those men and women who fought and died in the first and second World Wars.

It is always a very poignant scene. The list of lives lost from the community in the First World War is very long and must have depleted the community of Lanchester greatly. It was clear too, when the names were read out, that many families lost more than one family member. The list from the Second World War was shorter, but the devastation for each family would be the same. The last two names from our community would be more familiar to some, Stewart Ian Laing

(Falklands War) and Gavin Peacock, killed in active service.

It really is a privilege to honour these courageous men and women and to show our appreciation for giving their lives so that we may be free to live our lives as we wish. The service also makes us very aware that violence and man's inhumanity to man solves absolutely nothing. It is love for our fellowman that unites us all. Our village community has many, many people who love and serve it in all sorts of ways and we can be proud of that.

Wreaths were taken up to and placed on the war memorial by a number of people representing the different organisations found in our community, including The Boys' Brigade, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, The Red Cross, The Women's

Institute, The Parish Council, The Mothers' Union, local MP Laura Pidcock.

The four leaders of our village churches, Father Cornelius O'Connor, Reverend Rupert Kalus, Reverend Ali Miller and Reverend Stuart Earl led the service and the appropriate hymns were accompanied by Lanchester Brass Band. 'The Last Post' was sensitively and ably played by Mr Mark Draper.

At the end of the service people left to attend their own churches, or to make their way home, reflecting on the great sacrifices that were made by past residents of Lanchester. We will never forget.

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Brenda Craddock



A large crowd gathered for the Remembrance service on the village green.



Representatives of the Brownies and Guides lay a wreath on the war memorial.

REMEMBRANCE EVENT WITH ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL

This is the time of the year when we remember those who have been involved in conflicts over the last century. Pupils in Year 3 of All Saints' Catholic School had prepared a performance of a play about the Second World War and evacuation. Many children and young people were taken from our towns and cities and sent into the more rural areas for their protection. Many of the residents of Lynwood House can well remember the war and they were an appreciative and interested audience as the children, dressed in period costume, acted out the story of evacuees, sent away from home and into a strange new life far away, and waiting to be chosen to join a new family. The adults joined with the youngsters in singing 'We'll Meet Again.'

It's always magical for children to meet someone from a past time they



have been studying and Margaret Rigden was a real link with that long ago war, having been evacuated into rural Wales with her sister. Margaret is a resident of Lynwood House and enjoyed sharing her memories with the children.

All generations enjoyed a lovely afternoon of memories together.



Above, Year 3 All Saints' students perform their 'Evacuation' play at Lynwood House.

Our photo on the left shows Margaret Rigden (seated on the right) with her friend. Margaret shared her own wartime memories with the children.

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ST BEDE'S STUDENTS CELEBRATE SCIENCE

On Tuesday 24th October, 11 pupils from St Bede's School, Miss White and Mr Lambert spent a day of their half term holidays working with Durham University for the Celebrate Science event. This free 3-day event saw visitors from all over the country visiting Durham to learn more about Science and recent Science discoveries. Our Science Ambassadors were chosen to present alongside the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Physics and established Durham Professors.

The morning went very quickly and visitors young and old were taught by our pupils about friction and the Electromagnetic Spectrum. The girls represented the school brilliantly as well as building their own confidence in leading the practicals. There was even a chance to see a Planetarium Show! We cannot wait for next year and hope to see you all there.



Students from St Bede's having a brilliant time at the Celebrate Science event held in Durham.

THE LANCHESTER DIPLOMA Britain's first complete Roman fleet diploma

Found in 2016 by metal detectorist Mark Houston near Lanchester, this is the first complete Fleet Diploma to be discovered in the country and reveals the identity of one of Britain's first named sailors. The diploma is made of a copper alloy and is now broken into 8 fragments, although it would have originally

consisted of 2 rectangular bronze plates which were attached together with metal wires. Roman Military Diplomas were the physical proof of rights granted to non-citizen soldiers to mark their honourable discharge on retirement after 26 years of service. This diploma was issued by the Emperor Antoninus Pius (AD 138-

161) to Tigernus (Velvotigernus), a native of Lanchester, in around AD 150. The diploma granted him and his descendants Roman citizenship and the legal right of marriage. To earn the diploma he had served in the Classis Germanica - the Roman fleet in Germany, most likely for 26 years, before being honourably discharged on his retirement.

The diploma contains a wealth of information which is still being translated and researched, in particular by Dr Roger Tomlin of Oxford University who has carried out substantial work on

transcribing the Latin. The diploma not only provides information on governors, consuls, and commanders, such as the then Prefect of the German Fleet, Marcus Ulpius Ulpianus.

Mark brought the diploma to the attention of the Portable Antiquities Scheme, who were instrumental in its reporting, recording and identification. Mark was also keen that the diploma remained in the local area and worked with the Portable Antiquities

Scheme to allow it to be acquired by Durham University's Museum of Archaeology. The diploma has now been acquired and conserved at Durham University and is now on display at Durham University's Museum of Archaeology at Palace Green Library which is open Monday, 12-5 pm and Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am-5 pm. Admission to the museum is free. For more information, visit the website: www.dur.ac.uk/archaeology.museum

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Four pieces of the original diploma written on copper alloy. Photo: Durham University

PAWS FOR THOUGHT

Doggy Ancestors

It is always exciting to meet fellow dog owners on the cycle path. The easily struck conversation often moves to the breed of dog and whether there is a "bit of this, that or the other" dog breed in the ancestry of your favourite pet.

