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LANCHESTER SPRING CLEAN 2019



Volunteers on the Village Green. See article on page 3.



Lanchester Park is a lot cleaner after the efforts of these litterpickers.

SUPERHERO BIKERS



Coming into Lanchester Village.

EASTER CROSS



The daffodil bedecked Cross at the EP School presentation of the Easter Story. See report page 5.



Getting stuck in to the litter picking at the War Memorial.



A wonderful group picture of the North East Bikers Against Bullying. See article on page 2.

SUPERHERO BIKERS

Almost three hundred bikers - many dressed as superheroes - rode into Lanchester as part of a peaceful invasion of communities across County Durham.

The bikers - North East Bikers Against Bullies - set off from outside Tesco, Consett on Saturday April 6th and visited Lanchester Social Club as part of their whistle-stop tour of communities which have Little Treasures Groups.

The Lanchester Little Treasures Group - which supports families with autistic children - celebrated its first anniversary on the same weekend. Its members meet at the Social Club.

Vicki Savage, from Lanchester Little

Treasures, said: "It was quite a spectacle and very noisy to see all the bikers arrive here. The rally is to raise awareness of autism but for our group it was very fitting that it took place on the weekend of our first anniversary."

Michelle Abbs, founder of Little Treasures Autism Support, said: "The rally was held to

raise awareness of autism and getting everyone talking about autism. The turnout from everyone was absolutely amazing.

It was really overwhelming for us as volunteers, and for the kids, to see all of the communities pulling together. It was a fabulous day."

Neil McKay



Batman and Robin



Quad bike fun.

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for March was 2. The draw was made by Cecil, Tea Dance musician.

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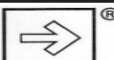
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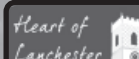
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LANCHESTER SPRING CLEAN 2019

Saturday 30th March gave Lanchester residents the opportunity to give the village a Spring Clean and they certainly did! Over 40 volunteers turned out to clear the streets, ditches, verges and hedgerows of accumulating rubbish, making Lanchester a pleasanter place for us all to live in and safer too for our wildlife. Most of the 40 bags of waste will go for incineration or landfill but we did also manage to recycle several bags of plastics, cans and glass. So a big thank you to everyone who gave up an hour or more of their time on Saturday and particularly to Leo a young boy who went out 3 times with his parents to fill his bags with rubbish for the

benefit of us all! There are also people in the community who regularly pick up debris and litter when they are out walking through the village or along the line or estates. They do this work anonymously but we are all grateful and we wish to publicly thank you for the sterling job that you do so regularly.

The Lanchester Litter Pick is organised every spring by the Lanchester Partnership and this year the Plastic Free Lanchester group joined them helping to run the stall and provide, together with a member of the County Council, advice on recycling.

The Lanchester Partnership works constantly to make Lanchester a better place for us all to live in and

can be contacted via the web if you would like to know more: www.lanchesterpartnership.org.uk.

The Plastic Free Lanchester group is working with groups, businesses, schools and individuals to reduce the amount of single use plastic that we all consume.

If you would like to learn more or join the group then contact us on Plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com.

There are so many ways that you can volunteer in Lanchester but if you enjoy seeing a cleaner village why not come out next spring and share the work with the other volunteers just as we share the same village and environment.

Sonny Shepherd



Volunteers of all ages help to keep the village tidy.



Litterpickers with some of the bags of rubbish that were collected.



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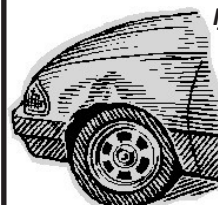
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EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT LYNWOOD HOUSE

On Wednesday 17th April, residents and friends celebrated Easter with a buffet lunch, followed by musical entertainment by Katie West and a bumperraffle. Thank you to Linda who organised this special event and to her other helpers on the day. The raffle prizes were donated by the residents of Lynwood House and several long-time supporters of the monthly lunch. A total of £200 was raised and all proceeds from the raffle will go to Willow Burn Hospice. All the residents enjoyed this special event and are proud to support Willow Burn Hospice. Thank you to all.



Residents and friends enjoying their Easter buffet.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Lanchester Methodist Church was the venue for a performance of Handel's 'Messiah' by Northern Consort. The evening had been organised by Mel Somersall to raise money for Mercy Ships which is a faith based international development organisation that deploys hospital ships to some of the poorest countries in the world, delivering vital free healthcare to people in desperate need. Mercy Ships is a wonderful organisation founded in 1978, by a Doctor Don Stephens and his wife Deyon. The ships have worked in more than 70 countries, providing services valued at more than £1 billion and

everyone who works on them from doctors and nurses to engineers and mechanics all work voluntarily. Mel and his wife Sue have worked on the Mercy Ships, of which there are four, and Mel is committed to finding ways of raising funds for them. What a wonderful evening he had arranged for this very worthy cause. From the beginning to the end, the audience were enthralled by the excellent performance of Handel's Messiah. The performers were a group of very accomplished musicians, formed in 2016 by Simon Lee with the aim of bringing large scale works to a variety of

organisations, using chamber music and voice. There were 10 singers and 5 players in the chamber group, 2 violins, 1 viola, 1 cello and 1 harpsicord and together they produced the most wonderful sound. 'Messiah' is a very well known and loved musical work but Northern Consort gave it added appeal with their sensitive rendering of this superb musical work which tells the story of Jesus Christ from his birth to his glorious resurrection from the dead. Their highly professional performance, greatly appreciated by the audience, will be remembered for a very long time.

Brenda Craddock



Doris McDermott cutting the Happy Easter cake.



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THE STORY OF EASTER

The presentation of the Easter Story by the pupils of Years 2 and 5 of the EP School on Thursday, April 4th in All Saints' Parish Church was very beautifully done. There was some lovely singing of Easter songs and other favourites at appropriate times in the service, which meant all the school could be involved.

It began with a favourite song 'We have a King whorides a donkey'. This song is about Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem and is the beginning of the week leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The presentation then moved on to the events of Holy Week, and Good Friday. Appropriate symbols were taken down the aisle by Year 2 pupils, in a very dignified manner, to the front of the church and laid on the table upon which stood a plain, empty wooden cross. These symbols included hammer and nails, money bag containing three pieces of silver, a whip,

a sword, a crown of thorns, a purple robe, a large white wooden cockerel, large cardboard cut outs of the sun and moon, bread and wine, and a big sign reading 'INRI' meaning 'King of the Jews'.

Following this, there were two Bible readings about 'The Last Supper' and the first Easter morning when Mary discovered that Jesus was alive. These readings were very well spoken by year 5 pupils. It was at this point that the whole mood of the presentation changed. The symbols were removed, one by one by the pupils, and it was time to dress the cross with a glorious array of daffodils. Its appearance was transformed. The adults in the church were invited to place a daffodil on the cross after all the pupils had done so. Together, everyone had transformed the cross from one of tragedy, (Good Friday) into one of triumph (Easter Sunday), the triumph of the Resurrection!



