

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

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## LANCHESTER SHOW



*Good to see it so well attended. Thanks to Ian Taylor for this photo of the showground.*



*The daredevil stunt team members put on a spectacular and thrilling show.*



*Horse and rider as one in the showjumping competition.*



*What not to do when riding a quad bike.*

Action photos by Ronnie Allaker. **More photos and story on page 3.**



# 135th MINERS' GALA

## Lanchester Band marched into Durham with New Brancepeth banner

The weekend began with a superb concert at New Brancepeth Club on the Friday night and then the band reassembled at 7.30 am back outside the village hall. The miners were remembered with a beautiful rendition of Gresford, the miners' hymn.

The band then boarded the bus to Durham before marching into town and onto the showfield from Durham Market Place. Lots of fun was had and the band played many party pieces which had the crowds dancing!

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE



Lanchester Brass Band with conductor Helen Douthwaite-Teasdale at their traditional eve of Gala concert in front of the New Brancepeth banner.



Lanchester band marching into Durham. In front, Catherine Bell and Helen Stone who returns from London to join her old band every year.

## Healthwatch County Durham

Healthwatch County Durham is anxious to listen to patients for their view on winter flu vaccinations. We are conducting a survey and would appreciate your views at [healthwatchcountydurham@pcp.uk.net](mailto:healthwatchcountydurham@pcp.uk.net) Brian Jackson, Chair, Healthwatch County Durham

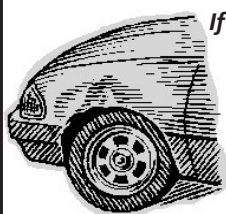
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Lanchester is again losing bus services. The 30 service to Stanley has now changed to bus M6 and reduced from a half hour frequency to an hourly service. This at a time when we are urged to use public transport and Newcastle may introduce environmental charging of vehicles. It's not so long ago we had a direct bus to Newcastle.

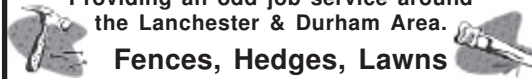
The Consett to Durham bus changes number but remains the same, but for how long?

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# LANCHESTER SHOW



*Skye Godeer with Snitch the ferret and her 2nd place rosette.*



*Lee Brownson and Sansay Gidda, The Auckland Project.*



*A young showjumper prepares for her round.*

Crowds from far afield flocked to the 67th Lanchester Agricultural Show on July 7th, making it one of the most successful so far.

Attractions included a falconer, alpacas, ferret racing, a pony Grand National, showjumping, horse classes, classic cars, vintage tractors, a stunt team and all manner of country crafts.

Hilary Johnston, show secretary and treasurer, said the attendance was "the biggest in the 15 years I have been involved with the show". She said entrants for various classes had travelled from as far as Yorkshire and the Scottish Borders.

One attraction was a giant continental rabbit, the first time such a species has been to Lanchester Show.

In the parade ring, riders and horses from the

Concours-de-Elegance drew admiring glances with their colourful, attractive costumes.

A fun dog show had pets judged on waggiest tail, craziest hair, My Dog's Got Talent and Dog Most Like its Owner.

Younger visitors enjoyed the fairground rides and bouncy castle,

while the thirsty ones enjoyed the beer tent.

In the Industrial Tent there were displays of handmade clothing, woodwork and needle felting, to demonstrate that there is still an abundance of traditional craftsmen and women in the region.

*Neil McKay*

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## DAYLIGHT ROBBERY IN LANCHESTER



*Assisted by Peter Jackson and Tony Morland, Peter Robinson is pictured moving the safe (over a ton in weight) to the door.*

In broad daylight 3 men were seen removing the safe from the Lanchester Newsagency!

Not really, Tony Morland has gifted it to Willow Burn Hospice.

This was a very generous gift and so well timed; the Hospice needed a new safe to store collection tins and was trying to find ways to finance it.

The biggest challenge was to get the safe out of the shop and transport it to Willow Burn. Peter Robinson with his tractor managed to pick it up from the street outside the shop and take it up to the Hospice.

*Paul Jackson, Willow Burn Chairman*

## DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATIONS



*Congratulations to Ronnie and Maureen Barker who have celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.*

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The fantastic cake depicting both Ronnie's

and Maureen's interests and hobbies throughout their married life was made by a close friend of Maureen. Next to the cake in the photograph is a card from the Queen who sent her

best wishes to them both. They have two sons Michael and Andrew, two grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Their family knew that Ronnie and Maureen were not really interested in having a party so they provided a wonderful week on holiday at Bournemouth where they stayed at Devon Towers Hotel. From there they were able to visit surrounding places of interest. The holiday was thoroughly enjoyed in wonderful weather.

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## WORKING WITH DRONES AND NATURE TO REDUCE FLOODING

Lanchester landowners have recently joined a new three-year natural flood management initiative that will aim to reduce flooding in the town centre. The initiative has been developed by Durham County Council, Wear Rivers Trust, Durham University and landowners to improve flood resilience by working with natural processes to slow down the flow of water before it reaches the village centre. Opportunities to slow the flow and store water away from the centre were investigated using Unmanned Ariel Vehicles or drones. The focus area for this research was the Alderdene catchment which includes Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester Dairies and multiple small holdings. Drone flyovers enabled the project team to produce a detailed 3D representation of the catchment which could then be used to identify suitable areas for water storage and design and assess measures to slow and store water. These included the planting up of hedgerows and creation of infield water storage basins to intercept runoff from entering the burn. The results of the drone surveys were presented to various landowners throughout the Alderdene catchment in September 2018. Billy & Geoff Austin of Upper Houses Farm said "It's great to be working in partnership with the Wear Rivers Trust and other landowners on this project. By working together we have been able to share our knowledge, experience and expertise to help develop projects which will contribute towards reducing flooding and restore and maintain wildlife habitats." The natural flood management measures will be delivered over the course of the next 3 years and will be co-ordinated by the Wear Rivers Trust. The works will be funded by Durham County Council and The Durham Hedgerow Partnership. Durham County Council has already contributed £10,000 and has pledged a further £20,000 over the next 2 years.

