



UKRANIANS IN LANCHESTER

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They have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of Lanchester and beyond. They have received gifts of money, clothing, loan of a PS4 and a neighbour has raised enough money to buy Maksym a laptop. A bicycle has been donated by A&M Cycles on Medomsley Road, Consett.

We expect our friends to be staying in the village for 6 months or longer depending on the outcome of the war in Ukraine. Naturally, they would rather be home in Ukraine but as Oksana said when they arrived, 'Now we are safe'. They will be out and about in Lanchester so please say hello to them when you see them.

*Maksym collecting his bike from
A&M Cycles, Consett*



Daisy Raises £150 for the Ukraine Appeal

The events in Ukraine over the last month have affected the vast majority of us all deeply. It seems that with each day comes new stories of tragedy and sadness as Putin's army continues in their pursuit. However, one local girl, 8-year-old Daisy Vee Bourne (with a little help from sister Penny) of Brook Villa, Front Street, has heart-warmingly managed to raise almost £150 for the Ukrainian Appeal. She has donated this to the Red Cross charity shop

appeal in her bid to help. Daisy, who bought the ingredients for brownies, cupcakes, and cookies with her pocket money at

the local Spar, made the treats entirely by herself by watching YouTube videos (with Dad's supervision). The kind youngster was absolutely delighted with the generosity of the local passers-by who helped turn her £10 target into a magnificent £150.

Daisy's Dad, Simon Bourne, said, "Daisy has always been especially kind hearted, but even this one shocked us. We would like to thank everyone who donated to Daisy's collection and who, most importantly, helped teach her the importance of charity and giving. We are exceptionally proud of her wonderful achievement".

*Daisy sells her cakes and cookies
on front street with help from sister Penny*

*Customer chats to Daisy about her
fundraising and cakes*



Lanchester Art Group - Calling all artists!

As you will have read in the last edition of the Village Voice we are a friendly group of keen and enthusiastic amateur artists who meet in the main hall of the Community Centre every Thursday morning from 10am to 12 noon. We usually enjoy working on our own projects but very occasionally we will invite a guest artist, go out sketching or visit a local exhibition. We hold an annual weekend exhibition of our own work in the Community Centre in October each year (except in 2020 and 2021 when Covid intervened).

For the first time in many years we have no

waiting list to join and have places available immediately for new members. The subscription is currently £60 per annum. If you would like further details please contact the Membership Secretary, Alan Cummings, on 0191 6600529 or Margaret Walters, the Secretary on 01207 521214 or call in on any Thursday morning to see us at work.

Margaret Walters, Secretary



Garside cake stall raises £450 for Ukraine *(continued from p1)*

There may have been one day still to go before the vernal equinox, but on Saturday 19th March it certainly felt like spring had arrived. The sun was shining, the birds were singing in the trees, and in one quiet corner of Lanchester the results of many hours of culinary commitment were presented. Deciding that they wanted to do something to help the children affected by the unfolding crisis in Ukraine, the Garside children had hatched a cunning plan. Collating many fine recipes and acquiring near-commercial quantities of ingredients, they reportedly measured, stirred, whisked and baked long into the night on the Friday, continuing the following morning and only ceasing when a truly substantial selection of cakes and cookies had been prepared to perfection. Home-made lemonade was also squeezed and bottled by the gallon. At 2pm, with the front of the house adorned with the colours of Ukraine, this veritable feast was proudly presented to the peckish passing public.

With many groups of friends, couples and families out enjoying the warm Saturday afternoon, footfall was plentiful. Kitswell Road forms part of several routes enjoyed by those who appreciate a pleasant stroll, and consequently Lanchester residents and visitors flocked in their dozens to enjoy the variety of delicacies on offer while supporting a very worthy cause. As

neighbours of the Garsides, and having had the opportunity to sample many of the items on offer, we can offer independent assurance that the quality of the produce was nothing short of excellent. The extensive preparations allowed the table to remain well-stocked throughout the sale, and the range of treats on offer ensured that there was something for everyone. Home-made pin badges were also on offer for those who wanted to demonstrate their support for the people of Ukraine. In total £450 was raised, which was donated to support UNICEF's efforts with Ukrainian children. Well done to the Garside children for their phenomenal effort and achievement. And well done too to the many generous Lanchester residents who stopped by to support the cake sale so generously.

Visitors enjoy the sunshine and cakes on sale



Ukraine fundraiser raises £1,100 *(continued from p1)*

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Mary Jo Bunting organised a fundraiser in the Community Centre on April 3rd to raise money to support the people in Ukraine. It raised an astonishing £1,100. She would like to thank everyone for coming along and supporting it and a special thanks to Patrick and Louise Rimmington-Kane along with all their helpers from Activate Theatre School, to the fabulous DJ JayKane, to Helen Dennison for making such wonderful food, Philip and Rachael Murphy for some amazing face painting, finally to her husband and best friend Martin Bunting for everything he's done to help and support her. The dream team pulled it together!

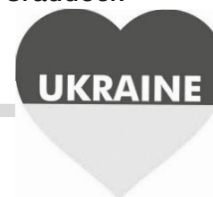


Ava's Cake Stall

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A number of pupils in our village schools have used their initiative to hold stalls of various kinds outside their homes, in aid of Ukraine and Ava (left) is one of those pupils. She 'set up shop' with her cakes outside her home in Mount Park Drive on Sunday April 10th and was soon doing brisk business. Her cousin Grace on the right who also attends the E.P. school came to help her. She has raised £370. Well done!

Brenda Craddock



1. A crowded community centre with, in the foreground (l-r) Mary Jo Bunting, Kathryn Rooney and Fiona Selby.
2. Children being entertained by the Activate Theatre
3. Patrick and Louise Rimmington-Kane (owners of Activate Theatre)
4. Mary Jo and husband Martin who organised the event.

Soup lunch for Ukraine

"Ukraine" is a word which has been at the forefront of world news for the last five weeks and everyone has been very concerned about what is happening there. It is almost unbearable to watch the footage of the violence, suffering, desperation, destitution, and destruction of what was once a beautiful country. In typical Lanchester response to any cry for help, the people of Lanchester immediately began collections of items of clothing, shoes, household goods and toiletries in abundance to send to this war-torn country.

There have been money collections in our churches and fundraising events, one of which took place at the Methodist Church on Friday April 25th. This had been organised by the Methodist Wives and Friends Group and what a lovely, uplifting occasion it was. It took the form of a soup lunch followed by coffee or tea and traybake - all of which were delicious. There was a variety of soup flavours from which to choose, one as good as the other, and all served at the table by the lovely smiling Wives and Friends. The welcome at the door by appointed Wives and Friends was as heart warming as the soups and the room was soon full of smiling faces, a perfect antidote to the grim world news. Ladies (and men – editor) love to chat, as everyone knows, and at every one of the tables, which were beautifully set with white cloths and best cutlery, there was a happy exchange of news and banter.

The tickets for the Soup Lunch were £5 and the amount raised for Ukraine was a magnificent £1000 including donations. Morrisons donated the bread rolls, butter, and milk for the drinks.

Congratulations Wives and Friends for all the thought behind the event and all the hard work to make it such a lovely occasion.

It was appreciated very much indeed!

Brenda Craddock

Soup serving - Keith Brown and Diane Emerson serving the soup

Group waiting in anticipation for their food
Soup – full tables



Ukraine update – shipments to Poland

We reported last month on the efforts, coordinated by Kathryn Rooney, to send donations of clothes, food, medicines, baby food and nappies, etc to Poland to be used by the refugees who have fled from Ukraine. Since then, an amazing 12 lorries have left for Poland and a further one has been booked for next month. Donations continue to be processed at St Mary's Blackhill and the drop off point in the village is the community centre. Elldis continues to palletise, stock and load the lorries at Delves Lane.

Kathryn was contacted by a Polish man, who thanked her for the donations that had just arrived, which were then going into Ukraine but he said, "Please don't stop sending aid,

the food situation is desperate, a lot of places have now stopped sending aid but the need for food is massive." Donations have slowed down. Kathryn continues to fundraise for the transport costs to Poland and take donations of goods. Please look at the Facebook page "Corona, Vulnerable and Volunteers (Consett)" to check the current needs both for fundraising and donations. This page is going to change its name in May.

As well as sending goods to Poland, they are starting to supply the needs of refugees who have arrived in the region to live.



Donations continue to be processed at St Mary's.

One of the 12 lorries leaving for Poland.



Notes from the House

Last month I reflected a lot on the history of Westminster and how it inspires MPs in their work. However, I also reflected that being an MP is a job that requires focus on achieving practical outcomes, just like any other.

A normal day in Westminster doesn't really exist, but my diary is shaped around the House of Commons. After an early start there are always huge amounts of message and emails (since you elected me, my team and I have dealt with over 20,000 constituent cases and many of those will require a lot of emails, phone calls and letters back and forth). Before Parliament sits – which is at 2:30pm on Monday, 11:30am on a Tuesday and a Wednesday, and 9am on a Thursday and sitting Friday, I will have usually had a significant number of meetings and had innumerable conversations with my team in Consett and Westminster. After Questions in the House, I'll usually head for more meetings in my capacity as Parliamentary Private Secretary in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, often talking through legislation that is due to be brought forward with officials – for example, I'm currently working with ministers ahead of the Online Harm Bill being published. I usually eat at some point, but it's when I can. Later in the afternoon might be spent debating in the House of Commons Chamber, meeting with ministers, or attending meetings with colleagues on shared local, national or North East-based issues. I then ring

my Consett-based staff about the days goings-on and about constituents who need assistance and whom I can help, which is the work I find the most fulfilling and where I focus a lot of energy.

