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Graham selected to be standard bearer for HM Queen Elizabeth's funeral

Graham Meek, from Lanchester, was in the Queen's Company of the Grenadier Guards for 22 years. He is a Royal British Legion standard bearer for Consett and District, Northumbria, and also the North East Region which includes Yorkshire. These positions are competitive, renewable every year.

Graham was selected by the British Legion as one of 72 standard bearers to perform an "act of homage" to the late Queen at the Cenotaph in Whitehall as the Queen's coffin passed from Westminster Abbey on its way to Windsor. The act of homage involves lowering the standard to the ground as the coffin comes past.

Graham had previously met the Queen when he was in service in 2002 at Buckingham Palace after a parade. He described the honour of representing the Royal British Legion as a great honour and very emotional experience, particularly as he had served in the Queen's Company. He is currently working at St Bede's School as a science technician and health and safety coordinator. In his spare time, he helps train other standard bearers. His next engagements are at Saltwell Park in the "Field of Remembrance" and later at the Royal Albert Hall at the Festival of Remembrance.

*Front cover photos:
Graham meeting the Queen
Lowering the standard (before and after)
Standard bearer group at the Cenotaph (right).*



Dogs for Good

11 brave walkers and wheelchair users set off with 7 dogs to walk around the Derwent reservoir on Saturday 1st October, whilst 3 valiant helpers looked after the base camp and turn round point.

The walkers were raising money in memory of Benny, my beautiful Golden Retriever assistance dog, for the charity "Dogs for Good" who trained both Benny and Chelsea, who is my current working dog. Benny sadly died in July, after a long and happy life with us, and we wanted to say "thank you" to "Dogs for Good" for both Benny and Chelsea.

The walk was great fun, new friends were made, and new dogs were introduced to each other. The weather was very blustery, with a few showers, which were mostly dodged in the café at the halfway point where drinks and lunches were enjoyed, and David clocked everybody in. The event shelter at base camp nearly took off a few times, and extra tent pegs were required as Pam & Margaret attempted (successfully, just) to keep it anchored.

3 "Dogs for Good" assistance dogs were walking along with 4 pet friends. At the end of the walk the 3 DFG dogs had a wonderful play time on the base field, rampaging around, and having a tug of war.

Thanks to the generosity of many people the walk raised £628.00 for "Dogs for Good". We have been delighted with the response to our walk, and want to thank everybody involved.

So thank you to: all the shopkeepers in the village who displayed

posters for us, Ashfield Vet practice, all the sponsors, all the walkers, the first aider (thankfully not needed), all the helpers, Tom at Northumbrian Water for the use of the field for base camp, and finally Lanchester Parish Church who have loved and supported Benny and Chelsea at Sunday services! Please enjoy some pictures of a great day out.

Rev Margaret Armstrong, and Chelsea.



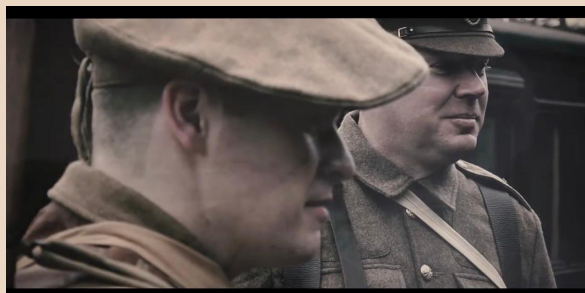
The starting line at the base camp!

Lanchester Local History Society

At the October meeting of the local history society Margaret Hedley shared with us the story of Thomas Kenny VC. He was a County Durham miner who went off to war. Wheatley Hill History Club researched his story and eventually their efforts were made into a short film 'Beyond Praise' which can be viewed on the lonely tower film and media web site:

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The photo right is from the film.



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Time for Tea

A strawberry tea is always a winner and on September 20th the strawberry tea held by the fundraising team of the Parish Church in the Chapter House was exactly that. Homemade scones spread with clotted cream and delicious Tiptree strawberry jam could not be resisted by all who attended, especially when they had one or more fresh strawberries on top.

Once again, a happy, relaxed afternoon was enjoyed by all. There was a well-stocked raffle with some delighted winners and homemade chutneys and jams in all kinds of flavours were on sale. Delicious! I hope everybody has sampled some good strawberries this summer. There have been locally sourced ones available, and many readers will remember the times when they went picking their own strawberries at Brockwell Farm on Durham Road and even some years ago now at Mrs Fox's strawberry fields at Hollinside. She was the wife of the local G.P. Dr Jack Fox. Remember? It was hard work but so much fun!

Brenda Craddock



Sadie Isobel, the youngest visitor, with her mum Amy (right)
Strawberry tea being enjoyed. (right below)
Margaret and Margaret in charge of the raffle (above)



Lanchester Community Orchard Group Apple Harvesting and Juicing Day

Saturday 8th October: A beautiful autumnal October morning, with the sun warming our backs and birdsong accompanying our work, members of the orchard group set about the task of picking this year's harvest of apples, sorting them for distribution to members, and chopping, mashing, and pressing the bruised fruit to turn it into juice.

Many hands make light work, and by early afternoon the first of this year's collections was complete. Despite the hot dry weather this year the trees provided us with an ample harvest with many different varieties providing a good range for members to sample.

If you are interested in becoming a member, then please email lanchesterorchard@outlook.com for further information.



Christine collecting apples (above)
Simon driving the apple press (above right)
Young Toby tries the smaller press (above)
Christine chops apples ready for pressing (right)

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Wildlife Notes

Heading into hibernation? That's how some UK animals survive winter

Few UK mammals hibernate, only three in fact: hedgehogs, hazel dormice, and bats. Staying warm and finding food uses lots of energy. Food is scarce in cold months, some creatures can't find enough to replenish their energy resources e.g. bats use a lot of energy to fly and catch insects, which are in short supply. Hedgehogs and dormice fatten up in preparation, so they have energy to keep them hibernating. It is not the same as sleeping, as their heart rate and breathing slows down and their bodies cool.

If hibernators haven't found a suitable site, with minimal temperature fluctuations, they may have to break hibernation. For hedgehogs, if it gets too warm their fat reserves are used up more quickly and they may need to rouse to find food. Conversely, in a cold snap, their body functions may need to resume activity to avoid freezing. It is a dangerous time.

Cold-blooded animals need warmth to be active, they are unable to sustain their own temperatures. Amphibians - newts, toads and frogs - spend winters hibernating. Reptiles achieve brumation (similar to hibernation) until the sun is warm enough for them to be active. Snails hibernate too, slugs can only remain active over 5 degrees,

that's one reason hedgehogs need to hibernate, as their winter food selection is limited. Some adult butterflies hibernate over winter: Red Admirals use tree hollows or even your shed or garage; some species spend winter as eggs, caterpillars, or pupae.