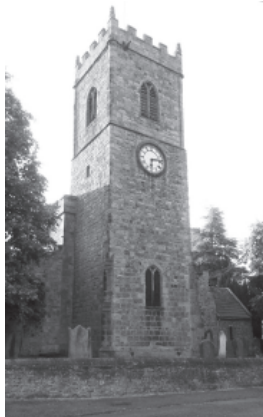
*Steve Hudson, Lead Project Officer, Wear Rivers Trust*



Patrice Carbonneau (Durham University drone pilot), Billy Austin (Upper Houses Farm) and David Tompkins (Wear Rivers Trust) at a new surface water storage area along the Alderdene Burn.

Photograph courtesy of Gary Halliday.

## HAVE YOU MISSED THE CHIMING OF OUR CLOCK?



Residents of Lanchester, have you noticed something missing in our village? Yes, the quarter chimes of our church clock have gone missing. Our clock engineers have had to visit the site on two occasions to attend to issues in respect of the quarter chimes getting out of sequence. Records also indicate that the strike, on

occasions in the past, has also malfunctioned. Many years ago, the original mechanical hand-wound clock was converted to automatic winding on the time side, with direct motor drive on the strike and quarters. The exact age of the equipment is not known but believed to be in excess of 40 years since it was installed and it is primarily the age and design of the system that is leading to the problems we are currently experiencing. There are many clocks throughout the UK that were converted to direct drive in this way but have, in recent years, been gradually upgraded to a different method of operation. The newer method makes the switching

much simpler and the counting is carried out electronically rather than mechanically. Our engineers have provided us with a quotation to manufacture a new switching system, controller and interface for the strike and quarter chime, this will cost over £3,000.

We are currently looking at ways of raising the funding to restore our chimes and would be interested to hear from any local organisations who would donate to this cause and allow the Parish Church chimes to ring out again over our wonderful village. Please contact our Churchwardens or any of our Church Officers if you are able to help.

*Robert Matthews  
Churchwarden*

## MORE FLOOD PREVENTION



*The works being carried out on the Village Green are designed to reduce the flood risk.*

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# LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 9th July 2019

**Minutes** - Ordinary Meeting and Planning Meeting 11th June - approved.

**Police report** - PCSO Lewis Formosa attended the meeting and presented the police report.

### Correspondence

\* **Lanchester Cricket Club Football Team** - the request to use the football pitch at Kitswell Park was approved.

\* **Clerk & Councils Direct** - July edition received.

\* **BT Proposed removal of telephone box on Front Street** - Members received information on the proposed removal of the telephone box on Front Street.

\* **Changes to local bus services** - Members received information on changes to the Lanchester bus services which will come into effect on 21st July. It was agreed to ask Go North East to place new timetables in the bus shelters and send

an article to the Village Voice explaining the changes.

### Neighbourhood Plan

Mike Wardle, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group attended the meeting to provide an update. The minutes of the meetings held on 23rd May and 5th June were approved.

The Lanchester Neighbourhood Plan pre-submission consultation document and summary document were distributed to councillors. The consultation will take place between 24th June - 9th August. The pre-submission draft document has been placed in key community locations. A display will be displayed in the Community Centre between 1st - 20th July. During this period a number of staffed sessions will be held. Written feedback will be welcomed. Feedback can be dropped into boxes in community

locations or posted or emailed to the Parish Council. Information is available on the Parish Council website. Following the consultation period the working group will meet to consider all responses and amend the document accordingly. The County Council will then undertake a further consultation and forward the document to an independent assessor. The assessor can amend the document and approve it to proceed to referendum. The working group were thanked for their continued work on the plan.

**Maintenance Report** - received.

**Crocus Planting on the Village Green** - Members were informed that a community meeting had taken place to progress the project, co-ordinated by Croft View Halls. The estimated cost of a project to plant 20,000 crocus bulbs on the Village Green is £1100. Some funding has already been secured towards the project. Local schools and organisations have been contacted and are interested in being involved. The aim is for the bulbs to be delivered

in October and planted at the end of October. It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made towards the project.

**A691-bypass** - Members supported information received from Durham County Council on proposed accident remedial measures on the A691/B6296 junction following a recent spate of accidents.

It was noted that the 20 mph scheme is now in operation outside St Bede's School.

It was agreed to seek timescales on the proposed traffic regulation order which included works to the junction of Peth Bank

and Durham Road and the junction of Manor Grange and Durham Road.

**Newbiggen Lane** - It was agreed to seek clarification from the County Council on an area of grass verge up Newbiggen Lane which has been sprayed with weedkiller.

**Annual Report** - approved for distribution.

**Financial report** - discussed and approved.

**Accounts for Payment** - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 10th September at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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# WILLOW BURN HOSPICE

## Official opening of new Helen McArdle Wing



*Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowden, Helen McArdle and Paul Jackson at the official opening ceremony.*

On a beautiful summer morning, June 28th, there was a very auspicious occasion at Willow Burn Hospice. It was the culmination of a vision that originated from 1989 when the idea of a hospice for Lanchester was first launched. A building on the old site of Maiden Law Hospital was operational while the money was raised for a brand new hospice. Chairman Mr Paul Jackson explained in his speech of welcome that the building was to be built in two phases. The foundation stone for it was laid in 2011 by Sir Tom Cowie. The first phase The Sir Tom Cowie Centre was completed in 2014. Phase Two began in 2014 to include 6 new bedrooms

and a new lounge, containing equipment for resuscitation or other medical emergencies. Now complete, the 'Helen McArdle Wing' was officially opened by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Mrs Sue Snowden. This new wing and subsequent completion of Willow Burn was only made possible by a generous donation of £1.5 million from Mrs Helen McArdle, who was present for the dedication of the wing that bears her name. She is a local businesswoman who over thirty years has built up a successful business, providing care for the elderly. It is for this work that she was awarded her CBE. The redevelopment