Pupils from the EP School dressing the cross with a beautiful array of daffodils. Cross shown in detail on front page.

Reverend Stephanie Clarke, vicar of St Andrews Stanley and Area Dean of all the 13 churches in Lanchester Deanery, was present and gave a short address at the end, when she praised the pupils for their excellent

presentation of the Easter Story.

A joyful Easter song was sung to close the service which had been a very fitting end to the Easter Term and the beginning of the Easter Holiday.

Brenda Craddock

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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th April 2019

Manor Grange Play Area

An officer from Durham County Council attended the meeting to provide an update on explorations to provide an improved play area at Manor Grange. A site meeting had taken place with a play company who has provided an example design with costs for a relocated play area towards the bottom of the grassed area below the existing play area. The Parish Council needs to secure appropriate funding to deliver the project. A lease for the land needs to be progressed with Durham County Council. There would be a need to consult with the community to progress the project.

Police Report - see below.

Parish Councils Committee

Members were informed that the projects included in the Environmental Improvement Pot which included wild flowers at Malton and the planting of wild flowers along the side of the Smallhope Burn were being

progressed with the County Council.

The Parish Council confirmed their contribution of £300 towards the 2019 Summer Activity Play Schemes organised by the Area Action Partnership and asked that the publicity ensures that all areas of the community benefit from the activities.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Final amendments to the plan are being made. The maps and photos are being finalised. It is planned to present the final draft document to the Parish Council at their meeting on 14th May. It is planned to undertake the first 6 week community consultation during June/July.

Durham County Council - Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Members considered and supported the proposed Traffic

Regulation Order to address parking and traffic issues in the village.

Defibrillators

Members were informed that the defibrillator and cabinet had been purchased and would be delivered in the next few weeks. Following delivery the cabinet would be erected on the outside wall of the pharmacy and an electrician would wire it in. An awareness session would be arranged for members of the community to attend.

Correspondence had been received from the Cricket Club asking for permission to install a defibrillator on the exterior of the club house. This permission was granted.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 at Lynwood House following the Annual Meeting at 7.15 pm.

POLICE REPORT

This month our policing priority has been door to door sellers. The village is forever targeted by individuals going door to door trying to sell small household items claiming to be working for Middlesbrough Probation Service or a similar scheme. Such schemes do not exist therefore we are keen for any reports of these sellers to be reported to Police. Anyone selling on the doorstep should have the required Pedlars Licence, which we are keen to confirm and, if necessary, take appropriate action if found without one. Incidents of note this month have been thefts/

burglaries by unknown persons. This month we have had a copper hot water cylinder stolen from Burnhopeside Avenue, an image of the suspect is currently on our force website under Caught on Camera. Please take a look to see if you recognise the person involved. We've also had the theft of an excavator from a disused quarry near the A68 and a garage burglary at Maiden Law. If you see or hear anything suspicious please report it immediately to Police via 101.

If you have any problems please don't hesitate to get in touch via 101 or email lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk.



RETURN OF THE FOX



The repaired fox

The wooden fox has been repaired and is now standing proudly beside the footpath on the village green by the Smallhope Burn. Please look out for the fox as you walk along the footpath. The fox which was damaged last Autumn the village green by the footpath.

MALTON TREE FALL



This tree has fallen exactly across the path at the entrance to the river walk at Malton.

LANCHESTER'S PLAY PARKS

It's Spring, time for getting out and about. Have you been to check on your local parks recently? Meet up with your friends, take your bikes, trikes, child-minders, grannies and grandpas too! There's plenty to do.

Enjoy! Have fun! Build up your skills and your muscles.

Jill Gladstone



Young people enjoying time with their friends at the Park.



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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR PATRONS' CONCERT

On Saturday evening, 13th April, the sound of beautiful music could be heard coming from the Community Centre. Inside there was a very full hall of people who, over many years, have supported Lanchester

Male Voice Choir and this annual concert was being held especially for them. It was the Patrons' Concert.

The evening began with a very warm welcome from Stuart Eaton, the Chairman. He said how

much the choir appreciated the support of its patrons and he hoped they would enjoy the evening's programme.

The audience enjoyed nine songs sung by the choir. Some were well

known favourites and there were also new pieces. Their resident pianist Noreen Bridgewater interjected

the programme with two piano solos, which as always delighted the audience. Her piano skills show such immense talent and she, together with Harry Carr the ever popular conductor, and members of the choir, provided an excellent evening of entertainment. Following the singing, the audience were invited to enjoy a splendid buffet supper, after which there was a very testing quiz,

compiled by Stuart Eaton.

The evening ended with a raffle, which had a wide range of lovely prizes, given by members of the choir. There were some super smiles from the winners! Indeed, there were smiles everywhere throughout the evening. The audience may have been missing 'Britain's Got Talent' on the television but they were witnessing some of the abundant talent which exists in our very own village of Lanchester. We should be so proud!
Brenda Craddock



The Male Voice Choir, conducted by Harry Carr and accompanied by Noreen Bridgewater, entertained their Patrons at this annual concert.



Some of the audience, deep in thought, searching for answers to the quiz.



Harry Carr introducing his last Patrons' concert as Conductor.

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History is just telling stories. History Society meetings are about people and events. Arthur Dodds was very intelligent and knowledgeable and until his recent death, was an avid researcher and an impressive presenter on many subjects.

Born (1930) at South Hetton into a mining family, he moved to Haswell where his schooling was interrupted by air raid sirens and dashes to the school shelter. Arthur proudly claimed some shrapnel from the only bomb to fall on Haswell landing near his grandmother's house

killing several cows. The mines were not for him. Aged 17, he joined the RAF as a trainee photographer. Arthur's forte, love and lasting legacy became the development of aerial photography.

Arthur received training at the School of Photography followed by postings to the Far East at a time when air photography was becoming an important intelligence tool. In Hong Kong, Arthur took responsibility for the maintenance and processing of aerial films from cameras fitted to a Spitfire Mk 18 conducting reconnaissance.

Arthur returned to a bombing trials unit in Scotland recording armaments which included air-to-air filming of bombs leaving aircraft at high altitude with manually operated high-speed cameras mounted in unpressurised bombers. In 1955, Arthur was awarded a British Empire Medal.

He returned to the School of Photography in 1961 as an instructor. As Flying Officer Dodds, he became a photographic interpreter at the Joint Air Reconnaissance Intelligence Centre whose work was highly classified.

He commanded a mobile field photographic unit in Germany before joining the Ministry of Technology in 1968, as a Flight Lieutenant, to oversee the development and procurement of air cameras. In 1978, now a Squadron Leader, he moved to the MOD, retiring aged 50.

Outside of his service, he sold aerial cameras and printers worldwide. Arthur's expertise and knowledge was invaluable in training clients. In 1981, Arthur trained Scotland Yard how to maximise their aerial film information.

