

# the Village Voice

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Lanchester celebrates the Queen's Jubilee 2022



## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon Event

On Thursday 2 June Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council organised a beacon lighting at Burnhope picnic area as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Several hundred people attended to listen to the music and watch the beacon.

Over 2000 beacons were lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories.

The Parish Councils were proud to be part of this momentous celebration, marking this unique milestone in history.

The event commenced at 9.30pm with a short speech from Councillor Derek Coates, the Chair of Burnhope Parish Council and Councillor Keith Harrison, the Chair of Lanchester Parish Council which included some words sent by the Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Sue Snowdon.

Piper John Stafford from the 102 Bn REME Pipes and Drums played 'Diu Regnare' a unique tune specially written for the occasion.

This was followed by cornet player Mark Draper from Lanchester Brass Band who played a specially written bugle call entitled 'Majesty'.

As the beacon was lit at 9.45pm, Lanchester Choral Society sang 'Song for the Commonwealth' which had been written for the occasion.

Many thanks to all the performers and the volunteers who made the event such a special occasion.

*Photos provided by Paul Winship.*



## Concert at Lanchester Methodist Church for Platinum Jubilee, HAPPY and GLORIOUS.

These words, borrowed from the National Anthem, were very apt for the concert given by Lanchester Choral Society in the Methodist Church on Friday June 3rd. The concert was given to mark the platinum anniversary of the Queen's Ascension to the throne, and it was glorious to be once again attending a concert given by the Choral Society in the Methodist Church. We have missed them during the pandemic.

David Hughes, the Director and Conductor of the society, had chosen some beautiful music and songs for the programme, all accompanied on the piano or organ, by Mr David Williams who is a brilliant musician. David has a very high standard for the singing and takes meticulous care in making the programme, so that the performance is as good as it can possibly be. There were three excellent guest artists who have sung with the Choral Society many times and are always a joy to hear. They were Elizabeth Woods, Soprano; Paul Smith, Bass; and Ian Gray, Tenor.

The content of the programme was arranged by David and, of course, it all had a connection in some way with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. He had cleverly divided all the material into sections and gave a brief explanation before each section.

There was great variety, and the last section was entitled 'Sing Britannia, The Proms'.



All the audience had been given a flag as they arrived, and David invited people to wave them at times indicated by him, in the final section. This was done with great enthusiasm, and it was quite a moving sight to see a packed church, all united in waving their flags in honour of our Queen as they sang 'I vow to thee my country', 'Land of Hope and Glory', and 'Auld Lang Syne'. An added touch, during the proms section, was to see everyone looking around and smiling at one another in complete harmony. Why can't the world be like that?

Thank you, David and the whole company of the Choral Society, for a HAPPY and GLORIOUS evening.

**Brenda Craddock**



## Big Jubilee Picnic

The Big Jubilee Picnic proved a huge success and was enjoyed by all generations from very young grandchildren to slightly older grandparents and all ages in between.

Lanchester EP School was the venue for the picnic, organised by the village Partnership on Sunday, June 5, the final day of the Jubilee Bank Holiday.

Hundreds of villagers turned up to chat, catch up with old friends and neighbours, and enjoy entertainment including live music, a fancy dress competition, a Jubilee Platinum Hat contest, face painting, a bouncy castle and even a welly throwing competition.

Meanwhile a game of football, which seemed to feature something like 20 players a side, was keenly contested on the playing field.

To complement the royal theme there was a quiz of 20 questions concerning the Queen, while a cut-out of Her Majesty watched benignly from the centre of the school forecourt.

Stanley Travel provided the village bus free of charge for those who needed help getting to the picnic, and refreshments of tea, coffee and juice were provided by volunteers.

Refreshments were enjoyed on street-party style tables.

Towards the end of the afternoon MP Richard Holden paid a visit.

**Neil McKay**

### ***Message from Henry Edwards, Chair of the Partnership***

"Thank you so much for your kind and generous support for the Lanchester Big Jubilee Picnic which took place on 5th June. We estimate that nearly 850 people attended during the afternoon. Collectively just over £3,000 was raised to run the event and contributions on the day were used to support the EP school and Lanchester Partnership activities such as the Village Link Bus.

The event was a marvellous example of local businesses, voluntary groups and individuals all working together for a common cause. It was a great example of everyone contributing in their own way to support the wider life of the village. Please enjoy a few pictures of what your support helped us achieve."



### **Results of the games**

Water balloon throw. Two furthest throws were Ryan and Anya at 12M and Finn and Joe at 16M. Ping Pong Ball Throw. Two highest scores were Eloise at 80 points and Rumer at 90 points. Football Shootout. Two highest scores were George at 120 points and Emily at 140 points. Welly throw. 170 people took part throwing in total 235 times so that is 470 wellies thrown! Adults: furthest throw was M Blades at 28M then Sam H at 26.5M Children: furthest throw was Lenny at 16.5M then Finn at 16M



## LANCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY – 50 YEARS NOT OUT!

An interview by Keith Brown, of the Village Voice editorial team, with David Hughes celebrating his 50 years as the conductor.

K. So David the choir is 50 years old this year?

D. Yes, I formed the choir with John Ord and Stan Hunter in September 1972, and we gave our first concert in the Anglican church in December. We plan to perform the same music i.e. the Christmas Music from Handel's Messiah and Vivaldi's Gloria as a celebration of those 50 years later this year. Then it will be carols.

K. Where did you get your interest in conducting?

D. I have always sung in choirs and when I was at Annfield Plain Grammar Technical School, Bill Gray, Head of Music, and I formed a competition choir, which I conducted. This was very successful across the North East. So, I suppose it grew from there.

K. What do you put the choir's longevity down to?

D. That's easy – a hardworking loyal membership, supportive assistants and a series of first-rate accompanists.

K. You haven't always just sung choir music have you?

D. That's right. We give 2 concerts each year and for 25 years one was always a fully staged light operetta - usually Gilbert and Sullivan, Offenbach, or Johann Strauss. We first performed in St Bede's main hall and then moved to the lecture theatre which with its raked seating and stage was a great venue. We had very skilful set designers and painters. Then with age creeping on we changed to semi-staged presentations in the Methodist Church using, for example, music by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd Webber, or songs from the shows and Hollywood.

K. Has membership changed greatly over the years?

D. That's interesting. We still have one or two original members and several who, if not founder members, are very close to it. Members have come and gone over the years – family circumstances change, people move away, some drop out for a while and then return. We are very flexible! We have a mixture of ages, and our aim is to provide an opportunity for folk in the village, and surrounding area, to come, enjoy singing together and have a sociable time on a Friday evening.

K. Presumably though anyone interested has to be a good singer?

D. Not at all. We don't have auditions as such. I might have to decide which line any new member would best be suited to. All that's necessary is to be able to sing (even in the bath). We have strong singers in all lines so less experienced people can get plenty of support, and you certainly don't have to be able to read music!

K. So being a village-based society is clearly important to you?

D. It certainly is. We support the village whenever we can. We used to participate in the procession at the Lions' Carnival, we sing at the switching on of the Christmas lights on the village green and pre-Covid sang carols every year at the Garden Centre. Recently we put on a Jubilee concert, sang at the village picnic, and Songs of Praise. For many years we have joined with the Male Voice Choir in the Celebration of Christmas concert.

**K. I guess new members are always welcome?**

**D. Absolutely! Just come along to Croft View any Friday 7.15 pm or ring me on 01207 520427 for further information.**



*One photo from the 1970's. One of the early performances by the Choral Society. See if you recognise any faces in the photos of the Sing Britannia concert elsewhere in the Village Voice!*

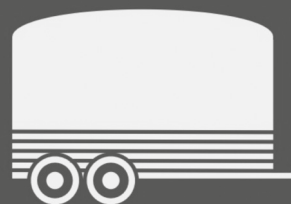
### Lanchester Show – 2023!

As readers may know there is no Lanchester Show this year. Our idea is that as the show isn't on this year, we would like to engage local people in what they might like to see next year. While having some fun...we will have a bouncy castle, face painting, glitter tattoos and balloon modelling. We also plan on having a few stalls of food and craft.

