

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER EASTER SUNDAY



*Easter Sunday on the Green.*



*The beautiful Easter Cross. See page 3.*

## HOT CROSS BUNS



*David Hughes delivering a Hot Cross Bun to Ged in the Village hardware store. See page 3.*

## EGG BOULING IN THE SNOW



*Some of the intrepid egg boulders who braved the cold and snowy conditions to take part in the annual egg bowling competition on Paste Egg Hill. See report on page 4.*



# CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCHESTER AT EASTER

## Lenten Lunches

Throughout the six weeks of Lent which began with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, there was a Lenten Lunch every Tuesday in the Methodist Church. These have taken place for many years and are always enjoyed by the people who attend, from our three different village churches.

Each week there was a faith lunch and cup of coffee or tea before a CD was played, which contained some thought provoking biblical material. This had been carefully prepared by a team of vicars and scholars of the Christian faith and there was an opportunity to discuss the content of the talks in groups, led by a member of the clergy. These Lenten Lunches led us to the beginning of Holy Week, marked by Palm Sunday.

## Palm Sunday

Every year a 'Churches Together Palm Sunday evening service' takes place in one of our churches. This year it was in the Roman Catholic Church on March 25th. It was well attended and there was a choir, made up of members from each church, which always adds quality to the singing of the hymns, all of which are carefully chosen with the Easter theme in mind. The choir also sang several musical items of their own which were beautifully sung under the baton of David Hughes.

The Easter biblical texts were read by our clergy and lay people with great sensitivity and clarity and there was a lovely atmosphere of togetherness as the three churches shared this special Palm Sunday celebration. Father Cornelius closed the service with prayer.



*David Hughes leads the Choir at the Palm Sunday service.*

## Holy Week

The three Lanchester churches all have services in their own churches during this special week in the Christian faith. Maundy Thursday is always observed, being the day of the 'Last Supper', before the death of Jesus on the cross on Good Friday.

## Good Friday

It was very cold and very wet when the Good Friday act of worship, arranged by 'Churches Together', took place on the village green. It was well attended and the three wooden crosses which had been placed on the green gave extra significance to the service. Reverend Stuart

Earl led the worship, drawing attention to the cross and its significance for our lives. Several hymns appropriate for Good Friday were sung and prayers were said to close the service before everyone made their way home or to their church. Umbrellas were still the order of the day!



*Reverend Stuart Earl led the Good Friday Service.*

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## Easter Saturday

Another very cold in which they were miserable morning for the Easter Saturday message, boldly written 'Churches Together' 'Why a cross on a Hot Coffee Morning in the Methodist Church. The weather certainly affected the attendance but undaunted, the usual Hot Cross Buns were distributed to shoppers and shopkeepers by David Hughes and Lyn Whitehead. The serviettes

wrapped bore the usual message, boldly written 'Why a cross on a Hot Cross Bun?' followed by the answer 'The cross reminds us of what Jesus did for mankind when he died on the cross'. On Easter Saturday evening All Saints' Parish Church held an Easter Vigil service in the evening.

## Easter Sunday

It was a very much brighter morning for Easter Sunday, which lifted our spirits even before we celebrated the great Easter message that 'Jesus Christ is risen from the dead'.

After our church services, everyone met up again on the village green, near the three wooden crosses. A fourth smaller cross had been placed near a table, upon which stood a large container of beautiful golden daffodils.

Mr Peter Jackson led the short act of worship and then invited everyone to come forward and attach a daffodil to the cross.

Soon the plain wooden cross was transformed into a thing of life, colour and beauty, symbolising how our lives can be transformed by Jesus who died on the cross for us but conquered death to bring us new life. The service ended with the singing of that great hymn 'Thine Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son, Endless is the Victory, Thou o'er Death hast won.' Thank you Churches Together committee for enabling our three churches to share the great Easter Festival of the Christian faith.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Helpers at the Easter Saturday Coffee morning.*



*Patricia and Lynda in the Red Cross shop accepting a Hot Cross Bun from Lyn Whitehead.*



*Decorating the cross with daffodils. See also photos on front page.*

## Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for March was 6. The draw was made by M Jackson.

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ORDER 2010  
(AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2018**

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# EGG BOULING IN THE SNOW

Despite the wintry weather, the annual Egg Bowling, organised by Lanchester Wildlife Group, took place on Easter Monday on Paste Egg Hill, with a few intrepid families turning up.

After some entertainment on the accordion at the beginning as well as some folk singing of old bowling songs, the eggs were wrapped in flowers collected from the area then boiled to create patterns and decorate the shell. Heat from the boiling pot was no doubt welcome in the freezing weather, yet a treasure hunt on Paste Egg Hill had everyone back out

into the snow and cold while still remaining cheerful.

With the eggs decorated and judged by Burt Hunter, it was time for the main event, with those who braved the weather making their way through mud and snow to the top of the hill, where the bowling commenced (see photo on front page).

There were plenty of potential record-breakers as the eggs travelled far down the hill due to the cushioning of the snow. Gradually the eggs broke, one by one, until a winner was found.

Keeping the old Easter tradition alive despite



*Singing some traditional bowling songs.*

the terrible weather on the day, a good time was had by all. Those who attended helped to ensure that the event, like so many years before, remained a key and historical part of Easter celebrations in Lanchester.

*Tom Bartles-Smith*

*Our photo, right, shows Burt Hunter judging the eggs.*



## BREATHE EASY (British Lung Foundation)

The Breathe Easy network provides support, information, friendship and outings for all people affected by a lung condition. Carers and friends are welcomed.

We meet on the second Thursday of each month

(except August) in the Community Centre lounge from 2.00 until 4.00 pm.

Our next meeting will be on May 10th, when we will hear from a researcher into lung disease, especially bronchiectasis. Our June 14th meeting will be 'Beat the Scammers' with a speaker from Age

UK and on July 12th we will be singing with Bethany.

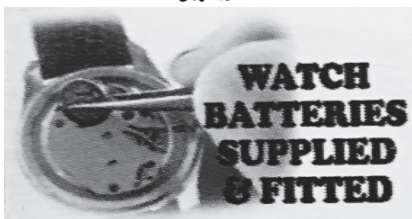
We also go out for a pub lunch on the last Monday of each month.

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# THE EASTER STORY AT THE EP SCHOOL

Every year in Holy Week, the EP school has a special Easter service in the Parish Church but this year for reasons beyond the school's control, this service had to be held in the school hall. The pupils had very little time to adjust to the new venue but as we might expect, the pupils adapted perfectly and once again the Easter Story was portrayed in a very beautiful way.