All hibernators need places to hide away from predators and where they are protected from extreme temperatures e.g. under old logs, buried in decaying leaf litter or loose soil. If found they can't rouse quickly to escape, so may become a meal. Bats use caves, old mines and sometimes wall cavities.

Lanchester Wildlife Group



Thursday Club Update

At our last meeting we welcomed Wendy Smith who came along to give a flower demonstration. Wendy has been to the Thursday Club a few times over the years, and we have always been delighted with her demonstrations, so we were expecting great things.

Asked what kind of demo we would like - I had said 'exotic'. Well, she didn't disappoint - the brief was followed to the letter, and what a super afternoon we had with the most amazingly lovely and colourful flower arrangements imaginable. Among the gorgeous blooms on display we had - strelitzia, Lucas perfume, Cala lilies, bright yellow huge gerbera, hypericum and leucadendron safari sunset - the whole table was ablaze with glorious colour.

Then followed the raffle and 6 lucky ladies went home carrying their trophies. We did fit in coffee/tea and biscuits along with a good old natter as well. One wonderful afternoon!

Olive Simpkins



Wendy Smith with her exotic displays.

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Remembering

LESLIE BOLTON 1940-2022

Leslie (Les) Bolton, a long-standing Lanchester resident, passed away peacefully on 21st August 2022, at home with his family by his side.

Les was born in Scotland and moved to Lanchester in 1947 when he was just 7 years old. In 1964 he married his beloved wife Ena, and they bought their first home in the village and have remained there ever since with their much-loved son Mark and daughter Vanessa. His family was made complete when granddaughter Mia was born in 2003.

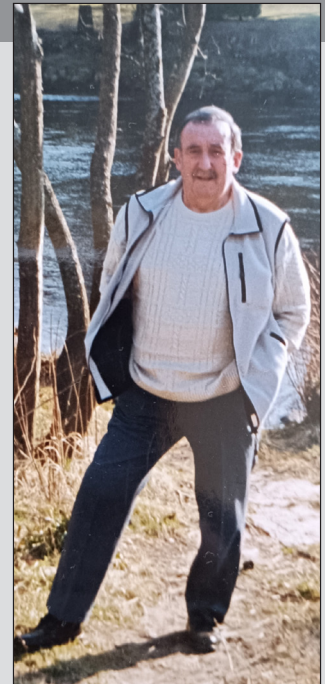
Les was a family man and adored his family. Nothing was ever too much trouble for him. He always had time for others and treated everyone he met with kindness and respect. He was much loved and respected by so many people in the village.

Even though Les had his own health concerns and battled with an illness for many, many years, he never stopped smiling and joking. He was admired by so many for being brave and strong and he was so incredibly selfless as he always thought of others before himself. Many would say that he was the epitome of the 'perfect gentleman!'

Les's funeral was held at Durham Crematorium on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

Donations were raised for Willow Burn Hospice where Les had stayed on two occasions for respite care. He and his family were so grateful to the amazing nursing staff for their help and support.

Les was a true gentleman, a one-off and will be sorely missed but never forgotten.



Musical Memories - Off to a flying start

"I watched people today, their eyes lit up with pleasure. I feel like a happy person when I see happy people around me" said Oksana, one of our volunteers. After a break of two and half years, Musical Memories got off to a flying start welcoming old friends and new faces. The theme of the session was friendship and after refreshments and a chat, there was singing and a bit of dancing to songs such as: Getting to Know You (from King and I), You've got a friend in me (Toy Story), You Raise Me Up (Josh Groban), Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime (Peggy Lee), ending with Thank You for the Music (Abba).



Remembrance Special. Our next session is on 2nd November at 2pm. We will enjoy musical bingo and classic tunes. Participants are encouraged to bring and share pictures and mementos and 1940s dress is also welcome.

Musical Memories Christmas Party. On 14th December we will hold our annual Christmas party including a Christmas quiz, and seasonal refreshments and music.



Did you know that music can improve your brain activity, wellbeing and mood? Musical Memories is a fun, friendly and stimulating music session for all. We welcome people living with conditions that affect memory and their family and friends. Venue: Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester. For more information contact us at lanchesterdfc@gmail.com



Community Centre News

Here is the latest news from your Community Centre.

We begin our news this month by saying a huge 'thank you and good luck' to Jackie who has recently left us to pursue an exciting new venture. We say 'welcome' to Francine who has joined us as our new Admin Assistant.

If you would like to join our friendly team as a volunteer contact us to have a chat, it would be lovely to hear from you.

We have a few great events coming up soon for you.

Our Christmas Fair is on Saturday November 5th, 9.30am until 1.00pm. There will be over 25 stalls, refreshments and a raffle. Get your Christmas shopping all under one roof!

We are also looking forward to our Fun Dog Show on Sunday November 20th, 2.30pm until 5pm. There will be 7 different categories and stalls selling lots of doggy goodies. Entry fee is £2, contact the office to book your place.

The office is staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-1.15pm. On Tuesday and Thursday, it's 9am-3.45pm. 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/>

Dear Village...

The views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the newspaper, the editor or persons working for the newspaper. The editor retains the right to cut or amend any letter published. Letters must contain your name, address and telephone no, all of which may be withheld at your request.

Dear Village Voice,

I am writing to highlight the plight of women who are incarcerated at Derwentside IRC, formerly the notorious Medomsley Detention Centre aka Hassockfield. It is effectively a prison for women who have, for whatever reason, not yet established a right to remain in the UK. Many of them have already suffered gender-based violence such as rape, forced marriage, forced prostitution or FGM.

Adding detention without trial and without a time limit to that experience is a huge additional trauma and something that we in the locality need to be concerned about as it is happening on our doorstep.

Recent projects arranged by the Home Office and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees show that detention is not necessary for asylum seekers who are supported, and dealt with in the community, and they suffer less trauma and mental ill health. It also costs significantly less than locking them up.

A leaflet giving more information has been distributed in the village, but if you missed out on this, I can make sure that you receive a copy. I am also happy to discuss with you ways in which you can help.

Judith Brown

judith@bordinelbrown.me.uk



Notes from the House

It has been a busy few months in our United Kingdom and at home in North West Durham. Continuing to back Ukraine in their fight against Russia, plenty of domestic political news, and the earth-shattering news of the death of our late and great monarch, Queen Elizabeth II – that we are still adjusting to.

I did not think I would be writing this month's article about the late Queen Elizabeth II so soon after my piece in the summer celebrating her Platinum Jubilee this summer. I had hoped we would have at least seen her 100th birthday, at which I always jovially remarked she might have to send a signed letter to herself.

Despite a month since her passing, the feeling of loss is no less poignant. The people of Lanchester and North West Durham more broadly saw in the Queen values that they hold: the importance of family and community, that service and hard-work are our mainstay, and that our duty and decency matter most and are integral to the running of our society.