**Lanchester Social Club 2–5 on 2nd July.**

Come along and talk to the committee, we are also hoping to get some people interested in helping throughout show fortnight and on the day.

***The Lanchester Show committee.***



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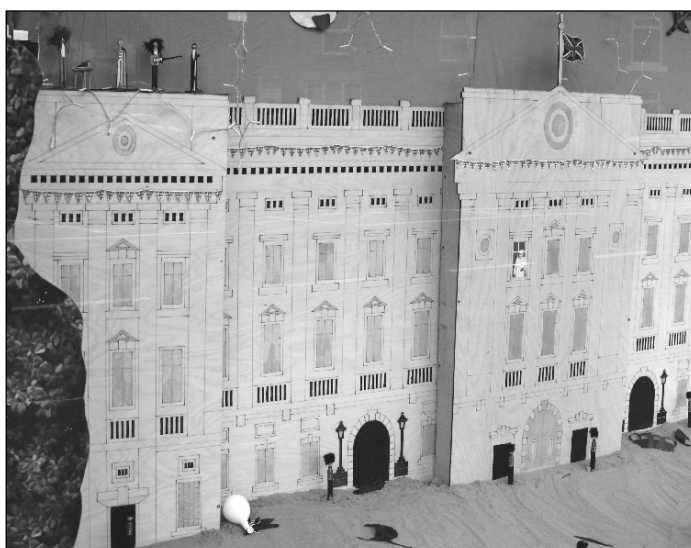
## Jubilee Celebrations in West Drive

A huge thanks to Doris Brown and her daughter Carole for hosting a Jubilee Street Party. Doris, who is 95, enjoyed afternoon tea with neighbours including a former school friend and neighbour Eric Westgarth, who is also 95 this year. Doris also instigated VE Day celebrations in the street sharing her fun outlook on life and enjoyment in connecting with people. Our thanks again to Lanchester Dairies and neighbours who also contributed to the success of the event.

***A great day was had by all!***



**Paddock Jubilee Party** (left)



**Two local shops had Jubilee displays in their window.**

John and Wendy outside Hanley & Sons (front cover)  
Lilydale Pet Supplies recreated Buckingham Palace model with the Queen in a window! (above)



## Lanchester Wives and Friends

We held our Jubilee Picnic meeting indoors due to inclement weather but that did not deter from the wonderful atmosphere. We sang, ate together and shared in a royal quiz.

***A brilliant afternoon!***

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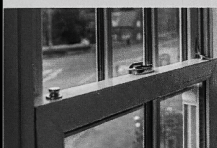
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**Cheers David & Caroline**





## Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

On 21st May a large group of the Friends of Longovicium visited All Saints Parish Church for a guided tour by Eric Gaskell and Peter Smith. Not only did we get a potted history of the church we were able to see the unique Roman altar dedicated to Garmangabis, an unusual Roman finial from a tomb or mausoleum and various other stones from the fort used in the construction of the tower, as well as the four (or five!) columns of the nave which probably came from the fort's headquarters building. A highlight was being shown the Roman silver patera used today in Communion services. Our thanks are extended to Eric and Peter for a most interesting visit.

The next meeting of the Friends of Longovicium will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th July in the Community Centre. Further details from Mrs M. Williams (01207 520063) or Rodney Hawkins (hawkins\_15@sky.com).



### Apology

Last month we published a sepia toned photograph on our back page. Unfortunately, we missed the description and acknowledgement.

The photograph was of Mr. Edward Hedley's Eleven versus Lanchester Cricket Club taken in about 1896 on Ford Lane Ground. Edward Hedley was from Burnopside

Hall, a coal owner. This is a fascinating and early photo of cricket teams in the area. Provided by John and Rosy Gall



## Wildlife notes

### The Mallard ducks

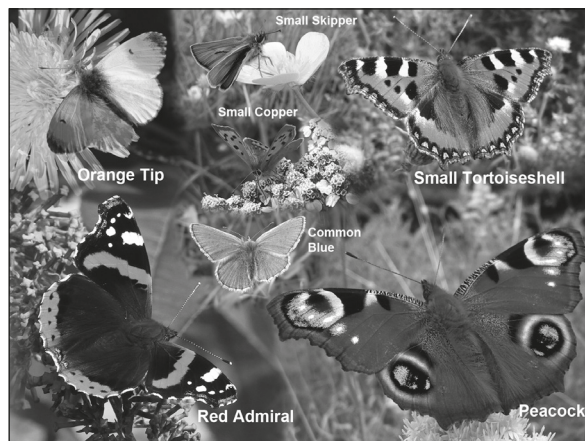
Latest on Mrs Mallard at Malton – she's raised 9 out of 10, no longer snack-sized for Heron and other predators, what a clever mum. Beatrix Potter described Jemima Puddle duck as 'a very stupid duck', clearly our Malton Mallard is not! Statistical snore moment: the odds are against this; one study says that of all the Mallard eggs laid (in the study area) an average 1 out of 4 may not hatch. Only 22% of ducklings may survive to fledge, so for each clutch hatched sometimes only 1.2 ducklings make it.

There are at least 3 Mallard families around Waters Meet and Malton, one with 7 remaining young, one with 3, and of course Mrs Mallard with 9. Mallards dabble with a varied diet of plant material and seeds including acorns. They eat insects, tadpoles, even small fish, they are omnivorous. Feeding bread is ok, but it tends to swell, filling them up which can mean they don't get the vitamins and minerals from a more varied diet. Uneaten bread building up in the water can lead to poor water quality in ponds.

### Butterfly bonanza

Why don't you buzz around your garden in practice for the Big Butterfly Count from Friday 15th July to Sunday 7th August. You can also pick a favourite spot along 'the Line' filled with wildflowers and do your butterfly count there.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>





## Mark's Challenge for Dementia UK - Update

We reported in the November 2021 edition of the Village Voice that Mark Earnden, of Lanchester, was planning to kayak from west coast Scotland to east coast Scotland to raise awareness of Dementia UK. Mark has given the Village Voice an update on his preparation for the challenge which starts on the 8th of July:

"I have cycled over 600 miles, rowed over 1,000 miles, walked over 1,000 miles, performed 17,500 reps in the gym and spent hours in the kayak and on the water. My family have also supported, and joined in with, some of my training, and I have truly appreciated their support. I have put everything into this challenge: blood, sweat and not too many tears! I am ready."

He has already raised £1,465 at the time of going to press – his original target was £1,000. He will be very grateful for contributions from our readers to push it even higher. The link is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mark-Earnden-Kayak-50Challenge> (On the back cover Mark's children, Ella and Josh help him train.)



## Newcastle Refugees Lend a Hand at Lanchester Community Orchard

Twice a year members of the Lanchester Orchard have the privilege of hosting some refugees from Newcastle, organised through our links with the West End Refugee Centre. This year was no exception and in May we shared a rewarding day together.

Amongst our twelve visitors there were just 2 familiar faces, the rest were new refugees who came keen to lend us a hand with jobs at the orchard. They assisted with mending the shed roof, barrowing, weeding, weaving the willow arch and also had the opportunity to engage in some craft work. Some even ventured forth to visit the resident bee colonies! But the day was far more than completing those useful tasks. It was a day to meet people from across the world, a day of sharing stories, eating together and a chance to share the pleasures of being outside in nature. When we next meet in late August or September I wonder how many familiar faces we will see or will the journey to seek asylum in the UK have taken these young men and women on a journey to a place they have no wish to go?

**Lanchester Community Orchard is supported by the Lanchester Partnership. For more details email: [lanchesterorchard@outlook.com](mailto:lanchesterorchard@outlook.com)**



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## Under the Same Moon – fundraising for Ukraine

The group which was fundraising for Ukraine is busy going for registered charity status. This makes everything we are doing totally transparent and means any financial support we give must be voted on and agreed.

We have four trustees and are now known by the name our charity will be registered under which is "Under the same Moon". The reason behind this is the lady who started the Ukrainian support is Joanna Soulsby who is the owner of Moon Jewellery in Durham. She is also our chairperson and trustee. We also have Helen Dennison, who also agreed to be a trustee and deputy secretary, Mary Jo Bunting and me.