The service opened with a Palm Sunday hymn, this being the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. A year 5 pupil

then introduced the plain wooden cross which was in place at the front of the hall. The scene was now set for Good Friday and two pupils at a time brought forward items to lay at the foot of the cross, all of which indicated the terrible suffering Jesus must have endured. These items included a crown of thorns, hammer and nails, a whip, a purple robe, a sword and other symbols associated with the cross, namely 30 pieces of silver, cutouts of a sun, moon and stars, a wooden cockerel and a mocking banner which said

'INRI', meaning King of the Jews. The atmosphere during this activity was solemn and several appropriate Easter songs were sung by the pupils, helped by the school choir. The second part of the service began by the items being removed from the cross. It was now time to sing 'God's not dead. No, He is alive'. All the pupils were invited to come forward and place a daffodil on the cross and gradually the cross became a thing of beauty, alive in its yellow glory. Reverend Rupert Kalus gave a short address

bearing out the message of the Easter presentation. The tragedy of the cross had become the triumph of the resurrection. 'Christ is Risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia.' Members of the audience were also invited to place a daffodil on the cross but because of limited space, this could only take place after the pupils

had returned to their classes, but not before Mrs Davis thanked all the pupils for the excellent presentation of the Easter Story and especially years two and five who took a major part in the action.

Altogether it was a lovely afternoon and a joyful beginning for the Easter holiday.

*Brenda Craddock*



*A very full school hall.*

## GOOD FRIDAY - 'THE WITNESS'

The Methodist Church is host every Good Friday to the Methodist Circuit Choir, who prepare an appropriate musical for the occasion. This year the chosen musical was called 'The Witness' and it delighted the audience. There are some very attractive lyrics in this musical, written by Carol and Jimmy Owens and the accompanying words of explanation, inclusive of the Easter Story were extremely well read by

Amy Wilmot. 'The Witness' was very sensitively sung by the choir and the soloists sang their words with sincerity and conviction. The whole performance had been carefully prepared and artistically orchestrated by the choir conductor, which is no surprise because the conductor was Harry Carr. There was a small group of instrumentalists to accompany the choir including their resident

pianist Mavis Coulson. Together the choir and musicians gave an excellent performance and much pleasure to the large and appreciative audience. 'The Witness' also gave much upon which to ponder, as it took us beyond Easter to the growth of the early church and our own discipleship in the Christian faith. A big thank you Harry and the Methodist Circuit Choir.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Harry conducting his choir.*

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# SCOTTISH DANCERS CELEBRATE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Lanchester Scottish Dance Group is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2018. It is a section of the Community Centre and was formed soon after the Community Centre was established, so both organisations are celebrating their 50th Anniversaries this year.



*Founder members of the Scottish Dance Group: from left to right standing, Maurice Ridley, David Cairns and John Wills and seated, Marlene Cairns and Pat Wills.*

To mark the occasion the dancers decided to have a special Party Night on Friday 23rd March.

The evening was very well attended by about 50 current and past members, and started with an introduction by Elizabeth Grayson, Chairperson of the Group. Founder members and other long standing members had been invited together with dancers from other local clubs. There were 5 founder members present.

Dancing was organised by the members and we danced a mixture of jigs, reels and strathspeys. We took a break in the middle of the evening for a splendid Bring and Share supper and we had



*David Cairns and Maurice Ridley cut the 50th Anniversary cake.*

a lovely celebration cake specially made for the occasion. Two of the founder members, David Cairns and Maurice Ridley, cut the cake. David initially set up the Scottish Dancing Group and he asked Maurice, an excellent accordion player, to join him and provide the music. Other longstanding members at

the celebration included Marlene Cairns and John and Pat Wills.

Then it was on with some more dancing. It was a very happy evening, over all too quickly. Here's to the group's next 50 years!

The Scottish Dance Group meets every Friday at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre.

## LONELINESS UPDATE

This month, we look at identifying potential triggers and offer some practical information about how you might support older people who may be feeling lonely. 'Loneliness is a subjective, negative feeling experienced where there is a discrepancy between the amount and quality of social contacts one has, and the amount and quality one would like to have'. Triggers may include life events, traumas and transitions, personal circumstances, an individual's environment,

their personality and psychological responses and social activity. Self esteem, confidence and resilience can also be contributors.

Studies since the 1940s have consistently found that 5-16% of people aged 65 or over feel lonely all or most of the time. And remember, when thinking about older people, that they could be your friends, neighbours or family.

Ask yourself:

Do they live alone?

Do they suffer from an illness?

How regularly do they leave the house?

How mobile are they?

Have they recently suffered a bereavement?

Do they suffer from a sensory impairment (hearing or sight loss)?

Do close family live nearby?

Key principles have been identified that can help you to achieve effective support when basing your approach and engaging in dialogue with older people. These are:

1 Empathy: generating a deep, accurate understanding of what loneliness means to them and their experiences.

2 Congruence: being genuine, honest, and 'real', having 'openness'.

3 Unconditional positive regard: showing warmth, respect, a non-judgemental manner and recognising that confronting feelings and changing behaviours can be daunting.

By helping people to understand their own circumstances and plan their own solutions, your active involvement and appropriate support can positively benefit, engage and encourage others.

In next month's article, we look at how loneliness can affect young people and ways to support them.

Article developed from work undertaken by the 'Campaign to End Loneliness'.



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## Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 10th April 2018

**Police report** - see below.

**Correspondence**

1. **All Saints' Catholic Primary School** - Letter of thanks for donation - received.

2. **Lanchester and Burnhope Parochial Church Council** - letter of thanks for donation - received.

3. **The Clerk Magazine - March 2018** - received.

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

It was agreed that a contribution of £300 per year for two years is made towards the children's summer activity scheme managed by the AAP.

It was agreed that the path between St Bede's School and the Lanchester Show field be considered for the environmental improvement project.

**Neighbourhood Plan**

The next working group meeting will consider all feedback and comments from the Parish Council, our planning consultant and Durham County Council. In addition the mapping requirements and Local Green Spaces will be discussed. The draft document is being progressed. There are a number of formal stages to undertake to arrive at the referendum point.

**Maintenance Report** - received.

**Plaque - Lady Diana Tree** - It was agreed that prices and designs are obtained for a replacement plaque.

**Northumbrian Water Ltd - Sewer System**

Officers from Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) attended the meeting to discuss the sewer system in

Lanchester and particularly on Ford Road. The Officers provided information on the sewer system and discussed a number of concerns raised by the Parish Council.

**Northern Powergrid Agreement for the Connection of Unmetered Customer Installations** - agreed that the document be signed and returned.

