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Lanchester commemorates the life of Queen Elizabeth II



United we stand

News of the death of Queen Elizabeth on Thursday September 8th shocked our nation and set in motion a tremendous outpouring of love from the people of our country. Our late Queen was exemplary for her seventy years of selfless duty and dedication to our country. It was very moving to see the thousands (millions even) of people who filed past her coffin in Westminster Hall.

She had an indomitable spirit which could not be surpassed and devoted herself to our nation and Commonwealth countries. She was a family person who showed them the same love and devotion and was a constant source of support for them. She certainly fulfilled all the promises and vows she made at her coronation, and she always made it clear that her Christian faith was what sustained her throughout her life. She practised that faith in her daily life and in the governing of this country and the Commonwealth and often spoke of the trust and faith she had in God our Father. She was of course the Head of the Church of England and because of this every Church of England church in this country had to have a Commemorative Service for our late Queen Elizabeth II.

Reverend Lesley Sutherland, who is the priest in charge of All Saints Parish Church, arranged such a service on Thursday September 15th to which members of all three of our village churches were invited. Reverend Lesley was assisted by Reverend Stephen Martin, assistant curate, and Reverend Abbey Hughes who is currently on the staff of the church.

There was a good sized congregation, all with a common bond of wanting to express their profound gratitude and admiration for the wonderful way Queen Elizabeth has governed our country and



served us all with such warmth and integrity for an incredible 70 years. During the service we heard readings from the Bible and the Queen's Christmas Broadcasts in 1981 and 1993. Some words by the poet Philip Larkin were also read.

'In times when nothing stood
But worsened or grew strange
There was one constant good
She did not change'

Four hymns were sung, two were very familiar namely 'The Lord's my Shepherd' and 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'. The other two hymns have been written especially with the Queen in mind and were sung to familiar tunes. The words were absolutely apt for the occasion.

It was a very dignified service and the solemnity and pathos of the occasion touched everyone's heart. As the congregation left church, they felt comforted and more accepting of the death of a beloved Queen. The service ended with the singing of the national anthem for our new King Charles III. A new era has already begun but that of our late Queen will never be forgotten.

'Rest in peace your Majesty and rise in glory'

Brenda Craddock

Front cover photos:

All Saints Parish Church, photographed by Stephen Pattison

Matthew Hill ringing the bell at the Catholic Church

Tribute on the memorial cross

Parish church ready for the service of commemoration

Service being live streamed at the Methodist Church

First winner of Ann Suddes Memorial Cup

A gleaming new trophy was on display when Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club staged their latest rally on Sunday, August 21.

The Ann Suddes Memorial Cup was provided by her son Peter to honour his mother – who was a keen supporter of the club. Around 25 members on board their tractors left Peter's farm off Newbiggin Lane for a 30 mile run. Before setting off the

cup – which will be presented annually – was handed over to Jonathan Rippon, deemed to have the best turned out tractor. "The competition is not judged on fancy decorations, it is awarded for the best tractor in its work clothes," explained Peter.

He added "My mother loved to see the tractors and would provide refreshments for the members before we set off on rallies. We thought it was fitting to have a trophy in her name." The club raises money for both the North East Air Ambulance and Willowburn Hospice and usually stages four rallies annually.



*Jonathan Rippon (l) being presented with the Ann Suddes Memorial Cup by Peter Suddes (r).
The tractor is a 1951 David Brown Cropmaster*

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2nd Book Sale for DEC Ukraine 27-8-22

On Saturday August 27th the pews in All Saints Parish Church were all full, not with people I hasten to add, but with a wonderful selection of books. This was the second book sale held in the church for Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Ukraine Appeal, the first having taken place on April 9th when thousands of books were on sale and a grand total of £1,552 was raised. There were still hundreds of books left however and it was decided to hold another sale at the end of August. This was duly organised by the church fundraising team with Margaret Walters at the helm and once again it proved a big success with a final total of £937. All the remaining books at the end of the sale were collected by the North East Air Ambulance charity. The second sale was a little different in that Lanchester Art Group contributed some beautiful paintings to sell. In addition to these, in the chancel of the church there was a special display of paintings by Viktoria Rysnyanskaya. She is a Ukrainian artist who is currently living in Sacriston with her young son, having left the Ukraine when the Russian invasion began. Her paintings were also a joy to behold and at her suggestion an acceptable price for their purchase would be between £50 and £100. All the proceeds from the sale of her work will go to DEC Ukraine. It was such a special thing to have a Ukrainian person actually involved with this fundraising event. Also adding to the convivial atmosphere were 'Kiddars Luck' a talented trio of folk musicians who in their words play 'canny songs' and 'bonny

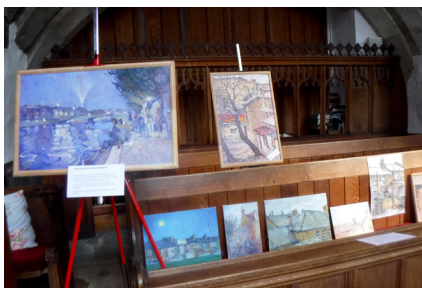
tunes'. Their latest CD is named 'Where the Red Kites Fly'. They were certainly very talented and their background of feet tapping music contributed to the success of the occasion.

Another feature of the sale was an exquisite print of the 'Celebration of the Magna Carta' painted by the super talented Judith Hurst. She had kindly donated it for the raffle, and this single raffle prize proved to be a big success, contributing greatly to the amount of money raised. Thank you, Judith. Refreshments were available giving people the opportunity to have a break from browsing and chat about their purchases. It really was a very enjoyable and worthwhile morning.