We made over £800 at a car boot sale and over £140 selling books this month. We helped support two young Ukrainian boys in Burnhope who wanted a trampoline to help get rid of excess energy and hopefully help stop them fixating on other things they may have seen.

On the 11th June a book sale was held outside Mary Jo's home, assisted by her middle son Logan who attends St Bede's School (yr7). Together they ran a stall from 10am until 2pm and raised £115 towards our orphanage toy fund.

Coming up we have a tapas night, to be held on the 29th of July at a cost of £15 per person (adults only). This will include five courses of tapas and live entertainment at Lanchester Social Club. Tickets will be available from myself, Mary Jo and Helen. We are planning our launch night, which we will be able to share details of next month once we have it completely sorted, but please keep the 24th of August free which is also Ukraine Independence Day.

### ***We have lots of sponsored events being held.***

At the moment we have two GoFundMe pages running as Joanna is actually going into Ukraine as part of the convoy. Unfortunately, until Joanna is back, we can't tell you where she is actually going, as it is very a very dangerous situation she is putting herself in. What I can say is we are supporting an orphanage with 160 children, some of whom are orphans, but we have some whom don't know their status as they don't know if their parents have been killed in the war.

The first is to help our chairperson Mrs Joanna Soulsby who is going into Ukraine to deliver aid personally with a charity convoy over there. The funds are to buy much needed food and medical items to be taken in directly to areas of extreme need via Joanna and this team we are working closely with.

**<https://gofund.me/31b19d98>**

The next GoFundMe page on our Facebook profile has only just been launched. It is specifically for an orphanage Joanna will be visiting with aid. We received some pictures showing us the condition these children are living in - obviously lots are orphaned already but there are also many children in their care who are awaiting news as parents left them to go and fight.

As a group of mothers ourselves one of the most startling aspects of the pictures was the sheer lack of toys. So, we are raising funds to buy these children toys, books, and craft materials, hopefully allowing them the opportunity to actually be children. We really need a lot more support on this one. **<https://gofund.me/cfd6e5b0>**

If you wish to help you can do so by holding a coffee morning, cake sales, street collection or whatever else you can think of. If anybody wants to contact us, you can message on Facebook as our page is up and running "Under the same Moon" or you can contact me.

'Under The Same Moon' is a non-profit organisation currently in the process of obtaining Registered Charity Status. It has been established for public benefit through the provision of aid to communities within Ukraine and to refugees in the UK.

We could also use help with sponsoring our organisation (we need sponsorship to give 'Under The Same Moon' the kick-start it needs and deserves) - any local business or an individual connected to a business who would like to assist us with our launch etc. and have the publicity related to sponsoring us, can email us directly and we would be extremely grateful for the financial support.

**<https://www.facebook.com/underthesamemoon22/>**

**Fiona Selby 07539201007, 29 Newbiggen Lane.**

**Email: [underthesamemoon2022@outlook.com](mailto:underthesamemoon2022@outlook.com)**





### JO'S TRIP TO UKRAINE IN JULY

My name is Jo, I am Polish and I have been actively helping Ukrainian people since Putin's invasion.

I will be leading a convoy containing food and medical items to Ukraine in July 2022.

I am raising funds to help feed orphans from Bucha and Mariupol. How much we can raise will determine how many vans we will be able to load for this journey. Please donate if you can or share my appeal to help.

*Thank you for your support..*

**TO SUPPORT PLEASE SCAN CODE**

Facebook: Under The Same Moon  
<https://gofund.me/31b19d98>





Above:  
Mary Jo Bunting and  
her son Logan at the  
book stall.

Trampoline provided  
by the charity to the  
Ukrainian boys.





## Notes from the House

Hailing from as far back as the end of King Charles 1's reign in 1642, parliamentary convention dictates that our British monarch is forbidden from entering the sovereign House of Commons. Until this day, supposedly, no monarch has ever entered the Commons.

There was, however, a rumour that the Queen's father, George VI, secretly visited the newly rebuilt House of Commons when no one was around after the WWII bombing of the Palace of Westminster, to see what it looked like. I have no way of substantiating whether he did or did not... but what I do know is that I cannot think of a monarch who has served this country who would be more welcome than Queen Elizabeth II. She has served with such dignity, grace and stoic longevity.

Which is why I had such a lovely time celebrating her reign and Platinum Jubilee last weekend. In my constituency office in Consett, we flew our British flags high and proud, dressed our windows with bunting, attended street parties from Crook to Willington, and ate cake and finger sandwiches and presided over tea until we could consume no more.

George, a Year 3 from Hartside Primary Academy, won our Platinum Jubilee Card competition, with a submission that included the Queen's very own Corgis. After over 400 submissions from schoolchildren across North West Durham, we sent George's and others to Her Majesty. His whole class were really proud of him and gave a huge round of applause when I attended the school to tell him the news that he had won. Huge congratulations to George and very well done! Healeyfield Parish Council let me loose with a blowtorch and a cherry picker to light the Jubilee beacon. Hundreds of people turned out and it was great to see the whole community coming together and having a great time celebrating Platinum Jubilee. The fireworks were simply spectacular.

On Saturday of the Jubilee I ended my time at the service at Durham Cathedral in glorious sunshine, alongside representatives from across historic County Durham. Finally, it was great to meet so many people at Lanchester's Big Jubilee Picnic the following afternoon; it was terrific to see so many people enjoying themselves and celebrating our Queen together.

God save the Queen!

**Richard Holden**





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## Willow Burn Hospice



### Willow Burn gives thanks to volunteers at Afternoon Tea

Willow Burn celebrated the difference volunteers make to the hospice and thanked them for all their time and dedication to mark Volunteers' Week.

Volunteers celebrated along with staff on 8 June at an afternoon tea in the Willows Café to mark the occasion. As well as delicious food, staff took the time to share with all the volunteers the impact they'd had on the hospice in 2021/2022, and the future strategic priorities for the organisation. The event ended with a quiz and raffle.

Volunteering with Willow Burn is the perfect opportunity to learn new skills and develop existing ones, as well as getting to know new people from the area. Roles currently available include: Café Assistant (Saturdays particularly), Retail Assistants (Stanley, Consett and Chester-le-Street), Fundraisers and E-commerce Assistants, Gardeners and Receptionists.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering at Willow Burn Hospice, you can view opportunities at: [www.willow-burn.co.uk/volunteer](http://www.willow-burn.co.uk/volunteer) or call Rachel on: 01207 529 224

### Vote Willow Burn with the Asda Foundation

Willow Burn is delighted to have been chosen for Green Token Giving at Asda Stanley. Your vote would mean that the hospice could receive up to £500 which would fund one day of day care services.

Willow Burn Day Services focus on self-care, wellbeing, and condition management in a friendly group setting, to enable people living with a life-limiting condition to live well at home. The service is operated from the Sir Tom Cowie Health and Wellbeing Centre, purpose-built to provide a warm friendly environment for social interaction, designated rooms for treatments and therapies, and access to beautiful gardens.

Vote for Willow Burn today at: [www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4988](http://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4988)

### Upcoming Events

#### Coquet Challenge Walk for Willow Burn Hospice

**Saturday 23 July 2022**

The Coquet Valley Challenge Walk is a 13.5 mile trek that takes in some of the most beautiful landscape that Northumberland has to offer.

This challenging walk starts and ends in Rothbury, taking in summits at Addycombe Hill and Simonside before dropping down to follow the River Coquet back to the finish.

You can complete this walking challenge at your own pace, and it is dog friendly too. Why not get your friends and family together to make it a team challenge.

Registration Fee: £25 per person Minimum Sponsorship: £100 per person.

Contact Selina for further information: [smankin@willowburnhospice.org.uk](mailto:smankin@willowburnhospice.org.uk) / 01207 529 224

#### Great North Run for Willow Burn Hospice

**Sunday 11 September 2022**

This challenge needs no introduction. This world-famous half-marathon will return to its original route this year and Willow Burn Hospice has guaranteed places available.

If taking on a running challenge is one of your aspirations for this year, then the Great North Run is for you. The iconic sights of Newcastle Tyne Bridge and the South Tyneside Coast, as well as the unparalleled encouragement from local supporters makes the Great North Run a truly amazing experience.

