

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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LANCHESTER BUCKS TREND

In the latest Durham Labour party. Overall councillors of 22 seats, However in Lanchester defeated sitting County Council Labour lost 20 seats although the opposition both seats went to councillor, Richie Young elections, Lanchester dropping from 94 seats to to Labour is very diverse Labour. Ossie Johnson (D e r w e n t s i d e bucked the trend of a 74. Labour now has a and contains many retained his seat and Jude Independents). swing away from the majority over all other i n d e p e n d e n t s . Considine narrowly See page 5 for full results.

HOLLINSIDE GATHERING



Betty Whaley at Goose House raising a toast to celebrate living in Hollinside Terrace for 75 years

A Faith tea was held at the Farm on Friday May 12th events: Firstly, Betty Northumberland to Lanchester, and John Gall gave an introduction to Hollinside Terrace and its associated history. Copies of the original plans, drawn up by John and William Rutter, Architects of Durham, were shown. The originals are housed in Durham County Record Office, as part of the Lanchester Rural District Council records, which detail many of the buildings in the parish from the 1880s. A lovely evening was had by all, including residents of the Terrace, past and present, and surrounding farming families.

WI CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

This year the Women's Institute celebrates 100 years, 1917- 2017, and as part of the Durham celebrations, the Durham County Federation committee is hosting 8 afternoon teas across Durham for its members. There is a limit on numbers from each WI and in Lanchester's case the lucky ladies' names were pulled out of the hat. The first tea was held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 26th April where ladies from all the WIs in our group were greeted by the Durham Federation committee then showed to tables beautifully set with lovely bone china laden with sandwiches, scones and delicious cakes made by them specially for us. The committee kept these topped up until we thought we could eat no more but then slices of a beautiful celebration fruit cake appeared which we did of course find room for. We also had a fun quiz based on cakes which everyone did very well at (surprise surprise) and there was a raffle in which four of our ladies were lucky enough to win prizes. It was a wonderful afternoon filled with fun, friendship and laughter. Our President Marie gave a vote of thanks to the DCF committee who had put so much work in to make this afternoon



Carol Troy, Marie Murphy, Jane Friesner, Jennifer Macdonald, Ann Carr, Lynn Hodgson, Janis Suddes, Breda Branscombe and Kathleen Morris enjoying their WI celebration afternoon tea.

celebration tea really to attend and I left for organisation which I am special for those ladies home feeling proud to be sure will continue for the who were lucky enough part of such a caring next 100 years. A Carr



Dear Village....

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

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Dear Village Voice
Regarding the Police Report on issues of parking and congestion outside the EP school in the last Village Voice, perhaps a radical solution would be for children to walk to school, it must be all of 5 minutes for most of them.
Philip Dent

Dear Village Voice
Like many local dog owners I spend time daily on the railway walk and, like many local dog owners, I value the excellent facility on our doorsteps.
As always a small minority seem intent on defacing this superb local facility with the rubbish they leave lying around for others to pick up. In the last week I have collected a used BBQ, knife, countless empty cans and some bottles, especially in the

Malton area. There are bins provided but they are inadequate for the amount of traffic that uses Malton picnic area so those who do clear their mess away do not always have sufficient bin space to deposit it.
As a dog owner I am conscious of cleaning up after dogs and again the vast majority do; however, there is a minority who still do not and even worse, some who do clear up but then leave the full plastic waste bag on the paths and other areas. I cannot understand what logic is behind this. If the waste was not cleared up at least it would biodegrade quickly, whereas a plastic bag full of waste can be there for months/years or until someone else takes it away and puts it in the bins provided. I would appeal to that minority to please respect our beautiful countryside and fantastic facility we have on this local walk.
K. Anderson

Dear Village Voice
Through your pages, I would just like to thank everyone in the Parish who took the time to vote for me in the recent Parish Council elections. Although proud to stand and be elected as a Liberal Democrat candidate, it is of course my intention to work hard to represent the views of all residents of the Parish, regardless of how they voted, for the next four years.
To that end, should anybody wish to contact me to raise any query or issue of concern, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07954 099737, or martinwalker1d@btinternet.com where I will be happy to try and help if I can. I have also started a website - www.lanchesterliberaldemocrats.focusteam.org.uk, through which I hope to be keeping people up to date on local issues.
Yours sincerely
Martin Walker, 28 Broadoak Drive, Lanchester, DH7 0QA.

Dear Village Voice
We would like to thank everybody who supported us in the recent Parish Council elections. Like you, we are passionate about Lanchester and our local community which we want to see continue to prosper and flourish in the future. We will be doing everything possible on your behalf to ensure we can make this happen.
Once again, thank you.
Paul, David (2), Ian and Trevor - all working for you as Independents of Lanchester

Dear Village Voice
Many people want to know if an election candidate is local. However political parties have their own agenda. The Conservative party candidate in the forthcoming General Election comes from Hastings on the south coast. I do not take issue with this as it is clear to the electorate. However the Labour candidate was a councillor in Cramlington until she was defeated on

May 4th. Her home was given as Oxford Avenue, Cramlington. I understand that she has now declared on her election submission she lives in Lanchester in a property that appears to be a flat over a shop. I recall the UKIP leader being hauled over the coals for using an address of convenience in a recent by-election. It appears to me the Labour candidate is playing the same game in order to get a local address on the ballot paper.
Name and address withheld on request

Dear Village Voice
I am an avid collector of militaria, particularly interested in British militaria from all eras. If anyone in the village has any items they would like to sell, please do not hesitate to contact me at m.ind@live.co.uk or 07940554254.
Philip McCready

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PROJECT POPPIES 'LEST WE FORGET'

Project Poppies reaches the 1,000 mark



Poppy-making - an activity for all the family.



