

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## THE SUN SHINES ON LANCHESTER SHOW



*Dangerous Steve.*



*Henry Davison, aged 3, on a Police quad bike.*



*Ponies and riders line up before the Shetland Grand National.*



*Mia, aged 5, and her dog Minnie (4 years old),  
Best Dressed in Dog Show.*



*Competitors at full gallop during the Shetland Grand National.  
Photos: Ronnie Allaker. Article and more photos, page 3.*





# Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

Many villagers will, no doubt, receive leaflets and flyers through their letterbox on a regular basis, offering all kinds of products and services. Most of these will be from legitimate and fair businesses, others however, may not. I know of one householder who was quoted a price for a job that was a massive 350% more than a local company would normally charge! Could I therefore respectfully suggest that villagers do their homework before agreeing on prices quoted by doorstep callers. Usually information is available online (such as [checkatrade.com](http://checkatrade.com)) alternatively, personal recommendations take some beating!

Good Luck! Ian Tute

Dear Residents

We can make a difference to all the Balsam invading all of our lovely walks. 'Its all in the Maths'!

If one person spent just one minute a day pulling 20 pieces for 5 days (or just 5 minutes at a

weekend), and half of our community joined in, say 2000 people, and we did it from August until mid September, say 8 weeks, then after that time, we will have pulled over 1.6 MILLION pieces!

Every little helps ... and remember - Pull, Stack, Stamp, Crush (and be sure to keep all paths clear). Lanchester Wildlife Group



*Three folks who braved light rain and very damp undergrowth to 'pull away' in Dora's Wood.*

*The before/after photo shows what can be achieved by 3 people in about 30 minutes.*

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Dear Village Voice

I would like to inform readers that the current Annual Report of your local Healthwatch is now available to view online at [healthwatchcountydurham@pcp.uk.net](http://healthwatchcountydurham@pcp.uk.net).

Readers may also like to register for our free monthly e-bulletin.

Brian Jackson, Chair  
Healthwatch Co Durham,  
Burnhopeside Avenue

## Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for May was 54. The draw was made by M Wilson.

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## NEW DEACON ORDAINED

On Saturday June 30th, in a wonderful celebration at St Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle, Peter Smith from All Saints' Catholic Church was ordained as a Permanent Deacon by Bishop Seamus Cunningham.

This was the culmination of 4 years of study and discernment while

continuing to work full time. Peter and his family would like to thank everyone for their love, prayers, guidance and support throughout his journey. A special thank you to the ladies who organised the marvellous celebratory buffet following Mass the next day.



*Paul Nichol (St Patrick's Dipton), Bishop Seamus, Peter Smith (All Saints' Lanchester) and Paddy Jackson (St Augustine's Gateshead).*



*Peter Smith with his wife Paula, daughter Louise and son in law to be Stephen.*

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# THE SUN SHINES ON LANCHESTER SHOW

In recent years, the weather for the annual Show has been 'changeable' to put it very mildly, so the hot and sunny Show day was greeted with enthusiasm by everyone.

The Show has been organised by Lanchester Agricultural Society since 1952, always on the first Sunday in July, and this year, there was an emphasis on combining the agricultural element with a wider, more varied range of activities and experiences for visitors. The Rural Heritage Tent hosted a wide range of

crafts, including beautiful contributions from the Walking Stick Guild, leather work, baking competitions and all kinds of handicrafts which were a tribute to the patience, care and devotion of so many local people.

A parade of vintage tractors showed off many loved and well cared-for machines, and the Fur and Feather Show attracted many of the younger visitors and their parents. The Heavy Horses were groomed to perfection as they were shown, the showjumping and

various equestrian events, a vital element of the show, were as popular as ever. Ferret races were run for charity, rabbits, dogs, birds and guinea pigs, llamas and sheep were on show, there were many rides to keep the youngsters busy, with the donkeys a special favourite and Dangerous Steve wowed the crowds with his daring stunt riding. Local firms and services, including Durham Police were represented and a traditional Wurlitzer organ added to the carnival atmosphere as a fearsome pirate entertained the children.

The beer tent proved popular as the day grew hotter, but there was a wide range of drinks and food for show goers who needed to sit down and recharge their batteries. The Show boasted something for everyone, with a pleasing emphasis on traditional rural matters. Many local businesses sponsored the event, including The Feed Warehouse, Lanchester Dairies, East Durham College, Lintz Hall Farm and Lanchester Garden Centre. Many thanks are due to so many sponsors who contributed to the great success of Lanchester Show 2018.

*Maisie Raine*



*The winner receives her trophy.*



*One of the show jumping competitors.*



*Tilly the Border Collie with Robert and Judith Warburton resting in the sun.*

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## PROJECT POPPIES 'Lest We Forget'

Numbers attending at the last workshop held on 30th June were slightly down on previous workshops but we still managed to make over 100 poppies and paint twice that number.

St Bede's school have made 225 which are now being spray painted and this brings the current overall total to a whopping 3,568, of which over 3,100 are painted, sprayed and completely finished. We may yet reach the revised target of 4,000. We have a workshop which takes place on

Saturday 1st September, probably the last one where you can make poppies.

However, the final workshop will take place on 6th October to finish off painting some of the poppies and to use up any clay we may have left. Both 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.

The Poppy Display will take place from 1st-18th November 2018 outside the Methodist Church.



*Poppy making - keeping all the family busy.*



*Great concentration being shown while painting poppies.*

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

'Messy Church' held once a month in All Saints' Parish Church moved to the park on Sunday July 15th and had a lovely afternoon in the sun. There were games to play, things to make and a picnic bag for everyone, containing goodies for a lovely tea. The grown ups were almost all mums and grandmas (something to do with football, I think!) apart from our vicar Reverend Kalus and one of the organisers Bob Matthews. It was all great fun and not messy at all.

Indeed it was a very happy afternoon and an occasion we will definitely repeat next year. Consider yourself invited! Brenda Craddock



*"We are having a lovely time."*



*All smiles!*



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# LMVC ANNUAL CONCERT

Every year Lanchester looks forward to summer concerts and on Friday July 6th the first of these was held in the Methodist Church. It was the Annual Summer Concert of the Lanchester Male Voice Choir.

Last year the choir celebrated 50 years of existence, and Friday was actually the 50th concert of its kind so it was a special evening.

The choir, in the capable hands of Harry Carr, always gives pleasure to their audience with their varied programme of music. Some of the songs were old favourites but there were also new songs

and all were very well sung.

In addition, the choir always has guest artists and this year it was the Newcastle-based Arco String Quartet. Dawn Allen (violin 1), Emma Fisk (violin 2), Laura Newton (viola) and Kirsty McDowell (cello) are a local group of professional musicians, founded in 2007. They have an extensive musical repertoire of classical music but also can perform jazz, musical shows and popular music. They are much in demand for weddings, functions and parties and they have a website if anyone would like more details about them. Certainly their performance was of an excellent standard.

The whole evening was very enjoyable and much appreciated by the audience. A great deal of work goes into all concerts and we wish Harry and his choir, and their very talented accompanist Noreen Bridgewater, many more years of quality performances.

Brenda Craddock



Accompanist Noreen Bridgewater with conductor Harry Carr.



Lanchester Male Voice Choir at their annual summer concert.



Guest musicians, the Arco String Quartet.



