

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## MAGNA CARTA ANNIVERSARY



*Spotted by our eagle-eyed reporter, banners depicting the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta, created by talented children from the Lanchester EP School, displayed in Prince Bishops Shopping Centre, Durham.*

## VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB WORKING DAY



*Tractors lined up ready to go. (See article on page 15)*



*Is it a ploughing problem or normal for drivers to continually look at the plough?*

## THE VILLAGE VOICE GOES GLOBAL



*Our own Maisie displaying the paper in St Paul's Bay, Malta.*





## Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

My girlfriend and I have only lived in the village for just under a year, but already we feel at home and part of the community. Lanchester has much to be proud of, particularly the way in which everyone comes together at Easter and Christmas etc.

However, I was inclined to write to the Village Voice after reading July's issue, wherein two separate articles bemoaned the potential loss of the free Tesco bus service due to lack of use and the future closure of Barclays Bank (presumably for the same reason - lack of customers). Although I am disappointed that both of these services will no longer be available to villagers, it should be noted that most villagers have objected to more housing being built in the

village, which would in turn bring more people to support local businesses such as those I have mentioned and could have saved them from disappearing.

Just to clarify, I am not saying that the building of 150+ houses in the area is a good thing, as I for one think this would be detrimental to the ethos of Lanchester. However, I see no harm in smaller housing projects being considered.

I think that if we are to bring more income into the village and lessen the risk of losing vital public services, we must open ourselves up to the prospect of welcoming new residents, just as we have been welcomed.

Lewis Thompson

Address withheld by request

## COMMUNITY DRAW

The winning number in the Community Draw for July is 35. The draw was made by Dr A R Basile of the Gym.

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The website has three separate sections:

\* The current edition page - which is, as the name suggests, this

month's issue of the paper.

\* The Archive - which we are still building - will, we hope, contain every edition of the paper from Day 1.

\* Contacts - email addresses, telephone numbers and addresses for the Village Voice management team.

All of the issues are in standard PDF format. Simply click on the appropriate issue to display the front page and then scroll through each issue over the years.

If you have any queries please email [lanchestervillagevoice@gmail.com](mailto:lanchestervillagevoice@gmail.com).

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# WEDDING IN POLAND



*Jamie Walton and Gosia Bruchlikowska married in St Jozefa Church Male Ciche Poland on 29th August. The couple had a traditional Polish ceremony attended by family and friends.*

## JONATHAN TAYLOR - NOW 50

Would be 'party animal', Jonathan, absolutely loves parties, but has never enjoyed being the subject of one for many years. Therefore, it was decided by his wife, Sarah, who hates parties, to surprise him. The party took about 4 months to organise, causing amazing stress trying to keep the secret. A

good ploy was not to have it exactly on his birthday but prior to it - good thinking. Even youngest daughter, Chloe, kept silent about it for the first time in her life. No-one knew what threats had been made to her by her mum, but for once in her 15 years, Chloe did keep the secret. The event was held at

Burnopfield Cricket Club on September 12th for about 100 people. Family and friends came from all over the UK with one couple travelling from Sweden. The plan was to have a meal in Newcastle with friends, call into

Burnopfield CC en route to drop off a bottle of champagne to a 'fictitious party'. Texts had been flying about for several months about this party which Jonathan was made aware of. He actually purchased the champagne himself, bought the card and wrote it!

The entrance with Jonathan first through the door was - Wow! There could be no doubt whatsoever, his dream had finally come true. He saw a sea of smiling faces, party poppers going off. He looked stunned!

So it was a huge success. The hot buffet was good, the disco and dancing by all ages was fun, and old friends from school and university days got

together for the first time in many years as well as family, some of whom Jonathan had not seen a very long time.

Jonathan has been told by his loving wife that his next party will be for his 100th birthday. She will not be the organiser!



*Jonathan Taylor shows his delight at a birthday party secretly arranged by his wife Sarah.*

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# LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB LEEK SHOW

Once again the standard of produce at the annual Lanchester Social Club Leek and Horticultural Show seemed to improve. This was despite some difficult weather in the planting season and the cold snap in June which badly affected the flowers. Most of the flowers grown in the village will peak in a couple of months whilst those from Shotley Bridge area peaked on time for the show, which took place the second weekend in September. As a result, fewer flowers were entered into the competition this year, but the quality was still excellent.

Benching takes place on Saturday morning, judging on that afternoon, with viewing sessions for the general public on Sunday afternoon, followed by prize giving and a lively auction during the evening. There were plenty of bargains available with rock bottom prices. Many people visited the show and took advantage of this good opportunity. Once again Billy Brunton almost swept the board with first prizes in both vegetables and flowers. Billy won: The Norman Stephenson Cup for Leeks; the GH Thompson Cup for 3 Varieties of Vegetables;



*Jim Fazakerly showing his first prize with his beautiful white 'John Winfield' Chrysanthemums.*

The Jim Dixon Cup for a Pair of Marrows; Federation Shield for 3 Onions from Seed; the

Lanchester CIU Club Cup for the Heaviest Onion; for 5 Chrysanthemums, Britannia Building Society Trophy; and most points in the show, finishing up with the Tetley Cup. This year the judge was Brian Young from Wolsingham.