A good recent example would be Barbara, my 76-year-old constituent. She was convinced her home was in too high a council tax band. Working with her, my team and I put her in touch with the right people and she appealed her banding. She is now in the right band and got four years of overpayment refunded too! There is a lot that can be achieved down in Westminster, too. Despite much preferring being up at the 'patch', I can often amplify my effect in Parliament due to the proximity to decision makers and my ability to press them on behalf of you, my constituents. From cutting the motorhomes tax, banning the pseudo-scientific 'Virginity Testing' and Hymenoplasty, spearheading the move to cut beer duty, coordinating and holding to account Northern Powergrid in the chamber, Parliament cuts through and gives me a platform to help drive meaningful change for people across North West Durham and the whole country. At its best, it can also help showcase our pluralistic democracy. The Westminster model, which has been adopted by many countries also has a strength too. It means that the head of Government must come every week to be questioned by Parliamentarians. It doesn't happen like that in the USA or France. Parliament also means holding the Government to account, and more on that next time.

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Book Sale in aid of Ukraine

'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'

These words are attributed to Dr Seuss of 'The Cat in the Hat' book fame and which many readers will know. Dr Seuss would have thoroughly enjoyed the 'Grand Book Sale' which was held as a fundraising event for Ukraine in All Saints' Parish Church on Saturday April 9th. It was a reader's paradise, was very well attended and very much enjoyed.

Margaret Walters, who is chairperson of the C of E Church Fundraising Committee, was the main organiser of the event. With the help of other committee members and church people, she did a marvellous job of transferring thousands of books from her garage into church where they were displayed very competently into categories. The response to her appeal for books was tremendous and she thanks everyone who contributed books which were all in very good condition as she had requested. It was such a lovely village event which drew so many Lanchester people to attend and many sat down in the Chapter House to partake of tea or coffee

and homemade cake and chat with fellow villagers.

People were very generous and the magnificent total of £1,552 was raised. There was something for all ages and the choices in each category were amazing. An extra touch was added to the event by the visit of Mr Stuart Wright, the funeral director, who happily sat down at the organ and entertained the crowds with a medley of well known music and songs which all added to the happy atmosphere which prevailed throughout the morning. So many books had been donated that inevitably there were quite a lot left!! Look out for future events when we will be selling children's books and fiction.

Brenda Craddock.

Penny aged two enjoying her new book.

Margaret Walters at the children's corner.



Michelle and Lanchester Team Recognised for Work During Covid

Michelle Atkinson, from the Lanchester Partnership, recently received a Certificate of Recognition for her contributions to public health over the course of the last two years. She was nominated for the leading role she played in setting up the Lanchester Partnership and Churches Together Covid Support Group. The group started by providing a shopping service for elderly and vulnerable residents who were self-isolating at the start of the pandemic. With additional funding from Durham County Council Area Action Partnership (AAP), Karbon Homes and support in kind from local supermarkets, work expanded to embrace support for hard pressed individuals and families experiencing food-poverty. A major role was played by schools in Lanchester who helped to identify families in need.

Services provided included: a contact line, links to a listening team for those lonely or worried, food parcels delivered weekly for families in need, Christmas hampers, activity packs for children, a weekly book exchange and books for those who were shielding.

The certificate was accompanied by a letter from the Directors of Public Health and Adult/Health Services of Durham County Council thanking Michelle for the work and commitment provided on behalf of the residents and communities of County Durham.

The certificate was presented at an open meeting of the working groups of the Lanchester Partnership on 6th April. Michelle was keen to thank the scores of individuals who contributed to the success of this extraordinary project.

On behalf of residents the Village Voice is delighted to convey a public thank you to Michelle and her team.

Below: Michelle Atkinson, (centre), at the hub set up by the support group with some of the groceries which were distributed to those in need during the pandemic.



Easter Crosses

There were crosses of note visible in our village, reminding us that we were once again celebrating the Christian festival of Easter.

On the village green three wooden crosses appeared and beside the Parish Church gates, there is a tall, rather more stark cross, made from wood, twigs and fallen tree branches. It was on a wooden cross that Jesus was nailed and left to suffer until he died. Rather appropriately the Ukraine colours are blowing in the wind beside the church cross, making a grim reminder, like the cross, of man's cruelty and inhumane treatment of fellow human beings. Our village has made an immediate and tremendous response to help this afflicted country reflecting the spirit of Easter, which is all about transformation of lives through the Easter message.

The third site where a cross is to be found is All Saints Parish Church. Dorothy Beadling had the idea and other Mothers' Union members helped her to attach daffodils to it and it looked very beautiful in church. Once it was a plain wooden cross, similar to the cross upon which Jesus was nailed over 2000 years ago. He hung there suffering and in great pain but endured this cruelty until he died. His dead body was put inside a tomb but three days later it was no longer there. Jesus had risen from the dead. He was alive and still is alive, in the hearts of all who know Him.

It was time for the wooden crosses to be transformed. The church cross is beautifully adorned with daffodils, and the cross at

the church gate has also been dressed with daffodils by the congregation as they left the morning service. They were each given one or two daffodils as they left church and attached them to the cross at the church gates. What a transformation! Today Jesus is waiting to transform lives. He longs, as we all do, for peace throughout the world. When you read this the Easter services will already have taken place. There were some beautiful services in our churches from Palm Sunday (April 10th) through Holy Week to Good Friday and culminating in Easter Sunday when the cry went up 'Jesus is Risen' Alleluia! These words were repeated at a short service on the Village Green at 12 noon led by Reverend Lesley and Reverend Stuart Earl. If you missed going to an Easter service, you will be made very welcome at any church, to join in their worship. For times use the notice boards outside each church.

Brenda Craddock

Below: Daffodils decorating the cross in the church.

Service on the Green on Easter Sunday



Thursday Club

At our last meeting in March, we celebrated our 42nd birthday party with one of our favourite activities. Sam Simpkins came along and presided over a tabletop treasure hunt, giving no quarter whatsoever!

What fun we had - trying to decipher tantalising clues which took us up the dale, over the hill and far away. Eventually we found our way to the treasure, hidden in Philadelphia! It had been hard work and the 'prize' - a big box of goodies - was shared out among the whole group. Of course, as it was our birthday, we had to properly celebrate with cake, candles and singing. All in all - a really good, enjoyable afternoon.



Henry Dancer Days to celebrate 10th Anniversary

Many people will remember Henry Dancer, a local lad who lost his life to cancer aged only 12.

His Mum, Jane, initially set up Henry Dancer Days to support other families affected by the same condition by offering support when children were undergoing treatment. Over the past 10 years, his charity has supported over 17,000 people and works in 32 hospitals. To celebrate, the charity is holding several events, two of which are featured below.

Come along for some fun and fundraising - tickets are available in the "Buy" page at henrydancerdays.co.uk.

Barn Dance

Saturday 16th July, 2022 at 7pm at the Lanchester Community Centre. Tickets £20 each to include a hog roast. Information at www.henrydancerdays.co.uk/barn.

John Clark Memorial Charity Golf Day

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Willow Burn ball raises over £27,000

Willow Burn Hospice raised over £27,000 at its biggest fundraising event in two years when it held its annual ball on Friday 25 March at Derwent Manor Boutique Hotel.

The sell-out black tie event was hosted by comedian, TV presenter and performer Steve Walls and featured dinner, music from SoulStreet, a live auction and the Diamond Raffle sponsored by Berry's Newcastle, to raise money for the hospice.

Rachel Todd, Head of Fundraising and Marketing at Willow Burn Hospice, said: "Not everyone knows this, but hospices need fundraising to survive. Willow Burn costs £1.2million each year to operate and receives less than 50% of its funds through government.

"Events like this are very important to the future of hospice care in Derwentside. Not only do they raise much needed funds, they also shine a spotlight on the vital services our teams provide to people living with a life limiting illness and their families.

"Willow Burn would like to thank all the sponsors, auction prize donors and everyone who contributed by attending – including: Berry's Jewellers, Crescent Homecare, Dere Street Homes, NPS Group, RMT Accountants and Business Advisors and Swinburne Maddison LLP."

The event also saw the premiere of 'We Are Willow Burn', the name of the hospice's new film and campaign featuring patients, staff, volunteers and supporters. The campaign has been inspired by every single person over the last 30 years who has been part of the Willow Burn story, making it the special place that it is today.

As part of the event, the guests also heard from fundraiser and volunteer, Ian Lowther, 38, an ultra-runner from Annfield Plain who will take on his biggest challenge this year when he competes in the 215-mile Race Against Scotland in aid of the hospice.



1. Draw of Diamond Raffle David Nicholson with Steve Walls

2. Rachel Todd, Head of Fundraising and Marketing with Ian Lowther

3. Councillor Watts Stelling and Paul Jackson, Chair of Willow Burn Hospice

Cllr Watts Stelling, Chairman of Durham County Council pays visit to Willow Burn

Cllr Watts Stelling, Chairman of Durham County Council, visited Willow Burn Hospice on 7 April 2022 as part of his year long campaign to support the hospice.