Well now, from the Durham Genome Centre in Park House, you can buy a DNA testing kit which can tell you which breed of dog you have: is it a cross with another dog or does it have a genetic

influence of other dogs hidden in its DNA?

Rachel Dickinson, Laboratory Manager, said "This test is a really interesting insight into a dog's heritage, it covers over 220 breeds of dog and enables us to trace your dog's 'breed' ancestry for the last three generations, that is, back to their great grandparents. On a practical note, this allows you to understand a dog's appearance, temperament, health and wellbeing."

For every Wisdom Panel dog DNA test we sell, we will be donating a tin of dog food to our local dog shelter. We have also started a collection of dog items such as beds, blankets, toys, food and treats which we will be donating to our local rescue charities in the run up to Christmas. If you have anything you wish to donate, please feel free to drop by our reception at the Durham Genome Centre, Park House.

PROJECT POPPIES 'Lest we Forget'

As part of Lanchester's 'Project Poppies', Eric Hepplewhite is taking the message into different organisations throughout the village. Next year to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1, over 2,500 poppies will be displayed in Lanchester. So far, local people have gladly joined Eric's Poppy workshops to make and paint the flowers. Residents from surrounding villages are also taking part and the younger generation are involved, with two workshops recently held at All Saints' RC school, and parents invited to join in the work. This is a true community effort, and a

worthy tribute to a generation who made their sacrifice in the conflict. After the second All Saints' workshop, Eric added "I was there with three helpers, Brian Naylor, Pam McNally and Eileen Brown and the total made just yesterday was a

mightily impressive 281. We all worked with years 4 and 5 last Tuesday and they made 211. 492 poppies made in total by the young students. "All the pupils were a joy to work with, polite, enthusiastic and very well behaved."



Students discover new facts and skills, as well as enjoying working with friends.

POLICE REPORT

This month we have been monitoring the area of the waterside behind Front Street following information that youths are congregating to consume drugs. Patrols have been carried out and no individuals have been located, however patrols will continue. This month we have received a few incidents of burglaries including an unoccupied address and outhouses. Can we please remind all residents to keep all outhouses, sheds and

garages locked at all times with no valuable items in clear view or any valuable items easy to gain access to. We have also received two reports whereby vehicles have been damaged, one on Deneside where a vehicle was keyed and the second on Alderdene whereby a vehicle was egged which has resulted in the paintwork being damaged. Can we ask that everyone remains vigilant and if you witness anything

suspicious, please contact Police via 101. On Saturday 25th November PCSO 6780 Cullen-Jackson and PC 2642 Darren Rogers will be attending the Christmas Light Switch On within the village. If you have any problems or concerns please come along and speak with officers. Alternatively you can telephone 101 or email lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk PCSO 6780 Lisa Cullen-Jackson

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LANCHESTER BRASS BAND WINS FIRST PLACE

There was great joy at the Stanley Entertainment Brass Band contest on Sunday, 22nd October. Lanchester Brass Band took first position! This was another cup for their increasing number of cups won this year. The latter includes cups won by members for their individual solo performances in several contests, namely Mr Gordon Wright, playing Euphonium and Miss Rebecca Draper playing Flugelhorn.

The band have been placed either 2nd or 3rd in each of the five contests they have entered this year and on the 22nd finally took first place, which is quite an achievement. The occasion however was tinged with sadness, because the conductor Mr Gareth Sykes who has been conducting the band since October 2016, and who has led them to success, has moved on

to conduct another band. He will be greatly missed and has been thanked for his great commitment and loyalty throughout the year and of course his hard work in bringing the band up to its present winning standard. An advertisement has gone out to find a replacement but in the meantime Mr Lewis Wilkinson, himself a very talented young man, who also conducts for another band, is standing in for us. He is well known to our band and very well respected, having conducted for us on previous occasions and



Hip, Hip, Hooray! Winners on the day, Sunday October 22nd.

we are very grateful to him.

On Saturday November 11th we gave a concert at Ushaw College and Lewis rehearsed and conducted us on that occasion (Canon Spence attended that concert). No doubt Lewis will be helping with some of our Christmas commitments, the next

being the switching on of the lights on the village green on November 25th, then at Beamish 2nd December. After that there will be the Willow Burn 'Light up a Life' service in St Bede's School on December 3rd. We will be entertaining at several Care Homes in the weeks leading up to

Christmas and we are giving a concert at St John's Church, Meadowfield, on Saturday December 9th. Our final Christmas offering will be our presence at 'Carols on the Green' on December 24th.

Happy Christmas!
Brenda Craddock

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AROUND EUROPE IN 15 MINUTES



European representatives with Headteacher Mrs Davis.

Lanchester EP, in partnership with Erasmus+, hosted a Transnational meeting on November 13th.

Organised by Headteacher Mrs Davis, 33 people from 10 European nations came together to teach students more about their cultures. Representatives from education in Turkey, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Spain, Greece, Cyprus, Poland and Finland were warmly welcomed into the school and each invited to share a little about where they were from as

well as teach pupils a few words in their native tongue.

The event was the start of a 2-day project that included guests rotating around the year groups and 4 exchange students from Spain and Turkey sharing what it's like to live and learn in their respective countries.

The project was part of a wider Erasmus+ programme that sees pupils pursue stimulating opportunities for learning across Europe, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Hannah Bunce



Italian representatives speak to the school.