*Meeting representatives of Willow Burn.*



*Officials waiting for Mrs Snowden.*

also included the refurbishment of the Sir Tom Cowie Centre, which was made possible by the support of local businesses and members of the community. Willow Burn is now a beautiful building and is termed a State of the Art Centre for Palliative (terminally ill) Care. Each patient is given personalised care, enabling them to be as

independent as possible while keeping their dignity and true self intact. Lives are transformed. From the depths of despair people have found hope and peace. Lieutenant Snowden and Mrs Helen McArdle gave short speeches in praise of the high standard of work done at the hospice. Mrs Snowden thanked the nursing staff, volunteer staff, the fundraisers, the

office staff, the officials, the chairman and committee, and praised them all for their dedication and integrity, not forgetting the relatives of the patients whose support was invaluable. The many guests that day included Mrs Elsie Robson, Mrs Cowie, Ossie Johnson, our local MP Laura Pidcock and various trustees and officials. *Brenda Craddock*



*The new bedrooms at Willow Burn.*

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## LMVC ANNUAL CONCERT

On the evening of July 5th the Methodist Church was full, as it usually is for the Annual Summer Concert of Lanchester Male Voice Choir. This year it had a special poignancy. It was the last concert which Harry Carr, Musical Director of the choir for 19 years, would be conducting. It is with reluctance that Harry is retiring from the choir, but he feels it necessary to do so because of family priorities. Harry's enthusiasm and his love of music have always been obvious and have been of great appeal to his audience. He will be greatly missed by them. Mr Stuart Eaton, Chairman of the choir, welcomed everyone to the concert and spoke of Harry's commitment and passion for the choir. Stuart also referred to Harry's wife Jean who is always such a support and she was invited to come forward and receive a bouquet of flowers. The programme of music was very varied, and

some well loved songs were sung as well as some new ones. The songs are always sung with sensitivity by this choir and with attention to detail making the singing of high quality and very enjoyable.

This year the guest artist was Rachel Orr who is a leading soprano and an established concert performer in the North East. She has a beautiful singing voice which soared effortlessly up and down the scale for all the beautiful songs she had chosen to sing. There were classical pieces, light opera, folk songs and songs made famous by Ivor Novello, Noel Coward and George Gershwin and they were all a joy to hear. The whole evening gave the audience so much pleasure.

Thank you again Harry for your professionalism and dedication. We wish you a very fond farewell and all good wishes for the future.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Rachel Orr, guest performer.*

## JEZ LOWE

Yup! I know it's a long way off, but the superb Jez Lowe is booked again for next year (ie Tuesday 28th April). Those aficionados who appreciated his performance this year and his wonderful songs in the hilarious 'Frozen

Roman' play inspired by his song of the same title, can expect another great evening. Something to put in your diaries, when you purchase them in a few month's time! More details will follow in due course. *Ian Tute*

## FAREWELL TO HARRY

The choir's Annual Concert proved a very successful evening. It was attended by 110 people who enjoyed two hours of music and melody, rounded off with presentations, tea and biccies.

The choir's final meeting before the summer recess was on the following Monday when Harry Carr, our Conductor since the year 2000, attended for the last time. Members bade him a formal farewell, befitting his high status in choir ranks and reflecting his years of dedication. Harry's service began in 1973 when he joined the

choir as a baritone, remaining for seven years. He returned as Conductor almost 20 years ago, since when he has guided the choir with a firm hand, wisdom and expertise, though his contribution has not been restricted to his Conductor's role for, as a key member of the Committee, with his vast musical knowledge and wide ranging contacts across the north east, he has been very much the choir's 'director'. In January, Harry stunned us all in announcing his decision to retire and with heavy hearts we said goodbye at our gathering

on Monday 8th July, with fitting parting gifts. He and his wife Jean will be sorely missed though we hope to see them at future events.

We heartily welcome Peter Bridgewater (a LMVC baritone for many years) as Harry's successor and wish him all the very best in his new role. He'll be off to a quick start after our 'return to action' on 2nd September, with concerts in October (Newton Hall), November (Community Centre - Saturday 9th) and December (C of E Church - Monday 16th). See you there!

*Stuart Eaton, Chairman*



*Harry Carr being presented with a beautiful plaque, made by choir member John Charlton, in recognition of his years of service to the choir as Conductor, by Stuart Eaton, Chairman.*

## 'STORIES OF SANCTUARY' COME TO LANCHESTER

Lanchester has always been a welcoming village and recently several local residents have taken part in various projects to support refugees from Syria who have moved to Co Durham. To celebrate our connection to those seeking support in our county, we are delighted to welcome 'Stories of Sanctuary' to our village on Friday 6th September at 7.30-9.30pm in Lanchester Methodist Church.

This is a song-writing project that brings together people from different backgrounds to share their stories of seeking sanctuary in the North East of England. The project weaves together tales from the past

with modern day stories of finding sanctuary from war and conflict, to tell a different narrative about what it means to be living in the North East today. The project launched in 2018 in Durham Cathedral to excellent reviews and has since gone on a national tour. The concert features the Sanctuary Seekers Choir and is accompanied by viola player Raghad Haddad from the National Syrian Orchestra, herself a refugee from Syria. The project's curator and singer songwriter Sam Slatcher will also be performing some of his songs which are inspired by poems written by the refugees. Tickets are £8 for adults or

£4 for under 18s, unemployed or low wage earners and are available from [www.storiesofsanctuary.co.uk](http://www.storiesofsanctuary.co.uk) or from Sonia Filmer ([soniaanddavid@btinternet.com](mailto:soniaanddavid@btinternet.com)) or Hazel Bloor ([hbloor77@gmail.com](mailto:hbloor77@gmail.com)). Profits will be split between the local food banks and the Stories of Sanctuary project. There will also be refreshments during the interval and profits from these will go to the Hardship Fund at the West End Refugee Service. The concert has been described as "timely, emotional and beautiful" and is a wonderful opportunity to welcome world class musicians to our community.