Cllr Stelling joined Chairman of Willow Burn, Paul Jackson and Director of Willow Burn, David Barker MBE, for a tour of the hospice, to meet the team and for lunch in the Willows Café.

Watts also spent some time catching up with members of the team who he met at Willow Burn on visits many years ago.

Back in June 2021, Cllr Stelling chose Willow Burn as the official charity of Durham County Council and since then employees and friends of the council have been raising money for the hospice in support of the Chairman.

Paul Jackson, Chair of the Board at Willow Burn Hospice, said: "On behalf of the patients, trustees, staff and volunteers, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to Cllr Watts Stelling for choosing Willow Burn Hospice as his Charity of the Year."



David Barker, Watts Stelling and Paul Jackson at Willow Burn Hospice



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Lanchester Spring Clean 2022

The spring-like weather on Saturday 19th March was just perfect for our annual litter pick. Over 40 volunteers turned out from all over the village to help collect the litter that had blown around the streets after the storms of winter. Over 36 bags of rubbish were gathered up as well as bigger items collected from the undergrowth and plenty of bottles and cans were sorted for recycling.

The worst areas this year seemed to be Peth Bank and Cadger Bank. But the whole of Lanchester benefitted from a spring clean. It's sad to say that the worst of the rubbish in the parish is scattered liberally along our potentially beautiful lanes. What a shame that the hedgerows are seen as suitable areas for people to dispose of their waste.

This year, the Lanchester Partnership joined forces with the Lanchester Wombles to run this one-day event. However we all know that there are many people who routinely pick while out for some exercise. Without these diligent, caring members of our community Lanchester would not be such a pleasant place to live. So, a very big thank you to everyone who helps to keep Lanchester litter free!

Our pictures show some of the "litter heroes" and the special badges produced for the event.



Lanchester Parish Church Bellringers

We have eight bells in the tower at All Saints as most of you are aware, and to ring them all, we need eight ringers! Around the Diocese you will find that those churches that have bells are having a recruitment drive, to promote the art of church bell ringing and Lanchester is no exception. We ring for the Sunday morning service, weddings, usually St. George's Day and this year The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is important that we nurture this old tradition, to keep our bells ringing! So, please if you are interested in any way and would like to join us, even if it's a visit to see us ring, please get in touch. Furthermore, if you live in the village and you used to ring in past years, we would love to hear from you!

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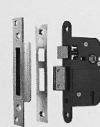
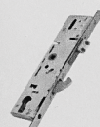
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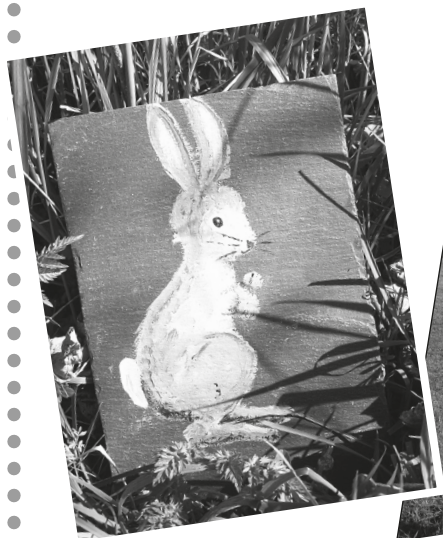


Easter at the Orchard

For those who ventured up Newbiggen Lane to view the art at Lanchester Community Orchard they were not disappointed. Once again members and friends had decorated eggs and together with the blossom and fine weather the orchard was looking splendid; a place to relax and unwind. Hidden in the grasses were Easter bunnies for the children to find. Boards celebrating the beauty of trees by Angela Tracey were displayed and some of our apple trees were adorned in support of Ukraine.

If you enjoyed your walk around the orchard do come again and watch how it changes through the seasons.

The orchard is a Lanchester Partnership initiative. If you would like to join and help with the upkeep of this lovely space, please email lanchesterorchard@outlook.com



Earth Hour in the Orchard, Saturday 26th March 2022

It's been three years since we celebrated Earth Hour together in the orchard. Earth Hour is an international movement originating in Australia in 2007 in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature. Every year at the end of March, people are encouraged to turn off their lights between 8.30 and 9.30 pm to highlight the impact that climate change is having on the world.

This year members of the orchard and allotments turned off their lights and headed up to the orchard with coffee and cakes to share. It was a beautiful clear night and Simon Johnson, an orchard member, led a tour of the night skies. Every time we celebrate Earth Hour in the orchard, we see a shooting star. This year we spotted a spectacular meteor blaze across the sky leaving a bright trail behind it. Well done to the Martin family for spotting it!

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Lanchester Flower Club

Member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society

Another successful meeting was held on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at our usual venue, Lanchester Community Centre. It was our first meeting where we enjoyed the company of a N.A.F.A.S demonstrator, Wendy Smith, her theme "Dust off your Hats". Wendy is a regular at our club and always does so many beautiful arrangements with interesting stories as she endeavours to produce all her floral arrangements. These arrangements, seven in total, were raffled and much appreciated by all the winners. Tea, coffee and biscuits were served and we all enjoyed chatting to our friends. A lovely social afternoon. Everyone is welcome, please come and join us.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th May, 2022 in the Community Centre main hall at 2pm. Our N.A.F.A.S. demonstrator will be Christine Ogle, her theme "Do you believe in Fairies?"

Should you need any further details please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667 our Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 our Secretary.

Our annual membership is £25 visitors £5 per meeting.



N.A.F.A.S demonstrator,
Wendy Smith

Lanchester WI met in April

Our ladies, together with 2 new members, met on April 4th and were greeted by President Marie Murphy. The minutes of our last meeting were displayed on the information table. Marie urged everyone to adopt the habit of checking the table during each meeting; there are always valuable items of news to be found there, and suggestions of how members can become more involved in their own WI.

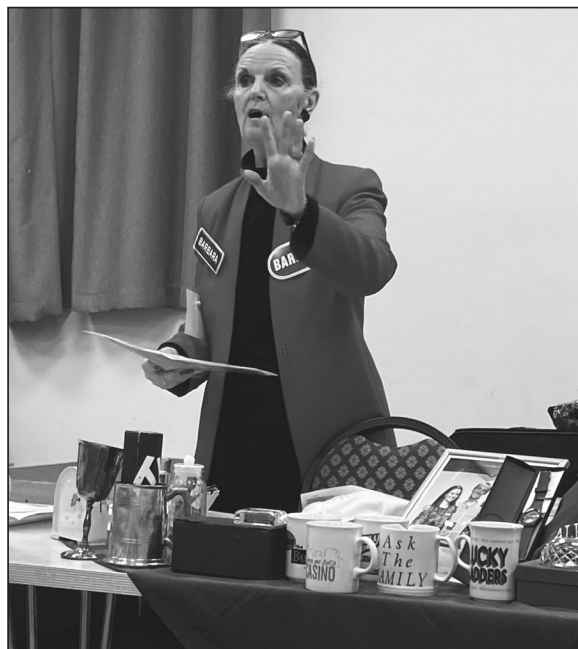
There was a reminder that name badges should be worn again, beginning next meeting and Marie outlined several of the WI notices available to read and consider. There were also several group events planned, including the latest Downton Abbey movie shown at Durham, the WI Quiz and various summer events to mark the Queen's Jubilee.

The night's competition was to decorate an Easter egg, and the winners were Jennifer and Janis. Winners of our raffle were Janis and Maisie, who also read out a poem 'A Warning' about growing old.

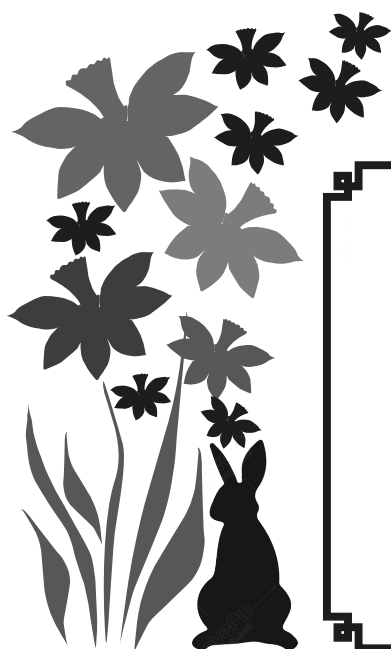
Members were reminded that June's competition was to make a stretch of bunting to decorate the hall for our coffee event. We settled down to listen to our speaker for the evening, Barbara Galloway. Barbara often joined forces

with her friend to enter TV quiz shows, and the two enjoyed several adventures and amusing events while contesting on the shows. We recognised many of the hosts and members of the casts and it was great fun to remember them and the trademark habits and figures of speech they used.

Over the years, the friends brought home a large collection of souvenirs from the shows they attended: mugs, tee shirts, plates, etc. all bearing the name of the shows and the hosts, familiar from several years ago. We were fascinated by the secrets of the shows, so well kept after all that time, for example the colours of clothes worn by contestants had to be strictly vetted before filming. We enjoyed Barbara's visit and her insights into a 'golden age' of television shows! Our evening ended with coffee and chat.



