

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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BANNER CELEBRATIONS



Rev Rupert Kalus, All Saints' Parish Church, Ray Hill, Methodist Church, and Canon Bob Spence, All Saints' RC Church, lead the Miners' Banner Parade through the village.



Mrs Karen McKenna, Head of All Saints' Primary School, accompanies her pupils as they walk in the Miners' Banner parade through the village.



Burnhope Miners' Banner (left), and Lanchester Miners' Banner, being placed into position on the Village Green by students from St Bede 6th Form College.



Pupils from Lanchester EP School wave their flags as they march through Front Street in the Miners' Banner Parade.



All Saints Primary pupils form a web whilst enjoying their Maypole dance on the Village Green.



Lanchester EP pupils perform some enthusiastic Maypole dancing on the Village Green.

Story and more photos on page 3 and back page.



Dear Village....

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Dear Village Voice

I use the free bus service to Tesco Consett, but not every week. Either I am the only passenger or there is one other regular passenger.

Is the bus not used more because people in Lanchester do not know about the service?

It runs Monday to Saturday from Deneside at 9.25, travelling through the village and arriving at Tesco about 9.45, returning at 10.45, and again at 11.25 returning at 12.45.

I hope people will make more use of this service.
Alan Williams

Dear Village Voice

While I do not live in Lanchester, I walk my grandson to Nursery two or three times a week along the cycle track. The amount of dog dirt left on the track is a disgrace and has increased recently. Please ask local dog owners to consider the dangers dog dirt presents to children and clean it up.

Yours sincerely, Gordon Potter, Washington

Dear Village Voice

Mrs Jean McGary and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages of sympathy and condolence, also neighbours and friends of Peter who were of great comfort at such a sad time.

The funeral collection in lieu of flowers raised £396 which has been sent to Willow Burn Hospice. Thank you all for your help and generosity.
Sincerely, J Mc Gary

Dear Village Voice

On Saturday 8th June I was rushed to hospital after I collapsed at home. It was discovered that I had suffered a massive bleed on my brain. I would just like to say thank you to all the people who sent me get well cards. I would especially like to thank Kenneth and Anne Graham and Audrey, my next-door neighbour, who helped to look after my little dog Molly so that my partner could visit me in hospital. Everyone has shown such kindness and I am very grateful to them all.

Yours sincerely
Michelle Crompton, Valley Grove

Dear Village Voice

I was touched by and grateful for the many cards and messages of condolence received following my recent sad loss. Your kind words and thoughts were a source of great comfort and support. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

Yours sincerely
Joyce Nayak

Dear Village Voice

I would like to thank all relatives and friends who have supported me and my late husband Brian throughout his tragic illness, also staff at Dipton Manor Care Home, and Bowes Lyon Ward at Lanchester Road Hospital, for the dedicated care and attention given to Brian during his time there. My final thanks go to all those who sent cards, flowers, attended the funeral, and kindly donated £420 to Willow Burn Hospice in Brian's memory.

Yours sincerely
Florence Stocker

Dear Village Voice

The family join me in thanking everyone for their kindness regarding my husband's death. It was very moving to see the church so well filled. My husband always said that coming to the Lanchester practice and living here was the best move he made. Walking down the main street is not an ordeal. It is a great source of comfort.
Judith Lund

Dear Village Voice

The family of Bernadette Summerson would like to thank friends and neighbours for the love and support they have shown during her illness. Bernadette passed away peacefully on 14th June having received such gentle care from our Macmillan nurses Julie and Sarah, the Marie Curie nurses, Drs Kate Bidwell and Lindsay Crack and our District nursing team.

Thanks to Canon Spence for leading such a beautiful service and to Paul Knowles of the Cooperative Funeral Service for such care and dignity. Thank you too, JAB (James and Thomas Nelson) for enabling level access from our house so that Bernadette could enjoy days out as her mobility deteriorated. Particular thanks to St Bede's school for the support Mary Jo has received.

Your kindness gives us strength as we learn to live without the love, light and laughter from our beautiful daughter, Bernadette,
Anne Hayes

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for June 2014 was 14. The draw was made by Stan in the Gym.

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LANCHESTER BANNER CELEBRATION EVENT

On Friday 27th June the streets in Lanchester came alive with music and dancing to celebrate the conclusion of a year long banner project.

The Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner was made in 1960 and carries illustrations of the Parish Church on one side and a Roman Figure and Miner on the other side. Following the closure of the mine in 1963, the banner was relocated to several communities across County Durham.

The Banner is owned by Durham Miners' Association and was returned to Lanchester in 2012 under the custodianship of Lanchester Parish Council.

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group was formed in 2012. They raised over £24,000 and over the last year have delivered a comprehensive community project which has included: necessary conservation works being undertaken on the original banner; the production of a replica banner; art and dance workshops in the schools and the production of a community information leaflet and schools pack. A celebration of the banner project organised

by Lanchester Parish Council with support from Lanchester Miners' Banner Group took place on Friday 27th June. Front Street was closed to traffic as the banner was paraded along the street. At 1.30 pm the replica banner led by representatives from the churches: Rev Rupert Kalus; Ray Hill and Canon Bob Spence; followed by Lanchester Brass Band and accompanied by several hundred local school children paraded along Front Street from Lanchester EP Primary School to the Village Green. It was a magnificent spectacle.

At the Village Green the children provided a magnificent display of maypole and traditional miners' rapper dancing. In addition, music was played by Lanchester Brass Band and singing by students from St Bede's School. Light refreshments were available.

Proceedings opened with a speech from Councillor Ossie Johnson who thanked the Banner Committee drawn from all sections of the community; all schools who took part; Jim Davenport and Kate Stockwell for their



Lanchester Brass Band playing 'Gresford', the Miners' Hymn

conservation skills; Emma and Edgar from Durham Bannermakers; Aubrey O'Brien and Burt Hunter for teaching maypole and rapper dancing to the children at the primary schools; Lanchester Brass Band; students who sang so well from St Bede; Michael Knowles Mk Print; all volunteers; and of course Sally Laverick who led the whole project which took many hours of work, and for all those who contributed to delivering it.

This memorable event which involved so many people and children will long be remembered in the history of Lanchester.



Ronald Ramshaw was very proud to march in the Miners' Banner procession. He is now 85 and lived in Oakwood for 18 years. He now lives in a bungalow at Rowlands Gill but visits Lanchester once a week for lunch at the King's Head. He was a miner at Greenside from 1944-1966, then at Marley from 1966-1983.



St Bede's students entertain with some wonderful singing at the Miners' Banner celebration event, on the Village Green.