# ST BEDE'S MEET ASTRONAUT MICHAEL FOALE



*St Bede's students pictured with Astronaut Michael Foale (centre).*

In June, 24 pupils from Year 7-10 at St Bede's were lucky enough to have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to meet an Astronaut Michael Foale who is an astrophysicist and NASA astronaut who, having been on six space missions, has spent over a year in space in total.

He spoke to us about his missions including how he replaced components of the Hubble Space Telescope during an 8-hour spacewalk and some scary moments including when during a mission, a module was struck by a resupply vessel causing it to roll. Michael, with his Physics degree was able

to advise those in ground control how to stop it which must have been nerve-wracking. It was really inspiring to hear Michael talk about his career and after a 26-year career, where his skills have now taken him to. Who knows, we may have future NASA employees in our school!

## DURHAM UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Following on from our involvement with the Durham University Celebrate Science event, we were asked to demonstrate at the first Durham University Community Fun Day. What an honour. 10 eager St Bede's Science Ambassadors worked alongside Miss White to plan 6 'Household Science' demonstrations for the public and on a sunny (finally) Saturday met many families and young budding scientists to show them how to make Oobleck, homemade lava lamps and their own insect pooter jars to make and use at home. Parents were able to take photos of our instructions sheets to recreate these exciting experiments at home and we hope to have inspired some new scientists to



*St Bede's students demonstrating how to make insect pooter jars to budding young scientists.*

find out 'What will they discover?'. The girls also enjoyed the day themselves, decorating biscuits (and eating them), getting dressed up in various

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## LONGOVICIUM GETS ANIMATED

At the June meeting of the Friends of Longovicium, Lanchester resident Darin Smith showed The Friends some computer work he has been doing. Taking the geophysical results of surveys conducted by Archaeological Services Durham University, Darin has been preparing animated sequences showing what some of the buildings in the Roman fort may have looked like. So far Darin has prepared views of the gatehouses, corner towers, granaries, headquarters building and a visualisation of the fort in the landscape. These videos are available to see on the computer by going to the **Friends of Longovicium** site, **Videos**. They are also available through the Facebook

page of the Lanchester Partnership. Please be aware that this is 'a work in progress' and will occasionally be updated whilst Darin fills in the fort buildings within the walls and visualises the houses, workshops and other buildings of the vicus or civilian settlement outside the fort. Darin hopes that by the time he's finished you'll be able to see a complete representation of what the Roman settlement at the top of Cadger Bank looked like. If you wish to join the Friends of Longovicium, or have any information that you think may help them in their research, please do get in touch with Rodney Hawkins, tel: 01914103472 or email hawkins\_15@sky.com. Rodney Hawkins, Chair, Friends of Longovicium

## LANCHESTER LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The July meeting clashed with several village events leading to a low attendance. However for those of us who made it, there was a fascinating talk from Mike Gladstone about the Design and Construction of the New Tyne Bridge. That's the one that gets mixed up with the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Mike had access to the archives and took us on the journey using old photographs and design drawings of the project. He supplemented his talk with some models and practical visual aids which brought the subject to life. There had been 3 previous proposals to build a bridge in 1834, 1860 and 1867 all of which faltered and were unsuccessful until 1924

when, due to high unemployment, a government subsidy of 65% helped get the proposal actioned. The bridge was to be beautiful and the biggest arched bridge in the UK at that time. The demands of the project were clear, no piers in the river, the deck had to be 84 feet above high water level, it had to be the full width of the river with the river clear at all times considering services, traffic, wind and weather and finally it had to be easy to maintain. Mike walked us through the painstaking process of clearing the area to provide workspace for building the 4 towers not forgetting they were still using horses and carts to move soil and rubbish. Much of the

fabrication was done on the bankside and access roads enabling on site fabrication, then the structure being pushed out over the quayside. The pictures showed how the cranes and cradles build up platforms then had to be reassembled at the next level as the structure grew. The retaining walls used stone from the former Newcastle gaol, which was being dismantled at the time and was evidenced in a photo dated 26th April 1927. We were enthralled by many more photographs showing the rope system for support and the progress of the structure into the river from both banks. We all enjoyed an informative and worthwhile night out.

Marian Morrison



## SUMMER NEWS from your Community Centre

What a great time everyone had at the Durham Brasse event in the car park recently, a great start to the summer holidays. If you are looking for things to do with the kids during the holidays why not come along on Tuesdays at 1 pm and enjoy a film with them, refreshments available. Contact us for dates and film titles. We recently were the venue for another wedding celebration which was a wonderful success, friends and family were all involved in

the decoration of the hall, a joyous occasion. If you are planning a wedding or special celebration why not contact us and have a chat, you too could have a totally unique venue for your special day. In addition to our 'green' initiative of having a recycling point at the front door where you can bring old crisp packets, old ink cartridges and empty dental health products to be recycled, we are now playing our part in helping to reduce single use plastics by having a water bottle refill point in the foyer. It's ready and waiting for you to use, bring

your re-usable bottle! The disabled toilet has now been fully refurbished and looks great. Thank you to all involved and a special 'Thank You' for the brilliant donation of £1,200 from Blade Taekwondo from their sponsored bike ride. Refurbishment of the ladies toilets will begin in August. There is always a lot happening and so many ways you can keep up to date, such as checking the Information Point; follow us on Facebook, Instagram or our website or call in and have a chat. You are always welcome.

