

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## PROJECT POPPIES 'LEST WE FORGET'



*The people, young and old who attended the very last poppy making workshop and worked hard in front of BBC Television cameras to make the last of the thousands of poppies that will form the final display.*

Thousands of ceramic poppies will cascade from Lanchester Methodist Church next month as part of a village project to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Inspired by the Blood Swept Land and Seas of Red installation at the Tower of London to

mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War, Lanchester will showcase its own artwork to commemorate the end of the four year 'war to end all wars'. Hundreds of locals have taken part in workshops to create 4,118 poppies to form the display at the church between

November 1st and 18th during which time the chapel will be open for the public to admire the handiworks of so many volunteers. Poppies at the village war memorials where soldiers will be named will be individually dog-tagged in honour of each soldier.

Project leader Eric Hepplewhite said: "This display will be in Lanchester but it has encompassed the whole region, with people from surrounding villages taking part, making and painting poppies on a regular basis. We are learning more about those from the

village who made the ultimate sacrifice and we hope to print a booklet with all this information, including details and photographs of the display." *Neil McKay*  
(See also the article on page 3 detailing the events.)

## REDEDICATION OF THE WAR MEMORIAL



*Representatives of the three village schools together with Councillor Johnson, Lord Lieutenant of Durham Mrs Sue Snowdon and members of the three Lanchester churches who took part in the Rededication of the War Memorial Service on the green on Friday 19th October. The war memorial has been extended to include all the names of the fallen. **Full story next month.***





# Dear Village....

## THE VILLAGE VOICE

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Dear Village Voice  
Parking is still a problem in the village. I'm finding this so frustrating and I do feel that it's just a matter of time before a child or adult gets knocked over by car (see photo on right).  
Name and address withheld on request



*Photo taken on Front Street at school closing time.*

Dear Village Voice  
**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Many thanks to everyone who came to my house for the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 28th September. We raised £536.00 which is absolutely amazing. Thank you for your kind generosity for such a worthy cause.  
Sally Laverick

### Healthwatch County Durham

Healthwatch County Durham has received a National Award from Healthwatch England for its work on making Care Home information more accessible. Many thanks to all the readers who have completed our surveys.  
Brian Jackson, Chair, HWCD

### Apology

We have been informed that the headline for the article 'New Vicar for Lanchester' was misleading and we wish to apologise. The basis of the article was correct that the Reverend Stephanie Clark has been appointed Area Dean for Lanchester

Deanery and will conduct some services in the Parish Church and will assist and support Lanchester parishioners, but this does not constitute a 'Vicar for Lanchester'. The error was an editorial one and not one of the reporter and we are sorry for any misunderstanding.

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The winning number in the Community Draw for September was 85. The draw was made by Liz Smith.



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### BEST ALLOTMENT OR KITCHEN GARDEN WINNER



*This is a photo of Diana Snowdon who has volunteered for the Red Cross for over 20 years. Diana has won Best Allotment or Kitchen Garden in the Beautiful Durham competition 2018 for the third time. She uses some of her produce to make jam which we sell at Red Cross coffee mornings.  
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## PROJECT POPPIES 'LEST WE FORGET'

The very last workshop held on Saturday 6th October was extremely busy with everyone working hard in front of the BBC Television cameras. With the cameras there we made some poppies as well as painted them having borrowed some clay from the EP school.

A mixture of regret that it was the last workshop and excitement that they will soon be able to see the final displays was evident throughout the workshop.

A final group photograph was taken on the day (see front page).

A timetable of the events that are happening is listed below:

The poppies will be set up towards the end of October with the finished

display ready for 1st November. Poppies will be displayed at the All Saints' Roman Catholic War Memorial and the War Memorial on the Village Green. Each of these poppies will carry a dog tag with the name of a soldier named on that War Memorial, and have been made by the children at either a youth organisation or a workshop.

Poppies will be fixed to the gates to the All Saints' Parish Church which is also a War Memorial.

The main display will be at the Methodist Church with poppies coming down from the roof of the extension onto the grass at the front.

The displays will be in place until 18th

November. The Methodist Church will be open during this time from around 9.30 am until 8 pm. Inside there will be a display of some material from the DLI Museum, a nurse's uniform and details of some of the soldiers on our War Memorial.

On Saturday 3rd November only, from 2-4 pm at the Methodist Church, we will have a display of war medals. Dorothy Ann Hall will be present to help anyone who wishes to find out more details about any soldiers from the wars and Lillian Dixon will be on hand, playing some appropriate hymns and songs for anyone who would like to pop in and have a sing along.

On Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November there will be a Festival of Remembrance starting at 7 pm with the Guest of Honour on the Thursday being the Lord Lieutenant of Durham, Mrs Sue Snowden. These are ticket only events and will be held at the Methodist Church.

A book, 'Lanchester Remembers' will be printed and available to purchase sometime during the display period. It will include details of the majority of soldiers on the War Memorial, photographs of some of the workshops and of the finished displays, together with details of the War Memorials. We are selling the poppies when the display has

finished and we have checked them all. A poppy costs only £5 and can be purchased any time during the display for collection on the second Saturday in January 2019 (or posted +£2.50). Poppies can still be purchased with a dog tag, with the name of someone you may want to remember but it will be too late to include the dog tag on one of the poppies outside the Methodist Church. Poppies with dog tags cost £10.

For further details contact, Eric Hepplewhite [erichepplewhite@btinternet.com](mailto:erichepplewhite@btinternet.com) or 07969 808958.

All proceeds after costs will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

*Eric Hepplewhite*

## GRACE REACHES £35,000 TARGET

Thanks to the generosity of many people in the village and also from much further afield, Lanchester teenager Grace Carson will travel to Germany in early November for what will hopefully be life-changing surgery.

Grace, 14, a pupil at St Bede's School, suffers from a major spinal deformity Scoliosis. A specialist in Germany has agreed to perform a pioneering operation to correct the deformity, but Grace's family needed to raise £35,000.

Last week Grace posted on Facebook: "These last five months my family, friends, other people who know me and complete strangers have

helped to raise money for my surgery in Germany. I am so happy to tell you that thanks to all of you the money for my surgery has now been raised and the hospital in Germany has been paid. My surgery will take place on Wednesday 7th November 2018. I feel ecstatic and nervous about the surgery. But I

know this is going to change my life forever. Thank you everyone so much. Grace."

Numerous fundraising events were held in Lanchester and the surrounding area - as well as events by well wishers much further afield - to

help Grace and her family raise the required amount. They were assisted by family friend Jane Nattress, mother of Henry Dancer, who formed the charity Henry Dancer Days after her son died from cancer.