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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

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

**Police report** - see below.  
**Neighbourhood Plan** The County Plan Preferred Options Paper is now being consulted on. The proposed policies in the Neighbourhood Plan have been considered alongside the County proposals. The preparation of maps is

being progressed with support from the County Council. A workshop to consider Local Landscape Assessment has been arranged for 19th July. The workshop will be facilitated by the County Council and will provide the mechanism to identify locally valued

landscapes. It is hoped that a draft Neighbourhood Plan will be presented to the Parish Council in the autumn.  
**Correspondence**

### 1. County Durham Association of Local Councils-training events

It was agreed that Members contact the Clerk if they wish to attend any of the training sessions.

### 2. Clerk & Councils Direct - July newsletter received

**3. Lanchester Cricket Club Football Club** - request to use football pitch at Kitswell Park - It was agreed that permission is granted subject to the usual conditions.

### Area Action Partnership

Andy Coulthard the Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator attended the meeting. Members considered the Village Action Plan and a number of updates and amendments were agreed.

It was noted that the Parish Council have been working on parking/traffic issues with the County Council. With regard to the identified public rights of way and waymarking issues, a possible future project

may address some of these matters.

The Dementia Friendly Communities project is being progressed with Lanchester amongst the first communities to be involved. An event will take place in autumn to launch the project and recruit people for a working group.

Employability Mentor - three people in Lanchester have secured employment through this initiative. Children's summer activities will commence at the end of July for five weeks. There will be two sessions a week in Lanchester.

There will be a consultation in September to agree key themes and priorities for the Area Action Partnership for the forthcoming year.

### Park House Play Area

Members were informed that the planned works to the play area commenced on 9th July and are due to be completed before the start of the school holidays.

### Wooden Animal Carving

The price for a replacement wooden fox carving was agreed.

### Community Emergency Plan

Members were informed that on Saturday 2nd June the Community Emergency Plan had been activated due to flooding in the village. Key organisations were notified and volunteers turned out to help distribute aqua sacs to vulnerable areas. The volunteers were thanked for their involvement.

The aqua sacs have been replenished and the County Council have cleared drains and cleaned roads following the flooding event.

It was agreed that the County Council are asked for information on the recent flood event and asked for clarification on recording flooding incidents correctly.

### Annual Report 2017/18

- approved for distribution

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

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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## POLICE REPORT

This month our priority in the village has been speeding and antisocial behaviour. Speeding has been targeted on Cadger Bank and Howden Bank following community concerns. Deployments of our community speedwatch equipment and laser gun have been carried out and will continue through the summer months with the potential for further speed surveys to take place. Over the last few weeks complaints have been

received regarding vehicles parked in the village on parking restrictions, ie double yellow lines, limited parking areas. Can I take this opportunity to encourage residents to please report these concerns to Durham County Council on 03000260000. Durham Constabulary no longer have authority to enforce parking restrictions, this is carried out by Parking Enforcement Officers within Durham County Council. Any issues

need to be reported direct to their department in order to tackle them as sadly Police no longer have the power to do so unless unnecessary obstruction is taking place, ie vehicles blocking footpaths. If you have any problems or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. You can telephone me on 101 or email [lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk)  
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## INTRODUCING REBECCA HAYNES



*Rebecca Haynes*

I'm the Dementia Friendly Communities Coordinator for the North of Durham. My role is to help make your beautiful Lanchester a dementia-friendly community.

At Alzheimer's Society we believe that no matter who you are, whether you have been diagnosed with dementia, have memory concerns or are a carer, you should still be able to live life to the fullest.

My role is to ensure everyone from doctors' surgeries to the local corner shop and hairdressers share part of the responsibility for ensuring that people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community.

People living with dementia face many challenges and can start to lack confidence, become worried and confused, and find it hard to use public transport, especially if they have

driven the majority of their life.

My main aim is to talk to people within the community, develop a steering group with people who are willing to help and want changes to be made, involve those affected by dementia, make changes, raise awareness, spread the word and help Lanchester to become recognised as a dementia-friendly community.

However, I can't do this alone and need help from people within the community. If you want to get on board, see changes happen no matter how large or small, or even just have a question to ask, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0191 3890400.

We will be holding a Dementia Friendly Communities event within Lanchester in September - further details will be included in the August edition.

*Rebecca Haynes*

## VILLAGE GREEN WAR MEMORIAL

The Parish Council is 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.

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 28 names from war memorials in the Parish and from the community. It is important that the names included are correct and accurate.

This is the final consultation on the list of names before we commission the new plaques.

If 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 by 20th August 2018.

### World War 1

George Anderson, Margaret Ann Barrow, John Robert Bateman, Francis Edgell Bell, Walter Bell, George Young Sadler Blair, Alexander Brankston, Henderson Brankston, James Brankston, William Britton, Thomas Rukin

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Sargeant, John Sargeant, Joseph Norman Scott, Luke William Smith, Thomas Henry Smith, Harry Spence, John H. Spence, William Spence, John Stephenson, Newton Storey, Tom Storey, James Herbert Swain, John Robert Swinbank, George Tapp, Joseph Hope Teasdale, Walter Tom Thackwray, Henry Percival Thompson, William Thompson, Luke Thornton, Joseph Tomlinson, Thomas Henry Turnbull, Walter Veitch, Robert Wainwright, John Benson Walker, George Wardle, Thomas Wardle, Joseph Warriner, 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, Vera Mace, Anthony McGeary, Donald McMillian, Michael O'Brien, Robert Reay, John Wardle Scott, Robert Bell Smith, Percy Stoker, William Keith Thompson, Nathaniel Thornton, Alan Tomlinson, John Tomlinson, Robert William Tonks, James Stratton Wardle

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# LANCHESTER SUPPORTS GRACE

The community of Lanchester is throwing itself behind a bid by teenager Grace Carson to receive life-changing treatment in Germany. Grace, 14, needs £35,000 for pioneering surgery to treat her condition, Scoliosis, which is an abnormal twisting and curvature of the spine. Fundraising events include on Saturday, August 11th at the Black Bull, Lanchester, a BBQ and Family Day. It will start at 4 pm until late. Games and activities for the children and a raffle. The BBQ will have two sittings, 5.30 pm for families and a later one at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £6 each including food, and a family of four £20. On Saturday, September 22nd there is a Gala Dinner

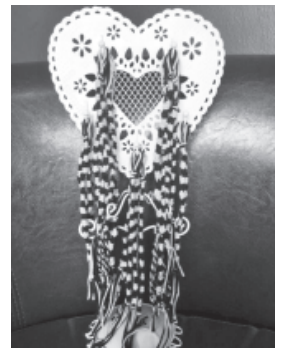
at Ramside Hall, being organised by the recently crowned Miss Durham. Tickets will be £40 each. Tickets are available for both events at - giveforgace@gmail.com - but fundraisers are going to place posters in the village and hope to get the Post Office/newsagents to sell some too - more so for the BBQ. Some friends very quickly put together a first event for Grace on Friday July 13th at Lanchester Social Club and they raised £733.22. They had a quiz, bingo, tombola, raffle and a line dancing demonstration. Grace's mum Tanya said: "It was a really great atmosphere and it helped raise a lot of awareness about Grace and for Scoliosis." We have



Grace and her 'Gracelets' with Jeni and the girls at Talking Heads.

people organising and taking part in things that are not in or around Lanchester, such as a Tapathon, Tough Mudder, marathons, 10k runs, three peaks - lots and lots going on."