## Friday Nights @ Amadeus....

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER GATHER ON THE GREEN

On July 7th the Methodist Church celebrated 200 years of Methodism in Lanchester.

There was a lot of activity in the church throughout the day and then in the evening, members from each of our three churches gathered on the village green at 6.00 pm for an Open Air Evensong service. Reverend Stuart Earl conducted the service

and the hymns were accompanied by Lanchester Brass Band, conducted by Amy Bell.

Methodists are known for their enthusiastic singing of hymns and those they had selected for the service were all firm favourites of the Methodist Church, and true to form, the singing was very good indeed, and enjoyed by everyone. *Brenda Craddock*



*Those who attended the Churches Together service on the village green which was combined with a celebration of two hundred years of Methodism in Lanchester. Rev Stuart Earl led the service.*

## PARISH CHURCH FAIR

The annual Summer Fair of the Parish Church was held on June 22nd. The theme for the fair was 'Sunshine and Strawberries' and both elements were present on that day. It was a fine warm day, with a glimmer of sunshine and there were strawberries galore, in the shape of lovely strawberry scones. The Chapter House was filled with people enjoying a chat over a cup of tea or

coffee and of course a strawberry scone, while the church featured a number of stalls. The Bottle stall manned by the men emptied very soon (bottles not content). The Tombola Stall, with a table laden with very nice prizes, did brisk business. One little girl wanted one of the gifts so much that she came back and back for tickets but unfortunately could not win her coveted

prize, while Lucas was more fortunate. After numerous tickets his lovely grandmagave extra money to buy what he wanted and what a big hug the lovely bushy tailed fox with the wicked grin received.

Margaret's attractive Handicraft Stall with aprons, pinafores, oven gloves, cloth bags and tissue holders all made by herself, raised a very good total, which also included

the lovely cards she makes, with her photographic skills. The Grand Raffle was very grand and winners were very pleased with their prizes. The Mothers' Union Cake stall was as

always very popular. The total raised was £627.11, which was a great total and a good boost for church funds.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Men's bottle stall.*



*Margaret's Handicrafts.*

## CHURCH WIVES AWAY DAY



*On July 6th Church Wives enjoyed a lovely sunny day in York for their Annual Day Away. Our picture shows some of the wives relaxing over afternoon tea.*

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## LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB 'SUMMER'S PLEASURES'



*Demonstrator Irene Parker with her wonderful arrangements.*

The meeting was held on Friday 28th June in Lanchester Community Centre; it was the first of the two Open Evening Meetings we hold each year. The demonstrator was Irene Parker, a very well known and accomplished flower arranger. Her theme was 'Summer's Pleasures' and it was well attended. Everyone enjoyed a lovely entertaining and interesting evening. Irene produced nine beautiful, different and colourful floral arrangements which were raffled to the joy of the winners. We then enjoyed a light supper with plenty of friendly chatter.

## LANCHESTER'S FIRST PLASTIC FREE CHAMPION

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Lanchester has our first Plastic Free Champion! Many congratulations to Pauline Gill and her husband Keith, who run the The Old Post Office luxury Bed and Breakfast in the centre of Lanchester, for significantly reducing their single use plastic. Pauline, who has had a life long concern about the environment, has taken the issue of unnecessary plastic seriously.

Over the last 5 years of running the bed and

breakfast she has found many ways to reduce plastic waste. All shampoos, conditioners and washing up liquids are bought in bulk and containers refilled for the guests. Sheets that were once returned from the laundry individually wrapped and hanging on plastic coat hangers are now returned folded and no more than 3 bags used at a time. These bags are then used for refuse so that they have a further life. Refillable glass bottles are used for water in the guest rooms, returnable jars used for the locally made marmalade and preserves and the meat

which is sourced from the nearby Crinnions is bought and stored in Pauline's own reusable containers.

It's great to see local businesses making a stand against single use plastic. If you know of other businesses that are making changes then do let us know at [plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com](mailto:plasticfreelanchester@outlook.com) and maybe they too could become Plastic Free Champions.

Meanwhile well done to Pauline for turning the tide on plastic. I'm sure she won't stop there in her drive to reduce her plastic use.

## THURSDAY CLUB

At our June meeting Wendy Smith demonstrated how to have 'fun with flowers'. Using flowers from M & S, Morrisons and others, greenery from her garden and her innovative use of materials for containers, in less than an hour she produced four stunning arrangements. Wendy is a lady of many talents and as a member of NAFAS, a couple of

years ago, was invited to do one of the arrangements at Westminster Abbey which she considered an honour. Partnered with another member their brief was for 2 identical arrangements to go either side of the main altar. Their colour was green and white and had to incorporate 2 white doves. The flowers would be provided but no greenery and the doves had to be made. Well we were kept highly

entertained with her escapades getting across London carrying boxes of greenery, mechanics and of course getting the 'doves' right. An incredible amount of work and time but gave an enormous amount of satisfaction at the end. The 'fun with flowers' arrangements were raffled and won by four very happy members. The afternoon concluded with refreshments, laughter and chatter.



*Wendy Smith, having 'Fun With Flowers'.*

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# PARTNERSHIP FUN RUN AND FAMILY DAY

The 2019 Fun Run, organised by the Lanchester Partnership at Burnhopeside Hall was, again, very successful and has managed to report a small profit for the second year in a row, enabling us to proceed to organising a 2020 event.

We had an increase in number of runners this year, and a lot more going on at the summer fair too! This was despite there being a lot of other local events on the same day to compete with.

Our fastest girl was Grace Thirlwell and fastest boy

was Matthew Walker, and Owen Lowery completed an impressive 8 circuits of the course (totalling 20km)! Graced with fantastic weather for a second year in a row, there was a selection of activities for people to get involved in, as well as a lot of support from local community groups, for which we are extremely grateful. We partner with Willow Burn Hospice for this event to help raise funds for them too; they provide the refreshments.