*Neil McKay*

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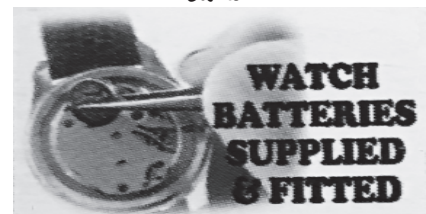


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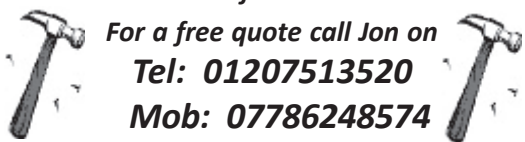
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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the Meeting held on 9th October 2018

### The Lanchester Partnership - Single Use Plastics

A representative from The Lanchester Partnership attended the meeting to talk about the problem of single use plastics. The Lanchester Partnership has set up a working group to progress 'Plastic Free Status' in Lanchester. To gain 'Plastic Free Status', the group must comply with five objectives which include working with businesses and schools and organising events and awareness. One of the qualifying criteria is that the Parish Council pass a resolution to support the group and its events, allocate a Councillor to the group and look at the Parish Council single use plastic usage. It was agreed that the resolution is presented to the next Parish Council meeting for consideration.

### Parking and Traffic Issues

Two Officers from Durham County Council attended the meeting to talk through a number of parking and traffic issues. A lengthy discussion took place around a number of parking and traffic matters in the Parish.

**Police report** - received.

### Correspondence

**1. The Clerk Magazine - September 2018** - received.

**2. Clerk & Councils Direct - September 2018** - received.

**3. Royal Mail - Scam Mail** - agreed that the poster is displayed in the Parish Council notice board.

**4. County Durham Association of Local Councils** - AGM information received.

### Parish Councils Committee (PCC)

The Environmental Improvement project had been discussed at the last PCC meeting. Previously the ten Parish Councils in the Mid Durham Area had identified footpath encroachment in their Parishes which needed addressing and which the project would focus on. However the County Council has confirmed that these identified paths would now be addressed as part of the routine work of the Council. Members at the PCC meeting then considered other projects for the Environmental Improvement Pot. It was agreed that wildflower planting should be considered by the Parish Councils. Lanchester Parish Council considered this suggestion. It was agreed that it may be appropriate to plant wildflowers at Malton. It was also agreed that bulbs and native flowers could be planted along the path and side of the burn on the village green.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Members were informed that feedback had been received on the first draft

of the plan and work was being undertaken to produce a second draft.

### Lanchester War Memorial

Members were informed that the work to extend the War Memorial had commenced and would be completed shortly. The list of names for inclusion on the War Memorial has been agreed. The rededication of the War Memorial will take place on Friday 19th October at 2pm.

### Salt Bins

Councillors have undertaken a survey of all the salt bins in the village and received feedback from residents. A number of areas have been identified for improvements. It was agreed that a letter is sent to the County Council asking them to consider these areas for improvement.

**Maintenance Report** - received.

### Footpath - Village Green

Members were informed that a duct pipe has broken the surface of the footpath on the Village Green. Several meetings have taken place to ascertain who the duct belongs to. A further meeting is to take place to progress the matter.

### Financial report

- discussed and approved.

### Accounts for Payment

approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.



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# BATTLE'S OVER - A NATION'S TRIBUTE

## WWI Beacons of Light



Lanchester Parish Council and Burnhope Parish Council are working in partnership to light a

beacon as part of the WWI Beacons of Light Event.

In commemoration and remembrance of the end of the war and the many millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, 1000 Beacons of Light will be lit at 7 pm on 11th November 2018 throughout the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories - a century after the guns fell silent.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning, bringing the harvest home and ensuring the nation did not starve.

The Beacon which has been specially made will be located on high ground at Burnhope picnic area on Edge Lane.

**Sunday 11th November**  
**Burnhope Picnic Area,**  
**Edge Lane**  
6.45 pm start  
7.00 pm Beacon lit

People are advised that the event site will be dark in places and the ground may be muddy and uneven.

In addition care needs to be taken when crossing the road from

Burnhope to the Picnic site.

There is no parking at the picnic area. A coach will be provided free of charge from Lanchester to the event. The coach will leave from the Village Green and booking is essential. To book a place on the coach please contact Sally on 01207 520146.



## FROM HALLOWEEN TO CHRISTMAS!



Do you know that there is a lot going on at your Community Centre? We have three very special events coming up to look forward to, starting off with Halloween. To celebrate this, we are having a great Movie Night on Sunday 28th October from 5 pm to 7 pm, showing Raymond Briggs' 'Fungus the Bogeyman', £3 per child (adults free!). Get dressed up and bring your pumpkin as there will be a prize for the best costume and for the best carved pumpkin. Our thoughts then turn to the build up to Christmas celebrations. We are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th November from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm, this will be a great opportunity to start, (or if you are really well organised, to complete) your Christmas shopping. There will be over 20 stalls from original jewellery, cards, crafts, wine and gin to name a few!

Then to relax into Christmas on Sunday 16th December there will be a

lovely seasonal theatre production, by actors from North Country Theatre, of 'A Classic Christmas', starting at 7.30 pm, tickets £12, which will include refreshments. Buy your tickets from the office as soon as possible to make sure that you don't miss out.

Are you about to plan your work Christmas Party? Do you have a family celebration coming up? Looking for a venue close to home in the centre of the village? Why not see what your Community Centre has to offer. We have halls and meeting rooms to suit all occasions, with free car parking and the room hire now includes use of kitchen facilities and tea, coffee and sugar for refreshments. We have a drinks licence so you are welcome to bring your own alcohol for your event, or we can arrange a bar for you.

Why not come along and have a look around or contact one of our friendly team to discuss your

requirements. You can contact us by phone; 01207 521275; email us at lanchestercommunitycentre@yahoo.co.uk; follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre' or check out the website - lanchestercommunity.wix.com/lanchester.

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# LANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP HOSTS OUR DOG SHOW

September 29th was a beautiful autumn day, perfect for another dog show, hosted by the Lanchester Partnership in support of their fund raising activities for the Village Link Bus.

The show was attended by proud owners, dog lovers and some well behaved, beautifully groomed dogs. All owners obviously adored their pets, who were alert and well behaved, and it was good to see some of our youngest dog lovers being involved in the care and presentation of their pets.

The event was sponsored by Cobbydog Pet Products, and involved Pedigree, Non Pedigree and novelty classes. Fiona Thurm was our judge and she showed a warm affinity and understanding with both dogs and owners.

She said, "It was a close decision for the top spot and eventually I awarded Best in Show to a lovely Cairn Terrier, such a character, really sound and with a gorgeous head and an expression full of character. He had a beautiful coat and was in glorious condition.

Best Pedigree/Crossbreed in Lanchester and Reserve Best in Show went to a whippet, his black and white coat gleaming. A rescue dog, he was quietly confident and showed himself so well, having such a bond with his young handler.

How do you choose the most handsome dog or the prettiest bitch, when they are all gorgeous? However, choices had to be made and I thank everyone for the sporting acceptance of my decisions."