Tanya added: "Thanks to Grace's Head of Year at St Bede's, Mrs Hutchings, who had a great idea to make friendship bracelets to sell at school Rewards



Gracelets

Day on 19th July, then Grace's Form teacher Mrs Scorer who came up with the ingenious name to call them 'Gracelets'. These have gone on sale also at Grace's Auntie Jeni's shop in the village - Talking Heads. They have been a huge success! We will continue to make and sell them for every event for just £1."

Neil McKay



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Ann Winter and I would like to thank everyone who came to, donated or supported this event in any way. We are so happy that we raised this amount in my garden on

Saturday 30th June, a beautiful sunny day. As many of you know, Ann was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia last July. She is one of the lucky ones

- she came through 4 gruelling sessions of chemotherapy and has been in remission since November 2017. It would have been a lot harder for her to cope without

Macmillan Cancer Care who were wonderful with their support in every area. We have raised this money to help others who are going through

cancer - it could happen to any one of us at any time.

We hope to repeat this event again next year. Thank you so much.

*Janet Jackson*



*Friends of host, Janet Jackson, enjoying a Strawberry Afternoon Tea in aid of Macmillan.*



*Friends and family enjoying their Afternoon Tea in the garden.*

## TASTING GIN FOR WILLOW BURN

A gin tasting session at Lanchester Community Centre proved a huge success for Willow Burn Hospice. Local expert Noel Jackson gave a fascinating account of the history of various gins.

Around 40 people paid £20 a head for the talk and the tasting of various flavoured G and Ts on the evening of Saturday, June 23rd. Then a House of Commons bottle donated by former MP Pat Glass was auctioned for £100.

Willow Burn Chairman Paul Jackson was delighted with the amount raised, in the

region of £1,000. At the end of the evening, Noel organised a version of the French game boules, but with a difference, which added to the proceeds considerably! Contestants were invited to 'boule' a £1 coin

towards a bottle of gin on the floor, and the coin nearest the bottle won the gin. Around 230 coins were thrown amid great merriment before the bottle was claimed. But the real winner was the hospice. *Neil McKay*



*Noel Jackson with Willow Burn Chairman, Paul Jackson, enjoying their gin.*



*Friends enjoying the Gin Tasting, helping to raise £1,000 for Willow Burn.*

## ST BEDE'S BALL

On Thursday evening 28th June, many of you might have noticed a fancy-looking car or two driving through the village, no doubt heading to Newcastle for St Bede's Year 11 Promnight. Taking place at the Centre for Life, the weather was both gloriously sunny yet also stiflingly hot in formalwear, yet despite this everyone had a great time. With the most daring

turning up in a semi-truck or a hippie van, the night began at 7.00, where there was a two-course meal of roast beef then salted caramel rocky road followed by a disco until the late hours of 10.30. An amazing way to send off the last 5 years at St Bede's in style, the night was enjoyed by everyone and an unforgettable experience for all at the end of GCSEs.



*A group of students looking smart before they set off to the ball.*



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## WIVES DAY AWAY



*Church Wives spent a glorious summer day on July 7th at Kiplin Hall in Yorkshire, with a stop for coffee at Northallerton and an evening meal at Richmond.*

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## PARISH CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

The fair took place at the Chapter House on Saturday 23rd June. It was a warm, lovely day which brought the people out in large numbers. On entering just about every table was full and the noise of continuous chatter created a superb atmosphere.

The 'Sunshine and Strawberries' theme was very evident - the scones looked delicious. Most of the stalls were busy and some had sold out during the first hour.

Something new was an auction of a floral

painting by Margaret Walters. Rob Matthews carried out the auction which was won by Steve Bailey, who secured the painting. Margaret Brown was the winner of the Grand Draw - a magnificent hamper. There were many other prizes.

The fair was extremely successful, raising £700. Organiser, Elizabeth Wharton, would like to thank all those who supported her in putting the fair on and the people who attended who gave so generously.



*Margaret Brown, Mary Richardson and Sue Smith who quickly sold out the cake stall.*



*Dave Collins, Dick Hunter and Peter Smith manning the Bottle Tombola.*

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## AD 937: ENGLISH VICTORY MASSACRE OF VIKINGS AT LANCHESTER

The Battle of Brunanburh in 937 was a famous English victory. West Saxons and Mercians under the command of King Athelstan there crushed an invading force of Scots, Strathclyders and Dublin Norse. By the end of the day, five kings from Ireland and a son of the King of Scots lay dead on the field of battle.

Yet nobody has known where it was. Some textbooks place it at Bromborough in Cheshire. In June 2018 the 'Northern Echo' had a feature on two Icelandic scholars who put it at Hunwick, near Bishop Auckland. The television historian Michael Wood has argued for a site near Doncaster, on the River Went. But an article by Dr Andrew Breeze now

locates it firmly at Lanchester. Dr Breeze told The Village Voice that the case for Lanchester is simple. He said this. "The place name 'Brunanburh' means 'fortress of the brown one', and the fortress will be the Roman fort south of Lanchester. The 'brown one' here will be the River Browney below the Roman site. The geography of Lanchester fits what chroniclers say of the battle like a hand in a glove."

Dr Breeze is sure that the Celtic and Viking invaders of northern England were returning home with their plunder when the English attacked them. The old Roman road of Dere Street runs through Lanchester. He says "Local people have told me how this road was used by armies until the time of Cromwell.

It will have been there in the August or September of 937 when the English and their enemies met in a long and bloody battle." After centuries of debate, the question of where 'Brunanburh' was won and lost seems resolved. Andrew Breeze's paper will appear later this year in a book called 'Aspects of Medieval English Language and Literature', edited by Hans Sauer and Michiko Ogura, and published by Peter Lang at Berne. He expects it to be controversial. But his last word is this. "Lanchester was the scene of a battle as decisive in its way as Hastings or Waterloo. I hope that the people of Lanchester will feel proud of how, in their part of England, an event took place which changed the history of the world."

## HISTORY SOCIETY AT THE FORT



John Gall and members of the History Society had an excellent visit to the Fort on a lovely summer's evening. John gave us a fascinating insight into Roman life in the area and the fort in AD 238.

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# LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL ENJOYS A SUNNY SUMMER FAIR



*Some of the popular activities ready to be enjoyed.*

Lanchester EP Primary School pupils, staff and parents enjoyed their Summer Fair on a beautiful sunny and warm Saturday in July. There's something special about a school end of year event - the end of another hard working, academic period, the promise of it all starting again in September, and before that, the long summer break stretching ahead! Crowds arrived early, eager to make the most of the lovely weather while meeting friends, and various stalls offered raffles, food and drink, bottles, sweet treats and

face painting. Ice cream proved popular on such a hot day, and a large trampoline and slide provided thrills while crowds thoroughly enjoyed watching others being soaked in water for fun. A lovely event, and great fun in the sun!

*Maisie Raine*



*A young lady enjoys face painting.*

## OUT AND ABOUT Meet an Infamous Son of York

Richard Turpin, although associated with York, was born in Essex in the early 18th century. His father was a farmer and Dick became a butcher, fleeing when he was caught stealing two oxen. He became a member of the Essex Gang, robbing farmhouses, torturing householders to make them reveal where their money was hidden and killing a gamekeeper who had discovered his hiding place. Dick fled to Yorkshire, took the name John Palmer and began robbing lonely farmhouses and stealing horses. After an argument with a landlord, he was arrested and held in the dungeons of York Castle.