Not only will you be taking part in the world's biggest half-marathon, you will also be helping us continue to be there for our patients and their families when they need us the most.

Registration Fee: £58 Minimum Fundraising Target: £300

Contact Selina for further information: [smankin@willowburnhospice.org.uk](mailto:smankin@willowburnhospice.org.uk) / 01207 529 224



## Police Report

Hello, a short update from Consett Neighbourhood Police and what has been happening recently.

There has been an increase in the number of suspicious activities reported via members of the rural community, with people potentially letting dogs off in fields chasing hares/rabbits. This can be a serious issue, so we are encouraging people to keep reporting this to us. Several warning letters have been sent out to those identified recently. I have also been at the primary schools recently to speak with parents and children. Observations were made regarding the parking, with several people given warnings and advice. Hopefully this is taken on board as it's important people take responsibility for their actions to ensure everyone is kept safe. 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](mailto: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.***



## Thursday Club

As our last meeting on May 19th was fast approaching our designated speaker was unable to come. "Amigos" to the rescue - a music group comprising Tony Rather (ex-head of the RC Junior school, you may remember), Jim Rafferty and Michael Grimes. They were greeted with a rousing reception and a fantastic afternoon commenced.

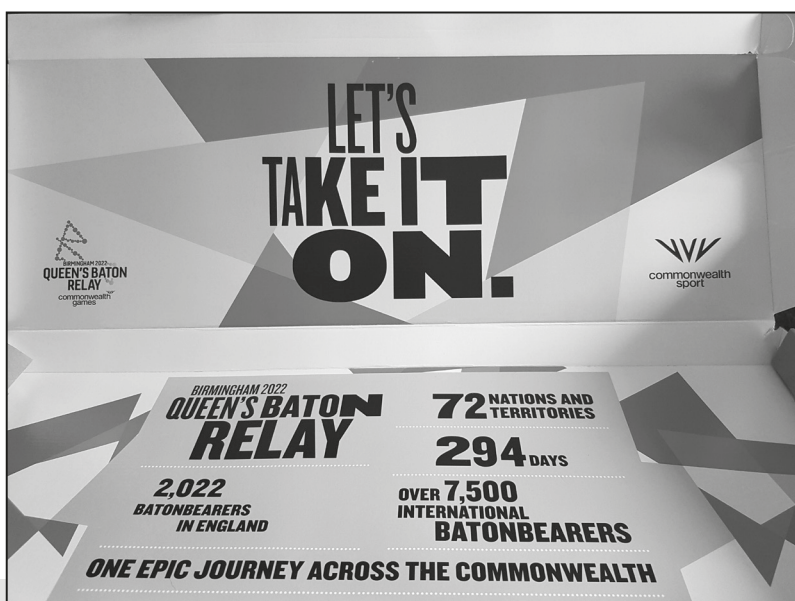
We had song sheets, so we were able to 'sing along'. They played a lovely selection of 'soft rock' - full of nostalgia, just right for our era. Tea, coffee, and yummy biscuits were served in the interval, which gave us plenty of energy for dancing to the second half of the programme.

One of our best meetings ever, everyone had a beaming smile on their faces - what a fantastic feel good afternoon.

To top it all off, we decided to do some fundraising for the Great North Air Ambulance - the Thursday Club's chosen charity. Amigos donated their fee, we had a jewellery stall and also passed round the hat.

Nearly £200 was raised for a good cause and a really good time was had by all.

A special 'thank you' to Amigos for stepping into the breach with aplomb!



## Two Lanchester men take on the role of Batonbearer for the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games.

Steven White, from Lanchester, has been selected as a Batonbearer for the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay having been nominated for taking on an inspiring world solo cycle challenge in 2019 and for his fund raising contributions in support of 'Mind'. He will carry the Baton across a section of the North East, yet to be disclosed, on the 14th July 2022 as it continues its epic journey around England.

Eric Hepplewhite who has been responsible for many village activities, including the famous poppies, has also been nominated as a Batonbearer. He said: "I am honoured to be carrying the Queen's baton for this event. It was a wonderful surprise to be nominated but to receive confirmation that I was chosen was an unbelievable moment."

The Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay arrived in England on 2 June coinciding with the Platinum Jubilee weekend. It marks the return of the Queen's Baton to England since it departed from Buckingham Palace on 7 October 2021 and embarked on a global tour of the nations and territories of the Commonwealth.

As one of the traditions of the Commonwealth Games, the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay visits communities in all 72 nations and territories before the games begin. The epic journey ends with a tour of the host country, which concludes at the Opening Ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games on 28 July 2022.

*Photographs on the back cover of Steven and Eric*

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## “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).

I love living in this part of the world being surrounded by stunning countryside which spring and summer enhance and never disappoints. We really are blessed living where we do. For Christians creation is a wonderful gift from God illustrated to us by the creation stories found in the book of Genesis. God creates the world and a beautiful Eden giving its stewardship to humankind and it was good. Sadly, we are now seeing the fruits of that stewardship, the results of generations plundering the earth’s resources, fossil fuels, the list goes on and it is not good.

To my shame I have never considered environmental issues and it has taken the rising costs to bring me to where I am today. The rising costs have made me aware of just how much our household have wasted gas and electricity as we try to cut down on what we do. The rising cost of petrol has made me more aware of my journeys, especially the unnecessary ones and I’ve been conscious of organising my daily routines to be more energy efficient. This consciousness along with the Church of England net Zero by 2030 and various environmental initiatives in the news have woken me up to the fact we need to do more to protect our world for future generations.

All Saints has committed itself to net Zero by 2030 but also to raise awareness in our community of a sustainable future. A part of this initiative is to organise an eco-day in the village, which we hope will include local sustainable businesses, products and those with greater knowledge and insight.

For this to be an effective day we are looking for people from the village to join a small group to help with the planning and organisation of the day itself. If you believe you can help or would like to be involved, please drop me an email [revstephenmartin@outlook.com](mailto:revstephenmartin@outlook.com) or telephone 01207509730.

*Every blessing*

*Revd. Stephen*

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## Lanchester Flower Club

Member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society

Our meeting held on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at Lanchester Community Centre was a visit by Howard Leslie from Quiet Corner Plants. He has visited our Flower Club on many occasions and we always have a very enjoyable afternoon. He is so very friendly and extremely knowledgeable with regard to gardening and plants. We had a very enjoyable and funny quiz. Mind, to be truthful, I think it was more our answers which were the funny part but we all laughed and enjoyed it. Howard had brought many different lovely plants for us to purchase. Then we enjoyed tea, coffee, biscuits and a raffle. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th July in Lanchester Community Centre at 2pm our demonstrator will be Heather Curry (a N.A.F.A.S. demonstrator), her theme will be "A Basket Case". Everyone is welcome; it is a lovely friendly social afternoon.

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

**Our annual membership is £25 paid in January/February. Visitors are £5 per meeting.**



## Lanchester WI met in June

Monday June 6th was a bright and cold day. As President Marie Murphy was unwell, Maisie Raine welcomed our members, passing on Marie's apologies for her absence. Maisie drew attention to the information table at the back of the room, where valuable information about WI news, details of outings and future events was always displayed. Two Ukrainian ladies, new to our community, had met some of our committee members for coffee during the week, and came to the evening's meeting, but decided not to stay. They did bring us some delicious honey cakes, however. We thank them for this gesture of friendship and hope they join us another time. Raffle prizes had been supplied by Ann Carr and Dorothy Beadling, and the winner of our bunting competition was June Thompson. Raffle winners were Shirley Lamb, Rhoda Joyce, and Maisie. We presented June Wallis with a bouquet of summer flowers, with our best wishes for a very important birthday. We settled down to hear our speaker, Harold Dobson, describe "The Red Kite Returns." Mr. Dobson described the fate of the Red Kite, from its large numbers in Medieval

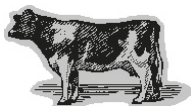
Times through to the Eighteenth Century, when thousands had been shot, poisoned, and trapped. In the Middle Ages, the birds were given special protection for their role in 'cleansing the streets' but, by 1900, numbers of the birds were alarmingly low, and it was decided that a huge effort was needed to protect this beautiful native bird. Several groups and organisations were involved in saving these spectacular birds: the RSPB, the National Trust, Gateshead Council, as well as several local schools encouraging young people to support the effort to protect the Red Kite. Ann Carr gave a sincere thanks to Harold Dobson for his enthusiasm for this important cause. We ended our evening with coffee and honey cake.

