

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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FLOWER DISPLAYS BRIGHTEN THE VILLAGE



A colourful array of beautiful flowers outside the Community Centre.



Pretty hanging baskets and flower beds at the Village Green.

CANON SPENCE RETIRES



Father Bob reading a card with the Gray family, Martin, Andrea and little Phoebe, with Matthew in the background.
(See article on page 3)

YANOMAMO



Lanchester EP Primary School put on a brilliant performance of Yanomamo at Conssett Empire Theatre.
(See page 12 for story)

WI AT THE CATHEDRAL



Lanchester WI were proud to attend the Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the Centenary of Durham County Federation.
(See article on page 16)

KINDNESS ROCKS



Ruby and Rosie proudly display their collection of stones found on an evening walk. (See page 7)



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice,
I would like to thank all in our community for the fantastic support I was given in the lead up to the Great North Run. The event itself was an unforgettable experience: inspirational, moving and exhilarating. The memories of the day and my personal achievement easily outweighed the aching muscles and joints which followed ... for quite a few days.

Your support, as I said, was uplifting but it was the support you gave, through my efforts, to Willow Burn Hospice, one of the 'finest jewels' in Lanchester which make me proud to be a member

of this community.

To date, I have been sponsored to the princely tune of £1802 and there is more to come.

On behalf of Willow Burn and the fine people who work and volunteer there - a huge thank you! Your generosity and warmth of spirit is what makes Lanchester the place it is. Very best wishes

Maria Matthews
(See photo on back page)

Dear Village Voice

In February my mother Betty Calland died and was diagnosed with dementia.

You may have noticed the advertisements for Memory Walk raising much needed money for people suffering from Alzheimer's and dementia. I am taking part in this year's Memory Walk at South Shields, in memory of Mam.

The event takes place on October 7th and is 7k long; hopefully the weather will be decent. I'm hoping via the Village Voice and sponsorship to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and have set up a just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ann-Rowe1> where you can read my story.

Thank you for your support.

Ann Rowe

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for August is 60. The draw was made by Melanie Parkin.

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice

An issue raised by a number of local residents in the residents' survey that I conducted earlier this year was that of the library scaffolding. This work is a blight on one of the village's most important buildings, not to mention extremely inconvenient for residents with prams, pushchairs, wheelchairs, or walking aids. There has been very little sign of progress, so I have pursued this issue, not only via the Parish Council, but also through a Freedom of Information Request to the County Council.

The County Council's response does not make happy reading. Confirming that the County Council originally granted a licence in January 2016, they have renewed the licence for the scaffolding on three occasions, and have now given the owner of the building an 'open-ended' licence for scaffolding. Unfortunately, that means that the County Council have made it very difficult for themselves to put any pressure on the landowner to move quickly. Meanwhile the County Council have

advised that the scaffolding is there "to prevent any roof related debris falling away onto the public below."

I have learned that the County Council are not willing to meet the Parish Council to discuss this issue.

I think that it is ridiculous that the County Council have given such a blank cheque to the owner of the building to leave scaffolding up on that building for as long as they wish. If there is a health and safety risk to Lanchester residents,

they should take action with the building as a dangerous structure. If the scaffolding is there because works are to be undertaken, they should sort this out with the landowner as quickly as possible. Either way, they need to get this sorted.

To then refuse to even meet the Parish Council to discuss this shows how little interest the County Council has in the views or concerns of local people.

Martin Walker
Liberal Democrat Parish Councillor, Lanchester



This photo taken on 4th September shows a lone workman repairing the library roof, but progress is very slow. When will the scaffolding come down?

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Surely parking is not impossible at 1 o'clock in the morning! This driver could not even walk across the road to the ATM.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, FATHER BOB!

The parishioners of All Saints' Roman Catholic Church gathered together in a packed church on the evening of Friday September 8th to give their thanks and best wishes to Canon Robert Spence on the occasion of his retirement as Parish Priest, and to join him in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 19 years of unfailingly dedicated service he has given in this role. Canon Spence was joined by his fellow-priests and by deacons from the newly formed Partnership of Pontop for a concelebrated Mass, with hymns and readings specially chosen to reflect the challenges of living out our Christian faith in today's world. Canon Spence's homily was structured around what, for him, are the two most important words in the English language - Thank you - and he shared with the congregation some of the highlights of his years in Lanchester. Not uncharacteristically, the memory that had made a significant impact was his visit with the All Saints' Primary School football team some years ago to St James' Park where medals to mark the impressive performance of the team at local, regional and national level

were given out by Sir Bobby Robson and Alan Shearer! After a blessing performed through movement by the year 5 pupils of the school and the presentation of a gift

from the parishioners at the end of Mass, everyone gathered in the Parish Centre and grounds for a buffet with drinks generously provided by Lanchester

Wines. The celebration was simple, informal but sincere - a very fitting farewell to Father Bob. Tony Lonsdale Chairman, All Saints' Parish Pastoral Council



Guests on one of the many tables enjoying Father Bob's retirement function at the Parish Centre.

CHURCHES TOGETHER HONOUR FATHER BOB SPENCE

It is no secret that Canon Robert (Bob) Spence is retiring and everyone is going to miss his presence in our village. He is a gentleman in the truest sense of the word, courteous to everyone and always having the time to listen, especially to those in need, as well as carrying out his priestly duties with sheer dedication. His smile is for everyone because he is so sincere and loves all people be they babies, toddlers, schoolchildren, teenagers, young people, middle-aged and elderly. The warmth of Bob's personality and love of people reaches out into the

community of Lanchester. 'Churches Together' is a feature of Lanchester and our three churches enjoy sharing worship services and events at various times in the year. It was at one of these shared services, which was held in the All Saints' Parish Church on September 8th, that a presentation to Canon Spence was made. All three churches had been invited to contribute to a donation and people had also signed a card expressing appreciation for all Father Bob has done for the life of this lovely village.

Mr David Hughes, chairman of the 'Churches

Together' committee presented the cheque, saying that it was from all the people who had benefited from his 19 years of ministry in Lanchester. In thanking 'Churches Together' for their generous donation Bob thanked all the people present for the part they had played in his life. The church he said is a communion of friends, and being in Lanchester has been so great because God's justice, love and peace can be found in abundance in the communities of Lanchester and Burnhope. Brenda Craddock



'Churches Together': Stuart, Bob, Ali and Rupert.



Lanchester Country Market

The next market will be Saturday 7th October 2017 at Lanchester Methodist Church

Christmas Markets will be held on 4th November and 2nd December 2017

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 12th September 2017

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 11th July, Planning Meeting 18th July, Finance Meeting 26th July - approved

Police Report - The Police report was read out.

The Community Speedwatch equipment has been deployed at Ford Road, Durham Road and Maiden Law and the laser gun has been deployed at Peth Bank and Newbiggen Lane to address speeding vehicles. Attention is to continue with enforcement action being taken where necessary.

Incidents of bogus officials have been recorded at St Bede's Court and Foxhills Crescent.

Information has been received of youths congregating at The Green School and Kitswell Park to consume alcohol. Patrols are ongoing to stop and identify those involved and seize alcohol where necessary.

Correspondence

1. Letter of thanks - Lanchester Allotment Association - received.

2. Letter - Barclays Bank - confirmation of signing arrangements - received.

3. Letter of thanks - Lanchester Parish Church - received.

4. Letter from resident - poor condition of mirror at road crossing on Cadger Bank

Agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking that they look into the matter.

5. Letter - Aon Insurance Aon will no longer be providing insurance cover for Parish Councils. The current cover will remain in place until renewal date.

6. Lanchester Cricket Club Football Team - request to use the football field for the 2017/18 season - agreed that permission is granted subject to the usual conditions and congratulations are passed to the club following their successful season last year.

7. County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership - training courses

Agreed that the Clerk attends the 'Employing People' and 'Performance Management' training. Information on the Standards training session is circulated to Members for consideration.

8. Isolation and Loneliness - Welcome Guide - information received.

9. Durham County Council - Medium Term Financial Planning and 2018/19 Budget Setting - information received from the County Council giving details of projected tax base and Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant for 2018/2019.

