

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Thursday Club Outing



Posing on the Grand Staircase at Tennant's Auction House, behind the 'Penny Lane' Mini. It's completely covered in old pennies and quite a few of us really fancied bringing it home. See page 16 for story.

National Judo Champion



Medals galore for the new National Champion, Elle Leighton. See page 3.

'A Taste of Japan' - the Final Fundraiser for Scout Dominic Biasi



Dominic Quigley, Herald Biasi, Dominic Biasi, Shiori Quigley, Michael Quigley, Avril Quigley and Sarah Biasi. Children at the front: Rosalia Biasi and Arisa Quigley. See story on page 4.

Lanchester Boys Brigade Table Tennis Team in National Final



Sam Hume, Matthew Grimes and Joe Hume take third spot in National Championship final. Story on page 3.

Flower Arranging at Satley WI



Ladies of Satley WI at their flower arranging workshop. See report on page 18.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice
May my family and I thank everyone for their kindness and support during this very sad time of the loss we are trying to bear and for the cards and letters stating what a lovely gentleman and nice person Eric was and the treasured memories they have with the photographs he took for them. I am led to believe that there was standing room only at the Crematorium. The collection plate raised £516, which has been divided equally between Willow Burn, British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research. After this money was given to these charities, I received another donation which is going to the RNLI as Eric's ashes are being taken out to sea by them as he wished. Thank you again - you all know who I am talking about when I say this and

you are too many to call by name, but I would like to thank Canon Peter Waterhouse for a lovely service, Eric would have loved it, also Paul Knowles from the Co-op Funeral Service for his professionalism and kindness and last but not least we owe a big Thank You to our GP, Doctor Murray and his Staff, for always being there for us. Thank you all again from the Burns Family.

Dear Village Voice
The old railway path at Lanchester gives pleasure to walkers, joggers, horse riders, families and cyclists. There seems to be more and more fast cyclists not using bells when overtaking slower walkers. We have been involved in near accidents by a minority of thoughtless and rude cyclists who seem to think they are most important. Please think of others and use a bell when overtaking and stop frightening people. I James

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

Red Cross Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who supported the events held during Red Cross Week, 4th to 9th May. The raffle raised £133 and the Fashion event £200. The Ladies Lunch has been rearranged and will be held on 2nd July; the speaker will be Ingrid Kilner giving a talk entitled 'A year behind the Veil'.

Vote for Community Centre

If you would like to see LED lighting installed throughout Lanchester Community Centre, we need your help to raise £6,000. Please go to community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/255 before 31st May to register and use your 10 votes to support our 'light up our lives' project. Thank you.

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for April is 3. The draw was made by Mrs Hughes.

Ken Todd - Lanchester Publications Ltd (Trading as The Village Voice)



The smiling man you see in this picture is Ken Todd. Ken is a very important member of The Village Voice team. He joined us as Treasurer and was so successful that when the last Company Secretary retired he took on that role as well. Ken does take things seriously. He felt it was necessary to have a badge of office large enough to display in his front garden so that everyone would know who he is. Actually, this sign has come in very handy for two reasons. Most importantly Ken wanted his picture in the paper to encourage other people to smile as he does. However, he is cute - there is a business reason as well. Often when people pay by cheque to The Village Voice, perhaps one

of our valued advertisers, they make the cheque out to The Village Voice. Our bank does not like this and they argue with Ken. He just smiles and tries again to re-submit it.

Now this message is from happy Ken. Will everyone who pays by cheque to the Village Voice please make it out to Lanchester Publications Ltd. The bank likes this! They smile at Ken then Ken tries to smile back! He nearly smiled when he received his new sign 'Lanchester Publications Ltd'. So if you send cheques to our community newspaper (now there's a new one) because we really are a community newspaper, please, please make your cheque out to Lanchester Publications Ltd. Thank you.

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LANCHESTER BOYS BRIGADE TAKES THIRD SPOT IN NATIONAL TABLE TENNIS FINAL



All the teams that took part in the Boys Brigade National Table Tennis Championship Final.

On Saturday 9th May a team of three boys from Lanchester Boys Brigade made their way up to Greenock in Scotland to take part in the Boys Brigade National Table Tennis final. Sam Hume, Matthew Grimes and Joe Hume (see picture on front page) had beaten off stiff opposition in the

previous months to book their place in the final which saw teams from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland pitted against each other.

The team travelled up on the Friday night so that they were fresh for the competition and after a hearty breakfast made their way to the Notre Dame School

where the competition was due to take place. The day started off with the teams being piped in by a traditional piper as they marched under their respective country flags. The team progressed well through their group stages and came out as winner of their group which gave them a place in the semi final.

They met a team from Kempston in the semis who had obviously done a lot of training over the past year. Even so the scores were neck and neck with Kempston coming out winners 5 matches to 4 with the decider going to 5 games and 15 to 13 in the last game.

The team were exhausted but had no time to rest as they had the third place play-off to complete. They rallied for the match and came out handsome winners to claim a trophy each. As the youngest team there, this was a great achievement and bodes well for next year.

NATIONAL JUDO CHAMPION

National Judo Champion Elle Leighton attends Lanchester EP Primary School. She started Destination Judo just over a year ago and within a month her coach asked if she would train on the squad team where Elle would do tournaments. She was over the moon and so were we. She has had 6 tournaments in venues from Durham,

Middlesbrough, Kendal and Edinburgh. She was great in them all, receiving bronze medal, to silver then gold. Elle had a big tournament on May 3rd; this was the BJC National Championship in Kettering. Wow, she got Gold and is now the under 28kg National Champion for 2015. We are so proud of her and she just couldn't believe it. There will be

more tournaments to come and fingers crossed she regains her title next year. (Elle's picture is on the front page).



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A TASTE OF JAPAN

And very nice taste too! In fact, this wonderful and unique event, could better be described as a banquet. I'm sure all the lucky guests would agree. Shiori Quigley of Kanoya City, Japan, single handedly produced a wonderful selection of dishes, which included Japanese curry and rice, chicken dumplings, miso soup with tofu, Japanese potato salad (my favourite!), as well as demonstrating the rolling of sushi (sticky rice and fish fillings in seaweed), the frying of okonomiyaki (savoury pancakes) and the boiling of ramen (noodles in broth). Quite a culinary and logistic triumph in the small kitchen of All Saints' Parish Centre.

Guests were waited upon hand and foot by Avril Quigley, Geraldine Keenan and Sarah, Heraldo and Simon Biasi. Michael Quigley, as Maitre d', did his best to keep the plates spinning, the dishes coming and the guests smiling. The room was theme decorated by Mary Jackson and Dominic Quigley. Between courses and to aid digestion, the guests tried their hand at origami (paper folding) and various light hearted quizzes. To round off the evening, with typical Japanese hospitality, there was tasting of SAKE and/or PLUM POTATO Spirit. All this hospitality and indulgence was not pure hedonism - no! It did

have a very serious purpose. This was the climax fund raiser for Dominic Biasi, who this July will travel to the International Scout Jamboree in Japan, representing his local troupe and our community. Over £500 was raised. He and his support team were delighted. So, to Shiori, "Aligato Gozaimasu" (thank you very much). To the whole hospitality team "Otsukare" (well done). To Dominic "Itterasshai" (safe journey). And very many thanks to all our guests - "Kampai!" (Cheers!) And a deep respectful bow to all our readers. *Photo on front page*

A NEW GARDEN JOURNEY!