Speaker for the evening,
Barbara Galloway



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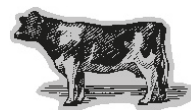
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Good day readers

Good day to Village Voice readers. As most of you will know by now, my name is Poppy, I am a black Patterdale with a tinge of grey, and I enjoy sharing the walks I take my Humans on with you readers. The one I have chosen this month is fairly short, but one dogs and humans can enjoy more than once a day.

Starting out near the Kings Head, we proceed up Cadger Bank, a steep hill which has the Human breathing heavily. Half way up we turn right at a gap and walk up a flight of steps, then cross some tarmac and go through a cut which takes us out at the top of a street called Briardene. There we turn left and walk across a green with an abundance of trees to sniff. After crossing the green we turn right and then walk down another flight of steps with a refreshing brook on the left. This takes us onto Broadoak Drive at the foot of the slope. Turning left along Broadoak Drive there is another green on the left where I often explore. When my explorations are complete, I permit the Human to

walk me along to the end of Broadoak Drive where we turn left up Newbiggin Lane. We walk there for a short while before turning right along a footpath known as Ridgeway. There is a field on the left and a couple of doggy bins which come handy – because I am usually caught short at this point in the walk. We walk to the end of Ridgeway and then turn left along the cycle track/footpath for a short while until we come to another red doggy bin. We turn right there up some steps and onto Kitswell Road. We proceed down Kitswell Road back towards the village, before turning left into the cricket field. There I enjoy a scamper round meeting other canine companions although I suspect that soon my stay there will be longer, as the Human enjoys watching that peculiar game called cricket, usually with a beer glass in his hand. We skirt the cricket field and go past some practice nets then through a cut which leads through Fenhall Park. From there we walk along the by-pass where I enjoy cooling down in the stream on the right, before reaching the village green and back home.

Not the longest of walks but an enjoyable one nonetheless!



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Christian Aid Week

There will be no house-to-house collection for Christian Aid Week this year. But there are several opportunities to give.

431,859 steps in May

Stuart Earl, minister of Lanchester Methodist Church, will be repeating last year's 300,000 steps in May challenge to raise funds for Christian Aid – but will be going even further. He has chosen 431,859 steps as this year's personal challenge because that was the pre-invasion population of Mariupol in Ukraine, so each step taken will represent one individual whose life has been turned upside-down – if they have even survived.

Last year over £2,000 was raised for Christian Aid, which helped to compensate for the Covid-induced lack of house-to-house collection in Lanchester during Christian Aid Week.

Unfortunately, that will be the same this year too, so it is even more vital that we try hard to maintain support for such a worthy cause.

Maybe we can surpass last year's total?

Christian Aid is not specifically focussing on Ukraine for Christian Aid Week, but the charity makes the valuable point that the price increases we are all encountering because of the Ukrainian conflict are being experienced worldwide, and their impact is so much worse for those who have very little anyway.

If you are able to support in any way, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please either go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/stuart-earl1> or deliver/post a cheque to 33 Ford Road, Lanchester DH7 0SH.

Christian Aid service on Thursday 12th May at 7:30 pm at the Methodist church where there will be a collection.

Coffee Morning with bric a brac etc on Saturday May 14th, 10am - 12 noon at the Methodist church.

Cash donations can be given at the newsagent's where Tony has kindly agreed to have a collecting tin.

Donate online at christianaid.org.uk

Date for your diary. Afternoon tea, July 1st, 2-4pm at the Methodist church.

More details later.

If you would like any further information please contact Judith Brown – 521898.

Ladies who lunch

On our last outing we ventured just as far as Consett! We were lunching at the Steel House Bistro - Derwentside College's catering training outlet which is run by the inestimable Angelo Fernandez.

Since the pandemic, the whole place has been completely refurbished and given an updated, contemporary look in a French style. On the wall behind the bar area is a large screen showing beautiful views with fabulous weather. No matter what's going on outside, in the Bistro all appears warm and sunny.

They are, quite naturally, out to impress and please the customer.

Service is quick and efficient (there is the choice of putting in a pre-order). The food presentation is picture-perfect and the quality excellent. Two courses are £8.95, 3 courses £10.95 at lunchtime.

Really good value for money.

Bread rolls, butter and a jug of water are brought to the table - wine and beer are on offer at extremely inexpensive prices. From the delightfully innovative menu we sampled for starters: wild mushroom and mascarpone ravioli with a Madeira sauce and posh fish and matchstick chips with a mustard sauce. Main courses were chicken and mushroom pie with seasonal veg, Steel House Bistro fish with hand-cut chips and mushy peas, and Northumberland beef lasagne with garlic bread and side salad. Puddings were: individual fruit tart with pouring cream, apple crumble, blackberry parfait and honeycomb, and floating islands. Our meal was rounded off with coffee - perfect latte for under £1.

The restaurant only operates during term time but is well worth the effort of checking out when they are open. At Christmas time they offer a lovely seasonal menu which is always a delight.

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We'll be going again.

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Dear Village Voice,

Congratulations to Hayley Alice Donnelly of Alderside Crescent. Hayley recently qualified as a Doctor of Medicine at Queen's University Belfast. She was always a conscientious, dedicated, committed pupil at St Bede's, gaining the status of "young, gifted and talented" aged 15. Her aspirations to become a doctor were first "voiced" in the Village Voice (June 2009 – see below), where her immense success at Consett Music Festival was reported, as well as her desire to become a doctor.

Hayley left St Bede's with outstanding A-level results in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and studied BSc Biomedical Sciences at Newcastle University. As a family we all believed that Hayley's studies were complete. We were wrong. Hayley wanted to achieve her ultimate ambition to be a doctor of medicine. Hayley was unconditionally offered a much sought-after place at Queen's University, Belfast where she finally achieved her goal of a Doctor of Medicine. Hayley is currently working in Northern Ireland as an F1 doctor, where she hopes to continue her studies to ultimately become a consultant.

To state Hayley's academic qualifications, ambitions, aspirations are outstanding would still be an understatement. It speaks for itself.

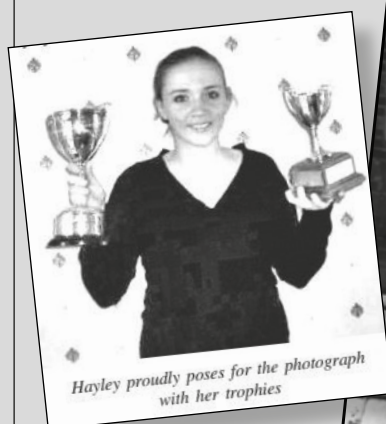
We wish Hayley continued success and would like to take this opportunity, through the Village Voice, to say how proud we are of her monumental achievements.

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Well done Dr Hayley Alice Donnelly.

From all your family

Simon D Donnelly (Hayley's Dad)



Hayley proudly poses for the photograph with her trophies

Hayley's achievements reported in the Village Voice June 2009

Hayley's graduation photograph



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"We currently have 2 vacancies available in the Derwentside constituency. If you have an interest in our services, the enthusiasm and desire to engage with members and the ability to work in partnership with colleagues on the Council of Governors and with the Board, we would love to hear from you. Nominations can be submitted between 29th April 2022 and 17th May 2022.

"If you have any questions or would like to discuss the opportunity further please contact our Foundation Trust Office via cdda-tr.Foundation@nhs.net or 01325 743625."

WHATS ON - April, and May

Lanchester Library

Monday Book Club

On Monday May 23rd at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing A Daughter's Secret by Eleanor Moran, 'an excellent, tightly plotted and emotionally fraught psychological thriller with an added crime element by a very stylish writer' (Daily Mail). We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday May 26th from 4-5pm, the group will be discussing The Herd by Emily Williams. A page turner, focusing on children's vaccinations and the consequences between two families and their friendships. It's an excellent read. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

Toddle Time

Every other Thursday 2-2.30. For babies and under 5's, come along and enjoy songs and rhymes with other young families. Ask Laura for details.

Knit and Natter

The first Thursday of the month 10-11.30am. Next session May 5th. Bring along your wool, needles and patterns and share your makes and get advice too. Enjoy.

Lanchester Friendship Group

Every Tuesday during school term time from 2 to 4 pm (come and go as you like). A new group for anyone who just wants to sit and chat or listen. No set agenda. Light refreshments available.

Lanchester Local History Society

Sadly there will be no meeting on Friday 6th May as our speaker has had to cancel due to a health alert. This has left us with no suitable time frame to book another speaker. Please remember that we are not holding a meeting on Friday June 3rd as it would clash with the village Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Check future editions for our July 1st meeting.

Thursday Club

April 21st at 1.30pm, The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre on May 19th at 1.30pm. Our speaker will be Linda King talking about 'Victorian Customs and Superstitions'.

Lanchester Social Club

7th May – Norman Cox
14th May – Karaoke
21st May – Beth Bruce
28th May – Melissa Pedro

Lanchester WI

Our May meeting will be held on May 9th, starting at 7.15. Ladies are reminded that we look forward to several events connected with the Royal Jubilee, so please take note of the details published. We will host a speaker from the BSL which will be interesting for everyone, and our competition will be 'A Decorative Letter'. We look forward to seeing everyone - complete with name badges!