COFFEE MORNING FOR 'STREETLIGHTS'

On October 25th a very successful coffee morning was held in the Chapter House of All Saints' Church, to raise money for 'Durham StreetLights'.

Durham StreetLights is a joint initiative of Durham churches, which aims to show God's love by offering practical and emotional support, to people on the streets at night and in the early hours of the morning. The churches work together with the police and Durham County Council. Similar schemes have been held in other UK cities and have led to very positive results with regard to

crime and anti-social behaviour, particularly in the vicinity of bars and clubs

'StreetLights' are volunteers, mainly from churches in Durham, who care for people and particularly young people, to help them to enjoy a safe evening out. Their work can be very varied and they carry with them a haversack containing items to deal with any emergency and they help people whoever they are and whatever their situation. All volunteers are over 18, CRB checked, interviewed and trained, and if you are interested in becoming a volunteer

or would like more information, telephone 0191 3038693. Mrs Sandy Jackson is a StreetLights volunteer, and knowing this, Mrs Margaret Brown offered to organise a coffee morning in support. This was a very fruitful morning, raising £354 for this very worthy cause. Sandy, dressed in her StreetLights uniform, gave a short interesting



Margaret, Sandy and fellow volunteer.

talk about her work as a volunteer and it was clear that the work obviously has its challenges, but is nevertheless very rewarding.

There was a raffle and some Christmas items for sale and the coffee morning was very much enjoyed by the many people who attended.

Brenda Craddock

LANCHESTER ART EXHIBITION

The array of talent available amongst members of Lanchester Art Group was there for visitors to marvel at during the group's annual exhibition. There were around 250 paintings on display from 30 different artists. Such was the interest among visitors to the exhibition in the village community centre that many were quickly snapped up as early Christmas presents. One of the first to be sold was Harry Carr's painting of a steam train travelling through Lanchester railway station in 1951.

But even if paintings were not actually bought they were universally admired. Many of the artists are retired, having taken up or resumed their hobby after giving up full-time work. One of those is Jim Richmond, from Croft Court, a talented painter whose work on display included watercolours of Whitby Harbour, the rooftops at Staithes with a trawler out at sea, and a view of Hexham. Jim explained how he had painted the rooftops of Staithes and the Cod and Lobster pub before deciding to add the



Jim Richmond in front of his work.

trawler - and the attendant seagulls - later. Chris Kelly's work was also amongst those

admired by visitors. His work included oil paintings of Lanchester Bowling Green and an atmospheric one of Lanchester in the mist, which he painted from a photograph he had taken 30 years earlier. The artists who displayed their work were: Malcolm Coils, Judy Lowther, Lesley Anderson, George Ellison, Alan Cummings, Maria Stanton, Gordon Reeve, Sylvia Turnbull,

Harry Carr, Margaret Walters, Olive Simpkins, Pamela Fry, Mary Patterson, Chris Davis, Jim Richmond, Audrey Temperley, Moyra Nicholson, Wendy Smith, Thelma Lovett, John P Gibson, Christine Gibson, Brian Stafford, Evelyn Potts, Ted Spears, Pat Wright, Ruby Moorhouse, Chris Kelly, Harry Turnbull, Marian Harkness, Mary Charlton and Joe Thackray.
Neil McKay



Visitors looking at the paintings.

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SPOOKY GOINGS ON AT THE CLUB!



Some members of Lanchester Social Club enjoying their first Halloween Night.

Lanchester Social Club kicked off their first Halloween Night with a room filled with many scary portraits, chains, decapitated limbs and strange characters. The Club has a new Committee and Steward who were keen to make something

of the night. Some Club members, staff as well as the entertainers were in costume to really set the mood. A good night was had by all who attended. The Club plans to make this an annual event. Bring on the Christmas Party night in December

with fancy dress costumes and Christmas jumpers welcome on Saturday 23rd to really get us all in the festive mood. Not forgetting the New Year's Day Entertainment including Karaoke - tickets on sale now.

HALLOWEEN MONSTERS

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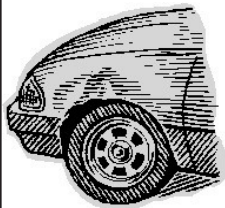
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THURSDAY CLUB



The journey begins

On 16th October we welcomed our own Olive Simpkins and her husband Sam who gave us a 'Flavour of Scandinavia and the Balkans'. Returning from a 4 week tour of the east coast of America, and thinking that this may be their last long distance holiday, a magazine was waiting for them from the Caravan Club with details of an organised caravan tour to Scandinavia and Russia. Deciding that they were good for another, Olive and Sam signed up. They set off on the ferry from North Shields to Amsterdam and the journey began, visiting Copenhagen,

Stockholm, Helsinki, Talinn, St Petersburg, Oslo, Gothenburg and Amsterdam. The stunning photography showed impressive buildings and palaces (both inside and out); the Palace and gardens in Peterhof, which had a fabulous water feature and fountains and were laid out on the orders of Peter the Great; Olive standing in the largest pair of clogs we have ever seen. Music featuring Abba, The Shadows, Tchaikovsky and more added perfectly to the programme and, would you believe, throughout the holiday only one day of mist and rain. Leaving

the caravans in Helsinki they boarded the train and arrived at St Petersburg for a 3 day hotel stay. Now Olive's experience would not have been complete without a visit to the ballet which she and Sam went to see in Empress Catherine's private auditorium in the Hermitage. After taking in 7 countries in 5 weeks, and making new friends along the way, they arrived home happy, a little tired but very pleased to have done it. Where to next??