Last year, the Parish Council gave permission for All Saints' School to extend their building into Canon Spence's garden area. For the past months, he has found himself living next to a building decided to show their

thanks to Canon Spence by making his garden a neat and peaceful place for him to enjoy again. The work started on 25th April, when volunteers met to prepare the ground for new grass seed, as a first step to establishing the site. The school

students will be able to follow the progress of the garden work on a chart in the School Hall. The birth of a new garden is always a special event, and this will be a gesture of love and gratitude to 'Father Bob' from everyone at All Saints' School.



Volunteers from All Saints' School and St Bede's begin clearing the site of the new garden.

FROM MORGAN CARS TO PIP STOP

Many people knew of the 1950s classic car showroom at Maiden Law, proudly displaying and servicing classic Morgans for over 20 years.

Keeping to this well-known theme, Lanchester local Ben Cleary has converted the building into a unique wine and beer shop. Requiring extensive renovation and refitting, the former single skin building now houses an expansive selection of wines and local beers.

The former owner John McDonald of McDonald's Motors has kindly donated numerous vintage motoring artworks and signs which now adorn the walls and accentuate the vintage car theme.

Ben is putting his wine retail experience to good use, supporting

local and artisan beer producers as well as local tradesmen, commissioning a number of bespoke fittings.

Keen to keep the British car theme alive, half a mini acquired from the Metro Centre has been upcycled to pride of place on the wall, and as many original features as possible from the building have been kept.

Ben has created The Pip Stop's own label wine range, each with a name and character inspired by 60s car racing cartoons he watched as a child.

Ben and the staff are looking forward to welcoming the residents of Lanchester into the Pip Stop for everyone to see the transformation of the Morgan Garage and enjoy the wide range of wines, beers and spirits on offer.



The Old congratulates the New. John McDonald (right) congratulates Ben Cleary (left) on the opening day of THE PIP STOP. John was the previous owner of the building.

‘DRIVE IT DAY’



Sunday, April 26th was national ‘Drive it Day’, when classic cars took to the roads in a joyous explosion of exhilaration. Up the dale and around Middleton in Teesdale, the roads and lanes were awash with enthusiastic motorists in their classic cars. It was a gloriously sunny day and Sam Simpkins was out enjoying the ride in his Triumph GT 6.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting held on 14th April 2015

Minutes - Ordinary Meeting on 10th March 2015 - approved.

Finance Meeting on 25th March 2015 - approved.

St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College - Parking Issues Representatives from the school attended the meeting to inform Councillors and members of the public about their proposals to address the parking and traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day. The proposal is to create an additional drop off/pick up area. Members considered draft proposals.

Resolved - that a letter is sent to the school supporting in principle the proposals.

Neighbourhood Warden Report - February - discussed and received.

Correspondence

1. Society of Local Council Clerks - regional roadshow. Resolved - that the Clerk attends.

2. Willow Burn Hospice - letter received.

3. Living with Environmental Change - new policies received.

4. Lanchester Cricket Club - Beer Festival.

Members received information on the forthcoming event. Resolved - that a letter is sent asking that formal permission be requested for any future events.

5. Durham County Council - County Durham Plan - letter of thanks received.

6. Letters of thanks for grants received from - All Saints' Catholic Church, All Saints' Catholic Primary School.

7. Clerk & Councils Direct - publication received.

8. The Clerk Magazine - magazine received.

9. LCR - Spring publication received.

Area Action Partnership (AAP)/Parish Councils Committee (PCC)

The minutes of the recent PCC meeting were received.

Andy Coulthard, Area Action Partnership Co-ordinator, attended the meeting and informed members of the work of the Area Action Partnership.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Members were informed that analysis of the recent questionnaire survey had taken place. A grant application is being progressed to fund the preparation of a further

detailed questionnaire. Advice is also being sought on the preparation of a Conservation Area Appraisal.

Lanchester Cricket Club - Changing Room Refurbishment

Members received an update on the changing room refurbishment.

Dog Fouling

Members discussed the problem with dog fouling at Kitswell Park. It was agreed to discuss this with the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Promoting Smoke-free Play Areas

Members were informed that the County Council had introduced a voluntary no-smoking code in play areas. It was agreed to put signs in the play areas supporting this. The following policies

were reviewed and agreed:

- * Financial Regulations
- * Public Filming, Recording or Reporting at Council meetings
- * Standing Orders
- * Health & Safety
- * Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults
- * Equal Opportunities
- * Public Participation
- * Training
- * Publication Scheme
- * Complaints Procedure
- * Grants Policy
- * Community Engagement
- * Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations - Employer Discretions

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 12th May at 7.15 pm at Lynwood House.

Notes from the meeting held on 12th May 2015

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 14th April 2015 - approved.

Neighbourhood Warden Report - March - discussed and received.

PACT Report - discussed and received.

Correspondence

1. Northern Gas Networks - gas main replacement. Members were informed of proposed works to replace the gas main near

the Church on Durham Road.

2. Training - council tax base - agreed that the Clerk attends this free training session.

3. Lanchester Cricket Club Football Team - permission was given to use the pitch at Kitswell Park for the forthcoming season subject to the usual conditions and confirmation of appropriate insurance.

4. Durham County Council - 'Delivering Differently' - members received information on this scheme.

5. Letters of thanks for grant received - Lanchester Parochial Church Council.

6. Clerk & Councils Direct - publication received.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Members were informed that feedback on the questionnaire delivered in January will be given to the community in June through a display located at various community venues. Display panels need to be printed in preparation.

A grant application has been submitted to 'Locality' to fund the preparation of a second more detailed questionnaire.

Meetings have been arranged to explore the preparation of a L a n d s c a p e

Characterisation/appraisal which will sit alongside the Neighbourhood Plan.

Lanchester Miners' Banner Group Meeting

Members received the minutes of the recent meeting. Members considered the request from the Banner Group and agreed to take responsibility for the replica banner and the remaining monies of the group.

Dog Fouling

Members discussed the problem with dog fouling at Kitswell Park. It was agreed to look at more appropriate signage in this area.

Bus Shelters - replacement of panels

Members were informed that the replacement of a number of panels had taken place. The remaining panels would not be replaced at this time.

Tree Surveys

Members considered two tree surveys undertaken

at Kitswell Park and the Village Green which identified some tree works.

It was agreed that the work should be undertaken.

Insurance Renewal - members agreed a 3 year arrangement for the insurance.

Internal Audit Report - approved.

Financial Year 2014/15 - End of Year Accounts

The Council agreed the financial position for the end of year and accepted for certification the Annual Return - Accounting Statement and the Annual Return - Annual Governance Statement.

Year on Year Budget - received.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at 7.15 pm at Lynwood House.

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LANCHESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Neighbourhood Plan is a document which will guide development, regeneration and conservation within our Parish over future years. The Neighbourhood Plan will set out the views of our local community in terms of planning issues and will contain a number of planning policies for the Parish. Once adopted Durham County Council will have to consult the Neighbourhood Plan when making planning decisions in our Parish. During January a questionnaire was distributed in the community. This questionnaire asked some general questions about your likes, dislikes, ideas and concerns about living or working in the

Parish. This early community engagement aimed to identify key themes and issues that can be further investigated to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Completed questionnaires were received which represented views from 450 members of the community. The results of the questionnaires have been analysed and a display of the results has been compiled. The display will be placed in the following community venues in Lanchester for the community to view: Lynwood House, Durham Road, 1st - 5th June Methodist Chapel, 6th - 12th June Library, 8th - 13th June Community Centre, 15th - 20th June

Social Club, 15th - 21st June Croft View Halls, 22nd - 28th June. Also representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan working group will attend the following sessions: Saturday 6th June, Methodist Chapel 10.00 am - 12.00 noon Saturday 20th June, Community Centre (small hall), 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. We hope you will be able to come along to look at the information and find out about the next stage for the plan. If you would like further information about Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan please contact the Parish Council on 01207 520146.