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TRIBUTE TO BRIAN CUTHBERT



Brian Cuthbert

The funeral of a lifelong Lanchester resident, Brian Cuthbert, who died on July 1st, took place in Lanchester Methodist Church on Monday 7th July. The service was conducted by Mr Douglas Graham (brother-in-law of Brian) and Mr Ian Andrew. The size of

the congregation showed the high regard in which Brian was held. Brian was born in Greta Place on 19th July 1937 and attended school at the old EP School, (now the Community Centre) and The Green School. As a young boy he joined The Life Boys, and he remained a keen member of the Boys' Brigade for many years. He played the bugle in the BB Band and became a lieutenant.

On leaving school, Brian started work as an apprentice bricklayer for a local builder, Mr Dodie March, and was later

employed by Lanchester Rural District Council, then by Stanley Urban Council, and when Derwentside Council was formed he was transferred to that authority. Brian worked there as a builder for the rest of his working life.

He married his wife, Elsie Graham, in 1960 at Lanchester Methodist Church and they started their married life at Colepike Farm Cottages. They moved into Prospect Terrace in 1964. They had 3 daughters, Janet, Karin and Alison, and 4 grand daughters,

Caroline, Joanne, Kate and Chloe.

In his spare time Brian was always busy doing jobs for family and friends, building garages, doing makeovers to houses and repairing farm buildings etc. As Elsie was the chapel caretaker, Brian did a lot of practical jobs to help her at Chapel such as doing repairs and seeing to the heating for extra services. When Croft View Hall was first renovated, Brian did a lot of the building work and when the Chapel was significantly altered Brian would work in the church

before and after his regular Council work.

At 52, Brian had to give up work after suffering 2 heart attacks. As part of his recovery. Brian took to walking and was often seen on the footpaths in and around Lanchester, enjoying conversations with everyone he met.

He enjoyed family occasions, especially spending time with his grandchildren, who enjoyed his banter, stories and rhymes. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by all his family and friends.

LANCHESTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER JULY 2014

You may be aware that the Community Centre is having a difficult time since The Richmond Fellowship ceased to operate in Lanchester. Not only were they our major user of the Dining Room but they also rented our office to carry out their business.

To reduce the impact of this we have taken steps to reduce our expenditure,

but the full effect will not be seen until next year. In the meantime we are working hard to introduce new users to the Centre. I am grateful to those individuals and organisations that have donated £1,800 in the first six months of the year, so please keep the donations coming in and help us secure our future for many years to come.

Our task this year is to reduce the anticipated loss of £10,000 to zero and it is still possible to do this with your help, so please make a donation, become a Member or a Friend and why not join our monthly Community Draw where you will have the opportunity to win up to £50.

WHAT'S NEW

We have been fortunate to raise £6,000 in grants from the Area Action Partnership and the County Durham Community Foundation

and donations from our organisations of £1,000 specifically to refurbish the Main and Small Halls. This money has been used to decorate both halls, for new chairs, curtains and blinds and to extend storage space in the Small Hall.

If you are thinking of having a party or any type of celebration, come along and take a look at what we have to offer.

WHAT'S PLANNED

We need to do some outside work to replace the guttering and re-point

the building. The perimeter wall needs repairing and parts of the car park need resurfacing. We also need some new external doors. All this work will cost in the region of £7,500. We have already started to seek funding and Durham County Council has awarded us a grant of £1,617 for some of this work. We are continuing to look elsewhere for financial support to complete this project.

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After quite a lot of interest at the start of the relaunch we are still short on numbers to officially restart the Lions. At the time of writing we still need 7 more members. As a member you are not expected to turn up to every meeting or event, you can do as much as you want or have time to do. Everyone has something different to offer even if you just sell a few raffle tickets every

year. The main aim of the Lions is to raise money within the local community and to give it back to the community! As a member you get an equal vote as to which local charity any funds go to. Men and women are welcome of any age from 18 up; the age of current members ranges from 33 to 80+. Our aim is to raise money while doing something fun for the community. Our next

meetings will be held at the King's Head on Tuesday 19th August and Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30 pm. Please spare some time to come along and find out what it is all about. To keep up with meeting times and dates as well as what we are up to, find us on Facebook, just search for Lanchester Lions 2014, or email lanchesterlionsclub@gmail.com.



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BLESSING THE BANNER

After the splendid occasion of Friday June 27th when the miners' banner was processed through the village, led by Lanchester Brass Band, and followed by children from All Saints' Roman Catholic School and the EP School, the banner has reached its resting place in All Saints' Parish Church. It was very fitting that Reverend Rupert Kalus decided to make a special inclusion of the banner in the 10.30 am Eucharist Service. This would celebrate its place in our church and dedicate and bless this beautiful banner and all the history behind it. Members of Lanchester Brass Band played several appropriate hymns, and a particularly emotive rendering of the hymn 'Gresford' which evoked many memories of the mining communities in the area. It was a lovely moving service enjoyed by everyone.

Brenda Craddock



Members of Lanchester Brass Band who played at the service for the Blessing of the Miners' Banner: left to right, Pete Bradshaw, Mark Draper, Susan Hayton, Amanda Hayton, Rebecca Draper, Cathleen Robinson, Brenda Craddock, Leslie Wilkinson, Robbie Kalus, Catherine Bradshaw and Lewis Wilkinson (conductor).

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

It was great to see and take part in the Lanchester Fenhall Banner Parade in the village a couple of weeks ago, to see the spectacle of the new banner and the way in which the community came together in the way in which Lanchester does. I want to pay credit to the Lanchester Parish Council for the organisation, in particular the Parish Clerk, Sally Laverick, and to the three schools for the way in which they entered into the spirit of the day. It was a first public outing for the Lanchester Fenhall Banner that went on to have a starring role in the Durham Miners' Gala this year. Gala weekend is the busiest weekend of the year for me. It starts off with various events on the Friday and into Friday evening. I am then picked up at 7.45 am on Saturday on the

village green by the Crookhall banner bus, arriving at North Road in Durham early and walking in with the Crookhall banner, which is one of the earliest slots of the day. After walking through Durham to the riverside I walked back to the marketplace where I met up with the Burnhope and Lanchester banners and walked, very slowly, and over 2.5 hours, behind the Burnhope and Lanchester banners from the marketplace to the riverside. I then doubled back to the County Hotel, where I had a ticket for the balcony, before joining

the parade of speakers to the podium. The highlight of the weekend for me however was joining the Lanchester Fenhall banner on the palace green for the parade into the cathedral for the blessing of the five new banners. It was an amazing service and listening to the bands in the cathedral made the hairs on the back of my neck tingle.

A fantastic weekend celebrating our mining heritage. The Durham Gala is now the biggest event of the socialist year and getting bigger each year.

Pat Glass MP

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2014

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 10th June 2014 - approved.
Planning Meeting on 11th June 2014 - approved.

Neighbourhood Warden Report - received.

Correspondence

Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialists (OASES) - permission was given to use Park House Play Area for free children's activities during the summer.

Campaign to Protect Rural England - newsletter received.