10. County Durham Association of Local Councils - date of AGM received.

11. Campaign to Protect Rural England - Summer 2017 Newsletter - received.

12. The Clerk Magazine - July 2017 - received.

13. Clerk & Councils Direct - July and September Newsletters - received.

Area Action Partnership Members considered the Village Action Plan which had been developed following the recent Village Forum event.

Neighbourhood Plan Work has continued through the summer on policy development, mapping requirements and amendments to the Village Design Statement. A budget was approved to accommodate the

remaining stages of the plan.

Kitswell Park Play Area - Annual Inspection Report - it was agreed that the identified works be addressed.

Councillor Training - councillors gave positive feedback to recently attended training.

Outdoor Adult Fitness Equipment - Members discussed a possible project to install outdoor adult fitness equipment. It was agreed that a working group be set up to consider cost, location, need and funding.

Library Building

Members were informed of recent correspondence from the County Council stating that they would be unable to attend a Parish Council meeting.

Northumbria Water Ltd Members considered the response of NWL to recent planning applications. It was agreed that a letter is sent to NWL asking for clarification on the capacity of the sewage system.

Annual Return 2016/2017 The Lead Officer went through the papers

returned from external audit. External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern. The Annual Return was approved and accepted.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

Chairperson's Announcements - The Chair confirmed that Burnhope Parish Council and Lanchester Parish Council are considering a joint project to provide a beacon in 2018 as part of the 100 year commemoration of the end of World War 1.

Questions from Members

Councillor P Jackson raised concern about crossing of the roads in the village which can be problematic for many members of the community.

It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to consider options to address the matter.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 10th October 2017 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

POLICE REPORT

16th September 2017

This month we have seen a reduction in the number of reports regarding youth related antisocial behaviour in the village. We are however continuing to monitor various locations throughout the village which are prone to youths congregating to consume alcohol and/or drugs.

I have also been made aware of some graffiti which has recently appeared on the shelter near to the village green which was quickly cleaned away. However we are actively seeking to locate the offender/s in order to deal with them accordingly and to prevent similar issues throughout the village. This month we have received reports of some significant crimes which Police continue to

investigate. These included the theft of a trailer and scrap metal from an address at Durham Road on 7th September, an arson at an isolated farm whereby approximately £10,000 worth of hay was destroyed on 11th September and finally a 2 in 1 burglary which occurred at St Bede's Court on 13th September. If you have any information in relation

to any of these crimes please do not hesitate to contact Police on 101 or by emailing PCSO Lisa Cullen-Jackson. Local officers will be hosting a Street PACT event in Front Street on Saturday 14th October between 10-11 am. If you have any problems, concerns or issues you would like to speak to officers about please come along. PCSO 6780 Lisa Cullen-Jackson

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REDUCING FLOOD RISK IN THE VILLAGE

On Tuesday 12th September Durham County Council, the Environment Agency, Northumbrian Water the Wear Rivers Trust and Mott MacDonald Bentley together displayed their plans for preventing flooding in the village. They explained that the flooding in Front Street in January this year occurred at a time when they had water gauging equipment in place inside the village culverts, so they were able to monitor how the culverts actually worked during a storm. This information allowed them to design a scheme which would be less intrusive and less expensive than previous ones, as it consists of a set of relatively minor works. These are, in addition to the substantial

improvements already made to the gullies in Newbiggen Lane and the 'Beany' kerbs in Front Street:

- to reduce the flow towards the village in both the Smallhope and Alderdene Burns, when in flood, by 'natural flood management' - eg leaky dams, artificial meanders, etc;
- to reduce the run-off onto Newbiggen Lane from adjacent fields;
- to insert a very big gully grid, rather like a 2 feet wide cattle grid, across Newbiggen Lane, at a location up the road from the community orchard;
- to insert another across Newbiggen Lane opposite the Social Club;
- to insert a third one, 50 yards long, at the bottom of the grassy



The 'Living Water' travelling exhibition which arrived in the village on Tuesday 12th September to give information to residents regarding possible solutions to flooding in Lanchester.

bank below the fish and chip shop on Front Street;

- to improve the connection of a very old gully on Front Street.

In addition, schemes are being developed for

dealing with flooding on Maiden Law bank. These all look like sensible ideas which together should help a lot if they are constructed and are then properly

maintained. Whether they will be enough to deal with the next major cloud-burst only time will tell. Mike Gladstone, Chair, Flooding Action Group

VILLAGE GREEN WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council are leading on a project to put the names of fallen soldiers on the War Memorial on the Village Green. A working group comprising members of the community has been established to carry the project forward. It is important that the names included are correct and accurate. Our starting point in compiling a list of names was the list of 99 names read out at the Remembrance Service. In addition we have identified a further 22 names from war memorials in the Parish and from the community. The group would like to include all 121 names on the War Memorial. We want to ensure that the list is as complete as possible before we commission the new plaques. So we would like your help. The list of 121 names is shown below and can be viewed on the

Parish Council notice board on the Village Green. If you think that you have a relative or know of someone from Lanchester Parish who died in WW1, WW2 or later conflicts and they are not on the present list of names or you think there is a spelling mistake of a name, please contact the Clerk on 01207 520146.

World War 1

George Anderson, Margaret A. Barrow, John R. Bateman, Francis E. Bell, Walter Bell, George Y Sadler Blair, James Brankston, Henderson Brankston, Alexander Brankston, William Britton, Thomas R. Buckham, Albert Bulleyment, Thomas Cheston, John H. Clough, Alexander Coates, Michael Collin, William Costello, Frederick Coult, Sidney Duke, Simpson Dunn, James H Dunning, Ernest Fallon, Robert B. Farbridge, Thomas

Farrey, Marmaduke Featherstonhaugh, William Featherstonhaugh, Lancelot Ferguson, Joseph M. Fletcher, James Foy, Alfred E. Gibson, Harry Hampton, Bertie Hampton, William Harrison, Duke Harrison, James Harwood, John Hasson, Frederick Hattams, Eric Heatherington, James Hodgson, William Hunter, Thomas Jackson, William Jarvis, John Burgoyne Johnson, Stephen Kelly, George Kirtley, Lisle Lathan, Vivian Lathan, Michael Leonard, Samuel W McClay, George McDonald, Joseph McElhatton, John H. Myers, Thomas W. Nicholson, William O'Brien, John Pinkerton, William Pratt, Stephen Ramsay, John H Reynolds, James Richardson, Thomas Robinson, William Ross, Alfred Rowe, Gerald Sadler, Michael Salmon, Wilfred Salmon, Arthur

Sargeant, John Sargeant, Joseph Norman Scott, Luke Smith, T. Henry Smith, Harry Spence, John H. Spence, William Spence, John Stephenson, Newton Storey, Tom Storey, J. Herbert Swain, John R Swinbank, George Tapp, Joseph H. Teasdale, P. Henry Thompson, William Thompson, Luke Thornton, Joseph Tomlinson, Thomas Henry Turnbull, Walter Veitch, Robert Wainwright, John B. Walker, George Wardle, Thomas Wardle, Thomas Whittaker, Isaac Wilson, John Wilson.

World War 2

William Blackett, Thomas Cheston, Edward Cowan,

James Dobson, Leo Doran, John Martin Finch, John Gamlin, George Green, John Halpin, William Charles Hill, George William Laykin, Michael Luxmoore, Anthony McGeary, Vera Mace, Donald MacMillian, Michael O'Brien, Robert Reay, John Wardle Scott, Percy Stoker, Robert Bell Smith, William Keith Thompson, Nathaniel Thornton, Alan Tomlinson, John Tomlinson, Robert William Tonks, James Stratton Wardle.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLIDAY CLUB CELEBRATES ITS SECOND YEAR

During the last week of the summer holidays Lanchester Churches Together arranged a Summer Special Holiday Club. This took place in the Methodist Church and had a main theme of Spies with a secondary theme of Moses and Egypt. The event lasted from the Tuesday to the Saturday and culminated

in a special celebration for all those taking part on the Sunday.