Arthur retired at 68, moving to Lanchester. And the rest as they say is history. Arthur played a most active role in village life for many years and is fondly remembered by our community.

POST OFFICE MOVE

The long-awaited date for the Post Office move across the road has finally arrived - apparently!

A notice in the newsagent's where the Post Office is currently situated informs customers that it will close at 1 pm on Monday, April 29th and reopen across the road at The Spar exactly 24 hours later, on Tuesday, April 30th.

The move has been put back on several occasions, mainly due to issues with disabled access.

The Village Voice understands that the two staff will now move across the road with the premises. John Wilkinson, Manager of Spar, said "I recruited them because they had been made redundant."

Neil McKay



There is always a lot going on at your Community Centre. There are lots of classes and social groups such as Art; Ballet and Tap dancing; Bridge; History; various Keep Fit classes; Lace Making; Mahjong; Sewing Bee; Wildlife Group and WI to name just a few!!

Events are also arranged throughout the year for your entertainment such as 'Terry Deary's History Roadshow' presented by best selling author and TV personality Terry Deary, author of the 'Horrible Histories' books. There are still a few tickets available for the 4th May presentation. Then on Saturday 8th June 'Badapple Theatre' are performing their new original comedy, 'The Frozen Roman'. It's about a village protesting about a housing development (sound familiar?) and guess what they find?

WHAT'S NEW AT YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Yes, a Frozen Roman! Tickets £12; £10 concs; £6 for under 16s. Contact the office as soon as possible to secure your tickets for either of these great events. We now accept card payments too. As our thoughts turn to the summer and our gardens, following the success of the 'Open Gardens' day we had last July we are planning another one for 2020. If you have a lovely garden, large or small, and would like to put it forward as one of the gardens that

can be visited please get in touch, we look forward to hearing from you.

There are so many ways you can keep up to date with what's going on, such as checking the Information Point; follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre'; Instagram #lanchester_community_centre; check out the website - lanchestercommunity.wix.com/lanchester, or call in and have a chat. You are always welcome; see you soon.



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RED CROSS COFFEE MORNING

Our Red Cross shop in the village is always busy, with people looking for bargains and interacting with the friendly and helpful volunteers. Frequently, social events are held -

fashion and book sales, afternoon teas and coffee mornings, and on Friday March 29th, friends gathered in the Methodist Hall to enjoy conversation, coffee and cake. There was a

lovely atmosphere as people enjoyed their time together. Tracey would like to offer a huge Thank You to the people attending. The sum of £140.50 was raised for Red Cross funds.



Tracey Dobson and her friendly group of volunteers serve up coffee, cake and smiles at the Red Cross Coffee Morning.

COFFEE MORNING FOR DEFIBRILLATOR

A coffee morning was held at Lanchester Methodist Church in aid of a public use defibrillator to be fitted in Lanchester. Jeff and Joy Wingfield, members of both the Church and Lanchester

Cricket Club decided that all funds raised on the day would be donated to the 'Marathon for Defibrillator in Lanchester' gofundme page, set up by Andy Allen, who is planning to

run the London Marathon for the cause. A total of £102 was raised on the morning, which has put the total well on track to achieve the funds to have the defibrillator installed.

DEMENCIA ACTION WEEK

National Dementia Action Week will take place between May 20th-26th. The theme this year is 'Inclusion' and encourages everyone to play their part in creating a dementia-friendly UK, where people with dementia are treated equally and their rights are upheld. It's marked by a range of activities and fund raising events, from sports, bake offs and quizzes across the UK. It is organised by the Alzheimer's Society and was originally known as the 'Dementia Awareness' event, but it was considered that 'Dementia Action' described a more direct, active approach required to create change in communities for people with dementia and their carers.

There are 850,000 people in the UK affected by dementia, with 40,000 under the age of 65 suffering from early onset dementia. It's believed that by 2051, the number of people living with dementia will have risen to 2 million, indeed, a fast growing concern. During the action week, everyone is asked to consider taking actions, large and small, to make everyday life better for those with dementia and their carers and to make those

affected feel included and valued within their community. Overtime, we would like to see a Dementia Friendly UK, where schools, work places and communities understand dementia and the wants and needs of those affected by it. You can learn more about events taking place during Dementia Action Week by looking on www.alzheimers.org.uk. On Saturday May 25th we will be holding a Musical Coffee Morning for the whole family, starting between 10 and 10.30 at the Community Centre. There will be refreshments and a range of fun musical related activities that can be shared by people with dementia, family members of all ages, carers and anyone else who would like to learn more about dementia. Today, there is a growing understanding of dementia and an openness to speak about it, compared to years ago, when there was a stigma attached to the subject, but there is still much work to do together.

Keep your eyes open around the village for further details regarding Dementia Action Week events, or email Helen at lanchesterdfc@gmail.com for more information and how to get tickets.

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SATLEY WI APRIL

Linda, our President, welcomed 11 members to our April meeting and began by sending our best wishes to friends

who were ill and unable to attend. Members reported that they had enjoyed the visit to the Gala Theatre to see

Evita, and the coffee morning organised by Lanchester WI. We are to arrange a further order from The

Body Shop over the next few months as some members wish to purchase additional items.

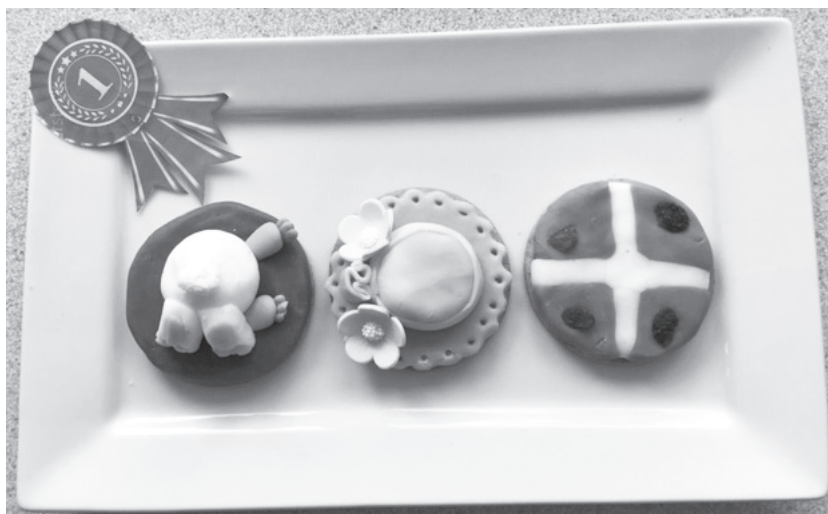
Our darts team (Christine, Joan, Avril and Aldwyn) were congratulated for progressing through to the Durham Federation final where they were subsequently placed a credible third.

We decided that our raffle would be used to raise funds for the County Durham NHS Chemotherapy Ward Appeal and a total of £42 was collected.