Villagers enjoying the poppy-making experience.

May is a busy month for the Poppy project with the workshop that took place on the 13th and a visit to be made to the Art Class at the Community Centre on the 25th. The workshop attracted around 50 people who enthusiastically either made poppies or painted them or both. It was again a hugely successful day as the total of 231 poppies made on the day took us past the 1,000 mark plus we had 171 painted. The current overall total is 1,111 made of which 501 are completed and in storage; 171 are painted and 324 are dried or drying and waiting to be painted. It is seven months since the first workshop in November 2016 and at the current rate of production we estimate a total figure of around 4,500 poppies

will be made, finances allowing. The starting figure of 2,515, which is the number of names from World War 1 on the war memorials in Derwentside, is likely to be achieved at the workshop in January 2018. A great deal of praise must go to those members and organisations of our community who have participated in the project. The list for the special poppies for those who want to remember someone, with a poppy

carrying a dog tag with the person's name on it, is now open. These poppies cost £10 each and will be displayed outside the Methodist Church during October/November 2018 with the rest of the poppies and will then be given to the person who has ordered it together with a commemorative certificate for them to keep. Orders have already been received from Consett, Stanley, Gateshead, Chester le Street, Jarrow and Chelmsford and an

enquiry has been received from Toronto, Canada. The current newsletter which is being updated for every workshop was available with the main points being the setting up of a Facebook page (Project Poppies) which carries all the latest information and a list of

workshop dates for the remainder of 2017. These are 24th June, 23rd September and 4th November. Further workshops will take place in 2018 starting in January and the dates for these will be confirmed in due course.

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Annual Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

Councillor Ossie Johnson was elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Councillor Keith Harrison was elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year. Councillors were selected to sit on committees and working groups. Lanchester Parish Council confirmed that it meets the criteria to adopt the General Power of Competence and adopts the Power. Banking arrangements were confirmed.

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 16th May 2017

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 4th April, Planning Meeting 4th April - approved.

It was agreed that information is sought from Durham County Council on progress following the refusal of a retrospective planning application.

Police Report - The Police report provided by PCSO Lisa Jackson was read out. Local youths are meeting again under the bridge to the rear of the King's Head Pub. Patrols have been increased by local officers and Neighbourhood Wardens. Evidence has been found to support suspicions that drug activity is attracting individuals to the area. Work is currently underway to revise the fenced area to prevent access.

There was no increase in anti-social behaviour over the Easter holidays.

On 22nd April a Police pursuit took place. The vehicle was stopped within Lanchester and the occupants were arrested. Members discussed the building works at the EP Primary School which is causing ongoing problems with traffic congestion and inappropriate parking. It was agreed that the Police are asked for an update on the situation and invited to the next meeting to inform Members.

Correspondence

1. Letter - resident - repair of street signs - It was confirmed that the maintenance of street signs is a County Council responsibility and that the matter be passed to them to action.

2. Letter - Parish Church - use of Park House Play Area It was agreed that permission be given to the Parish Church to use Park House Play Area for a family picnic in July.

3. National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC) - annual subscription agreed.

4. Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) - annual membership fee agreed.

5. County Durham and Cleveland County Training Partnership - training - Councillors and Chairmanship - Members received information on upcoming training opportunities for Councillors and on Chairmanship.

6. Society of Local Council Clerks - Regional Training Seminar - agreed that the Clerk attends the seminar.

7. Letter of thanks - for the Heritage Audit Report.

8. Letters of thanks were received for donations received from:

Citizens Advice County Durham, All Saints' Catholic Primary School, All Saints' Parish Centre, Great North Air Ambulance, Lanchester and Burnhope Parochial Church Council.

9. Clerk & Councils Direct - May magazine received.

10. The Clerk Magazine - May magazine received.

11. War Memorials Trust - May Bulletin received.

Councillor Induction Sessions

Members considered arrangements for an Induction Session for new and continuing Councillors. It was agreed that an informal question and answer session would be useful.

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

Members were informed of the arranged sports and environmental activities for children which would take place on Monday and Thursday mornings in the first five weeks of the summer holidays. These activities are arranged through the AAP and this is the second year of a 2-year programme. It was agreed that a contribution of £250.00 towards the activities for 2017 be made. The AAP is organising forum events across the area during June and July to gather information from communities to formulate

Village Action Plans. A session has been arranged in Lanchester to take place at Lynwood House on Tuesday 11th July between 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm. It was agreed to ask the AAP to consider putting an article in the Village Voice to promote the forum and to send the AAP the community information which was gathered through the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

Members were provided with an update on the joint purchase of CCTV fly tipping cameras. The cameras have been deployed at eleven sites across the AAP area, four within Lanchester. Three separate incidents are currently being investigated.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the meeting were approved. Members were informed that work continues on progressing the Neighbourhood Plan. The Heritage Audit documents are now distributed and work continues to develop policies for the plan.

Hanging Baskets - It was agreed to provide hanging baskets in the village in 2017.

Maintenance Report - received.

Insurance Premium 2017/18 - it was agreed that the insurance premium be accepted.

Internal Audit Report 2016/17 - received.