**Policies** - the following policies were reviewed and agreed:

Financial Regulations, Public Filming, Recording or Reporting at Council or Committee Meetings Policy, Health & Safety Policy, Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy, Public Participation Policy, Training - Statement of Intent, Publication

Scheme, Complaints Procedure, Grants Policy, Community Engagement - Statement of Intent, Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations - Employer Discretions, Diversity Statement.

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

The next Ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at Lynwood House following the Annual Meeting at 7.15pm.

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## POLICE REPORT

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Last month we experienced a spate of vehicle crime in the area of Burnhopside Avenue

when three vehicles had their car wing mirrors kicked off and a bag of concrete was left on the roof of another vehicle. Information came forward identifying the two male teenagers responsible who were later interviewed and admitted the offences.

Crime of note this month includes the theft of fuel from the building site at Willow Burn Hospice, a car tyre being slashed on Manor Grange and a copper tank being stolen from a garden on Durham Road. All these crimes are newly reported and still under investigation. In the meantime additional

patrols will be conducted in these areas to identify anyone acting suspiciously and to deter further crime taking place. On Saturday 12th May between 10-11 am PCSO Lisa Cullen-Jackson will be hosting a Street PACT on Front Street. If you have any problems or concerns please come along.

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# WACKY HAIR DAY FUN AT EP SCHOOL!

On 27th March, The children came into Lanchester EP was transformed with a series of weird and wacky hairstyles to raise money for Heel and Toe, a charity that offers education therapy for children with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities.

The children came into school with an array of wonderful designs, varying from unicorns to Skittles and using a wide range of bright colours. A special assembly was held where all the children had the opportunity to walk

down the catwalk to show off their hair to the packed hall. Some of the teachers bravely agreed to have their heads shaved, even one of the parents had hers done too! One of the Year 6 girls cut off her hair and kindly gave it to the Little Princess Trust.

A great time was had by all but the most important thing was that a fantastic £436.80 was raised for charity. A special thanks to Mrs Startup and the RotaKids for organising such a special day.

Ellie Somerville (Year 6)



Three of the wonderfully wacky hairstyles on display.

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## COMMUNITY OPEN EVENING - NEW DATE!

Lanchester EP School - Thursday 10th May 5 pm - 7 pm

I am so sorry that we had to postpone the previously arranged date! Sadly, the snow beat us all that week... However, we have re-arranged the date and would like to welcome you all to our school and new extension on Thursday 10th May between 5 pm and 7 pm to have a look round, meet staff and children, enjoy some refreshments and to see the new extension that was built last year.

We were so aware of the disruption that affected many of you in the village during the building of the extension and also so grateful for your patience during that time, especially those of you living in close proximity to the school.

We would now like to say a very big thank you to you all and invite you into school to see the new extension as well as have a look round the whole school as you might also enjoy a trip down memory lane!

The two new classrooms, the extension to the Nursery as well as two new offices and a new main entrance have made a huge difference to our school and we are all very proud of it!

Come and have a wander, see the old and the new, enjoy a tea or coffee and chat to staff, parents and children.

We look forward to welcoming you all on Thursday 10th May between 5 and 7 pm.

Mrs Jane Davis  
Head Teacher

## WANTON DESTRUCTION



This lovely young tree has been pulled out by its roots on the green adjacent to the bypass. Why? Oh! Why?



## NEW BUSINESS FOR LANCHESTER COUPLE

Caroline and Mark Butterfield who grew up and still live in Lanchester have recently opened a new business in Meadowfield Durham called Petite Street Playtown.

Petite Street Playtown is a special town packed full of fun and imagination for preschool children with little shops, fire station, pet hospital, car track and much more to excite and

entertain the young ones whilst parents can enjoy a relaxing coffee and cake from the Bistro Café.

Petite Street is a family affair with Caroline's brother Andrew Kilburn (again a Lanchester lad) managing the day to day running of the business. Caroline and Mark made the decision to use local produce and tradesmen from the start. The internal joinery was undertaken

by John Daniels from Lanchester and the signage was produced by Derwent Vinyls, again owned by a Lanchester resident. The food is sourced in the north east with Lanchester Dairies supplying the milk.

Caroline and Mark hope to see lots of parents and children from the village coming to experience their family run, family friendly new fun Playtown.

  
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## LOCAL MUSICIAN LAUNCHES CD

A talented Lanchester musician and landscape artist showcased both of those talents in a triple CD launch earlier this month. Martin Matthews, who is well known on the North East folk scene with his special brand of Irish folk music, has also had his artwork widely exhibited and the CD launch at St Mary's Heritage Centre next to The Sage in Gateshead combined his love for both disciplines. He explained: "The project that I've been working on over the past six years has been an Art and Music project called Wall to Wall. The idea was to have a touring exhibition of my landscape paintings which would be accompanied by

music collected, written and played by myself and a selection of traditional musicians. Each painting location was paired with music reflecting the traditional music found in that area. The Walls in question were locations set in and around a route between Hadrian's Wall and the Mourne Wall in County Down Ireland.

This tour started in 2013/14 and toured Ireland and the UK ending in Durham. The exhibition was reprised in Durham in 2016, the first CD of music, Lindisfarne to Walltown, being released in 2015. The second CD, Cowraik to Sliabh Croob, was eventually finished and released December 2017

and the final album, Greencastle to Carrickmacross, was released last week, hence the triple launch.

Martin added: "The evening was a great success, and musicians from Northumberland, Scotland, Ireland and Yorkshire came to perform selected tracks from all three CDs."

On Sunday, April 15th at Lanchester Community Centre, Martin hosted a concert featuring fiddler Gerry O'Connor, guitarist Donal O'Hanlon, Andy McLaughlin, Paul Archer and himself with sound by Derek Heather as a farewell concert for Gerry and Donal before they returned to Ireland. *Neil McKay*



*Martin Matthews (left) with his fellow musicians.*

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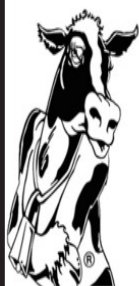
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## BRENDA CRADDOCK'S SECOND NOVEL

Brenda is known in Lanchester by so many people. She is industrious by nature and has so many interests, with commitments to All Saints' Parish Church, Lanchester Brass Band and The Village Voice, as a busy reporter. She has family locally and also in London whom she visits regularly. It is amazing that Brenda finds the time to research and write so prolifically.

Brenda was born and bred in Newcastle where she was educated to university level and taught at Snow Street School.

'Abigail's Secret', her first book, was so successful that her publisher, ukbookpublishing.co.uk, suggested that she

produced another book. Now, just two years later Brenda has launched 'Samuel's Secret', a completely different story, but still is based in Newcastle upon Tyne.

The story begins at the end of the 19th century, continuing until the Second World War. The novel is available from Amazon and Waterstones priced at £4.99.