Willow Burn events Firewalk

Would you walk over hot coals for your local hospice? Join team Willow Burn and lots of other north east charities at Rainton Arena on Saturday 14 May at 6pm as they attempt a world record Firewalk with Change Fundraising and UK Firewalk. The Firewalk is completely safe as everyone gets training from UK Firewalk on the night. Registration Fee: £35, Minimum Fundraising: £100. For further information, please contact Selina on: 01207 529 224 / smankin@willowburnhospice.org.uk

Willow Week

Monday 9 May 2022 - Sunday 15 May 2022 Willow Burn is asking its amazing supporters, staff and volunteers to get involved in Willow Week 2022 by fundraising for the hospice and/or raising awareness of the vital work of the team. We encourage as many people as possible to get involved

– your success doesn't depend on special skills or fitness levels; it is simply a week to celebrate the work of Willow Burn. So, whether that's donating £1 by filling a jar with loose change, learning more about your local hospice, painting a willow tree to display at the hospice or raising £50 by wearing green for Willow Burn - every penny and thought counts.

www.willow-burn.co.uk/willow-week

Willow Burn Spring Nurse's Fair

Saturday 14 May 2022, 11am – 2pm, Willow Burn Hospice
The Nursing and Care Team at Willow Burn Hospice invite you to join them at the first Nurses' Fair in over two years. This event is a great opportunity to enjoy some spring sun in beautiful gardens and to catch up with the wonderful team at Willow Burn. With a fantastic mix of gift stalls, cakes and produce, raffles and tombolas, it promises to be a great day. All proceeds from the fair will go to fund the vital services provided at Willow Burn for the local community.

www.willow-burn.co.uk/our-events

Wildlife group

Next meeting 10th May, 7.30pm in Lanchester Community Centre small hall. Dorinda Kealoha from Durham WT will speak on 'SeaScapes (from Tyne to Tees): Intertidal Interactive'. For more information, email lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com or phone E Williams on 01207 520063.

Lanchester Methodist Church

Family Film Night

You may have missed last month's film, which was Paddington! But you are very welcome to join us on the first Saturday of every month for our Family Film Night at Lanchester Methodist church. We begin at 4pm. All we ask is that you bring your own snacks and we will provide

the drinks! Tea, coffee and juice. We would love to see you next time - 7th May, film to be confirmed.

Crafty Coffee Morning

Meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am till 12. Call in for a cuppa and a chat and if you wish there is wool, needles, patterns, etc. to knit for charity. Next date May 10th.

Lanchester Methodist Wives and Friends

Meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 1.30pm. Next meeting May 4th: Willow Burn Hospice, a talk by Selina Mankin about the work and fundraising for our local hospice.

Lanchester Medical Centre

Are you interested and would like a voice about your healthcare services? Why not join our Patient Participation Group? If you are a patient of the Lanchester Medical Centre you will be welcomed at our next virtual meeting on Wednesday 4th May 10:30 am until 11:30 am. The joining code for the meeting is available from the surgery manager.

Flower club

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th May in the Community Centre main hall at 2pm. Our N.A.F.A.S. demonstrator will be Christine Ogle, her theme "Do you believe in fairies?"

Tuesday Lunch Club

The next meeting will be at Lynwood House on 10th May at 12pm. Anyone welcome, no age limit, just a minimum donation of £2.00. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Any questions, please call Jackie on 07908 838452.

Minsteracres retreat centre open house

Monday 2nd May 11am to 3pm
Have you ever wanted an opportunity to have a look around our house and grounds? Well, now's your opportunity with exhibitions, tours, moments to reflect, tea and coffee and plenty of tasty home cooking. Free entry, but donations are always welcome!

City Theatre

"BusyBody" a comedy by Jack Popplewell will be on at The City Theatre Durham, DH1 3RA, from June 12th -18th. Mrs Piper, the office cleaning lady, finds a body, then has to help the police at every turn to solve the mystery. Tickets now available from the Gala Box Office. £8.50 with concessions Sun matinee and Monday evening. 03000266600. Please note there is no evening performance on the Sunday.

The Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

Meetings of the Friends of Longovicium are now back to their normal fourth Thursday of each month from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Community Centre. The next meetings are therefore 28th April and 26th May. A Friends' display will be provided for the "Consett Heritage" exhibition in the Methodist Church Hall, Consett, from 5th to 7th May.

The Lanchester History Society will host a talk by Rodney Hawkins on the latest information from Longovicium at 7pm on 6th May in the Community Centre.

On Saturday 14th May the Friends will place a display in the Ebchester Community Centre from 9am to 2pm on behalf of the Ebchester Roman Explore Day. Contact juddrichard1976@gmail.com for further information.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid service on Thursday 12th May at 7:30 pm at the Methodist church where there will be a collection.

Christian Aid Coffee

Morning with bric-a-brac etc on Saturday May 14th, 10am - 12 noon at the Methodist church.
Afternoon tea, July 1st, 2-4pm at the Methodist church in aid of Christian Aid. More details later.

Choral Society

Lanchester Choral Society Queen's Jubilee Concert, Friday 3rd June, 7:15pm at Lanchester Methodist Church. Tickets from any member.



Lanchester Medical Centre: Lanchester Patient Participation Group

Lanchester
Medical Centre

General Practice has a challenge: Living with COVID-19

At the beginning of April about one in every 13 people in the UK has coronavirus. That is almost 5 million new cases this week. At this time almost all the UK's Covid rules are coming to an end, two years after they were introduced.

Despite working throughout the pandemic offering telephone, video, electronic and face-to-face consultation and the increased work being passed to them from hospital colleagues, there remains a concern that people cannot arrange a face-to-face consultation with their doctor.

As we move to the next phase in our approach to the COVID-19 pandemic, surgeries have a difficult balancing act to perform, they are now helping patients manage the understandable delays in out-patient appointments and waiting lists. At the same time doctors are dealing with increased demand from their patients who are presenting with complex needs having delayed seeking help due to the pandemic. Plus, there is still the need to keep everyone, patients, and healthcare workers safe.

The Standard Operating Procedures for General Practice makes it clear that patients can have a face-to-face consultation, but are still required to be triaged remotely first whenever possible. For years clinical consultations have been face-to-face, this has been what we expected. During the pandemic we have moved away from this model of care and embraced new models of consultation that are popular with many community groups. We have found that many patients are quite happy without the need to physically attend the surgery and it is often the preferred way to engage younger folk and those anxious about coming to the surgery. GPs and Nurse Practitioners are seeing patients face-to-face when necessary, also providing video and telephone consultations and e-consultations; there are also online bookable appointments.

The surgery clinical team has expanded to include Pharmacists, Nurse Practitioners, Practice Nurses skilled in Chronic Disease Management, Team Assistants, all able to bring their expertise to benefit patients. The challenge is to communicate the new ways of working in General Practice and ensure everyone that your surgery is open and is there to assist you to access health care services.

How do we live with COVID-19?

In March 2022 Professor Chris Whitty, the Chief Medical Officer for England told us that community transmission of COVID-19 continues to increase across England. Hospitalisation rates are increasing but have not translated into service pressure on intensive care or an increase in death rates. The main risk at present arises from the sustained pressure on all our health services, in the community and in hospitals. Clinicians have been working under this pressure since the beginning of the pandemic in January 2020. They have themselves succumbed to this virus placing more pressure onto colleagues.

"Living with Covid" plan: what is expected of us

- If you test positive for Covid you are no longer legally required to self-isolate, but you are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with others for at least five full days
- Masks are no longer legally required in most public spaces - although they are still required in healthcare settings, such as GP surgeries, hospitals, and care homes
- Lateral flow tests (LFTs) will no longer be free, except for the over-75s and over-12s with weakened immune systems
- The NHS Covid pass will no longer be recognised as a "vaccine passport" within the UK

We have never experienced a pandemic of this magnitude before and many people in the highly vulnerable group still feel the need to shield. This current uncertainty lends itself to a continuation of a cautious approach, which will allow for further monitoring and assessment of the impact on the epidemiological picture. Until such times there is a need for us to remain vigilant and please, use this new freedom thoughtfully.

Lanchester Brass Band

Lanchester Brass Band is proud to be part of Lanchester community and to be able to play at various village events. You will see us at some of the planned events in the village for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There is a steady core of players in the band, but we would love to increase the number. If you play a brass instrument or are in any way interested, you would be made very welcome by the conductor Mr James Draper and the other band members. We can supply the instrument of your choice and even teach you how to play it!

All ages are welcome and if you would like to contact the band please ring James Draper (01207 529775). There must be people out there who enjoy music and even play an instrument or are learning how to play and this is an ideal opportunity to be part of the music scene. We meet once a week on a Sunday 5pm until 7pm in the upper room at Croft View buildings. What a lovely, welcome surprise it would be, for you to turn up at one of our practices. There is no age limit. Young and old (like me) are very welcome. Please give us a try!