The Club still retains its membership of about 11 and only those members are allowed to compete in the 'Leek Growing Section', whilst other varieties of vegetables and flowers are open to all enthusiasts. It is hoped that this traditional show will carry on for many years.



*Vince Pickersgill winning a first prize with some fabulous looking carrots.*

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# LANCHESTER LEEK SHOW TROPHY WINNERS 2015

## LEEKs

1st Prize	Norman Stevenson Cup	B Brunton
2nd Prize	H B Maycock Cup	E Brown
3rd Prize	Victor Dillon Cup	V Pickersgill
Best Leek in Show		V Pickersgill

## VEGETABLES

3 varieties of vegetables	O H Thompson Cup	B Brunton
3 onions from seed	Federation Shield	B Brunton
Heaviest Onion	Lanchester CIU Club Cup	B Brunton
Pair of Marrows	Jim Dixon Cup	B Brunton

## FLOWERS

Vase of flowers	Iveson Rose Bowl	A Swinburne
5 Chrysanthemums	Britannia Building Society	B Brunton
Best Dahlia	Allan Whittle Trophy	G Bushby
3 Gladioli	James Halpin Trophy	A Robbins
Best Exhibit In Show	Lanchester CIU Club Shield	A Robbins
Most Points In Show	Tetley Cup	B Brunton



*Billy Brunton with first prizes for his excellent cauliflower, parsnip and celery.*

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2015

### Minutes

Ordinary Meeting on 14th July 2015 - approved.

Finance Committee Meeting on 29th July 2015 - approved.

### Neighbourhood Warden Report

May, June and July discussed and received.

### PACT Report

- discussed and received.

### Correspondence

1. Register of Disclosable Pecuniary and other Registerable Interests - Members were reminded to update their forms.

2. Tax Base 2016/17 - Information was received from Durham County Council on the probable tax base for 2016/17.

### Area Action Partnership and Parish Councils Committee

Members discussed a joint project between the ten Parish Councils in the Mid Durham area to

address fly-tipping. Members agreed a contribution of £512.00 towards the joint purchase of four fly-tipping cameras between the ten Parish Councils in the Mid Durham area. The total cost of the scheme is £6400.00 with half of the cost being met by the County Councillors. The cameras will be operated and managed by Durham County Council.

Members discussed the Area Action Partnership newsletter which provided information on its many work streams. In particular Members discussed the training available to become a Dementia Friendly Community. It was agreed to organise a training event in Lanchester which will be open to the Parish Council and wider community to attend.

### Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Mike Wardle provided Members with an update. The second workshop organised by Neighbourhood Plan-It took place on 30th July to continue progress on the next stage of Community Consultation. The consultant is currently drawing together a questionnaire for consideration.

Members of the working group are beginning the process of collating community evidence and profile information. The production of a Conservation Area Appraisal and Heritage Audit is being progressed. Durham County Council will co-ordinate and manage the production of a

Conservation Area Appraisal. The North of England Civic Trust (NECT) will train volunteers and guide the production of the Heritage Audit. The cost of the Heritage Audit will be £3,250.00. A contribution of £1,688.00 has been received from the County Councillors Members Initiative Fund. Money was approved to undertake the Heritage Audit as per the quote received and additional money was approved for NECT to write the Heritage Audit document.

### Christmas Lights

Councillors agreed the price of £1020.00 received from Durham County Council to undertake routine works on the Christmas Lights

and for the dressing and undressing of the Christmas Tree.

### Closure of Barclays Bank

It was agreed to send a letter to Barclays Bank expressing the concern of the Parish Council.

### Annual Return 2014/15

The Lead Officer went through the papers returned from external audit. External audit confirmed that no matters had come to their attention which gave cause for concern. The Annual Return was approved and accepted.

### Financial report

- discussed and approved.

### Accounts for Payment

- approved. The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7.15 pm at Lynwood House.

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Volunteers will be undertaking the Toolkit surveys and we welcome the involvement of interested community groups, residents and businesses who would like to join us.

Dates of the Toolkit Surveys are 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd October, meeting at Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester at 9.30 am.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE ...