**Thanks to our Ukrainian friends!**

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## Good day readers

Good day readers and my walk to share with you this month involves a touch of culture too.

As you will know by now, I am Poppy, a black Patterdale Terrier with more than a tinge of grey and I enjoy telling readers about my walks. For this one the Humans decided to take me to Ushaw College to peruse an exhibition in the grounds called Barking, A Celebration of Dogs in Art.

For information, we dogs are allowed in the grounds accompanied by our Humans, but not into the building itself. And the grounds are splendid at this time of the year, with the Rhododendrons especially colourful to look at. Although by the time you read this, they may be fading a little.

For those of you who don't know, Ushaw College has been open to the public for a good few years now, and is on the top road between Esh village and Bearpark, just five miles from Lanchester. Admission to the grounds is £6 for adults and dogs go free. For entrance to the college buildings – where I have to be left in the car – it is another £3. But the male Human insisted on going in because there was apparently an exhibition of railway posters he wanted to look at. He goes all misty eyed and dreamy when confronted with anything to do with railways. Newcastle United and country pubs – not necessarily together – have a similar effect.

He was muttering something about changing my name to Bruno the other day...

But I digress. The doggie exhibition in the grounds was

full of portraits of dogs in all shapes and sizes, including a whippet sitting in a bar with its owner, a pet dog owned by someone called Josephine Bowes and – one of my favourites – a dog about to pounce on a duck.

And you learn something new every day. The dog Nipper, which was the face of HMV, was drawn by a former Ushaw College student.

Of course, I would not be happy simply being taken to view an art exhibition, which is open until Sunday, July 3 by the way. The good news is that there are spacious grounds and fields to run about in on the periphery of the college. As well as pathways through the gardens the adjoining fields are just inviting a dog like me to stretch my legs, and maybe spot a rabbit or two to chase.

And there is even a sports field where apparently the trainee priests played a ball game called, of all things, Cat.

*All in all, an enjoyable outing just a short drive from home.*



## Community Centre News

*Here is the latest news from your Community Centre.*

**We understand that your wedding is a really important day for the bride and groom as well as their family and friends. To make it extra special have you thought about using the Community Centre for the reception?**

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If needed, we can offer advice and help in sourcing hire companies to dress the room, and food and drink providers. The hire of the Centre is from Friday evening when you can access the main hall and decorate etc. to final clearing up on Sunday morning. Both halls and a smaller room are available for less than £1000.

For more information come along and chat to one of the staff who can show you pictures of previous weddings to spark your imagination and who will show you around our great 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/>*



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## Ladies who lunch

Our last foray was out to The Rat, at Anick, near Hexham. We have been there before, but we find the journey there particularly lovely, it's somewhere different, off the beaten track, so makes a pleasant change from the norm.

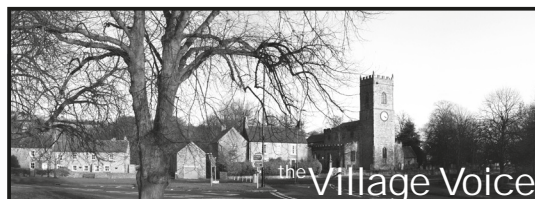
We were seated in the conservatory which has a view overlooking the beautiful Tyne valley - it's quite delightful. The staff are welcoming and attentive, so we were soon settled with drinks and menus. They have an unusual, but limited, menu - having said that, it was all good and extremely tasty.

We ate a mixture of starters, mains, and sandwiches all as our main meal. We sampled ground steak cheeseburger with tomato relish and chips; baked Stilton cheesecake with apple and walnut; smoked mackerel with peas, radish and bacon; and a minute steak sandwich with fried onion and blue cheese with a side portion of chips. Puddings were sticky toffee pudding with ice cream, almond cake with chili nectarines and ice cream, iced chocolate parfait with strawberry mint and a selection of 'delicious' ice creams.

All in all, a most enjoyable lunch - good food - good company

- a good afternoon out!

*The Gourmet Girls*



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## Humanitarian help in Poland

On 25th May a group of 7 volunteers headed off to Wrocław, Poland to provide humanitarian help to Ukrainian refugees. Such was the passion to go that all 7 paid their own way in flights, accommodation and living expenses while there.

We went as a group that had only met due to a shared desire to help with the appeal led by Kathryn Rooney at St Mary's church, Blackhill. The appeal started in February with the intention of sending a truck filled with much needed aid. This quickly snowballed, and with a regular group of volunteers and some generous donations by the people of County Durham (including Lanchester) it soon became 14 trucks that made their way to different destinations in Poland. This aid was then transported into Ukraine, many of the journeys undertaken by Mariusz Biziewski, who has been supporting the appeal since its start. Mariusz lives in the UK, previously serving in the Polish army as bomb disposal expert. He now takes on the unenviable task of bomb disposal and land mine clearance in Ukraine.

Fast forward 13 weeks and we were in Poland, ready to help and keen to see how we continue moving forward. We had organised to help out at a refugee hub in Wrocław, this was run by a man called Yarak whose passion and commitment to helping others was truly heart warming. Yarak already ran a charity called The Foundation, but when war broke out, he extended his aid to help the refugees. By the time we arrived the refugees had thankfully been placed in local housing. They attend on a daily basis to access clothing, food and other essentials. Seeing people's desperation to find items they needed was really very humbling for us all and it certainly made us realise how very lucky we were not to be in this situation. While there we helped with the enormous task of emptying items from a warehouse to be then placed in the area where people go to collect. We were privileged to be able to spend some time talking with some of the refugees and also gave out small gifts of art supplies and teddies to some of the children. These were received with so much gratitude and also thanks to the people for the support given.

Along with the support we had sent via the 14 trucks, we also entered Poland with four large cases holding approximately 1500 items of underwear as we had been informed this was much needed. We were not sure what customs would have made of this had they opened our cases. In the weeks prior to going, we had been working hard fundraising and had a total of £4000 which was spent on food items in Poland. Yarak's excitement receiving this could not be underestimated!

Now that we are home, we are reflecting on what we learned as a group and how we keep supporting as it is clear it is still very much needed. Following a meeting with the other volunteers who were unable to come to Poland, we will be posting as to how we move forward.

We are collecting again...all the usual food toiletries etc, clothing only good quality and needs to be summer. St Mary's is usually open on Wednesday but check out the Facebook page for up to date information.

**Please follow our story on Facebook HUMANITARIAN HELP FOR UKRAINE.**

**Justine Harrison**



*From above:  
Team flying to  
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## WHATS ON - June, and July

### Flower Club

All meetings are in Lanchester Community Centre main hall and start at 2pm.

**Wednesday 27th July**  
Demonstration Heather Curry "A Basket Case"

**Wednesday 28th Sept**  
Demonstration by Pam Alexander "Songs from the Shows"

**Wednesday 26th Oct**  
Members day: a social afternoon tea.

**Sat 26th Nov**  
A Christmas demonstration by Val Guest "Scents of Christmas". This will be an open meeting; tickets will be required for this event.

### Lanchester's new playgroup

Every Friday 9:30 at Croft View & messy play the last Friday of every month

### Ukulele group

The group's last meeting was on 21st April. Due to falling numbers we decided to stop meeting but maybe review the situation in September. In the meantime, quite a few of us have joined Durham City Ukes.



## WHATS ON - June, and July

### Lanchester Library Library Book Club

On Monday July 25th at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing *Secrets of Latimer House* by Jules Wake. A historical novel set in the Buckinghamshire countryside that witnesses some of the greatest secrets of the WW2 effort. 'Fascinating, informative and heartwarming novel, I loved it', *The New York Times* and *Sunday Times* bestseller Jill Mansell. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday July 18th from 4-5pm, the group will be discussing *The Flat Share* by Beth O'Leary. A quirky love story from a new talent, soon to become a major TV series. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

**Knit and Natter** is back too, July 7th the first Thursday of the month 10-11.30am. Bring along your wool, needles and patterns and share your makes and get advice too. Enjoy. (Next session August 4th.)