*Some of the groomed and well mannered pets on show.*

Refreshments were on hand and a raffle and it was a very enjoyable afternoon for both dogs and their humans. Sincere thanks to everyone connected with the Lanchester Partnership for organising this fun, interesting event which raised over £100.

*Maisie Raine*



*Best dog in Lanchester. Our Judge Fiona with Monty and proud owner Kathryn.*



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## SILENT FILM NIGHT

What fun it was in the Community Centre on Saturday October 6th. it was another event organised by the fundraising committee of the Parish Church when we were entertained by the showing of 'The General', a silent film featuring Buster Keaton, who actually wrote and directed it. We were taken back into the realm of Silent Movies, which are very, very funny. The film lasted one and a half hours and the audience was fully captivated throughout.

A silent film of course is not complete without some sort of musical accompaniment and we had a splendid person to do this, in the person of Mr George Hetherington from Durham. He has a fund of knowledge about silent films and is a master of the art of accompanying them. He is very talented as he plays for the full hour and a half without any music and his performance on the



*Sue Smith and Brenda Craddock in costume for the night.*

piano added greatly to a very enjoyable evening. There was a very good raffle and refreshments to conclude the evening. Dressing in appropriate costume for the occasion was optional but

Margaret, Sue and Brenda took the option, with Sue winning a prize for the best costume of the night. We hope to put on another night like this, so watch this space! *Brenda Craddock*

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This was the third of its kind held by the fundraising committee

each year and it is very popular. There was a choice of six soups, all served with a nice fresh bread bun. The choices were leek and potato, mushroom, curried parsnip, Libyan,

roasted butternut squash and vegetable, and they were all delicious. Many people had seconds and even thirds!

Everyone stayed to enjoy a chat when tea

and coffee were served with a wrapped biscuit after the soup course. It was a very happy, successful morning and raised a good sum of money for our church funds.

Thank you to all those who helped in any way with this very sociable event and of course to everyone who came to sample the soups. It was 'souper' of you to come!

*Brenda Craddock*



*Eileen, Sue and Margaret ready to serve the soup.*



*Guests enjoying their soup and chat.*

## NORMAN CORNISH, THE ARTIST AND INTELLECTUAL

Mike Thornton, the son-in-law of Norman Cornish gave a very interesting talk to a large audience of the History Society and visitors.

He talked about Norman's 269 sketchbooks which they found after his death. These included preparatory sketches of his well known paintings of what he saw in his daily life as a miner at the Dean and Chapter Pit.

Entries included a series of drawings/ paintings starting with a man and a dog at a public house bar which developed into a painting of two men and a dog at a bar, and then expanded into a sketch of 5 men and a dog at a bar ...

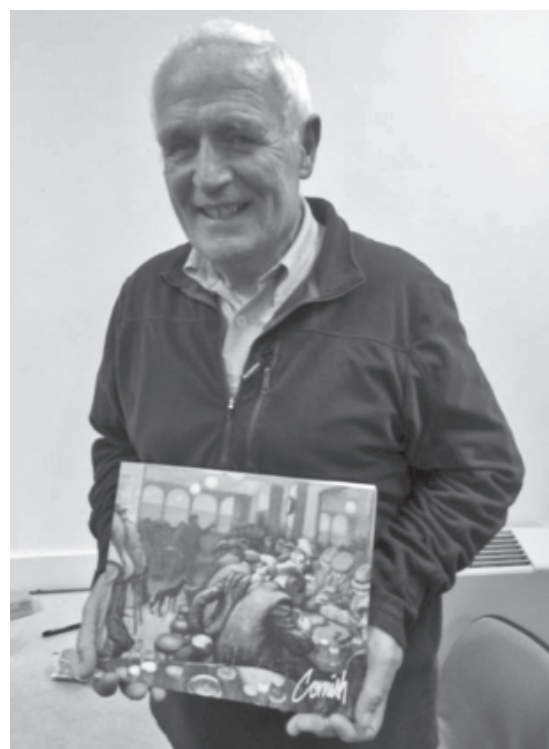
Norman felt that his 'sketchbooks should be available to teach people to look at things'. He had a special pocket made in

his miner's donkey jacket to carry his drawing pad, so he had access to sketch at all times.

Mike discussed some of Norman's paintings with anecdotes from Norman and gave us a wonderful insight into his life and his paintings. He drew parallels with works by Rembrandt, Bruegel and Van Gogh.

Next year will be Norman's centenary of the year he was born and there are planned events in the area: self portraits at the Gala Theatre, Durham; a retrospective at Bowes Museum and of course the installation of his home as part of the 1950s' Remaking of Beamish.

The celebration of his works together with the social history of the area and the northern way of life in the twentieth century can then be more fully discovered, especially for younger



*Mike Thornton, showing some of the work of Norman Cornish.*

generations. Norman's work can also be seen at the Mining Art Gallery in Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor Town Hall.

A new book published in 2018 is available and Mike Thornton asked if any local people have

information about Norman's work and painting which are currently being catalogued. Mike can be contacted on [mike@oldeldon.com](mailto:mike@oldeldon.com). Further information can be found on [www.normancornish.com](http://www.normancornish.com).

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## SATLEY WI CELEBRATES 70th BIRTHDAY

We were pleased that 25 members from neighbouring institutes could join us for our 70th birthday party. Our President Linda informed everyone of other notable events that happened in 1948, ie, Prince Charles was born, the NHS began, the first LP was played and Scrabble was invented.

It is also 100 years since women were allowed to vote for the first time. A toast was raised to the above and the WI.

We then sang Happy Birthday while Freda and Grace, two of our longest serving members, cut our



*The beautifully arranged table with articles pertaining to our 70th birthday and a cake made by former member Karen.*

birthday cake which former member Karen. beautiful floral table had been made by a We then raffled the pieces that had been

made by Linda Butterfield. Everyone then enjoyed a sumptuous buffet which had been supplied by Crinnions of Lanchester and our own members.

After topping up our glasses we were entertained by the trio 'Nice 'n' Easy' who sang songs made famous by Dean Martin, Elvis and The Beatles amongst others. They were thanked by Linda.

Mavis, the President of Castleside WI, thanked us on behalf of our guests and confirmed that it had been an enjoyable evening for all.

## THE VILLAGE VOICE, IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE



*Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes at the Blue Bell (around 1900).*

## WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THIS?



*This fox replaced the original on the bypass walk only weeks ago.*



*Sadly this was its condition on 18th October.*



## THURSDAY CLUB

At our September meeting we were highly entertained by Geoff Hughes and his Northumbria Quiz. He took us on a wonderful picturesque journey of our north east coastline. Starting at Berwick he drifted inland now and again to take in Alnwick, Cragside, Chillingham with the ghost story of the Boy in Blue and many more beauty spots. Passing the Angel of the North and ending at the Millennium Bridge, the Sage and Baltic.

The quiz was to name all the places shown in the stunning photographs. We certainly had some very knowledgeable ladies in the room. Well done.