Brenda, relaxing for once, displaying her new book, 'Samuel's Secret'.

## LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR PATRONS' EVENING

LMVC held another successful event with an evening of entertainment for its Patrons - those who support the Choir with subscriptions and donations. This annual event, the Choir's second main concert this year, was attended by some 95 Patrons on Saturday 14th April and proved most successful.

In all six pieces were sung split by an excellent piano solo by Noreen Bridgewater. 'Last of the Summer Wine' set a good pace which was maintained throughout, ending with the rousing

'Soldiers' Chorus - from Faust'. Tears were spotted during the rendition of 'Unchained Melody'. The Chairman's address was followed by a top rate supper (courtesy Crinnions) after which a hush descended upon the Community Centre as hurriedly assembled teams grappled with the regular quiz. He who set the quiz reassures the several in doubt that it is a 'murder' of crows and not a 'crowd', resting other minds assured that Prince Philip was born on the Mediterranean island of Corfu - not Majorca!

The well supported raffle included a vast array of upmarket prizes, gleefully seized upon by winning ticket holders. The evening ended with the National Anthem, the Chairman having again thanked those present for their sterling and fulsome support to LMVC, support which is greatly appreciated.

LMVC now looks ahead to its Annual Concert in the Methodist Church on Friday 6th July. Tickets will be on sale at the Community Centre. We hope that you can make it. *Stuart Eaton, Chairman*

## HOT OFF THE PRESS!

A new (5th) edition of The Natural History of Upper Teesdale is available. The book brings together experts who have written a comprehensive and compelling account of the natural history of one of Britain's most iconic dales.

Upper Teesdale is renowned nationally and internationally for its remarkable flora, fauna and geology; these are described in depth. Social heritage is celebrated, the unusual weather and climate are described and key

conservation issues are raised. Copies will be available through Durham Wildlife Trust and North Pennines AONB Partnership at Bowlees visitor centre, also the Lanchester Wildlife Trust will have copies at £10 each.



# COMMUNITY ORCHARD WILLOW WEAVING DAY



*Orchard group members enjoying their productive willow weaving day.*



*Relaxing in the sun beneath the living willow structure.*

What a brilliant day members of the Lanchester Orchard and Allotment groups had on Saturday 24th March. They spent the day led by Joe and Matt from Abundant Earth, Brancepeth, weaving willow structures and hazel hurdles.

Half of the group made 2m high willow pyramids that

would grace any garden and provide the perfect climbing frame for sweet peas or beans alike. They then wove a living willow structure round the bench at the end of the nut walk in the orchard. This we hope will take root and provide dappled light for those resting a while beneath its branches. The other group spent the

day with Matt learning the ancient traditional craft of hurdle weaving. They learnt how to set the upright poles, called zales, splithazel sticks and weave them around the upright posts. When finished, the hurdles were solid and sturdy and ideal for use as screening or wind breaks on the allotment plots.

Not only did the members enjoy their creative tasks but also the wonderful warm spring weather, the views over Lanchester and the surrounding countryside and the lively banter from their companions. A great day of fresh air, friendship and creativity!

If you would like to know more about the Lanchester Community Orchard or become a member you can contact us at [lanchesterorchard@outlook.com](mailto:lanchesterorchard@outlook.com) or visit our website at [lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com](http://lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com).

*Sonny Shepherd*

## CELEBRATING EARTH HOUR

Members of the Lanchester Community Orchard and Margery Flatts Allotments were invited to turn off all their lights and bring their soup and hot drinks along to the orchard to celebrate Earth Hour 2018 on 24th March, as many people around the world were doing at 8.30 local time. We all met, along with family and friends, on a

lovely, chilly clear March evening at 8.00 pm with candle lights around the central area and avenues and a brazier helping to ward off the chilly air. Hoping for a clear sky, we suggested that people could bring binoculars along to do some stargazing and we weren't disappointed. Simon Johnson, an orchard member, was on

hand to guide us around the night skies. This was the second time we have celebrated Earth Hour in the Orchard and once again, we were lucky to have a calm, clear evening with a wonderful view of the sky and even saw three

shooting stars. We shared tasty homemade soup, fantastic home baking and good company. This is now a regular event in our calendar and we are hoping for another clear night for Earth Hour 2019.

If you would like to know more about the Community Orchard or become a member you can contact us at [lanchesterorchard@outlook.com](mailto:lanchesterorchard@outlook.com) or visit our website at [lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com](http://lanchesterorchard.wordpress.com).

*Eleanor Johnson*



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## PROJECT POPPIES 'LEST WE FORGET'

We currently have 3,001 poppies made of which 2,321 are painted, sprayed and completely finished.

We can now confirm that the display will take place from 1st November until Sunday 18th November 2018 with the Methodist Chapel open during this time from around 9.30 am until 8 pm serving tea and coffee. It is hoped that we will have a display from the DLI museum on show in the church during this period.

We will be holding our own Festival of Remembrance service on both 8th and 9th November and more

details will be given at a later date. The Lord Lieutenant of Durham has accepted our invitation to attend the Thursday service as our guest of honour. You can still be involved as we have three workshops remaining before the display. These are on Saturday 19th May, 30th June and 1st September although an extra one may be added in October if required to finish off painting some of the poppies. All will be held at Croft View Halls from 2-4 pm so just pop along to one of these workshops. You will be made very welcome.

*Eric Hepplewhite*

## THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE



*Celebrating our 38th birthday with a big party in the Community Centre.*



*As you can see, the coffee morning in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance was well attended.*

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We have had a busy satisfying afternoon. March. On the 15th we celebrated our 38th birthday with a homemade party in the Community Centre. We had an absolutely super time enjoying a beetle drive (which is an excellent way of getting to meet and talk to everyone) interspersed with some amusing monologues. Midway we ate a very varied and filling faith buffet meal. The afternoon closed with coffee and a choice of birthday cakes. A most

satisfying afternoon. On the 22nd we held our Great North Air Ambulance coffee morning. As usual we had a busy, chatty morning which resulted in a grand total of £286 and counting being raised for a very worthy cause. We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way and specifically Lilydale Pet Store, Crinnions, Lanchester Hardware and Lanchester Homes and Gifts.

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# POPULAR PARTNERSHIP QUIZ



*Teams concentrating on the difficult questions during this popular and well supported quiz.*

A Quiz night to support the Lanchester Partnership proved to be a huge success with around 25 teams taking part. Well over 100 people paid £5 to enter the quiz, and eat a pie and pea supper. The quiz, held in the packed concert room at the village Social Club on the evening of

Saturday April 14th, was hosted by Ross Tweddle, who has been running a successful quiz night at the Royal Oak in Medomsley for several years now. Rounds included a picture puzzle, music and general knowledge and was presided over by Ross with good humour

and panache. Ross himself described the turnout as "a belter." The winners left with a cash prize and a bottle of Prosecco.