Every event I attended in Westminster and across North West Durham showcased the respect and love all my constituents and indeed so many across the country and the world felt for our dearly departed monarch. I signed remembrance books from Consett to Crook, attended her lying-in-state in Westminster Hall, and watched her funeral as many of you most probably did on my TV with friends and family.

Our new King is someone the whole country is getting behind. He visited County Durham forty years ago as Prince Charles and I hope that he will now visit North West Durham as King to see the huge changes that have happened over the decades since. For the time being, we should all just wish him the very best as he takes on the awesome responsibilities of his role as our monarch.

Richard Holden



Deadlines

We are moving deadlines back to ensure that the Village Voice drops onto the doormats during the month of the edition, rather than a few days into the following month. Some "What's On" information is sometimes out of date by the time the Village Voice is distributed.

So, the deadline for the November edition is Tuesday 8th November – including for the crossword entries.

The Editors

Lanchester Flower Club

Member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society

On Wednesday 28th September 2022 the Flower Club monthly meeting reconvened after our summer break. All thirty two ladies enjoyed a lovely relaxing afternoon. Our demonstrator was Pamela Alexander no less, our Northumberland and Durham area Chairperson. Pamela is a character so we all enjoyed her banter along with her explaining the theme of her demonstration which was "Songs from the shows". All her lovely colourful flower arrangements were raffled and ladies went home with some lovely flower arrangements.

Tea/coffee and biscuits were served and everyone enjoyed the usual chat with each other.

Our next meeting will be a Christmas Open Afternoon meeting on Saturday 26th November 2022 in the main hall at Lanchester Community Centre at 2pm. Tickets will be £7 which includes light refreshments. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome. It's a good way to see what the Flower Club meetings are about. Come and meet new friends and maybe some old friends, and enjoy a relaxing and entertaining afternoon. Our demonstrator is Val Guest, her theme will be "Scents of Christmas".

If you need any further information or details please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667 our Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 our Secretary. Don't forget to get your tickets early, give us a call.

Lestrine Kelly



Pamela Alexander with her arrangements



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Lanchester WI October meeting

President Marie Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and Jerusalem was sung as it was our AGM. Marie then updated us with correspondence from Durham Federation and events they are holding, with information on display. A lady called Amber asked if anyone would be interested in making knitted hearts for memory boxes given to bereaved parents through the charity 4Louis. Annfield Plain WI invited us to their craft fair.

Our raffle winners were Carol Marley, Janis Suddes, and Barbara Sproat; prizes were donated by Ann Grovesnor and Glynis Gibbons. Competition winners for the year are: 1st, Jennifer Macdonald, who receives the Nancy Walker Cup and 2nd, Ann Carr. They were both presented with vouchers. It was decided to suspend the competitions for the future as the number of entries had fallen.

Meeting time for the birthday meal on 7th November at Beamish Stables, is 12.00pm at the bowling green.

Lynne Hodgson, Treasurer, gave her report for the year showing the accounts showing healthy balances. Marie Murphy gave both the President's and Secretary's reports including events and outings we had enjoyed and thanked the committee for their support.

Marie then introduced Carol Marley, WI Advisor, who gave out papers to each member to vote for President for the next year; Marie Murphy was re-elected.

While tea and biscuits were enjoyed Carol gave a very appropriate talk about the history of afternoon tea and Tina Naples gave the vote of thanks.

The coffee morning on Friday 7th October was very well attended despite the awful weather and £272.71 was raised. Thank you everyone who put their umbrella up and came to enjoy the tea and cake.

Maisie Raine

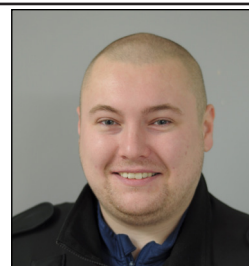
Police Report

Hello, an update from PCSO 8722 Andrew Tonge from Consett Neighbourhood Police about what has been happening recently in and around Lanchester.

We have been continuing to attend incidents relating to Anti-Social Behaviour, which has escalated into harassment. Investigations are ongoing, however this mainly seems to be children around the ages of 11-16. If you have children this age who go to school locally or are out in the village on an evening/weekend please remind them what behaviour is acceptable. There are numerous CCTV cameras in the village and patrols are increasing.

We'll be working with the schools to start a project to educate parents/carers around school parking, including the dangers and issues they can cause. I've been invited by Lanchester EP to assist with work they are going to be starting after half term. Please consider where and how you park when dropping off and collecting children.

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.**



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Good day readers

You will know by now my name is Poppy and I share walks I take my Humans on with you. When the Human took me to a medical centre at Dunston, so he could get his Covid jab, I must confess I was less than impressed. It is bad enough being taken to the vets for my own jab without having to sit in a car park while he puts on a brave face and goes inside for his.

But on the way back the picture brightened considerably when we turned off the Whickham Highway at Lobley Hill into the car park for the Watergate Forest Park. It is only about ten miles from Lanchester and well worth a trip.

Once we parked up and walked into the park, we followed signs to Stanley on the Tanfield railway path. This would eventually lead to Sunnyside from where the railway track still runs to Tanfield, Stanley. There are always lots of dogs in the park, as well as joggers and the occasional cyclist but there is enough room for manoeuvre without getting in anybody's way.

Mind, we did pass a lake abundant with wildlife where I made sure to avert my gaze from a fierce looking swan standing on the water's edge. I certainly did not want to do anything to provoke it!

By following the Tanfield path we pass through woods and up a gradient. On the side of the path there is a steep gorge which is fun to run down. Eventually we come out of the woods briefly onto a main road where we have to press a button which changes to green to allow us to cross. This is at Watergate between Sunnyside and Lobley Hill.

After crossing the road, the trees appear to form an arch cloaking the path as we continue to walk in the direction of Sunnyside, remaining on the route of what was the Tanfield Railway.

We decided to turn back when we reached the part where the path crosses Pennyfine Road, simply because we had no choice but to retrace our footsteps – or paw steps – to the car park.

The return walk took us about an hour and 15 minutes, but we could have made it either longer or shorter, there are so many routes to choose.



Lanchester
Medical Centre

Lanchester Medical Centre: Lanchester Patient Participation Group

The UK Health and Learning Disabilities Network: Supporting people with a learning disability to make a GP appointment

The UK Health and Learning Disabilities Network is a key place to share information about the health of people with learning disabilities; everyone who has an interest in the health of people with learning disabilities is welcome to join.

Members have access to a national community of people interested in health and people with learning disabilities, including nurses, doctors, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, dietitians, physiotherapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, commissioners, and university lecturers/professors. The network aims to assist health practitioners in both mainstream and specialist services with the health and learning disability agenda and concentrates on problem solving, information sharing and networking. To find out more about this network:

<https://www.learningdisabilitieshealthnetwork.org.uk>

What is happening in the Northeast

Research has shown that on average, people with a learning disability and autism have a shorter life span, and do not receive the same quality of care, as people without a learning disability or autism. During and since COVID-19 people have felt nervous about going to the GP, using telephone or video appointments. This campaign supports people to understand how to get the most out of their appointment.