With Geoff's wit and enthusiasm we had a really jolly afternoon which ended with us all enjoying singing (or trying to) the Blaydon Races and just like 'Arnie' he will be back! With tea, coffee and biscuits served we had a very noisy chit-chat.



*Thursday Club members being entertained by Geoff Hughes and his Northumbria Quiz.*

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The Club held the September Meeting in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 26th. It was our first meeting back after the summer break. This has been a very busy year celebrating our 45th anniversary, quite an achievement. The speaker for September was Kath Gibson, her theme

'Delights of the Orient'. Her inspiration for the beautiful arrangements was after enjoying a lovely holiday visiting China. All the lovely arrangements were raffled, the lucky ladies who won the arrangements went home very happy. We then had tea, coffee and biscuits and the usual friendly chatter.



# WI COFFEE MORNING



*Members from local branches enjoying coffee and a good chat.*

Although it was a wet and miserable morning on Thursday, October 11th, we all enjoyed a lovely morning of coffee, cakes and chatter. We were pleased to meet members from other local branches, who joined us for the event and browsed our 'Mini Market' of handbags, scarves, jewellery and of course, delicious home made cakes!

## LANCHESTER WI'S AGM

Our October meeting was opened by President Marie Murphy, who welcomed members and visitors. This was our AGM, with much business to address. Marie drew attention to the many courses and events published in the County Newsletter, including several seasonal events. Subscriptions, due in the New Year, have increased slightly but we receive many benefits from the cost. Tickets for the Durham Shopping Extravaganza were won by Barbara Sproat and June Wallis. Members were asked to note any County function they attended, to be added to our Annual report. The Lanchester Partnership are involved in making

our community Dementia aware, with a presentation to be held. Members were reminded that new Data Protection Regulations are now in force and information forms need to be filled in. Meetings, outings and our next Coffee Morning were all noted, and Ann Carr described the adventures of a 40 year old quilt which she had bought at Beamish Museum. Our Treasurer's Report was presented by Lynne Hodgson, who reported a healthy financial position. She proposed that the Report should be adopted and this was seconded by Jennifer Macdonald. The Independent Financial Examiner audited the accounts

and described them as 'excellent.' Acting Secretary Marie Murphy presented the Committee's Report, speaking of a very busy year in which we have tried to form closer ties with other local WIs. Marie thanked all members for their support and welcomed any ideas about our meetings and outings. Marie, in her President's address, thanked the committee for their continued help and support. Members were informed of the death of Nancy Walker who donated the competition cup in her name. The Annual Competition winners were announced and gift tokens were awarded. Raffles were won by Sue Smith and Eileen Reay.


Marie was re-elected as President. WI Advisor Tina Bickerdike then listed some of the important resolutions championed by the WI over the past 100 years, with many other worthy causes to

be adopted in the future. Tina Naples thanked Tina on our behalf and also gave a vote of thanks to the committee for their work over the past year. The evening ended with tea and biscuits.

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*President Marie Murphy and WI Advisor Tina Bickerdike during our AGM, October 2018.*

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Readers of the Village Voice may well remember the Lanchester Calendar 2018, the proceeds from which were shared between Willow Burn Hospice and Save the Children. The popularity of its views of the Lanchester area, painted by local artists, was evidenced by the fact that it sold out well before Christmas, having raised over £1600 for its two charities.

The 2019 edition of the Lanchester Calendar, again using a variety of local views painted by local artists in a range of media and styles, is now going to print, and we anticipate it will be available to purchase from early November. Copies will be available at Lanchester News and Lanchester Hardware, as well as at various events across the village in the lead up to Christmas.

The artists, producers and sales force look forward to being able to present a significant sum to this year's charity, Willow Burn Hospice. The production team would like to thank our local sponsors, whose publicity appears in the calendar, for their support again this year, a most valued involvement which makes the project possible.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Carrot and Ginger Soup

As the year turns, and the days grow cold and short, there's something very comforting about homemade soup - lovely smells as it's being prepared, and the warming glow when eaten.

If low calorie cooking spray is used, this dish is really healthy too!

#### You need

Low calorie cooking spray

1 onion, peeled and chopped

2 celery sticks, chopped  
2 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

1.5 cm piece of root ginger, peeled and finely grated

1 litre vegetable stock  
600 g carrots, peeled and roughly chopped

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Fat free natural yogurt and chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, to garnish

#### METHOD

1) Spray a pan with low calorie cooking spray and

cook the onion, celery, garlic and ginger for 2-3 minutes.

2) Add the stock and carrots and bring to the boil.

3) Reduce the heat and simmer for 20 minutes, or until the carrots are tender. Season well.

4) Transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor and blend until almost smooth. Serve the soup with a swirl of yogurt and a sprinkling of parsley.



## WHY ALL THE FUSS ABOUT FLU?

As autumn gets into full swing, flu is sure to be a hot topic in the NHS and local community. Therefore it's important to know the key signs and symptoms, how to look after yourself and others, as well as how to protect yourself against the flu.

### What is the difference between Flu and a Cold?

Flu symptoms often start quickly, whereas a cold can gradually set in. The flu often makes you feel exhausted and stops you from carrying out your normal daily activities. A flu causes more severe symptoms than a cold for instance fever, chills and aching muscles.

### If I rarely get a cold does that mean I won't get the flu?

Just because you don't often catch a cold does not mean you will not catch the flu.

If you have the flu, it is important to prevent it spreading by regularly washing your hands and trapping germs in tissues.

### What to do if you experience the flu?

Make sure you keep hydrated with plenty of fluids, keep warm and try and get lots of rest. Your symptoms should be improving and you should feel better after around a week. Your

pharmacist can offer you advice with flu remedies and pain relief. It is important to be careful with flu remedies as they often contain paracetamol so should not be taken if you already take paracetamol containing medications.

Contact a health care professional (GP, Pharmacist or call 111) if your symptoms get worse, you are worried about someone's symptoms particularly young children and the elderly, if you are pregnant, have a weakened immune system or a long term medical condition (including Asthma/COPD, Heart Disease, Kidney Disease, Liver Disease, Neurological diseases and Diabetes).

The flu vaccine can reduce your risks of contracting the flu.

It is therefore even more important for at risk patients to receive their annual flu vaccination. Anyone who is a carer should also make sure they have received their vaccination.

Flu vaccinations are available from your GP surgery or from your local Pharmacy. For further information, help and advice is always available at your local Pharmacy.

## WHAT'S YOUR SHOPPING BAG MADE OF?

This year 5 trillion plastic bags will be consumed worldwide. That's 160,000 a second! Put one after another they would go around the world 7 times every hour and cover an area twice the size of France. That's a lot of plastic bags and many will end up in our oceans!