Financial Year 2016/17 - End of Year Accounts

It was agreed that the council approves: the Annual Return - Annual Governance Statement, the Annual Return - Accounting Statement and the financial position for the end of year.

Financial report - discussed and approved. **Accounts for Payment** - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.



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The make-up of Durham County Council after the election:

- 74 Labour councillors
- 23 Independent councillors (11 Independents, 7 Derwentside Independents and 5 Spennymoor Independent People Before Politics)
- 14 Liberal Democrat councillors
- 10 Conservative councillors
- 2 The North East Party councillors
- 1 Standing Up for North East England councillor
- 2 Other councillors

Votes in Lanchester ward:

COAD, Richard Louis	Conservative Party	522
CONSIDINE, Jude	Labour Party	652 ELECTED
ENGLISH, Keith	Liberal Democrats	242
INGHAM, John Gordon	Derwentside Independents	567
JOHNSON, Ossie	Labour Party	937 ELECTED
LINDSAY, David A S		203
ROLFE, David Agutter	Liberal Democrats	161
YOUNG, Richie	Derwentside Independents	642

Electorate: 5969 Turnout: 36.9%
 Ballot Papers Issued: 2203 Rejected Ballots: 13

Meanwhile the Parish Council was more heavily contested than at the last election.

Results are given below:

CLARKE, Malcolm Andrew	Labour Party	329
CONSIDINE, Jude	Labour Party	492 ELECTED
COOK, Elizabeth Mary Ann	Labour Party	421 ELECTED
FRIESNER, David John	Independent	557 ELECTED
GRAY, Alison Louise	Labour Party	469 ELECTED
GRAY, Bill	Labour Party	460 ELECTED
GRAY, Margaret Mary	Labour Party	430 ELECTED
HARRISON, Keith	Conservative Party	606 ELECTED
JACKSON, Paul	Independent	782 ELECTED
JOHNSON, Ossie	Labour Party	704 ELECTED
JONES, Alan Trevor	Independent	515 ELECTED
LEARY, John Kevin	Labour Party	475 ELECTED
LINDSAY, David A S		302
MONTGOMERY, Lorraine	Labour Party	376
SMITH, David	Independent	603 ELECTED
TUTE, Ian	Independent	618 ELECTED
WALKER, Martin	Liberal Democrats	473 ELECTED
WALKER, Stuart	Labour Party	478 ELECTED
WARDLE, Mike		412

Electorate: 3306 Turnout: 42.6%
 Ballot Papers Issued: 1408 Rejected Ballots: 2

GENERAL ELECTION

8th June 2017

Candidates standing for the North West Durham constituency

- Alan John Breeze** (UK Independence Party)
from Bishop Auckland
- Sally-Ann Hart** (The Conservative Party)
a Councillor on Rother District Council, East Sussex
- Dominic Horsman** (Green Party)
a Researcher in Physics at Durham University
- Laura Pidcock** (Labour Party)
a former Northumberland County Councillor from Cramlington
- Owen Temple** (Liberal Democrat)
a Durham County Councillor from Consett

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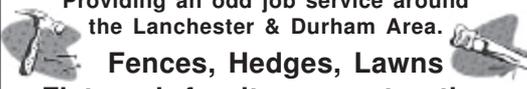
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THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

At our last meeting members were thanked for their hard work and efforts which resulted in such a good coffee morning when £460 was raised for the Great North Air Ambulance. The evening then continued with a most enthusiastic talk given by Anne and Ian Wilkinson on the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park in South Africa, an area that they fundraise for and are passionate about.

We heard all about the many exotic and multi coloured birds to be found there along with a diverse number of animals. A most interesting talk.



Anne and Ian speaking to Thursday Club members after giving their talk.

We then looked forward to our outing to the James Herriot museum in Thirsk Northallerton and an afternoon of lunch and retail therapy in Herriot museum in Thirsk Northallerton.

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Before launching CGSLS in 2015, I worked for 10 years as a teacher and Head of Modern Foreign Languages at a Secondary School in Durham. I have over 20 years teaching experience across the North East and London and have used languages professionally in Travel, Marketing and Sport. I was also an Interpreter at the London 2012 Olympics! I offer private Spanish and French tuition for individuals and groups of all ages and abilities. Mine is a personal, friendly and professional service tailored to your specific needs. Some students need exam support, others

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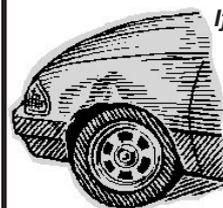


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giving company, Hanley and Swinbank provided lovely cream and jam scones and Greggs the baker provided sausage rolls and pastry. There was a free raffle and bingo. The attendees were also given a copy of the free bus route and timetable for information. Thank you again to everyone for their continued support. The next lunch will be on 13th June.

As the numbers have grown it is very important that if anyone would like to attend that they phone each month as we only have a certain capacity. If you would like to provide cup cakes or corned beef pie for the lunch in June, please let me know. Anyone wishing to attend or have a lift please phone 07969 454815.

Jo Allison

THE SHEEP ARE COMING!

The National Sheep Association represents the views and interests of sheep producers in the UK. After being nominated, the Smith family from West Shields at Satley has been chosen to host North Sheep on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

Trading as W H Smith & Sons, the family has historically farmed in the area, originally at

Stonefoot Hill Farm until the area was open cast, producing hay for the pit ponies and the transport horses at Wolsingham Steel.

The Smith family moved to West Shields in 1961, farming 1200 acres with 1350 breeding ewes and 300 suckler cows. The farm produces all its own feed, hay and straw.