Brenda Craddock



Left: Viktoria's paintings
Top: The 'Kiddars Luck' trio in action.
Middle: Lanchester Art Group Display
Bottom: Enjoying a coffee break



Summer Special

On Tuesday 23rd August, over 30 children gathered together in Lanchester Methodist Church, for the first in-person Church Summer Special since Covid struck!

It was a truly awesome week, with wonderfully enthusiastic children and a fantastic team of helpers. This year, the children were led by Ringmaster Claire Earl with Grumpy (Stuart Earl) by her side. All of the children, aged between 4 and 11, had loads of fun singing, dancing, creating crafts and practising their circus skills.

The week ended with a special celebration service on Sunday 28th August, where the children showed parents, grandparents, friends and family a snapshot of what they had got up to. Some parents were even lucky enough to take on some of the challenges! Before the week ended, the children were already asking what next year's theme would be and, though that may still be top secret, we do advise you to keep August 29th-September 2nd free!

Amy Bell



Above left: Ringmaster, Claire Earl
Above right: Grumpy (Stuart Earl)
Right: children at the Summer Special

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Lanchester Local History Society

Report from AGM

At the AGM of the History Society things looked good for it surviving for the village. We are able now to plan into the new year and have events booked into January 2023. For the rest of the evening John Gall, our President, entertained us with his memories of locals from the village and told us about a wealth of documented evidence related to the wider Lanchester area. In his usual style he led us through land and time bringing the past to life for everyone at the meeting.

Future programme

October 7th 2022

Margaret Hedley will be talking about The Thomas Kenny VC Story.

November 4th 2022

George Nairn will be sharing with us his Tyne to Tweed talk illustrated through his postcard collection. His talk on the Wear from source to the sea was one of the last talks in our 2019 calendar.

December 2nd 2022

As this is close to the festive season, we propose to have our usual light relief session and think a "who or what am I" session. Have no fear you won't have to do preparation (you let me know you want to get involved). I will prepare some cards about people and places which the audience will have to ask questions about until they work it out. You will have played the game at some time in the past however this has the twist that you know the place or person and the others have to work it out. Light refreshments will be provided.

January 6th 2023

Show and Tell. This has always gone down well. All that we ask is you bring an object from home and hope nobody else knows much about it. It could be a book or a tool or implement with some history about it. However, don't be put off if you think everyone will know all about it as that has, in the past, led to some great discussions about the history of the item.

Meetings are held in Room 3 Lanchester Community Centre 7.00 prompt start.

Ukrainian Independence Day

On 24th August it was Independence Day in Ukraine. Some of the Ukrainians staying with sponsors in Lanchester celebrated in Wharton Park. Independence Day has more significance for them this year.



Above right: the full Ukrainian group at Wharton Park.
Left: from l-r Maria and Oksana Glamazda (daughter and mother) Maksym Pavlyuk (son of Oksana) Oksana Pavlyuk. All currently staying in Lanchester.

Deliverer needed for the Village Voice

The Village Voice has a vacancy for a new deliverer starting right away. People of a considerate and kind nature will be considered but it is essential you do not have any previous convictions of cruelty against the elderly or animals as I am an OAP dog walker.

The round consists of 70 papers delivered to Durham Road, which is considered to be the Broadway of Lanchester, with fine views in all directions once the rain clears and the traffic dies down.

Applicants can contact me on 520291 so good luck to all who apply.

Mike Stoddart

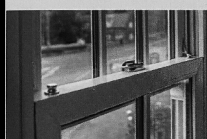


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York Christmas shopping Trip

For three years before Lockdown, I set up a trip to York on the last Sunday in November or the first in December. The trip has its origins in the Lady Lions i.e., the wives of the men who were members of 'Lanchester Lions'. Our group belonged to the 'International Association of Lions Clubs' which is a non-political organisation founded in 1916 in Chicago by William Perry Woods. In 1917 a businessman, Melvin Jones, believing that businesses should reach out and address the betterment of their communities, formally took over as secretary of the clubs and 'Lions Clubs International' was born. Promoting good citizenship and service to communities was high on its list of priorities, and this was most certainly true of our own Lanchester Lions Club, and they were very well respected. They were a real power force for good in the village and took every opportunity to promote the community spirit in Lanchester. It was very sad when they had to disband.

Elderly people particularly benefited at Christmas when the Lions put on a Christmas dinner for them with entertainment. Nothing was too much trouble for the Lions whose international motto was 'We Serve' and if they heard of anyone in need of any kind, they would be the first people to help. We now have The Lanchester Partnership of course and Churches Together who do sterling work in our community. We are so fortunate that over many years there have been such selfless people working for our good. Our Lanchester Lion's Wives always organised a Christmas Shopping trip to York which was very popular and when the Lions Club ceased to exist, many people missed those trips.

The bus was always full, and the sense of camaraderie was unsurpassed. Happy memories! I was one of the people who missed it and so in 2016 I decided to try and revive it. I soon had a long list of names and for four years a full bus set off each year to do some Christmas shopping in York. Then of course came Covid which resulted in two years of no trip but this year, Christmas 2022, I think it is safe to venture to York again on December 3rd. We usually set off at 8.45 am and return to the bus at 7.00pm after something to eat in York.

I already have a list of interested people and if you would like to be part of that list or have any queries, please could you contact me on 01207 520749. It could be the start of Christmas.