Thanks to a small grant from Lanchester Parish



*Left to right, Angela McDermid, Michelle Atkinson, Kath Marshall-Ivens and Sarah Grady from the Lanchester Partnership.*



*Firefighters from the Durham and Darlington Fire Service enjoying their day at the Fun Run. See also photos on back page.*

## MEL'S MARVELLOUS MEAL

All Mel's meals for charity are very popular which is why, with a sense of happy anticipation, over a hundred people made their way to the Methodist Church on Friday June 21st to partake of Mel's charity luncheon. The charity this time was 'Mercy Ships', a wonderful charity which aims to bring healing to the many poor people in the world who have no access to being cared for in illness. The people who work on the ships, doctors, nurses, auxiliaries, cooks, cleaners etc do all the work voluntarily and literally thousands of people benefit from this

service. Mel himself once worked on these ships and was the head chef, while his wife was, to quote Mel, 'A hostess with the mostest'. The meal was once again first class and the partakers very well looked after by Mel's

Methodist helpers. The amount raised was £680 which will be shared between Mercy Ships and the Methodist Church funds. It was a delicious lunch in delightful company. Thank you Mel.

*Brenda Craddock*



*Full house for Mel's meal.*

Council and funding from Lanchester Partnership we were able to invest in tents, which will be used year on year to provide shelter at the event.

We would like to thank everyone involved and for the support we have received from the community. Everyone involved is a volunteer and we could not make this happen without them.

Special thanks go to Christine and Philip at Burnhopeside Hall for their incredible hospitality, allowing us to use the fantastic venue and providing a huge amount of support.

Thanks also to the Red Cross Shop, St Bede's School, Consett Rugby Club, 1313 Whickham

Squadron ATC, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue, Diggerland, Seiken Ryu Karate Club, Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club, Lanchester Brass Band, Lanchester Brownies and Guides, Lanchester Community Orchard, Lanchester Environmental Group, Rewilding at Horsethinking, The Village Bus, Lanchester Agricultural Society and Lanchester Parish Council. Thank you to all who attended and we hope to see you again in 2020!

If you would like to keep up to date on the event, please follow the Lanchester Partnership Facebook page, or email [thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com).



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# STEVEN WHITE'S WORLD CYCLE CHALLENGE

## Leg 2, Section 1

So what happened during the 1,267 mile crossing from Mumbai to Kolkata? (12 days riding)

Having completed Leg 1 of my journey, cycling from Lanchester to Istanbul, I flew to Mumbai and stayed at a fantastic hostel, 'The Social Space', where the guests and staff were like a family. Ready to move on, I left the hostel at 6 am hoping to clear the city but it took me two hours to get out since with the sun coming up the city came alive. The fumes from the city were incredible, I could barely breathe through my nose so I knew my throat was

going to take a hammering and it did.

Stopping at the only traffic lights in Mumbai, where you actually have to stop apparently, a young boy approached me begging for food which brought home the fact that I was a long way from Europe and this would be a recurring theme.

I rode through the heat of the day (43 degrees) savouring my hydration tablets, which I'd reserved for this section, but needless to say in the following days I learnt to play the game of taking an afternoon siesta, which I found impossible

to achieve but basically, wherever I landed I had to stop - the sun was so strong it was almost like being pinned down by the heat.

By day three I knew what I had to do: cycle hard and get across as fast as possible! So, I was on the road by 5 am hitting 70 miles before 11 am. This was my target.

Come evening, when things were cooler, this is when I could stock up on the calories; a typical meal would include: 2 butter naans, 1 paneer masala, with rice, one chilli chicken with rice and maybe a couple of roti - seems like a decent

amount but wasn't enough to replace all the calories, just enough fuel for the next day's riding. The intense heat was sapping everything from me. I found wearing my bandana over my mouth, nostrils and ears helped but I could feel my eyes frying from the heat and simply had to grit my teeth as I pushed on. In addition, the attention from locals intensified ... I have never experienced anything like it. If you pull over just for a second, vehicles would stop and ask what I was doing and request selfies. I remember a few times people explained that

they'd never seen a tourist before which absolutely blew my mind! (See photo on back page.) It's fair to say most days I was running on pure adrenaline. So, on arriving in Kolkata I had a good three days' chill, a fantastic city to explore which if I had the energy to do properly, I would! To follow my journey visit my website: [chalkiesadventure.co.uk](http://chalkiesadventure.co.uk) and if possible, contribute to my chosen charity 'Mind' online or via charity boxes dotted around retailers in Lanchester and Knitsley Mill Farm Shop to ensure it is all worthwhile.

## ALL SAINTS ENJOY THEIR SUMMER FAIR!

We had waited for summer and it arrived at last, just in time for the Summer Fair held by All Saints' Catholic School. Stalls were set up on their playing fields and there was something for everyone ... and in these days of computerised pastimes, the youngsters enjoyed very traditional games, such as darts, aiming coins into a cup, and of course throwing wet sponges at volunteers!

Temporary 'tattoos' were offered, and many youngsters enjoyed slime making. There was a Nerf Gun challenge, Tombolas and 'Panning for Gold' to involve the crowds which had turned up, and the young people manned their stalls in a very polite and professional manner.

Well done All Saints for a lovely introduction to Summer!

**See photo on back page.**



*Early visitors to the Summer Fair, eager to avoid the crowds which gathered later, and enjoying the lovely weather.*

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Aromatic Lamb Curry

Lamb is a very adaptable meat, good in sweeter dishes and great in this curry. It's an easy to prepare meal and best slow cooked for 1 hour. These quantities serve 4 people.