Each morning over 60 primary aged children enjoyed songs, crafts, drama, bible stories, refreshments, outdoor games and even a bouncy castle. A team of 25 volunteers led by 'The Spy Chief' Claire Earl joined in the fun and a

great time was had by all. There was a fantastic turnout of children and families for the Sunday celebration with a picnic lunch being enjoyed after the service.

Following the success of the last two years the club will be planned to run again next year in the same week, so put the date in your diaries.



Children enjoying singing led by Spy Chief Claire.



Stuart Earl telling the children about strength.

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LANCHESTER KINDNESS ROCKS

The concept of communities working together and sharing messages and hidden around the village for others to find. The stones can either be kept or re-hidden by the lucky finder. The project has captured the interest of so many in the village and beyond. Children (and adults) have spent many hours tirelessly decorating stones which they feel will bring pleasure to others and then have explored areas of the village to leave their gems of kindness. Instead of being inactive and indoors during the

summer holidays, children have been motivated to get out and explore the village in all weathers.

Using the Facebook page, you can gain clues as to where new rocks may be hidden. Great pleasure is gained when the finders post photos of rocks which you painted.

Jessica and Megan Bullivant have even tailor-made some of their stones and left them on the doorsteps for their recipients. Ruby was delighted to find one such stone after putting the rubbish out one morning. As the Kindness rocks project has spread across the world, there are even rocks from Bridlington and other places that have been re-hidden in Lanchester.

Having seen the group grow and the number of rocks in circulation increase, Candice reflects, "It's fantastic! We are loving seeing the children out and about excited when finding another rock. I know Mason-Brook is loving finding some and hiding his." It certainly has brought a lot of pleasure to many.

(See photo on front page and also Lanchester Bowling Club picture on back page)



Mason-Brook and friend enjoying hunting for Lanchester rocks.



Jessica and her sister Megan enjoyed making special rocks and hiding them on the doorsteps of their friends.

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RAISING MONEY IN MEMORY OF LUCIA MAY SMITH



This is my lovely daughter, Lucia May. We have lived in Lanchester since 2012. In 2016 Lucia was diagnosed with anaplastic Wilm's Tumour. Lucia fought hard against the cancer for over a year but died on 16th May. She was 9 years old.

She was a delightfully happy, little girl who touched the hearts of everyone she met. Lucia has left a huge gap in our lives and that of our family and friends.

On Saturday 16th September, Lucia's Godmother and I undertook a 99.9km bike ride starting in Lanchester and going through Ushaw, Crook, Ireshopeburn and Allenheads in order to raise money in memory of Lucia.

Over the next year my son, Archie (7 years old) and I, together with family and friends, will be completing 9 challenges to raise money for the charities that supported us over the last year, CLIC Sargent, Bethany's Wish, Rainbow Trust, Toma Fund and The Sick Children's Trust. The bike ride was Challenge Number 4.

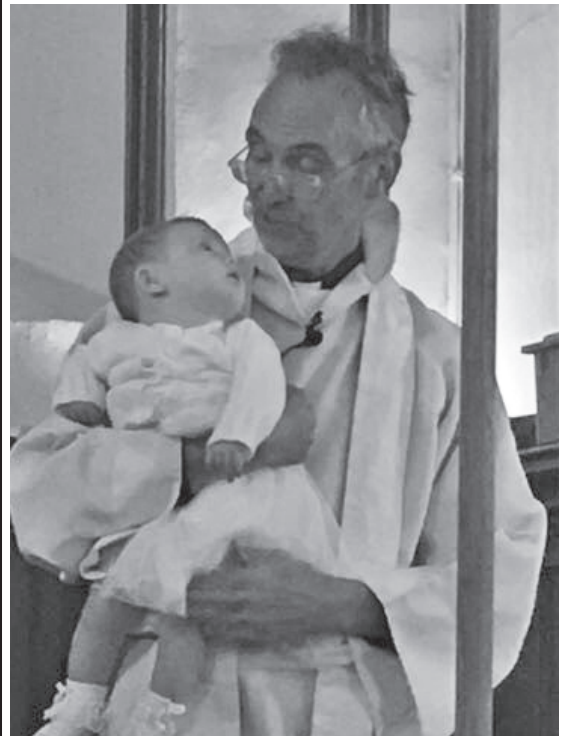
Challenge Number 1 was a 5k Pretty Muddy race completed in June. Number 2 was a 5k Colour race also completed in June. Number 3 was the longest and fastest zipwire in the UK over the top of

the Eden Project in Cornwall. Since I have an aversion to heights this was quite a challenge, helped by family friend Jayne Spearman.

In addition to these challenges, Lucia's friend, Leo Hampton, had a cake sale at home. £660 was raised for the Toma Fund. Challenge Number 5 is the 5k Muddy Mayhem at Hardwick Park on 1st October. For Number 6, Archie is hoping that both schools in the village would be willing to take part in a Pyjama Party in October to raise money for The Sick Children's Trust. If you would like to donate please visit our Just Giving page and share our story. https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/teamlulumay-gemma-smith9?utm_id=2&utm_term=XQJPmB25m

Thank you
Gemma A Smith

BAPTISM CELEBRATION



Jemima May McCready, daughter of Philip and Gemma McCready was baptised on Sunday 27th August by Revd Rupert Kalus at All Saints' Parish Church. Family and friends gathered to celebrate afterwards at the Cricket Club.

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A GLITTERING GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION

Our parents, Sam and Olive Simpkins, have had the absolute pleasure of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. The couple chose to hold their celebration at the lovely Borrowdale Hotel, one of their most favourite destinations worldwide.

Festivities began the afternoon of the anniversary, in a suite marked by a '50 Fizz! Pop!' plaque and surrounded by golden confetti filled balloons. (Olive was most amused to have been wished a very happy 50th birthday by one of the

hotel staff earlier in the day!)

Joining Olive and Sam were their children Lucy and Andrew, along with their partners Simon and Mary and Sam's brother Trevor with his wife Jackie. It truly was a most joyous celebration with their close family. A rather special bottle of Mumm champagne was popped and enjoyed alongside nibbles of the delicious celebration fruit cake. Olive had baked to the

same family recipe that had been used by Auntie Lill to make their wedding cake 50 years ago! (The Gourmet Girls would have most definitely approved and given full marks for a return visit!)

As the evening began, the party moved to the top table of the Borrowdale's dining room, the ladies all looking gorgeous - of course! and the gentlemen most swish. The menu was superb, conversation and

laughter flowed, it was a simply perfect evening. To top it off ... at the end of the meal, the couple were presented with a beautiful platter of chocolate covered strawberries made especially for them and hand decorated with the message 'A very Happy Anniversary'. And a Very Happy Anniversary it was, a truly wonderful occasion - we are very proud of them.

Lucy and Andrew Simpkins



Sam and Olive Simpkins celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary at Borrowdale Hotel.

NEW STEWARD AT SOCIAL CLUB



Our photograph shows Ross Anderson working behind the bar at Lanchester Social Club. Ross took over the stewardship in early August. He and his wife Emma have really settled well at the Club and thoroughly enjoy living in Lanchester. Ross gained his previous bar experience as Assistant Steward at Blackhill Comrades Club, where he spent almost 2 years, and latterly as Bar Manager at The Pavilion Cantonese Restaurant.

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However more can be done to help prevent catching and spreading the flu virus. 'Coughs and Sneezes Spread Diseases'

This saying may be old but is still relevant today to remind all ages, but especially children that it is essential to cover their nose and mouth with their

hands or a tissue when sneezing and coughing, and to wash hands regularly, not just after sneezing etc, but before preparing food and eating or going near others that have a compromised immune system.

Greg Blakeman, Chair PPG, Lanchester Medical Centre

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS STOPPED

Blood donations in Lanchester would seem to be a thing of the past. Donors have received letters from the NHS Blood and Transplant Service informing them that sessions will no longer be held in the village.

For many years now donor sessions in Lanchester have been very well attended, either in the Community Centre or at the concert hall of the Social Club.

But these sessions, which took place either twice or three times a year, are now being discontinued.

No reason has been given for this decision but donors have been informed that the nearest sessions will now take place at St Patrick's Church Hall in Consett.