In the UK, a lot of our shops now make a small charge for a single use carrier bag. This has resulted in fewer single use bags being used. Figures from DEFRA show this drop is equivalent to each person in the population using around 25 bags during

2016 to 2017, compared with around 140 bags a year before the charge. It's great news about the drop in single use plastic bags and we can all help continue this downward trend by:

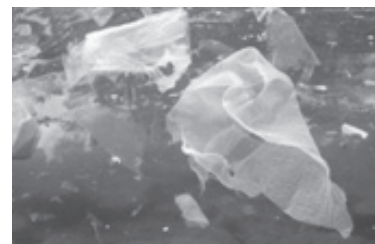
- \* Carrying reusable bags
- \* Refusing a carrier bag whenever possible
- \* Talking to your local shopkeepers to find out what they are trying to do to eliminate single use plastic bags and give them your support
- \* Checking to see if your bags can be recycled rather

than put in the green non recycle bin.

And finally, how creative can you be when it comes to not using single use plastic shopping bags?

*Eleanor Johnson, Plastic Free Lanchester Group*

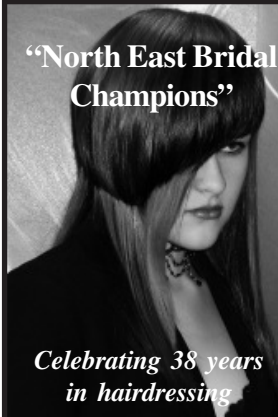
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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WILLOW BURN

Willow Burn Hospice is about to launch a new campaign to recruit more volunteers in what hospice chiefs say is an exciting time for the unit. With the opening soon of a new state-of-the-art facility volunteers are needed to help out in all manner of ways, including in the new café. Chair of Trustees Paul Jackson said: "Following an amazing donation from local philanthropist Helen

McArdle of £1.5 million, the hospice has undertaken a programme of works to build a state of the art, six bedded inpatient unit on its site in Lanchester. We are excited to announce that after six months of great work with IDP Architects, Walter Thompson Building Contractors and Bernard Interiors we will be proudly opening our doors to the public on Saturday, October 27th

from 12 noon until 3 pm." On the same evening, October 27th, a race night is being held in Lanchester Community Centre to raise funds for Willow Burn. All are welcome. Mr Jackson added: "Please come along and see for yourselves the first class facility and our new 'Helen McArdle Wing' and see if there is any way you would like to volunteer. The building also houses a new community café and

further works have taken place to renovate our existing facility to meet our plans for service development in the future. These new services will see a much improved Family Support and Bereavement Service which now includes a 'Child Bereavement Support Service' and a new and innovative Health and Wellbeing Service. This is something we are very excited about."

Last month the hospice was forced to respond to criticism after 14 members of staff were made redundant, including its fundraising team. Mr Jackson said: "We've recently had to make the very sad and difficult decision to make some of our people redundant. We appreciate that it can be hard to understand why we've done that, so we wanted to make sure everyone understands the position we are in. The last

three years have been highly successful for the hospice, which pulled back from a deficit of £350,000 to a plus of £33,000 this year." But Mr Jackson says there is still a long way to go before Willow Burn, which cared for 140 in-patients last year, is in a sustainable financial position. "The hospice costs around £1.5m a year to run - as well as the in-patients, our health and wellbeing clinic saw 1200 appointments last year and our family support and bereavement service helped 290 people," he said. "We get a third of our funding from the NHS, which leaves us with £1m to find from fundraising. Our fundraising team has worked tremendously hard organising events, but it has actually been difficult for them even to raise enough money to pay for their own salaries." *Neil McKay*

## DONATION FROM SOUTH CAUSEY HOTEL



*Paul Jackson receiving a cheque for £350 as a donation to the new patient wing at Willow Burn Hospice. Adrian Donnelly was the management representative.*

## LADIES WHO LUNCH

We've just been up the A1, exactly an hour away, to Newton on the Moor, where you can find 'The Cook and Barker'. A delightful place to have lunch, beautiful setting giving just a glimpse of the North Sea. We were booked into the restaurant which can best be described as 'rustic with plush'. And we needed to be booked in - it was packed. They have an absolutely fantastic menu running Monday - Friday 12-2 pm at £10 for 2 courses. This is on all year except December. The staff are welcoming and endlessly efficient. We were soon perusing

the comprehensive menu and finally decided on sampling, for starters: Prosciutto wrapped grilled fig, Baked goats' cheese, Crispy belly pork and Sweet pear, chicory, Roquefort cheese, toasted walnuts with a light blue cheese dressing. Mains were Paella, Slow cooked shin of beef, Hope Farm Aberdeen Angus steak and onion pie and Hope Farm slow cooked lamb shoulder. For puds we had Bramley apple and plum crumble with vanilla custard and Banana Sailor Jerry rum, chocolate and meringue delice with honeycomb shard.

Some of us had starter and main, some, main and dessert. And others had a pud off their à la carte menu, Kiwi, blueberry and soft red fruit meringue roulade also Rhubarb 3 ways, vanilla-poached panna cotta, jelly, crème brûlée. The presentation was 1st class, service totally efficient and quick considering how full the place was. The food was, in a word, 'fabulous'! Definitely worth the longer run up. We must make this an annual occasion, so Cook and Barker we will return. We all totally agreed, "It was divine darling".

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# LIVING IN A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

At one time, there was a huge stigma about 'Dementia' with Alzheimer's Disease, the most common form, and there was a reluctance to discuss its causes and care. Although there is still misconception about the condition, as more research is available there is now a more open approach to discussion about the topic and a determination that sufferers should continue to feel valued and empowered in their lives.

The concept of Dementia Friendly Communities is spreading, so that our towns and villages will hopefully become more inclusive and dementia friendly.

Rebecca Haynes brought her

knowledgeable and enthusiastic team of North Durham Dementia care workers to Lanchester, under the banner 'United Against Dementia'. They talked about the 'huge epidemic' of dementia, with people of all ages affected, and described some of the ways that help and advice could be offered to carers and family members.

A 'Word Wall' had been constructed on the stage, built with various negative words which people associated with dementia sufferers, and how they perceived themselves - 'mad', 'stupid', 'ignored', 'no voice'. One by one, the words were removed until the wall collapsed. Readings described the feelings of sufferers, how they



*Rebecca Haynes, with her team and members of the audience who heard their interesting presentation on Dementia Friendly Communities.*

*If you need to talk to someone from the Alzheimer's Society, or would like to know more about Dementia Friendly Communities, please ring 0191 389 0400.*

were regarded as being 'apart', yet inside they remain the same person.

It seems that people are starting to address the issues and problems

associated with dementia, and recognise that huge changes must be made, in all areas of society.

Rebecca is planning to set up a steering group which would investigate how the concept of a 'Dementia Friendly Community'

could evolve, but basically it means caring for people, trying to understand the needs of others and making sure that people with dementia feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community.

## LONELINESS UPDATE

55,000 people took part in the BBC Loneliness Experiment (October 2018), making it the largest survey of its kind in the world. People said Loneliness was: Having nobody to talk to, feeling disconnected from the world, feeling left out, sadness, and not feeling understood. Other findings:

1. Young people are the group who feel loneliest. 40% of 16 to 24-year-olds often or very often feel lonely, compared with 27% of over 75s.
2. People who feel discriminated against are more likely to feel lonely.
3. 33% of people often or very often feel lonely.
4. Being alone is not the same as being lonely.
5. People feel ashamed about feeling lonely.
6. People who feel lonely score higher on empathy.