Our speaker Carolyn Hough had been invited back as everyone enjoyed her cookery demonstration last year

and she did not disappoint. As well as entertaining us with her humorous tales she cooked three dishes for us to enjoy. A chicken pasta dish was the first to be sampled followed by an Indonesian style salmon and sweet potato curry with rice. We then finished with American pancakes which were served with a fruit compote, honey and crème fraiche and a cup of tea. Clean plates all around. She was warmly thanked by Avril on our behalf.

Our competition for 3 Easter themed decorated biscuits was won by Linda, runner up was Kathleen and third place went to Sarah.



The lovely decorated biscuits made by Linda which won first prize in the competition.

WALKS WITH BROCK



Good day.

As most Village Voice readers will know by now, my name is Brock, I am a Jack Russell cross and I get cross if I don't get out and about every day.

Today I am going to tell you about a walk in Lanchester, one on which I often lead my human.

Starting from West Drive we walk up Cadger Bank, a climb which makes the human go all red faced. At the top we turn right and go through a narrow passage which leads us to the top of a road called Briardene. There we walk across a small wooded area and follow the road to the right, before going down some steps which takes us near a small stream, and onto Broadoak Drive.

I am put on my lead as we walk along Broadoak Drive to the end, then turn left onto Newbigen Lane.

After a short while we turn right along a path in front of houses on one side and a field on the left. This is called Ridgeway and has a couple of doggy bins in case I am caught short.

At the end of Ridgeway we turn left along the railway path for a little while, before going up a couple of steps which leads onto the end of Kitswell Road. Again we pass a doggy bin en route.

The human walks me back along Kitswell Road past a cemetery on the left then into a place which he calls a cricket field. In the summer men in white stand about in the middle of this field doing something with a red ball which I once tried to pick up and found it was far too hard to chew! In summer the human

likes to hang around there, usually with a drink in his hand while I have to amuse myself. Luckily at this time of year there are no such distractions, and I am able to run around the perimeter of the field and sometimes under the fence to the stream at the other side. From there we pass some practice nets and go along a small passageway which leads to a narrow road and eventually we come onto the main road near the EP primary school.

From there we walk along the bypass where I am kept on my lead, in case I spot a canine acquaintance on the other side of the road and am tempted to dash across to say hello. This can be very dangerous, I have been told.

From there it is back alongside the village green and home, sometimes stopping at the butcher's for a tasty morsel (for me).

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LANCHESTER WI COFFEE MORNING

Our April Coffee Morning was a lovely, relaxed morning! Anyone is welcome to join us, so please keep a look out for notification of our next Coffee Morning - you'll be made extremely welcome and make some good friends! Hope to see you then!



The ladies of the WI Committee wait to greet their friends to the Coffee Morning.

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LANCHESTER WI IN APRIL

Our monthly meeting was held on April 1st, with 42 members welcomed by President Marie Murphy. The minutes from our last meeting were available to see on the Information Table and members were reminded that the minutes can be emailed to them on request. Copies of the County News were distributed containing details of events, courses, etc, and early requests for places are recommended, as often these are filled quickly. Our Chairman's Lunch will be held on October 11th, Annfield Plain are having a Dress in 50s Style Garden Party in June and there will be a

New Members Day at WI House in July. Please consult the details at our next meeting.

A new outing is planned for Thursday 6th June - a tour of Ushaw College, followed by afternoon tea. The cost is £17.50, payable at our May meeting. Our Summer Outing is on July 3rd, when we visit Newby Hall, near Ripon, and another visit to Kynren is planned in September.

Jean Dougherty offered us a lovely seasonal reading, 'A Day in Early Spring' and our 'Decorated Egg' competition winners were Jan Vasey, Ann Carr and Jill Gladstone. Next month's competition will

be to dress a peg doll in the fashion of the 1970s. The raffle was won by Tracey Dobson and Judith Collins, with prize donors Tracey Dobson and Margaret Rutter. All members received a chocolate Easter Egg to celebrate the season.

We settled to hear our speaker, Zaf Iqbal, who told us about his Islamic faith. His account of his life, growing up in Sunderland, was amusing and told us so much about his faith. Instead of describing the differences in religions, Zaf concentrated on the many aspects and beliefs they share. He kindly invited us to visit his mosque in Sunderland later this year.

Sue Smith thanked Zaf for his interesting and informative presentation and we concluded our evening with coffee, biscuits and conversation.

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THURSDAY CLUB

March 21st saw us celebrate our 39th birthday. With a little cajoling Sam Simpkins was persuaded to organise another Table Top Treasure Hunt. Same rules applied as last time, no Googling or hanging on to leaflets. The members settled into seven teams - Arts & Crafty, the Awesome Foursome, Calling Birds, Four French Hens (last time it was three), Penelope Pitstop, Silver Surfers and The Trump Card. An envelope given to each team held a map and the first clue, find the answer and give to Sam for the thumbs up and the second clue or thumbs down and try again. A series of clues continued until the final one and the treasure was found. The

winning team was The Trump Card with fun cries of fix as Olive was in the team - but we was honest guv! Our thanks to Sam for a great hunt, which I think he secretly enjoyed as much as we did. With candles lit and then blown out and happy birthday sung, we ended the afternoon with tea/coffee, yummy cake and a real good chinwag. Perfect.



A slight lull, thinking time in the Treasure Hunt.

THURSDAY CLUB COFFEE MORNING



Coffee, cake, raffle, tombola and a jewellery stall to be enjoyed.

PRAYER CARDS - ROUND 3

Many of our readers will be aware that Churches Together in Lanchester have issued Prayer Cards to the whole village on two previous occasions. This provides an opportunity for the churches to support our individual needs and concerns. We can submit these in two ways:

- by writing on the card itself and posting the card in the local prayer box (Lanchester News Post Office Counter at present)
 - by email.
- A small team from the three churches will then

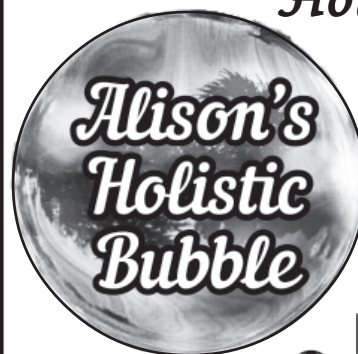
pray for the concerns in confidence.

In recent months we have also installed two prayer boxes in Lanchester Medical Centre and Burnhope Surgery. This will enable us to respond on a more regular basis. Furthermore, we are now about to issue cards for the third time. We hope to begin delivery in May, and the whole process will take about 18 months. Thanks to everyone for responses so far received. Please be assured of our continued support.

Weren't we lucky to wake up to a bright, sunny and warm 28th March for our Coffee Morning. Tables covered with lovely cloths, a delicious assortment of cakes and scones to tempt even the most determined. Jewellery arranged to catch the eye and raffle/tombola prizes

displayed for all to see, we were now ready for what we hoped would be a busy morning. Well we were not disappointed. The hall was buzzing with the chatter and laughter of friends catching up with one another. Many regulars and some new faces all enjoying themselves. We would

like to thank all of you for making it worthwhile and helping us raise £400 for the Great North Air Ambulance. Lanchester is a lovely spot on the map made even more special by the villagers themselves, their friendliness and generosity are second to none. Thank you.