Neil McKay

OUT AND ABOUT KING ARTHUR SLEEPS AT RICHMOND

Many parts of Britain claim King Arthur as their own, and he is said to lie asleep under the hill of Richmond Castle in Yorkshire.

Legend tells that many years ago, a potter named Thompson was searching for his dog, he could hear the animal barking and the man was losing patience. He pushed aside a bush and to his amazement, revealed the entrance to a tunnel. In the distance, his dog was barking excitedly and Potter Thompson decided he had to find the lost animal. The tunnel headed down into the earth and he was surprised to find there was light enough to see, even though he couldn't find the source of the illumination.

The path lead down, into the depths of the earth. At last, the tunnel ended and the potter found himself in a huge cavern. Round the walls were piled countless treasures ... sacks, stood open to reveal golden crowns, chains and jewels, hundreds of coins spilled across the floor and shining goblets and plates lay in heaps. Thompson became aware of an even stranger sight. In the centre of the cave was a huge round table and around it sat many men, dressed in antique

armour, all fast asleep. One of them wore a crown and sat on a carved throne, all must have been there for several years, as their beards had grown down to their waists. The potter remembered an ancient tale telling how the mighty hero, King Arthur was asleep under Richmond Castle, waiting for the time Britain was in danger, when he and his knights would come riding to the rescue.

The man didn't hesitate, he filled his pockets with coins then turned to the knights. He noticed a silver hunting horn in front of Arthur. He gently blew on it and a sweet note echoed around the cave. The king's eyes flickered open and in a dry, rasping voice he whispered "Is Britain in danger?"

Potter Thompson gasped "No, Your Majesty, all is well". As the king's eyes closed, Thompson picked up his dog and fled back up the tunnel. Back in Richmond, he spent the money, confident he could go back to the cave and find more. In spite of spending the rest of his life looking, he never found the magical cavern and Arthur and his knights are still there, waiting until their country is in danger.

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LANCHESTER BRASS BAND'S BUSY YEAR

It has been a very busy year for Lanchester Brass Band. I have talked previously about their success in four major brass band competitions under the baton of Mr Gareth Sykes. They have also given concerts at a number of venues, the last being at the Millennium Green at Waldrige on September 3rd for their annual fun day. Parks seem to be a popular venue for them as they have played at Wharton Park in Durham and on August Bank Holiday Monday, played for Consett's Family Fun Day which was held in the Rugby Club grounds. Two other open air concerts have been at Shildon Parish Church

for their Summer Fair and the Agricultural Show at Beamish on September 17th. Evening concerts have included St John's Meadowfield and Lanchester Methodist Church with 'The Argus Singers' from Chester-le-Street. The band always takes part in the Miners' Gala in Durham which is great fun and a group of band members play regularly at Beamish Museum on a Saturday morning and warmly invite any other brass players who would like to join them. On Saturday 16th September the band gave a concert at St Ives Parish Church Leadgate, as part of its 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Still to come is the Stanley Entertainment

Concert at Tanfield School on October 22nd, a concert at Ushaw College on Saturday November 11th, the Remembrance Service on the green on November 12th and the switching on of the lights on November 25th. After that there will be all the Christmas engagements. As you can see the band is busy and popular. The band welcomes anyone who wants to come along 'for a blow' as Gareth puts it and is, at the present time, training a number of youngsters to play instruments. Interested? Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.30 pm and Sunday afternoons 3.00-5.00 pm in the upper room at Croft View. Brenda Craddock

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Consett Family Fun Day at the Rugby Club.



The band playing at Waldrige Millennium Green.

YANOMAMO

On Tuesday afternoon, 11th July and Wednesday evening, 12th July, Lanchester EP Primary School put on a brilliant performance of Yanomamo at the Consett Empire Theatre. Yanomamo is a musical named after the Yanomamo tribe who live in the Amazonian Rainforest. The performance is about the destruction of the rainforest and how people are chopping all the trees down. As a result, the animals have started losing their habitats and they are suffocating in fires caused by we humans. As well as this, there is an important message in the whole story which is to save the rainforest. This musical is also about the people who live in the rainforest who

are losing their homes as well as the animals! Each and every child from Year 2 to Year 6 played a role in this amazing musical. Year 2 played the 'ants' in their song 'The Soldiers of the Jungle'. The Year 3 played their part as the monkeys in 'The Monkeys Tail' and Year 4 played the forest people in 'Forest People' and 'Like the Man from the Government Said'. Then came the Year 5 and 6 girls who played in 'The Tree of Life' followed by the Year 5 and 6 boys who played the loggers and farmers in their songs 'Give us our Pay!' and 'Burn Them Trees'. There were also some groups and duets. The duets were Catherine Armstrong and Leoni

Howie as the Jaguars and Kate McGovern and Lewis Nicholson as the sloths. Their songs were 'The Jaguar' and 'Speed'.

My favourite act out of them all was probably the 'ants' as I think they put a lot of effort into their moves and singing. I also loved the two duets because it must have been quite hard for them to get up and sing with only one other person. They sang and acted extremely well.

All in all, I think it was a sensational performance and we were given a rapturous applause from the audience. I thoroughly enjoyed my experience and I will cherish each moment in my mind forever.

Karina Larson Williams
(See photo on front page)

2018 LANCHESTER CALENDAR

Last year, All Saints' Catholic Church produced a 2017 Calendar, based on views of their church, to raise funds for their Parish Centre.

This year, the calendar venture is being repeated, with the aim of raising funds for two charities, our own Willow Burn Hospice and Save the Children. The calendar will feature views of Lanchester and its surroundings.

Specially commissioned works by local artists Martin Matthews, Jim Bradley, John Jackson and Dominic Quigley will be joined by works from Sarah Milburn, Chris Kelly, Jim Railton and Jonah Flint, to offer an artist's view of Lanchester and its

surroundings through the seasons.

Publication is planned for mid-October 2017 and the calendar will be available from Lanchester News and other locations/ events in the village.

We are particularly grateful for the continued support for this project from local businesses, without whose sponsorship this project would not be possible.

Priced at £5, the calendar will provide an ideal gift for family and friends, especially former Lancastrians now living away from the village.

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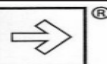
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EXCELLENT 'A' LEVEL RESULTS FOR ST BEDE'S



Some of the St Bede's students so very happy with their 'A' Level exam results

Students and staff were delighted with some "excellent" A-level results at St Bede's, Lanchester this year. A total of 52% of the sixth form students achieved A* to B grades, well above the national target.

Head teacher Neville Harrison said: "I am absolutely thrilled with the amazing results that our students have achieved. A-levels are more challenging and rigorous than ever and our students have worked diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. On behalf of the governors and staff, I'd like to congratulate each and every one of them. I am also incredibly proud of our team of specialist A-level teachers, whose exceptional subject knowledge has ensured that our students have achieved the very highest grades and accessed the Russell Group universities."

Outstanding performances include Sarah Brady, from Shotley Bridge, who achieved two A*s in French and

Spanish, an A in Biology and an additional A* for her Extended Project Qualification. She can now look forward to studying in the sunshine, after securing a place to study French and Spanish at Newnham College, Cambridge University. During her third year Sarah will spend seven months in France and three in Spain.

Sophie Armstrong achieved 2 A*s in English Literature and Mathematics, an A in Chemistry, which she will study at university, and an additional A* for her Extended Project Qualification.

Alice Burns achieved an A* in Spanish and A grades in Mathematics, English Literature and History and an additional A* for her Extended Project Qualification. She goes on to study English Literature at Durham University.

Jadwiga Bajurska achieved an A* in French and A grades in Spanish and Business, which she will study at university, and an additional A* for her

Extended Project Qualification.

Ben Bradbury achieved an A* in Biology and A grades in Chemistry and Mathematics; he will be studying Biomedical Genetics at Newcastle University.

Jessica McCrory achieved an A* in Biology and A grades in Mathematics and Chemistry and is going on to study Medicine.

Kirsten Timbey achieved an A* in Philosophy, Ethics and Religion and will pursue this at university, an A in Fine Art and a grade B in Politics. She also achieved the Pope John Paul II Gold Award for her outstanding contribution to the Catholic life of the school and the local community.