Planning Training Session - Members are to

inform the Clerk if they wish to attend.

Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Registerable Interests - Durham County Council has asked Members to check the details on their forms.

Local Council summer publication - received.

Cricket Club Grant Working Group

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Banner Celebration Event Working Group

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Area Action Partnership and Parish

Councils Committee

The minutes of recent Parish Council Committee meetings were received. All Parish Councils in the Mid Durham Area Action Partnership area are encouraged to attend the next meeting to discuss the future of the Parish Council Committee.

Employers' Choices under the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations

The proposed policy was adopted.

Request to release a restrictive covenant on land at Ornsby Hill

Members resolved to

object to the amendment to the covenant and requests that the existing conditions be maintained.

Venue for Parish Council meetings/ Update on Parish Council Office

The Parish Council will remain in Park House until the end of August. Parish Council meetings will take place at Lanchester Community Centre for the immediate future.

Maintenance Progress Report - received.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

Lanchester Village Centre Improvements

A Durham County Council scheme has been agreed which includes new coping stones to planters, new litter bins and improved/defined parking and paving areas along Front Street.

Members requested that 'grass cutting of the bowls area' be placed on a future agenda for discussion.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7.15 pm, venue to be confirmed.

POLICE REPORT

At our recent PACT meeting on Tuesday 1st July, we discussed the previous month's priority which was speeding on Station Road and Cadger Bank. We have been monitoring the area with the use of our Community Speedwatch and Laser Gun equipment. On Station Road no vehicles were identified to be speeding over 25 mph, however on Cadger Bank 7 vehicles were seen speeding and warning letters were sent to the registered keeper's address. The community decided to change the priority for this month to parking on Peth Bank due to the volume of vehicles in the area, some of which are causing unnecessary obstruction to other road users and to pedestrians using the pavement. Police have been implementing various problem solving methods to try and resolve the issue on a long term basis instead of just issuing fines to drivers which is only a short term solution. Officers are however monitoring the area on a daily basis and issuing

£30 Fixed Penalty Notices to any vehicles seen causing unnecessary obstruction.

On Sunday 10th August between 1-4pm we will be at Malton Picnic Site hosting an Operation Spoke security marking event, so if you would like your bicycle or scooter marked for free please pop along to our event. Since Operation Spoke was introduced in January 2014 we have managed to security mark over 4500 bicycles across County Durham and Darlington with 620 marked within Consett and 130 in Lanchester.

On Sunday 6th July we were at Lanchester Agricultural Show with colleagues from Farmwatch and volunteers from Stray Aid providing free dog chipping. During the event we managed to raise almost £200 for Stray Aid and almost 20 dogs were chipped.

Our next PACT meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th August at 6.30 pm outside Burnhope Primary School.

PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson



PCSO Lisa Jackson at the Lanchester Show

PARK HOUSE SURGERY IS BECOMING LANCHESTER MEDICAL CENTRE

Park House surgery has been in its current location for over 20 years and is now relocating to purpose-built modern premises on Durham Road. The practice is taking this opportunity to rename the practice Lanchester Medical Centre; all contact numbers will remain the same.

The practice is in discussion with NHS England regarding the current premises closing at 1.00 pm on Friday 29th

August and reopening on Monday 1st September at 8.00 am in the new premises on Durham Road. The practice mobile number (07760625054) will be available for emergency contact on Friday afternoon 29th August, or patients can contact 111.

The new development has been planned for some time and the practice would like to thank the support that has been received from Lanchester

Parish Council, Durham County Council, Derwentside Homes, NHS Property Services, NHS England and North Durham CCG during the planning and development stages.

The practice is planning to have an official Open Session on the afternoon of Thursday 18th September from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm where patients can come and meet the staff and have a look round the new building.

MOTHERS' UNION OUTING



Mothers' Union members gathering for their outing to Heighley Gate, Bamburgh and Seahouses

CHURCH WIVES' OUTING



Church Wives ready for their Day-Away to Thirsk

GOODBYE TO MINISTER



We say goodbye to Methodist Minister, Rev Gavin Hume, his wife and family who leave Lanchester after seven years. Gavin will be taking up a post in Newcastle on 1st September, whilst his wife, Tracey, will continue her work as Deacon in the Gateshead area. The family will reside in the Manse at Whickham.

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SIR TOM COWIE DAY HOSPICE OPENS

In glorious weather to suit the occasion, on Wednesday 9th July, the first phase of the new hospice was opened by Lady Cowie, wife of the late Sir Tom, who died in January 2012. He had donated £500,000 towards the project. Day palliative care will begin on 10th July for up to 20 patients. It was appropriate that Willow Burn is now in its 25th year. Over one hundred people, all supporters of Willow Burn in one form or another gathered in the new building to hear CEO, Helen Mills, open proceedings by introducing Lady Cowie and new Chairman of the Trustees Board, Durham businessman, and member of the Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, Mike Waterston, who gave a brief

introduction of his vision for the future. Lady Cowie unveiled the plaque with a lovely speech saying that her late husband would have loved to have been here today to see the fulfillment of the project named after him. She was presented with a bouquet by young boy Arron Woodhead, and a sapling from the tree planting area of land, also donated by Sir Tom to the hospice, presented by Helen Mills. At the end of formalities Helen Mills made a passionate speech about the dedication of Willow Burn staff, volunteers, and her hope for Phase 2, the inpatient 6 bedded hospice, to go ahead, for which fund raising has already begun. This will be followed by Phase 3, again dependent on

money available, which will hopefully be completed by 2020. This project will include: physiotherapy; hydrotherapy; steam room; sauna; living kitchens and bereavement suite. She concluded with the announcement of a sponsorship scheme for individuals, groups and companies who are asked to sign a pledge to raise £1000 in the coming year to go towards the new planned developments. In excess of £2 million is needed to complete the whole project. The afternoon ended with tours of the new building and a Strawberry Tea.

Right, Helen Mills introduces Mike Waterston, the new Chairman of the Trustees



Helen Mills and Lady Cowie enjoy a chat outside the new building before the event began.


A large advertisement for Wade Opticians. The background is a close-up, black and white photograph of a man's face wearing glasses. Overlaid on this is a large, dark, semi-circular graphic containing white text. At the top, it says '2 PAIRS £99' in large, bold letters. Below that, in smaller text, it says '2 pairs of complete spectacles for only £99'. Underneath is a horizontal line, followed by 'options to upgrade to Designer Frames, Bifocals and Varifocals'. In the center of the graphic are three overlapping circles of different shades of gray. Below the circles, there are three lines of small text: '- Pairs must be in the same prescription, add £50 for two different prescriptions.', '- All upgrade prices are per pair. Pairs with higher prescriptions may need upgraded 10% lenses as standard.', and '- All lens upgrade prices are per pair.' At the bottom of the graphic, it says '1 Croft View | Lanchester | DH7 0HY | 01207 521840' and 'www.wadeopticians.com'. In the bottom right corner of the advertisement, there is a logo for 'Wade Opticians' with the tagline 'Opticians & Optical Services' underneath.