We live in interesting times particularly in the Labour Party. We have a new leader, elected with nearly 60% of the vote. Over 450,000 out of an eligible 550,000 voted in the election. Within an hour of the election result being announced 4,000 people had joined the Party with a further 4,000 waiting in a queue to join and within 2 days 28,000 had joined. Given public cynicism with politics it is really good that so many people have got involved but only time will tell whether Jeremy Corbyn has caught a mood in the country as a whole or just within one section of the population. I, as you are probably aware, backed Andy Burnham for Leader, who came 2nd. I am getting used to backing the runner-up! Although I did not support Jeremy Corbyn in the leadership election I believe in democracy and I certainly have no truck with those within my own Party who are refusing to work with him. We either live in a democracy or we don't! I am disappointed with those who purport to be democrats ... but only if their candidate wins. Outside of Parliament the news has been dominated over the summer by the refugee

crisis in Europe and the Mediterranean. I saw some of it for myself in Calais earlier in the summer where hundreds of refugees gathered at the Channel Tunnel as dusk fell. Most of the people I saw and spoke to were single young men but there were families and some children and most of them had only what they stood up in. They told stories of travelling across war zones, the fear of crossing the Mediterranean in small boats, handing over everything they had to people traffickers to get them as far as France. Whilst we may all have views about the crisis, I don't think that there is anyone who can blame these people, many of whom are fleeing war and terror, for trying to find better lives for themselves and their children. This is a human tragedy unfolding on a huge scale right in front of our eyes or on our TV screens and is not something that we can afford to turn our backs on.

Pat Glass, MP



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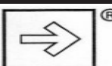
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Children were asked to inform their parents, relatives and friends if they would be able to help in any way - the response was amazing. The children were rewarded with a dressing down day which raised funds as well.

An enormous amount of foodstuffs, clothes and other useful and essential items were brought to school filling quite a large area of the hall.

Volunteers Sam Lloyd, Vicky Davison, Mark Gill, together with Head Teacher, Jane Davis and Business Manager,

Janette Marklew helped to arrange products in some sort of order for packing the van. The load will be taken to refugees in central Europe by Steve Watson from Consett and Eddie Bennett from Medomsley. They will set off on the weekend of 19th/20th September, going via Calais and expect to reach their destination in 5/6 days.

*Our pictures show some of the year 2 children who dressed down and raised money with above named volunteers: left to right, Joshua, Daniel, Eloise and Jasmine. Also in the pictures are helpers, Vicky, Sam and Mark, Janette Marklew and Head Teacher Jane Davis. The second picture shows some of the enormous amount of items collected.*


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Lanchester students Joseph Holman, Nathaniel Reeve and Emily Morris are among 26 pupils who gained 8 or more A\*-A grades, a fantastic achievement in today's climate of tougher linear exams.

Alice Burns (pictured on right) achieved a staggering 11 A\*s in English Language, English Literature, Maths, Additional Maths, RE, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Geography, History, and an A grade in Biology - an outstanding achievement! Headteacher Neville Harrison, said: "We congratulate all of our

students who have worked diligently throughout their two years of study to achieve their very best. Many will join our outstanding Sixth Form College, where they will be supported by excellent teachers who will ensure that they continue to flourish and excel in their studies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all

the staff for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the students - they have worked incredibly hard to support and guide them so well.

I wish all of our GCSE students every happiness and success into the future and hope that they cherish fond memories of their time at St Bede's."



*Alice Burns, who achieved 11 A\* and 1 A at GCSE level with her family from Conssett.*



*David Selby from Lanchester, who did very well at GCSE level, pictured with his parents.*



*Left, Jasmine Tones, who achieved 10 A\* and two As at GCSE level with teacher, Miss Fenwick.*

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# CELEBRATING LIFE THROUGH CREATIVE WRITING COLLABORATION

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Rachel Cochrane states: "The Benchmark theme was influenced by in-memory plaques and celebrating life in the present tense. We asked entrants to think about themselves in a positive way and to celebrate life." The competition has raised a fantastic £150 and helped raise the profile of both Rachel and Willow Burn Hospice in the process around the UK. There were 76 competition

entries in total with desired locations from Turkey to Tynemouth but to the winner Maggie Davison, there was no question about her destination: "I never thought about abroad. I've always lived by the sea. It was a toss-up between Bamburgh and Holy Island but I have fond memories of travelling to Holy Island as a child in the 1960s when my father was a station marshall. I loved driving over the sand to get to the island, before the road was built." Unbeknownst to Maggie, when she started looking into her family history, she discovered that an



Left to right: Winner Maggie Davison, Writer Rachel Cochrane and Willow Burn's Crystal Booth.

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ancestor actually lived on Holy Island. "It gave the whole story another extra layer," she added.

The prize which Maggie received a few weeks ago was an oak bench, donated by Solid Oak Hardwood Furniture along with her personalised plaque donated by Faith & Gould and engraved by Victory

Signs of Cramlington. The competition was rigorously assessed by pre-readers and judges. Judges included Bishop Auckland writer Wendy Robertson and Dr Philip Le Dune, a GP with an interest in palliative care. It's perhaps clear to see why Maggie was chosen as the overall winner due

to the strong family connection and fond memories of Holy Island, making it such a special place to her.