Brenda



Top: Evening meal in York 2019
Above middle: Arriving in York 2019
Above bottom: Ready to shop 2019
Left: I love Shopping, me! Brenda

Wildlife Notes

As autumn develops you'll be asked to "check below your bonfire for hedgehogs". If you are planning a bonfire, why not make two piles of sticks and leaves? One to help hoggies to hibernate and the other for you to enjoy on bonfire night? Don't be too tidy in your garden, leave some leaves! Make a pile in a quiet corner outside somewhere, a pile of sticks or logs is good too.

We've had a summer of record temperatures and drought conditions. Wildlife will have struggled; hedgehogs will have found it difficult to find food and have to travel to find water. You can help them fatten up in readiness for hibernation by putting dog or cat food down for them (if using dried food you must supply water!). www.hedgehogstreet.org is a useful site and has suggestions on creating a cat proof hog feeding station.

Fewer British mammals hibernate than you may think. Some animals rely on 'torpor', others have to tough it out. In the UK only hedgehogs, dormice and bats hibernate. 'Torpor' isn't becoming a winter couch slouch, but a state of reduced physical and mental activity. If you are cold blooded (like our reptiles and amphibians) you need to find a spot you won't freeze and can safely become dormant. More about all this next month

Meanwhile, we all hope for a warm winter, with lower bills. The warmth we crave hinders our hibernators! They rely on the chill to prevent them breaking their hibernation and then not being able to find enough food or cope with a cold snap.

As you drive through the darkening nights with your dazzling headlights, watch out. Enjoy the traditions of Halloween and Guy Fawkes, but nurture nature too.

Lanchester Wildlife Group



Pedal power builds awareness and cash for Willow Burn Hospice and North East Homeless

This September, staff from Consett based Amethyst Homes, Dysart and Absolute Civil Engineering completed a 160 mile coast to castle challenge from Tynemouth to Edinburgh, spending 14 hours in the saddle over three days to raise funds for Willow Burn Hospice and North East Homeless.

Pictured below: Richard Bass (53), Paula Spoor (43), Mike Clark (62), Samantha Deugo (37) and Richard and Joanne Emmerson (54) and (54), have raised over £4,000 which will be split between the two charities.

Rachel Todd, Head of Fundraising and Marketing at Willow Burn Hospice, said: "We are thrilled that Amethyst Homes, Dysart Developments and Absolute Civil Engineering have taken on this challenge to help raise funds for the hospice. The money raised will be used for our Children's Bereavement Service which offers much needed one-to-one counselling to support children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing grief, loss and bereavement."



On Sale Now - Willow Burn Christmas Cards

Willow Burn Christmas Cards (pictured right) are now on sale at the hospice and in the shops in Chester-le-Street, Consett and Stanley. Last year the cards raised over £3200 for hospice care, funding over two full days of care in the Helen McArdle In-Patient Wing. Cards are also available to view and purchase on the website at: <https://willow-burn.co.uk/shops/christmas-cards-and-diaries>. They are being sold for £3 per pack of 10 cards.

Events

Chairman's Dinner at Finbarr's Restaurant

Location: Finbarr's Restaurant, Aykley Heads House, Aykley Heads, Durham DH1 5TS

When: Monday 17 October 2022

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm

£50 per person

Join Willow Burn's Chairman, Paul Jackson, for an evening of fine dining in aid of the hospice at Finbarr's Restaurant, Durham City. Guests can enjoy a three-course meal, with wine for each course and all proceeds go to Willow Burn Hospice.

With thanks to Barry O'Leary from Finbarr's for supporting this event.

Tickets can be purchased: <https://willowburnhospice.enthouse.com/FinbarrsWillowBurn#!/>

Mel does the Great North Run (Walk!) for Willow Burn

Now that the dust has settled and the sponsorship monies have been collected, it is time for me to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported me by sponsoring me, or sending kind wishes, for the Great North Run (or walk in my case!).

The support came from near and far – as far as South Wales (my family).

Friends from Nottingham, Lincolnshire and nearer to home Wolsingham, Lincolnshire, Consett and Medomsley, and most importantly family and friends in our village.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped raise the fantastic sum of £4,113 for Willow Burn Hospice. Very many thanks to all. Where and whenever possible, please continue to support our local hospice.

Once again, my sincere thanks to all.

Mel Somersall



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Lanchester WI September meeting

President Marie Murphy sent apologies for her absence, so the meeting was taken by Vice President Maisie who greeted the members. Marie had posted several pieces of news about meetings and matters which might be of interest to us. Durham Federation would be holding a display at Ushaw College Flower Fest and there was a 'Sing out for Wellbeing' on September 21st. A beginners' crochet course starts in September.

Members could check on any future events by phoning WI House. A 'Link Together to Alleviate Loneliness Campaign' has been published and there is a last chance to buy raffle tickets for the 2022 national raffle - please contact Lynne or Tracey for details.

We were reminded that there is a suggestion box available to receive your ideas of places to visit, or themes for speakers - drop your thoughts in to give the committee ideas of themes to pursue.

Jill and Mike Gladstone have recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, we wish them well and a card and bouquet have been delivered to them. We look forward to our coffee morning on Friday 7th October in the small hall, 10 until 12. We will be having a cake stall, a raffle, and an accessory stall. We have received quite a few donations, many thanks to those who have contributed. Anything further can be brought to the October meeting. We will be enjoying our birthday lunch on Monday 7th November at Beamish Hall Stables. The cost of our 3 course lunch is £32 which includes transport and tips.

Many thanks to Gwen and Jill for the prizes they donated, a third came from funds. Our raffle winners were Shirley Lamb, Ann Carr and Lynella Davison. Our winner of the fire safety tip poster was Jennifer Macdonald. We settled to hear our speaker Peter Weighill describe "Thirty years of Fire Service Humour".