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

Neil McKay

ST BEDE'S ACHIEVES TOP GRADE IN NEW GCSEs

A week after the stunning A level results, St Bede's students are celebrating again, with 75% of students achieving the new combined English and Maths score.

Twins Bethan and Sarah Orr and Lanchester students Elizabeth Doyle and Lauren Petrie are

among 22 pupils, who gained 8 or more A*-A grades; an outstanding achievement in today's climate of tougher linear exams with only one opportunity to enter. Charlotte Clayson, Josh Gwilym and Will Spence gained level 9 - the new government gold standard - in both

English and Maths, with Abbie Lambert gaining 9s in English Language and English Literature.

Headteacher, Neville Harrison, said: "We are delighted with our results both at A-level and GCSE. Students have performed superbly and I congratulate them for

working so diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. This year has seen significant changes to the English and Maths exam systems and grading criteria. Content is more challenging and students perform final exams in these subjects

at the end of year 11. As this is the first year through this new system, there has been very little support material available from exam boards. This was indeed a challenge for staff and students but a challenge they met with real determination and commitment: the fruits of their labours are evident in these fantastic results. Many of our students celebrating today will join our outstanding Sixth Form College, where they will be supported by excellent teachers who will ensure that they continue to flourish and excel in their studies. I'd like to thank all subject teachers for their care, dedication and support shown to all our students."

Neil McKay



Delighted St Bede's students 'jumping for joy' at receiving their hoped-for new GCSE results.



Two very happy looking young ladies obviously thrilled with their exam results.

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DURHAM COUNTY FEDERATION OF WIs CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

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involved in growing and preserving produce to help the nation's food supply. The National Federation of Women's Institutes was formed in 1917 and members across the County have been celebrating this important landmark, the centennial year of the largest voluntary women's organisation in the country. We enjoyed

a very good lunch at the Ramside Hall with many other Durham ladies and we heard author Julie Summers talk about her book 'Jambusters' on which the ITV series 'Home Fires' was based and the work of the WI in the Second World War was portrayed.

On August 12th, representatives of Lanchester WI attended

a Service of Thanksgiving in Durham Cathedral, celebrating the Centenary of our County Federation. Canon Rosalind Brown paid tribute to the movement's record of promoting the cause of women within society, achieving equal rights, and championing many campaigns for social and environmental causes.

Then, on August 19th, hundreds of WI members converged on Beamish Museum, dressed in period costumes and proudly parading their banners representing towns and villages across the county. We have enjoyed a very successful one hundred years - and look forward eagerly to what our future might bring!



WI members came from all over the County to share a Centenary lunch at the Ramside Hotel.



In August, hundreds of WI members dressed in period costumes convened at Beamish Museum.

LANCHESTER WI

President Marie Murphy welcomed members and visitors to our August meeting giving us the good news that Annfield Plain is joining our WI group. Members were also informed about a meeting in Lynwood House about raising awareness of isolation and loneliness and asked for their help in putting together an exhibition to celebrate 50 years of the

Community Centre. Lists at the back were for a musical extravaganza at Newton Aycliffe and the birthday meal list with either the balance of £20 or the full amount of £25 is due at the October meeting please. Carol has asked if members can please let her know if they have attended any county events. Jean Dougherty then gave us

an interesting reading about wasps.

Our coffee morning is on Tuesday 17th October and items are needed for this event. Could members please bring items for the raffle and tombola to the October meeting with cakes brought on the morning of the event, thank you. The lucky ladies who won the raffle were Janis Suddis and Betty Walton.

Our speaker was Anne Thompson who gave us a very interesting insight on how she started doing sugarcraft progressing on to amazing creations, some of which she brought along to show us. She then did a workshop. What fun we had making a sugarcraft teddy each, every shape of teddy was produced causing great hilarity to both Anne and the

creators of these wonderful creatures. Ann Carr gave the vote of thanks.

Members had fun learning how to do metal embossing on 5th September and a coach full of members and friends had a wonderful evening when they attended Kynren on 9th September, the weather was kind and the show spectacular.

SATLEY WI

Our August meeting was an afternoon visit to Corbridge where members enjoyed visiting the shops and the church in the market square. As the weather was so nice some ladies decided to make the most of the sunshine and enjoyed having a coffee in the pavement cafés.

We then boarded our coach and travelled to The Boatside Inn at Warden for our tea. The menu choice was extensive and everyone had no problem in choosing what they

wanted to eat. Everyone agreed that both courses were superb.

On September 11th I welcomed 16 members and our two guest speakers to our latest meeting. The minutes of our last meeting were read and the monthly newsletter and other correspondence were discussed. Names were confirmed for the mini group meeting to be held at Lanchester Social Club on 28th September.

Our guest speakers were Harry and Kath Gilbert

who entertained us with their presentation entitled 'Land of Ice and Fire - An Icelandic Saga'. The film centred on their trip to Iceland in 2011 and was their adventure told through the eyes of two animated characters called Harold and Katrina. The characters search out the highlights of this remarkable island - powerful waterfalls, beautiful fjords, volcanoes and ash deserts - in order to placate the Gods. In doing so they learn

something of the history and customs of these hardy people. The film featured soundtracks from Music of the Spheres (Mike Oldfield) and Planet Earth (George Fenton). The scenery was beautiful and many of us felt that we had missed out by not visiting Iceland. Harry and Kath then answered our numerous questions and were thanked by Jean Portwood.

We then enjoyed tea and biscuits supplied by Avril Carpenter and Christine

Wilson. The raffle was donated by Jean Portwood and won by Avril Carpenter.

The competition for a holiday souvenir was won by Christine Wilson, 2nd Linda Butterfield, 3rd Linda Horn.

Our next meeting will be a little different. We have decided that as it is our 69th birthday next month we will visit The Punchbowl Inn for a meal. Our table has been booked for 6.30 pm. Linda Horn, President

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE HISTORY SOCIETY

Over 25 members and visitors came to our AGM. Marian Morrison gave an outline of the year and the successful speakers who have informed and entertained us, covering a varied range of interesting subjects about our social history. A summary of accounts and the positive outcomes for the society was given by David Friesner (Jean Doughty was unable to attend, and we thank her for taking on the treasurer's role and her efficiency). The Treasurer's role is now vacant.

John Gall thanked the committee for their work. The meeting continued with our speaker.

'My Dad, My Hero'

Lynn Defty spoke to us about Sgt John Morrison, from 'Telegraph Boy to Bomber Boy'. Lynn's close and open relationship with her father, and her interest in her own family history and further research was quite unique. We often

wish we had asked our parents about their own history growing up in the early 1900s through to WWII, but time passes us by.

Her grandfather survived service in WWI and her father 'stepped up' and started his wireless operator training in Blackpool in 1939, before moving from 78 squadron, with Whitley's aeroplanes to 35 squadron, flying in Halifax's at Linton. He took part in many bombing raids including the Renault works in France, Cologne, Hamburg, and three Tirpitz raids up to 1942. After his plane crashed (W1053G) in Fjetten Fjord in Norway, he was helped by local people who clothed and fed him. With his escapist kit of Bovril cubes and a silk map he set off, but was captured later and was told 'his war was over'. He was taken to Stavanger jail before eventually being taken

to Stalag Luft 3 (the Great Escape camp).

Lynn has incredible photos of his crashed plane, camp huts and has visited these areas with her father. They met farmers who helped him initially in Norway and remembered the episode and crew fondly. They even surprised John by presenting him with his burnt pilot's leather helmet that they had kept hidden and safe throughout the rest of the war to the present day. John survived the war, the Long March in 1945 and was demobbed in Gosforth.

Lynn gave us the frightening survival

statistics of Bomber be found at www.Aircrafthistory.co.uk/archiefurtherinformationcould1053tlg.html



The World War II pilot's helmet of 'Bomber Boy' Sgt John Morrison.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last time out saw us heading to the Stables at Beamish. We have been before but not for a long while. The weather was lovely, which can sometimes be a surprise in August. There was a really happy atmosphere about the place and we enjoyed some exceptional, friendly service.