As a family the Smiths all work together - John, his

sons David and Alan and daughter Julie Johnson together with nephews James and Richard and grandsons Scott and Billy. This is a real family enterprise.

North Sheep expect around 8,000 visitors on the day enjoying tours of the farm and all things sheep on show. This event is open to the public and will be further advertised nearer the date.

LONELY BOUQUETS

In collaboration with the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies, the NFWS (National Federation of Women's Institutes) is promoting the Lonely Bouquet campaign. The campaign aims to spread a little joy by making a small bouquet, or even choosing a single bloom and leaving it somewhere for a random stranger to find and enjoy. Last year, 60,000 bouquets were made and distributed across the country. This year, Lanchester Flower Club and our local WI made three bouquets each and left them around the village. President Marie Murphy received a



WI bouquets were created by member Janis Suddes and left in random places. One bouquet was left near the phone box, while another was placed on the seat by the Spar shop.

telephone call from a lady who had found a bouquet near a bus stop and laid it on a grave in the churchyard. This is a lovely idea, spreading happiness and care to many and it's hoped that the practice will continue and develop.

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LANCHESTER COMMUNITY HERITAGE AUDIT

The Lanchester Community Heritage Audit was commissioned by Lanchester Parish Council. The Lanchester Heritage Audit was carried out by a group of volunteers from the local community with support from North of England Civic Trust (NECT).

60 local residents attended a mapping session in January 2016 and over 200 'Heritage Assets' were identified. Assets identified included significant buildings, archaeological sites, industrial remains, key views and evidence of military activity over the years. Following review 170 assets were confirmed. A group of 20 volunteers were trained in field recording, basic assessment of condition, principles of heritage conservation and understanding the concept of significance. The 20 volunteers worked over a 6 month period to record, describe and evaluate all the assets.

The result of the work has been the production of a Lanchester Community Heritage Audit report, a gazetteer providing information on all the

identified assets and a catalogue of photographs. The full range of documents can be viewed at the Library, Community Centre, the Parish Council office at Lynwood House and the archive section at County Hall.

Copies of the Heritage Audit Report can be picked up from the

Library, Community Centre, Post Office and Lynwood House.

We hope that you will enjoy the Heritage Audit documents.

If you would like further information about the Lanchester Community Heritage Audit please contact the Parish Council on 01207 520146.

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THE BISHOP AUCKLAND CASTLE PROJECT

The History Society enjoyed a glimpse into the future plans for this 900 year old Bishop's Palace and the town.

Chris Walkinshaw gave us a brief history of the Harrowing of the North in 1068 and the appointment of the first Prince Bishop, William Walchier. This new role of both political and military presence in the North was to prevent further rebellion in the area and to prevent invasion from Scotland in these turbulent times. By 1832 with the Reform Bill, this appointment and all its roles terminated and the Bishop of Durham was

stripped of his powers. Lee Brownson explained how Jonathan Ruffer bought the Castle and the famous Francisco de Zubaran painting and set up the Auckland Castle Trust. This was a turning point in its history, opening for the first time in 2012. At present the Castle is closed for refurbishment - re-opening spring 2018. Jonathan Ruffer's vision, plans and £100million project investment is very exciting in terms of opportunities - employment, visitors, volunteers and the wider regeneration of Bishop Auckland.

The Mining Art Gallery opens first (October 2017 - Old Bank Chambers building) showing mining's impact and exploring why miners chose to paint - 300 pieces of work including Norman Cornish and Tom McGuinness.

The new Welcome Building (Spring 2018 - information and meeting facilities) features a 29 metre high tower and 15 metre viewing platform representing a siege engine.

The Walled Garden (Spring 2019) will produce food for the restaurant and hopes to grow pineapples (as in

past centuries). Romag Ltd, Consett is supplying glass to form a unique architectural 'domed' building similar to the Eden Project.

A Faith Museum (Spring 2019) comprises 10 galleries, a quiet contemplation room, with artefacts including a Tyndale Bible 1526. A Spanish Gallery and Research centre (2020) will bring together art from The Prado Museum, Madrid, and opportunities to learn basic Spanish. A Tapas restaurant will provide further cultural experiences.

Following Kynren's success and with a shortage of bed spaces, two local hotels will be refurbished for overnight visitors.

There are many opportunities for local people - jobs, apprenticeships, volunteering and suppliers. Interested? View www.aucklandcastle.org.

We are all looking forward to this very exciting and truly inspirational venue within County Durham. We were delighted to get such an insight into this marvellous development. Not long now ...

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR WILLOW BURN

It was an exciting day at Willow Burn Hospice on Thursday April 27th because they were expecting a special delivery. Mr Gary Williams who is the Operations Manager from the MRS Training and Rescue Centre (which used to be Mines Rescue Service) was bringing some potentially life saving equipment to the hospice. It is designed to give people the best possible quality of life whilst avoiding the need for hospital admission. This equipment will mean that maximum

support will be given to people at a very emotional and sensitive time in their lives.

The hospice first approached Gary Williams at the centre, which is based at Houghton, because they required some first aid training and Gary offered to provide this free of charge. A few weeks later the hospice got in touch again, as they had been awarded a grant from the Gannett Foundation. The grant was for some first aid equipment, namely defibrillators, evacuation



Gary Williams, colleague and Willow Burn staff with defibrillators and evacuation chair.

chairs and resuscitation trolleys and Gary was able to source this equipment. In addition

equipment purchased. It is worth noting that this training is valued at over £1000. What a wonderful gesture from Gary.