Other charges against him were investigated, and from prison Dick wrote to his brother to ask for his help. The brother refused to pay the postage on the letter and it was returned to the Post Office. By chance, one of Dick's teachers happened to see the letter and recognised the writing. He identified the prisoner and on his evidence,

Turpin was sentenced to death. Legend tells how Dick threw kisses to the crowds waiting to see his execution, he hired mourners to grieve loudly, chattered with his executioner and threw himself off the scaffold, rather than waiting for the hangman.

After the publication of the novel 'Rookwood Dick' he became a romantic, heroic figure, instead of a vicious criminal. His ride from London to York, to give himself an alibi never happened and he didn't own a horse called Black Bess. York has several places associated with the highwayman. His body was laid out in the cellar of 'The Little John' alehouse in 1739 with crowds paying a penny to see his corpse. The Castle Museum was once the prison and Dick spent his last night in the condemned cell. His grave is in St George's Church graveyard, and a ghostly highwayman is claimed to haunt a stretch of the A64 road ... Dick Turpin?

*Maisie Raine*



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# ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL HAVE FUN IN THE SUN



*A giant slide, and several children having great fun!*

All Saints' Catholic School held their Summer Fair on a brilliant June day, sunny and warm. Because of the brilliant weather, all the stalls and events could be held on the playing fields and the crowds rolled up to enjoy and support the event. This generation of young people are so computer literate and well skilled in

all kinds of the devices which astound their elders, and it was pleasing to see so many of the young fair goers throwing themselves enthusiastically into traditional pastimes, such as apple bobbing, guessing games, name the bear and testing their throwing skills. Year Six pupils helped design the

stalls and manned several of them, cakes and ice cream were enjoyed and an excellent time was had by all! Many thanks to the Friends of All Saints' for another great event, part of their constant support and hard work for the school!

*Maisie Raine*



*Naming the Bear ... "Now WHAT should I call him?"*

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# LANCHESTER WI'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES

## STRAWBERRY EVENING

President Marie Murphy opened our July meeting with news of how members can become more involved within our branch. At least two new committee members are needed, to offer a new perspective on organising, planning and offering ideas. It makes no difference about how long you have been a member, or where you live, as long as you're a member of Lanchester WI. We also plan to introduce a 'Buddy' system to greet



*Chocolatier Anna Groendahl, from Lanchester, hands around some of her delicious treats.*

visitors and newcomers. Volunteers are needed for a rota system. Anyone interested in taking on a new role, please contact Marie or any committee member.

Several outings and events are planned and Marie drew attention to our County News where details can be found. Annfield Plain WI invite our members to join their summer trip and details are published in County News. Satley WI have offered 4 tickets to join their 70th Anniversary on Monday 8th October, anyone interested is asked to add their name to

the list, names to be drawn at next month's meeting. Jean Dougherty read a lovely, gentle extract from 'Walking Home' by Simon Armitage. Raffles were won by Gwen Bramwell and Maisie Raine and this month's competition requested members to bake a cake, to be auctioned in support of Willow Burn Hospice. Janis Suddes and Betty Walton won the competition and the 'Silent Auction' raised the excellent sum of £91. We heard from local Chocolatier, Anna Groendahl, whose enthusiasm in chocolate

making was obvious. Anna expected to follow an academic career, but her love of chocolate decided her future and she ended up in 'Amadeus' coffee house here in Lanchester. Anna described the art of tempering chocolate and when the chocolate was ready, she coated strawberries for us to enjoy later. She had also brought some of her gorgeous hand made truffles for everyone to sample. The theme of summer sweets was continued with our traditional Strawberry Supper ... the end of a lovely evening!

## VISIT TO GLASS GALLERY

A group of our WI members visited the Glass and Art Gallery at Consett recently and enjoyed a fascinating demonstration of how glass is cleaned, restored and re-leaded. Talented Maralyn O'Keefe travels regularly to Nigeria, leading the fight against the pollution and grime attacking the cathedral's glass, and she obviously takes a huge pride and pleasure in using her skills in such important work.

The gallery is also an Aladdin's Cave of beautiful objects made by local artists and crafts people - jewellery, handbags, paintings, so many different and individual objects - well worth remembering for Christmas shopping!



*Watching Maralyn O'Keefe demonstrate working with glass, we saw parts of the ancient windows brought to England to be cleaned and restored.*

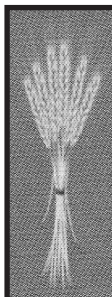
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## NORTHUMBERLAND DAY AWAY



*Some Lanchester WI members enjoying a day exploring the countryside of Northumberland.*

July 4th dawned as a beautiful summer day - just right for a day with friends exploring the lovely countryside of Northumberland. Our destination was the Ford and Etal Estates, where

we enjoyed coffee and scones in the Lady Waterford Gallery in Ford. We admired the charming village, and neat houses and gardens before moving on to Etal with its white cottages and

thatched roofs. Some of us had lunch at the Mill Centre at Heatherslaw and everyone enjoyed our time in this beautiful part of the country. A lovely day with perfect weather!



# SATLEY WI JULY REPORT

Our President Linda Horn sending our best wishes welcomed twelve to Ann Suddes and Pat members to our latest Gibson who continue to meeting and we began by be too ill to attend.

The minutes, County Newsletter and other correspondence were all read and members agreed that they had enjoyed their recent visit to the Gala Theatre to see 'Kiss Me Kate'. Linda informed members about the latest films that are coming to The Consett Empire as many had expressed an interest in the 'Mama Mia' sequel. Names were taken for our August trip to the coast when we will be visiting Blyth, the refurbished Whitley Bay

Spanish City and Tynemouth. No doubt Fish and Chips will be a popular menu choice for our tea time treat.

Our entertainment was provided by Paul and Sharon Tilley, a husband and wife singing duo, who perform under the name US2 and they delivered a varied programme featuring songs from films and musicals. They also included some humorous renditions made famous by Victoria Wood (Let's

do it) and Val Doonican (Paddy McGinty's Goat). The fifty minutes flew by as we were enjoying ourselves so much and they were warmly thanked by Jean Portwood. Tea and biscuits were provided by Avril Carpenter and Carol Dobinson and the raffle was won by Grace Hall.

Our competition for a Bookmark was won by Kathleen Snowden; 2nd Avril Carpenter and 3rd Linda Horn.

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## LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB PRESENTATION



*Featured in the photo are left to right: Paul Jackson, Chair - Willow Burn Hospice Trustees, Dick Christon, Social Club Treasurer, John Gray, Social Club Chairman and Mike Stoddart, Organiser of the FA Cup Draw.*

The £900 raised by the Lanchester Social Club FA Cup draw, featured in the last issue of The Village Voice, was shared equally between Willow Burn Hospice and Great North Air

Ambulance. A cheque for £450 was presented to Paul Jackson, Chair of the Trustees at Willow Burn Hospice. The representative of Great North Air Ambulance was unable to attend for the photograph.

John Gray, Social Club Chairman, praised the effort that Social Club member, Mike Stoddart, had put in during the

last few years organising this charity event and selling all the tickets, thus carrying forward the tradition of the now defunct Lanchester Lions Club, where the idea came from. Paul Jackson similarly endorsed the words of John Gray in his gratitude to Mike and expressed his grateful thanks for the donation to Willow Burn Hospice.