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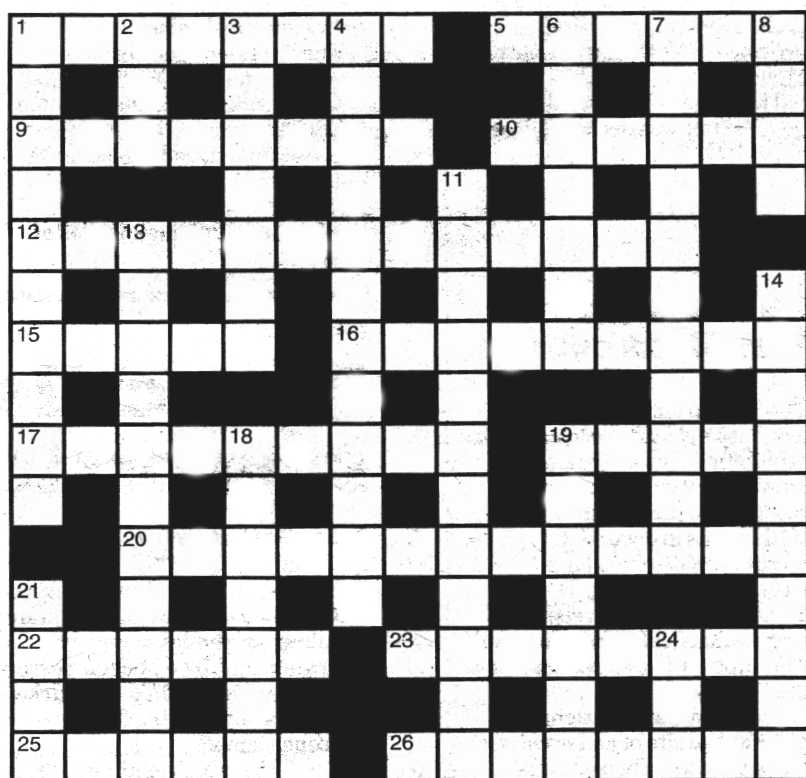


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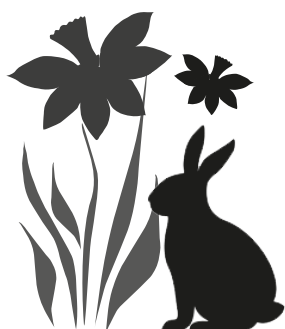
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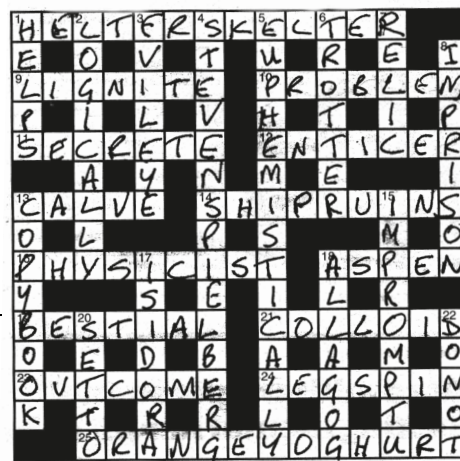
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Winner of the Crossword 171

Linda Shovlin, whose winning entry was drawn from the hat.

There were 8 entries this month, and 7 were correct. Unfortunately, there was an error last month in that the down clues were incorrect (editor - my fault). Clue 18. should have been clue 17. The clue 18. was omitted and should have been "In excited eagerness". All the clever Village Voice readers, however, deduced the correct answers without the clue!!

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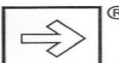
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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on
Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7.05pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 8 March, Planning and Finance Meetings 30 March – **approved**

Police Report - Councillors considered that there had been a lot of activity recently with thefts and traffic accidents. Councillors were informed that if a road traffic collision doesn't require police attendance or the police are not informed, this may not be included in the statistics. It was agreed to enquire if the CCTV camera on the Village Green was in operation. Councillors discussed the matter of people without licences going door to door selling items and claiming to be part of a prison reform service. The police would ask residents to stay vigilant and report anything suspicious.

Correspondence

• **Memorial Seat** - Councillors considered and agreed a request for a memorial seat on the Village Green. The seat and plaque will be discussed with the resident and clarification on planning permission will be sought from the County Council.

• To consider a suggestion to plant a tree for the Platinum Jubilee and to consider planting a Miyawaki forest

It was agreed that a suitable native tree is planted in autumn, probably on the Village Green bypass with a plaque for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Councillors discussed a suggestion from a resident to plant a mini Miyawaki forest. The planting area would be approximately the size of a tennis court and very densely planted. Councillors noted that the Parish Council does not own much land. It was agreed that the County Council are asked for advice and whether they have any suitable land in the Parish.

• Lanchester Cricket Club – replacement of practice net fencing – funding application

Councillors were informed that the cricket club is applying for a grant to replace the fencing around the practice nets. The Parish Council agreed to provide a letter of support to submit with the application.

• Durham County Council – Councillors considered a response to the following proposed parking restrictions:

St Bedes School/Howden Bank/Bishops Meadow -

Councillors understood why the parking restrictions were suggested and agree that something needs to be done to address road safety and public health issues. However, there

was a concern that the proposals may move the cars and create a problem elsewhere. The Parish Council would ask that St Bedes School considers their on-site parking and drop off facilities.

Front Street - Councillors understood why the parking restrictions were suggested and agree that something needs to be done to address road safety and public health issues. However, there was a concern that the proposals may move the cars and create a problem elsewhere. The Parish Council would ask for clarification that the proposal does not restrict residents parking in front of their dwellings.

Church View - No comments to make.

Durham County Councillors – An update was received on several issues including:

parking outside schools, funds for jubilee celebrations, recent Police and Crime Commissioner visit to Lanchester, Durham County of Culture 2025 shortlist, warning of scam calls relating to County Council work, Nexus transport offering family discounts and an upcoming meeting with Karbon Homes.

Police and Crime Commissioner - Several Parish Councillors and the County Councillors met with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 29 March and walked around several key locations that have parking and traffic concerns. The meeting proved useful and the notes from the visit are awaited.

Hanging Baskets - Members were informed that the lighting columns which hold the hanging baskets need to undergo a structural test every 30 months. It was agreed that the testing is undertaken at a cost of £1150.00

Members considered and agreed the price received for the provision of hanging baskets of £264.00 plus the cost of watering

Code of Conduct - Councillors considered and agreed an update to the Code of Conduct.

Financial report - discussed and approved
Accounts for Payment – approved

Chairperson's Announcements - Information had been received from Lanchester Partnership regarding the Lanchester Big Jubilee Picnic Event to be held on Sunday 5 June as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. A request for a donation towards the costs of the event had been received. Councillors were in favour of a donation being made. The event and donation will be discussed formally at the May meeting.



Community Centre News

Here is the latest news from your Community Centre.

Your Community Centre needs you!

We are looking for a Volunteer Treasurer and Secretary.

The Treasurer is responsible for the payment of invoices, staff payroll and working annually with the auditors. It takes on average 10 hours a month to undertake all the above. The Secretary needs to record meetings undertaken, usually 10 a year, and distribute minutes and meeting agendas to the committee.

Both these roles are vital to the Community Centre's future. The committee is made up of volunteers who are willing to give a bit of their time to ensure that the Community Centre continues as a venue for everyone to enjoy. If you think you can help or would like further information, please contact the Centre.

In addition to this we also need more volunteers to cover the office Monday to Friday 4.30pm until 6.30pm. If you can spare a couple of hours a week (or more) please get in touch.

Upcoming Event - We are having a car boot sale on the Saturday 21st May, in the Community Centre's private car park, 12 noon until 3.30pm at a cost of £10.00 a car.

Remember if you have any family occasions or business meetings planned for the coming year your Community Centre is a really great venue with excellent facilities.

The office is staffed 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. If you have any enquiries about any of the activities or clubs available or you want to know more about hiring our brilliant venue please get in touch on 01207 521275 or drop in and have a chat, it will be good to meet you!

To keep up to date with what's going on check out our Information Point, follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre' or check out our new website - <https://lanchestercc.co.uk/>



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Work is progressing with organising the Platinum Jubilee Picnic Lunch which will take place on the grounds of the Lanchester EP School on Sunday June 5th starting at 12.30 for 1pm start. We are asking everyone to bring their own lunch and a cup as we will be serving tea, coffee, and juice. We are hoping to have a bouncy castle and some inflatables, face painting and games for the children. There will be a Fancy Dress competition for the children with the theme of royalty (kings, queens, princes, and princesses), age groups will be confirmed in the next issue. Not to be left out, we will also have an adult competition, "Best Platinum Jubilee Hat" so you can all start work on them now. We will be having a quiz relating to the Queen's 70 years on the throne. We are looking to have the village bus shuttling people to and from the school all afternoon and would ask anyone who particularly needs this service to contact us beforehand. First aid services and a toilet for the disabled have already been booked.

The extent of what we can achieve is down in some cases to the amount of grant aid we receive. We are applying for several grants but have already received a very generous donation from a resident who wanted to help, which is a great start to the project. The Lanchester Partnership or I would be pleased to receive any further donations, cash or cheque, but please make cheques payable to The Lanchester Partnership.

We will have had another meeting by the time you read this and will be holding a further meeting on Friday the 13th May at the Methodist Church starting at 7pm. All are welcome.

Eric Hepplewhite

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event

Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council are working in partnership to light a beacon as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

On 2 June 2022, we will celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth – her Platinum Jubilee. It is a feat no previous monarch has achieved.

More than 1500 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

The beacon, which has been specially made, will be located on high ground at Burnhope picnic area on Edge Lane.

Thursday 2 June 2022
Burnhope Picnic Area, Edge Lane
9.30 pm start
9.45 pm beacon lit

People are advised that the event site will be dark in places and the ground may be muddy and uneven. In addition care needs to be taken when crossing the road from Burnhope to the picnic site.