Some of us started off with a 'mocktail' - a Virgin Elderflower Mojito - elderflower, fresh lime, fresh mint, sugar syrup and soda and on a hot summer's day, totally delicious!

They have a main menu + lunch time specials, starters £2.50, mains £4.95 and puds for £2.50. We sampled for starters, Fresh Northumbrian crab

ontoasted 'Silver Buckles Bread'. Mains were Battered sweet and sour chicken with boiled rice and prawn crackers, Stables mince and dumplings and Baked salmon, Brie and spinach en croute, fine beans, crushed potatoes and herb velouté. Puds were Sticky toffee pudding, Vanilla panacotta and fresh berries, Salted caramel and chocolate orange torte and Ice cream.

Everything was delicious and the whole lunchtime experience totally delightful. We really enjoyed ourselves and hopefully expect to do so again in the not too distant future.

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TENNIS CLUB MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday 2nd September, a large number of members took part in the 2017 Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club mixed doubles championship.

Excellent weather conditions prevailed to enable, with what was the best turnout in recent years, good competitive tennis to be played.

It was decided to run the tournament with two groups of players, using a round robin format, with a final between the top pairing of each group.

Pairs were drawn and, with referee Sally Laverick maintaining the

order of play, the matches were completed and scores gathered.

The final was played between Michelle Ridley and Simon Gerry, and Jane Laycock and Eddie Cooke with Michelle and Simon winning 6 games to 2. It is both Michelle's and Simon's second title victories this season having won the ladies and men's doubles respectively earlier this year. A terrific achievement for Simon given that it is his first season at the club. Well done to the finalists and all competitors and thanks to the ladies for organising a wonderful

tea for everyone to enjoy.

Although the 2017 season is drawing to a close and play on the courts is to finish at the end of September to enable essential maintenance work to be carried out, head coach Sam Stokoe and assistant coach Dennis Laycock will be providing a winter coaching programme and details will be made available before the end of the season.

If you would like further information about the club, it can be obtained from the Secretary on 01207 520278.

(See photo on back page)

HISTORIC BOWLS WIN

For the first time in the 35 year history of Lanchester Bowling Club, a woman has become Club Champion. Christine Monaghan won the competition on finals day with a victory over Adrian Evans. While women are in the minority in the club they are valuable members and play major roles in the club's teams. Let's hope Christine's success will encourage more women to take up bowling.

Congratulations also to other finalists: Two woods, winner Stuart Lee, runner up Adrian Evans; Three woods, winner Mike Stoddart, runner-up Ken Raper; Pairs, winners Bob Russell and Mike Stoddart, runners up Dorothy

Turnbull and Paul Monaghan; Handicap, winner David Friesner, runner up Joe Newton; Challenge, winner Adrian Evans, runner up Nigel Page; Women's, winner Christine Monaghan, runner up Liz Smith.

The club is celebrating finishing third in the Saturday League, our best position for five years. The two clubs above us, Dipton and Leadgate, both had teams who qualified for the National Finals.

The AGM will be held on Thursday 12th October at 7 pm in the Pavilion. The annual presentation dinner will be on Thursday 9th November. (See photo on back page)

THANK YOU! FROM HENRY

The past few months have seen many local people fundraising for Henry Dancer Days. Brothers Kevin and Jeff Leighton raised £733.45 by cycling the Coast to Coast route in August. They ended up cycling an additional 60 miles on top of the gruelling 140 miles of the official route due to detours and some unfortunate signage but managed it in a weekend. In addition, 26 runners completed the Great North Run for the charity. The total is not yet known as funds are still being collected but it's anticipated that the final amount will exceed £11,000. The youngest runner, Lanchester's Jessica Topping, completed the mini run on Saturday 9th and the more mature runners completed the 13.1 mile course on Sunday 10th September.

Henry's Mum thanks all who have completed challenges

on behalf of Henry Dancer Days this year as well as their generous sponsors and commented, "I can't believe that people continue to give so much. It means we can help so many more families and children with cancer. Our 3rd distraction project in oncology wards is about to commence (two are in Newcastle where all Co Durham paediatric cancer cases are treated). This will mean kids are transported from their difficult environment and have some much needed FUN."

Anyone wanting more information regarding the charity, please contact Jane at henrydancerdays.co.uk



Claire Foster-Matthews (right) is the Charity's Chair and showed amazing additional commitment.



Kevin and Jeff on their C2C.



Cameron Hume was a friend of Henry's at EP Primary school.

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FAMILY TACKLE GREAT NORTH RUN TOGETHER

Lanchester resident, David Friesner, was joined by two of his daughters, his sister in law, two nieces, and a nephew and his wife. The eight family members, whose ages ranged from 27 to 63, tackled the Great North Run in memory of David's brother in law, Noel Dawson, who for many years lived locally, in Shotley Bridge. Our group came together to raise funds for the Newcastle-based St Oswald's Hospice in memory of Noel.

For the third year in a row Holly Friesner has taken on the half marathon and this year set a new personal best, completing the course in one hour 52 minutes, closely followed by her sister, Joy, finishing in 2 hours. Not to be outdone, I came out of

"running retirement" to take part in this year's half marathon having completed the inaugural event in 1981 and numerous Great North Runs since then. But not everyone in our group had as much running experience. "One of my nephews and sister in law are not runners at all! They've gone from nothing to a half marathon". And my time? a very creditable 2 hours 13 minutes - well, I think so! All that training along the Railway Path must have paid off! Others in our team finished in 2 hours 17 minutes, 2 hours 51 minutes, and my sister in law and niece, in four hours. 75 supporters from all over the world have supported us in reaching our target of raising over £1800 for

St Oswald's Hospice. Special thanks must also go to all of my friends, neighbours and relatives in Lanchester who have helped us with this. Donations are still coming in - we might even hit £2000.

"The Great North Run has to be the BEST half marathon, probably in the world. The support all the way round is just fantastic. It's such a great event". "Our family's effort shows that it doesn't matter what your starting point is, if you set your goals, you can achieve great things. I'm so proud about what we all achieved on the day. And what about next year's Run, if asked on the day, then no - and asked now, perhaps ..."

Thanks you so much for your support.

David Friesner and family (see photo on back page)



David Friesner approaching the finish.

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON AT ALL SAINTS

Despite early rain threatening the day, a great turnout came to Lanchester All Saints' Primary School to enjoy the Family Fun Afternoon. Held on the school's field to the left of the Catholic Church, there were many activities for



This magnificent giant slide seemed very popular.



Two young ladies enjoying the rodeo ride.

families to enjoy including a bouncy castle, rodeo ride and giant slide which seemed like the most popular, as well as an ice cream van. The field was full of football playing, socialising and having a good time, despite the murky skies and chilly temperature. Even with showers of rain throughout the event, many families turned out for a picnic on the field, and a great and enjoyable time was had by many at the event. Fortunately, the sun finally showed its face and the day was a success, where everyone, both adults and children, had a great time alike.

The event was to raise funds for the school, with every family making a £5 contribution towards the day, and will be gratefully received by the school and its pupils.

Tom Bartles-Smith

LANCHESTER TABLE TENNIS UPDATE

After the summer league ended, Lanchester Eagles finished mid table in the Northumberland Summer league.

Our juniors are now eligible and playing in the Senior league where they play weekly home and away. We hope to see both of our local primary schools taking up their invite to our

'taster' sessions early in this Autumn term.

Venue: Community Centre

Days: Fridays (and possibly Thursdays)

Times: Juniors 6 pm till 7 pm, Adults 7 pm until 9 pm. All equipment and coaching free.

Cost: £2 Juniors, £2.50 per hour Adults.