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## LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'ANNIVERSARY'



*Pam Alexander helping cut our anniversary cake along with Helen Tomlinson and Lestrine Kelly.*

The Club held the first of two Open Evening meetings on Friday 29th June in Lanchester Community Centre. It was a very special celebratory meeting as the club was celebrating 45 years in Lanchester.

There were over 60 attended the evening the demonstrator was Kate Jane Hermes. She completed some very different and beautiful arrangements while we enjoyed her chat and banter.

Also in attendance was Pam Alexander who came with warm wishes from

Northumberland and Durham Area and also the National Association of Flower Arrangers. Pam helped us cut our anniversary cake along with Helen Tomlinson and myself Lestrine Kelly.

We all enjoyed a lovely light supper prepared by two of our lady members, a big thank you to Rosemary Wilson and Mary Britton. We would also like to thank all the Committee members who helped on the evening and worked so hard. Once again a big thank you to Gillian Harrison who has attended our evening with

her home produce stall on so many occasions. But we would like to thank everyone who attended and for all the support we have had over the years. Our next meeting will be after our Summer Break on Wednesday 26th September but if anyone would like any details or information about the Lanchester Flower Club then just call Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.



*Beautiful arrangements by Kate Jane Hermes.*

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Speedy Seafood Pasta

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You need ...

1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 onion, chopped  
1 garlic clove, chopped  
1 teaspoon paprika  
400 g can of chopped tomatoes

1 litre/1 3/4 pt of fish stock (a cube is fine)

300 g/10 oz spaghetti, roughly broken

240 g pack mixed frozen seafood, defrosted

Handful of parsley leaves, chopped, and lemon wedges to serve.

A small tub of cream makes a richer, smoother sauce ... not necessary, but nice!

**METHOD**

1. Heat the oil in a wok or large frying pan and cook the onion and garlic over a medium heat for 5

minutes until soft and translucent.

2. Add the paprika, tomatoes and stock and bring to the boil.

3. Turn down the heat to a simmer, stir in the pasta and cook for 7 minutes, stirring occasionally to stop the pasta from sticking.

4. Stir in the seafood, cook for 3 minutes until it's heated and the pasta is cooked, then season to taste. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges.



## THURSDAY CLUB

At our last meeting, June 21st, we welcomed Tom Richardson of Wheelbirks Farm, Stocksfield. He told us about the past, present and what is planned for the future of the farm.

It is a family run business and now spans 5 generations. In 1925 dairy farming was first introduced when Colin Richardson recognised a market for locally produced, top quality milk. The Wheelbirks herd of pedigree Jerseys are the oldest established as well as the only pedigree herd in Northumberland. The farming methods have been passed down through the generations and the present owners, Tom and Hugh

Richardson, still maintain the same high standards of the family line. The Jersey dairy herd, now comprising over 120 cows, produce unpasteurised Jersey milk that is hugely popular with people looking for a wholesome, nutritious start to their day. The milk is available from their Parlour during opening hours.

Tom brought a number of diaries dating back to the very early years of the business - unfortunately there was not enough time for us to have a really good read. However what we did see was fascinating and the writing and diagrams were faultless. The Cow Shed is a unique retail area with seasonal

displays, house gifts, homeware, etc. Something for everyone. They also hold a number of events throughout the year. In their Ice-Cream Parlour they serve home cooked food with quite a varied menu. Tom's talk was very informative and humorous and he left us with four varieties of their ice cream to try. Lots of oos and mms from our members when sampling the different flavours, unable to decide which was best, we had to keep trying until none was left. All very, very tasty. The afternoon ended with tea/coffee and biscuits, an afternoon enjoyed by all.

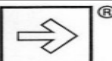
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## VINTAGE AND HOMEWARE FAIR

The fair was held by Cloud Nine Antiques at the Community Centre on Saturday 30th June. Yet another sunny day brought the people out to see something a little different in the village. There was an amazing selection of beautiful bespoke handmade homeware and gifts, jewellery, clothing and retro furniture, which completely filled both halls. Included as well was a Hepkat Vintage Hair Stylist in situ who had some early customers.



*John MacDonald in conversation with the stallholder who seems quite animated.*

In the coffee room there was an extensive menu of cakes and scones which looked high quality and inviting.

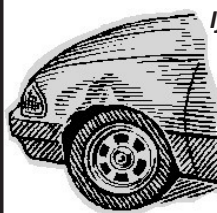
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*Plenty of interest in a good variety of antiques.*

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# EP SCHOOL SPORTS DAYS

## Day 1 Wednesday

Wednesday July 11th was a lovely sunny day (yet again) for the annual Sports Day of the Nursery and Reception classes of the EP School. It is always a very happy day for parents and children. The lovely setting of the school playing field surrounded by trees adds to the ambience of the occasion and it is always a delight to see these very young children putting so much effort into what they are doing. The playing field is set out with a variety of activities and the children are grouped to move from one activity to another in a rota system. Each activity requires a certain amount of skill and demands a certain level of

concentration and each is manned by pupils from year 5, who tell the children exactly how to perform the activity. These older pupils did this job perfectly and were so caring of the little ones. The activities, which included carrying an egg on a spoon, an obstacle course, relay running, throwing the javelin (rubber!) and a bouncy castle, were greatly enjoyed by everyone. Parents and other supporters did a very good job at cheering the children on, which of course was greatly appreciated by the participants. When the rota was complete, every activity



*Nursery and reception class pupils enjoying lollies.*

**See also picture on back page.**

had been performed by each child, Mrs Davis drew all the children together and praised them for performing their sport activities so well. She said they were all winners and

together with members of staff presented each pupil with a medal and a very welcome lovely cool ice lolly. Sports Day, involving the whole school, certainly boosts

the confidence of children and gives them a sense of wellbeing, and of course boosts their physical development. Well done everyone.

*Brenda Craddock*

## Day 2 Thursday



*Saxons aim for the top hole.*



*Romans awaiting their turn.*

On Thursday July 12th it was the turn of Years 1 to 6 to show their prowess at sport and as in other years these pupils showed terrific enthusiasm. Activities had been set up as on the previous day, apart from the bouncy castle but with the addition of a sack race, a skipping rope race, a football target practice board and a more difficult obstacle relay race. As always there was terrific support from parents and friends and despite the heat the pupils put all their energy into the sports day activities.

To complete the Sports Day, there were serious races and serious points to be won. Once again, the pupils showed such commitment to their racing and there were some very fast runners. They must have felt the heat but their energy and enthusiasm did not seem to wane. Each was anxious to gain points for their 'house'. There are four of these 'houses' namely Normans, Romans, Danes and Saxons and each has its own colour. All the pupils were wearing their team T-shirts and very smart they looked too, Normans in green, Romans in red, Danes in blue and Saxons in yellow.

Completing the sports day were three special races; Dads, Mums and finally a three legged race run by the teachers. The latter produced great excitement, as you can imagine and the winners were Mrs Grieve and Mrs Startup. Well done! When all the points were added up, Romans came out as the House with the most points and everybody cheered. It was a happy note upon which to end but of course it had been exhausting for all the participants in the races and the ice lolly everyone received at the end of proceedings was more than welcome. In a race against the sun, the lollies were quickly demolished!