Diane Morgan, Day Hospice Co-ordinator of Therapies said, 'We are thrilled with the award from the Gannett Foundation and the fact that the MRS Training and Rescue Service has been able to secure that equipment for us at cost, and is also providing free training. Willow Burn Hospice was one of only two charities in the region to benefit in the current round of Gannett funding.

The morning was a great success. Gary and several members of his team were a delight to meet and of course the Willow Burn staff were, as always, so courteous and welcoming, which in all was a great example of what can be achieved when local organisations work together for the good of their fellowmen and women.

It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable occasion for everyone and indeed a privilege to attend.

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A CHALLENGE FOR EVERYONE

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We would like to set you a challenge; how good a neighbour do you think you are? Do you know if you have anyone living

around you who doesn't get out much? If a house close to you has recently changed hands what did you do to welcome the new residents? Are you worried that showing an interest may be mistaken for being a nosy parker? We are all busy people but we do need to take a little time and think to the future. Life events often mean that a happy family unit suddenly changes and that change can lead to loneliness or living alone. We never know when that could be us or our family, our mum or dad and we would hope that neighbourliness shown to our family members could help them pick up the pieces of this new stage in their life. Go on, set yourself a challenge to contact your neighbour; if you don't want to ring the door bell and speak to them, drop a note through the door and just say hello.

LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

The meeting on 26th April, held in Lanchester Community Centre was a floral demonstration by Katie-Jane Pridmore. She chatted while she prepared some very unusual and beautiful flower arrangements. Last year she got married so she told some lovely stories about her wedding day and the different arrangements of flowers and colours she used for her big day. She kindly brought along some of her lovely photographs of the day. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon. The different arrangements were raffled.

Names and details were taken for our Summer



Demonstrator Katie-Jane Pridmore hiding behind her beautiful arrangements.

Outing on Thursday 13th July. We will be visiting Wynyard Hall Gardens. Let's hope for fine weather!! Tea and coffee was served and everyone enjoyed a convivial afternoon.

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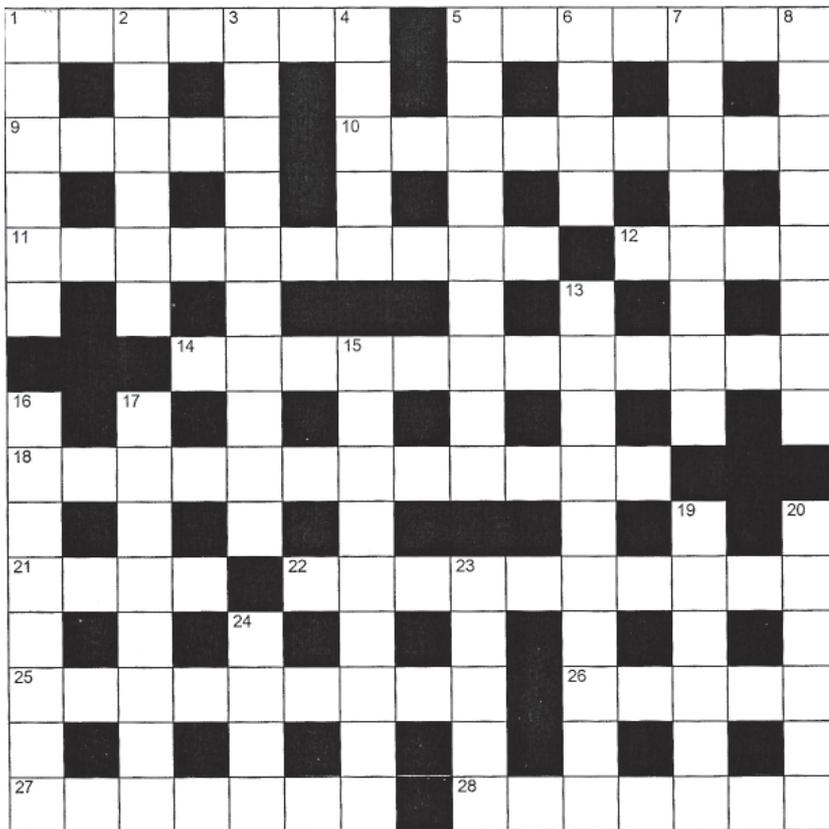
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CROSSWORD 133



ACROSS

1. Quantity (7)
5. Proceed (7)
9. Rio jaunt takes in wine (5)
10. Gas, electric and water (9)
11. All-over (10)
12. Enthusiastic (4)
14. Creole Street leads to construction worker (5,7)
18. Safeguarding (12)
21. Soon (4)
22. Best land I'd used for initial meetings (5,5)
25. Apiarist (9)
26. Plenty (5)
27. Participated in (7)
28. Most sorrowful (7)

DOWN

1. Raid (6)
2. Handsome young man (6)
3. In great difficulty from a mute purge (2,1,3,4)
4. Rejoice (5)
5. Sour manner from nice adult (9)
6. Unsuccessful (4)
7. Chocolate made with hazelnuts (8)
8. Confused Norse lie about Hamlet's home town (8)
13. Previously "loved"! (6-4)
15. Shrouded (9)
16. Clamber (8)
17. Lethargic (8)
19. Basic (6)
20. Accord (6)
23. Police informers (5)
24. Goes with most, light and view (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 132