In a presentation both amusing and informative, he outlined many aspects of the service, its history, items of uniform, its organisation and its customs. We were all fascinated by Peter's talk and he was warmly thanked by Tina.

Maisie Raine

Police Report

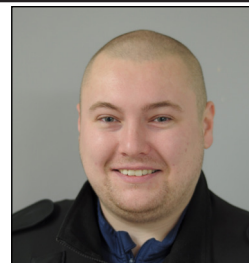
Hello, an update from PCSO 8722 Andrew Tonge from Consett Neighbourhood Police on what has been happening recently in and around Lanchester.

There has been an increasing number of anti-social behaviour reports, which has then escalated to harassment and assaults. We would urge people to be reporting these types of incidents, no matter how small you may feel it is, as it could assist other ongoing investigations. We have already identified a number of individuals we believe are involved and are currently dealing with these incidents.

With the schools starting back up recently, police presence will be increased at the schools within the village. However, we would appreciate the support of parents/carers who are doing the school run to be considerate with where they park and the manner in which they drive. The area is busy, and a reduced speed would help ensure the safety of everyone in the area. Regarding parking, please keep double yellow line and keep clear zones free of vehicles and avoid blocking driveways. We would encourage people to park further away from schools and walk a short distance, car share, or attend school clubs before and after. This helps ease congestion.

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.

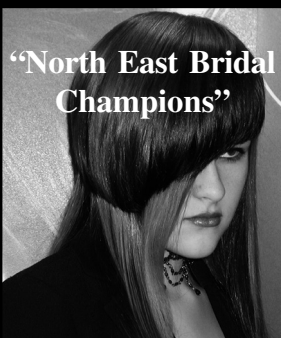


Acapella Group

Please join us on Monday October 3rd, 10:30 – 12:30, for what used to be our annual coffee morning concert, in Lanchester. We'll be singing in the lovely Chapter House of All Saints' Parish Church for the first time in three years, after meeting each week on Zoom, then on the football pitch (in competition with the lawn mowers) and then in a choir member's garden or under an open double garage roof, if it was raining. We've had an adventure and our singing on Monday 3rd October will be a celebration of what we've achieved, and the friendships we've formed, in the face of adversity. There'll be plenty of time for tea, coffee, cake, and chat too. We really do know how to make Monday mornings very special!

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Good day readers

As you will know by now, I am Poppy, a black Patterdale Terrier with more than a tinge of grey, who enjoys sharing with you walks I lead my Humans on.

Today's venture begins at Annfield Plain, from the park behind the Tesco store. It is a hidden gem, the park I mean, not Tesco. Unseen from the main road, many Lanchester residents may not have visited Annfield Plain Park. If not, they are missing a treat.

Parking is free adjacent to it and dogs are allowed to roam free. There are signs warning of penalties if Humans don't pick up our litter, but there are ample doggy bins so there are no excuses for the Humans, whose behaviour can sometimes give us dogs a bad name.

After passing between tennis courts and a bowling green we come to information boards which tells us that the park was

established in 1923. Hopefully the powers that be will have a celebration to mark its centenary next year.

We leave the park at the far end and cross a footbridge over the A693 Stanley to Consett road. From there we follow the path in the direction of a wind turbine. The path leads us through Greencroft industrial estate and past a small fishing lake.

We continue through woods until we come to the side of the A693 which we cross carefully opposite an attractive floral display around a barrel, and courtesy of Stanley Town Council. Passing the flowers on crossing the road we enter another wood and follow that back towards the park.

There are ample areas for dogs to explore but the path can be quite muddy at times.

After passing Annfield Plain football club ground on our left it is only a few minutes back to the park, where I can have another run around before heading home.

The walk takes about an hour and is well worth the short drive to Annfield Plain.



Lanchester
Medical Centre

Lanchester Medical Centre: Lanchester Patient Participation Group

Autumn COVID-19: Stay well, double your defences: get both vaccines. It could save your life.

COVID-19 has not gone away, and cases continue to rise, with over 17,000 people hospitalized in July this year. On average flu kills 8000 people in England each year. This autumn a joint vaccine of COVID-19 and flu will be offered to you. These vaccines provide strong protection against serious illness, hospitalization, and death. There is evidence that being vaccinated makes it less likely that you will pass the virus on to others, which means your decision to get the vaccine also protects those around you.

Forecast Winter Season 2022-23

The next peak of COVID-19 is anticipated late November 2022 with a subsequent peak in March 2023. This is likely to coincide with the increasing prevalence of flu. Therefore, there is a need to vaccinate people against both diseases as soon as possible. Whether contracting COVID-19 or flu, the impact of either or both presents a significant health risk for all of us, as well as system pressure for GPs, hospitals, and ambulance services.

Co-administration of COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine

The message from research shows that giving both vaccines together is safe, convenient, and effective. There are no safety concerns.

The Vaccine

In response to the continual evolving of the virus, SARS-CoV-2, an updated version of the vaccine made by Moderna that targets two coronavirus variants has been approved for an adult booster after it has been found to meet the UK regulator's standards of safety, quality, and effectiveness.

Vaccine fatigue is understandable; we have all attended for booster after booster, but successful delivery of the autumn campaign is fundamental to supporting NHS and adult social care resilience and protecting us all in the coming months.

Post Vaccination

After getting vaccinated, we will still need to remain COVID-19 aware by maintaining social distance, if required wearing a good fitting face mask, avoid poorly ventilated places, and as always wash/ disinfect your hands regularly.

Remember to stay at home if you are unwell and take a test. It will only be by us working together, and by playing our part to ensure that we are double vaccinated, will deaths be prevented. Each death is one death too many.