7. People who feel lonely have on average lower levels of trust in others.

8. People who feel lonely have more online-only friends.

9. People who say they often feel lonely report poorer health.

It identified several potential solutions. They won't work for everyone but they might help you.

1. Find distracting activities or dedicate time to work, study or hobbies.
2. Join a social club or take up new social activities and pastimes.
3. Change your thinking to make it more positive, identifying strategies to help you cope.
4. Start a conversation with anyone. You don't have to say anything deep. The idea is to feel more connected to other humans. We all share the same world.

5. Talk to friends or family about your feelings. Many people do still feel there's a stigma surrounding loneliness. Younger people are less likely to conceal their loneliness. Five things people looked for in a friend: Trustworthiness, understanding, support, sincerity, and loyalty.

6. Look for the good in every person you meet. People who feel lonely have on average lower levels of trust in others.

7. Take time to think why you feel lonely - then consider which solutions might work for you. If one solution doesn't work, try another.

8. Carry on and wait for the feeling to pass.

9. Invite people to do things without fearing rejection. Not surprisingly, mostly consistent with our view of things.

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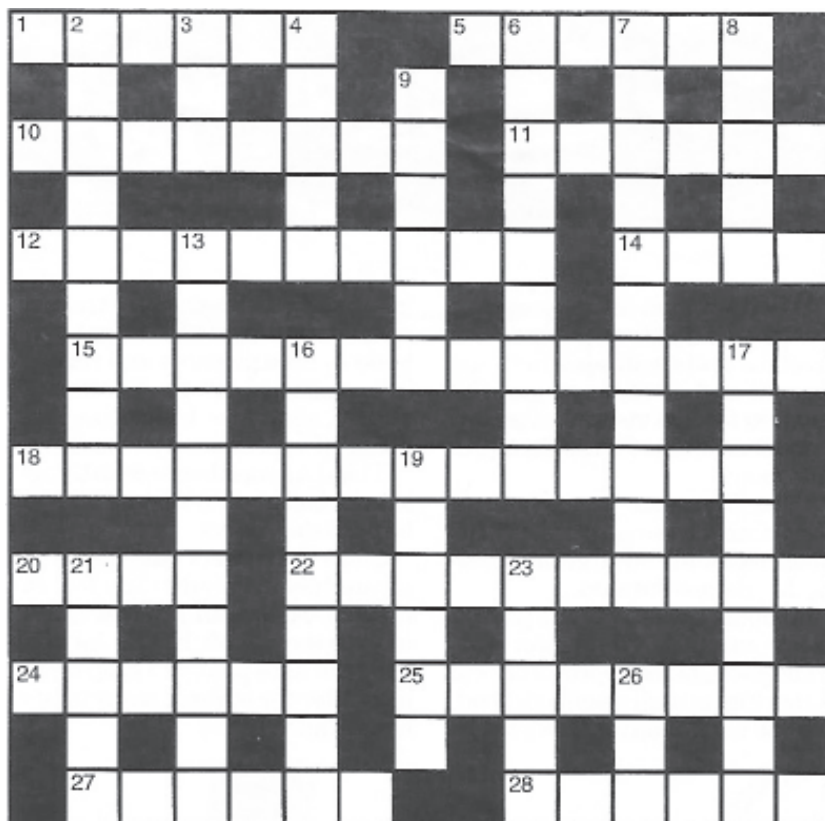
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# CROSSWORD 150



## ACROSS

1. Pope so taken to be against (6)
5. Also (2,4)
10. Challenge (8)
11. Decreased (6)
12. Typical hearty clap (10)
14. Essence (4)
15. In a straight line (fig.) (2,3,4,5)
18. Concerning the weather (14)
20. Goes with full, off and gap (4)
22. Concerned with resistance to infection (10)
24. Carrier (6)
25. An undergarment in an attempt at mockery (8)
27. Hairsplitter (6)
28. Celebrity (6)

## DOWN

2. Reproduce (9)
- 3,19 Out of bounds (3-6)
4. WW II torpedo vessel (1-4)
6. Rascal (9)
7. Concerning the Christian religion (11)
8. Yorkshire city (5)
9. Daze (6)
13. Fiery (3,8)
16. Formerly (7,2)
17. Inform (9)
19. See 3
21. Silly person (5)
23. ——— Quinn, Sunderland football across (5)
26. Unit of energy (3)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 149

### ACROSS

1. poltroon
5. drapes
9. no can do
10. Ashdown
11. untie
12. establish
13. ascorbic acid
17. it's open to all
20. non-linear
22. usage
23. bombard
24. placate
25. eunuch
26. by design

### DOWN

1. pent up
2. locate
3. runners up
4. on one's own head
6. rehab
7. province
8. sunshade
10. autobiography
14. calculate
15. winnable
16. as one man
18. Hawaii
19. demean
21. Isaac

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

## LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

## CROSSWORD 149

There were 18 entries in last month's crossword competition.

Congratulations to Steven Raper who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

Many thanks to John Wilson who has now compiled 150 crosswords for the Village Voice. Long may he continue!

## 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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## WALKS WITH BROCK

Good day to you. My name is Brock, a Jack Russell cross who gets cross when he isn't out and about, which is why I am keen to share walks with fellow canines - and their humans - reading the Village Voice.

My human often seems to favour walks which start and finish at pubs. From my point of view, this is something I can live with so long as the time before the thirst quenching is spent constructively. And by constructively I mean naturally a good long walk interspersed with stoppage time to explore woods and chase out rabbits.

So when we drive into the car park of the Derwent Walk Inn at Ebchester, near Consett, my spirits soar. I know we are not going to visit the establishment until a good deal of exercise has been taken.

From the car park it is a short hop downhill onto the Derwent Valley Walk, a former railway line which stretches for miles from Weardale along to Blaydon and then onwards to the mouth of the Tyne. But the bit we are interested in for the purposes of this walk is the short stretch heading from Ebchester towards Rowlands Gill.

We pass the former Station House and railway platform at Ebchester, where there are usually several canine companions for me to

meet and greet. From there it is a pleasant and fairly level stroll with panoramic views of Chopwell woods and the Derwent Valley to the left. Along the way there are a few benches on the left where Humans seem to enjoy sitting and contemplating the views. I prefer to be on the move myself, I always say a good walk is wasted by sitting around.

We keep on walking across a couple of minor roads - it is best to keep an eye out for the odd car or van criss crossing the path at these stages - while cyclists are also a hazard to watch out for.