And the real winner was the Lanchester Partnership which is using the funds to organise a village fun run. *Neil McKay*

## LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'Anything Goes'

Lanchester Flower Club's meeting was held on 28th March in Lanchester Community Centre. As the February meeting was cancelled because of heavy snow, it was necessary for us to hold the Annual General Meeting prior to the commencement of our demonstration. The Committee and members would like to thank Norma Jenssen our Treasurer for many years, who has resigned. Her support and work for the club over the years has been immense. Freda Hunter has also

resigned from the committee - another big thank you for all her work and support for the club over many years. The remaining members of the Committee were happy to continue. It is hoped in the near future we could recruit a couple more members who will join the committee. We closed the AGM at 2.25 pm, a very quick meeting!! The March meeting demonstrator was Karl Brunton, her theme being 'Anything Goes'. She has entertained us on many occasions and never lets

us down, always producing some fantastic arrangements for us to raffle. Everyone then enjoyed tea/coffee and biscuits and chatter. The club will be attending Chapters Restaurant on Wednesday 16th May to celebrate our 45th anniversary of Lanchester Flower Club's existence in Lanchester, always holding our meetings in Lanchester Community Centre. We like many of the users of the Community Centre joined them in the recent 50 years celebrations.



*Karl Brunton produced some fantastic arrangements while demonstrating her theme of 'Anything Goes'.*

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## CUPPA AND COMPANY



*Guests of Cuppa and Company enjoying their lunch and the chat.*

Another lovely lunch was had by all for the Cuppa and Company lunch. It was a full house this month. This lunch brings so much pleasure and company and everyone attending

looks forward to it so much. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers for providing lifts, baking and help on the day setting up, cleaning up, making tea and

providing conversation fun and laughter, you are wonderful ladies. The next lunch is 8th May. Again anyone that can help especially providing lifts would be greatly appreciated.



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Winter Barley and Vegetable Casserole

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You need about 30 minutes preparation time and 1½ hours to cook it.

2 large onions, peeled and cut into thick wedges  
2 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into large bite-sized pieces  
2 carrots, peeled and cut into large, bite-sized pieces  
2 turnips, peeled and quartered

200 g swede, peeled and cut into large bite-sized pieces  
1 litre vegetable stock  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped  
2 leeks, thickly sliced  
150 g raw pearl barley  
2 tsp dried sage  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper  
Chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, to garnish

**METHOD**  
1) Preheat the oven to 180 degrees C/Fan 160 degrees/Gas 4.  
2) Put the onions, sweet

potatoes, carrots, turnips and swedes into a large flameproof casserole dish and pour on the stock.

3) Place over a high heat and bring to the boil.

4) Add the garlic, leeks, barley and sage and season well.

5) Cover with a lid, transfer to the oven and cook for about 1½ hours, or until the vegetables are soft and the barley is tender.

6) Remove from the oven and sprinkle on the parsley just before serving.



## LANCHESTER WI MET IN APRIL

President Marie Murphy welcomed members on a lovely Spring evening and we were joined by 2 new members and 2 visitors. A copy of last meeting's minutes was displayed and Marie reminded us that we could request minutes by email, and can also now keep up to date with events on our Facebook page. As always, Durham County News contained much information regarding courses, events, and competitions; it's important we all keep up to date with County plans. Our WI Resolution for 2018 seeks to challenge the stigma associated with mental health, so that it is acceptable to talk about mental health issues as well as those which are physical. Our branch

voted to support the Resolution, 'Mental Health Matters'. Sincere thanks were offered to everyone who had helped in various capacities at our recent coffee morning. It had been very successful, and the sum raised was to be shared among Willow Burn Hospice, Lanchester Community Centre and our own branch.

We marked the 80th birthday of Diana Williams with flowers and a card. New dates to note included our Open evening and the Summer Outing to Ford and Etal - payment for this is due by May's meeting, along with your choice of refreshment. The theme of this evening was Horticulture and Anne Grosvenor had chosen a lovely reading from 'Cider with Rosie', very apt! Tonight's

competition was to name your personal favourite tree or plant and the winners were Maureen Clarkson and Jan Vasey. The raffle was won by Phyllis Penfold and Diana Williams and then Dan Madden gave his presentation about the History and Folklore of Plants. Dan's talk was informative and amusing and we felt that we would never see some plants in the same light again! He explained the 'Doctrine of Signatures' which doctors followed in the Middle Ages, by which plants which looked similar to parts of the body were believed to have a beneficial effect on them. Jill Gladstone thanked Dan for his interesting and light hearted presentation. A pleasant evening ended with tea and biscuits.



*Dan Madden who gave a very interesting presentation about the History and Folklore of Plants.*

## SATLEY WI APRIL REPORT

Our President Linda Horn welcomed 14 members to our meeting in Satley Parish Hall on April 9th. The minutes were read and the County Newsletter discussed. We have received invitations to a musical evening from Edmundbyers WI and a 60s night to be hosted by Lanchester WI. Our darts team (Pat Gibson, Joan Smith, Christine Wilson and Avril Carpenter) were congratulated for their efforts after just missing out on a place in the final by one point. Our speaker, Carolyn Hough, has been in the catering business for many years and she provided an entertaining cookery demonstration. Our members were able to sample mackerel pâté and hummus which were

served with bread sticks and vegetable crudités. They were followed by a cream of mushroom soup and chicken fajitas. Carolyn then made a chilled Shirley Temple mocktail. Everyone agreed that all of the samples were delicious and we will be trying to make them ourselves using the recipe sheets that Carolyn provided. Our vote of thanks was given by Avril Carpenter. The raffle was won by Joan Smith.

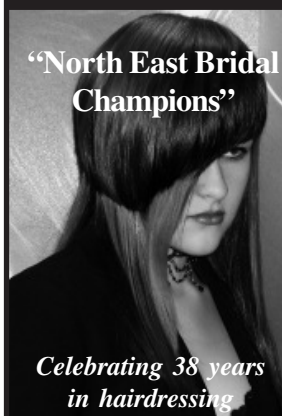
We had two competitions this month - the first for a decorated egg was won by Kathleen Snowden, 2nd Linda Horn, 3rd Jean Portwood and the second competition for two dyed eggs was won by Linda Horn, 2nd Kathleen Snowden and 3rd Avril Carpenter.