POLICE REPORT

At the PACT meeting held on Tuesday 5th May, the community decided to have no priority for the area. Over the last month local beat officers have targeted community issues such as antisocial behaviour and speeding. Police have continued to monitor youths congregating on Front Street, Deanery View and under the bridge of the Lanchester Valley Walk. We are happy that these problem areas have been addressed accordingly. Conssett Churches Detached Youth Project has recently been working with local officers as they are providing outreach youth workers in the village three nights a week to engage with local youths and offer activities to do in the area. Speeding has continued to be targeted with the use of our Community Speedwatch Equipment and Laser Guns especially in the area of Durham Road and Maiden Law where numerous drivers have received warning letters or fines where necessary. Currently Durham County Council's Highways Department is conducting speed surveys on a number of main roads into the village. On Saturday 2nd May we carried out some licensed premises checks throughout Conssett and Stanley including the Black Bull Inn and Lanchester Social Club in company with our drug dogs. Nothing was found at the Social Club, however a

male was found in possession of a small quantity of white powder in the Black Bull. He is currently working with Police and accessing drug support. Between 5th and 6th May we received reports of a burglary at Lanchester Community Centre, an attempted burglary at Cooplands Bakery and a theft from a motor vehicle at Woodham Court. At Lanchester Community Centre and Woodham Court all electrical items stolen were recovered. Enquiries are still ongoing in connection with these incidents. However if you have witnessed anyone acting suspiciously in the area during the times stated or know anyone whose behaviour has changed suspiciously since these incidents, please contact PCSO 6780 Lisa Jackson on 101 or email lisa.jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk On Thursday 14th May officers from Conssett Neighbourhood Policing Team and Road Policing Unit stopped a male from Lanchester near his home address driving whilst disqualified. At the time of the stop his vehicle was seized and he was arrested. Later that evening he was interviewed and charged with driving whilst disqualified and will appear in court at a future date. The next PACT meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 2nd June at Burnhope Primary School from 6.30 pm.



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2015 ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE NORTH WEST DURHAM CONSTITUENCY

		Votes	% Share	% Change from 2010
Pat Glass	Labour	20,074	46.9	+4.6
Charlotte Haitham Taylor	Conservative	10,018	23.4	+3.4
Bruce Reid	UKIP	7,265	17.0	+14.1
Owen Temple	Liberal Democrat	3,894	9.1	-15.8
Mark Shilcock	Green Party	1,567	3.7	+3.7

Labour majority 10,056 Turnout 61.3%

A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

Well the electorate have spoken and we have a new Government. They have a brand new 'to-do' list that we get to see on 27th May at the state opening of Parliament and the Queen's speech. I want to start my new Parliamentary session by thanking the residents of Lanchester who voted and (whether you voted for me or not) for entering into the democratic process. It has been the greatest pleasure and privilege to serve as the Member of Parliament for North West Durham over the last 5 years and I look forward to doing the same over the next 5 years. Election night was an evening of mixed emotions and high drama. I returned to Parliament on 11th May knowing that the coming months will be difficult for me and my Party as we start a careful

examination of what went right and what went wrong and as we embark on the process of selecting a new leader. There will be no shortage of good candidates and I look forward to listening to their views but your views are also welcome so anyone who wants to contact me and pass on any comments, please do. It will be interesting over the next 5 years to see how the Government manages the levers of power with a relatively small majority as this situation caused all kinds of problems for John Major in similar circumstances in the early 1990s. I will be watching with interest but one of the important features of a healthy democracy is that good government only functions with good opposition and I will be making my contribution

to that in both the Chamber and in Committees.

This is going to be a very different looking Parliament - a small government majority; the Lib-Dems reduced to less than 10 MPs and sitting in Opposition after 5 years on the government benches. There have been SNP MPs in the past but just a handful and now there will be nearly 60 and I am guessing they will be making lots of noise. Parliament is likely to be dominated by the question of Europe until the re-negotiation and referendum in 2017 and as Chair of the Parliamentary Labour Party Pro-EU group this is going to take up lots of my time.

One thing is for sure, it is going to be lively and increasingly difficult to get a good seat on the Opposition benches.

Pat Glass MP

WHERE'S THE FOX?



Villagers may have noticed that the fox sculpture on the bypass walk is missing. Speculation is that children may have attempted to use this as a seat.

The sculpture has been collected by Dave Maddox, the Village Handyman.

BOOTS APPEAR IN LANCHESTER



These boots were made for walking (Nancy Sinatra). Strung up on the telephone wire between the Village Green and the car park behind the shops is this pair of boots shown in the photograph. This could be construed as one of the boundaries of the village. Why are they strung up? So many theories! So many rumours! Let the debate begin!



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Residents living in Ford Crescent and at the far end of Ford Road have for years been concerned about the speed of vehicles and their encroachment towards the narrow pavement. A speed indicator was installed in the hope of slowing

traffic, but has proved ineffectual. If further evidence is needed, the indicator has now been swiped by a passing vehicle. Surprisingly it was still working when this photograph was taken, signalling away to the hills - a sign of its futility.



The damaged speed camera on Ford Road



A close-up of the speed indicator, showing where it was hit.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning for Christian Aid was held at the Methodist Church on Saturday 16th May. There was a bric a brac stall and a cakes table. The morning was well attended and the money

raised for Christian Aid was £268. The total amount which will include collections from the village will be published at a later date. Our photo shows visitors enjoying the event.



Visitors enjoying coffee and a chat.



Nan Brown working with Sue Somersall at the Cakes Table.

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sell as well as previously? Would people be away? In the event, the room ended up full of eager listeners, and what a night it was. Jim and Marilyn Gibson with their guitars and

harp were excellent and the vibrant 'Kiddars Luck', fresh from performing at Beamish Museum, played with energy and aplomb. The second half commenced with

Copperhead Duo, who performed a dynamic and professional set with guitar and fiddle, followed by the ever popular Chris Kelly, who writes excellent songs and has some terrific humorous one liners to boot, which had us all chuckling. The evening was concluded by the band Phyllosan (some may remember it used to 'Fortify the over Forties') comprising Rob Raymond, Pete Thompson and Marie Little, playing keyboard and guitars. They are very professional and talented with a wide repertoire and

had the audience wanting more. Phyllosan certainly left us all fortified!

The evening subsequently raised £621, (slightly down on our estimate, but a fine total nevertheless) which will be divided between the Community Centre and Henry Dancer Days. I am indebted to Jane Nattress for her sterling work, Elaine, Rhoda and Di, Community Centre staff, all the performers, to Jack Burness and Andy Hogg for the sound system and our many local traders for providing raffle prizes.

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FOLK NIGHT (Continued)



Jim and Marilyn Gibson on their harps. They performed a wide variety of songs, from their own to the Beatles. They run a music night at Esh and are regularly seen playing at venues in the North East.



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All Saints' students identified on a time line when the famous Magna Carta was signed.

LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

This month's talk was given by Tony Smith, the subject being Hardwick Park. Introduced by Secretary Arthur Dodds in the absence of Chairman John Thompson, Mr Smith explained how he came to be involved in the restoration of this beautiful park near Sedgfield. He showed before and after photographs and told his audience how Durham County Council had acquired various parcels of land over the years and how the improvements to the buildings in the park had been made or were planned. Thousands of visitors go to the park every year; a new visitor centre and car parks have been made to accommodate the growing number of people who enjoy the walks, children's area and other facilities. Mr Smith was thanked by President John Gall after he had answered several questions. Next month's meeting, to be held on Friday, 5th June at 7 pm in the Community Centre, will be a talk by a regular visitor, Michael Taylor, on 'Crossing the Tyne'. After the meeting there will be a discussion on the future of the Society as last month John Thompson said he would resign at the end of the year (October) and Arthur Dodds had said last year he would take on the role of Secretary for a year to keep the Society going. It is hoped that new people will volunteer to fill these posts.