(My own policy is to sit tight in the middle of the path and wait for them to pass, only to leap up at the last minute and watch them wobble in

their saddles as they try to ride around me without falling off.) We keep on walking along the Derwent Walk for maybe a couple of miles, past a caravan site on the right, then we come to another public footpath which criss-crosses ours. There we turn right up to a hamlet called High Westwood.

At the top of the hill there is a sign pointing to a public bridleway, which we follow for a short distance past a wood with some fascinating smells, until we get back onto the Derwent Walk. We turn left there and re-trace our

paw steps back to the car park at what was Ebchester railway station, and from there back up to the pub.

The whole walk takes about an hour, including stops for toilet breaks (there are a few bins dotted about) and for woodland explorations. By the time we get back I cannot really begrudge my Human the chance to slake his thirst, and I am allowed in the bar too, provided I keep quiet and sit tight, which is something I find slightly easier to do after a rather invigorating stroll.

## OUT AND ABOUT Meet Durham's Own Dick Whittington

In folklore and legend, a popular theme tells how a penniless youngster rises to wealth and high office. At the end of the Middle Ages, as the rural poor moved into the growing towns in search of a better life, many places had their own 'Dick Whittington.'

John Duck was apprenticed in his early life to a Durham butcher, though there appeared to be questions regarding his place of birth and details of his official apprenticeship. The guilds were responsible for overseeing conditions of work, weights, prices of goods, and were very strict in supervising the terms of apprenticeship. The young man arrived in Durham in 1655, approaching butchers in the local market for employment, but no one was prepared to employ him. As he was walking

dejectedly by the River Wear, to his surprise, a raven flew over him and dropped a gold coin at his feet.

This was the start of John Duck's fortune, as he invested his money very wisely and became prosperous, eventually owning collieries and building a fine house in Silver Street, Durham. He entered politics, becoming Mayor in 1680. John married well and through marriage he acquired the estate of Haswell, and was created Baronet of Haswell on the Hill in 1686. He built a hospital for poor widows, ensuring the needy were well supplied with food and coal and he gained a reputation for care and charity.

John commissioned a fine oil painting on pine board, showing the raven with a gold coin in its beak hovering over him, and

placed it in his mansion in Silver Street. The house was demolished in 1963 and the painting disappeared for a long time, discovered many years later. John Duck is remembered in the name of the pub in Claypath named after him.

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# WHAT'S ON?

## Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November, 12 noon to 2 pm, in Lynwood House. If anyone new would like to join can they call 07808 243720. *Barbara Webb*

## Sunday Bridge

In the Community Centre on 4th November at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3.00 and all profits to the Community Centre.

## A capella

'The Happy Mondays', Lanchester's A capella group meets every Monday morning at 10.30 till 12 in the Chapter House of All Saints. Everyone welcome.

## Gala Concert

There is to be a Gala Christmas Concert in the Community Centre on Saturday December 8th, with the Brass Band and music from our village schools.

## Crafty Coffee Morning

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 10 am till 12 at Lanchester Methodist Church. We have had a large donation of wool and needles and more knitters needed! We are making trauma teddies, premature baby clothes, knitted angels etc. Everyone welcome to call in for coffee and chat.

## Canny Café

All Saints' RC Parish Centre will be providing a light lunch every third Wednesday of each month except December and August. Please come and join us for lunch and good friendship. No charge but donations welcome. Further information, contact Andrea Stoddart 01207 520291.

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## Community Centre

### Coffee Morning

The next monthly coffee morning will be on Thursday 8th November 9.30-11 am.

### Christmas Fair

November 10th, 9.30 am-1.30 pm. Over 25 georgous stalls, raffle, light lunch and refreshments.

### Theatre

Join us on Sunday 16th December at 7.30 pm for 'A Classic Christmas', a theatre production from the actors originally involved with North Country Theatre.

Tickets £12 available from the Community Centre and Lanchester News.

### Lacemaking

In the upstairs room, on Mondays from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm.

### Needlecraft

On Wednesdays 1.00-3.00 pm.

### Baby Group

Meet Wednesdays and Fridays in the Dining Room between 9.15 and 11.00 am.

Birth to 2 years, £1.80.

## Lanchester WI

**What's On in November**  
Reminders to our members ... you can become more involved in your WI by volunteering to become a committee member, offer readings, vote of thanks, raffle prizes, etc. See any committee member for more information.

Our birthday outing to Walwick Hall, Hexham, will take place on Monday November 5th. The bus will leave the bus stop opposite the bakery at 9.40 am. Fingers crossed for good weather! Congratulations were offered to Marie Murphy, re-elected as Branch President.

## Satley WI

Our next meeting will be our AGM, followed by a shared supper, on November 12th in Satley Parish Hall at 7.15 pm. Please feel free to come and join us.

## Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 4th November. Meet in the Malton car park at 10.00 am.

## Paradiso Club

The next Paradiso Social Club meeting will be held on Sunday November 4th in the Main Hall of Lanchester Community Centre at 7 pm. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and the screening of the film 'DARKEST HOUR'. We have changed the date of our meeting this month in order not to clash with other Remembrance activities and because we feel this film will help to launch the period of Remembrance. DARKEST HOUR is based on the inspiring true story when at the beginning of World War II within days of becoming Prime Minister, Winston Churchill must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials, exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany. All are welcome.

Ticket entry which covers raffle, refreshments and film:

Members £2.50  
Non members £3.50  
Young persons £2.

## Lanchester Patient Group

The Lanchester Patient Group is having its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5th December; 6 pm until 7.30 pm at the Medical Centre.

If you are a registered patient of the Medical Centre you are most welcome to attend.

## Lanchester Partnership Events

### Our Annual Ceilidh

is on Saturday November 17th in the Social Club. Doors open at 7.00 pm. Faith supper - please bring a plate of food to share.

The brilliant Windy Gyle band will be playing. Come along to dance, to drink, to chat and to support the Partnership and its projects within Lanchester.

Tickets £7.50 for adults, £2.50 for children are available from:

Jill Gladstone 01207 528 114,  
Kate Edwards 01207 521 753 or  
Michelle Atkinson 01914 788 110.

This is a popular event so book early.

### The Buzzing Lunch

is on Wednesday December 5th at Lynwood House from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Tickets £4.00 are available from the Red Cross Shop, Karen Bravington, on the bus, or at the door.

This is a buffet lunch in aid of the Lanchester Link Bus which runs every weekday morning. It is a Lanchester Partnership project that has been running since April 2001 and now costs £1000 a month to run.

So come along for good food, good chat and lively company, knowing that you are helping to keep the bus running.

## Wildlife Group

At the next meeting on Tuesday 13th November, the subject will be 'Birds of the North Pennines', focus on breeding waders and Black Grouse with Carol Inskipp, wildlife author and bird expert. Meet at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre dining room.

## Library Book Club

On Monday November 26th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'Sleep Tight' by Rachel Abbott, one of the Tom Douglas thrillers by an English author. A dark psychological thriller - sounds like a good page turner. If you have read this novel do come along and join in with the discussion.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday November 15th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'The Return of Captain Emmett' by Elizabeth Speller, "the new Birdsong - only better" (Independent) If you would like to join this group, pop into the library and pick up this book and come along.