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WILLOW BURN HOSPICE FAIR



A crowded cake table with people milling around in large numbers.

It was the perfect day for a fair, this year held in the grounds of Willow Burn. The sun shone and the crowds came in their many hundreds.

Entertainment was provided by ever present Terry Lewins and Ray Buck, a duo who sang and played guitars. Refreshments were held in the new Sir Tom Cowie Day Centre, where there are catering facilities, making the job much easier and more comfortable for the public. Most of the many stalls were in a marquee with a few on the periphery.

As usual there was a great selection of products to

buy and a huge variation of money making tombolas. There were two particularly eye catching adjacent tables run by the same person. One was a variety of woodcraft products for use in the home, made from driftwood and corks. Beside it was a table promoting Cancer Awareness. Available on show were several prosthetics, and many leaflets on skin cancer, and other common forms of cancer. The lady who ran the stall was by profession a registered nurse, particularly interested in this type of problem. She made

woodcrafts, first as a hobby, later for sale.

The profit from the Fair was in the region of £5K which was extremely high. Barclays staff were present and if the matched funding application is successful, the bank will donate a further £2K making an amazing total of £7K for the Fair.



Terry Lewins and Ray Buck play and sing to their vast audience. Terry was also compère for the whole event.

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CHARITY EVENING FOR AIR AMBULANCE

Lanchester Vintage Tractor Club held a Charity Evening on Saturday 29th June at Crinnions, which included live bands, and a hog roast for supper. With various other fund raisers during the evening they managed to accumulate a total of £300 for Great North Air Ambulance, a very worthwhile cause.



Tractor Club members obviously having a great time at the fund raising evening for Great North Air Ambulance.



Maxine Harrison and Ernest Hopps (right) present Rob Colgrave of Great North Air Ambulance with a cheque for £301.37.

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CHARITY VINTAGE TRACTOR RALLY

About 20 or so members out of the 45 turned out for the latest Tractor Rally in aid of Great North Air Ambulance. The club which only began meeting earlier this year is expanding, and the turnout on Sunday 13th July was very good as it is a very busy time for the farming community. Drivers gathered at the back of

the Queens and set off through the village, this time heading for Iveston. It was a great sight to see the procession of these wonderful vehicles of all shapes and sizes, and of course, most of them vintage. The route continued from Iveston taking in places on and off road which included:

Greencroft, Knitsley, the A68, Healeyfield, Comb Bridges, Edmondbyers, Waskerley, Stanhope, Castleside, Cornsay and back to Crinnions at Lanchester to spend the afternoon enjoying hospitality. The winners were Great North Air Ambulance who will receive £100 for their funds.



The meeting place at the back of the Queens getting ready for the off



Tractors about to leave the village on their way to Iveston

ANNUAL CONCERT OF THE MALE VOICE CHOIR

We are used to Harry Carr always having a smile for us and somehow we always want to smile back. The large audience in the Methodist Church, were certainly smiling as they listened to the programme of lovely songs. The songs included 'Steal Away', 'You raise me up', 'Where'er you Walk', 'The Lost Chord', 'What a Wonderful World', 'All You Were and All You Are'. It was of course the Annual Concert of the Male Voice Choir, the 46th this year. Now where have those years gone?

Patrons of the society are always invited to this concert and there are over a hundred of them but still room for more. This choir has retained its popularity throughout those 46 years which is very gratifying for Harry and his merry men and of course his superb pianist Noreen.

Every year an artist from outside the village is asked to take part and this year it was a young organist named David Harris. On leaving school David became an organ scholar in Portsmouth



Harry Carr and the Choir

Cathedral for a year. He is now reading Physics at Durham University and is an organ scholar at St Oswald's Church in Durham. David showed his tremendous talent during his performance on the Methodist organ. It was spell binding and his

obvious love of the instrument was very evident. He played in both parts of the programme and received tremendous applause. There was to be a performance by a professional brass quintet, called Northern

Brass, but unfortunately they were held up on the motorway and were unable to take part. This by no means detracted from the high standard of the evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Brenda Craddock

NOEL AND TRICIA RICHARDS CONCERT



Noel and Tricia Richards in concert

On Thursday 19th June Lancastrians were treated to a brilliant performance by two of the world's foremost Christian musicians - namely Noel and Tricia Richards. Noel's pen has brought the church community many popular songs, notably 'All Heaven Declares', 'Into the Darkness' and 'My Lips shall Praise You'. It was quite a coup for the organiser, Mervyn Burdon, as Noel has previously led worship in Wembley Stadium to thousands and is still in demand all over the world. In fact they came to Lanchester especially from their home (which is currently in Palma, Mallorca) and then

returned the following morning! Their performance, held at Lanchester Chapel, was dynamic, musically superb (they both played the guitar) with polished harmonies and was interjected with amusing anecdotes. For example, Noel told us that a woman once insisted he was singing a song incorrectly, even though he had written it! The audience, after obtaining several encores, left thoroughly entertained, enthused and blessed by the evening. The couple have promised to return in a year or two and it cannot come quickly enough! Ian Tute



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Marvellous Children's Charity and Together for Short Lives. The Readathon was organised by Literacy Co-ordinator Mary Douglas. "Readathon created a real buzz in school. The children read at every opportunity. They enjoyed reading at playtimes, by themselves and in groups. The older children shared books with their buddies. It was great to see children walking around school with a book under their arms ready to read in any spare minutes. I would like to say a huge thank you to the children and their parents and sponsors for making Readathon such a success."



All Saints' students engrossed in their books



Books are even taking priority over computers

THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM IS CHANGING

It's that time of year again! We are entering the academic silly season. Serious matters of exams and testing are over and now the children are busy

with well-deserved school trips, sports days etc before the long summer break. Continuity disappears! Ask any teacher and they will tell

of the frustration of welcoming children back to school in September, only to find that they remember little of the work from three months earlier. MagiKats Maths and English run their Success in September Starts in Summer workshops throughout July and August to help keep brains on the boil. Workshops and summer homework are all of the educational fun variety but will save children from the often disastrous fall back that can happen between June and September.

There are changes ahead for students going into Year 5 and below. They will be expected to work to the tougher requirements of the revised National Curriculum from September. English MagiKats students attending in the summer will start working to improve their skills of reading aloud alongside memorising and reciting poems. They will already be ahead when they meet this in their new classes. Maths students will be working to ensure they meet the

higher expectations which will be placed on them in relation to tables: absolute fluency to x12 is a new requirement for Year 5 children. Students work at their own level so that they can catch up with their peers or be the best in their class at school. The varied activities keep them so engrossed and interested that learning is fun and memorable. Your local Tuition Centre may have some spaces left if you want to get in touch. Call 0191 378 2762 to find out.