Ref: Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

NHS England Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory

Agency (MHRA) Challenges in response to Flu and Covid for 22/23

British Medical Journal (BMJ) 2021;375:n2411 Pub. 01/10/21 www.nhs.uk/flujab , www.nhs.uk/

Extended Autumn Eligibility- COVID & Flu

- Over 50yrs. in clinical risk group
- Pregnant women
- 5-49 yrs. Household contacts of someone in clinical high risk
- Carers 16-49 yrs.
- Residents & staff in adult care homes
- Frontline health & social care workers

Free flu vaccine will be offered to:

- All primary school children
- Children 2-3 yrs.

Once the most vulnerable have been offered

- Healthy adults 50-64 yrs.
- Secondary school children in years 7,8, and 9

Lanchester Medical Centre: Covid-19 and Flu campaign.

Dependent upon vaccine availability

- First Care Home residents
- Then weekly surgery clinics
- There must be 3 months since your last COVID-19 jab
- The surgery will contact you when you become eligible
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Ladies who lunch

Our choice of restaurant this month was the Beamish Park Hotel set in idyllic countryside and not too far to travel with petrol prices sky high at the moment!

We parked easily and received a warm welcome from the receptionist and staff. The restaurant itself is a lovely room with wraparound windows offering panoramic views.

We were greeted and taken to our table where the extensive and varied menus were handed out.

Four of our ladies opted for chicken katsu curry, sticky jasmine rice, crispy seaweed with chilli & spring onions. One of us however went for the coronation crab and prawn cocktail with lime, mango, and cashew nuts. The final choice was for the Aberdeen Angus beef burger topped with Monterey Jack cheese and smoked bacon in a brioche bun with lettuce, tomato and fries.

Puddings were chocolate, raspberry and hazelnut tart with raspberry sorbet; lemon drizzle cake with lemon meringue ice cream and raspberry coulis; mango and lime cheesecake; biscuit crumb & lime sorbet and Beamish sticky toffee pudding with butterscotch sauce & vanilla ice cream.

The food was excellent and nicely served leaving us all very impressed with the whole Beamish Park experience.

We will be back.

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Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

Our school ethos is all centred around the core Christian values of Love, Compassion, Trust, Hope and Justice and we aim for this ethos to be central to all activities in school life. Our fundraising throughout the year is no different and parents, and in fact the wider school community, are all so caring and supportive of all fundraising activities we have. We do try to vary the charities we support and choose ones that the children suggest too.

Throughout the school year, we have had 3 main fundraising activities and last year we raised money for the following charities:

UNICEF Appeal for Ukraine in February raised £2,573

Barnado's Toddle with Early Years in May raised £1,367

The Big Break Time for NSPCC in June raised £487

This academic year's fundraising has also got off to a great start as our new teacher, Mr Callum Anderson, ran the Great North Run for Henry Dancer Days. He has managed to raise £430 for this charity which of course remains very close to our hearts. Here he is, in front of the Henry Dancer Memorial Garden at the front of our school. We are hoping that the choir will be singing at Lanchester Garden Centre at Christmas time for Henry Dancer Days and I am sure that we will be able to support the charity in many other ways throughout the school year. Times are becoming increasingly tough for everyone but it is great to see that money is still being raised for such good causes.

Mrs Jane Davis

Head Teacher

Lanchester E.P. Primary School



Lanchester All Saints' School

It is always a privilege to welcome the children back to school after their summer holidays. While we all look to the summer break for rest and (hopefully) some relaxation, autumn brings us an opportunity for a fresh start and new challenges. There is often a hint of nervousness in the air alongside excitement upon the return to school, but it is always wonderful seeing the pupils in their new classrooms with their new teachers. This year, we also welcome new members of staff to our All Saints' family.

Our cohort of Reception children have settled in remarkably well, showing enthusiasm and excitement to learn new things already. One of our favourite jobs each year is allocating each Reception child with a Year Six buddy. Our oldest pupils ensure they do their bit to support our new starters at the beginning of their All Saints' school journey.

Everyone looks forward to our welcome liturgy, led by Year Six, which is an opportunity for the whole school and the families of those in Reception and Year Six to come together to celebrate our new starters' first month in school.

This year we have especially loved welcoming in our very first cohort of Nursery pupils to All Saints'. It has been remarkable to see our youngest children wearing their jade uniform proudly. We have been enormously impressed by how well they have settled into life here and we cannot wait to witness their development through the years.

Each September, we waste no time in getting down to learning and already the year has started off with some fantastic pieces of work, including: seasonal changes in Year One, online safety in Year Two, Stone Age to Iron Age in Year Three, Romans in Year Four, learning the tenor horn in Year Five, and swimming in Year Six.

We look forward to seeing what the academic year of 2022 - 2023 brings!



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Library Book Club

On Monday October 31st at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing *Sisterland* by Curtis Sittenfeld, a previous Sunday Times bestseller. 'A work of psychological genius' (Observer). 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 October 20th from 4-5pm, the group will be reviewing *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. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

Knit and Natter The first Thursday in October is the 6th 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. DID YOU KNOW, the library can photocopy what you require from A4 to A3, and if you need to enlarge or reduce your images, they can also do that for you.

Lanchester Local History Society

October meeting of Lanchester Local History Society will be on Friday October 7th at 7.00 in room 3 in the Community Centre. Our speaker will be Margaret Headley from Wheatley Hill History Club speaking on The Thomas Kenny VC Story.

The Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

The next meetings of the Friends of Longovicium will be in the Community Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th October and 7.30pm on Thursday 24th November. The latter 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

3 Sep - Kristen Knight
1st Oct - Mark Carter
8th Oct - Phil Sansom
15th Oct - Penny Harris
22nd Oct - John Mac
29 Oct - McKenzie
All acts may be subject to change at short notice.

Paradiso Film club

The Paradiso Club meets monthly in Lanchester Community Centre on a Sunday evening (usually the 2nd Sunday of the month) from October to May. Each evening starting at 7pm there is a half hour "social" with a glass of wine and some nibbles, followed by a film at 7.30pm.

Membership is £5.00 a year. Each evening costs members £2.50 and non-members £3.50. Everyone is welcome. Programme:
Oct. - *The World's Fastest Indian*
Nov. - *The Dressmaker*
Dec. - *A boy called Christmas*
Jan. - *Belfast*

Cuppa and Company lunch club

The next meeting of the Cuppa and Company lunch club will be 12pm on Tuesday 11th October Lynwood House. All welcome. Any questions please contact Jackie on 07908 838452.

York Christmas Trip

The York Christmas shopping trip is back! Saturday December 3rd. Ring Brenda Craddock (01207 520749) if interested. Cost of bus ticket no more than £14.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 26th October in the Community Centre main hall at 2pm. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

Lanchester Wildlife Group

The next meeting of the Lanchester Wildlife Group will be on 11th October at 7.30pm in the Community Centre small hall. "Newts of the North: DWT's work to help support great

crested newts across the region." Led by Kirsty Pollard, Naturally Native Project Manager, Durham Wildlife Trust.

Musical Memories

Music can improve your brain activity, wellbeing, and mood. Musical Memories is a fun, friendly and stimulating music group. First Wednesday of each month. 2pm - 3.30pm Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester
Oct 5th
Nov 2nd
Dec 7th Christmas party
We welcome people living with conditions that affect memory.

Lanchester WI

Lanchester WI invite you to our AGM on Monday October 3rd. Please remember that the balance of our birthday meal at Beamish is due at tonight's meeting.

Lanchester Choral Society

4th November 7.15 pm
Lanchester Methodist Church
Lanchester Choral Society 50th Anniversary Concert
Handel's Messiah Part 1 (Christmas)
Vivaldi Gloria
Tickets available from any member in October.

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 10.30 pm. If you sing, play an instrument, or wish to listen, come along, and join us!
Ian Tute (07889 037102)

Sponsored dog walk in aid of "Dogs for Good" (Assistance Dogs UK)

Many of you will have met Benny & Chelsea out walking with myself & Adrian around the village and on the line. Sadly, Benny died last month. We are holding a sponsored dog walk on Sat 1st October, at Derwent reservoir, in memory of Benny, and to raise funds for the charity "Dogs for Good" who trained both Benny and Chelsea to be

my assistance dogs.

If you would like to join the walk, sponsor Chelsea, or help with the marshalling we would be delighted to hear from you.
Adrian & Margaret Armstrong.
01207 528990.

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.

October 1st Saving Lives at Sea

October 8th Christian Aid

October 15th Lanchester

Male Voice Choir

October 22nd Churches

Together prayer cards

October 29th Lanchester

Band

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 take place in the main hall of the Community Centre on October 20th at 1.30pm. Our speakers will be Kate Laurie and Lesley Anderson telling us all 'How to costume a play'.

Lanchester Art Group Exhibition

Celebrating 40 years, Lanchester Art Group's Exhibition is back and will be held in the Community Centre on Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd October. 10am till 5pm both days. Admission £1. Scrummy refreshments and lots of pictures to view and buy. (Card payment available). Thanks to County Durham Foundation for supporting this exhibition with funding from the Community Grants Funding programme.




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Community Centre News

Here is the latest news from your Community Centre.

In these very challenging times that we are living through at the moment it is really important to look after yourself both physically and mentally. The Community Centre offers a wide variety of activities that you can engage in. There are 27 different groups that meet at the Centre; the group activities range from keeping fit and active, learning new arts and crafts or joining with others discussing and learning about various interesting topics.

There is something for everyone here and all ages are catered for.

In addition to all of the different groups available our gym is a great facility for de-stressing and keeping fit.

Going out and joining in an activity makes a huge positive difference to our mental health; some activities help our physical health too so why not come along and speak with our helpful staff about the different groups and what they have to offer.

Coming Soon to your Community Centre

Junior Halloween Party - 30th Oct - 2.30pm - tickets available soon.

Christmas Fayre - Nov 5th - 9.30am - 1.00pm

Fun Dog Show - Nov 20th - 2.30pm

What's New at the Centre

Have you noticed our lovely new windows in Hall 2? Installed thanks to a grant we received. The office is staffed 9am-3pm and 4.30pm-6.30pm 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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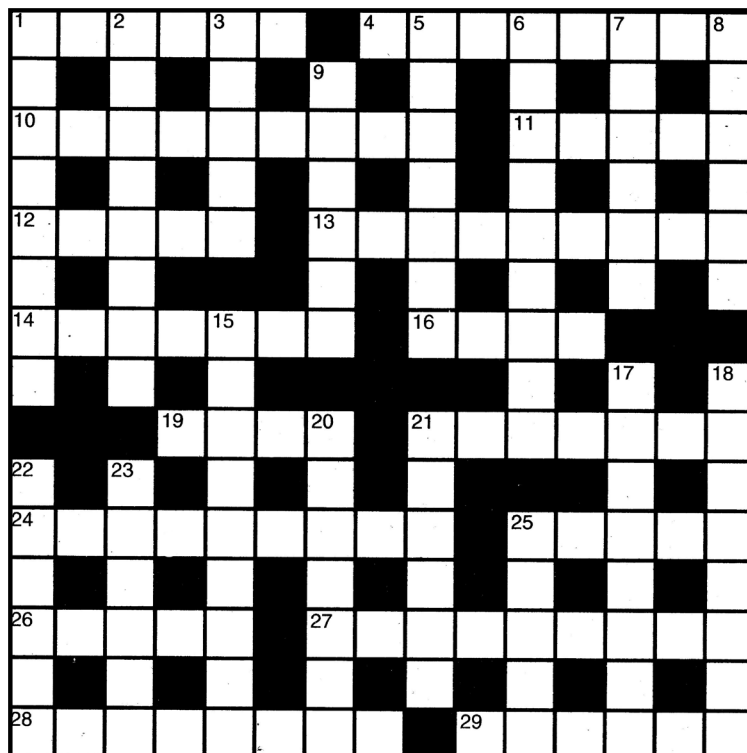
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CLUES CROSSWORD 177