Northeast and Cumbria Learning Disability Network, working on behalf of the North East North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, has co-produced a range of resources to help GP practices support patients with a learning disability to attend GP appointments.

Resources: These resources were officially launched in October to support people to make a GP appointment and understand how to make the most of their appointment. They can be found at: <https://neclnnetwork.co.uk/> or <https://neclnnetwork.co.uk/work-programmes/health-inequalities/cancer/be-cancer-aware/>

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Ladies who lunch

Last month we decided to go up to 'The Badger' - a Vintage Inn at Ponteland. A good way to go either up the A1 or via the more scenic route; it's somewhere we have always enjoyed in the past.

This was the first visit since the pandemic and as with a lot of places they may have been having staffing difficulties. The welcome was as warm as ever, but the service was definitely on the relaxed side.

However, the menu was lovely and consisted of the weekly menus, chef's specials, and light bites. It didn't take us long to make our choices and, as no one was having a starter, we opted for mains. We had slow cooked pork belly with black pudding mash, crackling, baby spinach, green beans with a brandy and pink lady apple jus, scallops could be added, it was a chef's special and very tasty too; vegetable Penang curry - a mix of pak choi, squash, red onions and peppers in a creamy coconut Penang inspired curry sauce served with sticky jasmine rice; chicken and smoked pancetta pie in a creamy cheese and leek sauce, topped with puff pastry served with a spring onion mash, roasted carrots and green veg; fish and chips with triple cooked chips, mushy peas and tartar sauce; seared fillets of sea bass with pea and smoked pancetta velouté, broccoli and a spring onion mash.

Our puddings were: banoffee pie, creme brûlée, pannacotta with fruit, blueberry and amoretto Eton mess and also a mini pudding with coffee.

All our meals were delicious and thoroughly enjoyed.

I'm quite sure we'll be off up to Ponteland again to visit the Badger sometime in the future.



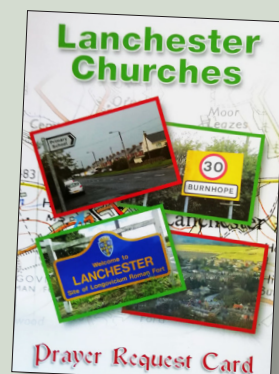
The Gourmet Girls

Prayer Cards

Many of our readers will be aware that Churches Together in Lanchester have issued prayer cards to the whole village on three occasions prior to the Covid outbreak. We are now planning to do a fourth round, starting early next year. The cards are a way of supporting the community. They enable us to submit our concerns by writing on the card and posting them in the village prayer boxes. At present these are located in Lanchester News and in the surgeries at Burnhope and Lanchester. There are plans to increase the number of boxes next year. In the meantime, you do not have to wait for a card to be delivered. The cards are also provided beside the boxes.

Thanks to everyone for responses so far received.
Please be assured of our continuing support.

Lanchester Churches Together



Sponsorship of The Village Bus – Thank you to our 'Bus Angels'

Last month you may have read about the opportunity for you to support the village bus. We have been delighted with the uptake, we have some individuals making a regular monthly donation, a couple of local businesses that have expressed interest in supporting, and those who have donated for the bus to run in their name for a day.

The Kings Head in Lanchester have very kindly committed to a generous ongoing monthly donation to assist with the costs. This is very much appreciated! To sponsor the bus for a day costs £25. An ideal birthday or Christmas present for those who have everything, we give them a mention on social media and a poster on the bus on the day.

If you would like to support the bus please contact Laura on 07967 597 949 or email the partnership on contact@lanchesterpartnership.org.uk

The village bus provides a vital link for many people in the village, running daily and allowing people to continue to live independently.

Timetables can be found online here <http://lanchesterpartnership.org.uk/transport-and-bus-link-group/>

Sponsored days in September were:

16th September

Sponsor: Michelle Atkinson - In memory of Babs Maskery, who gave such a lot of time and dedication to the Lanchester Partnership and was a regular user of the service.

20th September

Sponsor: Karin Bravington - In memory of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

23rd September

Sponsor: Daryl Taylor - In memory of Rene & Oliver Whitwood - who always thought the bus was an amazing asset to the village!

Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

New Family Forest School Club at Lanchester EP

Parents from Lanchester EP Primary have had an exciting opportunity to join their children in the forest for our new after school club! After two long years where parents have been unable to engage with many of the events in school, it has been wonderful to welcome them back into forest school this term.

Forest school offers a unique educational experience using the outdoor environment of the forest as a classroom. Forest school not only has many benefits for the mental health and wellbeing of children but is also shown to develop confidence, social skills, communication and language, motivation, physical skills and respect for the environment.

At Lanchester EP Primary School we have always seen the value of, and prioritised, outdoor learning, especially in the Early Years of Nursery and Reception. This year, as part of our Covid recovery curriculum, we wanted to expand our outdoor provision and so started a forest school club for children in Year 1 and their families. Our aim was to provide a space for adults and children to work together, build relationships, learn new skills and have fun. So, for the last 5 weeks we have been meeting in 'The Wild' (no matter what the weather) to have Family Forest School Club.

So far, we have carried out a range of activities including cooking, forest crafts, den building, slack lining, tree climbing and making bird feeders. It has been wonderful to see the children interacting and exploring the forest and developing their interest and understanding of plants, animals and the environment. It has also been lovely to watch children developing their confidence and teamwork through completing tasks together. Sessions usually finish with a cup of hot chocolate and a toasted marshmallow round the fire which is a highlight for everyone, no matter what their age!

Mr Gordon Innes

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Lanchester All Saints' School

Special Author Visit for All Saints'

It's not every day an author pops into your school, it's even more rare when he's a former pupil.

We had a great surprise early in October when, along with the delivery of the internationally acclaimed *Polonius the Pit Pony* picture book as part of the Durham Book festival, the pupils and staff got to meet its award-winning author - Richard O'Neill.

In an extra twist we also found out that All Saints' was the first school he attended as a five year old in the 1970s and the book, which is also scheduled to be turned into a stage play, was inspired by seeing pit ponies in a field at Langley Park where Richard lived as a child.

Richard, who also writes for the theatre and radio, said, "It was wonderful to go back to the school where I first learned to write, talk to the children about my journey, and to be able to be so positive about the opportunities for the amazing talent that we have in the north of England."

When I found out Richard was a former pupil of All Saints', we had to invite him in to talk about his journey in the creative arts, including his current position as the creative lead in residence at Seven Stories in Newcastle. We have high aspirations for all our children and it's so important that they know that pupils from All Saints', and our local area, can go on to be successful in whatever field they choose!