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SUMMER BOUNTY FOR THE FLOWER CLUB

Lanchester Flower Club held the first of two Open Evening Meetings on 27th June in Lanchester Community Centre. The speaker was Judith Clancy, her theme 'Summer Bounty', an excellent demonstrator relating so many funny stories as she so efficiently created the most lavish and colourful designs. Ten flower arrangements in all were raffled on the evening to all the winners' delight. Then tea and biscuits were served. Everyone enjoyed a most entertaining, extremely funny and relaxing evening thanks to Judith. Also ladies were able to purchase lovely home produce from an extremely abundant produce stall, provided by Gillian

Harrison and Jane Pegram. A big thank you once again to these ladies for all their hard work prior to the evening and on the night itself.

There will be no meeting in August, it is our summer recess. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th September at 2pm in Lanchester Community

Centre. The demonstrator will be Karl Brunton and the theme will be 'Surprises'. Hope to see you all then and everyone is welcome - just come along and you will be most cordially welcomed. We can guarantee a most entertaining and relaxing afternoon.



Demonstrator, Judith Clancy, with her lavish and colourful designs which so easily showed why she chose the theme of 'Summer Bounty'.

Gardening in August

August is about school holidays and, for us gardeners it is traditionally harvest time when we enjoy the benefits of our endeavours, consume what we can and pickle, preserve and freeze what we can't to enjoy in the lean winter months ahead. The month also means keeping on top of routine chores such as watering and pruning.

In the Flower Borders

Jobs in borders include dead-heading bedding and perennial plants to stop them seeding and encouraging further flowering; trimming lavender plants after they have finished flowering but not cutting into old wood; cutting back faded perennials to keep borders tidy; pruning climbing and rambling roses once they have finished flowering;

and taking cuttings from tender perennials such as pelargoniums and fuchsia to propagate them for next year. Also keep patio plants well watered and feed with a liquid fertiliser once every two weeks. If you sowed seeds of winter bedding (eg pansy, violas, bellis, etc) last month, they should now be transplanted and grown on in their own pots ready for planting out next month.

In the Vegetable Plot

In August harvest, eat and freeze peas, runner and French beans and pinch out the tops of runner beans once they have reached the tops of their supports to encourage the formation of side shoots and further flowering. Keep harvesting courgettes to stop them growing too big. Check for cabbage white butterfly eggs on

the underside of brassica leaves and squash any that are found. Pinch out the tops of tomato plants to encourage growth of the fruit already formed when five or six trusses have been produced on each plant. Lift and dry onions, shallots and garlic once the foliage shows signs of dying and bending over. Store them in onion bags to stop them going mouldy.

General

August is a good month to give hedges a final trim before they stop growing. Turn your compost in the compost bin to keep it well aerated and speed up the decomposition process. Use water butts as much as you can to water your plants and recycle water by putting washing-up water in a bucket for watering beds, lawns, rhubarb patches, etc.

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A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

Reception and Year 2 Classes from All Saints' Primary School enjoyed a really fantastic seaside day at the beach at South Shields on Tuesday 8th July. The heavy downpours that had been forecast previously on the news, were over by the time we arrived at South Shields and the weather improved gradually all day, ending in a very warm and really sunny afternoon.

The children were kept busy making sand sculptures in small groups, learning about the hazards of the beach, and about the tides and the sea from the very informative

RNLI lifeguards. They also played beach ball games and, of course, had a picnic. The South Shields beach was an excellent venue for them with clean and safe sand and plenty of facilities.

This term Year 2 have been learning about the history of holidays at the seaside and the geography of human and physical coastline features so the visit fitted in well with their studies.

The staff are grateful to the many parents and helpers who made sure that the children had a wonderful day out.

Tina Patterson



The RNLI Lifeguards talking about the tides and the sea

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

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Ingredients

3 courgettes, thickly sliced
1 aubergine, cut into thick fingers
3 garlic cloves
2 red peppers, deseeded and chopped into slices
2 large baking potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized chunks
1 onion, chopped
1 tbsp coriander seeds
2 tbsp olive oil
400g tin chopped tomatoes
400g tin chick peas, drained and rinsed

Crusty bread to serve
Method

1. Heat oven to 220 C/ 200 C fan/gas 7. Tip all the vegetables into a large roasting tin and toss with the coriander seeds, most of the olive oil and some seasoning. Spread everything out to a single layer, then roast for 45 minutes, tossing once or twice until the vegetables are roasted and brown around the edges. Remove from the oven.
2. Place the roasting tin on the hob over a low heat, then add the tomatoes and chick peas. Bring to a simmer and gently stir. Season to taste and drizzle with the remaining oil. Serve from the tin or pile into a serving dish. Eat with hunks of bread.

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July's meeting was opened by Vice President Ann Carr, who welcomed Joan Anderson from Edmundbyers WI. She reported back to us from June's National AGM in Leeds. She stressed how vital it was for members to become involved in WI initiatives, as our Resolutions always reflect significant questions facing today's society. The WI movement is in a very healthy state, with twenty three thousand new members in the last year.

We have several dates for our diary:

(i) our Summer Outing to Sizergh Castle and Garden (a National Trust property in the Lake District);

(ii) a guided walking tour of Durham;

(iii) a theatre visit and tea at Beamish Hall.

These are just some of the outings planned, and there are invitations to join the WI members at Edmundbyers and Satley for various events.

We are also beginning to plan a celebratory meal for our branch birthday in November.

Our Quiz Team is continuing to thrive, and our reading group is going well, with their next meeting in September. Our speaker for the evening was Jack Cavanagh, who gave a very interesting presentation based on The First World War from his own, very personal

viewpoint. Several of his relatives fought in the war, and Mr Cavanagh described how he managed to trace their part in the 1914 - 1918 conflict. Continuing the historical theme, our competition was to suggest an artefact to be placed in a time capsule. Members used their very vivid imagination, with two winners emerging - Ann Carr suggesting a current copy of Lanchester's own Village Voice, and Angela Velleman submitting a mobile phone as an essential piece of Twenty First century technology! Raffles were won by Muriel Gibbons and Irene James.

The meeting ended with Ann Carr giving our vote of thanks to Mr Cavanagh for sharing with us all of his very interesting research.

This was a very busy and exciting evening and we completed it with the usual refreshments.



Mr Jack Cavanagh introduces his talk on Genealogy and the First World War



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ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH SUMMER FAIR

Saturday June 21st was a special day for All Saints' Parish Church because it was their Annual Summer Fair. The theme once again was 'Strawberries and Sunshine'. The sunshine was limited but there was no limit on the sumptuous strawberries.



Maureen and Joyce with their happy, smiling faces, serving tea and coffee for those who attended the Summer Fair at the Parish Church.