If you would like to read the winning entries please visit <http://www.rachelcochrane.com/portfolio-item/benchmark-comp-project/>

## ALEXANDER NEILSON - AUTHOR

Alex Neilson, from Denmark, lived in Lanchester during 2005. He recently returned for a few days to meet up with old friends and promote his current books. Alex has always been fond of the North East but is not really sure how he landed up in the village. He is a football fan and has made several visits from his home in Denmark to see Sunderland.

Alex said "I am very happy to visit Lanchester again after some 10 years. I have noticed many changes for the better but many places have remained the same, as I remember them, which is pleasing. I have been

well received and welcomed by old friends." Alex has been a broadcaster, used to write for magazines and the

internet, but has now retired to write his own books. They are obtainable from the internet.



Alexander Neilson enjoying a good cup of English tea at The Gallery Coffee Shop.



# LANCHESTER DAIRIES DONATION PROVIDES LIFELINE FOR LANCHESTER PLAYGROUP

A generous donation from Lanchester Dairies Ltd to Lanchester Playgroup has ensured the Playgroup can continue to operate for at least the rest of this year.

Lanchester Dairies have recently made a donation towards Playgroup funds staving off immediate worries that this valuable community facility could face closure in the foreseeable future.

Whilst some of the money has been used to cover essential costs such as insurance and rent in the short term, it is intended that this donation will be put towards more tangible resources which will

make a real difference to the look and feel of Playgroup sessions. Some investment has already been made, refreshing the resources available for children attending Playgroup and stocking up on craft supplies.

The Playgroup Staff and Committee would like to say a big thank you to the Lanchester Dairies Ltd Team. Your generosity has made a significant difference to our confidence in the future of Lanchester Playgroup. With this injection of capital we will make real improvements to the experience provided by Playgroup for children within the village and beyond.

Lanchester Playgroup runs from 9.20 until

11.15 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during term time in the Small Hall in the Community Centre. Pre-school children aged 18 months and over are welcome. Parents of children over 2 years old have the choice of accompanying their children or can leave them under the supervision of a qualified member of staff. The cost of a session is £3.75 per child.

**What's on at Playgroup** in the coming month:

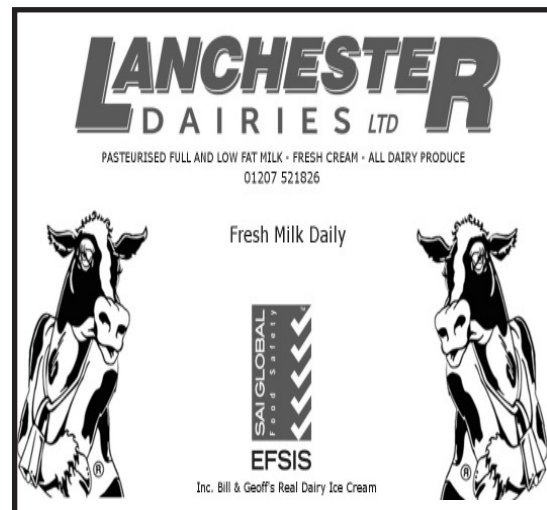
\* Friday 2nd October 2015 - Kidsclub Productions will be

joining us to film special Christmas DVD's for those who wish their children to take part.

\* Friday 16th October 2015 - Room on the Broom Theme Day -

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## END OF BOWLING SEASON

A victory over South Moor put us into the Veterans League Cup Final versus Dipton and it was a close run affair. With the match ending two rinks each, the final result was decided on shots difference and Dipton narrowly came out winners.

The weather forecast for the Club Finals Day was not favourable so matches had to be rearranged. This sadly meant that spectators were down on previous years. Peter Coulson, a County player who has joined the club this year, took the Two and Three-woods trophies beating Ken Raper and John Hurran respectively. The Ladies' competition was won by Christine Monaghan against Dorothy Turnbull and the Challenge trophy was taken by Jim Howliston who proved to be a 'wife beater' as he played

against his recent bride Barbara.

Rarely does a season go by without Stan Easten getting his hands on a trophy and this year was no exception. He took the Club Championship beating Ken in a closely-fought final. However Ken did get reward for a good season when he won the Pairs competition with his regular bowling partner, Anne Hurran. They beat Robin Scudder and Stan in the final (see photo on back page).

Stan also came out winner of an excellent Handicap final against Peter. This game was enjoyed by a good group of spectators despite being played on a chilly Wednesday evening.

Members should note that the club AGM will be held on 7 pm on Thursday 15th October in the Pavilion and the Presentation Dinner is scheduled for 11th November.

## FA CUP DRAW PRESENTATION



*The FA Cup Draw, organised by Mike Stoddart for Lanchester Social Club, was once again very successful. Proceeds from the profit were presented in cheque form by: Peter Stevens, left, (Chair of Lanchester Social Club) to Ken Raper (Secretary of Lanchester Bowling Club) for £200; Richard Young, far right, Secretary of Lanchester Social Club, to Paul Jackson, representing Willow Burn Hospice Trustees, for £350. A further sum of £350 has been sent to Great North Air Ambulance who were unable to attend.*



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It was a perfect day for cycling, the sun shone and there was little wind, as about 700 enthusiasts lined up for the Durham Big Ride at County Hall, Durham. Now in its 9th year this is one of the most established cycling events in the region. The very young enjoyed a three mile circuit at Aykley Heads, whilst those more able took advantage of the 10 mile ride as far as Langley Park on roads, and back to Durham via the Lanchester Valley Walk.