ACROSS

1. presence of mind
5. See 1
9. gleaming
10. extant
11. opulence
12. static
14. heretofore
18. labour camp
22. exotic
23. aspirant
24. emetic
25. dilation
26. sleuth
27. Jeremiah

DOWN

1. pogrom
2. Erebus
3. Emmies
4. conscience
6. fixation
7. inaction
8. detached
13. permissive
15. clueless
16. obsolete
17. pugilist
19. mirage
20. wapiti
21. stench

CROSSWORD 132

There were 15 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Fred Heppell of Lee Hill Court who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

Name _____

Address _____

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

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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SUDOKU

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

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LANCHESTER WI MAY

Marie Murphy, our President, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She directed attention to the latest news from the County, including a Parade of Banners in Durham Cathedral on August 12th, the Centenary Weekend at Beamish Museum and a New Members Day in June at WI House. Carol was our delegate at the Spring Council Meeting and her report was available for members. April's Coffee Morning was very successful and enjoyed by many ladies. The Centenary Handbook produced by DCFWI is now available from WI House. Voting was held for our two resolutions - Alleviating Loneliness and the proposed Plastic Soup campaign to free our oceans from microplastic fibres.

We look forward to our Summer Outing to Manderston House, near Berwick and to our visit to Kynren, as well as supporting our Red Cross shop in their afternoon tea event next month. Members are reminded to keep themselves up to date with coming outings and events, with details and lists of participants always on our Information Table. Any members interested in joining our committee will

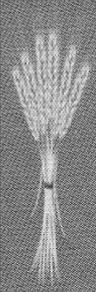
be warmly welcomed and our refreshment ladies tonight were Janis and Maisie. Volunteers are still needed for hostess duties and to offer readings in our meetings, etc. Raffle winners were Vee Wintrell and Tracey Dobson. Our competition was to make a biscuit to go well with cheese, with winners Jan Vasey and Maureen Barker. Simon Raine then gave a very informative and amusing account of

fulfilling his dream of founding a dairy and becoming a cheese maker. He wanted to introduce traditional Dales cheeses to Weardale and opened his dairy on an ex POW camp. His cheeses are very popular and to be found in many local farm shops, restaurants and

food fairs and he brought several examples of his delicious products, including a special cheese he produced to mark DCFWI's centenary this year. Jennifer Macdonald offered a vote of thanks from the meeting, acknowledging Simon's interest and commitment to his craft.



Simon Raine showing his enthusiasm for cheese making.



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SATLEY WI MAY REPORT

Our President Linda Horn welcomed members. The meeting opened with the business being discussed. The WI resolutions for 2017 are: 1) Alleviating loneliness 2) 'Plastic soup' campaign. The latter aims to protect our oceans from plastic fibres being deposited and entering the ocean. Creatures like dolphins ingest this and it can kill.

These resolutions will be carried forward. The arrangements for the National Sheep event were finalised for 7th June at West Shields Farm, Satley. Approximately 8,000 visitors are expected to attend. Members were reminded about the outing to Kirkharle and Wallington Hall on Tuesday, May 23rd, leaving Lanchester

at 10.00 am and then on to Satley. With business concluded the members started the entertainment. Sketches were acted and some readings caused great hilarity. Thanks were given by Pat Gibson. The raffle was won by Ann Suddes. Tea and biscuits were then served. Christine Wilson

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Community Centre

Coffee Morning

The Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning on Thursday 8th June from 9.30-11.00 am.

Lacemaking

In the upstairs room of the Community Centre, on Mondays and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Needlecraft

continues on Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm

Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00am. Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

A Summer Evening in Old Vienna?

Come along to the Choral Society's summer event on 20th/21st July. The music of that great waltz king Johan Strauss will float you away to Vienna as we present 'PINK CHAMPAGNE' the musical based on his operetta Die Fledermaus. It will be an evening of lovely tunes, period costumes, live band and great soloists. Singing with us will be Elizabeth Woods, Paul Smith, Jim Morgan, Ian Gray, and for the first time with us, Anna Foster (of Radio Newcastle fame). Richard Woods will be our inimitable narrator (and soloist) guiding you through the ups and downs of the story. The event is in the Methodist Church so you'll have to imagine the champagne!

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Parish Church Summer Fair

Lanchester Parish Church Summer Fair will take place at The Chapter House on Saturday 10th June between 9.30am-11.30am; the theme will be 'Sunshine and Strawberries'. Some of the items on offer will be: cakes; savouries; jams; preserves; books; bric a bra; toiletries; bottle tombola; bags and scarves. The GRAND SUMMER DRAW will also take place, along with Coffee, Tea & Strawberry Scones for £1. Free drink and treat for children. Do come and join us - all are very welcome.

History Society

Subject: Castles and Country Houses of the North.

Speaker: Richard Pears

Date: June 2nd

Time: 7pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre

We welcome back Richard with another well researched and interesting talk about places we see and visit in the North of England. Visitors are always welcome (£3). For more information about the History Society contact marianmorrison@btinternet.com

Lanchester Red Cross

We are holding an Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 20th June in Lynwood House, 2.30 for 3.00 pm, tickets are £7.50 and can be bought from the shop in the village Tel No: 529992. There will be a raffle with first prize a meal for two at Finbarr's restaurant in Durham.

Lanchester Writers

Lanchester Writers meet in Lanchester Library every Tuesday 2 - 4 pm during school term time. New members welcome.

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Sunday 11th June 11am
Tuesday 20th June 7pm
Saturday 24th June 11pm

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Our next meeting is on Tuesday June 13th 12 noon to 2 pm in Lynwood House.