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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB

'Bloom where you are planted'

The meeting held on Wednesday 27th March in Lanchester Community Centre was a wonderful flower demonstration by Lucy Richardson, a National Demonstrator. Her theme was 'Bloom where you are planted'. Lucy did some very beautiful and elaborate designs with some lovely colours used. The

arrangements were then raffled to the delight of the winners. Our members then enjoyed a lovely afternoon chatting with a cuppa and biscuits.

If anyone would like any details or information about the Lanchester Flower Club then just call Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.



Lucy Richardson showed us some very beautiful and elaborate designs.

WEEDING OUT THE PLASTIC IN YOUR GARDEN

You wouldn't believe just how many plastic items seem to have taken their place in our gardens. On Tuesday 2nd April the Margery Flatts Allotment Group held their AGM and did an audit of plastic items on their plots. They recorded over 30 uses of plastic in this so called green environment. From gardening gloves, spade handles to cloches and bird scarers. All of which in itself is a bit scary as we know the lighter grade

plastic tends to blow around and unintentionally lodge in hedges and ditches creating not just an eye sore but a threat to wildlife. So the group members came up with these recommendations. Firstly plastic isn't all bad, it's incredibly useful and durable for compost bins, hose pipes, watering cans and covering our plots but thinner plastics are best avoided. Stronger netting which lasts year

on year is preferable to the thin netting which breaks up after a year of use or better still peas are very happy climbing up birch twigs. Lollipop sticks and cotton twine are a good substitute for plastic labels and cable ties. Hessian on a wooden structure, or hazel hurdles can make excellent windbreaks. The trickiest items are the black plastic pots and trays used for seedlings. They can of course be used many times but left on the plots

they blow around. And who hasn't accumulated bags full in their sheds at home? But if taken to the Household Recycling Depot they can in fact recycle them. Have you checked your garden recently? Perhaps there are ways

that you too could reduce your dependency on plastics. Let's weed it out if we can. If you would like to help reduce single use plastics in our community contact plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com.

LONGOVICIUM TALK

On a snowy Wednesday morning Rodney Hawkins of the Friends of Longovicium travelled to Consett to give a talk on Longovicium (Lanchester's Roman Fort) to the History Group of Consett University of the Third Age (U3A). Despite the inclement weather a group of 35 members of the U3A enjoyed a talk from Rodney who described the history and work of the Friends, illustrated with various plans, maps and LIDAR (light imaging, detection, and ranging) photographs.

Rodney was able to show that the civilian settlement that grew up around the fort has been proved by the Friends to be far larger than hitherto expected. The members of the History Group were obviously interested, shown by the number and variety of questions posed at the end of the talk. Rodney finished by requesting that if anyone had any information about the fort, or artefacts that may have come from the fort, to contact him on 0191 4103472 or by email hawkins_15@sky.com

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LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Luck, determination and coincidence

Lynn Lamport gave a well-researched, enthusiastic visual presentation about a 15 year old carpet weaver from Stourbridge, with connections to Stockton, who joined the Welsh Regiment in 1825 and journeyed to India. Lynn's interest had been spurred on by her discovery of a small remnant of red fabric from a military tunic, with badges and insignia stitched on it, that she unearthed at Stockton Museum.

She started to uncover the very interesting story of an unusual and quite exceptional young man for his day, who chose to capture and record his daily experiences in a diary. She visited the archives at Kew, Cardiff Museum and several public houses

where he had been billeted in Wales!

She tracked the soldier's career around India, Burma and Afghanistan to the various forts and cantonments he was assigned to. Life in India in the 1800s was a battle against heat, health problems and related issues. A number of soldiers were blinded by the intense sun, and many suffered problems with alcoholism. He logged his movements, recording distances travelled and marched very accurately to within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a yard - a considerable feat at that time. In all, he noted he had walked over 8000 miles!

He married a young woman who was a Hindu Christian and together they had ten children. He returned to England 18

years later in 1843, becoming a Colour Sergeant. Further duties in Ireland, in Dublin and Limerick were curtailed when he lost an eye. He was discharged in 1848 with a clean military record. He then worked as a postman and Lay Preacher for the Baptist church and retired to Stourbridge. His sons moved north to Stockton for work. Her research culminated in Lynn finding his army records and being able to put a name and service number to the piece of cloth - David Haslock, no. 374. David still has family descendants living in the Stockton area. The punch line to her story - she was able to prove that she is a distant relative by marriage to this remarkable man of his time!



Lynn Lamport displaying her records of David Haslock, a quite exceptional young man who served as a soldier in India in the 1800s.

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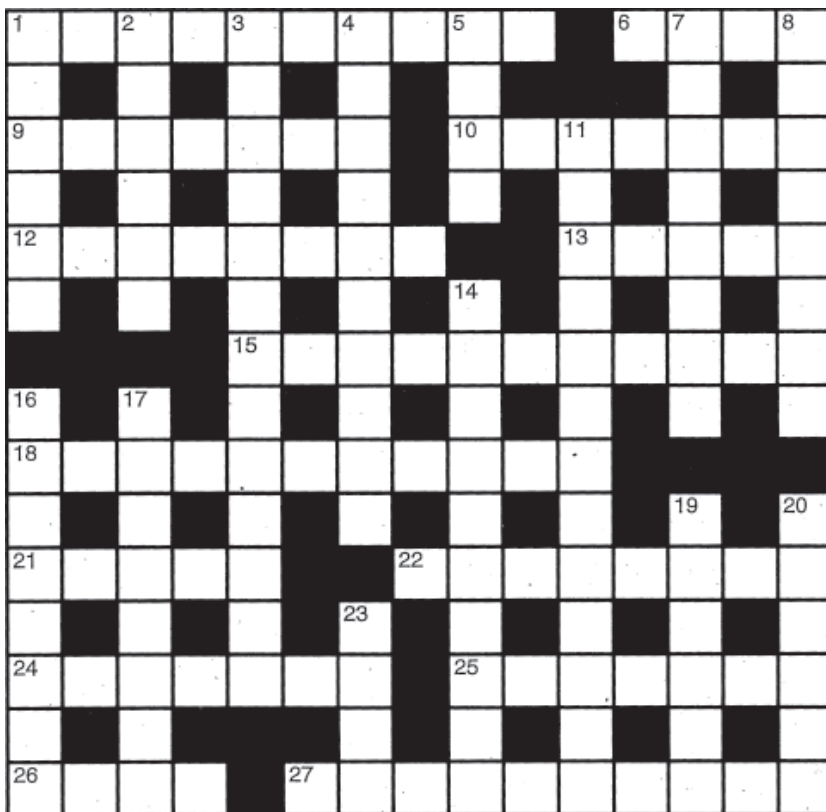
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CROSSWORD 156