The meeting ended with refreshments and a catch up. A jolly good evening.

Thursday Club Great North Air Ambulance Coffee Morning



A good turnout at the coffee morning in aid of the GN Air Ambulance.

On October 26th we held our coffee morning in the Small Hall of the Community Centre and found it to be a much comfier location than

the Dining Room - more spacious altogether. Ticket sales, a tombola, raffle and jewellery stall all helped raise £375.40

for the Air Ambulance funds. A good community effort all round and we thank everyone who made it possible.

PATIENTS GROUP NEEDS MEMBERS

Calling all patients of Lanchester Medical Centre - we need your help for new members to join the Patients Participation Group. We hold meetings once every two months (5 times a year) and the time per meeting is about 2 hours. We help advise the community on current medical needs, help the surgery overcome issues and advise on items that are of concern. We are hold our AGM on 6th December 2017, please come along and see us. To join contact me, g.r.blake@outlook.com or the surgery.

Antibiotics are a precious resource but antibiotic resistance is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Why it is relevant to you
Without effective antibiotics many treatments will become increasingly dangerous. Settling broken bones, basic operations, even chemotherapy and animal health rely on access to antibiotics that work. To slow resistance we need to cut the unnecessary use of antibiotics

Getting better without using antibiotics
The best way to treat most colds, coughs and sore throats is to drink plenty of fluids and to rest. Colds can last about two weeks and may end with a cough and bringing up phlegm. There are many over the counter

ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS

remedies to ease the symptoms - Paracetamol, for example.

It is very common for children to get coughs and cold, especially when they go to school and mix with other children. All colds and most coughs and sore throats are caused by viruses. Antibiotics do not work against infections, caused by viruses. Viral infections are much more common than bacterial infections.

What are antibiotics?

Antibiotics are important medicines used to treat infections caused by bacteria. Bacteria can adapt and find ways to survive the effects of an antibiotic. They become 'antibiotic resistant' so the antibiotic no longer works. The more often we use an antibiotic, the more likely it is that bacteria will become resistant to it. Some

bacteria that cause infections in hospitals, such as MRSA, are resistant to several antibiotics.

Making a Difference

To slow antibiotic resistance, we need to cut the unnecessary use of antibiotics. The World Health Organisation invites members of the public to make better use of antibiotics and help save these vital medicines from becoming obsolete by making the following pledge.

The Pledge

* For infections that our bodies are good at fighting off on their own, like coughs, colds, sore throats and flu, I pledge to try treating the symptoms for five days rather than coming to the GP.

* Sing the ABC song when washing our hands with soap and water. Washing hands properly (at least 30 seconds), especially before eating, is the single best way to prevent the spread of infections and keep your family healthy.

* If anyone in my family is prescribed antibiotics, I will ensure they are taken exactly as prescribed and never shared with others.

* If the NHS offers a flu vaccination for individuals in my family, we pledge to accept.

* Remember, your doctor will only prescribe antibiotics when you need them. By not using them unnecessarily, they are more likely to work when do you need them.

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Do you feel lonely or isolated? Many of us will feel lonely at some point in our lives. Right now, over nine million people across the UK regularly feel lonely. There are many reasons why we may start to feel like this. They include coping with the loss of a loved one, difficulties getting around or adjusting to

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LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY NOVEMBER

The Story of Charles Attwood

How Tow Law's population grew to over 5000 in just 6 years by 1847.

'Tow Law stands on an exposed hilltop on the edge of the Pennines. Until 1841, there was no settlement there, only a single home, Tow Law House. Yet just 6 years later, it could boast a population of over 2000 which would grow by the year 1880 to 5000 people!' An impressive statistic by itself - all the more remarkable that it was largely because of the activities of just one man, Charles Attwood (1791-1875). We're all familiar with this area's rich steel heritage and the many engineers born and bred in the North East. But what about Charles Attwood, Industrialist, Entrepreneur, Inventor, Benefactor... and the very important role that Tow Law played in the history of steel?

Born near Halesowen, to Mattias and Ann Attwood, and the 6th of 7 sons, the family were involved in the West

Midlands iron industry. Charles' brothers were in banking, metals and glass making. Charles was always destined to make his own way in life. Firstly, he bought into a small glass factory at Saltmeadows, Gateshead (1810), before a protracted 10 year legal action crippled him financially at a time when he was patenting a process for producing clearer glass. In 1834 he started a soap and alkali business before establishing The Weardale Iron Company, financially controlled by Barings Brothers. By 1846, he had established an iron making plant and houses for workers on the edge of the Durham coalfield (coal came from nearby collieries - Black Prince, Royal George and West Edward) at Tow Law, followed by Tudhoe (1852).

He continued to experiment with steel making processes, installed Bessemer converters, blast furnaces, exhibited at the 1862 London Exhibition,

and patented a process for casting steel (1862), important for making castings in the shipbuilding and munitions industries. Steel was also much in demand for the railways. 1864 saw him build his Wolsingham Stanners Closes Works (closed 1984).

He built his home Hollywood House in Wolsingham in 1862 before retiring in 1865 where he lived until his death in 1875, having made his fortune and leaving an estate worth over £180,000. His tomb is at Wolsingham Church. So the next time you're keen to pass through Tow Law all too quickly, spare a thought for Charles, and why not look up the listed Attwood Place, in Ironworks Road and try to find the remains of the Inkerman Coke Ovens.