There is no parking at the picnic area.

People are being encouraged to walk from Burnhope to the picnic area. A coach will be provided free of charge from Lanchester to the event.

The coach will leave from the Village Green and booking is essential.

To book a place on the coach please contact Sally on 01207 520146.



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Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

Visits and Visitors at Lanchester E.P. School

This last half term has been extraordinarily busy in school as we really did begin to get back to 'business as usual'. We took nearly 90 children and 26 staff on 7 residentials in the space of a month, opened our doors to parents for the first time in over 2 years and welcomed teachers and students from 8 different European countries as part of our Erasmus+ projects.

You will have read the article last month about our visit to Dubai at the beginning of March, written by some of the children, which was a truly memorable for children and adults alike. This was due to a successful application to the Turing Scheme and was funded by the British Council. We are applying to take children to both Dubai and India again next year so have everything crossed that our application will be successful again.

Four staff also took four lucky Year 6 children to our partner school in Aarhus, Denmark for a week in the middle of the month. During their time there, they spent time learning outdoors at the school as well as visiting a safari park, outdoor museum and exploring Aarhus too.

During the same week, we took four of our Digital Leaders to present at the Bett Show at the Excel Centre in London. Here, they talked to a packed hall of teachers about Coding across the Curriculum. They were absolutely wonderful and gained great acclaim from all who were present. I also participated in a Leadership Panel all about 'Leading a Digital Strategy Beyond Crisis Response' while Clare Balding thoroughly enjoyed Mr Bailey's presentation about different apps. We also treated the children to a performance of 'Wicked' and a meal at the Rainforest Café – all wonderful experiences!

At the end of March, we took all of our Year 4 children to Alnwick Castle for a tour and workshops, Alnwick Gardens where we explored the Poison Gardens and Fountains followed by a night in Seahouses Hostel.

Later in the same week, we took all of our Year 3 children to Birdoswald Roman Fort where we stayed overnight with each class. A walk along the Roman Wall, a visit from a Roman Soldier, a tour of the Fort and a storytelling session at the milecastle as well as a whole class sleep over made for a brilliant 48 hours for them all.

During March, we also welcomed colleagues from our partner schools in Latvia, Greece, Portugal, and Poland. This project is entitled 'European Tunes Choir for Peer Bullying'. During

the week, they observed teamwork in music lessons, took part in a workshop from Tiny Tweeties and enjoyed some inspirational training from Paul Whittaker OBE (deaf musician). We also took them for a traditional Sunday Lunch at The Travellers Rest, Afternoon Tea at The Black Horse and sightseeing in Newcastle.

It was also very special to be able to welcome parents and children back for a ceilidh in the school hall. Burt Hunter and his amazing live band led us in the dancing and we all thoroughly enjoyed a great sociable evening.

The final week of term saw us host our other European partners from our Outdoor Learning Project. This was postponed from January, and we welcomed 30 staff and students from Poland, Sweden, Denmark and Spain. They loved their forest school sessions, village trail and outdoor maths lessons. We also took them to Seaham for a Beach School Day and to Beamish Museum too. Another special, busy week.

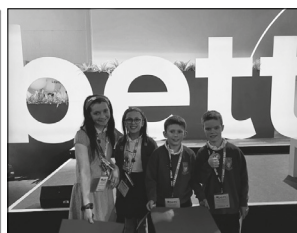
During the final two weeks of term we also welcomed parents to our "Stay and Play" sessions in Nursery and Reception. These were exceptionally well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by parents, carers, and children alike. You are never too old for learning!

The term concluded with a coffee afternoon and the opportunity to see all the decorated eggs. Again, it was just so special to be able to welcome parents and carers back into school and wonderful to see a packed hall! After such a hectic half term, we are all looking forward to re-charging our batteries over the Easter break before embarking on the final term of the year!

Mrs Jane Davis, Head Teacher



Group who visited Alnwick and then stayed overnight in Seahouses



Visit to the BETT show in London



Visit to the Roman fort



School visit to Dubai

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Lanchester All Saints' Primary School

Since we last spoke, we have had such a lovely half term in school. This week, our pupils have completed their small acts of kindness fundraising campaign. It has been wonderful hearing what children and families have been up to over Lent to help others. We have raised an astronomical amount of £801.64 for Willow Burn and £1976.50 for Cancer Research UK! To our very generous families, friends and neighbours, thank you so much; this money will make a real difference to those in need. Over the course of the final week in school, each class held a Lenten worship and invited their families to school to join in too. It was wonderful to see class gatherings again because they have been such a huge miss over the past couple of years. Our Key Stage Two pupils have been able to visit Mass again this half term and a particularly special gathering took place with our Year Five pupils at church for their First Reconciliation; they have been working with catechists to prepare them for making their First Holy Communion later in the year – a celebration that we cannot wait for!

In the past six weeks, our Reception children have visited the Hancock museum, Year One have been to Hall Hill Farm and this week we waved goodbye to our Year Five pupils for a few days as they travelled to Northumberland. It has also been fantastic to really start making the most of our school garden during the first signs of spring! We have also enjoyed lots of sporting success this half term: we came a close second in a swimming gala, our basketball team won a number of fixtures within their competition, a group of pupils ran cross county at County level with one of our pupils placing first, our football team are happy competing in the Bishop Cunningham Cup, we have introduced Years

One, Two and Three to All Stars Cricket, and our Year Two pupils represented us in a fantastic whole-class dance competition!

As well as the busy days, we have been thrilled to offer a range of additional clubs at school. This term, pupils have had the option to attend rugby, crafts, multi-skills, reading and girls' football and next term, in addition to our Breakfast and Tea Time Club, we are offering tennis, gardening, mixed football, musical playgrounds and gymnastics. This is all in addition to our French, guitar and brass clubs in school. Speaking of instruments, it was wonderful to see our pupils who play brass instruments complete a 'Lanchester Wind' band alongside pupils from Lanchester E.P. and St. Bede's. We housed approximately forty musicians in school and were thrilled to hear their progress. A particular performance to note was from Ellen and Sarah who confidently performed, 'We Don't Talk About Bruno' to an engaged audience – it really was lovely to hear the children from all three schools perform as one band and hopefully, this is the start of a wonderful relationship!

The half term began with a World Book Day parade that allowed the children to show off their book choices and designs and has ended with a traditional egg decorating competition where three pupils from each class were awarded prizes for the best creations. It has been a jam-packed number of weeks and I think everyone is ready for a rest! We hope the Easter holidays bring sunshine and warmth to you all!

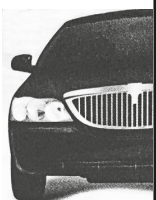
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Police Report

Hello, just a small update from Consett Neighbourhood Policing and what has been happening in recent weeks.

There has been an increase in the number of door-to-door sellers reported to Consett Police, particularly in the Lanchester area. A reminder to be vigilant and not to give any details or

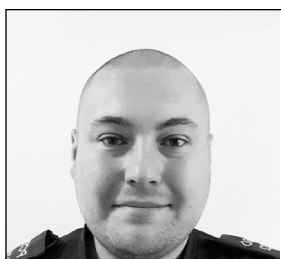
money to anyone you think is suspicious. Please continue to report this via 101 or 999 in an emergency. We have taken a number of people's details relating to these matters, moving people on if they didn't have the correct licences.

In the wider area that Consett police cover, there have been several successful warrants, resulting in large quantities of drugs and cash being seized, with several people being arrested while enquiries are ongoing. Drugs have a huge effect on the community, so if there is anything you believe to be suspicious or want to pass on information, please report this to the police via 101/online or crimestoppers on 0800555111.

We are looking to work with the community to help make the area you live in a better one. So if you have any information you want to share, please get in touch and let me know.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to get in touch via email, andrew.tonge@durham.police.uk or you can call 101, select option 1 and enter extension 208722. This is for general use and incidents shouldn't be reported this way. Please report any incidents via 101 (or the online report form) or 999 in an emergency.

PCSO Andrew Tonge



Developer's plan for 46 homes on Cadger Bank refused

The Area Planning Committee (North) of Durham County Council met on Thursday 24 March to consider the application to build 46 dwellings on land to the west of Briardene, Cadger Bank, Lanchester with new access from Cadger Bank. The site is in the vicinity of Longovicium Roman Fort and Vicus settlement.

Steve France, Senior Planning Officer, presented a PowerPoint summary of his 38-page report outlining key issues for the Committee to consider, as well as the process approach used before determining the application. The Committee had viewed the site.

Councillor David Friesner, Lanchester Parish Council (Chair of LPC's Planning Committee), addressed the Committee. He stated that the proposed development was outside of the settlement boundary defined by the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan 2021. There was considerable planning history including applications refused, withdrawn and an appeal dismissed. The SHLAA assessment had previously considered the site unsuitable for housing development; the County Council having a 5.9 year supply of housing land available.

He highlighted the section about Historic England's objection on heritage grounds and impact on the setting, referencing 'the high heritage value of the Fort and its civilian settlement thereby contributing to its national importance' - concerns variously endorsed by the County Archaeologist and Spatial Policy and Landscape Officers. He praised the work of the local 'Friends of Longovicium' who had worked over many years to demonstrate its communal and national value.