The majority went for the 25 mile country route taking in Sacriston, Burnhope, Iveston Bogglehole and back through Lanchester en route to Durham. Most riders seemed to take the day casually - out for a pleasant ride in no hurry, many with children alongside them. There are always those, however, who see it as a personal challenge to get to the finish as quickly as possible, but that's human nature. It is an event for all-comers and a great social occasion.



*A lovely family day out, riding through Lanchester on the Durham Big Ride.*



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On Sunday 6th September Durham Cathedral was packed for an ecumenical celebration. A full coach from Lanchester joined the throng to listen to a dialogue on the themes of 'Prayer, Poverty and Peace', themes suggested by Pope Francis at a recent meeting with Archbishop Justin Welby. It was truly inspirational to listen as the main speakers, the Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, Malcolm McMahon and the Anglican Archbishop of

York, John Sentamu exchanged their reflections about the three themes. The singing, led by the Buxton Madrigal Singers, the splendour of the organ, and thoughtfully chosen prayers and readings, focussed our hearts and minds upon how we all might build the kingdom of God. As we exchanged The Peace with our fellow Christians in the warm and sunlit cloister, we really felt the 'Joy of the Gospel'.



*A packed ecumenical congregation in Durham Cathedral listen intently.*

## ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNER CLARE LAMB SUCCEEDS



*Clare Lamb who successfully campaigned for a School Crossing Patrol.*

Clare Lamb of Alderdene, a young mother with three children, has been a resolute campaigner for road safety for several years, particularly with children in mind. In June

2014 we reported that her first effort to have a School Crossing Patrol at St Bede's had been successful, after Clare had persistently contacted the Highways Department at

Durham CC and local councillors. Her latest project was to have Crossing Patrol Officers at the bottom of Maiden Law Bank. Rails were erected earlier this year and it is only now that the council has finally acted upon Clare's wishes. As an aside, Clare creates jobs as well!

There is a job opportunity for two people to control the above mentioned crossing. The School Crossing Patrol Service is looking for two reliable and caring people over 18 years old with good eyesight and hearing, who can pass a medical and DBS checks. Work hours are 6 hours 40 minutes per week between

8.05 - 8.50 in the morning and 3.00 - 3.35 in the afternoon.

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Clare deserves recognition for her determined approach to her project and the success it has brought.

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# VINTAGE TRACTOR CLUB WORKING DAY

Following the success of the 'Working Day' last year the Vintage Tractor club organised a similar function on Sunday 23rd August, at Nick Greenwell's farm, along Ford Road. The day before, there was tremendous rainfall but luckily the sun shone for most of the Sunday and the ground dried fairly quickly.

Between 30-40 tractors were on view in the field. There was a sales tent with raffle, run by Maxine Harrison and food and drinks available courtesy of Crinnions, whom club members would like to thank.

The day itself was really interesting with many skilled tractor drivers ploughing very long furrows in various parts

of the very large fields. An additional event this time was the auction of tractors, trailers and farm equipment. This was organised by Mark Watson, a farming auctioneer from Tow Law. Just over £4000 was raised from the auction. Paul Dickson donated £100 from the proceeds of his sale, Ian Suddes donated a further £200 from the proceeds of the sale of his equipment, with both amounts going to the



*Straight-line ploughing*

Vintage Tractor Club. Once again it was a very successful, interesting, entertaining day where farmers and spectators could socialise and bring monetary benefit to this rapidly expanding club.



*Tractors trailers, a bale of hay and other farm equipment were auctioned by auctioneer from Tow Law, Mark Watson.*