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- 1 Overlooked (6)
- 4 Peace lover (8)
- 10 Lessor (9)
- 11 Home of the Derby (5)
- 12 Supreme being believer (5)
- 13 The Caspian for example (6,3)
- 14 Be made up of (7)
- 16 Blister (4)
- 19 Essence (4)
- 21 Someone who mocked the cultural norms in the early 1900s (7)
- 24 Radical (9)
- 25 Irish county (5)
- 26 ----- Trump (5)
- 27 One who enjoys pain (9)
- 28 Gift (8)
- 29 Mobile computer (6)

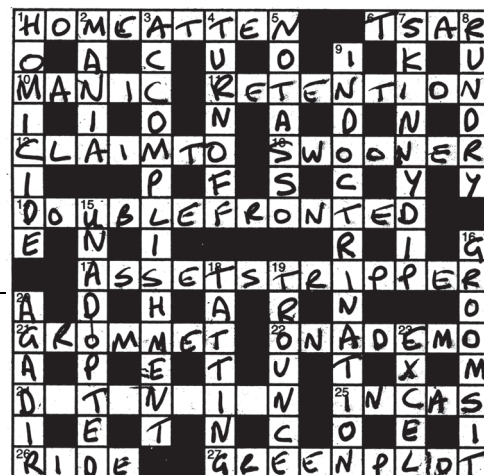
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- 1 CIA model produces wind instrument (8)
- 2 Acutely aware (8)
- 3 German torpedo vessel (1-4)
- 5 Type of artificial fibre (7)
- 6 Frozen conk (4,5)
- 7 Stand firm (6)
- 8 Feline male (6)
- 9 Join up (6)
- 15 Wanderer (9)
- 17 Matrimonial lawbreaker (8)
- 18 Peaked (2,3,3)
- 20 Cut down to size (7)
- 21 Loathe (6)
- 22 Part of the eye (6)
- 23 Sea passage (6)
- 25 Fine quality tea (5)

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Winner of Crossword 176

There were only four entries for this and the winner, pulled from the hat, is **Kathleen Bell**.

There were a couple of problems with the crossword this month, which probably explains the low number of entries. The main problem was 24 across, where the answer was detonation which has ten letters, but there were only nine spaces. For the purposes of marking the entries, this clue was ignored.

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Lanchester Cricket Club history – help needed!

As previously reported, I am researching the history of Lanchester Cricket Club and could do with help identifying the two people in the photographs: the male cricketer (below) from 1975/76 and the young, seated player (right) from 1981.

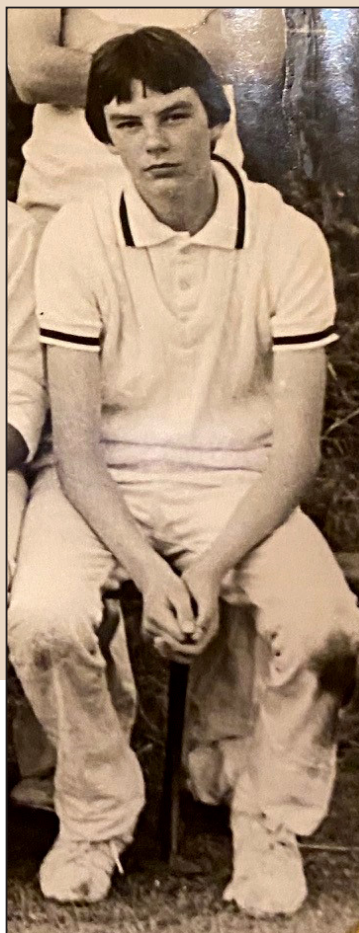
I am also looking for help getting the following team photographs:

From 1987 or 1988: the under 18 team

1989: the under 13 team

1991: under 18, under 15 and under 13 teams.

If you can help, please email me, Andrew McConnell (AnJsine89@mail.com) Andrew McConnell



Season's End at Bowling Club

The season is over and it's time to count the successes. It's fair to say we did not start the season with a lot of expectation. We, along with many organisations, had a drop off in interest in the pandemic years and went through 2021 with a reduced membership. However, 2022 has proved in many ways to be very encouraging. Some members who were missing last year have returned and new members have joined. Some of these are experienced bowlers who have enhanced our playing strength and others were new to the game but are advancing rapidly.

We were almost surprised to reach the final of the Tom Burleigh knock out competition winning a hard-fought match against South Moor. Going down in a close match with Leadgate was no disgrace and credit to the players who soldiered on in atrocious conditions. We also did not expect to do particularly well on Wednesday afternoons, however we finished in second place and have gained promotion.