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WILLIAM HEDLEY

Having been a resident of Lanchester for some time now and vaguely aware that a William Hedley was commemorated in the Parish Church, I only found out recently that this was THE Hedley, the inventor of the world famous Puffing Billy locomotive. The following may be informative for some readers.

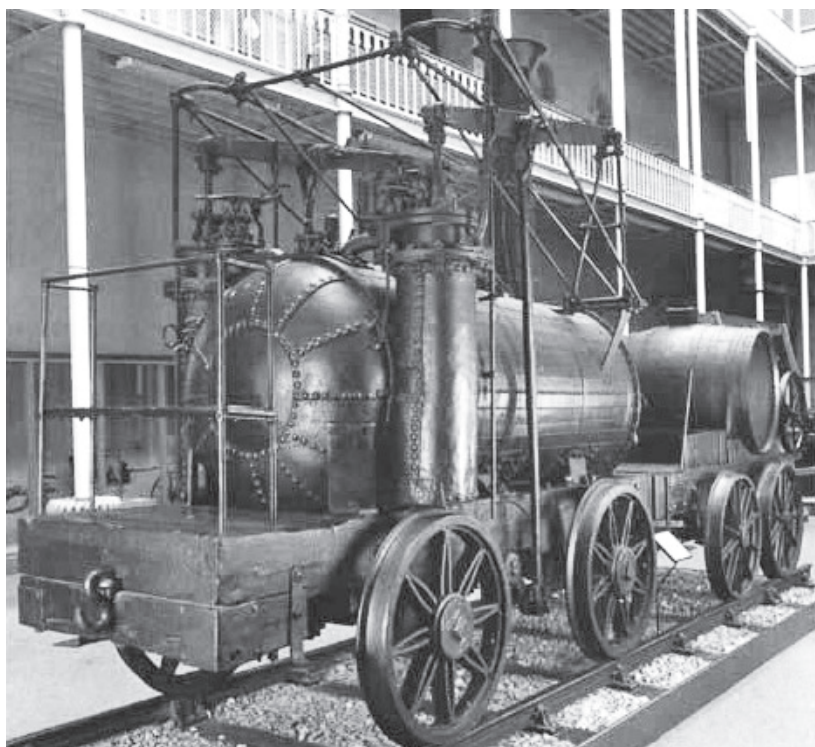
William Hedley was born at Newburn, near Newcastle-on-Tyne on 13th July, 1779. He became a manager at Walbottle Colliery before he was 22. He afterwards held the same position at Wylam Colliery. Christopher Blackett, the owner of Wylam Colliery, had been interested in using locomotives for some time. In 1804 he had employed Richard Trevithick to produce a locomotive that would replace the use of horse-drawn coal wagons. The locomotive was built, but weighing five tons, it was too heavy for Blackett's wooden wagonway. In 1808 Christopher Blackett replaced his wooden rails with cast-iron plate-rails. Soon

afterwards he asked Hedley, his colliery manager, to try and produce a steam locomotive. Hedley's first engine was not a success due to erratic running and lack of steam, so for his next loco he was helped in his task by two talented craftsmen, Jonathan Foster, an enginewright, and Timothy Hackworth, a blacksmith. Hedley believed that if the wheels of the locomotive were coupled, the weight of a locomotive alone would provide sufficient adhesion, even where smooth wheels ran on smooth rails, to haul a train of loaded wagons. Hedley's theory was supported by his experiments and in 1813 he obtained a patent for his smooth rail system. Soon afterwards smooth rails were laid down at Wylam.

His second engine used the 1812 twin cylinder plan of John Blenkinsop and Matthew Murray and a return flue boiler. This was the famous steam locomotive, Puffing Billy which first ran in 1813 and is now preserved at the

Science Museum in London. Its success encouraged them to build a second engine Wylam Dilly, which is now in the Royal Museum in Edinburgh. In the same year, his system for using a coupling between the wheels was patented. Both locos remained in active service until 1862. In 1828 Hedley began renting the South Moor Colliery. Whilst there he developed a steam-powered machine that improved the system of pumping water out of the mine. This steam-pump was soon used in collieries all over the North of England. William Hedley died at Burnhopeside Hall, Lanchester on 9th January, 1843 and was buried at Newburn Parish Church. Four sons survived him and his descendants remained heavily involved with the mining industry until nationalisation in the 1940s.

The Wylam Dilly and Puffing Billy worked in South Moor and Craghead until the 1860s. Mike Stoddart



William Hedley's 'Wylam Dilly'



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Additionally, Mothers' Union nationwide has its own charity work which we support, ie Away From It All, overseas work, literacy and numeracy projects and in our diocese Mothers' Union supported a schoolgirl in Africa - Harriet - through her schooldays till she graduated from university which enabled her to join the staff in the bishop's office.

We also participate in various deanery and diocesan events including the yearly Festival Service in the cathedral and this year we will be celebrating 125 years of the Mothers' Union in the Durham diocese. We celebrated our own branch's centenary in 2007.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month except August, in the Chapter House at 7.30 pm and anyone who wishes to would be welcome to join us.

Margaret Brown, Branch Leader



Mothers' Union members setting off for their recent outing to York.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'A Road To Recovery'

The April meeting was held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 22nd April. The meeting was opened by our Chair Lady, Helen Tomlinson.

The attendance was good and everyone enjoyed a lovely afternoon. The Demonstrator was Heather Curry and her theme was 'A Road to Recovery', a very interesting theme using flower arrangements to depict good and bad times in her life. She used so many vibrant colours and so many arrangements were produced to a background of very funny stories - a very funny lady indeed. All the beautiful arrangements were

raffled to the delight of enjoyed tea, coffee and the winners. We all then biscuits.



Heather Curry with her flower arrangements

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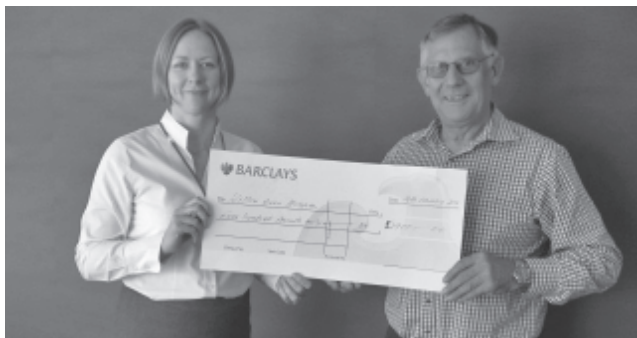
Eleven local Lanchester businesses have together raised £1,100 for Willow Burn Hospice by decluttering the village roads. Each business donated £100 for use of the Queen's Head parking bays over the past 12 months and in doing so they have created more space for local residents.

Willow Burn and Paul Jackson who owns the land, would like to say a huge thank you to the businesses who took part including:

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Hopefully, the scheme will continue for another 12 months and the money raised will continue to go back into the community and to those who care for the local residents.



CEO of Willow Burn, Helen Mills, receiving the cheque from Paul Jackson.