You need:

400 g lamb shoulder, bone out  
2 large onions  
1 large aubergine, (800 g in total)  
2 tablespoons Rogan Josh curry paste

200 g natural yoghurt  
Red wine vinegar  
Virgin olive oil  
1) Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Put a large shallow casserole on a high heat.  
2) Dice the lamb into 3 cm chunks and place in the casserole, fat side down.  
3) Peel the onions, dice the aubergines to the same size as the lamb, then stir into the pan.  
4) Season with salt and

black pepper, stir in the curry paste and 1 tablespoon of red wine vinegar, and transfer to the oven for 1 hour, or until tender, stirring halfway and adding a splash of water, if needed.  
5) Taste the curry, season to taste, ripple through the yoghurt, drizzle over half a tablespoon of virgin olive oil, add some black pepper, and serve.

## A SUMMER EVENING AT THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Lanchester Guides enjoyed an evening of games, fire making and fun at Lanchester Community Orchard one fine Thursday in June.

The girls contributed to the orchard by planting a new Bramley apple tree in the field then set to work preparing wood and setting a campfire.

After completing various fun challenges in the orchard they sat around the campfire and toasted marshmallows.

The fine weather and shared friendship made it a memorable evening for all involved.

**See photo on back page.**



# LANCHESTER WI CELEBRATE SUMMER

President Marie Murphy welcomed everyone to our meeting on July 1st, our popular Strawberry Supper marking the celebration of summer. Marie reminded members that minutes from the last meeting were always displayed on the Information Table and she also drew our attention to the Durham County News, carrying details of coming events, including The Fifties activities held at Beamish Museum, craft sessions and social get-togethers. We were informed about the latest venture planned as a community event, when 20,000 crocus bulbs are planted on the village green in September and October. Some members may be interested in becoming involved in what sounds a lovely, colourful display. Congratulations were offered to our quiz team for their recent successful run, and we were reminded about our suggestion box, always available to receive any requests or ideas about events or outings. Our visit to the Sunderland mosque has been planned, and a donation of £2 is suggested, please refer to the information table for leaving times. We listened to an account of the WI National Conference at Bournemouth, when the 2019 resolutions were passed, a 'Call against the decline in Local Bus Services' and 'Don't Fear the Smear'. Raffle winners were Kathleen Routledge, Helen Gardiner and Jean Forster and we held a silent auction when

delicious home made cakes made by members found welcoming homes. Proceeds will be donated to a Dementia charity. We then settled to listen to the Hexham Village Band, playing traditional music in a skilful and enthusiastic fashion. We heard how none of the music was written down, but passed from generation to generation and there were several links between traditional Irish and Northumbrian tunes. The music varied from lively rhythmic airs to sad, sorrowful songs, and we clapped, kept time and some of us even danced. The lovely evening was brought to a close by a supper of strawberries, cream and meringues with soft drinks and Pimms cocktails. A lovely way to welcome summer!



*Hexham Village Band entertained us.*

## SATLEY WI JULY REPORT

Our President, Linda, welcomed 16 members and it was lovely to hear that our only absentee, Pauline, was feeling much better and hopes to be well enough to return soon. Tickets were allocated for our theatre trip and numbers were taken for our visit to the Lanchester Garden Centre next month. Sarah has offered to host a garden party for us later this month and we hope that the lovely weather lasts. Pimms (other drinks are available) and scones are on the menu. Our entertainment for the evening was provided by Linda and was a mystery to everyone else until the

format was revealed. Members were split into teams and had to complete 5 tasks in order to gain points. Their memory was tested by remembering 20 objects in 2 minutes and then they had to rank 6 notable events in date order and name the date for extra points. The next 2 tasks involved making as many 7 letter words from Lexicon cards as they could and then guessing the cost of the contents in a shopping bag. The final task was to make an aircraft from various materials that were provided. Points were allocated if the plane could be thrown to land on the runway and extra points

allocated for the 2 longest throws. The winning team (Christine, Carolyn, Linda, Aldwyn and Grace) each received a Cadbury Flake as a prize. Jean thanked Linda for arranging the evening which all agreed had been unique and enjoyable. Refreshments were provided by Aldwyn and Joan and Joan won the raffle. Our competitions for the evening were for a floral buttonhole - the one made with real flowers was won by Avril, second was Jean and third was Sarah. The other category which featured those made with artificial flowers was won by Linda, second was Avril and third was Sarah.



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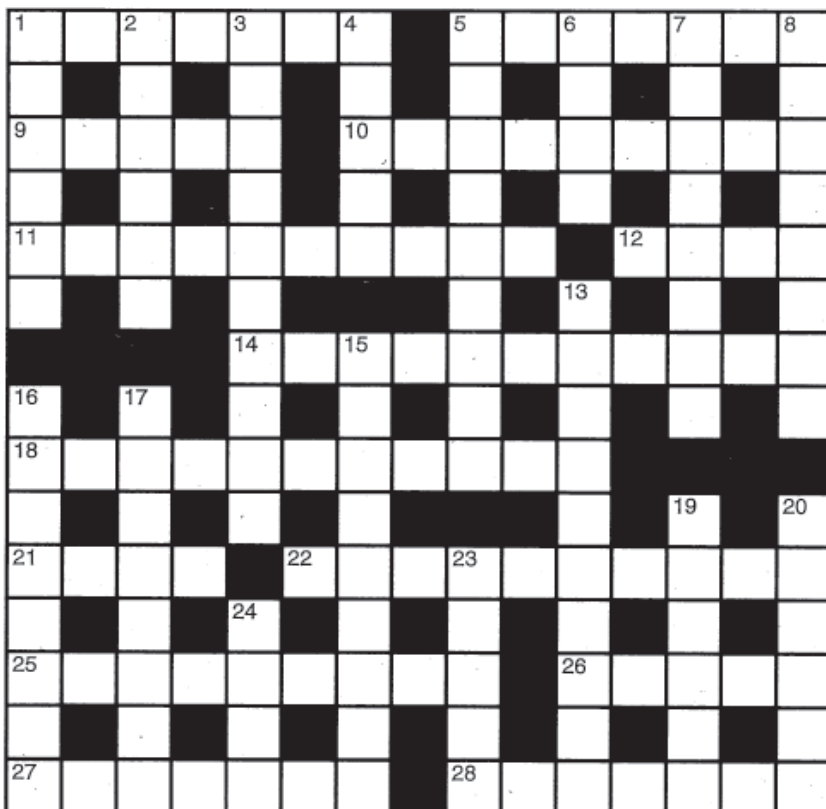
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# CROSSWORD 159