Frances Stephenson
Head Teacher



Frances Stephenson, head teacher, on the left with Richard O'Neill on the right.

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Lanchester Library

Library Book Club

On Monday November 28th at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing Suite Française by Irene Nemirovsky, 'A Masterpiece' (Sunday Times). It consists of two novellas portraying life in France from 1940 to 1941, sadly the remaining works were never written. Will this book generate a lively discussion? It sounds intriguing. We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday November 17th from 4-5pm, the group will be reviewing Stranger Diaries by Elly Griffiths, a fascinating crime thriller, one of her best I think. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

Pins & needles

The first Thursday in November is the 3rd and from 10-11.30am this small group will meet. Bring along your wool, thread, needles and patterns and share your makes and get advice too. Enjoy.

Children Crafts on a Thursday Afternoon,

different crafts and materials are set out in the library for children to be creative, pop along with your children and enjoy.

DID YOU KNOW, the library opening hours are Monday and Tuesday 2pm to 5.30pm, Thursday 9am to 7pm and Saturday 9.30am to 12.30pm. It is closed on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Lanchester Local History Society

The next meeting is on Friday November 4th at 7pm in Room 3 at the Community Centre where George Nairn will be using his collection of old postcards to illustrate his talk 'Tyne to Tweed'. Come along and join us for the session. Everyone is welcome.

The Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

The next meeting of the Friends of Longovicium will be in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 24th November. This meeting will be our last for this year. We continue to investigate the Roman dam and aqueduct system and how it provided water to the fort. Enquiries are now being conducted into possible Roman features in the Beamish area near to where there should be, according to antiquarian writers, a Roman road from Wrekenton to Stanley. For further information on the Friends please contact Mrs. M. Williams 01207 520063 or Rodney Hawkins at hawkins_15@sky.com.

Vintage Tractors

Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Social Club

5 Nov – McKenzie
6 Nov – Christmas Market
12 – 5.30pm (seaglass pictures, Christmas stockings, glassware, bespoke cards, jewellery, homemade confectionery, pies and pastries and charity stall. Giddy Goose wood fired pizza will be in the car park.
12 Nov – Ellie Caille
19 Nov – Susan Brooks
26 Nov – Matt Hilton
All acts may be subject to change at short notice

Paradiso Film club

Paradiso film club
Meets at Lanchester Community Centre at 7pm for drinks, nibbles and raffle. Film starts at 7.30pm. Members: £2.50, Non-members: £3.50. Annual membership £5.

Sunday 13th November.

The Dressmaker. This thriller/drama stars Kate Winslet as Tilly, a beautiful dressmaker, who returns to her hometown in Australia to care for her ill mother, Molly. Armed with her sewing machine, she sets out to take revenge on the people who had wronged her.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
9th Dec. - *A boy called Christmas*
8th Jan. - *Belfast*

Cuppa and Company lunch club

Next meeting of the lunch held at Lynwood House will be on Tuesday 8th November at 12pm. All are welcome. The aim of the lunch is to help combat loneliness, there is no limit on age. Any questions please contact Jackie on 07908 838452.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be a Christmas open afternoon meeting on Saturday 26th November 2022 in the main hall at Lanchester Community Centre at 2pm. Tickets will be £7 which includes light refreshments.

Lanchester Wildlife Group

The next meeting of the Lanchester Wildlife Group will be on 8th November at 7:30pm in the Community Centre small hall. The speaker will be Paul Davidson, his topic, "Birding in Gateshead, Spring and Autumn migrants and a few surprises."

Musical Memories

Music can improve your brain activity, wellbeing and mood. Musical Memories is a fun, friendly and stimulating music group.
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DEC 14th CHRISTMAS PARTY at 2pm (note change of date).

We welcome people living with conditions that affect memory.
For further information email lanchesterdfc@gmail.com

Lanchester Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are held every Saturday 10 – 12 at the Methodist Church. They are run by the following organisations to raise funds; please come along for a coffee and a chat – and to support them.
November 5th Lanchester Community Orchard
November 12th Boys' Brigade
November 19th Poppy Project
November 26th Lanchester Wives and Friends

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be held in the main hall of the Community Centre on November 17th at 1.30pm. Our speaker will be Jean Hodgson who will be telling us all about the 'Restoration of Brancepeth Church after the fire'.

York shopping trip - last tickets!

There are a few seats left on the York trip on December 3rd. Contact Brenda on 01207 520749.

Choral Society

The 50th anniversary concert is on 4th November at 7:15 pm in Lanchester Methodist Church. 50 years of singing – can you believe it? Well yes! Here we are – members who stretch back to the very early days, members who joined a few years ago and members who joined only a few weeks ago! All together to enjoy singing. And there is a place for you too – just come along on Fridays at 7.15pm in Croft View. 50 years of memories – memories of soloists, of performances and of members no longer with us. The music of the concert is also part of those memories as we performed it at our first concert in November 1972. Here's to many more years!

Festive copper bauble making workshop

Join us for an evening of Christmas crafting! Mince pies and fizz included (non-alcoholic option available). Date: 30th November Time: 6-8pm venue: Willowburn Hospice Cost: £35 per person. Book at uretreat1@gmail.com. All proceeds will go directly to providing much needed retreats for carers and people who have been bereaved in the North East.

Lacemaking demo day

Northumbria Lacemakers invite members of the public to pop in to their next 'Lace Day' to see lace being made

by hand and learn more about their fascinating craft and about the group. Saturday 19th November 12-2pm at Lanchester Community Centre, visitors welcome free of charge.

Willow Burn

Nurse's Christmas Fair -

Willow Burn Hospice
26 November 2022 between 11am and 2pm
The Nursing and Care Team at Willow Burn Hospice invite you to join them at the Nurses' Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November 2022. This annual event is a great opportunity to enjoy some Christmas shopping 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.

As well as stalls, the Willows Café will be open, Potting Shed will be transformed into a Christmas gift shop and Santa's Grotto will be in the garden.

Donations of raffle and tombola prizes would be much appreciated. All proceeds from the fair will go to fund the vital services provided by the Willow Burn Nursing and Care Team.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop at Willow Burn Tuesday 29 November at 6.30pm

Join us at Willow Burn on Tuesday 29 November for an evening of Christmas Wreath Making with Helen from The Little Window Box Company. Helen will provide you with everything you need to make your very own Christmas wreath to take home with you for decoration or for a gift for a loved one. On the evening there will be a light supper of seasonal winter warmer vegetable broth with a bread roll, followed by a sweet mince pie or shortbread. Served with ginger wine, tea and coffee. Tickets are £30 and can be purchased online at: <https://willowburnhospice.enthouse.com/WreathMaking2022#!/> or by calling: 01207 529 224

Light Up A Life 2022

4 December at 2pm Lanchester All Saints Catholic Church

Christmas is a time to be thankful, but it can also be a time when we miss those who are no longer with us the most. Light up a Life offers an uplifting and meaningful way to remember family and friends and is an opportunity to come together to celebrate and remember our loved ones.