ACROSS

1. Kiwi or Aussie (10)
6. Citizen of Belgrade? (4)
9. Bullfighters (7)
10. Tropical storm (7)
12. Bog-standard (2,6)
13. Sporting events (5)
15. Devoid of privacy (2,9)
18. Constantly resent a bad rage urge (4,1,6)
21. Famous apologist writer (5)
22. Put an abrupt end to (5,3)
24. Provokes (7)
25. Confused (2,1,4)
26. Trees (4)
27. Junkie (4,6)

DOWN

1. Pay attention (6)
2. Economy (6)
3. Expensive floor covering (7,6)
4. Announcement (10)
5. Curve (4)
7. Obscure ice store! (8)
8. Help (8)
11. Online scam (8,5)
14. Torvill and Dean's speciality (3,7)
16. Harsh (8)
17. Red pepper for example (8)
19. Citizen of Mogadishu? (6)
20. Confirm (6)
23. Munich's river (4)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 155

ACROSS

1. swoop
4. criticism
9. nightmare
10. brand
11. winsome
12. initial
13. daringly
15. flair
18. endow
20. ephemera
23. accuser
24. clanger
26. twine
27. Mark Twain
28. conundrum
29. dense

DOWN

1. sand wedge
2. organ
3. put-down
4. crane fly
5. Iberia
6. in brief
7. inanimate
8. model
14. reduction
16. rearrange
17. spectrum
19. Western
21. exalted
22. tremor
23. antic
25. grain

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

4	7	9	1	3	6	5	8	2
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8	1	6	5	2	3	7	4	9
2	9	5	4	8	7	3	1	6
5	6	1	2	9	8	4	3	7
3	4	2	7	6	1	9	5	8
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CROSSWORD 155

There were only 12 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to George Wales of Leadgate who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

SUDOKU

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

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	7						4	
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LONELINESS UPDATE - VOLUNTEERING

Volunteering can be a great way of meeting people of all ages, socialising and having a good time. There are many reasons for choosing to volunteer. You may be affected by loneliness, want to gain more experience to help you get a job or want to become more active. You may wish to support a local club, group or the community more generally. You might just have more time on your hands that you want to invest in making a difference locally. Whatever the reason, there are a wide range and variety of volunteering opportunities available. Think about what you would like to do, and then

make contact with the relevant organisation, talk it through with them and see what you can come up with together. You can call in to see them personally, ring them, or check out their information online. You can also chat to other volunteers and get their views, too.

Our local charities need people to do a whole host of jobs for them and don't worry, you will certainly have life skills, knowledge and experience that they can put to good use by having you volunteer with them.

Rest assured, they will be delighted to welcome you into their team - in fact, many organisations need

your help now more than ever.

Here are a few of the opportunities available locally: Willow Burn Hospice; Red Cross Shop; Lanchester Community Centre; our three churches, Lanchester Partnership and the Library.

Durham County Council organises various activities, festivals and

events throughout the year featuring volunteers www.durham.gov.uk.

If you're a dog owner, why not find out more about Wag&Co, volunteering with your dog. www.wagandcompany.co.uk

And if you enjoy driving, you can always consider working as a volunteer driver helping to get

people around locally in this part of Durham. Contact Supportive www.supportive.org.uk If you love the outdoors, consider the Durham Wildlife Trust www.durhamwildlifetrust.org.uk/

Why not give it a try? You've nothing to lose and absolutely everything to gain.

BRITISH RED CROSS TACKLING LONELINESS AND ISOLATION

'Connecting Communities' is a free service for the over 18s, currently funded by the Co-op, tackling isolation and loneliness within local communities. Whether circumstances have left you feeling lonely and unsure where to turn for a friendly chat, you feel socially isolated or you are struggling to cope with the demands of life - our service can help.

Together we will explore your interests and what you would like to achieve. By accompanying you to local activities that match your interests, we will introduce you to people who like doing the same things and offer the chance to build new friendships that last. Our staff and volunteers are skilled, dedicated and can draw on decades of

British Red Cross experience in helping people live independently and confidently in their communities. The service can last for up to 3 months, is free of charge and transport is provided.

To find out more about the service please call 07808 243720 between office hours or alternatively email Connectdurham@redcross.org.uk

WHAT IS THE PATIENT GROUP? An Invitation to join PRG



Lanchester Medical Centre

Lanchester Patient Participation Group

the Health and Social Care Act 2012 that said the NHS has a duty to involve people in decisions about their health care and to consult and involve people when planning or changing commissioned health services.

WHO should be part of the patient group?

Anyone registered at the Medical Centre who is able to give the time and is enthusiastic about health care can join. We need a good mix of people; different ages, different experience, everyone is welcome. Your view is important so come along and have a voice in your health care services.

WHEN?

We meet bi-monthly at Lanchester Medical Centre from 6 pm until 7.30 pm and are joined by representatives from the surgery. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 5th June. Come into reception and you will be directed to our meeting where you will receive a warm welcome.

The Patient Representation Group gives Lanchester residents an opportunity to have a say in decisions relating to their health and care. We give feedback around services provided and voice our opinion on future healthcare services based upon the need of our community. Several projects to benefit the local community have been initiated and developed by the group. All this influences the decision-making process of health care.

WHY is the patient group necessary?

It is vital for engaging with residents in the village to make sure your views can influence service. It was

HAVE YOUR SAY Shotley Bridge Community Hospital

North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group is hosting a series of open public events to have conversations about services currently delivered from Shotley Bridge Community Hospital. In addition they will also be 'popping up' in a range of local community venues

throughout April and May to talk to you:

Tuesday 30th April, 1-3 pm, Lanchester Community Centre, sbch_eng_lanchester.eventbrite.co.uk

Thursday 16th May, 1-3 pm, Louisa Centre, Stanley, sbch_eng_louisa_centre.eventbrite.co.uk

To register your attendance at any event you can use the online registration shown for each event or alternatively you can contact us directly by either emailing my.view@nhs.net or calling a recorded answerphone to leave your details on 0191 389 8609.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Last time out we headed for the ultra trendy 6 at the Baltic. As we arrived, the sun came out over the Tyne and then we were treated to a firework display. They obviously knew we were coming! What a delightful spot - views on all sides, unusual menu choices, a kitchen where you can see Chef at work.

We were soon perusing the most excellent menu - 2 courses for £18, 3 for £23, with some specials

being a little extra. We opted for starters, Handpicked crab salad, pickled fennel, samphire and brown crab mayonnaise and Whipped chicken liver parfait, pumpkalli and warm brioche. Mains were Pan roasted Atlantic cod, brown butter, citrus and herb risotto, Herb fed chicken, spring bean cassoulet, tarragon pesto and 'Nduja and Confit of lamb shoulder with honey and spices, bulgar

tabbouleh, roast baby aubergine. Puds were Chocolate nemesis pavé, sour cherries and yoghurt sorbet, Sticky toffee pud, butterscotch and crispy walnut, popcorn ice cream and Set custard, roast apple, blackberry gel and green apple sorbet. For somewhere different with excellent service and good food, there's no better place! We're already thinking of a return visit - soon!