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We do need an idea on numbers attending. Please phone to say if you would like to come and if you need a lift there and back. Call Jo on: 07969454815.

Chatter Books

Chatter Books for children aged 8-11 year old on Monday June 12th from 3.45-4.30pm.

Come along to the library to read and take part in activities relating to favourite children's books. This is a national scheme for children who love reading or need help to get involved in the joy of reading, it will introduce them to new authors too.

There are limited places so please contact the library on 03000 269514 or speak to Zena or other librarians in the library.

Library Book Club

On Monday 26th June at 2.30 to 3.30 pm, the group will be discussing The Narrow Road to the Deep North by Richard Flanagan. This book won the Man Booker prize in 2014; it is a love story unfolding over half a century between a doctor and his uncle's wife. This novel is set during the construction of the Thailand-Burma Railway in World War II. If you have read this book why don't you come along or pick up your copy of the novel from the library. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thursday Library Book Club

On Thursday 22nd June from 5.30-6.30, the group will be reviewing Wedlock by Wendy Moore, the story of Mary Eleanor Bowes of Gibside, set in Georgian England. The Monday group enthused about this book of the remarkable life of one of the richest heiresses in England at the time. If you would like to join this new group, pick up the book at the library and we will see you there.

RSPCA Fun Dog Show

The RSPCA Durham and District Branch are holding a Fun Dog Show on Sunday 2nd July at Deerness Kennels, Langley Moor, DH7 8HF. Class Registration 12 noon, Competition starts at 1 pm. Various class entries including a child handler class. Rosettes for all winners.

It's a fun day for all the family including stalls, refreshments, home-made cakes and jams, animal tombola, games and much more. Hope you can join us for a fun day out and help support your local RSPCA.

Lanchester Social Club

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Satley WI

Our next meeting is June 12th and will be a cooking demonstration and advice on diet. The competition is 'a birthday card to yourself'.

The meeting is in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. All will be made welcome.

Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will take place on Monday June 5th. Members are reminded that Rev Alison Miller is not able to give her presentation that evening, and Helen McDonald, 'Batwoman' will speak in her place. The competition is to relate 'A Life Changing Moment in 20 Words' so there is scope for some amusing and entertaining accounts! Several events are planned for the coming weeks so please keep yourself informed so that you don't miss out. Details of outings, lists of members interested in attending are available at every meeting.

Thursday Club

At our next meeting, on 15th June, we will be welcoming Freda Thompson and her talk will be 'Brave Hearts - 3 Northern Ladies'. The meeting commences at 7.15 pm in the small hall at the Community Centre.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting will be a talk by Carly Jackson from Get Ahead Hats. She is to visit us on Wednesday 21st June 2017 at 2 pm in Lanchester Community Centre.

I hope to see many of our members but new faces are always welcomed.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 4th June for a Bug Safari Meet 10.00 am in the Community Centre car park.

Lanchester Library

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

Christian Aid Fundraiser

Wednesday 28th June 7.30 pm at Lanchester Methodist church. An evening with singer/songwriter Gareth Davies-Jones and Christian Aid worker Emma Peak. Come and enjoy the music and hear of Christian Aid's work with communities in Bolivia and the Amazon rain forest. Ticket £5 includes dessert during interval. Available from Judith Brown 521898 and Dianne Emerson 520817.

Project Poppies

Next workshop 24th June, Croft View from 2-4pm. All welcome.

Open House

Join us in the Chapter House of the Parish Church on Thursday 1st June 11.30 am until 1.00 pm.

Sunday Music Sessions

Folk singers and musicians now meet on the first Sunday of each month in the Lanchester Club Bar. All are welcome to join in, play, or be our audience! We usually start at 8.30 pm. See you the next time!

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Wildlife Group

The next meeting will be a Field Trip to Weardale on 13th June with Lizzie Maddison. Meet in the Community Centre car park at 6.30 pm.

Mothers' Union

At the meeting on Wednesday 14th June, 7.30 pm in the Chapter House, Helen Huitson will talk to us about The Body Shop at Home.

CRICKET NEWS

I jinxed things asking for blue skies and warm weather, getting a freezing cold start. The first team had two good wins to start with, beating both Consett and Newcastle City comfortably, but then they lost from a good position against champions Ashington. Graham Brinton made a brilliant 124 out of a total of 226 and we had Ashington at 96-4 but former Durham player Ben Harmison showed his class in guiding his side to victory without losing any further wickets. There then followed another big win as we beat Percy Main by six wickets. Graham Brinton took 7-31 as Percy Main were hurried out for 79.

The seconds have had a poor start losing all three games but then the first win came away at Percy Main. All five bowlers did well as the opposition were restricted to just 125 for 8, then David Selby 52

and Chris Ramshaw 35 saw the team to a first win. The third team have played only once and lost to Washington in a close affair that saw David Selby top score with 72.

The under 18s did the same as last year in losing their opening game, however it was in the cup so no harm done to their title chances. They did then beat fellow title contenders Whickham in a high scoring game the following week, Owen Shield top scoring with 43. The under 15s won their cup tie at Shotley Bridge but then lost in the next round to a strong South Northumberland, the high point being David Barnett's maiden 50.

The under 13s won their first two matches against Whickham and Shotley Bridge but were beaten by Ryton whilst the under 11s won in the cup and have won both league games as they look to defend their title.