LYNWOOD BAKE SALE

Lynwood House had a bake sale in aid of Willow Burn, where we raised £510. It was a fantastic day where many of the local community turned out. We had a tombola, cake stall and raffle, also guess

the amount of sweets and the name of the bear. Lynwood House would like to thank everyone who contributed and who came along to what was a morning filled with fun and laughter. We shared

stories of people living with life limiting illnesses and we met some wonderful brave people. This is our first fund raising event and we hope to host many more in the future.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Beef in Beer

This is a traditional Flemish recipe, with a delicious rich sauce. Don't take the lid off to taste it half way through, because the beer needs time to develop into a rich sauce. The lovely aroma will make you feel very hungry!

Serves 6 people

2 lb chuck steak (900g), cut into 2 inch squares

¾ pound of onions, peeled, sliced in quarters then separated into layers (350 g)

1 clove garlic, crushed

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 sprig of fresh thyme

1 bayleaf

1 well-heaped table-spoon plain flour

Half pint pale ale - or Belgian beer, if you'd

like an authentic taste

Salt and freshly milled black pepper

Pre-heat the oven to gas mark 1, 275 degrees F, 140 degrees C

METHOD

Heat the oil in a large flameproof casserole until sizzling hot, then sear the meat in it, a few pieces at a time, till they become a dark brown.

As the meat browns, remove them to a plate, add the onions to the casserole and, with the heat still high, toss them around until brown at the edges. Return the meat to the casserole with any juices.

Add the flour, turn the heat down, and stir it around with a wooden spoon, so

that all the juices are soaked up. It will look rather stodgy at this point, but don't worry. Gradually stir in the beer, and whilst everything slowly comes to simmering point, add the thyme, bayleaf, crushed garlic, salt and freshly milled black pepper.

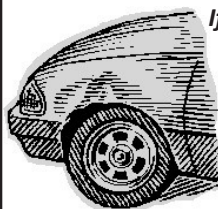
As soon as it begins to simmer, stir thoroughly, put on a tight-fitting lid and transfer the casserole to the middle shelf of the oven.

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THURSDAY CLUB OUTING

On May 14th. members of the Thursday Club and friends set off for a day out to Leyburn and Tennant's Auction House. It is a lovely journey going through beautiful North Yorkshire villages such as Bedale, Constable Burton and Crakehall, finally coming to the lovely market town of Leyburn, full of delightful little shops. Folks got back on the bus with a lot more in their hands than they got off with. We all did our own thing for lunch and there were lots of options to choose from, catering for everyone's tastes. It was then on to Tennant's where we were given a very warm welcome along with coffee/tea and biscuits. Starting out from sales in a barn in the farmyard Tennant's has now developed into a world

class auction house with amazing facilities in a magnificent setting. We were taken through the history, given an insight into the general workings of an auction house and information on some of their fantastic finds - one such item, a Chinese vase, quite recently fetching £2,600,000. Our talk was given by Diane Sinnott the Decorative Arts and Designs/General Valuer. She explained that the job was not 'all glamour'. Actually unearthing 'that amazing find' sometimes entailed dodging big fat woodworms and avoiding the fleas! It was a fascinating talk. We then had a look around the showrooms before retiring to the Versailles room for afternoon tea - the end of a delightful day.

Photo on front page

THURSDAY CLUB APRIL MEETING

We were, once again, entertained by Watts Stelling. His subject this time - 'Who Am I?'

While a medical student I noticed that milkmaids who contracted cowpox were immune to smallpox. I thought this was because the pus from the cowpox blisters protected them from smallpox. I tested my theory on 14th May 1796 by inoculating an 8 year old boy called James Phipps (the son of my gardener) with the pus. James experienced a fever but did not get smallpox. On 1st July I inoculated the boy again, this time with smallpox matter and no disease developed. I repeated the experiment on more than 20 people, including my 11 month old son, proving that the vaccine was a success. However I was widely ridiculed.

Critics, especially clergy, claimed it was repulsive and ungodly to inoculate someone with material from a diseased animal. But the obvious advantages of vaccination won out and it soon became widespread. My work on smallpox made me internationally famous and wealthy and I was made Physician Extraordinary to King George IV. I was also elected Mayor of Berkeley. When Britain was at war with France (in the early 1800s) I wrote to Napoleon requesting that he release some British prisoners. As a mark of respect for all I had achieved, Napoleon agreed.

I married in 1788 and Catherine and I had 4 children. In 1810 my eldest son Edward died of TB. My sister Mary died the same year and 2 years later my sister Anne. In 1815 my wife Catherine died of tuberculosis. Sorrows crowded in on me and I

withdrew from public life. I died of a stroke in January 1823 aged 73. I am buried at the church of St Mary's in Berkeley. There is a statue of me in Kensington Gardens and another in Gloucester Cathedral. 'Who Am I?' I am Edward Jenner MDPH 1749-1823. This gentleman was a remarkable, dedicated man and pioneer. In 1840 the British government provided the public with vaccination against smallpox for free. Later scientists, following his model, developed new vaccines to fight numerous deadly diseases including polio, whooping cough, measles, tetanus, yellow fever, typhus and hepatitis B. By 1970 international vaccination programmes, such as those undertaken by the World Health Organisation, had eliminated smallpox. Following a question/answer session with Watts the meeting ended with tea/coffee and biscuits.



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Out on the last walk we encountered two gushing streams that

had to be negotiated with great care.

Also, surprisingly, we were in Castleside, when we came across two magnificent peacocks. I wonder what we'll find next time out?



One of the peacocks in a garden in Castleside



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LADIES WHO LUNCH

On our last outing we visited Blackfriars with its inner courtyard, a gorgeous medieval location set against the old city walls of Newcastle. Blackfriars restaurant itself is housed in the old friary and the restoration and fittings have been kept true to their original style - it is quite lovely. It's also very popular and always busy. There is no interfering background music, just lots of animated conversation. As well as their à la carte they also have a set menu with 2 courses for £15 and 3 courses for £18. We ate off the set menu and sampled for main course Northumbrian rump steak, tomatoes, mushrooms, chips and

garlic butter, North Sea fish and chips, minted peas with tartare sauce, pan fried sea bass, pak choi, roast heritage potatoes with chive butter sauce and slow roasted belly pork, honeyed glazed carrots, pease pudding, cabbage and onions. Puds were triple layered dark chocolate brownie with brandied cherries and milk ice cream, sticky toffee pud with salted caramel sauce and banana ice cream and warm apple and almond tart with ginger ice cream.

All our food was a total delight and we enjoyed a lovely lunch.

Needless to say we are caught firmly in Blackfriars web - we most definitely will be back.

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LANCHESTER WI APRIL

President Jennifer Macdonald opened April's meeting, welcoming our members and noting the very favourable comments received about our Birthday Open Evening. Treasurer Angela Velleman reported positive and balanced finance and members were advised to note the many outings planned over the next weeks, making sure they were aware of the details. There were still a few seats available for our Summer Outing on July 8th and the proposed visit to Auckland Castle was proving very popular with members. Our groups are doing well, darts and quiz teams are thriving, the Book Club meets regularly in the Black Bull, and the cinema goers continue to view some interesting movies. Raffle winners were Jean Forster, Maureen Barker and Hilary Taylor and our competition winners were Tracy Dobson and Marian Williams. Our expected speaker was unable to be with us, but Liz Simpson from 'Body Shop at Home' delivered a fascinating account of the history and the development of this famous brand. Its founder, Anita Roddick, travelled a lot in the 1970s and was

fascinated to see the various local, natural skin care creams and lotions used by so many different cultures. She visited 'The Body Shop' in California, which featured naturally scented soaps and creams and was located in a car repair garage; this inspired her to start up a British version. The brand has gone from strength to strength, supporting Human Rights, Fair Trade and Co-operatives across the globe. The Body Shop Foundation gives one million pounds to good causes, supports the rights of animals, and makes sure that all of their products are



Rhoda Joyce enjoys a facial and make up demonstration by Body Shop's Liz Simpson.

ethically produced. Liz completed her presentation by describing some of the newest skin creams and lotions produced by Body Shop. Members had the chance to test some of the products and to buy those they liked. It was a really informative and entertaining event and made us aware of how such a huge organisation stays close to its ethical origins. Tea and social time ended our evening.