One final fact - the cannonballs used in the Crimean War (1853-56) were made from Tow Law iron!



Hollywood House in Wolsingham, the home of Charles Attwood.

RACHEL FLIES HIGH WITH NEW CD

Teacher and Musician Rachel Church has realised a CD of pre-school children's songs in a bid to get parents and carers to play traditional tunes and rhymes.

Rachel - who runs the Musitots groups at All Saints' RC Parish Centre, sessions that expose children to live music and

encourages them to think creatively - made the Fly High album with her now husband Ben, a professional musician.

To find out more about the CD visit musitots.com or [facebook.com/musitots](https://www.facebook.com/musitots). The CD is also available to buy at Ushaw College gift shop.

Hannah Bunce



Rachel Church (née Purcell)

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Year 3 students at All Saints' Primary enjoyed a non-uniform day just before their half-term break.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LANCHESTER WI!

Lanchester WI celebrate their birthday in November, and every year, we mark the occasion with an outing to some interesting destination, a celebratory meal and a day of companionship and enjoyment. This year we were bound for Langley Castle in Northumberland and we set off on a cold day, but in brilliant sunlight. We

all enjoyed seeing the beautiful autumn colours of the countryside and when we arrived at the castle, we were looking forward to the coffee and biscuits waiting for us. Langley Castle is a restored medieval tower house, close to Haydon Bridge. We toured the castle, hearing some of the history and stories of Langley, right from the early days of the region when it

was part of the Celtic Kingdom of the Brigantes, before eventually becoming part of the mighty Roman Empire. An informative visual presentation described how the castle was built in the mid 14th century by Sir Thomas de Lucy, one of King Edward III's favourite knights. Sir Thomas was married to Maud de Lucy, who threw

herself out of a window after hearing of his death at the battle of Shrewsbury. Lady Maud is said to haunt their home, as the 'Grey Lady'. During the 17th century, the Langley estates became the property of the Earls of Derwentwater. James was involved in the first Jacobite rising of 1745 and was beheaded. His brother Charles was also executed 40 years later, for similar involvement. A stone cross has been erected on the road from Haydon Bridge, recalling the tragic family. We were told of the turbulent history of the area, when the Border Reivers terrorised the lands and how the northern territory

was constantly fought over for centuries. In 1882, a local historian Cadwallader Bates purchased the now ruined castle and restored the structure. After his death, his wife took over the work until her death in 1933. In the Second World War, the building became a barracks, then a girls' boarding school in the '50s. In the 1970s and '80s, medieval banquets were held and in 1986, Langley Castle became a luxurious hotel, with J K Rowling staying here when she needed inspiration for one of her books.

We enjoyed a lovely lunch in the beautiful dining room and headed home, tired but happy.



Our birthday lunch at Langley Castle.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last time out we stayed close to home, going down to Knitsley Mill. We hadn't booked and were very lucky to be accommodated as 2 large parties had arrived just before we did. Pauline kindly elongated the oblong table for us so that we could all sit together and we found it most comfortable - we shall ask for that in future when we go back.

It didn't take long for us to be nicely settled and viewing the menu. The special set menu of 2 courses for £9.95 is really good value. A new wine menu gives more choice for folks just wanting wine by the glass.

Food isn't instant at Knitsley Mill and with all the folks who had come in just before us we had quite a wait but, when your food does arrive you know it has been freshly prepared and cooked - and it always tastes delicious - and while you wait you're in lovely comfy, warm surroundings and in our case, having a really good natter about - well, life, the universe and everything!

We sampled for mains Trout, green beans and sauté potatoes, Black and blue Stilton cheeseburger with a balsamic glaze, red onion caramelised coleslaw and salad, New Orleans cheddar cheeseburger with Cajun

onion rings and bbq sauce, Beef lasagne with garlic bread and salad, Slow cooked pork belly with bubble and squeak mash and black pudding croquette with apple cider sauce and Herb crusted salmon with sautéed potatoes, garden peas and mint gravy. Puds were Sticky toffee pudding, Eton mess and ice cream (and if you're really full but can't resist a pud and the sticky toffee pud is very difficult to resist - they do half portions!)

We had a lovely lunch. We absolutely love Knitsley Mill and of course - we will be back!

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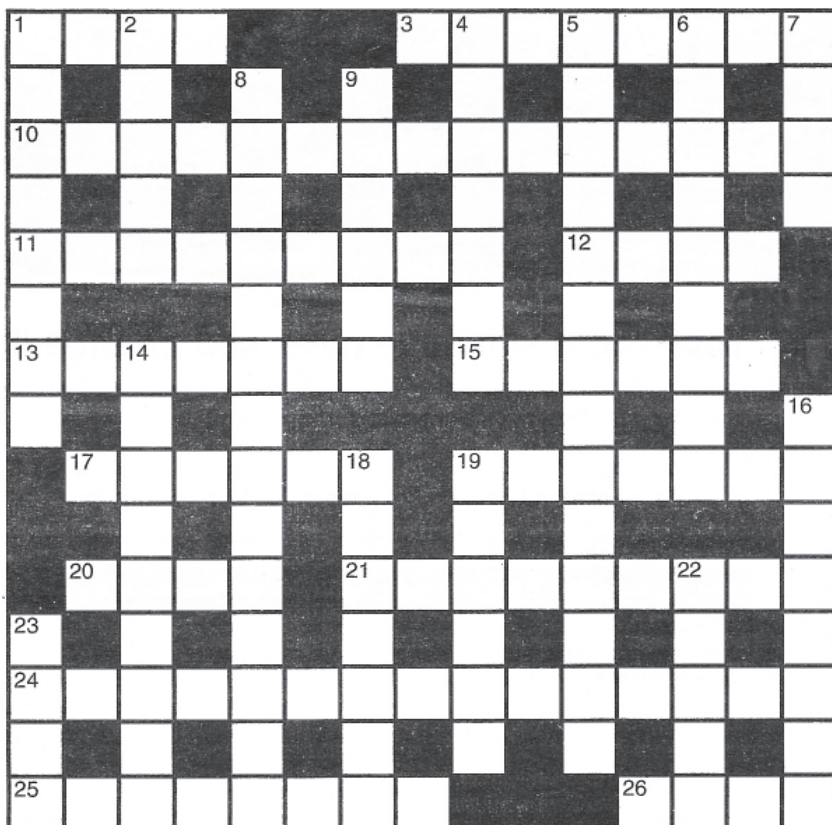
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CROSSWORD 139