**A NEW OPPORTUNITY** available on the 2nd Thursday of each month for a group to meet in the library. We can offer craft, creative or colouring in sessions. Speak to your friendly library staff at the library for more information.

**Toddle Time Every** other Thursday 2-2.30. For babies and under 5s, come along and enjoy songs and rhymes with other young families. Term time only. **READY, STEADY GO.... PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN.** Free activities during the summer holidays, this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2022 is 'Gadgeteers'. Collect your stickers and prizes, weekly crafts in the library and at the end of the challenge, children will receive a certificate and a medal. Are you a budding engineer or creative? Pop into the library and collect your books.

### Lanchester Friendship Group

We had our last meeting on June 14th and will not be restarting in September due to illness and lack of numbers. Thanks to all those who have attended.

### Lanchester Local History Society

Lanchester Local History Society  
We are meeting on Friday 1st July at 7pm in the Community Centre and our speaker is Rodney Hawkins, Chair of Friends of Longovicium. He is going to not only tell us about the fort but also about all the recent activities the Friends have been involved with of late. Let's hope nothing prevents him from joining us on this occasion. Looking forward to seeing members and anyone from the village who is interested in keeping up to date with our Roman heritage.

### Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be held in the Main Hall of the Community Centre on July 21st at 1.30pm. Our guest speaker will be Jean Hodgson who will be telling us all about restoration work at Brancepeth Church after a fire and how the restoration came to take place.

### Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will be on June 6th, and our speaker will describe the Return of the Red Kite.

### Lanchester Methodist Wives and Friends

Crafty Coffee Morning - next meeting July 12th. No meeting in August. Wives and Friends group - next meeting Wed 6th July at 1.30. AGM followed by A (virtual) Day at the Seaside! No meeting in August.

### 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

The next meeting of the Friends of Longovicium will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th July in the Community Centre. Further details from Mrs M. Williams (01207 520063) or Rodney Hawkins (hawkins\_15@sky.com).

### Henry Dancer Days 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](http://www.henrydancerdays.co.uk/barn).

### John Clark Memorial Charity Golf Day

Wednesday 21st September 2022, first tee 9:30am at Consett Golf Club. 18 holes individual Stableford. £35. Contact Dave Redford 07791524906 or email [d.redford67@sky.com](mailto:d.redford67@sky.com).

### Local History Society

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### Wildlife group

Saturday 2nd July 2022  
We will be visiting a peat restoration site & a water vole site. Meet at Lanchester Community Centre at 9am if you'd like to car share. Wear suitable clothing and footwear, and bring a picnic if you would like to stay and spend

more of the day in the area. Further details are available from [lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com](mailto:lanchesterwildlifegroup@outlook.com) or phone E Williams on 01207 520063.

### Vintage Tractors

The next Charity Tractor Run is Sunday 21 August 2022 from West Newbiggin Farm, starting at 10am, registration is from 9am.

### Patient Participation Group

The next Patient Participation Group meeting is on Wednesday July 6th 10:30 until 12:00 at Lanchester Medical Centre.

### Poppy workshop

The poppy workshop will take place on Saturday the 9th of July at Croft View Halls from 1.30 to 4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and participate or even just to view what happens to the plastic bottles. Tea and coffee will be available and there will be plenty of poppies needing painting. Paint and brushes will be provided. A sharp pair of scissors would be needed if you want to cut the poppy out.

### Lanchester Show - Free Family Fun Day

2nd July, 2-5pm, Lanchester Social Club  
A fun day out for the whole family with the Lanchester Show team. Come down and find out more about what we have planned for 2023's show. There will be food and craft stalls, face painting, a bouncy castle and a whole lot more!

### RE:connect

Attention! Are you aged 11-17? Or do you know someone in this age group? Lanchester Methodist Church is starting a new group for young people who want to find out more about faith. Maybe you used to go to church before the pandemic or you are just curious. Come along to our launch event with games, food & discussion

on Sunday 10th July, 7 - 8.30pm, Lanchester Methodist Church. For more info contact: Kath Jones 07704160449 [kathfamiliesnwdc@gmail.com](mailto:kathfamiliesnwdc@gmail.com)

### Henry Dancer Barn Dance DON'T FORGET JULY 16th!

Dust down your denim! Henry Dancer Days is holding a Barn Dance at Lanchester Community Centre from 7-11pm. The Gold Ring Ceilidh Band will perform with a caller who'll lead us through the dances. A hog roast is included in the price, there'll be a raffle and an auction and a bar will be available. Tickets (£20) are now available from Hanley & Sons Family Butcher in the village as well as on the charity's website. Like all charities, we've found the last couple of years very hard. Please support your local children's cancer charity by coming along for an evening of fun.

### Social Club

1st July - Summer Beach Party featuring Reggae Reggae  
2nd July - Lance Newman  
9th July - Karaoke  
16th July - Vicki Laws  
23rd July - Mark McCann  
30th July - Joleene  
All acts are subject to change at short notice.

### Paradiso Film club

Lanchester Community Centre, second Sunday of every month, 7pm for drinks and nibbles, film starts at 7:30pm. Cost: members £2.50, non-members £3.50. Annual membership £5. All are welcome. Schedule below:

**July** - What we did on our holiday

**August** - Wonder (earlier family showing, time tbc)

**Sept** - The world's fastest Indian

**Oct** - The dressmaker

**Nov** - Belfast

**Dec** - A boy called christmas

### Cuppa and Company lunch club

The next meeting will be 12pm on Tuesday 12th July at Lynwood House. All welcome, any queries call Jackie on 07908 838452.





## Lanchester Medical Centre: Lanchester Patient Participation Group

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### When is hay fever season in the UK?

Unfortunately for sufferers of hay fever, also known as allergic rhinitis, the season can start in late March and continue through until September depending on what pollen affects you. Tree pollen occurs first, typically from late March to mid-May. Grass pollen has two peaks, lasts from mid-May until July, and weed pollen covers the end of June to September. When the weather is warm, humid and windy the pollen count is at its highest. The Met Office issues a five-day pollen forecast; more than 50 pollen grains per cubic metre is classed as high.

#### Hay fever signs and symptoms can include:

Runny nose, nasal congestion, and postnasal drip

Watery, itchy, red eyes (allergic conjunctivitis)

Sneezing and coughing

Itchy nose, roof of mouth or throat.

Swollen, blue-coloured skin under the eyes (allergic shiners)

Fatigue

#### How do I know if I have hay fever, a cold or coronavirus?

Hay fever lasts for as long as you are exposed to the allergens, typically several weeks. Colds usually last just three to seven days.

The main symptoms of hay fever are sneezing, a runny nose and

itchy eyes. The most typical symptoms of a coronavirus infection are a cough and fever. A high temperature (fever) is not a symptom of hay fever, but it is a key sign of COVID-19. If you're feeling hot or have chills or shivers alongside hay fever-type symptoms like a runny nose and cough, you should self-isolate and get a COVID test.

**Treatment** - although there is no cure for hay fever you can do things to ease your symptoms. Avoid pollen areas; if you have been outside shower and change your clothes. Wear wraparound sunglasses, and put Vaseline around your nose to trap pollen. You can buy pollen filters for your vacuum and car air vents.

Antihistamine tablets are the most common hay fever treatment and can be bought at the chemist and in supermarkets. Use them when you experience symptoms or, if you know which type of pollen you're allergic to, you can take them during your hay fever season to stop symptoms before they happen.

**Honey** - A natural remedy for hay fever? Many people swear that a teaspoon of local honey each day desensitises you to pollen and helps alleviate hay fever symptoms. Sadly, there is no scientific evidence to support this. In fact, bees don't pollinate grass and trees, and the pollen in honey is the heavy, flower-based pollen that doesn't cause hay fever.

Hay fever is an individual's response to an allergen, what is effective for one person may not be effective for another; use what works for you and helps you enjoy the spring and summer seasons.