The Gourmet Girls

WHAT'S ON?

Community Centre

Tea Dance Every 4th Thursday of the month from 1 pm - 3 pm in the Main Hall.

Whist Drive

Every Wednesday 2 pm-4 pm, Meeting Room 2.

Sponsored Bike Ride

Saturday 11th May for the Centre toilet refurbishments. Sponsor forms from centre.

Badapple Theatre Co

Present 'The Frozen Roman' on June 8th, a comedy about a village protesting about a housing development. Tickets from Centre or Post Office.

Whist - Wednesdays Meeting Room 2, 2-4 pm

Mahjong - Thursdays Meeting Room 1, 10am-12

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be held on 13th May at 7.15 in Satley Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Leslie Howe who is a Silversmith who has made commissions for the Queen. Please feel free to join us.

Paradise Social Club

The last meeting of this season will take place on Sunday May 12th at 7 pm in the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments, and the screening of a film at 7.30 pm. The film we will be showing is 'Guernsey Literary and potato Peel Society', based on the novel. "In the aftermath of WWII a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey island when she writes about the occupation of the island."

All are welcome:

Ticket entry.

Members £2.50

Occasional visitors £3.50

Young persons £2

Ticket covers the raffle, refreshments and the film show.

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History Talk

All Saints' Catholic Church Parish Centre, Sunday, May 19th, 7 pm. The archivist David Bracken from Limerick has kindly agreed to come from a conference at Ushaw College to give us this really interesting talk. 'Fr Drea's Drawings: the graphic diary of Irish priest from 1912'.

This Catholic priest served as a curate in Lanchester from 1912-1920 and is virtually forgotten by the Catholic parishioners. He was a talented caricaturist: his diary includes many fascinating sketches of the people of the villages of Lanchester and Burnhope in 1912.

The diary itself has its own fascinating history. Come along and be fascinated and amused. All welcome.

Lanchester WI May Meeting

Our May meeting will take place on Monday May 13th, avoiding the May Day Holiday. Our speaker will be Phil Curtis, 'Remembering The 1970s', and the competition is to produce a peg doll, dressed in 1970s fashion. The cost for our visit to Ushaw College on June 6th is £17.50 and payable at this meeting and members are kindly reminded about our Summer Outing to Newby Hall and Gardens on Wednesday July 3rd.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed in so many ways to the success of our Coffee Morning in April - another lovely, friendly event.

Lanchester Flower Club

There will be no meeting in May as we are visiting Ushaw College on 22nd May to enjoy a tour of the premises and cream tea.

The Lanchester Partnership

The Partnership have a social event on 1st May at Burnhopeside Hall where people can come and meet the Fun Run planning team and walk part of the course. We welcome all volunteers and helpers and people who are interested in getting involved or hearing about the project.

The Fun Run is on June 23rd at Burnhopeside Hall. Entry forms from the Red Cross Shop from May 1st. Further details next month. **On Thursday 16th May** call into the Black Bull from 8 pm to hear about the past work of the Partnership, pictures, stories and reminiscences about what has been achieved previously and how this is shaping what we are doing now. Hosted by Jill and Mike Gladstone and open to all. Non members welcome.

Social Club

Entertainment in May
Sat 4th - Tia Louise
Sat 11th - Marty Q
Sat 18th - Nicola Brown
Sat 25th - Kris Marko

Mothers' Union

Our next meeting on May 8th will be a 'Musical Evening'. George Hetherington will play the piano in the church and his theme will be film music from the forties and fifties.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 14th May at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre dining room. Dawn Lally on the Prickly Problem of Hedgehog Rescue - Hedgehogs, an insight into their lives and rescues.

Junior/Family Wildlife Group

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 12th May to visit the Black Plantation. Meet in Community Centre car park at 9.30 am.

Ceilidh

Lanchester All Saints' and Burnhope Churches are holding a Ceilidh with Traditional North Country Dance Music provided once again by The Angels of the North in the Social Club on Saturday 18th May 7.00 pm - 10.30 pm. We shall be having a Faith Supper, please bring food to share.

We shall also be having a Raffle, Bar and Tombola.

Families are welcome and children under 12 are FREE.

Tickets £7.50 available from Social Committee Members or Rob Matthews 01207 771044 or Margaret Walters 01207 521214.

Please come along to enjoy the Music, Dancing and Fellowship.

Local History Society

Subject: The Horsekeeper's Daughter
Speaker: Jane Guilliford Lowes

Date: Friday May 3rd

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

Find out about the history of the mining village of Seaham around 1880s and how one resident started a new life in Queensland, Australia.

For more information contact the History Society, marianmorrison@btinternet.com.

The Desert Queen

All Saints' Roman Catholic Church are to hold a talk by Anthony Atkinson on The Desert Queen (back by popular request) in the Church Parish Centre on Thursday 30th May at 7 pm. Tickets £5 include a complimentary glass of wine. Please contact Lestrine Kelly on 01207 521494 for your tickets.

Library Book Club

On Monday May 20th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'I do not sleep' by Judy Finnegan. Judy's second book is a tense atmospheric story. It has had mixed reviews, but what is your opinion? If you have read this book, come along and join the discussion.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday May 16th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the discussion will be 'Why Mummy Swears' by Gill Sims, a Number one Sunday Times Bestseller. "Absolutely fabulous, hysterically funny" (Amazon reviewer). If you would like to join this group, pop into the library and pick up this book and join the discussion.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday May 13th from 3.45-4.30 pm. Children aged 8-11 years old have the opportunity to read and take part in activities relating to the book of the month. Places are limited so please contact Zena or another librarian at the library or contact 03000269514.

Thursday Club

There will be no meeting in the Community Centre next month. On 16th May we shall be out and about, heading up the A1 to the Cook and Barker for lunch and then on to a journey down the Northumberland coast. We shall be leaving the village from outside Cooplands at 10.30 am.

Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th May, 12 noon to 2 pm, in Lynwood House. If anyone new would like to join can they call 07808 243720. Barbara Webb

CRICKET NEWS

By the time you read this, the season will have started, with the firsts entertaining Stocksfield and the seconds travelling to Benwell and Walbottle. The thirds start at home to Peterlee on the following Sunday. The under 18s will be the first of the junior section to play as they travel to Shotley Bridge. The under 11s will start home to Shotley Bridge, whilst the under 15s start with two cup games in the same day. On Bank Holiday Monday they play Durham City in the cup final postponed from the 2017 season. Then later that day they play

Leadgate in the league cup. The last team to start are the under 13s when they face Lintz. You can keep up to date with fixtures and results through the play-cricket website. You can get live scores when Simon Kennington does his bit for the firsts and thirds as his scoring goes straight on line. The first team will play in two competitions which need coloured clothing and Pipstop have kindly sponsored the snazzy new blue and yellow kit. We just have to hope that we get favourable weather so that playing this beautiful game can be enjoyed.