## BEER, CIDER AND GIN FESTIVAL 2018

Things seem to be progressing nicely as we move towards the big dates. They might seem a long way off to you, but for the organisers, the days seem to be hurtling by. Tickets are selling well for gin night, so don't be tempted to wait too long to get yours as they can only be bought in advance. Aquaid are in place as the event sponsor and Durham Gate are sponsoring the glasses. Since the last issue, the following people have signed up to sponsor a beer: LBC Civil Engineering, Neeco, DJM Solicitors, Santos Training, Buckley Burnett, New Image, DWF, Abba Financial and Lanchester Dairies. That takes us much closer to covering all the beers and ciders, though we would love a few

more. The entertainment line up has been finalised with the addition of soloist Lesley Stanbury, who will be first up on the Sunday. Lesley will be followed by The Jetreds and the night will be rounded off by Zen. The Buskers will be playing Friday night and Radio Star will be on Saturday night. An interesting spin off as a result of having Guide Dogs for the Blind as a chosen charity is that it has created a link to the County Blind Cricket Team, which you can read about in the cricket news. The beers and ciders have been ordered and although they sometimes change nearer the date, you can have a look to see what's coming, by visiting our website - [lanchesterbeerfestival.co.uk](http://lanchesterbeerfestival.co.uk).

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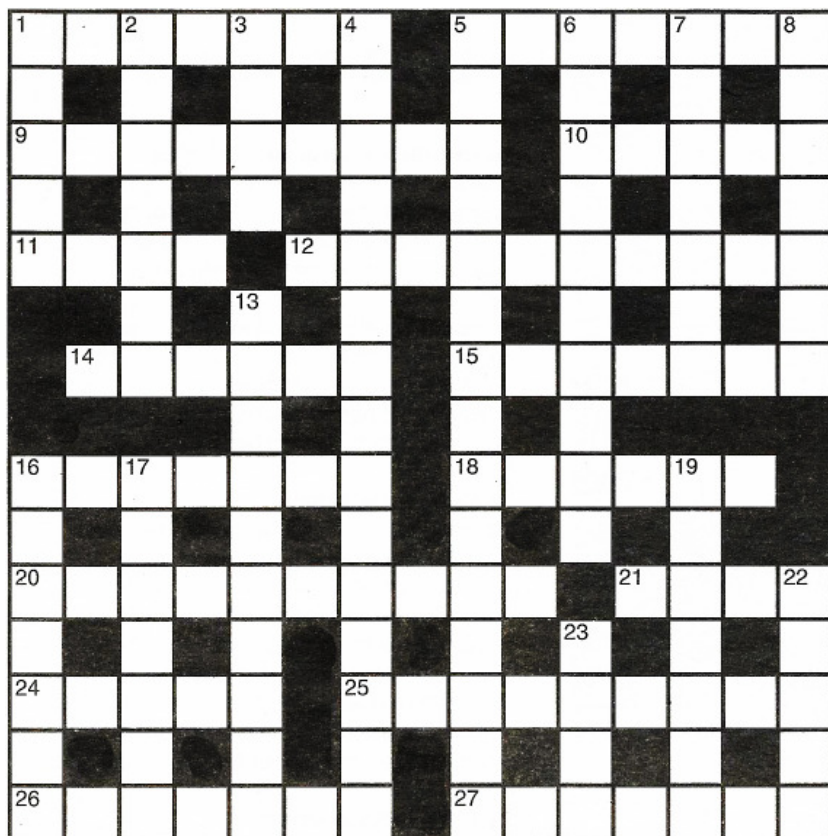
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## CROSSWORD 143

There were 20 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Val Seaward of Kitswell Road who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

### ACROSS

1. Body position (7)
5. Cooperates (7)
9. Creeping plant that's fast! (9)
10. Clothes drier (5)
11. Style (4)
12. Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> (10)
14. Contributing (6)
15. Russian revolutionary (7)
16. Fish soup (7)
18. Thing (6)
20. Decomposing flesh (6,4)
21. Storyteller (4)
24. Between (5)
25. Unaware (9)
26. Footplate on a sewing machine (7)
27. Supporter of Richard III (7)

### DOWN

1. Computer instruction (5)
2. Event official (7)
3. Open (4)
4. Flower that opens at dusk (7,8)
5. Plant with bell-shaped flowers (4,2,3,6)
6. Whatever happens (2,3,5)
7. Endeavours (7)
8. Flexible (7)
13. Of the in between years! (6,4)
16. Dried grape (7)
17. Result (7)
19. Lebanese port (7)
22. Take again (5)
23. Goes with throw, lap and cast (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 143

### ACROSS

7. seep/weep
8. improvised
10. homing
11. trumpery
12. filigree
13. polish
15. reunion
16. overdue
19. befall
21. in tandem
22. cosmetic
25. embody
26. Cassiopeia
27. uh-uh

### DOWN

1. velocipede
2. optician
3. finger bowl
4. tofu
5. dispel
6. veer
9. pooten
13. pave the way
14. stupendous
17. runabout
18. circle
20. almost
23. Oman
24. Thor

## 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.

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

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## WALKS WITH BROCK



Hello all, I'm back continuing the walk I started to tell you about in the last issue when we had reached Malton ...

At the end of the row of houses we turn left, and I am sternly warned to leave well alone a flock of sheep which graze in an adjoining field.

We then proceed along a track towards a stile, through a wood where deer are known to lurk, and across another stile after which we turn right.

From there it's along another footpath, across a stile and diagonally uphill to yet another stile, which runs over a cooling stream where I often stop to slake my thirst.

Then we continue to climb to the top of the field, and turn left to follow a footpath towards a farmyard.

Now, as a canine, I have always enjoyed farmyards. They are full of interesting smells and small winged creatures to chase.

But for some reason my Human insists I am kept tethered to him as we pass through, then along a country lane before we

reach a road which leads into Langley Park.

Fortunately a footpath leads us alongside the road towards the village but before we get that far we turn sharp left, across a cattle grid and down towards another farmyard. There are often a number of silly sheep in nearby fields, and my Human always goes on and on to me about not even THINKING of going near them, which I wouldn't anyway, they are such stupid animals.

At this next farmyard we turn right, and have another drink from a convenient stream, before going left again and walking across a field to rejoin the main footpath via another stile. Turning left, that footpath takes us back towards Lanchester, via the river bank at the Malton picnic area. We do have to cross a road and a busy car park before the picnic area. We dogs also have to look out for some cyclists going far too fast. When we get back to Lanchester my Human always tells me how, after six miles, he deserves a drink and I will have to sit patiently beside him while he slakes his thirst. But to be quite honest, after such a long walk I don't really mind.