Some were in the home-made delicious scones and some were in the cakes displayed on the cake stall, or you could enjoy a bowl of them. (yum yum). There were a number of stalls full of Bargain Buys and a splendid raffle. All the fun of the fair was there and this showed in the happy faces and smiles which pervaded the occasion throughout the morning. The money raised amounted to £610 including a donation, which was an excellent total worthy of all the hard work which such an event requires.

Brenda Craddock



Margaret with her cakes proudly displayed and all looking lovely

RAISING MONEY FOR BURKINA



Peter Richards (background), Dulcie Richards (front), who live locally, with volunteer Village Voice deliverers Mr and Mrs Lines of Alderdene outside the Methodist Church at their table

Peter and Dulcie Richards took a table outside the Methodist Church whilst Country Markets was on to raise money for 'Aid to Burkina' founded by Dr Phillip Le Dune and his wife Allison, who live in Washington. Burkina Faso's vision is to free people from poverty and to release their potential through projects that are both achievable and sustainable with a focus on Healthcare, Education, Water projects and Microfinance. Peter and Dulcie managed to raise £130.36 during the morning.

CRAFT FAIR AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

After the success of recent Craft Fairs run by Community Centre staff at regular intervals, the one held on Saturday 29th June came up to all expectations. The variety of stalls was excellent and the number of stalls exhibiting was nineteen, which gave all visitors a really good choice of purchases to suit their needs. With so many tables available space prohibits naming them, but there was a good balance between home made good quality crafts of many varieties, as well as home produce ie jams, preserves and bread etc. The Community Centre raffle also made a good monetary contribution to the event. The total much needed profit for the Centre was an excellent £446.



Some familiar village faces admiring the teddies



Two young volunteer helpers on the raffle



That homemade bread looks delicious, in fact, good enough to eat!

LANCHESTER EP SCHOOL FAIR

It was a super hot day for the many who attended the Fair. It was somewhat reminiscent of the old Lions Carnivals with professional shows and lots of games for children to play. Refreshments

were inside the school but there was also a hot dog stand outside. The ice cream van seemed to be doing a roaring trade. There was an excellent variety of products to buy as well as some tombolas.

The children there certainly enjoyed 'soaking the teacher' and Head Teacher, Jane Davis, set a fine example to her staff by undergoing this torture first. Being such a hot day maybe it wasn't

too much of a penance. Probably due to the high temperature a very popular sideshow for the children was the 'soapy slippery slope' which children, attired in swimwear, slid down a

long length of plastic sheeting in droves, at the same time keeping themselves cool.

It was a great day which resulted in a good profit of £1200 for the school fund.



Head Teacher, Jane Davis, in the stocks with a very satisfied smile on the face of the boy who did the soaking.



Children enjoying the soapy slippery slide in the hot conditions.



Some of the stalls at the EP fair with plenty of 'takers' spending their money and helping in a good profit of £1200 for the school fund.



The fun fair cup ride enjoyed by the children especially in the lovely sunshine.

PIRATE DAY AT ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL



End of the school year means time to unwind and these fierce pirates and lovely pirate princesses of Year 2 enjoyed their special day, with all sorts of adventurous activities!

SHOW TIME FOR LANCHESTER

Sunday 6th July 2014

The days before the Show had been very changeable, and the big day started in the same manner. Early morning crowds were tempted to arrive in hopes of a good day and the car parks filled quickly. There had been a strong feeling that the Show should return to its agricultural emphasis, in which the public were more closely involved, and there were many jumping events for horses, as well as for showing. Newhouses Farm, on the outskirts of Lanchester hosted the event as usual, and there really was something for everyone.

A range of snacks and drinks tempted the early crowds - burgers, a hog roast and donuts, tea, coffee, soft drinks ... and a bar for anyone wanting something stronger at lunch time. As could be expected, animal welfare was a high priority of the day. Animal portraits were

advertised, there was the Animal Medicine Chest, Castle House Saddlers, pet food stalls, and gourmet pet treats. Children enjoyed activities such as a bouncy castle, face painting, and of course seeing the animals being groomed and prepared to look their best. A large craft marquee offered original art work for sale, wood work products, jams, chutneys, handmade candles, cards and a good selection of fresh local meat.

Alan Ramshaw of Mount Pleasant Farm presented his beautiful pedigree sheep and the crowds were serenaded by Kevin and Kenny, of 'The Bishops Piper', their music providing a lovely traditional background to the activities. The local Police and Neighbourhood Wardens along with Farmwatch were on hand to discuss crime prevention, and Stray Aid

representatives provided help and information on stray, lost and abandoned animals.

Lanchester Agricultural Canine Society had encouraged a huge variety of dogs to attend for showing - from the tiny Toy breeds, up to larger breeds and working dogs, and there was also a good range of show and jumping horses. The weather remained kind, and visitors obviously enjoyed their day. Lanchester Show was bigger and better this year - we can look forward to its continued success.



Kevin and Kenny from 'The Bishops Piper' played for the Show crowds



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SWIM FOR MACMILLAN

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watched by Mary Jo's sister, Bernadette, who was receiving care from Macmillan, and raised £630.

This will probably become an annual event in memory of a 'best dad' and an 'awesome sister'. Special thanks to Emily Kate for supporting Mary Jo.

Anne Hayes



Mary Jo Hayes and Emily Kate Tiplady outside the swimming baths

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COFFEE MORNING FOR FOOTBALL TEAM



Robbie Kalus (left), David Barratt and Josh Bolton on duty outside the Methodist Church trying to tempt people into their Coffee Morning which was raising money for their football team, Dearness Valley Hurricanes. Most of the team come from Lanchester. The event raised £141.