*Brenda Craddock*



# EP SCHOOL SPORTS ASSEMBLY



*Pupils who have represented their school in various teams throughout the year wearing their medals.*

Every year the EP School has a Sports Assembly to celebrate the achievements of certain pupils in the Sports World. This year it was held on Tuesday July 17th and years 1-6 attended. Parents were invited to the assembly and a number of them were present. The purpose of the assembly is to congratulate and present a medal to all the pupils who have represented their school in various teams throughout the year, making their school very proud of them. 106 medals were presented, a record for the school. A short film was shown which featured the pupils playing in the various

matches and they enjoyed seeing themselves on film. The main categories for which the medals were given were football (girls and boys), cross country, netball, rugby and cricket. Then names and categories were read out in year groups and pupils came out to receive their medal from Mr Graham who is the school sports coach and another staff member. Each year group after their presentation then stood at the front and the whole school clapped very enthusiastically, recognising that achievement is something of which you can be very proud and it is good to share the success of others.

Mrs Davis in closing the assembly spoke of the generous spirit which the pupils always showed towards one another especially when sport was involved. Team spirit is vital in sport and that had contributed greatly to the success of all the different teams. In addition they had all showed such a positive attitude.

Mrs Davis praised the fact that although everyone did not receive a medal, it was the taking part in sport events that was the important thing and every single pupil was valued and important to the life of the school.

*Brenda Craddock*

## CANON BROWN VISIT



*On the evening of 21st June at the Methodist Church, Rev Canon Rosalind Brown who is Nave Canon and Canon Librarian of Durham Cathedral, gave a fascinating talk to Churches Together on 'The Welcoming Church' (Lessons learned from the Past). This was followed by questions and answers and a convivial cup of tea and biscuits. Our photo shows Canon Brown (right), Elizabeth Wharton, Rob Matthews and Eileen Matthews enjoying their tea and a chat.*

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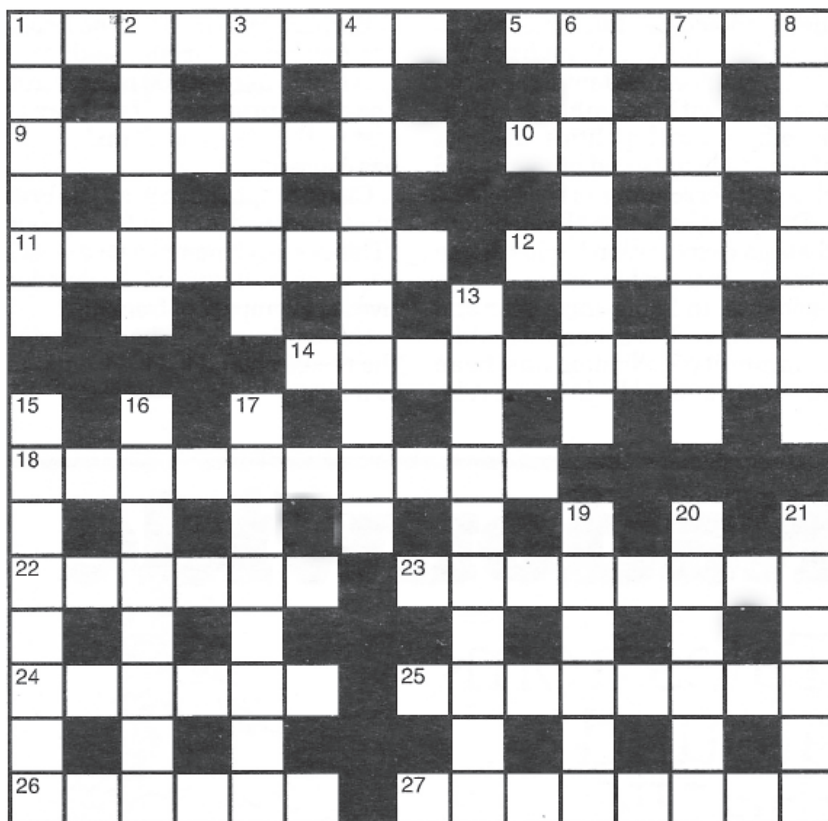
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# CROSSWORD 147



## ACROSS

1. Cajole(4-4)
5. Pulse (6)
9. Affectation from drone map (4-4)
10. Eleventh Israeli Prime Minister (6)
11. Assign (8)
12. The remains of a dying fire (6)
14. I mourn cost for group formation (10)
18. Object of one's secret passion? (5-5)
22. Add condiments (6)
23. Responsible (2,6)
24. Tapered frozen water (6)
25. Skin disease (8)
26. Wanderers (6)
27. Fretted (8)

## DOWN

1. Sentence construction (6)
2. Feel for (6)
3. Beguile (6)
4. Mark from a short Pope (10)
6. Transients in a mere heap (8)
7. Yellow powder used in cookery (8)
8. One's mole is forlorn (8)
13. Brilliant (10)
15. Actor (8)
16. A grid map for example (8)
17. Ambled (8)
19. Japanese warlord (6)
20. Sags (6)
21. Abounded (6)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 146

### ACROSS

1. butt in
4. adherent
9. sirocco
11. Namibia
12. twenty-four
13. dash
15. comme ci comme ça
16. put on a pedestal
19. abet
20. articulate
23. termini
24. knavery
25. comatose
26. height

### DOWN

1. beset
2. torpedo
3. incitement
5. denounce drink
6. Emma
7. embrace
8. trachea
10. office parties
14. emasculate
16. plastic
17. theorem
18. a bad egg
21. Egypt
22. list

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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 146

There were only 14 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Mr G Wales of Leadgate who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

## LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

## SUDOKU

There is just one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box. See next month for answers.

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



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# MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION IN THE ORCHARD

On Saturday 23rd June members, family and friends held their annual midsummer celebration. We met in the orchard about 5.00 pm to share food, chatter and some amazing music. Three members and friends of the allotment and orchard played and sang a selection of folk music. It was a perfect evening to listen to such lovely music in the peaceful, summer evening setting of the orchard.

There was a very tasty selection of food and cakes and a barbecue to cook on. A member had organised some games and some even did some dancing to the music. It was a very good way to celebrate the lovely summer weather!

If you would like more information about the orchard or would like to become a member you can contact us at [lancheesterorchard@outlook.com](mailto:lancheesterorchard@outlook.com) or visit our website: [www.lancheesterorchard.org](http://www.lancheesterorchard.org)



*A very good way to celebrate the lovely summer weather with friends and family at the orchard.*



One of my Human's favourite walks starts and finishes at the Travellers Rest pub - at least the car park - in Witton Gilbert. Of course the fact that it ends at a pub may well be more than coincidental, but it has become one of my favourite walks too. From the Travellers Rest I am kept on my lead while we walk along the Front Street for a hundred yards or so, then we turn right on a footbridge which

crosses the A691 Witton Gilbert by-pass.

From there we turn through a gate into woods, and down a hill then through the woods with a stream on the left. After walking through the woods, which are full of interesting smells and holes which no self-respecting canine could fail to explore, we emerge next to a sign telling the Humans what sort of birds frequent said woods.

From there we take a path diagonally which keeps a river, the River Browney, on our right. The narrow footpath is often muddy,

which doesn't worry me in the slightest, and it skirts a couple of fields. We continue to walk along with the Browney on the right until we come to a bridge which crosses it. There we often pause for a break so I can quench my thirst in the river. (It is not just humans who need to quench their thirst you know).