SATLEY WI APRIL

Satley WI met in Satley Parish Hall on April 13th. We had a flower arranging workshop by fellow member, Linda Butterfield. She proved to be an excellent teacher and guided novice flower arrangers to understand the basics. A beautiful

floral display was achieved, with all credit to Linda. The competition with an Easter theme was well supported. The 'Decorated Egg' results were as follows. 1st and 2nd places went to Kathleen Snowdon and

in 3rd place was Linda Horn. The 'Dyed Egg' competition was won again by Kathleen Snowdon, 2nd Linda Horn and 3rd Joan Smith. New visitors are warmly welcomed to our meetings. Christine Wilson

SATLEY WI MAY


Satley WI met on May 11th in the Parish Hall, Satley. The President, Pat Gibson, welcomed members and visitors and introduced the speaker, Miss Ann Heywood, who is The Chapter Steward at Durham Cathedral. 'What is a Chapter Steward?' was the title of the talk. Ann's position is to arrange all events which take place and ensure they run smoothly, ie,

weddings, concerts, flower festivals and even the filming of Harry Potter, so Ann has a very demanding and responsible position. There are 4-600 volunteers to organise and 5-600,000 visitors pass through the cathedral each year. Ann's talk also produced some very amusing and humorous encounters. A most enjoyable and

informative evening was had by all.

The competition was won by 1st Jean Portwood, 2nd Kathleen Snowdon and 3rd Avril Carpenter. The raffle was won by Pat Gibson.

There is quite a busy social calendar ahead. Some of our members will carry our WI banner at Beamish Museum as part of the WI Centenary celebrations. An outing to Royal Quays and Boundary Mill takes place on June 9th. A short walk in Wolsingham is arranged for June 18th at 6 pm followed by an evening meal. On June 24th we visit the Gala Theatre to see 'Sunset Boulevard'.

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LANCHESTER WI MAY



Owain and Sue Harris told the story of Northumbria blood bikes.

We welcomed two visitors to our May meeting, which was well attended and included several topics for information and discussion. Debate continues on our National Resolution, assessing need in long term care. Our recent coffee morning proved very popular and plans for future trips and excursions are well in hand. We are also looking forward to meeting with other WIs to celebrate Empire Day at Beamish Museum. Our competition topic was 'A Medical Tip' and the winners were Janis Suddes and Jennifer Macdonald. Raffle winners were Judith Collins and Rhoda Joyce. Our guest speaker was Owain Harris, accompanied by his wife

Sue. Owain and Sue were involved in the setting up of the Northumbria Blood Bikes, a charity which transports blood and medical supplies across the North of England. The original 'Blood Bikes' operated in the south of England in the 1960s and inspired other groups to provide this vital service across the country. Northumbria Blood Bikes began with one bike and a donation from Nissan. From the very beginning, the riders set out to present themselves as a dedicated and professional group, following strict rules on uniform and behaviour. They are a charitable organisation, relying on local volunteers, offering a free service to the NHS and saving them a great

amount of money. Once, essential medical supplies were largely transported to hospitals by taxi, but the Blood Bikes offer a dedicated free service across Berwick, Teesside and Cumbria, working closely with the Great North Air Ambulance. Our local Blood Bike organisation has grown, with several bikes and some cars added to the force. The possibility of setting up a milk bank for new babies is being investigated and the whole organisation must be applauded for the great service they provide. President Jennifer Macdonald offered sincere thanks for this inspiring account and our members donated £123.50 to this worthy cause.

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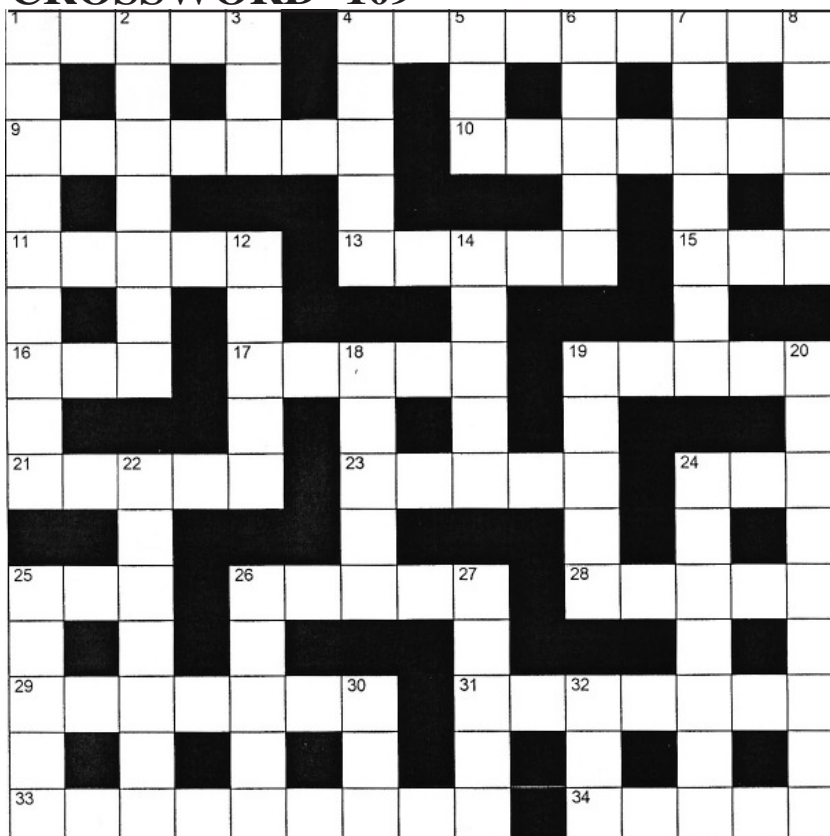
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CROSSWORD 109



ACROSS

1. More than enough (5)
4. Tree (9)
9. Descend rapidly (7)
10. Settle a dispute (5,2)
11. — Piaf, French cabaret singer d 1963 (5)
13. Tree (5)
15. — West, US mistress of verbal innuendo (3)
16. Tree (3)
17. African pied horse (5)
19. Tree (5)
21. Referring to pitch or volume of sound (5)
23. Passageway (5)
24. Tree (3)
25. Male swan (3)
26. Tree (5)
28. Vast crowd (5)
29. Matchstick people painter (1,1,5)
31. Toilet paper (3,4)
33. Tidy up (5,4)
34. Irish county (5)

DOWN

1. Plans spoiled by upset rapt place (9)
2. Strait-laced (7)
3. Tree (3)
4. Goes with bed, boatman and butt (5)
5. Mischievous child (3)
6. Consumed (5)
7. A grave robber perhaps (7)
8. Tree (5)
12. Tree (5)
14. Secrets are kept under these (5)
18. Labour prime minister (5)
19. Tree (5)
20. Tomfoolery (9)
22. Diffuse clouds of gases and particles (7)
24. Enthusiasm mixed over fur (7)
25. Acute abdominal pain (5)
26. Diminish (5)
27. Tree (5)
30. Tree (3)
32. Tree (3)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 108

ACROSS

6. Manx cat
7. ripen
9. iffy
10. upright-man
11. disallow
13. trivet
15. rash
17. Orion
18. jute
19. collie
20. dicentra
23. starvation
26. tick
27. doggo
28. pontoon

DOWN

1. Andy Warhol
2. actual
3. star
4. frighten
5. spat
6. mufti
8. nearest
12. weird
14. injunction
16. adopted
17. operator
21. canine
22. ricin
24. rage
25. I-spy

Name _____

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

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

CROSSWORD 108

There were 14 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Bill Heslop of Satley who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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.