*A general view of the main part of the Vintage Tractor Club 'Working Day'.*

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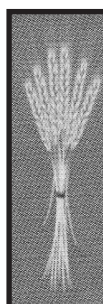
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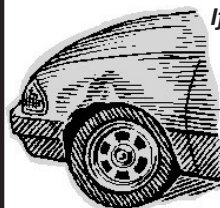
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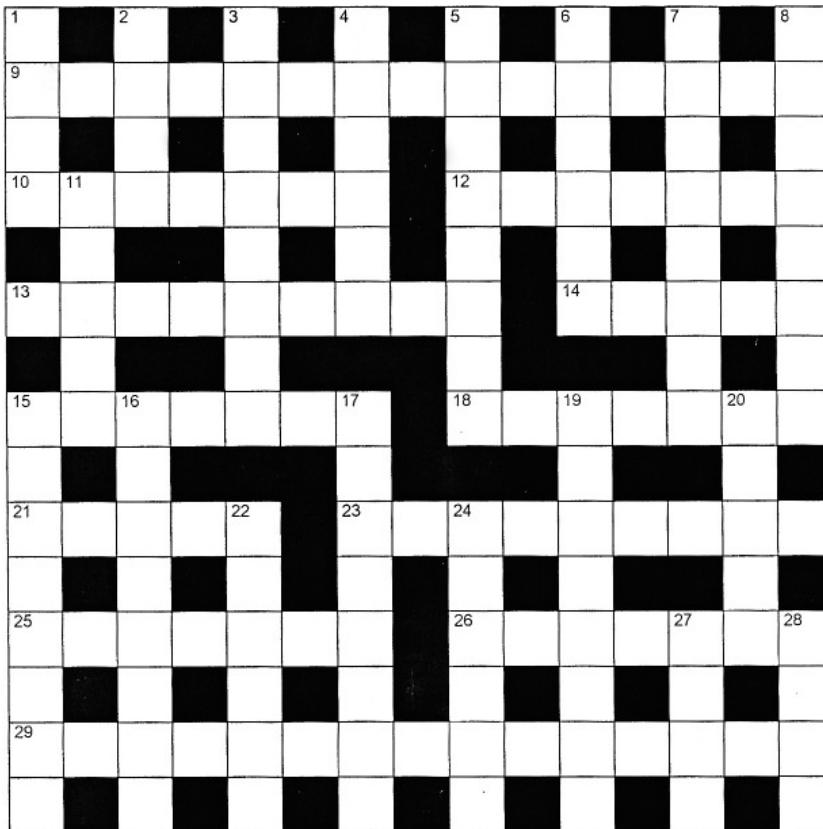
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# CROSSWORD 113



## ACROSS

9. Spill the beans (4,3,4,4)  
10. Fresh water fish (7)  
12. Remove (7)  
13. Spiritmaker (9)  
14. Composure (5)  
15. One more (7)  
18. Infuriates (7)  
21. Helps (5)  
23. Word meaning scant items (9)  
25. Hairs on a dog that is about to bite you (7)  
26. Fall (7)  
29. Good news (5,2,4,4)

## DOWN

1. Curious (4)  
2. Keen diva returns (4)  
3. A l m o s t vertical (8)

4. Double points in feel for useful plant (6)  
5. Untroubled (8)  
6. Maintain the pace of (4,2)  
7. Points to double mixed gin is trendy (8)  
8. European mountain range (8)  
11. Marriage (5)  
15. The AA man is an outrage (8)  
16. Cloudy (8)  
17. Device that checks the flow of electric current (8)  
19. Most fluid (8)  
20. Be outstanding (5)  
22. Join (6)  
24. Second holiest city in the Islamic world (6)  
27. Gloomy (4)  
28. Comfort (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 112

### ACROSS

1. imperceptible  
10. Catalan  
11. tranche  
12. awry  
13. vegan  
14. anti  
17. mission  
18. earache  
19. reliant  
22. soupçon  
24,26. high seas  
25. fable  
26. See 24  
29. nothing  
30. apparel  
31. introspection

### DOWN

2. Mithras  
3. Ella  
4. condemn  
5. pet hate  
6. Iran (or Iraq)  
7. laconic  
8. scrap merchant  
9. beside oneself  
15. vital  
16. argue  
20. lighten  
21. tear gas  
22. salvage  
23. cheerio  
27. tier  
28. spot

## CROSSWORD 112

There were 15 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Mrs A Tait of Briardene who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

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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

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

## 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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					6			9
			2			4		7
	1	5			7			

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# LANCHESTER WI

President Jennifer Macdonald welcomed everyone before dealing with business including arrangements for the coffee morning, birthday meal and the County Fair stationery stall. Tickets were available for those going to the Autumn



*Speaker Margaret Musgrave showing members the emblems of the British Red Cross.*

Council Meeting Bishop Auckland and Group meeting Ebchester. A list for 6 members to join Satley birthday celebrations soon filled. 17 members enjoyed a fashion show and supper at Edmundbyers WI. Hilary Taylor and Liz Burdon won the raffle with Ann Grosvenor and Jennifer Macdonald winners of the competition. Our speaker was Margaret Musgrave on 'The history and work of the Red Cross'. This was to be screened but a grandchild seemed to have 'borrowed' her

laptop so she apologised and carried on to give a most interesting and informative talk. Margaret is fundraiser for the North and has a target of £170,000 to reach this year, to help carry on work (all done by volunteers) both at home and abroad. Until recently Red Cross workers were never attacked, the distinctive Red Cross giving them immunity wherever they helped. This is no longer the case but still the brave volunteers go on risking their own lives to help others.

The Red Cross was formed in 1863 and in 1905 became the British Red Cross. They have always been there wherever there is a need and in 2014 two hundred million pounds funded 33,000 volunteers. Whether the need is a wheelchair, help after a disaster or First Aid training, the Red Cross is on hand to help. This talk gave a deeper insight into the work quietly done by remarkable people supported by fund raising as their services are free. Jennifer gave the vote of thanks.