After crossing the bridge by turning right we follow a farm track uphill, which tends to cause humans to make funny panting noises and sometimes look red faced.

At the top of the hill there is a wood on the left which I occasionally take a wander into, to see whether it contains any small furry animals which I can terrify by chasing and barking my loudest. When we reach the end of the farm track on the edge of a village called Bearpark we turn right, past some farm buildings and then keep on walking until we cross another footpath, which my Human tells me is the Deerness path between Durham and Lanchester.

We keep walking with a drainage ditch on our

right, until we come to the River Browney again. There is a ford where I can have another drink, before we continue to another footbridge, and this leads us to a path which brings us out at Witton Gilbert church.

From there we walk back towards the village centre, and to the Travellers Rest. By this time I have been on my paws for a good 90 minutes, so I don't really mind having a rest in the car while the Human quenches his thirst - not that I would ever let him know that, mind you.

*Neil McKay*

## LONELINESS UPDATE

Well, how well did you do reflecting on and considering your answers to the questions posed in last month's issue? What did your answers say about what you might need to be doing more of, less of, or identifying support from others to assist you? This month, we include our final questions focused primarily upon young people (remember there are no right or wrong answers and your answers are individual to you): Am I a member of any clubs and groups?

Do I do any volunteering? What are my family circumstances? Am I a carer for a family member?

Do I suffer from any hearing or sight loss?

Do I suffer from an illness or ongoing health condition?

Have I recently lost somebody close to me (suffered a bereavement)?

Do I have any mobility issues?

Do I have any difficulties with transport?

Yes, these are all just as applicable to young people!

Your own personal and family circumstances impact upon situations you encounter in your everyday life and activities. How you respond and handle things will affect how you feel and potentially may intensify the likelihood of experiencing more than momentary loneliness. And finally, the internet and social media:

How much time do I spend on social media?

How much time do I spend on my own?

When I'm on my own, how does that make me feel?

Generally, young people are positive about the possibilities and potential of the internet. However, there is a need to distinguish between this and the pressure and risks of social media including 'oversharing'. Loneliness develops as a negative feeling where there is a discrepancy between the amount and quality of social contacts you have, and the amount and quality you would like to have.

As the long summer break approaches, why not plan to do something different: Look into volunteering at

a local charity or hospice; offer your time to support a local club or group which meets in the village; or join one of the many sporting and leisure clubs with the aim of learning some new skills and meeting new friends. Also, pick up a leaflet and check out the several activities that our local Area Action Partnership (AAP) has organised for Lanchester this summer, including Environment, Sport and Craft Sessions.

Over to you ... and have a great summer!



# WHAT'S ON?

## Crafty Coffee Morning

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

The 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.

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd August for Small Mammal trapping. Meet at Malton Reserve gate at 8 pm Tuesday evening to set traps then meet again at 9 am Thursday morning to reveal the catch.

## Local History Society

Subject: Longovicium, a Roman Town at Lanchester

Speaker: Rodney Hawkins  
Date: Friday August 3rd  
Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

We are delighted to welcome Rodney, a Friend of Longovicium to talk about the Vicus and recent research and findings.

For more information contact the History Society at marianmorrison@btinternet.com

## Thursday Club

We have no meeting in August. Our next meeting on 20th September is at 1.30pm and Geoff Hughes will be quizzing us on Northumbria. We look forward to seeing you all again after our August break.

## Community Centre

**Coffee Morning** - The monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 9th August.

**Lacemaking** - Mondays from 10.00am - 12.00noon and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm.

**Needlecraft** - 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 Flower Club

Our next meeting will be after our Summer Break on Wednesday 26th September 2018 at 2pm in Lanchester Community Centre. The demonstrator will be Wendy Smith her theme will be 'Favourite Things'. Come along and enjoy a relaxing and entertaining afternoon. If anyone would like any details or information about the Lanchester Flower Club then just call Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.

## Get Creative

Whether you're just beginning or already an expert... it can be Knitting, Crochet, Card making or Cross stitch or anything crafty.

Where: Lanchester Library  
When: First Thursday of the month

Time: 10 - 11.30am

Cost: Free (donations for refreshments)

## Innovations

Our service users and staff from Innovations are holding a coffee morning at Craghead Village Hall on Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12noon. Come along for a coffee/scone and a chat - we would love to see you there.

## Balsam Pulling August dates

Wednesday 1st at 10 am

Thursday 2nd at 7 pm

Sunday 5th at 10 am

Monday 6th at 10 am

Wednesday 8th at 2 pm

Monday 13th at 10 am

Tuesday 14th at 7 pm

Thursday 16th at 10 am

Sunday 19th at 10 am

Friday 24th at 2 pm

Thursday 30th at 10 am

Friday 31st at 6 pm

More dates via posters along the railway line and Facebook Lanchester Past and Present.

Meet near Dora's Wood where the railway path dips at the point 'Woodlands' housing estate road accesses the path, grid reference NZ168471. **We only pull for one hour each time.** Thank you to all those people who are doing their bit along the line but please place your trophies off path wherever possible.

Email: lanchesterwildlife group@outlook.com.

## Lanchester WI in August

We meet on Monday August 6th, when we will be involved in a Felt Workshop, organised by Lynn Huggins Cooper. Our competition is to show a felt item made by you. This is an extremely busy time of the year - please keep up to date with events by checking on our webpage, and in the County Newsletter. You are also reminded that orders can now be placed for 2019 diaries, at £4.70 each.

Our next coffee morning is approaching - Thursday 11th October and there will be a handbag stall. Your unwanted bags will be welcome! Birthday Outing, members only, lunch and demonstration - November 5th - at Walwick Hall, Hexham. Places still available.

## Summer Club

This year's Churches Together Summer Club will have the theme of 'SPACE ACADEMY', building on the last two years' amazing Summer Special Holiday Clubs, we are inviting children to be part of the 2018 spectacular!!! Their role for the week is to become a space cadet with Space Captain Claire and her team.

The event starts on Tuesday 28th August and runs till Saturday 1st September at Lanchester Methodist Church from 9.45am (10.00am start) till 12.00 noon.

There will be loads of exciting things to do: songs, keep fit, games, drama, craft activities, challenges, bouncy castle, refreshments ...

All of this and more for only £20 for the whole week!

Make sure you don't miss out (places are filling up fast!). Parents of children at primary school or about to go into reception need to register at lanchestermethodist church.org.uk or 01207 520604.

## Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the Musical, at the Tyne Theatre & Opera House, Westgate Road, Newcastle, November 20th - 24th.

7 performances of this fantastic family show, suitable for all the family. For further details visit [www.tynetheatreandoperahouse.uk](http://www.tynetheatreandoperahouse.uk) or booking hotline 0844 2491000. There is a bus going from the village for the Wednesday 7 pm show which currently has space available.

For ticket information contact Ken on 01207 521149, for bus information contact Tracey at the Red Cross shop.

## Library Book Club

On Monday August 20th at 2.30-3.30pm, the group will be discussing 'Chocolat' by Joanne Harris, the international bestseller and film. If you like chocolate or French life pick up this bestseller, and do come along and join in with the discussion.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday August 16th from 5.30-6.30pm, the group will be discussing 'The Cuckoo's Calling' by Robert Galbraith. JK Rowling's crime debut novel, about Cormoran Strike, a Private investigator who looks into his first case. If you would like to join this group, pop into the library and pick up this book and join in the discussion.