Many concerns were listed in the report's conclusion including: heritage, density, landscape, sustainable design, sustainable transport, surface water drainage, education, net biodiversity gain and the planning balance. This led officers to recommend refusal (to the Committee) listing 8 reasons for refusal, referencing policies within the County Durham Plan and the Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan. He concluded: 'We hope Longovicium will feature within the county's bid for UK City of Culture, Durham 2025. Lanchester Parish Council objects to this development and agrees with your officer's recommended refusal of this application'.

Douglas Oliver, County Councillor, reinforced points contained in the report. He referred to his meeting with key 'Friends of Longovicium' members. He stressed the importance of the whole setting of Longovicium Fort and the adjacent Vicus settlement and its potential uniqueness within County Durham and probably within the entire

North East region. He highlighted the strong feelings of local residents about this development, that there had been in excess of 80 objections, many from local people, and that many had spoken to him directly about it. He considered, if allowed, the development would result in 'irreversible and permanent harm'. He listed other areas for concern including the site being outside of the settlement boundary, approached off a very steep bank with poor access, village services and schools already at capacity, and there are already serious issues with traffic and parking in the village.

As a local resident himself, he spoke about the community's pride, enthusiastic and active local interest, pride in the scenery, character, quality and distinctiveness of Lanchester's setting (including links to its Roman past) and the high value of its surrounding landscape. He concluded he supported appropriate new development if it was clearly shown to be so.

The Applicant's Agent made a statement in support of the development saying he could not understand what had changed. He said that County Council's current view about the site appeared quite different to when previous applications had been determined. The Senior Planning Officer stated that the Development Plan (comprising the County Durham and Lanchester Neighbourhood Plans) was now fully in effect and formed the foundation upon which all applications are considered.

Before making their decision, the Committee had a full discussion, requesting clarification where appropriate. Concerns were raised that pre-application advice had not been sought from the Council. Much of the discussion focussed on it being an archaeological site, the site being outside the settlement boundary, within an area of high landscape value, the heritage value was very high and that Longovicium, and its surroundings, are a Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM). Cllr. Kevin Earley stated that it would be difficult to envisage housing ever being accepted at this location, given the concerns raised in the report.

Following a committee vote, the development application was unanimously rejected.

Postscript. The Committee decision of refusal was subsequently followed up with a confirmation letter to the Agent setting out the nine reasons for refusal with reference to policies in the County Durham and Lanchester Neighbourhood Plans. Documents about the application can be viewed on Durham County Council's website planning portal. Lanchester Parish Council would like to thank all residents who commented to Durham County Council about this application.

Report provided by Councillor David Friesner, Lanchester Parish Council

Quizzing success

23 teams made up of over 100 people, tasty pies, a packed room and an eclectic selection of questions all combined to raise £650 for The Lanchester Partnership fun run. For many, the quiz, held on 19th March at the Social Club, was their first social outing since 2020BC (before Covid). The champions were 'The Ladies & the Tramp' with a grand total of 71.5 points, only slightly ahead of joint second place 'Emily is amazing but left halfway through' and 'The Hustlers'.

A raffle was held during the evening with lots of prizes, the final prize of the night was perhaps the best – the left-over pies! Thanks to Hanley & Son Family Butcher for their usual fantastic service in providing the pies (veggie as well as meat).

The event was a welcome return to The Partnership's regular schedule of activities, raising money to help put on the fun run, which this year will be held on Sunday 26th September 2022.

Save the date!



Cricket News

Under bright blue skies and warm sunshine, the cricket season commenced! It was unusual to have such a lovely day on 16th April, but no one was complaining. Our overseas player Pasindu Madushan arrived earlier in the week in time for the first match. After all the hard work led by John Bell, the ground looked superb and the first team entertained Crook. A fine bowling performance saw the two spinners Pasindu (4-27) and Callum Barnes (3-30) take seven of the Crook wickets as they bowled out for 167. Kieran Gohery chipped in with a brace and whilst Jack Campbell on debut didn't take a wicket, he was very impressive, conceding only 23 from his ten overs. Skipper Greg Patterson led the way in the Lanchester response, scoring 66 from just 56 deliveries, striking 11 fours and two sixes. There was a little wobble when he was out but the side steadied and cruised home for the loss of five wickets.

At Crook, a very young inexperienced seconds set a decent target of 185-7 from their 45 overs. 15 year old Ethan Connolly top scored with an unbeaten 59. Despite taking two early wickets, Crook batted doggedly and passed our total with two overs and two wickets to spare. Kieron Taylor was the pick of the bowlers taking 4-28 as he sought some much needed playing time. The firsts will be home again next week when both teams face Philadelphia. The fourths also start next weekend when they visit Kimblesworth and the junior sides start in the following days.

Beer Festival

Tickets are going well for the Beer and Cider Festival which will run from Thursday 2nd June to Saturday 4th. Tickets are available through the Lanchester Beer Festival Facebook page. Thursday night is £6, Friday and Saturday £8, or all three for £20, which is a bargain. Just a reminder that because numbers have to be limited by law we can't guarantee walk-ins on the day, so make sure you buy your ticket ahead of the event. We appreciate that there is a lot going on over that holiday period but don't miss out on the best of the lot!

Aquaaid have confirmed that they will be the event sponsor once again and we are very grateful to them and for the support of numerous other companies who have signed up to sponsor the beers.

The band line up as it stands...Thursday night...Paper Boats and then The C-Collective. Friday...Feedback, Charlotte Forman and then Radio Star to send you home happy. Saturday...Abi Martin, The Seymour Sisters and Da Coda. Hopefully something to meet everyone's taste.

As always there will be food on throughout and in the next edition we should know which charities will be present.

Tennis Club - Grass court tennis returns!

As the weather warms and days grow longer, the 2022 grass court tennis season gets under way at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club on Ford Road. The three courts have been prepared and are ready to receive players of all ages with coaching and social play available throughout the summer. Several events are planned for 2022 including the Great British Tennis weekend on Sunday 15th May and other social gatherings will include the BBQ and Strawberry Tea. The coaching commences on Monday 25th April with sessions planned for players aged from 5 years up to adult. As numbers are limited, booking is essential. Please check the club website for full details.

Other news

Following his success at county level with the lifetime achievement award, Dennis has gone on to win the regional accolade and subsequently is now among the finalists for national recognition. The result is expected in May. So, weather permitting, a fine summer's tennis is in prospect.

Further information about the club can be obtained by calling Dennis on 07960494442 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com
Or follow us on Facebook [lanchesterlawntennisclub](https://www.facebook.com/lanchesterlawntennisclub)

Bowling Fun Day is Back

In 2019 we had a Bowling Fun Day where we invited the village to come down and have a bit of fun with us. This, like most things, became a victim of the pandemic and has not been held since. However, we are pleased to announce we are ready to re-introduce our Fun Day on Sunday 22 May. Members will be on the green from 11 am until about 4 pm. Come down as you wish and bowl a few 'woods' with us. Nothing too serious, no 'hard sell', everything free, just wear your flat shoes. We are pleased that we have been able to increase the range of bowls we have for people to use, especially smaller woods more suitable for women bowlers.

We recently held our spring meeting and were delighted to see a few new members and some that did not play last year returning. Leagues will have started as you read this and fixtures are on our website. On paper our playing strength should be a bit stronger than last year, but overall numbers are down on the pre-pandemic years. If you are looking for a very enjoyable, inexpensive pastime, give the game a try. We do our best to get new bowlers into teams quickly but if you only want social bowling that is OK too. Check out our website, and come to our 'Get Together' afternoons on Thursdays and Sundays.

Don't leave it too late to try bowls.

Football Focus

In my last article I had mentioned how sport had been affected by the pandemic and the lack of sport because of Covid-19, however there are positive signs that sport is reemerging especially in the local region. The reinvigoration of football can be seen especially around the local area. The local primary school All Saints' have had recent success when it comes to their sporting achievements including their football team. At the beginning of the year, they participated in the league where all fixtures took place at Consett football club. Throughout all their games they managed to only lose 1 game and draw 2 which is a massive positive as they won the majority of their games, showing that the pandemic could not stop the success of school football within the village. They have not had any league results yet which

builds up much anticipation for the school team to see how their success measures up to other primary school teams in their division.

In addition to this All Saints participated in the Bishops Cuning Cup. It is great to see that schools are now participating in more than one type of football competition. All Saints played their first round game at St Patrick's primary school in Consett. So far they have played in one knockout round which they won and are eagerly awaiting the confirmation of who and when they will be playing in the second round of the cup. As soon as any results or confirmation of fixtures are announced I will be quick to inform of how All Saints is getting on in their competitions mentioned previously. If anyone has any local football teams that have been playing recently that they wish to be mentioned feel free to get in touch. **Matthew Walker**



Cricket News

Under bright blue skies and warm sunshine, the cricket season commenced! (full story on page 23)



431,859 steps in May

Stuart Earl, minister of Lanchester Methodist Church, will be repeating last year's 300,000 steps in May challenge to raise funds for Christian Aid.

(full story on page13)



Bowling Fun Day is Back

(full story on page 23)

Left: People enjoying the 2019 Fun Day

Above: Competition winners for 2021 season pose outside the pavilion.

L to R Bruce Fox, Jeff Hockaday, Keith Brown, Mike Stoddart (Chairman), John Vickery, Stuart Lee (Secretary), Joe Newton and Ian Murray.


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