## SATLEY WI

Instead of the August meeting, we had an evening outing to the 'Boatside Inn', Warden, for an evening meal for our members. It was a lovely summer evening and so a very pleasant run to our venue. We were welcomed by the staff and seated promptly for our meal, which we all enjoyed enormously. We returned home quite fulfilled. President, Pat Gibson, opened our meeting on September 14th, welcoming our members

and speaker, Georgina Ascroft. She gave a most enlightening talk on Auckland Castle and its future development. We are lucky to have such history, the home of bishops for centuries, right on our own doorstep and known as the Bishop's Palace. The future of the Auckland Trust is to develop enormously, the acres surrounding the Castle creating a hotel and various other projects, with a view to increase

visitors to 200,000 a year by 2018. A most interesting talk with PowerPoint images. We then had our tea and biscuits. The competition was won by Catherine Snowdon, second Cynthia Bradbury and third Christine Wilson. The raffle was won by Karen Moralee. The next meeting will be on October 12th, our birthday night which will entail a sit-down supper followed by entertainment.

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#### You need:

800g lean stewing beef, with fat removed and cut into bite-sized pieces  
4 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

4 large carrots, peeled and cut into large chunks  
3 leeks, thickly sliced  
4 celery sticks, cut into large pieces  
800 ml beef stock  
100 ml red wine  
400 g can chopped tomatoes with herbs  
1 bay leaf  
2 tsp dried mixed herbs  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### METHOD

Preheat the oven to 160 degrees C/Fan 140 degrees C/Gas 3.

Place the beef in a heavy-based casserole dish with the garlic, carrots, leeks and celery.

Stir in the stock, wine and tomatoes and add the bay leaf and mixed herbs. Season well and bring the mixture to the boil.

Cover tightly and place the casserole into the oven. Cook for 2-2½ hours or until the beef is tender.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## PACT meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th October at 6.30 pm at Burnhope Primary School.

## Computers4All

During October the Computers 4 All team at the Community Centre will demonstrate the use of folders and sub folders, how to add information to designated folders and how to rename them.

## Community Centre

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 8th October from 9.30 - 11 am.

## Halloween Movie Night

Lanchester Community Centre will be having a Halloween Movie Night (u) on Saturday 31st October from 5.00 pm to 7.00pm.

Only £2.00 per child (tickets available from the office or on the door). This includes popcorn and a drink. A prize for best fancy dress and carved pumpkin.

## Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday October 11th at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and the opportunity to see a film. The film we will be showing is 'What we did on our holidays' starring: Billy Connolly, alongside David Tennant and Rosamund Pike who play the put-upon parents of three children. It is described as a very engaging film which dissects family life with sympathy and hilarity. One reviewer suggests the three child actors 'deserve a sky-fall of medals'. Please come and see for yourself, all are welcome! Entry: £2.50 members £3.50 non-members Young persons £2 Entry ticket covers raffle, refreshments and film.

## Local History Society

The next meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Friday 2nd October at 7.00 pm. As well as our Annual General Meeting, a talk will be given by John and Rosy Gall on the 'Early Days at Beamish Museum'. There could not be a better source of historical information about the formation of our local heritage centre. The evening should prove interesting and instructive. Visitors are welcome.

## Vintage Tractor Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th October at 7.30 pm in Lanchester Social Club.

## Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 1st October 11.30 am to 1.00 pm for a light lunch.

## Adult Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre Dining Room. The subject will be 'Moths' with Dave Wainwright.

## Short Circuit Walks

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Phone: 01912852925

A day at the seaside (buckets and spades not provided) with plenty of ponds and bird life - the fresh air is free. Likelihood of kites and windsurfing (participation is not compulsory).

From the A10068 take turning E, about 3 miles short of Amble, opposite Hadston Junction.

Venue: **Allenbanks**

Date: October 24th

OS Ref: NY798640

NE47 7BP

Miles: 5.5

Leader: Derek Coleman

Phone: 01912670890

An old favourite taking in Plankey Mill and Staward Pele. Some steep/tricky sections as we climb out of the valley near Staward Pele. National Trust car park near Ridley Hall. Turn S off A69 one mile east of Bardon Mill. Cross Tyne at Ridley Bridge, pass under railway and turn sharp left. Car park after about 300 yds.

## Mothers' Union

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th October, 7.30pm in the Chapter House when Alison our Curate will be the speaker.

## Flower Club

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th October at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre for a social afternoon.

## Partnership Ceilidh

The Partnership's Annual Ceilidh will be held in the Social Club on Saturday October 17th from 7.00 to 10.30pm. The band will be the famous Windy Gyle!

Children and young people are especially welcome.

Please put the date into your diary and gather a group of friends together for it. Tickets from Jill Gladstone on 528114 or any active Partnership member. There will only be 100 tickets, first come first served.