### Chatterbooks

These events start back in September on the 10th. Future dates are 8.10.18, 12.11.18 and 12.12.18 (3.45 - 4.30pm).

**Toddler Time** - Sessions for Under Fives, every Thursday between 2 and 3 pm. Come along to this social time for you and your child to enjoy music, songs and rhymes. Also Children's Crafts will run alongside these sessions and the crafts will coincide and link with the Libraries Summer Book Challenge.

## Lanchester Social Club

Good quality entertainment for all ages every Saturday from 9 pm. Come along for the company or even a dance. Entertainment in August Saturday 4th - **Nicola Brown** - Popular singer Saturday 11th - **Ian Nuggent** - Great Vocalist Saturday 18th - **Sophie Lea** - Fantastic Singer Saturday 25th - **Richie P** - Great Entertainer **Also** Sunday 26th - Fantastic Disco and Karaoke.



## Dog Show

The next fun dog show, arranged by the Partnership, will be held on Saturday 29th September in the Community Centre. Entries from 1.30 pm. Come and enjoy a happy afternoon.

## Satley WI

Our next meeting will be on September 10th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall when our speaker will be Hayley Battista from My Foot Clinic. Visitors are always welcome.

## Lanchester Playgroup Quiz Night

Saturday 29th September at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club, Newbiggen Lane. Tickets £8 which include a buffet supper. All proceeds to go towards keeping Lanchester Playgroup open.

## Vintage Tractor Club

Meet on Wednesday 1st August at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

## SIZZLING WEATHER AND SAUSAGES!

At the end of the school term, the coaching at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club on Monday 16th July had a distinctive smell of barbecue in the air. The children and adults were treated to a 'sausage sizzle' after a fun session on court and the photograph shows some of the players and coach Callum Atkinson enjoying their sandwiches. Unfortunately our photographer missed the earlier session! Thanks are given to the club ladies who did a sterling job providing the refreshments and food. The recent weather was also sizzling and the tennis courts were baked hard and dry and, after a two year absence due to

bad weather, it enabled St Bede's teachers to hold their annual tournament at the club. Assistant Head Paul Diston organised the matches and the staff enjoyed their evening of tennis.

Due to an oversight by your correspondent in last month's article, an apology is due to that stalwart of the junior section, Henry White, whose name was omitted from the under 8 team list. As the old school report says, "could do better".

Coaching will continue throughout the summer and any details can be obtained from Dennis on 01207 520278 or email [den.lizjane@gmail.com](mailto:den.lizjane@gmail.com). **See photo on back page.**

## TOPSY TURVY AT BOWLING CLUB

You know the wine that you loved on holiday that did not taste so good when you got home? We say it doesn't travel well. That's the current case with our Saturday team, three 0-10 away defeats and one 10-0 home win since the last Village Voice.

Better fare from our other teams. The Monday team

has won three and lost one in the same period. The Tuesday team has won twice and only went down 2-8 to table-topping Dipton. The Wednesday team came up against stern opposition in Leadgate and South Moor and while they did not win, they acquitted themselves well with 3-5 and 4-4 results.

## ALL SAINTS' SPORTS DAY

A clear blue sky, the sun shining, enthusiastic pupils, numerous mums, dads and supporters, big smiles, beautiful views of our lovely Lanchester, describe the Sports Day of All Saints' Roman Catholic School on Wednesday July 4th. The Cricket Club, where the sports take place, kindly allows the use of their grounds every year and it certainly provides a very picturesque setting.

There are some sport activities in the morning but the big event is in the afternoon.

It was a joy to watch the pupils who took part in the races doing so with so much enjoyment and earnestness, and they were cheered on by the many proud parents and families who were present. It was very much a family occasion. The first, second and third winners of the races had to have their success recorded and were given marks for their school house.

The points are then added up and there was great excitement waiting for the result and when the winning house was

read out there was great elation. St Aidan was the first, closely followed by St Hilde.

The atmosphere throughout was so happy and a sense of achievement and terrific teamwork prevailed. The staff and pupils are to be congratulated for a very successful Sports Day which was hugely enjoyed by everyone present and to round off the event each pupil was given a 'Twister' ice lolly which was demolished very quickly before it could melt in the hot sun!

*Brenda Craddock*



*The Relay Race.*

## CRICKET NEWS

It's been a disappointing month for the firsts as they have played teams they would normally beat, Lintz and Ryton twice. Lady luck hasn't been with them, as they lost every toss and have had to field first in each of those games in the heat of the day. As a result, they have struggled with the bat in reply and just haven't been able to get to the opposition score. Over the four games, Kieron Taylor took at least three wickets in each game. They will be hoping to turn things round at Newcastle in their next game.

The seconds won three of their four games as they sit third in the league. Unfortunately, the times they have been short have been against the top two teams, Stocksfield being the opening game of the four, the match they lost. Skipper Chris Ramshaw is in great form and made 83 against Lintz, then 154 in the first game against Ryton. In the second win over Ryton, Jonathan Hames also made a century as he racked up 120. Nav Ahmed took 3 wickets against Lintz and Ryton. Dan Arthur took 3 v Lintz, while Arran Halliday returned from injury to

take 3 against Ryton. The thirds lost both league games against Philadelphia and Whiteleas, Andy McConnell taking 4 wickets in one game and Andy Allen took 4 in the other.

The under 13s are top of the league with 2 games remaining and are in a cup semi final too. In a demolition of Ryton, both Dan Scott and Charlie McPhail took a hat trick. One is rare, two is almost unheard of. Several of the boys have had a retired 30, Ben Rayner, Josh Cottom, Nathan Scurr, Charlie McPhail as they make hay.



# ALL SAINTS' SPORTS DAY



*Made it to the finishing line! Article on page 23.*

## EP SPORTS DAY



*Giving out lollies and medals. Story, page 18.*

## SIZZLING WEATHER AND SAUSAGES!



*Some of the players and coach Callum Atkinson enjoying their sandwiches. Report on page 23.*

## NEXT DEADLINE

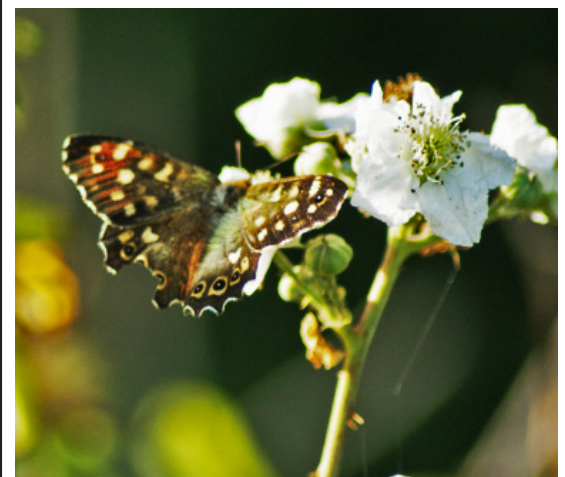
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## WONDERFUL NATURE ON OUR DOORSTEP



*A beautiful geranium flower.*



*A Speckled Wood butterfly.*

*These beautiful pictures are by Village Voice photographer Ronnie Allaker and were taken on the Valley Walk while out with his children.*

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