### Chatterbooks

Monday 12th November from 3.45-4.30 pm.

If your child likes books this session is suitable for 5-11 year olds. A theme around a book is chosen and there are craft activities that complement the book, which is shared with the group.

The next date session is 12.12.18.

### Toddler Time Sessions

for Under Fives, every Thursday between 2 and 3 pm. Come along to this social time for you and your child to enjoy music, songs and rhymes.

## Thursday Club

At our meeting, on 15th November, we will be having a Fundraising Afternoon, from 1.30 pm till 3.30 pm, in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance. Tea/coffee with tasty cakes and scones will be served. Tickets only £1.00 or pay at the door. Why not come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with us. There will also be Raffle-Tombola-Jewellery tables.



## Lanchester Flower Club

On Friday 30th November in Lanchester Community Centre at 7 pm, the club will be holding the second of our Open Evening Meetings. The demonstrator is Mr John Thexton, his theme will be 'Christmas Greetings'. He has visited us on many occasions and is well known to many for his spectacular arrangements. Tickets are £7 which includes light refreshments. Please contact Mrs Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 should you want tickets.

## Local History Society

Subject: Tomas Bewick, Artist and Naturalist  
Speaker: Anthony Atkinson  
Date: Friday 2nd November  
Time: 7pm  
Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.  
Celebrated as a wood engraver, and in his time a crucial influence on the vigorous growth of a popular interest in natural history. Cherryburn near Stocksfield, a National Trust property is worth a visit to see his birthplace and his prints. It is open until October 31st for 2018. For more information contact the History Society at marianmorrison@btinternet.com.

## Remembrance Day

On Sunday 11th November the Remembrance Service will be held on the Village Green commencing at 10.45am.

## Taizé Worship

Lanchester Parish Church  
Taizé Worship will take place at 6.00 pm on Sunday 18th November. ALL ARE WELCOME. There will be practices in church on Thursday 1st November (this is a change from 8th) and 15th November from 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm. All are welcome to join us. For further details please contact Margaret Walters on 521214.

## LANCHESTER ORCHARD SUCCESS

It has been an excellent year for fruit at Lanchester Community Orchard with members enjoying a harvest of apples and some delicious apple juice. The orchard was originally initiated by the Lanchester Partnership in 2011, when a field at the top of Newbiggen Lane was leased for 25 years. A group of enthusiastic residents then set about designing, plotting and planting the orchard with the aid of a locally provided grant from the County Durham Community Foundation. And they are now beginning to reap the rewards of their hard work.

On Saturday, October 6th, a total of 15 members of the orchard community picked all the apples that were ready and sorted them. Good ones made up a tray for each member of the Orchard Group and still had some to put into store. Smaller apples and bruised ones were made into the juice. Because apples don't all ripen at the same time there will be more to be picked later in the year. In the afternoon eight families brought their apples to the orchard and then pressed these into juice with the help of the orchard members. Neil McKay

## TENNIS WINNER

The E A Humble trophy for the 2018 most improved player of the season at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club was awarded to Ellen Filmer. The trophy was purchased by the club in 1958, in honour of men's captain E A Humble, following his untimely demise. The cost was £5 and 5 shillings, old money, and is held by recipients for 12 months. Ellen has been a member for only

two years, starting in the younger group, but has progressed sufficiently to be considered for the 8 and under team. Her performance in reaching the final of the junior tournament was terrific, and, although beaten by the experienced Joseph Potter, it was a proud moment for her. The 8 and under team commenced their winter season on Saturday 13th October and will be

playing at the David Lloyd Centre in Middlesbrough through until March 2019.

Junior coaching is continuing indoors at Langley Park Primary school on Monday evenings from 5 pm. Full details can be obtained from head coach Sam Stokoe (sam@theracquetman.co.uk or 07493 032229).

**Photograph of Ellen on back page.**

## CRICKET NEWS

On September 22nd, we held our annual Presentation Day at the club, bringing the 2018 season to a celebratory close. The guest trophy presenter was Durham CCC player Cameron Steel and catering was provided by Centurion Caterers. A packed club saw the following awards given out:-

**Under 11s** - Ethan Connelly won the batting and the player of the year. Mae Deaville won the bowling and Leo Johnson the fielding.

**Under 13s** - Charlie McPhail won the batting and player of the year. Dan Scott won the bowling and Nathan Scurr the fielding.

**Under 15s** - Dan Arthur won the batting and player of the year. Tom Deaville won the bowling and Ben Rayner won the fielding.

**Under 18s** - Arran Halliday won the batting, bowling and player of the year. James Kime won the fielding. Most improved Junior - Nathan Scurr

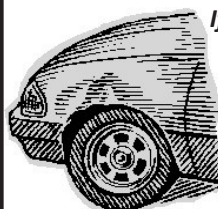
**Personality of the Year** - David Barnett

**Firsts** - Batting - Graham Brinton, Bowling - Kieron Taylor, Fielding - Lewis Donnelly, Player of the Year - Callum Barnes.

**Seconds** - Batting - Chris Ramshaw, Bowling - Dan Arthur, Fielding - Ben Holden, Player of the Year - Nathan Somersall.

**Thirds** - Batting - Andy McConnell, Bowling - Andy Allen, Fielding - Simon Rayner, Player of the Year - Ben Rayner.

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## TENNIS WINNER



*Ellen Filmer won the trophy for the most improved player. See full report on page 19.*

## LANCHESTER ORCHARD SUCCESS



*Orchard members enjoying the fruit of their labours. See story on page 19.*

## LANCHESTER ART EXHIBITION



*Malcolm Coils in front of his paintings of well known local scenes.*



*Brian Stafford with his exhibits including 'Warkworth Reflections'.*

The wealth of talent in and around the village was again available for all to see during the annual exhibition of the Lanchester Art Group held in the Community Centre over two days. A total of 33 artists displayed their works, some of which were sold to admiring browsers. The vast majority of the

artists are now retired, and have revived their prodigious talents which were in many cases latent since their schooldays. There is not enough space to mention all the artists by name, but one of the first paintings to be bought from the display was one of Lanchester Front Street by Harry Carr. The price in the catalogue

was listed as £30. Mr Carr said: "I certainly don't paint to make any money, but it is wonderfully satisfying for me if somebody likes one of my paintings sufficiently to put it on their wall at home." Brian Stafford is another capable artist whose works were on display.

One of his paintings which drew admiration was Warkworth Reflections, an image of Warkworth Castle in Northumberland reflected in the water below. Another prolific landscape artist is Malcolm Coils, whose (fairly) local scenes included Amble Harbour,

Staithes in North Yorkshire and Crook Hall and Saddler Street in Durham. The exhibition in the Community Centre was well attended and word seems to be spreading about the talented members of the Lanchester Art Group. *Neil McKay*

## NEXT DEADLINE

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

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