ACROSS

1. Dunked food (4)
3. Capital of Uzbekistan (8)
10. And finally (4,3,3,5)
11. Home of Quasimodo (5,4)
12. Drug addict (4)
13. Carry out (7)
15. Buckler (6)
17. Buoyant (6)
19. Abrasive cleaner (7)
20. Man covered in samosa! (4)
21. Genuine (9)
24. Sought after specimens (10,5)
25. Sea, truer source of riches (8)
26. Alpine footwear? (4)

DOWN

1. Fragment (8)
2. Postulate from composition (5)
4. Expiators (7)
5. Perception warping (14)
6. Artist using coloured glassy material (9)
7. Nips (4)
8. Servility (14)
9. Relaxed (2,4)
14. With one's close relatives in France? (2,7)
16. Spring flowers (8)
18. Turncoat (7)
19. Mockery (6)
22. Adjust (5)
23. Type of jazz singing from cats! (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 138

ACROSS

8. timepiece
9. itch
10. aphorism
11. pliant
12. of necessity
16. reactor
17. empathy
18. inopportune
22. scroll
24. reliance
25. fish
26. caterwaul

DOWN

1. stupefied
2. impotence
3. upside down
4. Seamus
5. keep
6. licit
7. scant
13. tomfoolery
14. Balthazar
15. phone-call
19. parity
20. acrid
21. bothy
23. luck

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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 138

There were 18 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Mary Hole of Lee Hill Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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

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TENNIS DINNER CLOSES A BUSY 2017 SEASON

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club rounded off a very busy and successful year with a dinner at Ravello's restaurant in the village. A good turnout of members, old and new, enjoyed wonderful food and drink with a quiz thrown in for good measure. It has been another busy year for the club with the Great British Tennis Weekend in May and several social events throughout the summer.

Although the club did not enter teams in the local leagues this year, the tournaments, Ladies', Men's and Mixed doubles, were played competitively and congratulations to all the winners. The junior section has continued to thrive with coaching sessions lively with the under 8 year olds especially keeping head coach Sam Stokoe and assistant coach Dennis Laycock on their toes.

Following funding from the Lawn Tennis Association, an over 35s coaching course was held on Friday afternoons. This proved very popular with several participants going on to take up membership in 2017. Our final award of the season had an international flavour, apart from the Italian food! Hailing from Houston, Texas, Jenifer Davies was

awarded the Most Improved Player trophy. This is awarded to the person who, the committee think, has not only improved in tennis, but also involved themselves in the running of the club itself. As the photograph on the back page shows, Jenifer was delighted to receive one of the oldest trophies that the club awards stating that "my

mother will be proud as it's the first sporting trophy I've ever won!" Coaching continues in Croft View Hall on Monday evenings for the under 8s and 'Touch Tennis' on Tuesday nights for adults. If you would like further information about the tennis club, please contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

FLOOD RISK IN LANCHESTER

There are over 4,000 properties at risk from river flooding across Durham & Darlington's constituencies, however fewer than 54% of properties are signed up to receive alerts and warnings in areas where the free Flood Warning Service is available.

There are also approximately 10,000 properties at risk from surface water flooding which can occur rapidly without warning. Anna Caygill is the new Durham & Darlington Community Engagement Officer. Anna is working on behalf of the Environment Agency

and the Durham & Darlington Civil Contingencies Unit (CCU) to increase flood resilience in areas at risk of flooding. She will be taking part in various Community Engagement activities aimed at keeping people safer during flooding. These activities are aimed at the community, businesses and youth. If you have any advice or ideas for your community you can contact Anna at anna.caygill@environment-agency.gov.uk or 07867 372639.

What you can do now?

- * Check if you are at risk of flooding
- * Sign up to receive free flood warnings
- * Make a checklist of things you can take with you
- * Check to see if your insurance covers flooding
- * Know how to turn off gas, electricity and water supplies
- * Chat to friends and neighbours about how you could help each other
- * Check if needed to make sure you are on

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- * Create a community plan/know your community plan.

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WHAT'S ON?

Lanchester WI in December

Our next meeting on Monday December 4th is our usual Members' Christmas Party Night, an evening of sharing festive fun, food and laughter, a very popular event and we look forward to seeing all our members on that occasion. We share a faith supper, so please remember to bring something savoury or sweet to share and we will, as always, enjoy the company of Lanchester Male Voice Choir.

Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Monday January 8th, when our speaker will be Jane Davis, Head Teacher of the village EP school. Members are kindly reminded that subscriptions for 2018 will also be due at the meeting.

Rhythm not Blues

You are invited to Rhythm not Blues every Monday excluding Bank Holidays. A group of friendly volunteers will welcome all, including those with memory problems, long term illness or perhaps feeling isolated, together with family and/or carers to enjoy an hour of singing and fun. 2.00pm Cafe opens for tea and coffee. 2.30pm to 3.30pm Singing, perhaps a dance and a lot of laughter. Enquiries to Kath on 07825 155009. Lessons £2 per person. Rhythm not Blues is held at Chester le Street Community Association, Newcastle Road, Chester le Street DH3 3TS.

Lanchester Library

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

Lanchester Methodist Church

Wives & Friends Group, Festive Programme

Saturday 9th December 10.00 am - noon

Coffee morning. Christmas Gift Stall in aid of Henry Dancer Days.

Wednesday 13th December 7.30pm

Advent worship led by Janet Arbon, followed by refreshments.

Friday 15th December 2.00 pm - 4.00pm

Festive tea. Come and enjoy home baked treats with friends and support worthwhile charities at the same time. Tickets £5. Contact 520817.

Our fortnightly meetings resume on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 7.30 pm, with an evening of entertainment by a local drama/music group '1 in 7'.

Everyone is assured of a warm welcome to our events and meetings.

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 December 12th, 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House. A driver will collect you and take you home. 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. Call Jo: 07969 454815.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 6th December at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

'Bus'sing Christmas Lunch

A buffet lunch to raise funds for our much needed village bus will be held on Thursday 7th December at Lynwood House. On offer are turkey and ham sandwiches, Pigs in blankets, cheese etc and of course mince pies and Christmas cake. To finish off there is apple pie and custard and unlimited tea and coffee. We will also have a tombola and raffle including hamper and a beautiful painting of All Saints' Church. Tickets cost £3.50 and are available from Luke the bus driver, Red Cross shop, Marie Harrison and Karin Bravington. Please come along and support the bus.

Christmas Lights Switch-On

Lanchester Parish Council wish to announce that the Christmas Lights Switch-On will be performed by Canon Robert Spence assisted by children from Lanchester EP Primary School and Lanchester All Saints' Primary School on Saturday 25th November on the Village Green.

Refreshments and Christmas carols from 5.30 pm, lights to be switched on at 6.00 pm. Christmas carols by Lanchester Brass Band and Lanchester Choral and Operatic Society. Mulled wine ~ sweets ~ cakes ~ mince pies. Please join us.

Mothers' Union

The meeting on Wednesday 13th December is the Advent Evening, meeting in the Chapter House and going into church for 7.30 pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

The Paradiso Social Club

The Christmas Social will be held on Sunday December 10th in the Main Hall of the Community Centre at 7 pm. There will be a DVD sale of some of the films we have screened over the last year; these may be handy for Christmas stocking presents! As usual there will be refreshments, a raffle and the screening of a film. The film we will be showing is 'THE SAPPHIRES'.

This is billed as a comedy not to be missed - "A quartet of talented but naive singers are discovered and transformed by Dave, a kind-hearted scout with very little rhythm but a passion for soul music. Plucked from obscurity, the Sapphires' career takes off, but their friendships are threatened as their success grows. Based on a true story, The Sapphires is an uplifting and hilarious journey of discovery, love and music". This will get us in the Christmas spirit.

All are welcome. Entry with tickets: £2.50 members £3.50 occasional visitors £2 young persons. The ticket covers raffle, refreshments and the film.

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be on Monday 11th December at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall. Our guest speaker is Sharon, a friend of one of our members, and she will be demonstrating how to make some of the craft items she sells at local events. Please come and join us for a fun evening followed by a shared supper. Linda Horn, President

Library Book Club

Monday Club

On Monday 18th December from 2.30 to 3.30 pm the group will be reviewing 'Thursdays in the Park'. Different Amazon reviewers say "it is heart warming and entertaining, a surprising good read" and "something for an under-served market". If you like the sound of this book or have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy from the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thursday Club

On Thursday 21st December from 5.30-6.30, the group will be reviewing 'The Last Runaway' by Tracey Chevalier. The Monday group gave this book a high score, "a rich, well researched novel - it's the story of one young woman becoming an American". If you would like to join this new group, pick up the book at the library and we will see you there.

CHATTERBOOKS

A READING GROUP FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS. December 11th from 3.45-4.30 pm.

Come along to the library to read and take part in activities relating to popular children's books. We have covered Where's Wally, Horrid Henry, Dirty Bertie, so what is the next book?

This is a national scheme for children who love reading and those who need help to get involved in the joy of reading; it will also introduce new authors.

Children under 5 will have to have a carer present. Places are limited so please contact Zena or the other Librarians at the library on 03000 269514, or email lanchester.lib@durham.gov.uk

Lanchester Red Cross

We are having a Festive Afternoon Tea, Tuesday 5th December 2.00 pm in Lynwood House. Tickets are £7.50 each available in the Red Cross shop. Come along and enjoy homemade food, and good company.

Sunday Music

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

Lanchester Community Orchard

Saturday 9th December, 9.30-12. Workday at the orchard at Margery Flatts, top of Newbiggen Lane. Tools provided but bring flask and warm clothes. Tuesday 19th December 7.30-9.00 pm, Planning meeting in the Black Bull Lounge. New members welcome.