## Lanchester Social Club

Saturday 3rd October

**Johnny Reynolds** The Working Man.

Sunday 4th October

**Sunday Night Buskers.**

Thursday 8th October

**Monthly Poker Night,**

New Activity.

Saturday 10th October

**Krocket** Super Vocalist.

Sunday 11th October

**Sunday Night Buskers.**

Saturday 17th October

**Marty Thomas,** Stylish

Pop Vocalist.

Sunday 18th October

**Sunday Night Buskers.**

Saturday 24th October

**Alisha Lee,** Fabulous

Vocalist.

Sunday 25th October

**Sunday Night Buskers.**

Saturday 31st October

**Ariana,** Vocalist.

Sunday 1st November

**Sunday Night Buskers.**

## Country Market

The next market will take place on Saturday 3rd October from 10 am until 12 noon in the Methodist Church.



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Lanchester Publications Ltd to be held at 7.00 pm on Sunday 15th November 2015 in the Dining Room of Lanchester Community Centre. All members of the public are welcome.



## Lanchester WI

Our October meeting will take place in the small hall of the Community Centre on Monday 5th at 7.15pm. This is our AGM and it will be a full and interesting meeting with speaker Ingrid Sylvestre's talk 'Stick your neck out for your dreams' and a guest WIA from County who will give a talk and oversee official business. New members are always welcome on the committee so please let Jennifer or June know if you would like information on this. We will have the competition results for the year with the Nancy Walker cup presented to the winner.

If you have not already paid for the birthday meal will you please bring your payment of £24 (cheque if possible) to this meeting. Thank you. We have 3 volunteers to help man the stationery stall at the Group Autumn Fair. If you have any stationery for the stall which is the main fundraiser of the year for County could you please bring it to this meeting for Ann or June. Thank you.

## Lanchester Library

The library offers **Songs and Stories** on Thursday afternoons from 2-3 pm. All children under 5 years are welcome.

## Lanchester WI Coffee Morning

Lanchester WI will be holding their Autumn Coffee Morning on Thursday 8th October in the Community Centre 10.00-11.30am.

Tickets are £1 and include a delicious home-made scone. There will also be a raffle and sales table. Items for these can be brought to the October meeting or on the morning, thank you. Everyone is welcome so do come and join us and meet up with friends old and new.

## Henry's Charity

October 24th - Steve Daggett (Lindisfarne) performs his own unique combination of wit and music in aid of Henry Dancer Days. Lanchester Social Club. 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets £5 from Jane Natrass 07947 668993 or Lanchester News and Post Office.

October 30th - Henry Dancer Autumn Ball, Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle. Bubbly on arrival, 3 course meal with wine, Terry Deary (Horrible Histories) entertains, Live band (Shakedown) and disco. All for only £50. Tickets from Jane Natrass 07947 668993 or henrydancerdays@aol.com.

## 'Sacred Contrasts'

This is the title of the winter season concert to be given by the **Choral Society** in the Catholic Church on Friday 4th March and we would give a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for some exciting and also meditative singing. We will be reflecting on several themes, for example, we will want to join in the commemoration of the centenary of those who fell at the Battle of the Somme; particularly those from our village whose names are inscribed on the village war memorials. In addition the concert will include well known pieces for some joyful singing. No auditions - just a friendly welcome!! Rehearsals are on Friday evenings at 7.15 in the RC primary school. Further information from David Hughes 01207520427 or just come along. Please pass this information on to any friends or acquaintances living outside the village who may be interested in joining the singing; after all we are the Lanchester and District Choral Society!

## Art Exhibition

Lanchester Art Group are holding their Annual Exhibition on the weekend of October 17th and 18th in the Community Centre, from 10 am till 5 pm both days. Admission is still only 50p to view over 250 pictures with refreshments available. Many paintings will be offered for sale.

## Taizé Worship

Taizé Worship will take place at the All Saints Parish Church on Sunday 8th November at 6.00 pm. If you would like to come and practise the Taizé chants please come to church on Thursday evenings as follows: 15th and 29th October; 5th November; for an hour, beginning at 6.00 pm. All are welcome.



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## DURHAM BIG RIDE



*Two cheerful ladies obviously enjoying the ride out with a nice smile for the camera.*



*Lesley Lee and family (Lanchester) take a brief stop to wait for stragglers.*

## LANCHESTER SOCIAL CLUB LEEK SHOW



*Ernie Brown was second in the Leek growing. Two fabulous enormous leeks!*



*Norman Holmes wins first and second prize with his lovely Asters.*

## END OF SEASON BOWLING



*The players in the Pairs Final before their game: left to right, Ken Raper, Anne Hurran, Stan Easten and Robin Scudder. Ken and Stan also met in the keenly fought Club Championship Final which followed this game. (See story on page 12)*

## NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 21st October. The deadline for **adverts** is 19th October.

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