#### For more information:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hay-fever/)

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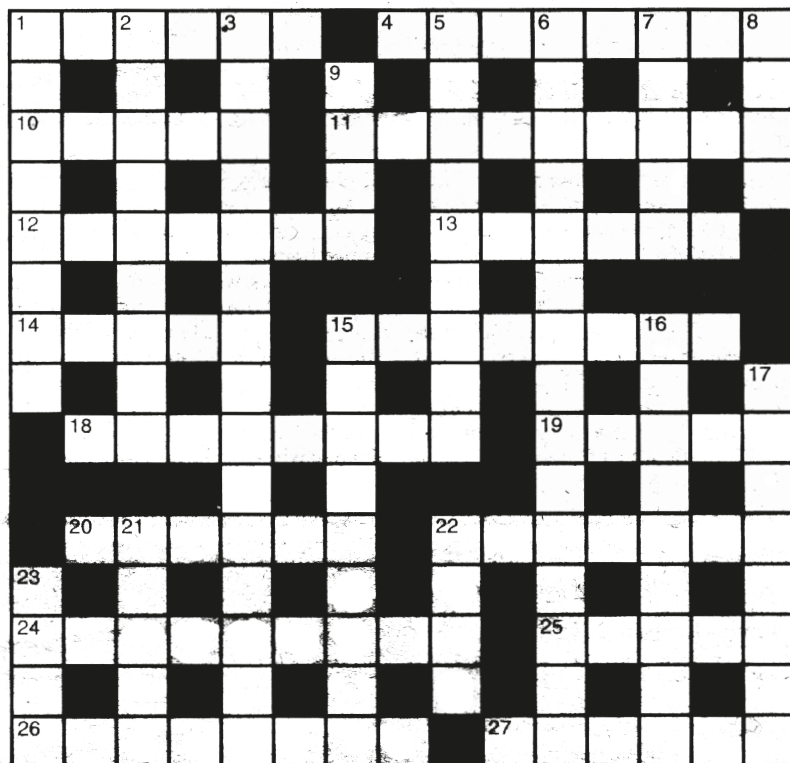
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### Across

1. Cure (6)
4. Sexy (8)
10. North African mountains (5)
11. Really small-minded (4,5)
12. Designate (7)
13. Slosh about (6)
14. Having the speed of sound (5)
15. Very angry (8)
18. Male singing voice (8)
19. Landlocked African country (5)
20. Go back (6)
22. Chocolate filling (7)
24. French novelist (5,4)
25. Incompetent (5)
26. Acclaiming (8)
27. As one (6)

### Down

1. Weigh up again (8)
2. Periods of a thousand years (9)
3. Uniqueness (15)
5. Not here (9)
6. Surcharge (15)
7. Get the better of (5)
8. Mythological river (4)
9. Media award (4)
15. Type of cattle (9)
16. Careless (9)
17. Nero tied in spot fixed by compass bearings (8)
21. Heather (5)
22. Edith ---- French singer with no regrets! (4)
23. Cannabis (4)

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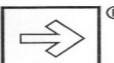
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## Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

### Fun and Fitness Week

We have just finished our annual Fun and Fitness Week during the last week of the half term. This year, the week started off with a carousel of activities for all the children. We had skipping with Dave from Skip2Bfit, street games, a huge inflatable obstacle course, dance with Becky Bailey (one of our very own teaching assistants) and cricket with Lanchester Cricket Club. Fortunately, the weather was very kind to us and it stayed dry all day.

### Year 5 & Year 6 Cycle Rides

We also held our annual cycle rides for Year 5 & Year 6 children. In the past, we have done this together, but due to increased numbers we now take them separately. On each day, we had over 50 children and adults cycling along the old railway, all the way to Bearpark. For some children, this is the furthest they have ever cycled and the resilience and determination shown is superb. Unfortunately, the Year 6 group had some torrential downpours and we were so grateful to Truly Scrumptious for allowing us to eat our dinner in their barn whilst also drying off a little. It is a great achievement for them all and they cycle around 13 miles!

### Sports Days

This year, we also held our Sports Days during Fun and Fitness Week. For the first time, we decided to split our sports days into two – one for Reception and Key Stage 1 and the other for Key Stage 2 – again, this was simply down to our increased numbers. Both Sports Days ran like clockwork thanks to our sports leaders, Mr Stoker and Mr Graham. All children enjoyed a carousel of activities before the finals of our competitive races were held – 100m sprint and obstacle race. This was followed by some very brave parents participating in the parents' races. The staff were not to be outdone and we all enjoyed a little bit of fun with a 3-legged race. With a partner, we tied our inner legs together and attempted to run/walk to the finishing line. It is certainly a fun way to finish the Sports Days!

### Wheels Day

The final event of the week was our Wheels Day when every child brings in an item with wheels – bikes, scooters, roller boots, prams and go-karts. Organised chaos but great fun! Wheels Day is always one of the greatly anticipated days of the school year!

### Jubilee Garden Party

We also held our Jubilee Garden Party during Fun and Fitness Week. The office staff organised this wonderful event and we had singing from Years 1 & 2, Lanchester Brass Band, fairground rides, children's work from the decades on display and a field full of over 500 adults and children. Again, the weather was very kind to us and it was a truly wonderful occasion. All the children were given a Jubilee-themed party bag and enjoyed popcorn or candyfloss during the evening. Piggy Blinders were also kept very busy as well as The Mann's Vegan Scrان and Really Awesome Coffee. A great time was had by all!

**Mrs Jane Davis**  
**Head Teacher**  
**Lanchester E.P. Primary School**

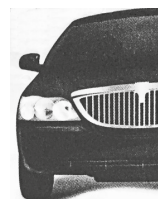


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## Lanchester All Saints' Primary School

To be a pupil at All Saints' means to be recognized and accepted as part of our school family. We endeavour to support each unique individual and celebrate their talents and abilities. Each of us at times may require additional support, whether this is helping to grasp new learning, a listening ear, or a shoulder to cry on. With having officially become a school senior mental health lead, supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all pupils and staff in school is a key pillar of our school development plan and will continue to be so throughout the remainder of this year and next. This is especially relevant as we continue to emerge from what has been a challenging couple of years. Three essentials to developing mental wellbeing are getting outdoors, reflection and a sense of belonging.

Over the past fortnight, Year Six had the opportunity to undertake some geographical enquiry as part of their week-long residential and enjoy getting out into nature and engaging with the world around them. Year Five spent some time being invigorated by the North Sea as they enjoyed water sport activities...Years Six and Four are looking forward to this too! Children in Year Four spent a productive day at the Centre for Life in Newcastle after exploring the city and investigating the city walls. Our Year Three pupils had an adventure day focusing on teamwork (the hardest part of which was pitching their tents!). The pupils in Years Two and Three will have the opportunity to take part in a range of adventurous and traditional scouting activities in the coming weeks. Health and fitness always get the blood-pumping so not to be outdone, our Year One and Reception classes are soon to be taking part in a gymnastics workshop whilst our Reception pupils have already been developing their competitive spirit within their football coaching.

We spend a lot of time reflecting in All Saints' about our behaviour and the attitudes toward ourselves and others. Worship, meditation, and mindfulness are crucial parts of each day and, for the juniors, running the Daily Mile provides a space where the children can reflect and take a moment to focus on themselves.

Our most recent Statement to Live By was, "I know I belong to the community of All Saints'." We love to take every opportunity we can to celebrate and work together as a whole school...one big family! Over these final few weeks of the school year, there will be many opportunities

for our children to cooperate and learn together such as our whole school beach trip, the summer fayre (led and organised by our Year Six pupils) and the perennially popular Health Week – the pinnacle of which is sports day. Our House Teams, Aidan, Cuthbert, Hilde and Bede will be competing against each other to win the inaugural All Saints' House Cup (kindly donated by Mrs Patterson upon her retirement last year). Although our House Teams (representing wisdom, perseverance, peace and learning) often compete

against each other, all the children know they are proud and valued members of the larger school community. We had a wonderful final day of last half term, celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee together. We dusted off the maypole, enjoyed a whole school picnic and ice cream, danced to the most popular music from each decade of Queen Elizabeth's reign and enjoyed learning about some inspirational characters from the past 70 years (Alan Turing, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Paul Stephenson and Malala Yousafzai). As we spend so much time together in school, it is essential that our wellbeing is supported and our love of learning developed – something that we strive to do, and will continue to strive to do, each and every day.