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7			4					




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RUGBY LEGEND VISITS EP SCHOOL

Dean Richards, former Leicester Tigers and England international rugby no 8, paid a visit to Lanchester EP school shortly after the final game of the season for Newcastle Falcons, where he is Director of Rugby. Since the arrival at the school of Teacher Martin Urwin, rugby has been high on the list of sporting priorities for the children with several of them now training with Consett Rugby Club, under coach John O'Connor, who also attended this session. John O'Connor began the assembly by introducing Dean Richards. Dean led the assembly and immediately built a rapport with the children, fielding the many relevant questions as well as he did a rugby ball.

During the course of the assembly some interesting facts were revealed. Dean's first coach at school was a Nun! Dean has won 48 caps for England, played 6 times in 2 tours for the Lions, was World Player of the Year in 1990 and has travelled the world widely, as have many of the children, so it would seem by the show of hands when asked. He lived in France for two years at the beginning of his rugby career having formerly been a policeman for 14 years before rugby became a professional sport.

He encouraged the children to play rugby, to train hard but enjoy every moment saying it is a way to build lasting friendships. Children were invited to the Falcons with



Left to right: Dean Richards, John O'Connor, Duggie Patterson and Martin Urwin with some of the pupils.

some free tickets being made available. The forthcoming World Cup will see New Zealand (All Blacks) and South Africa (Springboks) playing in the North East.

With assembly over selected pupils gathered at the MUGA pitch outside for some rugby coaching led by Coach, Duggie Patterson, with John O'Connor, Martin

Urwin and Dean Richards joining in. It was a great day for the school and particularly the children who were being coached and encouraged by one of rugby's legends.

CRICKET NEWS

Fittingly it was a great start to the season to grace the refurbished facilities with the firsts knocking off a good score by Ashington, led by a maiden senior century by Greg Patterson. He was well supported by Graham Brinton, Jon Green and Teja Nidamanuru. Further wins followed against Ponteland and Alnmouth. Spin twins, Sam Sanderson and Teja Nidamanuru bowled Ponteland out, whilst Graham Brinton and Greg Halliday got the runs to secure the win. The top four batsmen all scored

well against Alnmouth before Halliday and Nidamanuru made sure they didn't get to our total. Surprisingly the side then stumbled losing a rain shortened game at Percy Main. The wicket was heavily effected and Lanchester couldn't knock off a low score. However after four weeks, the side sits proudly at the top of the table. The seconds have had a depleted team in the opening weeks and unfortunately met three of the strongest sides and suffered heavy defeats at the hands of Ashington,

Ponteland and Alnmouth, with the fourth week wiped out by the weather. The thirds made a strong start in beating Lintz by a distance, Mark Small 95 not out and Andy McConnell 68 in a fantastic partnership that was too good for their opponents. The win came at a cost with two players now out for some time with injuries, in particular promising teenager Chris Tully who will be a big miss for the seconds too. The weather claimed both the first two weeks of the under 18s and under 11s, the first week off due to

snow!! The under 15s are a young side and lost their opener to Ryton but bounced back to beat

Leadgate, whilst the U13s lost their opener but the weather ruined the following week.



The new Professional Player Coach for Lanchester Cricket Club is 20 year old Teja Nidamanuru, from Auckland, New Zealand. He arrived in England just a few weeks ago and has just about got used to the people, weather and surroundings. Teja said "The welcome has been great. I am playing cricket with a good bunch of boys, and after 4 games, to be top of the table is a good place to be." Teja's kit is sponsored by HIBS (Harrow International Business School).



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WHAT'S ON?

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be on June 18th at 7.15pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. We shall be giving a warm welcome to Lisa Lane who will be telling us all about 'Fudge Making'. Obviously you will need to bring along your 'sweet tooth'.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting is on Monday, June 1st, when we welcome Motivational Speaker Dr Rebecca Williams Dinsdale. As usual the meeting will take place in the small hall of the Community Centre and starts at 7.15 pm. Our competition is 'An Inspiring Object' and it will be interesting to see what our members decide to bring!

Advance notice about our summer outing on July 8th. The coach will leave the Green School layby at 9.30 am and we will return to Lanchester in the early evening.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 4th June 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

PACT meeting

The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd June at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School. All welcome.

Satley WI

The next meeting on June 8th is a 'Members' Night' and they will provide entertainment and supper. Visitors are welcome to all meetings.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Crimdon Dene. Meet in Community Centre CP at 9.30am., Sunday 7th June.

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Local History Society

The next meeting of the Society will be on Friday 5th June at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre. There will be a talk on 'Crossing the Tyne' by Michael Taylor. Everyone welcome.

Lanchester Flower Club

Our next meeting will be the first of our Open Evening Meetings in Lanchester Community Centre on Friday 3rd July at 7 pm.

The Demonstration will be 'Summer Sizzle' by Val Guest, a very well-known flower arranger. The tickets are available from Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667, the cost is £7. Everyone welcome.

Computers 4 All

In June the Computers 4 All team at the Community Centre will concentrate on how to personalise your computer, install/uninstall programmes and how to back up your computer should the worst happen.

Parish Church Summer Fair

The above will take place at the Chapter House 9.30-11.30 am on Saturday 20th June. The theme is Sunshine and Strawberries. There will be cakes and savouries, jams, preserves, books, bric a brac, toiletries, bottle tombola, bags and scarves. Also the Grand Summer Draw. Coffee Tea and Strawberry Scones are £1, with a free drink and treat for children. Do come and join us - all welcome.

Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd June at 7.30 pm in Crinnions.

An Evening with John Archer - Magician and Comedian

John Archer, a world-renowned magician, who has recently completed an international tour with the stand-up comedian Tim Vine, is coming to the village on Friday July 3rd. He will be performing at Lanchester Methodist Church, starting at 7.15 pm (doors open at 6.30 pm). John is a former Magic Circle Stage Magician of the Year and is a member of 'The Inner Circle with Gold Star', which is as good as they get! He not only performs magic but is also a writer, comedian, actor, singer and musician, a man of many talents! You might remember him from 2012 when he appeared in a CBBC series called 'Help, my supply teacher is magic'.

He was also the first man to fool Penn and Teller on their show 'Penn and Teller - Fool Us' where he not only fooled them but had the audience in stitches with his comedic delivery. You can view his act on YouTube.

It should be an amazing, funny and entertaining evening for all the family!

Tickets are £6 or £20 for a family (2 adults and 2 children) and are available from Di Tute tel: 01207 529286.

Any profit made will go to the 3 charities currently being supported by the church. They are The People's Kitchen, Alzheimer's Society and Mercy Ships.

Mothers' Union

For the meeting on Wednesday 10th June we are starting in the Chapter House at 7.30pm and then going into church where we will be entertained by members of the Male Voice Choir.

Short Circuit Walks

Venue: Snods Edge

NB This walk is on a Sunday and starts at 12.30pm (no lunch stop).

Date: June 7th

OS Ref: NZ065525

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Miles: 5

Leader: Peter Andrews

Phone: 01914161677

After a gentle walk through the woods and fields, sometimes uphill and sometimes downhill, with the odd patch of mud to negotiate, we will arrive at the church/village hall where lavish afternoon teas are waiting. Snods Edge is on the B6278 between Carterway Heads on the A68 to the west and Shotley Bridge to the east.