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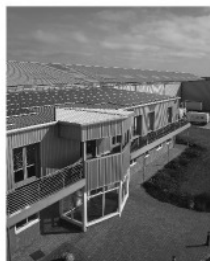
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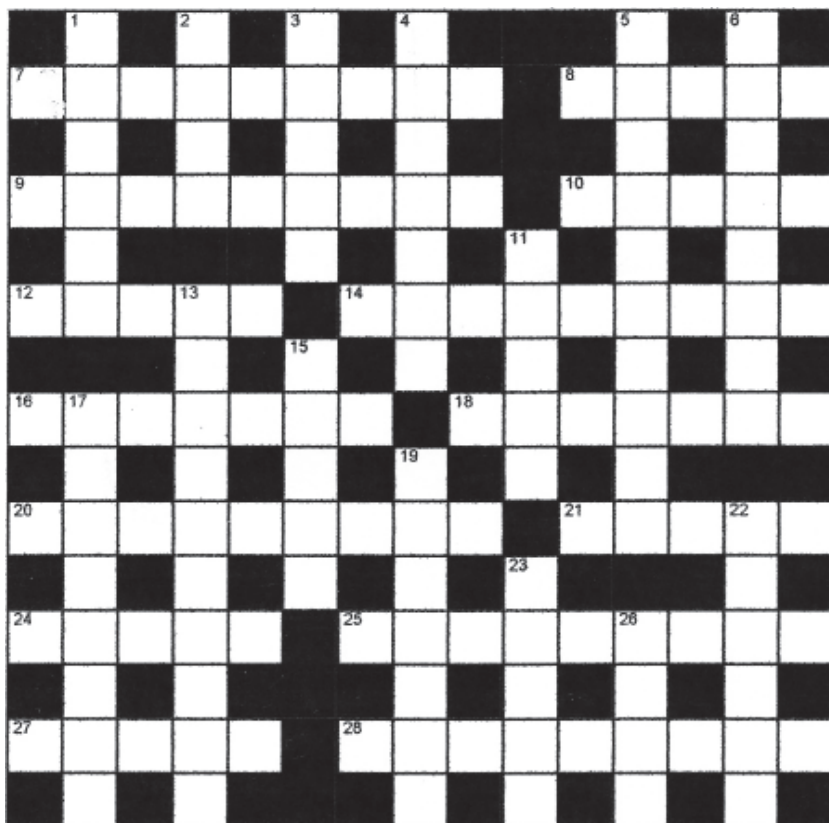


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23. Political power (5)
26. Fashion (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 98

ACROSS

1. interconnect
9. shorten
10. acrobat
11. ergonomic
12. baize
13. Cezanne
15. futile
18. creepy
20. rescind
24. Astra
25. potential
27. pioneer
28. beeline
29. substantiate

DOWN

1. instep
2. thong
3. rotunda
4. ornament
5. nuance
6. caribou
7. oblivion
8. strewed
14. election
16. scrappy
17. vertebra
19. plateau
21. convert
22. sports
23. fleece
26. Ibiza

Name _____


Address _____

Please send your entries (by deadline date on back page) to The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0HY.

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There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Mrs Kate Lawrie of Sunnybanks who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.



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SUDOKU

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

8					4	5		
	5						8	
		7	1					3
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LATEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB

With good weather, the firstteamgotallfourgames played, winning two against Burnopfield and Alnmouth. Rhys Jones top scored against Burnopfield whilst Liam Dixon destroyed the opposition with 7-25. The win over Alnmouth was low scoring with Jonny Green and Mark Small getting the required runs. The seconds won one of their three matches following their long drive toBackworthwithascratch side, with Glen Harrison making 50 and Cam Metcalfemaking43asthey managed a ten run win. The League cup has been a source of success as they defeated Bedlington to

reach the semi final. The inexperienced thirds side have struggled, losing all their fixtures in recent weeks. At junior level, the under 18s beat Swalwell and Ryton in the two matches that were played. The under 15s lost their final three games but Chris Tully made an unbeaten 50 and 40 whilst David Selby scored his first junior 50. The under 13s lost their two matches whilst the under 11s won one of three. In a first for the club, they fielded an under 9 team in a tournament at Consett, winning all three games. Sadly the club was once again a victim of thieves

who took our maintenance equipment, as we understand one of several sports clubs that have suffered recently. On August 10th, the club will be holding a novices' cricket match for Derek Heslop, a friend of the club who died in an accident earlier in the year. A team made up of his friends will take on a team from Consett Rugby Club. On August 17th the club will be inviting fairground rides to the club for a fun day. If anyone wishes to run a stall for a small fee of £5, then please contact the club through lancastercc@outlook.com.

BONFIRE 2014

After discussion with the Lions, they cannot resume the running of the bonfire and fireworks just yet, so it remains with the cricket club to maintain the event. The club does however need additional volunteers to run the event. The emergency services and other public

services have placed the onus on the event organisers to staff everything including parking at various sites in the village,hence the need for so many volunteers. If you can help out then please contact the club at lancastercc@outlook.com.

We need to gather numbers as soon as possible as we have to run the event through the County Safety Advisory Group to seek approval. Sadly if volunteers are not secured, we will not be able to run the event. Over to you, residents of Lanchester!

MOWER THEFT FROM CRICKET CLUB

It has taken a considerable time for Lanchester Cricket Club to save for a 'National Sit On Mower' to keep the outfield grass at the ground in good order. The profit from the recent Beer Festival made it possible to purchase the machine. Two members set off from home at 4.00 am in the morning and travelled to Stoke to purchase the mower. Some nine days later during the early hours of July 9th, the mower was stolen. All the club members are clearly upset about

this, particularly Groundsman, John Bell, who is absolutely gutted. John takes pride in the work he has done for so many years to keep up the standards of the ground. A red van was

seen near the club at about 11.00 pm the night before the theft. If anyone has any information please inform the Police. Interview with Stuart McPhail, first Team Captain.



'National Sit On Mower' stolen from Lanchester Cricket Club

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ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU

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

WHAT'S ON?

Kids' Club Summer Activities

Everyone is welcome at the Community Centre for these activities:

Thursday 31st July, Little Kickers, 2-3 pm

Monday 4th August, Film, 'Frozen', 2 pm

Thursday 7th August, Scales and Tales animal encounter, 2-3 pm

Monday 11th August, Film, 'Turbo', 2 pm

Thursday 14th August, Mini-Mixers (pre-book) 2-3 pm

Monday 18th August, Film, 'Despicable Me 2', 2 pm

Thursday 21st August, Messy play, 2-3 pm

Thursday 28th August, Crafternoon, 2-3 pm

Monday 1st September, Film, 'The Croods', 2 pm

All activities are £2. Please pre-book for Mini-Mixers, tel 521275.

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 2nd August from 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

Short Circuit Walks

August 2nd, Broompark and Beaurepaire, 5 miles. Park near Stonebridge on A690, 1km SW of Neville's Cross traffic lights, NZ258413.

August 16th, Allendale Town, 5 miles. Park/meet in the square near the King's Head, NY838559. August 30th, Greenleighton Moor, 6 miles. Park at Greenleighton Quarry car park, NZ035915.

PACT meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 5th August at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School. All welcome.

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Social Club Entertainment

Saturday 2nd August, Julia McArthur

Saturday 9th August, Norman Cox, Vocal Entertainer

Saturday 16th August, Glynn Scott, Top Male Singer

Saturday 23rd August, Stephanie Britton, Fabulous Girl Singer

Sunday 24th August, Neil Gibson, Live Human Jukebox

Saturday 30th August, Katherine Stone, First Class Vocalist

WI

Our meeting next month will take place at 7.15 pm, on August 4th, in the small hall of the Community Centre. Our speaker will be Sue Vidler who will tell us about Bach Flower Remedies, and to continue in a floral theme, the competition is 'FLOWERS IN A CUP'. There are several outings being planned at the moment - please check on dates and times for your diary. Sincere thanks are due to members organising these events.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th August at 7.30 pm in Crinnions.