Light Up a Life is a warm, loving and festive event to be shared with friends and family. Welcoming you to the service is such an honour and

we are privileged to share this special time with you. This year's service will be held at All Saints Catholic Church in Lanchester on Sunday 4 December at 2pm. Here we will gather to sing carols, listen to readings and light candles in memory of loved ones. Following the service there is the opportunity to spend time together over refreshments in the beautiful setting of the church.

If you would like to remember your loved one(s) with a dedication in our Light Up a Life Book of Remembrance, please contact Ali at Willow Burn: 01207 529 224 / alie@willowburnhospice.org.uk. Any information we receive after Friday 11 November may not be included in the Book of Remembrance for the service.

Scottish Dance Group

This group has met for over 50 years in the small hall at Lanchester Community Centre on Friday nights from 7:30pm until 9:30pm. The end of this term is 16th December. Please come and join us, beginners are very welcome and instructions are offered if wished. This is Scottish Country Dancing (social) not Highland dancing (flings & sword). Have a lovely evening with us! Contact Vivien Welsh (01388 528529) or just come along one Friday night and meet us!

Burnhope pre-loved baby and children's clothing sale

Burnhope Community Centre on Sunday 20th November 1-3pm. This is to help with the cost of living crisis faced by parents of young children and to do our bit for the environment by reusing items. Tables are £5 each. Buyers £1, children are free. Contact Nikita Nilsen on 07407235252 or Nikita_Nilsen@hotmail.com.

Folk & Acoustic Music & Song Evenings

After a dry period, primarily due to Covid et al, I am delighted to announce that the monthly song and music sessions will be recommencing at our new venue - Crinnions of Lanchester. We will meet for a right good sing song and play on the 3rd Sunday of every month, starting at 8pm, until 10.30pm. Please note we play in the back area near the kitchen. If you sing, play an instrument, or wish to listen, come along, and join us!

Ian Tute (07889 037102)

Messy Church Begins Again

After a long absence due to Covid, Reverend Lesley was keen to start monthly sessions of Messy Church again at All Saints Parish Church and she did this with a big WOW. There were plenty of visitors courtesy of 'Crazy Creatures – Petting Zoo' based in Consett. There were big snakes and little snakes, tortoises, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits and they all behaved themselves very well! Parents and children were given hands-on experience, some a little nervous but mostly very enthusiastic. When it came to holding the biggest exhibit, a Burmese Python, there was no shortage of volunteers to hold its long thick body. It took six children to hold the snake up, but it remained very docile throughout! Never before has the church held any event when the words Noah's Ark came to mind. Mums, dads, grans, grandpas and children of all ages had a wonderful afternoon.

As always at Messy Church there were a variety of crafts in which to participate in the Chapter House and the children became very much involved in those activities. Everyone had something they had made themselves to take home. Children love to do that and to end the afternoon a lovely tea had been organised. There were lovely healthy fruit kebabs for starters and knowing how popular pizzas are, Reverend Lesley had arranged for fresh pizzas to be made at our front street Pizzeria. They were consumed hungrily making a short pause in the excited chatter at the tables. 73 children and 52 adults came to Messy Church that Sunday, which is a record total. Everyone left church with a smile that afternoon and smiles as we know are infectious. That is the way to do it! The next Messy Church in October with a Harry Potter theme is sure to be just as popular and a booking facility is going to be available, so do look out for that!

Brenda Craddock

Great craft work Niamh (top)

Busy, busy, busy (right)

Xander and Maddox with a guinea pig (left)



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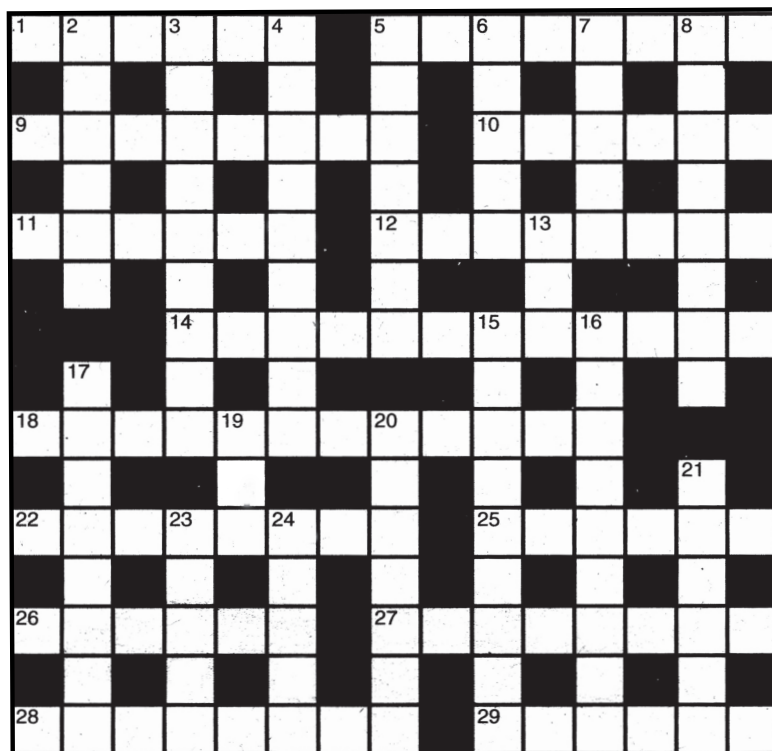
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CLUES CROSSWORD 178



Across

- 1 Trap (6)
 5 Car phone for Escort! (8)
 9 Vehicle for snowy conditions (8)
 10 Takeoff (6)
 11 The most famous 19d (6)
 12 Noisy snakes! (8)
 14 Pointless exercise (1,5,6)
 18 Cart happened to be as fast as a big cat (7,5)
 22 Skilled technical employee (8)
 25 Blockade (6)
 26 Brilliance (6)
 27 Minor occupation (8)
 28 Three sided (8)
 29 Promenade (6)

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Address: _____

Down

- 2 Portugal's second largest city (6)
 3 I noted an ox and dropped a point to ban bleach (2,7)
 4 Twaddle (9)
 5 Self-discipline (7)
 6 Predicament (1,4)
 7 Sign on (5)
 8 Aged piano! (3,5)
 13 Rocky peak (3)
 15 Adventure (9)
 16 Mocker (9)
 17 Protective clothes (8)
 19 Member of nomadic warlike Mongol tribe (3)
 20 Sun shade (7)
 21 Herb (6)
 23 Cake decoration (5)
 24 German Industrial City (5)

Please send your completed entries for the £10 prize draw (by the deadline date on back page) to the Village Voice,
 c/o Lanchester Community Centre,
 Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0HY

Crossword Compiler – Situation Vacant

The current crossword compiler is retiring after nearly 15 years of producing the crosswords for the Village Voice – he has set the readers plenty of challenges and the Village Voice is very grateful for all his work over the years. Next month's crossword will be the last one from him.