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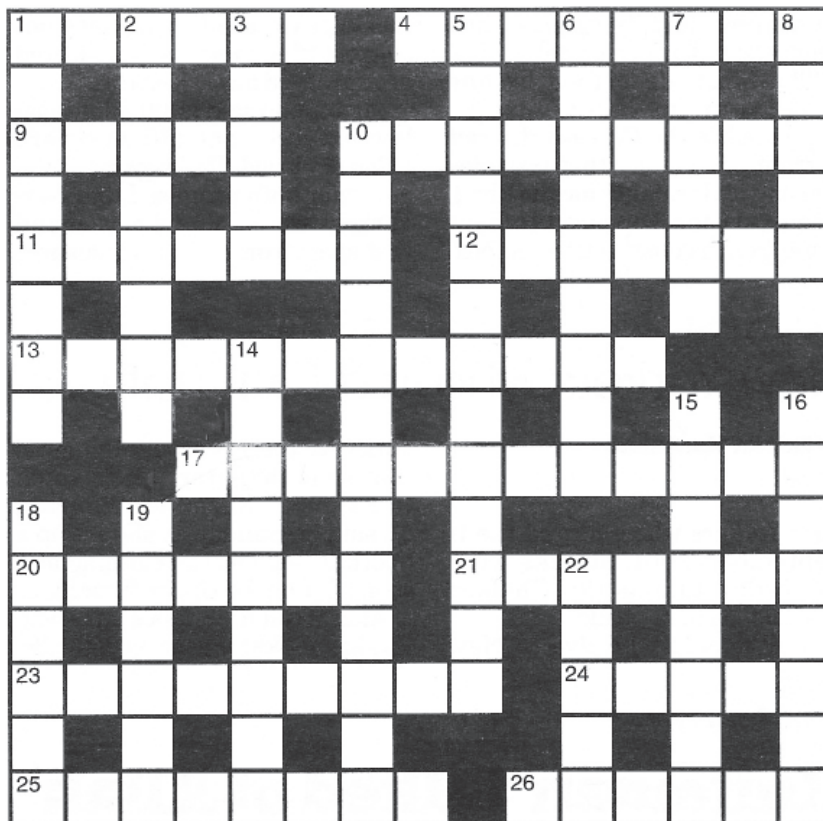
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CROSSWORD 137



ACROSS

1. Expressions (6)
4. Bedtime beverage? (8)
9. Mammal with a long snout (5)
10. Timely (9)
11. Helium, neon or argon for example (4,3)
12. Type of desk (4-3)
13. Condemned man's last request? (3,2,2,5)
17. Response period (8,4)
20. Parvenu (7)
21. Inconsequential (7)
23. Cultural period (9)
24. Narrow mountain ridge (5)
25. Voters (8)
26. Gateway (6)

DOWN

1. Under the power of another person (2,6)
2. Contaminant (8)
3. Woman found in tremor agony (5)
5. Taking advantage of circumstances (13)
6. Call round for nobleman who vanished (4,5)
7. Matters (6)
8. Ready for bed? (6)
10. Seashore bird with red beak (13)
14. Counsellor (9)
15. Hard-working (8)
16. In a disordered fashion (4-4)
18. Subtlety (6)
19. On land (6)
22. US state (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 136

ACROSS

8. keep mum
9. expanse
11. lateral thinking
12. resistance
13. sage
16. ignore
17. madcap
21. gust
23. debateable
25. seven deadly sins
26. unnerve
27. oregano

DOWN

1. skylarking
2. jettison
3. embrasure
4. amalgam
5. recheck
6. angina
- 7,25 down Feng shui
10. puny
14. expression
15. safety net
18. cuboidal
19. fevered
20. hands-on
22. savant
24. oner
25. see 7

Name _____

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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 136

There were 22 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Mr T Smith of Woodham Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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.

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



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THURSDAY CLUB IN AUGUST

Normally the club doesn't meet in August, but this year we had a different agenda. As we wanted to be part of Eric Hepplewhite's Poppy Painting, August seemed

to be a good time to fit it in. So, on a beautifully sunny day, 17th August, 19 members came along to either make or paint poppies. We had a very industrious afternoon.

Then, as a reward for all our hard work, we treated ourselves to a faith afternoon tea in Olive's garden. A lovely end to a busy, companionable session.



Busily working, making or painting poppies.



Enjoying the goodies and the sunshine.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Fish Pie topped with Cheesy Mash

I've used this recipe for a long time, it's easy, the ingredients are readily available and it is a really delicious dish.

You need ...

1 small onion, chopped
1 bay leaf
600ml milk
300 ml double cream
200 g salmon fillet
200 g smoked haddock
60 g king prawns
100g butter
50 g plain flour
30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped chives
30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped flat leaf parsley
1.3 kg King Edward potatoes, peeled
Salt and ground white pepper

60 ml (4 tbsp) grated mature Cheddar cheese
30 ml (2 tbsp) of crème fraîche
1 egg

METHOD

1) Put the chopped onions in a large pan with the bay leaf, 500 ml of milk, cream, salmon and smoked haddock. Bring to the boil and simmer for about 9 minutes.
2) Lift the fish out, break into large flakes and place evenly in an ovenproof dish with the prawns.
3) Strain the cooking liquid into a jug.
4) Melt 50 g of butter in a pan, add the flour and cook for 1 minute. Take

off the heat and stir in the cooking liquid.

5) Return to the heat and bring to the boil, stirring. Simmer for 8 minutes.
6) Remove from the heat and add the parsley, chives and seasoning.
7) Pour the sauce over the fish.
8) Boil the potatoes for 20 minutes, drain and mash. Add the egg yolk, remaining butter and milk, seasoning and the crème fraîche.
9) Spoon the mash evenly over the fish and sauce. Sprinkle the cheese on top.
10) Cook in a preheated oven 200 degrees C/400 degrees F/gas mark 6 for 35-40 minutes.

RED CROSS COFFEE MORNING

The Red Cross held a very successful coffee morning on Friday 25th August raising a wonderful £156.45 and we would like to thank everyone who helped in any way including baking, serving in the kitchen and selling

and of course all who came to support us and enjoy a drink and cake. The room was full of friends old and new catching up and spending time together and all the money raised goes towards supporting the Red Cross in its work.



Volunteers and supporters at the coffee morning.

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WHAT'S ON?

Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday October 8th at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and then a film at 7.30 pm. The film we are screening that night is 'LION'.

This award winning film stars Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman and is a true story of a life 'lost and found'. A 5 year old Indian boy gets lost on a train travelling away from his home and family, then survives on the streets of Kolkata before being taken into an orphanage. The story of subsequent events in his life described as 'uplifting, heart-wrenching and beautiful'.

All are welcome.

Art Exhibition

The Annual Art Exhibition by Lanchester Art Group will be held on the weekend of October 21st/22nd in the Community Centre. Doors open at 10 am till 5 pm with a 50p admission. Well over 200 paintings will be on display with many for sale. Meet the artists and bag a bargain. Refreshments also available, including home made cakes, sandwiches and pies.

Christmas Shopping

The date for the 'Christmas Shopping Trip to York 2017' is Saturday December 2nd. If you are interested please contact Brenda Craddock on 01207 520749 or email steve24c07@aol.com. Names as soon as possible please as the bus is almost full.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 15th October to go to Baal Hill Wood. Meet in the Community Centre carpark at 9.30 am.

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Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 12th October.

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 from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

Baby Group

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

Christmas Card Making Monday 2nd October 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Kids' Halloween Night Sunday 29th October 5.00 - 7.00 pm. A film, fancy dress and Best Pumpkin competitions.

£4 and parents come free.

Lanchester Library

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

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be on October 19th. Olive Simpkins will be giving a talk and slide show entitled 'A flavour of Scandinavia and the Balkans'. Please remember that the meeting will be at 1.30 pm, now that the wintry dark nights will have returned.

A Swish Evening

Attention Girls (all ages) Back by popular demand: a Swish evening is planned by Lanchester Methodist Church, Wives and Friends Group, for Wednesday 18th October, in Lanchester Methodist Church, starting at 7.30 pm. As you may already know, Swish is a fun way of 'refreshing' your wardrobe with quality items of clothing, accessories and shoes - all styles will be welcome!