LANCHESTER LAWN TENNIS CLUB 2019 SEASON

Following a busy winter season, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club returns to the grass courts on Ford Road for another summer term.

The under 8 junior team completed their winter league matches on a high with another win at David Lloyd Teesside and after a nervous start to their campaign way back in September, they have finished strongly with Luke Burton topping the rankings. Congratulations to all the players for a sterling effort.

The summer season kicks off on Sunday 28th

April with social play and a junior/parent doubles tournament on Monday 29th April, following which the club will fully open for business! All new and existing members welcome.

The first big event will be the newly sponsored Nature Valley Tennis Weekend on Sunday 19th May from 1 - 4 pm. This is an opportunity for all to enjoy free, fun and friendly tennis activities. Booking for places is now open on <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LanchesterLawnTennisClub>.

Watch out for posters around the village!

Future events planned for 2019 are the Barbeque and Strawberry tea.

Monday night coaching will return on 6th May from 4.30 pm for players up to age 18. There will be three groups. Under 8s from 4.30, 9 to 11 years from 5.30 and 12 to 18 years from 6.30 pm. Full details on any aspect of the club activities from Dennis at den.lizjane@gmail.com or Head coach, Sam Stokoe at sam@theracquetman.co.uk.

BEER, CIDER AND WINE FESTIVAL

The next edition of the Village Voice will come out just as the Beer Festival starts, so this is the last chance to refresh the info. Aquaid are the main sponsor, with Milburngate sponsoring the glasses. Sanderson Weatherall are sponsoring the programme. The music line up is in place: Radiostar will do the sponsors/gin night, Charlotte Foreman will perform a short piece ahead of Rendezvous on the Saturday night

(remember no music due to cricket on the afternoon), finally The Liane Rivers Band and Howaysis will do their stuff. Centurion will be doing the catering on the Friday night. There will be several food suppliers over the Saturday and Sunday. Pipstop will be supplying a range of wines as well as supplying some international beers for the bottle bar. Talking Heads, New Image, Alexander Lettings,

Alby Driving, Westlands Dental surgery, The Black Bull, LBC Civil Engineering, Lanchester Dairies, NEECO, Eldiss, Advanced Financial

Planning, Chris Clinton and many more are amongst the sponsors. We are still working on the charities but will have them sorted in time.

New sponsors are always welcome and anyone interested in doing so can contact Andrew McConnell on 07952546694.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Traditional Roast Leg of Lamb

Despite the many varied and interesting worldwide recipes easily available, there are times when a familiar and well loved meal is required. This is a favourite meal, perfect for sharing.

You need:

Leg of lamb (4lb 12 oz) at room temperature
Rosemary 15-20 small sprigs, plus extra for garnishing
Olive oil 1-2 tbsp
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Mint leaves 50g (2 oz)
Caster sugar 1½ tbsp
Boiling water 3 tbsp
White or red wine vinegar 150ml
Plain flour 2 tbsp
Red or white wine 150 ml
Lamb or chicken stock 300ml
1) Preheat the oven to 220C/425F/Gas 7. Wipe the lamb with kitchen paper

and make 15-20 small incisions. Insert a small sprig of rosemary into each incision. Place the lamb on a roasting rack in a roasting tin, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt.

2) Cook the lamb in the centre of the oven for 20 minutes, then reduce the temperature to 180C/350F/Gas 4, and for lamb that is slightly pink, continue cooking for another 1 hour 10 minutes. For well done lamb, continue cooking for another 10 minutes, taking care not to overcook.

3) While the lamb is cooking, make the mint sauce, about 20 minutes before the lamb will be ready. Place the mint leaves on a chopping board, sprinkle with the sugar and chop finely. Place in a bowl and stir in the hot water. Stir the vinegar into the mint and pour into a serving jug.

4) Remove the lamb from the rack, place on a serving dish, loosely cover with foil and set aside while making the gravy.

5) To make the gravy, pour all the cooking juices into a bowl and skim off the fat from the surface.

6) Pour 2-3 tbsp of the lamb fat into the roasting tin and stir in the flour, add the cooking juices, wine and stock. Place the roasting tin over a moderate heat and bring the mixture to the boil, stirring any browned residue from the bottom of the tin.

7) Let gravy simmer gently for 10 minutes, season to taste and strain into a warmed jug.

8) Garnish the lamb with rosemary sprigs and serve with roast potatoes.

For a glossy finish, spread 2 tbsp honey over the lamb before the end of cooking.

ANDY ALLEN AND THE DEFIBRILLATOR

Just a bit of an update ... hopefully Andy Allen will have successfully and safely completed the London Marathon and we are proud of his efforts. By completing the run, Andy's superb contribution will ensure that a defibrillator will be installed at Lanchester Cricket Club as the funding target has been reached. However

if you haven't donated, you still can, as the excess money will go to the two cancer wards at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, following their great work that they did for Charlie McPhail and of course, many others. The defibrillator is being supplied at cost price by Jax Medical Supplies from Tanfield Lea and we thank them for their support.

FISHING ON YOUR DOORSTEP



A keen young fisherman displaying his catch



The very famous Greenwell's Glory.

Many of you will know home of the Canon William Tweed) what is probably that Lanchester is very Greenwell, who invented the most famous fishing close to the formative (albeit on a trip to the fly of all time, the

Greenwell's Glory. As a youth he fished for brown trout on the River Browney which gently meanders south of the village and it is interesting to note, that over one hundred years later, the dedicated members of Malton Angling Club still use the Greenwell's Glory to great effect.

This thriving brown trout and grayling fishing club offers intriguing sport on the River Browney from Watersmeet to the footbridge near Blackburn Farm, with fly and worm only. The club periodically stocks the river with premium brown trout and its conservation-minded members are keen to welcome new anglers to help keep up the long tradition of interest in the river. The modest yearly memberships are available by contacting the secretary on 0191 371 0773. Seasoned or budding fisher-folk would be most welcome!

LANCHESTER LAWN TENNIS CLUB 2019 SEASON



Tennis stars of the future. See page 19 for the article.

BOWLING GREEN OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We are now open for bowling. We will be holding 'Get you started' sessions on Thursdays at 1.45 pm and Sundays at 2.45 pm. All equipment provided. Please bring a pair of flat shoes. This year we are entering 5 leagues so there will be team slots for most levels of bowlers. We also have

some club competitions focused on new bowlers. Bowling is a sociable game and not excessively competitive at the village level. A cup of tea at half time in some games, time for a chat (not only about bowling). All teams are mixed gender so men and women play together. Come and give it a try.

CRICKET SPRING CLEAN



Some members of Lanchester Cricket Club ready to spruce up their club for the new season.

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Lanchester Bowling Club members at their Thursday get-together.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 21st May.
The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 17th May.

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