So, the Village Voice now needs a new compiler if the crossword is to continue to feature in the publication. Applications are invited for the position of compiler. If you are interested, please email lanchestervillagevoice@gmail.com

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Winner of Crossword 177

The solution is shown here. There were four entries. There was a query about 25 down where the clue was "Fine quality tea", the answer given was "Mocha" which would normally be a coffee. So, we have eliminated that answer for the sake of fairness. On that basis, there were three correct answers and the winner, drawn from the hat, was Janet Charlton who wins the £10 prize.

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Lanchester Parish Council Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on

Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 7.00pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 27 July – approved

Police Report – PCSO Andrew Tonge attended the meeting and presented the Police report for August. PCSO Tonge was thanked for attending an informal meeting with Councillors in September. The meeting was useful with a number of local matters discussed.

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

Warm Hubs project, improvements to steps to Oakwood from Durham Road, parking restrictions at schools, arranging PACT meetings with the Police, Consett swimming pool and resurfacing work at Ornsby Hill

Correspondence

Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments – 5 year appointing period for external auditor

Churches Together – permission was given to use the Village Green for a Commemoration Service, date to be confirmed
Beamish Football Club – permission was given to use the football field at Kitswell Park for girls under 12 and under 15 football teams

Warm hubs - Reverend Lesley Sutherland attended the meeting to share information on the approach of Churches Together. The aim is to offer a warm community room on a rolling basis across the week with drinks, snacks, and a welcoming atmosphere. It is important that there is a coordinated approach. A funding package will need to be agreed.

Surface of Lanchester Valley Walk – it was agreed to ask the County Council how the Valley Walk is maintained and what material is used

Disabled parking bay on Front Street – It was agreed to ask the County Council to repaint the faded road markings
Gate between Ashdown Grove and the bike track - Councillors discussed the gate at the bottom corner of Ashdown Grove which enters the football field and bike track. It was agreed that a site visit is undertaken to ascertain whether the gate is on Parish Council leased land.

Manor Grange Play Area - the launch event had taken place on 30 July at 11am. The well attended event included a short speech, cutting of the ribbon, photographs, and sweets for the children. A site meeting had been held with the play company and the County Council. Some reinstatement works were agreed which will be undertaken in October. The seat on the pavement in front of the play area will be replaced by the County Council. The remaining 20% payment for the works was authorised.

Allotments – Durham Road - a visit to the allotments behind Durham Road had taken place in August. The allotments had been in good order and the visit enjoyed.

Car Parking – Hurbuck Cottages - a site visit is to be undertaken to consider the parking problems

Christmas Light Switch On Event - Councillors considered and agreed the arrangements for the event

General Data Protection Regulations – a number of policies and procedures were approved

Annual Return 2021/22 - External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern. The Annual Return was approved and accepted
Financial report - approved

Accounts for Payment – approved

Lanchester Parish Council Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on

Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 7.00pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting and Planning Meeting 28 September – approved

Northumbrian Water Ltd – a representative from Northumbrian Water attended the meeting and provided an update on several issues. Councillors raised a number of matters for discussion.
Durham County Councillors – An update was received on issues including:

Durham Road – ramp to replace steps into estate, parking restrictions at schools, Consett swimming pool, resurfacing work at Ornsby Hill and draft anti-social behaviour strategy

Correspondence

Durham County Council – Councillors were provided with information on the indicative tax base and Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme grant which will provide information for budget planning and precept setting.

Durham County Council – Road Traffic Order – Parking Restrictions - Councillors considered the order which would introduce additional parking restrictions around several key areas in the village. Councillors accepted the plans but acknowledged that this was a difficult situation which would require monitoring and enforcement.

Gate between Ashdown Grove and the bike track - A site visit has confirmed that the gate and portion of fence is on Parish Council leased land. The Parish Council agreed that the gate could remain but that it needed to remain unlocked and accessible.

Warm hubs –The Area Action Partnership (AAP) are holding a meeting on 12 October to discuss Warm Hubs across the Mid Durham AAP area. It is expected that the meeting may offer clarification and provide information on funding opportunities. The meeting will include attendance by representatives from community buildings interested in being involved. Some Lanchester Parish Councillors will attend the meeting. There will need to be a joined up approach from the community buildings to deliver a Warm Hub project in Lanchester. A meeting in Lanchester is planned. It was agreed that Councillors report back to a future Parish Council meeting.

Disabled access to the village shops - Councillors discussed the difficulties in crossing the roads and accessing shops in the village. It was agreed that the County Council are asked for advice on the matter

Jubilee Tree - Councillors agreed the price for a Jubilee Tree and official plaque. A funding application will be submitted to the Area Action Partnership.

Christmas Light Switch On Event - It was agreed to ask Councillor Ossie Johnson to switch on the lights.

Lanchester Solar Planet Walk - The notes from the working group meeting on 20 September were approved. Councillors considered and agreed a draft budget for the project. It was agreed that due to uncertainty on future prices the contingency element of the budget be increased. A project proposal form will be submitted to the Area Action Partnership for consideration of funding. In addition, a request to use S106 monies from the County Council will be progressed. A contribution from Lanchester Parish Council was agreed.

Lanchester in Bloom - Councillors considered the increased flower displays in the village organised by businesses in the village and the positive response of the community. Future provision, development, and funding to be discussed further by the Parish Council.

Financial report - approved

Accounts for Payment – approved

Position of Clerk - The process and timescale to progress the recruitment of a clerk was discussed

Cricket News

Senior Cricket

The final Saturday of the season was washed out, so all that was left to do was to hand out the awards. The first team finished ninth out of twelve teams and overseas player Pasindu Madushan finished second in the league bowling, finishing with 51 league wickets at an average of 12.1. The seconds finished fifth, only a handful of points behind the two teams above, with a very youthful side. Dan Scott took most wickets in the Division in his first full season bowling leg spin. The thirds finished runners up while the fourths finished fourth, after being thwarted in their promotion push by rain in their final two games.