**Frances Stephenson**  
**Head Teacher**



### All Saints' School celebrate the Jubilee

So many of our memories are embedded in events from our childhood, and our children will have so many memories from the Royal Jubilee this summer. On May 27th, All Saints Catholic School gathered on a bright sunny day in the school playing fields. Class by class, they sat and enjoyed a picnic lunch and shared some social time together. During the afternoon, dancing around a maypole was planned, and such traditional events on a lovely summer day will live in everyone's memory for a very long time.



## Football focus

With the football season for most teams coming to an end I thought it would be interesting to look at the larger yet still local teams and how their season has unfolded.

Starting with Consett AFC they experienced a phenomenal season finishing 2nd in the Northern League Division One earning them promotion. The team finished on 75 points and won 23 out of their 38 league games. The team had a great cup run making it to the semi-final of the Division One cup before being beaten 4-3 in the semi-final by a determined Ashington team. The Consett team undoubtedly had a great season managing to gain promotion through play-offs and a great cup run to match their league success.

Now focusing on Chester-Le-Street they were in the Northern League Division Two this season they finished 17th out of 21 teams with 40 points. The team won 12 games this season and were comfortably safe from the relegation zone. Their cup success was also present through the fact they participated in 3 cup competitions. The team first played in the FA Vase cup competition where they made it through the qualifying stage by winning 2 games. Chester would later play in the first round of the FA Vase cup where they were unfortunately beaten by Carlisle City. Their next cup competition came in the form of the Durham Challenge Cup. Again, Chester progressed into the second round after beating Brandon United before getting knocked out in the second round by Newton Aycliffe. Chester-Le-Street played in the Ernest Armstrong Memorial Cup where like all their other cup competitions they progressed into the second round yet again! In the second round the team narrowly were defeated 4-3 by Ryton and Crawcrook Albion.

The North East is known for its commitment to football and it is interesting to follow the success of local football teams. If anyone would like their team mentioned feel free to get in touch.

**By Matthew Walker**



## Jubilee Tennis Tournament

On a beautiful Queen's Jubilee Saturday, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club staged a friendly tournament followed by refreshments and good "craic"!

Using a format where everyone either played with, or against each other, the worthy winners were Michelle Ridley and Rob George. I'm afraid your correspondent was amongst the also-rans! The competition was new to most players but was enjoyed by all and will be repeated soon. The photograph shows the competitors raising a glass to our Sovereign.

In other news, the club's coaching programme is progressing nicely with a lot of new faces attending the sessions on Monday evenings.

The landscape around the club has changed slightly with the loss of one of the large trees surrounding the premises due to wind. Little damage was done however, and swift action was taken to clear the debris with no interruption to play.

With a strawberry tea and barbeque planned for the coming months and league matches to be played, it's going to be a busy few weeks at the club.

Any details about Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club can be obtained from Dennis on 07960494442, email den.lizjane@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook or check out our website.

Dennis Laycock

## Bowls Fun Day a Great Success

Our fun day proved a real success. People were having so much fun none of them stopped to take any photographs. So, you will have to take my word it was well attended throughout the day with members sharing their sport with all generations of villagers. The target game that ran all day proved popular with two prizes, one for members and one for non-members. Why did we have a Fun Day? Simply to have an enjoyable day out but more importantly to raise the profile of the game to villagers. Traditionally children were introduced to bowls by their parents. To be more accurate it was usually boys being taught by their fathers. Nowadays things have changed and while the sport now welcomes women it is seen as a sport for elderly people. The problem is that some people put off playing bowls until they are too old to get the full pleasure of playing the game. Some local clubs, post pandemic, are really struggling for members and we don't want this to happen to our club. We want bowling to be available in Lanchester for generations to come. We enjoy our sport and want to share it with others. Now to the success (or lack of it) of our teams. The Wednesday afternoon team is doing well but sadly the evening team is finding the going tough. The Saturday, Monday and Tuesday teams have had mixed fortunes; we have success in some matches but have to accept that at the moment we are not up to the top clubs. A number of games have been cancelled because our opponents were short of players. This boosts our points score but brings no satisfaction.

## Lanchester fun run returns!

Save the date for the return of the popular family fun run, which will be held again at Burnhopeside Hall, on Sunday 25th September. The 2.5km route will take in the beautiful surroundings of this hidden gem, just a mile and a half from the village.

Following the success of last year's event, we will be using a wave starting system, you will be able to choose the wave time to suit you. This event is organised by Village Vita which is a sub group of The Lanchester Partnership. Entries will open in July, like and follow us on Facebook for updates as details are finalised: Facebook/Lanchester Partnership Village Vita.

Get involved in the run, even if you don't want to actually run! We will be looking for people to help, from the planning stages in the weeks running up to the event right through to route marshalling and clearing up afterwards.

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## Cricket News

### Senior Cricket

In this period, the firsts have had a win, a defeat, and a winning draw. They started by losing heavily at Shotley Bridge plus a couple of midweek cup losses, but they bounced back with a win over Seaham Park. At 28-4 Lanchester looked in deep trouble but good fighting innings by Luke McCabe (62), Josh Renton (23) and Callum Barnes (28) saw the side reach 179. In reply at 98-1 things didn't look good as Gohery and Taylor bowled with no luck. However, the spin twins Pasi and Callum Barnes stepped up and took the remaining nine wickets for 52 runs to see the team home by 29 runs. On Beer Festival weekend, the team were at Willington and batted first reaching 229 for 6 before declaring. There were unbeaten fifties for Pasi and Barnes while Graham Brinton fell short on 48. Willington struggled to score quickly enough, particularly against Pasi and Barnes but we could only take seven wickets hence the game was a winning draw leaving the team in mid table. The seconds sit second in their division following three very quick and easy wins. They bowled Shotley Bridge out for 91, Ben Rayner taking a hat trick in his 4-22. Nav Ahmed made 49 not out as we lost one wicket in passing the total. Seaham Park were then dismissed for 86 with the wickets evenly spread across five bowlers. Again, only one wicket was lost in the win. Finally, Willington were also dismissed for 86. This time openers Ethan Connolly (43) and Jack Slane (41) took just 11 overs to seal the win. The thirds top their division as they beat Willington and Philadelphia in their recent matches. Lanchester made 194-3 against Willington with Ethan Connolly scoring a second consecutive unbeaten hundred finishing on 125. Willington were bowled out for 116, Nathan Scurr being the pick of the bowlers with 3-21. Against Philadelphia, the opposition made 136-7. Terry Little had a great day taking 2-10 with the ball, then making 51 in a match winning partnership with Ibs Khan as Lanchester won by one wicket, Ibs scoring a four off the final ball to win.

### Junior Cricket

The under 18A team have played just one match in the period thumping last season's champions South Shields. Lanchester made 139-5 with Josh Cottom making 49 not out and John McGilvray 37. Shields were then bowled out for 69, Ibs Khan taking 4 wickets for one run and Tom Deaville 3-9. The under 18B side have managed two games, both victories. Lintz were restricted to 99 and Lanchester lost four wickets getting the score. Toby Somersall top scored with 33 and Jack Ledger made 30. They then beat Tynedale with two balls to spare. Tynedale made 110-7 with Lanchester losing six wickets in the successful run chase. The under 15s beat Greenside for the second time in ten days, making 153-4, John McGilvray retired on 50 and Leo Johnson made 41. Only the Greenside opener made double figures in a meagre total of 38. Ethan Connolly and Ben Taylorson took three wickets each whilst Ethan Sirs took two for no runs. They then beat Leadgate in a tight game. Batting first, Lanchester made 98, of which Ethan Connolly made an unbeaten 50. Going into the final over, Leadgate looked likely win, needing four to win, but Joe Malone bowled a brilliant over, taking two wickets and conceding just one run. The under 13s picked up two wins over Beamish and Shotley Bridge. Beamish were restricted for 47-7 with Lanchester losing just two wickets in passing their total. Shotley made 111 but extras were the top scorer. In reply, Mae Deaville retired on 31 and there was 22 by Michael Oxley and 23 by Joe Malone, with Daniel Finlay seeing the side to victory with an unbeaten 18.



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