Venue: Harbottle

Date: June 20th

OS Ref: NT925049

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Miles: 5.5

Leader: John Finn

Phone: 01661871770

A varied walk through heather moorland up to Drake's Stone and a hilltop lake, exceptional views over the upper Coquet valley. Long gradual ascents and descents over rough ground (poles recommended) but upper plateau fairly flat. Forest CP 800m past village on S side. Harbottle is on B6341 about 12 miles from Rothbury. Toilets at Rothbury and Alwinton.

Adult Wildlife Group

The meeting on Tuesday 9th June is an outdoor meeting - 'Heritage Habitat in Satley'. Meet in Lanchester Community Centre CP at 6.45pm. The visit will be guided by David Shimwell.

Lanchester and Burnhope Churches

Summer Fair

This will be held at 9.30 - 11.30am on Saturday 20th June in the Chapter House.

The theme is Sunshine and Strawberries. Cakes and Savouries, Jams and Preserves, Books, Bric a Brac, Toiletries and Bottle Tombola, Bags and Scarves.

Grand Summer Draw. Coffee, tea & strawberry scones £1. Free drink and treat for children.

Do come and join us.

Sunday Evening Service

June 7th at 6.00 pm in the Parish Church. On this evening we welcome two visitors to our service:

Mr Maurice Ridley, from the Methodist Church who will accompany us with his accordion as we sing some well known choruses which he has chosen.

'To Russia with Love' The above words are to introduce Major Ivy Nash of the Salvation Army who worked for a time in Moscow and also in the Falklands. The main part of her ministry has been in this country amongst the needy in city areas and she has much to share with us about her work as a Servant of Christ. All are welcome.

Changes of Services

From September 1st 2015 the Sunday 10.30 am Parish Eucharist at All Saints Parish Church Lanchester will be changed to 10.00 am. The Sunday 9.30 am service at St. John's Burnhope will be changed to 9.15am weekly. P Hasler

Fancy a trip round Paris

... then why not come to the Choral and Operatic Society's production of Franz Lehar's frothy comicoperetta 'The Merry Widow' in the Methodist Church in July. We will be presenting a fully costumed concert version with a live band. Special soloists for the occasion will be Elizabeth Woods, Susan Jordan, Paul Smith and our own Richard Woods and Ian Gray. The show is all about the carryings-on at a Pontevedrian Embassy in Paris. (Never heard of it? Don't worry, it's artistic licence!) The state apparently is nearly bankrupt and it's all down to Count Danilo to marry Madame Glavari to get hold of her millions. Of course nothing goes to plan and the plot has twists and turns - but don't worry, Richard is our narrator for the evening so he will keep you right! The show runs on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July and tickets are available from any society member, or by ringing 520172 or 521458.

Community Centre Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 11th June from 9.30 - 11 am.

Churches Together

Annual Lecture

The annual lecture for Churches Together will take place at the Methodist Church on Thursday 4th June at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Karen Kilby, a Bede Professor at Durham University. The subject will be 'Love and Suffering'. Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend.

Lanchester Social Club

Saturday 6th June, McNEILL, Great Vocalist with Guitar
Sunday 7th June, Sunday Night Buskers
Saturday 13th June, TIA LOUISE, Popular and talented young singer
Sunday 14th June, Sunday Night Buskers
Saturday 20th June, IAN FRASER, Top Vocalist
Sunday 21st June, Sunday Night Buskers
Saturday 27th June, JAY J STEPHEN, Female Vocal entertainer
Sunday 28th June, Sunday Night Buskers

Lanchester Playgroup

Thursday 11th June - Sure Start will be coming to Playgroup to put on a session called Jitterbugs - nursery rhymes, musical instruments and fun times galore! 9.30 am.
Saturday 20th June - Summer Fair in support of Playgroup at Lanchester Social Club, 12 noon to 4 pm - come along and join the fun!
Wednesday 1st July - Sponsored Toddler at Lanchester Park with sponsorship money raised going towards the purchase of new equipment for Playgroup.

Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 6th June from 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church.

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NEW MEMBERS FOR BOWLING CLUB

Lanchester Bowling Club is delighted that we have had an intake of ten new members this year. Their abilities range from people completely new to bowling to a player of county level. Some of the new bowlers have already been given their first experiences of team

games in our development team on Tuesdays. Our Monday team has added to the successes of last year with three wins so far. The Saturday team has had mixed fortunes with a win over Consett Park but unfortunately a loss to Dipton. The Wednesday league has just started;

we lost our first game against Annfield Plain. Our 'Get Together' sessions for new and developing players held on Thursday afternoons have been disrupted by team matches but will be up and running again in June.

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GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND

Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club hosted a Free Tennis Fun day on Sunday 17th May. This was part of the Lawn Tennis Association's initiative, the Great British Tennis Weekend and followed an intensive media campaign to try to get players, young and old, to partake in the sport. The weather, although blustery, was fine and dry and the club was prepared for some serious tennis action.

Equipment designed for younger children to become familiar with the game, was set up on No 1 court and 'Centre court' was used for family and free play, whilst on court 3, 'target serve' and cardio tennis took place.

There was a terrific turnout for the day as over 40 players, almost all new to the club, attended and enjoyed the free tennis. Refreshments were provided along with tennis rackets and balls. The club would like to thank Joyce Dixon, Pam Graham, Sally Laverick, Jane Laycock and Michelle Ridley for their sterling efforts with setting up, registration

and serving the refreshments.

Upcoming events include the Strawberry Tea on Sunday 21st June and the Barbeque on Saturday 18th July.

Coaching is continuing on Monday nights at the club and if anyone would like further information about tennis in the village, please contact the secretary on 01207 520278.

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Children having fun at the tennis weekend

A RIDE TO REMEMBER FOR WILLOW BURN

There are many ways you can remember a loved one, but one man decided to challenge himself to a 60 mile 'Castles' bike ride to raise as much money as possible in memory of his best friend Les Wilkinson. Alan who is a keen cyclist, set out to raise around £500 but has smashed his target and raised over £2,000 for Willow Burn Hospice, where Les spent his last few days.

Along the way Alan posted pictures of himself with each castle along the route. He also suffered 2 punctures, harsh winds and uphill struggles but after looking down at his picture of Les between the handlebars, he was inspired to carry on and finish his challenge. He received a hero's welcome with over 30 friends and family members there to greet

him at Tynemouth. "I arrived to a sea of people, it was amazing. I'll never forget it."

But this is not the end of Alan's fundraising. He's determined to carry on and make as much money as possible in memory of his dear friend who he sadly lost last September.

There's certainly one thing for sure, he's done Les proud.

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New members for Bowling Club



Barbara Owen, new member at Lanchester this year, plays her part in the 8-2 victory of Lanchester against Consett Park. Story, page 23.

A Ride to Remember for Willow Burn



Alan Dodd completed a 60 mile cycle ride in memory of his friend, Les Wilkinson. He is seen here at Tynemouth with Les's wife Tracy and daughters, Sophie and Zoe. Full story, page 23.

Great British Tennis Weekend



Some of the participants enjoying the fun and beautiful weather. Story, page 23.

Rugby Legend visits EP School



Dean Richards, former England International player, training with EP School pupils. See page 21 for full story.

Great Start for our Local Cricket Club

Cricket News, page 21.



An evening Cricket 20-over match on Wednesday 13th May between Lanchester and Consett.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th June.
The deadline for **adverts** is 14th June.

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