Senior Cricket

First Team

Batting- Graham Brinton
Bowling and Fielding- Kieron Taylor

Player of the Year not awarded

Second Team

Batting- Ethan Connolly
Bowling- Dan Scott
Fielding- Ben Rayner

Player of the Year- Dan Scott

Third Team

Batting- Toby Somersall
Bowling- Mae Deaville
Fielding- Jack Ledger

Player of the Year- Mae Deaville

Junior Cricket

Under 18s

Batting- Josh Cottom
Bowling- Jack Morris
Fielding- Jack Ledger

Player of the Year- Josh Cottom

Under 15s

Batting- Ethan Connolly
Bowling- Joe Malone
Fielding- Ethan Connolly

Player of the Year- Ethan Connolly

Under 13s

Batting- Daniel Finlay
Bowling- Michael Oxley
Fielding- Harrison McCourt

Player of the Year- Joe Malone

The Repair Shop

On Saturday October 1st a rather unusual event took place. It was advertised as 'The Repair Shop' and it was all about repairing, re-using, and recycling small electrical goods. This is an initiative of Durham County Council to encourage people to recycle electrical goods, with a view to making less waste, which in turn is so much better for the environment. We all have a responsibility for that.

The initiative was set up in 2020 but of course Covid and lockdown, like so many other things, greatly affected the project. It is now once again in full swing and two members of Durham County Council, Emily and Kieran, together with Mark, an electrician and PAT tester (all pictured below), arrived at the Chapter House of All Saints Parish Church ready for business on October 1st. Mark did an excellent job on the items brought. People had been asked to bring any small electrical items which needed repair. Enough people attended to make it worthwhile for the visitors and Mark was very enthusiastic about the items people brought. In most cases he was able to identify the problem and put it right. One or two larger items, such as hoovers and printers he could not put right immediately and so he took them away to be returned at a later date.

These 'Repair Shops' organised by Durham County Council are held as a way of highlighting the fact that electrical items can be recycled and sessions like this are being held in many different places and venues. Perhaps we have not realised how valuable recycling electricals can be, e.g., recycling one old toaster will create enough steel to make 25 new cans.

If you wish to know more about recycling electrical items look on the website of our local council to find out what you can recycle and where.

Some shops offer a 'take back' service allowing you to return your used electrical items for recycling when you buy new ones.

It was a very interesting morning and light refreshments were served for a donation to church funds.

Brenda Craddock



Repair shop. L-r Emily, Kieran and Mark.

Football focus

As we return to local football this time, we take a look at the past and recent successes of All Saints' football team.

Last academic year I mentioned the successful start the boys team had made in the Bishop Cunningham Cup. Well All Saints' were able to win the cup competition for the first time in their school's history which is a great accomplishment. The team drew the first game 1-1 and were able to win the competition through a 2-1 win that guaranteed they lifted the trophy.

This year All Saints' have also started successfully in their league campaign. The boys team this year have won 3 out of 4 of their games. A great record so far! The team has scored a combined total of 7 goals and only conceded 2 goals so far this season. All Saints' boys team won their first game 4-1 but unfortunately were defeated narrowly 1-0 in their second league game. The last time the boys played was the 28th of September and they won in both the games they played through a 1-0 and a 2-0 victory. They are keenly anticipating more fixtures to partake in and are aiming to continue their great run of form.

All Saints' also have a girls football team who have, similarly to the boys team, started successfully in their league. The girls team are currently unbeaten, a record which they hope to uphold for the rest of the season. The girls team started playing in late September and have won two games and drew a 0-0 game. The wins came through a 4-0 and a 4-1 victory. Both teams have been entered into Catholic Cup football competitions which they will participate in closer to Christmas and hopefully emulate their league form. It is very much exciting times for local football with the school doing extremely well in their football competitions.

Matthew Walker

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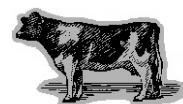


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Dennis Laycock with the local MP Richard Holden (above top)
L-R Dennis Laycock, James Gray, Dougal Reed and Jo Cunliffe.(above)

Busy end to tennis season

The grass court season at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club closed on Sunday 2nd October, with sunshine, cake, and good tennis.

It has been a busy end to the year with a raffle, matches, sausage sizzle and a visit from our local MP Richard Holden and County Councillor Douglas Oliver, all taking place in the last few weeks.

The men's and mixed doubles finals are to finish, but ladies doubles champions, Michelle Ridley and Margaret Coates, received their trophies at the last session. The men's singles final coincided with the visit of MP, Richard Holden and Councillor Oliver and they were treated to a fast and furious contest between James Gray and Dougal Reed, with James prevailing 2 – 0 in sets. The visit was in recognition of the lifetime achievement awards presented to Secretary, Dennis Laycock, earlier in the year. Viv Wilson, LTA National Councillor and Jo Cunliffe, LTA workforce coordinator were also in attendance.

The "sausage sizzle" was held on the final outdoor coaching session. Thank you to the ladies for providing a mountain of sausages for players and parents to enjoy.

With regard to the raffle, the club would like to thank the following village businesses: Ravello's, Hanley's, Lanchester Pharmacy, Lanchester Hardware, Lanchester News, Lilydale Pet Supplies and the Community Centre for their kind donations. The club is also grateful to Helen McDougal for providing the star prize of a Babolat racket bag, towel and balls which was won by Margaret Coates.

The union flag, which had been flying half mast to mark the passing of Her Majesty - a sombre moment, and at full mast for our new King, was lowered on the final day.

As always, if you want any information about the club, please contact Dennis on 07960494442

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or alternatively follow us on Facebook or check out the club website.

Remembrance

It is 40 years this year since the Falklands Campaign and we will commemorate it with several displays around the village in early November, including one at the grave of Stewart Ian Laing, at Kitswell Road Cemetery. Stewart was the only person from Lanchester who died during the Falklands Campaign. Robert William Tonks is another of the Commonwealth War Graves at Kitswell Road Cemetery. Corporal Robert William Tonks was serving with the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve when he died in 1945. Robert was born in 1918 in Lanchester and was the son of Ralph Henry and Elizabeth. He had a half-brother and half-sister and two further brothers and one sister. In September 1939 the family were living at Victoria Terrace. Robert died at Hollywood Hall Sanatorium on April 3rd 1945. The inscription added to his headstone reads, **"He Made The Supreme Sacrifice"**.

All the brave soldiers, including these two, will be remembered as always at the Remembrance service on the Village Green on Sunday 13th November starting at 10.45am.

Eric Hepplewhite



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Lanchester Partnership Fun Run

The Lanchester Partnership family fun run took place again this year on Sunday 25th September.

As always, Burnhopeside Hall made the event extremely welcome and the generosity and accommodating attitude of Christine and Philip really helped to make this event special again.

This event is a brilliant opportunity to explore the grounds of Burnhopeside Hall. Family members of all ages seem to really enjoy themselves.

We had approximately 100 runners take part this year across the 2.5 K course. The course is open for two hours and runners can complete as many laps as they want within that time. After a brief warm up runners took off around the course and before we knew it our first finisher was back! Linnea Eriksson was the first finisher this time - well done Linnea!

Being graced with great weather was a bonus but the main success of the event should be credited to the hard work and dedication of the many willing and cheerful volunteers.

Thank you to you all! The Lanchester Partnership

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