PROMISING START TO BOWLING SEASON

Lanchester Bowling Club got off to a good start with wins for all our teams. The Saturday and Monday teams both beat Consett Park, our Wednesday team had a win over Great Lumley and the Tuesday

team took victory over Sherburn Park (Consett). Unfortunately powerful Dipton have taken two victories over us and we also suffered a defeat to a resurgent South Moor. On another front we have

reasons to be cheerful as we have had a number of new members join us and our Thursday get-togethers for new and developing bowlers are proving popular. It's still not too late to get involved.

BEER FESTIVAL 2017

By the time you read this, the Beer Festival will likely be in full swing or done and dusted for another year. So this is just a big thank you to all our sponsors ... Aquaid for sponsoring the event for the first time, Sustain for sponsoring the glasses, Durham Arch for sponsoring the marquee, Evans Halshaw Durham for sponsoring the programme, Durham Gate for their continued sponsorship and our beer sponsors ... Alby Driving, Hanley and Swinbank, Talking Heads, Alexander Lettings, Westland Dentists, Rebrand Design, DJMS

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Summer Vegetable Pasta

This is suitable for vegetarians and to freeze ... a great pasta bake using fresh vegetables.
Pasta shapes, 175g (6oz)
Butter, 50g, (2oz)
1 red onion, sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
Sun-dried tomatoes in olive oil, 50g (2oz) drained and chopped
Button mushrooms, 150g (5oz), wiped and sliced
1 courgette, sliced
Baby corn, 110g, (4oz) sliced in half
Tomato pasta sauce, 1 x 275g jar
2 eggs
Greek-style natural yogurt, 300g, (11oz)

Mature Cheddar cheese, 150g, (5oz), grated
Basil or oregano, 1 tablespoon, chopped, plus sprigs to garnish
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
METHOD
1) Preheat the oven to 200 degrees C/400 degrees F/Gas 6.
2) Cook the pasta shapes in boiling, lightly salted water until just tender, about 8-10 minutes, or according to pack instructions.
3) Meanwhile, melt the butter in a large frying pan and sauté the onion and garlic gently for 5 minutes. Add the sun-dried

tomatoes and all the remaining vegetables and cook for 5 more minutes, stirring frequently.
4) Drain the pasta well and add to the vegetable mixture with the pasta sauce, stirring to combine. Transfer to a large buttered ovenproof dish.
5) Beat together the eggs and yogurt, then stir in the cheese. Add the basil or oregano and season well with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Pour evenly over the pasta and vegetables. Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and golden brown. Serve, garnished with fresh herb sprigs.

GREAT BRITISH TENNIS WEEKEND EVENT



Both young and old enjoying the activities and the sunshine.

On Sunday 14th May, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club held the Great British Tennis Weekend Event. This is a national initiative by the Lawn Tennis Association to promote the sport to players of all ages. Once again the weather was kind and over 75 people attended the event enjoying activities such as ball machine to practise those strokes, cardio tennis, the tennis factory and of course the game of tennis itself. A variety of

favourable comments were received including "I really liked the tennis" and "Great fun for all the family". Refreshments were also on offer along with equipment availability. Head coach Sam Stokoe, with Dennis Laycock and Paul Gardiner, ran the programme of events on court and club members helped to organise registration and the refreshments. The next social event for the club will be the

barbeque on Saturday 17th June. A reminder of coaching sessions on Mondays: 4.30-5.30pm under 8s, 5.30-6.30pm 9 to 12 years, 6.30-7.30pm over 13s including adults and the second 6 week course for the 'Free Taster Tennis' for over 35s will begin on Friday 30th June. If you would like any information about the club, coaching or courses please contact Dennis on 01207 520278 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com.

LANCHESTER TABLE TENNIS CLUB SUCCESS

Joel Sanderson and James Barker from Lanchester Table Tennis Club won a Schools' County Cup competition representing St Bede's whilst playing with only three pupils against other area teams with four per team and thus starting with a deficit handicap. Lanchester Table Tennis Club finished seventh

out of a league of twelve in their first entry into the Sunderland winter league. This has very much encouraged them to be competitive and ready to start a new campaign for the summer in the Northumberland league. Club nights are Thursday 5 pm, Fridays 6 pm for juniors and Friday 7-9 pm for adults.



James Barker and Joel Sanderson holding certificates won at the County Finals, with their coaches, Frank Clarke (left) and Jeff Singleton (right).

LANCHESTER WILDLIFE GROUP FIELD TRIP



Back: Les Goodyer, Val Fanoni, Elaine Williams, Shirley Mair, Jennifer Macdonald and Mark McKeown. Foreground: Laura Tedstone and Jane Friesner potting the Green Tiger Beetle.

Tour of 'Heathland Heartlands' project sites around Morrison Busty

On 9th May a group of wild Lanchestrians popped up the road to sunny South Stanley. Laura Tedstone from Durham Wildlife Trust guided us around areas where she has worked with community volunteers for 3 years to restore their 'doorstep' heaths, funded by Heritage Lottery and Natural England. The sun provided a wealth of invertebrates including Peacock, Orange-tip and Large White butterflies. The

prize was the declining Dingy Skipper - Laura has worked to create corridors of habitat to connect sites favoured by this butterfly. The ground was literally leaping with Green Tiger Beetles, bees were buzzing and bright coloured Large Red Damsel flies added further colour to the spectacle. The UK has 20% of Europe's lowland heath. Since the 1800s, 80% of this habitat has been lost.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any articles for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 20 June. The deadline for adverts is Friday 16th June. The Village Voice Page 16

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