Wildlife Group

There will be no meeting in August. On Tuesday 9th September (meet at 6.45 pm in the Community Centre car park), there will be an outdoor meeting, studying Bats. If you would like to go, please ring Cath Bailey on 01207 521884 in advance so that transport can be arranged.

Early Music Festival

Saturday 9th August at 7.30 pm in the Parish Church, "The Sons of the Father", a Virtuoso Recital of Music for Harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach, Wilhelm Friedemann Bach and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, with works by their contemporaries Graupner, Fisher & Krebs by Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord and organ), Harpsichord after Christian Zell, 1728.

Saturday 23rd August at 7.30 pm, "The Dean of Durham's Private Musick", a Celebration of the Viola da Gamba, with Masterworks from the Durham Manuscript by Monsieur de Sainte Colombe le fils & Philip Falle (1656-1742) by Greg Pullen (viola da gamba), Andrew Jackson (guitar) and Dr Ian Brunt (harpsichord and organ) including contemporary readings from accounts of Travellers in 17th century France and The History of the County Palatine.

Tickets available at the door, £8 with concessions £5 and those unwaged, under 18 years or full-time students free. Refreshments during the interval will be served in the Chapter House.

Messy Play

Calling all children and their carers under 5 years old! We will be hosting a Messy play session at Lanchester Community Centre on 21st August from 2.00-3.00 pm. We would love you all to come and join us in some messy fun! Please dress your child appropriately. I look forward to seeing you all and creating some super duper mess! Kim Stephenson, Family Worker from Stanley Sure Start.

Mining Art

An exhibition of scenes painted by miners is on display at the Bowes Museum till 21st September. One of the co-curators of the exhibition, Dr Robert McManners, who is himself an artist (and GP) says: "Most of this work has never been recorded, although other aspects of colliery life have been well documented, from the size of their leeks to the speed of their whippets." He asks "Why would someone who spent hours in a stinking black hole want to go home and paint or draw it?" Dr McManners will give an illustrated talk to the Lanchester Local History Society on 3rd October. Make a note in your diaries. All are welcome.

Folk Music Evening

The forthcoming night at the Community Centre on Saturday 20th September will be varied (and I think very entertaining) and will feature: Martin Matthews and Friends; Dr Ian Brunt (Northumbrian pipes); Pete Thompson (guitar vocals); Martin Joyce (poetry to ponder); Colin Tipping (banjo/guitar/vocals); Jack Burness and Andy Oddsocks Hogg (guitars, vocals, humour); Sunderland's 'Pipe Dream' (Trio - guitar/mandolin vocals). Tickets are £4 in advance (or £5 at the door) from: Lanchester Community Centre, Lanchester News or me, Ian Tute (529286). Don't miss it!

Ceilidh

On Saturday 18th October in the Social Club the Lanchester Partnership is holding its Annual Ceilidh. Look out your dancing shoes and phone your friends. Everyone welcome - all ages. For information ring 528 114.

BOWLS REPORT

As we pass halfway in the bowling season we can look back on some good results from our Monday triples team who are unbeaten in their last six games. (I am getting this report in quickly before we play our match against top of the table Dipton who are sure to give us a good test.) Our Saturday team are still doing well and enjoying their games with a mid table finish looking on the cards. We have managed to fulfil our commitments to the other two leagues we play in although it has been a struggle at times.

We have been saddened that Consett Park who were once the biggest club in this area can no longer field a team in the Tuesday League. We wish them well and hope that they and other clubs in the league can survive next year. We have no further news regarding the continuance of our club but the committee members are actively gathering information in order to make informed judgments on how to proceed.

RARE FOAL



The mother, Faye, a rare breed 'Eriskay' from the Hebrides, gave birth to her foal called Finlay on 26th May. At the time the photo was taken he was one month old. The breed is on the endangered list as there are so few of them. They belong to Mavis Datta.

FOUNDATION SPORTS DAY

The weather was brilliant and once again the Sports day for the youngest children at our EP School was a very happy occasion. The evident enthusiasm and energy of these 3, 4 and some young 5 year olds was a joy to see. There were 8 relay type races to take part in, each requiring a certain amount of skill and commitment but each child took up the challenge and everyone was a winner. That is why they were all given a special certificate of achievement at the end of all those races from Mrs Davis and Mr

Boddy. Their 'winner' smiles made everybody want to smile with them and they did! Smiles and happiness, and excellent organisation and participation of all the children, supported by a large number of parents, were all the ingredients of a really very successful morning. There were some very proud parents that day and this year they were able to follow the races around the field to maximise their opportunity of seeing their own child or children performing.

Year 5 also helped at this Sports Day by being at the beginning of each different relay so that everything was kept in place and everybody had an equal chance to win. They also encouraged the children and cheered them on. No one was allowed to 'wilt', or give up and they also took charge of the very welcome liquid refreshment (water!) which was available throughout the morning. It was a great morning for everyone. Well Done Foundation. You are the tops! Brenda Craddock

EP SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

Once again following the Fair at the weekend, families gathered at the school for the annual Sports Day. It was not quite as hot as at the Fair, but warm enough to enjoy watching the various activities on the field. Traditionally, the afternoon began with a carousel of different sporting type activities with pupils competing for their various houses on a points system. There were opportunities to carry out different skills ie football,

hockey and netball as well as a few obstacle type races. This went like clockwork. As the whistle went everyone changed to a different activity whilst the runners ran to the Head Teacher with the points gained. Then came the serious stuff! Or is it? Pupils take the races quite seriously whether it is straight running or skipping. The Mums' Race was run at a terrific pace and once again Mrs Pilkington was the winner. Mr Bowes

was victorious in the Men's Race. Then came the Teachers' Three Legged Race. This was hilarious and won by Mr Johnson and Mrs Boyd. The former certainly milked the applause at the winning ceremony. Head and Deputy got completely tangled up in this race and finished up prostrate on the track! For the record, Saxons won the Cup and went home happy and victorious. (See picture on page 24)

PLAYGROUP SPONSORED TODDLE



On a super sunny morning on Wednesday July 9th the Playgroup, which is based at the Community Centre, met up at the Play Park and did three laps to raise sponsorship for their very depleted funds. It was a perfect day for the occasion and all seemed to enjoy it with lots of things to do in the park, as well as enjoying some snacks. The amount raised was approximately £315 at the time of going to press.

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SPORTS DAYS AT THE EP SCHOOL



One of the relays for the EP Foundation children at their recent Sports Day. Look at the concentration and enthusiasm of the children as they round the bend on the grass track. See story on page 23.

The serious stuff. One of some very competitive races at the EP School Sports Day with parents and friends surrounding the track and shouting encouragement to the runners. See story on page 23.



NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 19th August. The deadline for **adverts** is 17th August.