The club competitions finals weekend was well attended despite not being the best weather. The new Club Champion is Paul Hammond Jnr who defeated Nigel Page in the final. However, Paul did go down in the handicap to Bruce Fox; John Vickery took the three woods defeating Christine Monaghan, the two woods went to Adrian Evans who beat Albert Spencer. However, Albert did have success in the pairs partnered by Robert Cuthbertson, their opponents were Stuart Lee and David Friesner. Robert had double success as he took the Frank Tonks Trophy defeating Paul's father who is also called Paul.

I will sign off with this report. Hopefully a new writer will be back in the spring to tell you what is going on at Lanchester Bowling Club. Paul Monaghan



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Cricket News

Senior Cricket

The reporting period started with a win over Willington that ensured that the team were safe from relegation. They bowled Willington out for 230 with Pasindu taking five wickets. In reply, the innings was cut short by rain, but the side were miles ahead on Duckworth Lewis, thanks to an unbeaten maiden century for Luke McCabe supported by an unbeaten 44 for Pasindu. Luke looked as though he would be stranded on 98, but when the opposition realised, they stayed on in the rain to allow him to get his ton.

On the bank holiday Sunday, the first team were due to play in TWO finals days. The firsts opted to go to Whitburn and rather than drop out, the seconds went to Crook. The firsts were disappointingly soundly beaten by hosts Whitburn where ex Durham player Jack Burnham showed his true talent smashing 90 off 50 balls. The seconds however, excelled themselves by beating Crook first team in an outstanding performance. They were soundly beaten by Tynedale in the final, but it was a remarkable effort.

In the league, the seconds thrashed Willington and Burnopfield but lost to champions Felling. Toby Somersall scored 52 v Willington and there were three wickets each for Jack Morris and Mae Deaville. Dan Scott had 5 wickets again v Burnopfield, while Jak Forster scored 86.

The thirds finished with a win over Eppleton which saw them secure second spot. David Barnett and Jack Morris took three wickets each, but a surprise partnership by Tim Kennington and Jack Morris sealed the win.

The fourths look destined to miss out on promotion after losing a high scoring game at Hylton, then rain washed out their chance of beating leaders Dawdon. Ethan Connolly scored his fourth century of the season in the defeat at Hylton.

Junior Cricket

Last month, I reported that the under 18 side had won their league, well that wasn't the end for them. As a result of that title win, they went forward to the Champions League Trophy where they faced Beamish in the semi-final. Beamish set a challenging total of 138, thanks to their openers scoring 113. Tom Deaville took 3-19 in his four overs. Lanchester then set about chasing the total down and did it with an over to spare. Ethan Connolly scored 43, Josh Cottom 32, Ben Rayner 26 and Jak Forster 25. That set them up to face Sedgfield in the final, who had beaten Brandon in their semi-final.

In the final, Lanchester batted first and set a target of 143. Josh Cottom smashed three sixes in his score of 57 off 33 balls. He had great support from Ethan Connolly who scored 34, Charlie McPhail 21 and Ben Rayner 18. Sedgfield made a decent start, but all five Lanchester bowlers kept things tight and the fielding was exceptional with three run outs. In the end Sedgfield were 26 short and Lanchester were crowned county champions.

That wasn't the end though! There was still a 15 over cup to complete. The day after winning the Champions Trophy, they went to Tynedale and beat them by 9 wickets, chasing down 105 in just 10 overs, Charlie McPhail top scoring with 56. They then faced Blaydon in the final and thrashed them by 10 wickets after bowling them out for 46 and claiming a treble!

Andrew McConnell

Tennis Club End of Season News

The grass court season at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club will end on 30th September 2022. However, play will continue at weekends on the courts behind the Bridge School and bowling green, at 10.00am on Sunday mornings.

Indoor "Touch Tennis" will also be another outlet for players. Using smaller rackets and foam tennis balls, and played on a badminton court sized playing area, it is another way of keeping up the skills. Start date to be announced.

The club finals got under way on 3rd September, with ladies and men's doubles scheduled. Unfortunately, although the ladies completed their match, the weather intervened to curtail the men's final.

Michelle Ridley and Margaret Coates were the winners in the ladies match by 2 sets to 1. Commiserations to Ursula Heale and Fiona Mayor in what was a closely contested final. Our picture shows the participants after the game. The men were halfway through their match when the heavens opened and it will be completed at a later date.

The club commemorated the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by flying the club Union Jack standard at half mast. It was a sombre gesture in remembrance of a long and successful reign.

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

or email: den.lizjane@gmail.com

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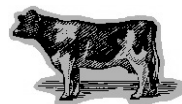
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Cricket News (page 15)

The under 18 team after winning the DCB Champions Trophy.

Back Row (l-r) Stu McPhail (Coach), Dan Scott, Jack Morris, Bailey Allison, Josh Cottom, Jak Forster, Nathan Scurr, Ben Rayner

Front Row (l-r) Tom Deaville, Charlie McPhail, Jack Ledger, Ethan Connolly



Tennis News

(page 15)

Ladies Doubles finalists, Ursula Heale, & Fiona Mayor, Michelle Ridley & Margaret Coates (winners)



Flying the club Union Jack standard at half mast



Competitors in the Bowls Finals,

Right, 1 to r: Nigel Page and Paul Hammond Jnr (Club Championship); Christine Monaghan and John Vickery (3 woods);

Below 1 to r: Adrian Evans and Albert Spencer (2 woods); Albert Spencer, Robert Cuthbertson, Stuart Lee and David Friesner (Pairs);

Right 1 to r: Paul Hammond Jnr and Bruce Fox (Handicap); Paul Hammond Snr and Robert Cuthbertson (Frank Tonks Trophy).



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