Loneliness Group

Here's a quick reminder to everyone that you are invited to make a difference to our community. Come along to hear from Age UK and our Local Mental Health team on the impact of Loneliness on health and wellbeing for us all. There will be an opportunity for you to find out how other folks feel about this topic. We are meeting in the Community Room at Lynwood House, Tuesday 3rd October. Meeting starts at 6.30 but you are welcome to share some refreshment from 6.00 pm.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 5th October, 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

North Country Theatre

The ever popular North Country Theatre is returning the Lanchester Community Centre with 'Nightmares in Norfolk' on Saturday 7th October at 7.30 pm. 'Oh, Whistle and I'll Come to You' and 'The Signalman' are two terrifying tales from masters of the ripping yarn and are directed by Vivienne Garnett. Tickets £9 are available from the Community Centre and the local Post Office.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be on 10th October. The subject will be 'Revealing Reptiles in the North East with John Butler of the Woodland Trust. Meet in the Community Centre Dining Room at 7.30 pm.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be held in large hall of the Community Centre on Monday 2nd October starting at 7.15. This is our AGM which will be attended by a WI advisor and is always an interesting and informative meeting. The birthday meal balance of £20 or the full amount of £25 is due at this meeting please.

If you would like to come along as a visitor please do as you will be sure of a warm welcome.

WI Coffee Morning

Lanchester WI are holding their Autumn Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th October 10.00 - 11.30 in the dining room of Lanchester Community Centre. Tickets are £1 each which includes tea or coffee and there will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall.

Everyone is welcome and we do hope you can join us catching up with friends old and new over a 'cuppa'.

Local History Society

Subject: 'Sanctuary at the Cathedral'

Speaker: Arthur Dodds

Date: Friday October 6th

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

Lanchester resident Arthur will tell the story of Sanctuary at Durham Cathedral through the ages.

Visitors are always welcome (£3). For more information about the History Society contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Library Book Club

On Monday 30th October at 2.30 to 3.30 pm, the group will be discussing Sunday Times Bestseller, 'Elizabeth is Missing' by Emma Healey. Somewhere in Maud's damaged mind lies the answer to an unsolved mystery. 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.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday 19th October from 5.30-6.30, the group will be reviewing 'The Miniaturist' by Jessie Burton. This book is set in a 17th century merchant's house with a doll's house (exhibited in the Rijksmuseum) as one of the characters! If you would like to join this new group, pick up the book at the library and we will see you there.

Chatterbooks

For children aged 8-11 year old

The next event is Monday October 9th from 3.45-4.30 pm.

Come along to the library to read and take part in activities relating to favourite children's books. (We have covered Where's Wally, Horrid Henry and Dirty Bertie, what is next?) This is a national scheme for children who love reading, need help to get involved in the joy of reading, and it will also introduce them to new authors too.

Future dates are November 13th and December 11th.

There are limited places so please contact the library on 03000 269514 or speak to Zena or other librarians in the library.

Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 4th October at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Red Cross Fashion Event

The Red Cross shop is holding a Fashion Event in the shop on Wednesday 25th October, 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm. We will have for sale new clothes still with labels, quality High Street brands, toiletries, shoes and bags as well as all our usual stock. Refreshments will be available. Please come along to grab your bargains.

Mothers' Union

Cecily Lindsay is the speaker at the October meeting on Wednesday 11th, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House and she will be talking about the island of St Helena, her home for many years.

Lanchester Social Club

For your entertainment:
Saturday 7th October - Take This Duo (Award Winning Duo)
Saturday 14th October - Cassandra (Fabulous Young Singer)
Saturday 21st October - Chris Small (Sensational Male Vocalist)
Saturday 28th October - Kelly Coleman (First Class Singer)

Apple Juicing

Do you have an abundance of apples on your trees? Why not turn them into delicious fresh apple juice with the help of Lanchester Community orchard members. We're planning to have a juicing weekend October 14th and 15th when non-members can bring their own apples and with our guidance turn them into juice. The juice will keep for a week in your fridge or months in the freezer. This is a fun and productive activity for all the family. So start saving your plastic bottles and contact Sonny Shepherd 07817369160 if you wish to book a session or just find out more.

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 October 10th, 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: 07969454815.

Lanchester Partnership Annual Ceilidh

Saturday November 18th at Lanchester Social Club from 7.00 to 10.30 pm
Windy Gyle Band
Come along and dance, listen, watch and enjoy.
Adults £7.50
Children £2.50
Faith supper - please bring a plate of food to share.
Bar, raffle and tombola.
Tickets from Jill Gladstone, Tel: 528 114.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th October at 2 pm in the main hall of Lanchester Community Centre. This will be our social afternoon and there will also be a mini demonstration. Please come and join us.

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be a little different. We have decided that as it is our 69th birthday next month we will visit The Punchbowl Inn for a meal. Our table has been booked for 6.30 pm.

Methodists Wives and Friends

Our Mission is to offer friendship and fellowship to all women who attend our Group's meetings which are held fortnightly, on Wednesday evenings, in the Methodist Church, at 7.30 pm.

The programme is wide ranging in content and variety with a selection of speakers.

Autumn 2017 Programme is:-

4th October, Women in the First World War
18th October, Swish event £5 to include Coffee and Cake

1st November, Gina Hopper: 'Think Carefully!'

15th November, Hilary Taylor: Antarctica Adventure

29th November, Simon: The Cheese Man

12th December, Janet Arbon: Advent devotions.

All welcome.

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

CRICKET NEWS

The season has come to an end and the first team have finished in third place, their best position in a number of seasons.

They finished with a great run of six straight wins including a highly impressive nine wicket win at Tynedale, which saw Kiwi Sam Crooks score his second century of the season. In the Ryton match, Kieron Taylor was on top form with the ball taking six wickets for just five runs in eight overs. In the final game with Leadgate, Sam Crooks took four wickets and scored a fifty in the win. That took Sam to 964 officially recorded runs for the season, but a couple of cup ties aren't on play cricket so he will have passed the magic 1000 figure as well as taking 25 wickets and 16 catches. We can only hope he comes back next year. Kieron Taylor was leading wicket taker with 59 and Callum Barnes did very well with 46.

The seconds finished in eighth spot in the league. When they turned out a full side they could match anyone but sadly too often they were understrength. It will be interesting to see what teams they will face next year following the shake up in the amalgamation with the Northumberland League. Skipper Chris Ramshaw was well out in front as top run scorer. Chris Tully was leading wicket taker.

The thirds had a decent season and in the final month beat Sacriston in a high scoring game then lost narrowly to champions to Cowgate. David Selby was leading run maker and leading wicket taker, including his maiden century against Shotley Bridge. Special mentions for 12 year old Charlie McPhail who took 18 wickets including a brilliant five wickets against Cowgate and Andy Allen who set a new club batting record of 177 against Bill Quay.



Sam Crooks, Lanchester CC's overseas professional has returned home after a great season with bat and ball. Sam scored over 1000 runs and took 50 wickets throughout the season to help guide Lanchester to a 3rd place finish, their highest since 2010!

CHRISTMAS GIN FESTIVAL

Lanchester Cricket Club is aiming to hold a one day Festival of Gin on Saturday 9th December, where around twenty

types of gin should be available to try. More information to follow in next editions as the details are fully worked out.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 12th November 2017 in Lynwood House. Members of the public are welcome.

FRIESNER FAMILY TACKLE THE GREAT NORTH RUN



Lanchester resident David Friesner was joined by his two daughters, sister in law, two nieces, a nephew and his wife to run the Great North Run in memory of his brother in law, Noel Dawson.

Pictured left to right: Sarah Clark, Holly Friesner, Barbara Clark, David Friesner, Andrea Carr-MacDonald, Ali Carr, Alex Carr and Joy Friesner. (See page 19 for story)

LANCHESTER BOWLING CLUB FINALS

Some of the bowlers who took part in the Lanchester Bowling Club competition finals. The inset shows one of the 'Kindness Rocks' which was found on the edge of the bowling green at the start of the finals and proved to be a lucky rock for Christine Monaghan who found it and then went on to win her final. (See article on page 18)



MARIA RUNS FOR WILLOW BURN



Maria Matthews (right) and daughter Cate with their Great North Run medals. (See letter on page 2)

TENNIS CLUB MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Mixed Doubles winners Michelle Ridley and Simon Gerry and runners up Jane Laycock and Eddie Cooke. (See page 18 for article)



NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 17th October. The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 13th October.

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