## ANDERSON PLACE, NEWCASTLE'S LOST JEWEL

### Lanchester Local History Society

One of Richard Pear's interests is Anderson Place, Newcastle, because a very large house named Newe House, also known as Greyfriars, was built by Robert Anderson after the Dissolution of the Monasteries within Newcastle's city walls in the sixteenth century. Richard explained how modern Newcastle is built with the original roadways and passages. A lot of the street names indicate its previous past where there were several friaries and nunneries, Franciscans 1239, Carmelites 1262, and Augustinians 1291, together with nunneries of St Bartholomew. For example, Newgate Street's curve was formed around the walls of the nunnery. We have Pilgrim Street, Dean Street, Nun Street, High Friar Street and High Friars Lane which is medieval.

Parts of Anderson Place were constructed with the original walls of the cloister and were developed with an east and west wing and a central porch with columns similar to Belsay Castle 1614 and Horden

Hall c1650, which emulated Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire with a show of glass. Other notable features included decorated Dutch gables and finials, a feature still found in some buildings in Newcastle today.

King Charles 1 stayed at Newe House during his captivity in Newcastle 1646-1647 under General Leven.

Newe House was sold to George Anderson in the 1780s and later named Anderson Place. It was eventually sold to Richard Grainger in 1830 who developed the site. Some buildings still remain today eg Lloyds Bank which occupies part of the site.

Parts of the original house were sold and bits of Anderson Place eg the grand staircase went to Brinkburn Priory, and the

gates were repositioned at the Hermitage on Gateshead Fell but their whereabouts are now unknown.

Richard made connections with the rich merchants of Newcastle and their country homes, some of which still thrive today with the same families. Examples are the Liddells of Ravensworth Castle, Blacketts of Newby Hall, Sir John Trevelyan and Wallington Hall, Sir Thomas Wentworth of Wentworth Hall in South Yorkshire. Also, George Anderson 'the opulent builder' grandson at Little Harle Tower.

The large audience was fascinated with Richard's research and there were interesting parallels with today's developments in Newcastle and the North East.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Wildlife Group

At the next meeting on Tuesday 8th May, the subject will be 'Rachael's Gone Batty' - an insight into Durham's bat population. with Rachael Hepburn, Ecologist and Bat Surveyor. Meet at 7.30pm in the Community Centre dining room.

## Crafty Coffee Morning

Crafty Coffee Morning will be held at Lanchester Methodist Church every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10am-12noon beginning on April 24th.

The vision and aim of this gathering is to reach out to anyone in the local area who is feeling anxious, isolated or lonely. Come along and have a coffee, meet new friends, knit for charity, learn a new craft, tuition available.

There will be no charge but donations accepted. For more information contact Jennifer Nairns 07940263457.

## Local History Society

Subject: North East War Memorials Project  
Speaker: Dorothy Hall  
Date: Friday May 4th  
Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre  
The project is intended to assist members of the public to learn more about and research their local War Memorials and record the results. Visitors are always welcome (£3). For more information about the History Society contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com.

## Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held in Satley Parish Hall on May 14th when our guest speaker will be Mr Iain Anderson from the National Garden Scheme. Please feel free to join us.

## Community Centre

### Coffee Morning

The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 10th May.

### Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm.

### Needlecraft

On Wednesdays 1.00-3.00pm.

### Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00am.

Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

## Lanchester WI

Our May meeting will take place on May 14th, as the first Monday is the May Day holiday. Please note that payment and refreshment choices are due tonight for our summer visit to Ford and Etal estate. If you have been thinking about joining in the DCFWI Bake Off, entry forms should be with WI House by 28th June. Our speaker tonight is Lisa Jackson, who is a Police Community Support Officer and she will tell us about her role in policing the community. Tonight's competition is suggestions on how to improve our community - or your 'pet gripe' about life today. A reminder about our '60s Night' open evening on 14th June - payment is due at tonight's meeting - £5, which includes light refreshments. You are warmly invited to come along to our meeting as a visitor!

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be about 'Flowers' on Sunday 13th May. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

## Library Book Club

On Monday May 21st at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer. A moving tale set in the German occupation of Guernsey, a great read. If you have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We have enjoyed a very varied selection of books chosen by Zena Roddom one of the Lanchester's librarians and await her next selection.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday May 17th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the group will be reviewing In the Dark, Dark Wood by Ruth Ware. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

### Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday May 14th from 3.45-4.30 pm. Children aged 8-11 years old have the opportunity to read and take part in activities relating to the book of the month. Places are limited, so please contact Zena or another librarian at the library or contact 03000269514.

## Thursday Club

In May there will be no meeting of the Thursday Club in the Community Centre. We shall be out at Chapters restaurant enjoying a belated Burns Night celebration lunch, which had to be cancelled because of snow - fingers crossed for good weather on May 17th.

## Mothers' Union

John & Rosy Gall are the speakers at our meeting on 9th May, 7.30pm in the Chapter House and their talk is entitled 'Life and Traditions of the North East - The Beamish Collections.'

## Paradiso Social Club

There will be a meeting of the Paradiso Social Club on Sunday May 13th at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre with the usual raffle, refreshments and the screening of a film at 7.30 pm.

The film we are concluding this 2017-18 season with, is 'THEIR FINEST'. The film is set in 1940 London and the blitz. With the country's morale at stake an inexperienced screenwriter and a makeshift cast and crew work under fire to make a film, an attempt to lift the country's flagging spirits and inspire America to join the war. It is described as a witty, romantic and powerful portrayal of a young woman finding her voice amidst the mayhem of war and the movies.

All are welcome.

Ticket entry:

£2.50 members

£3.50 occasional visitors  
£2 young persons.

The ticket covers the evening, raffle, refreshments and film show.

The following season 2018-19 will begin in September. Look out for a notice in the Village Voice.

## Social Club

Good Quality Saturday Night Entertainment - Every Saturday at 9pm!!!  
5th May - Tia Louise - Fantastic Vocalist  
12th May - Chris Davis - Brilliant Performer  
19th May - Debbie Gold - Superb Singer  
26th May - Aaron Lodge - Great Entertainer

We also have for the bank holidays!!

Sunday 6th and Sunday 27th - DJ & Karaoke

Come and try - a good night out!

Round of applause for everyone who gets up.

## Great British Tennis Weekend - FREE!

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club will be hosting a Free Tennis Fun Day on Sunday 13th May. The Great British Tennis Weekend is part of the Lawn Tennis Association's initiative, and will follow an intensive nationwide media campaign to try to get players, young and old, to take part in the sport. Hopefully the weather will be fine and the participants can enjoy some fun tennis action. The event takes place from 1 pm to 4 pm, at the grass courts along Ford Road, with all equipment provided and light refreshments available. Activities will include card tennis, family time, 'Tennis Factory' and more. Registration and the booking of different sessions can be done online by going onto the GBTW website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/events>, search for Lanchester and follow the links. Come along and give it a go, whether or not you have played before.