Musical Minis

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

Lanchester Writers

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

Wildlife Group

On 12th December we have our AGM and Wildlife Quiz. Meet at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre dining room.

Knit and Natter

Come and join us at Lanchester Library on the first Thursday of every month between 10.00 and 11.30 am.

Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 14th December.

Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon 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.

Local History Society

Subject: Christmas Quiz with Cheese and Wine
Date: December 1st
Time: 7pm
Venue: Lanchester Community Centre
A social evening for members and visitors with a light-hearted quiz. Visitors are always welcome (£3). For more information about the History Society, contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Thursday Club

Our next meeting at 1.30 pm on 14th December (second Thursday) we will have a short talk from a Financial Advisor followed by a demonstration for a Christmas centrepiece. Why don't you bring along your oasis, greenery and flowers and join in. Membership £12 will be taken at this meeting and 2018 programmes issued.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 7th December 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

SATLEY WI

On Monday 13th November I welcomed 15 members and our visiting WI Advisor, Tina Bickerdike, to our AGM. The minutes of the last meeting were read together with correspondence we had received. We have submitted our entry for the 2018 darts competition and the team remains in situ following their success this year. As December is such a busy month we have decided to celebrate the year end in January with a return visit to The Punchbowl in Satley. Our committee will celebrate a successful

year with a meal at Crinnions next week.

The points we have received in the monthly competitions during the year were added together and our 2017 champion is Avril Carpenter. Avril was presented with her trophy by last year's winner, Joan Smith, and a sleigh filled with flowers by myself. The runner up prize was presented to Linda Horn and third prize to Joan Smith.

The raffles were won by Kathleen Snowden and Linda Butterfield.

Carolyn delivered our financial statement and Aldwyn presented the committee's report. I then

delivered my President's report in which I thanked the committee for their hard work during the year. All reports were adopted by all members. Tina then supervised my re-election as President. She then entertained us with some interesting facts about our Durham Federation of Women's Institutes and confirmed that membership is increasing across the county. I thanked her for coming and presented her with a poinsettia.

The meeting was rounded off with a lovely supper which had been provided by all members. *Linda Horn, President*

Sunday Bridge

Come along to the Community Centre on 3rd December at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 10th December at RSPB Saltholme. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Spicy Sweetcorn Soup

With the clocks changing, it suddenly feels that winter is almost with us. In cold, damp weather, I think soup is one of the most comforting foods you can enjoy. This one is homely and hearty, really simple to make and possessing quite a kick. This serves 4.

YOU NEED...
Knob of butter and 2 tbsp olive oil, for cooking
1 small red onion, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 sticks celery, finely chopped
1 red chilli, finely chopped
Half yellow pepper, chopped
500 ml vegetable stock

340 g tin sweetcorn, drained and rinsed
400 ml tin coconut milk
METHOD

1) In a large saucepan, gently melt the butter in the oil, then add the onion, garlic, celery, chilli and pepper and sweat until soft, 5-10 minutes. Add the vegetable stock and sweetcorn, bring to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 5 minutes.

2) Purée the soup, using a liquidizer or hand-held blender (allow the soup to cool slightly first to avoid being splashed with hot soup!) then stir in the coconut milk. Season to taste and gently reheat to serve.

CHRISTMAS GIN FESTIVAL

Just a reminder that the two, one night gin festivals will be held on Friday 8th and Friday 15th December at Lanchester Cricket Club. The events are set to start at 6.30 both nights. All tickets are sold and there will be no entry without a ticket. Attendees will get a glass and a programme outlining the gins available and a recommendation about the type of mixer to have with your choice. There will be a barman who knows his gins, to help

you if you are stuck and can't decide what to have. You can try out our new furniture purchased as the season ended. The furniture was achieved as a result of a combination of money raised from the Beer Festival and a small grant. We are hoping to have some food with a seasonal theme, available to buy if you so wish and the club will be decorated for Christmas. At present we don't have a card machine so make sure you bring

plenty of cash, but we are working on getting one if we can. Tickets for our fantastic Christmas draw will be available and like previous years, we will be bundling items together to create some excellent prizes. The draw will take place on Friday 22nd December so you can have the items just in time for Christmas. It just remains to say that we hope that you enjoy the gin festivals and then have a great Christmas and New Year.

HALLOWEEN KIDS



James Leighton, Charlie Gray, Jamie Forrest, Emily Forrest, Millie Harrison, Daniel Harrison. A really scary bunch, frightening and trick or treating their local neighbours on Halloween evening. **More pictures, page 11.**

FLY FISHING GOLD



Gareth Tilley, who made it onto the England Fly Fishing Team which competed in the 2017 bank fly fishing international at Kingennie in Scotland on 25th October where team England won gold! The photo shows him all suited and booted for the award ceremony. Gareth came second individually with a total number of 13 fish caught and also the longest fish by an England team member. His wife and family are very proud of his achievements.

BOWLING CLUB PRESENTATIONS



Club competition winners with their trophies at the annual presentation dinner. Pictured from left to right are David Friesner, Stuart Lee (who was awarded the Most Improved Player Trophy in addition to the 2-wood), Christine Monaghan, Cyril and Teresa Pearson who presented the trophies (both have played for Durham clubs at National Finals), Bob Russell, Mike Stoddart and Adrian Evans.

TENNIS WINNER



Jenifer Davies from Texas was awarded the Most Improved Player trophy.

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EARLY DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 5th December.

The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 1st December.

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