For further details, please contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or email [den.lizjane@gmail.com](mailto:den.lizjane@gmail.com).

## Lanchester Brass Band

Notice of the Lanchester Brass Band Patron's Concert, to which everyone is invited. It will be held in the Methodist Church on Saturday May 19th at 6.00 pm. Entrance fee is £5, pay at the door.

## Cuppa, Lunch and Company

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th May, 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House.

Please phone to say if you would like to come. Call Jo: 07969454815.

## CRICKET ALL STARS

Cricket All Stars is a national initiative aimed at getting 5-8 year olds involved in playing the game. It started last year and was successful with a big push for more this year. Lanchester will be getting involved this time around and by the time you read this, the All Stars Ambassadors will have visited the Primary schools in the village. We are aiming to run their series of eight sessions during the school summer holidays. It costs £40 to sign up through the ClubSpark website and the child is sent a cricket pack direct to their home.

The money goes to the ECB, with only £5 going to the club. Lanchester provides the people who run the course and they are called activators. There are numerous things that the club has to have in place and whilst we have the necessary items, we can't post them on the website just yet. Therefore, presently you won't be able to sign up for the course. Everything should be in place during May. So please encourage your children to come along as I'm sure they will enjoy themselves.

## CRICKET NEWS

As I submitted this article, it was raining ... again! Despite the appalling weather John Bell has been working his miracles in making the field look as immaculate as ever. Lots of players and members turned out over the first weekend in April to spruce the place up in readiness for the new season. A couple of players have been recruited to the first team, Ciaran Johnson, an opening batsman, currently at Durham Uni who plays in the prestigious Lancashire League when he's at home. Lewis Donnelly has moved from Annfield

Plain, following in the footsteps of his father who did a similar thing a generation ago. There have been a couple of indoor softball competitions at The Louisa Centre prior to the season getting underway. The under 11s are mainly a new group and were playing together for the first time. They improved in each game, eventually beating a very competitive Greenside team in their final game. Of the teams in the competition, we were the only ones to have girls in the team and we fielded three, Annie, Mae and Lucy all contributing well. Hopefully we can attract

more girls to the game. The following week, the under 13s were in action and they romped through the competition winning all their group games and then defeating the other group winner, Greenside, in the final.

We have been approached by the County Blind and visually impaired cricket team to use our facilities to practice and we are only too willing to help out these amazing sportsmen and women. It comes on the back of having the Guide Dogs for the Blind as one of our charities at the Beer Festival. Fingers crossed for fair weather.

## READY TO BOWL?

### Whatever your sex

The season is upon us and we were delighted to see some new faces at our spring meeting. We wish them well and hope they get involved in competitive bowls and enjoy their games.

It's not too late to take up the game. This year we are introducing a second get together session for new and developing bowlers. These sessions will introduce new bowlers to the game and give developing bowlers some additional practice alongside some of the club's established members. They are light hearted events that do not require pre-booking, just make sure you are on time to be included. The

sessions are held on Thursdays at 1.45 for a 2 pm start (except when there is a Bank Holiday on the previous Monday) and Sundays at 2.45 for a 3 pm start.

We would particularly like to see more women members. For many of its 35 years the club had no women members but for the last 12 years we have had a small but very active female membership. Bowling does not require great strength so women are at no physical disadvantage over men. Women play alongside the men in all our teams and compete (often very successfully) against the men in club competitions.



*Putting up the banner emphasising that new members are very welcome at the Bowling Club.*

## CRICKET CLUB PREPARE FOR NEW SEASON



*Refitting and testing the scoreboard, were: left to right, junior members, Charlie, Sam, Ethan and Ben.*

On the weekend beginning 7th April a substantial number of members, supporters and parents of junior teams turned up to begin the annual spring clean. As the weather was slightly inclement on the Saturday, they began mainly with inside jobs, installing a new dart board, tightening screws on chairs, rearranging photos and general cleaning.



*George Wilkinson varnishing a seat with John Bell, Groundsman, in the background.*

Some of the younger people continued with some outside work on the Monday. A few



# CHAMPIONS OF THE NORTH!



*The members of the All Saints' Primary School football team who successfully qualified for the national finals of the ESFA Danone Nations' Cup.*

Celebration was in the air at All Saints' Primary on Wednesday 21st March as the school football team successfully qualified for the national finals of the ESFA Danone Nations' Cup. Alongside All Saints who were representing Durham, the other County champions had travelled from Northumberland, Cumbria, Cheshire, Cleveland, North Yorkshire, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire. Competing in almost freezing conditions, the boys

were undeterred in their efforts and were richly rewarded, winning all of their matches to finish as the champions of the North!

It was a fantastic team effort, with all of the players showing the same commitment and enthusiasm throughout the event. They represented the school and the region admirably, exemplifying good sportsmanship and teamwork. The children are looking forward with a sense of pride to representing the school and the region in the national finals.

## ST BEDE'S PROUD OF NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

On Saturday 24th March three students from St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College travelled to Belfast to represent St Bede's in the National Schools Trampoline Finals in the Under 14 Elite category. Holly Robinson of Belle Vue Trampoline Club and part of the Great Britain Development Squad, qualified individually in 1st place in both of the previous rounds of the competition. Holly, along with Molly O'Halloran of Apollo Trampoline Club and Jasmine Wright of Belle Vue Trampoline Club, placed first in both rounds of the team Under 14 Elite competition.

After the long journey to Belfast on Friday, the team attended training at the competition venue to practise their routines and familiarise themselves with the surroundings. During the competition, each performer completes one 'set' routine which is



*Holly Robinson along with Molly O'Halloran and Jasmine Wright, the winning team who represented St Bede's School and Sixth Form College.*

a standard routine based upon the level of performance; the second routine or the 'voluntary' routine can be created by the individual performer with a 'pointstariff' which calculates the difficulty of the routine. The tariff of the routine is then added to the execution marks given by five judges to give the final score. For

the team event, the scores from each of the performers set and voluntary routines are added together to give the final team score.

First to compete were Molly and Jasmine who each performed two fantastic set and voluntary routines, scoring totals of 56.00 and 55.20 respectively,

placing them 5th and 8th individually. Holly Robinson was third to compete and scored an amazing 59.60 in her routines, placing 1st. The girls placed 1st in the team competition with a final score of 170.80. Not only was this the winning score but was the highest team score of the entire competition, a truly

amazing achievement! The girls are a credit to themselves, their families and to St Bede's with their hardworking and committed attitude to their training and performance. We are all extremely proud of their achievements and we hope that they enjoy their time as National Champions!

## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 15th May.  
The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 11th May.

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