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## CROSSWORD 158

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

### ACROSS

1. Chorus (7)
5. Berries used in gin production (7)
9. String instrument (5)
10. Will (9)
11. Accepting the inevitability of life (10)
12. Goes with bank, toilet and call (4)
14. Agree to abandon an activity (4,2,5)
18. I begat dream award (1,5,5)
21. Hard wood (4)
22. Expressing disapproval (3-7)
25. What's left behind (9)
26. Someone from Baghdad? (5)
27. Shaky (7)
28. Show of temper (7)

### DOWN

1. Rejection (6)
2. Limited (6)
3. Extremely angry (10)
4. Takes account of (5)
5. Acceptable (9)
6. Undiluted (4)
7. Capital of South Africa (8)
8. Unrelenting (8)
13. Concerned with horse riding (10)
15. International workers' festival (6,3)
16. Torn (8)
17. Cede lamb is stuck (8)
19. I'm arid above the ground (3-3)
20. Discrimination against old people (6)
23. Cards in rota rotation (5)
24. Pressing (4)

## ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 158

### ACROSS

1. scrape
5. impunity
9. tub-thumper
10. glee
11. utopia
12. Arapahos
13. fret
15. eisteddfod
16. triumphant
20. yips
22. sanction
23. flawed
25. wilt
26. bothersome
28. smidgeon
29. assets

### DOWN

2. chunter
3. act up
4. emulate
5. imp
6. pervade
7. niggardly
8. tremolo
12. abstain
14. truncated
17. realism
18. pliable
19. taffeta
21. pre-empt
24. asses
27. tin

## 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.

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

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Lanchester Patient Participation Group

As the health service marks its 70th anniversary we are hearing worrying reports about its future. Nationally there are falling numbers of GPs, this coming at the same time as a population growth; the result is more patients per permanent GP, an increase of 8%. More patients doesn't just mean greater demand for appointments, it means more work for all surgery staff, more paper work, test results and administrative work. Surgeries employ locum doctors to bridge this gap. Although

experienced and capable, their role does not include the administrative work associated with each patient and they are an expensive drain on surgery budgets. Add the fact that more care is being moved from hospital into the community and our unstoppable cycle of need becomes a whirlpool.

Little wonder that concerns are being raised over the health and wellbeing of the GP workforce. A recent Commonwealth Fund survey showed that UK GPs were the most stressed in the West with one in five saying they planned to leave the profession within the next five years. Lanchester Medical Centre is not exempt from this; over the past three years a steady increase in patients registered at the surgery

has grown to 4,232. A cohort of these patients is the elderly and children who often have more complex needs requiring more GP time.

Sadly no matter how we love our area and value our local surgery, recruiting GPs up north to a small practice is not so appealing as working in larger practices where there are more clinicians to share the workload.

All evidence agrees that continuity of care is something we all want. To achieve this and with no way of filling the gap between the supply of GPs and the need for them, greater use of other professionals, Nurse Practitioners, Physiotherapists and Pharmacists will be the future of our National Health Service.

## LONELINESS UPDATE

When did you last pop into our library?

Nowadays, it can be too easy to take some things for granted, especially when they are quite literally on our doorstep! With access to so much technology in our homes now, the fantastic resources available in our local library, at times, might be overlooked.

The word 'library' can also be slightly misleading. Our 'library' offers our community so much more than just providing a book to read! Here is just a selection of the sorts of things our library can do for you: service and events information; computer facilities and wi-fi access; printing services; special access to research family history using the Ancestry website; regular Book Club reader discussions and other adult gatherings; children's activities including Toddler Time

and Chatterbooks; selected newspapers, local history information and publications, and finally a dedicated Healthzone Information Point.

The dedicated Healthzone Information Point has its own area where you can sit and relax in comfort and consider the wide range of carefully selected material which has been shown to

contribute to health and wellbeing. As a Dementia Friendly Community, our library also carries information for those affected by dementia.

Last but not least, our library is a very important social and meeting place within our community. So, the next time you pop into our library, do take the time to speak to Zena and the other librarians.

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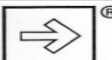
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# WHAT'S ON?

## Acapella Summer Concert

We welcome you all to join us for our Annual Summer Concert and Coffee Morning on Monday 12th August, in the Chapter House of All Saints' Parish Church, Lanchester. The coffee morning will begin at 10.30 am, and will end at 12.30 pm. We will be singing a range of our new songs, and acapella arrangements from 11 am to 11.30 am. The concert and coffee morning is free of charge, but we would appreciate any donations towards Church funds. We are an acapella singing group who meet each Monday morning, in the Chapter House, to enjoy singing together, between 10.30 am and 12.00 noon. New members are always welcome.

## Lanchester Flower Club

Our July meeting is our Summer Outing to Kiplin Hall Gardens. We have no meeting in August. The next meeting will be held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at 2 pm. Members and visitors are welcome. The demonstrator will be Kath Gibson, her theme will be 'Myths and Legends'. Should you need any information please do not hesitate to contact Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.

## Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 13th August and is a **Field Trip** hosted by Paul & Sonny Shepherd at the organic orchard. Meet at 6.30 pm in the Community Centre car park.

## Library Book Club

On Monday August 19th from 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'The Buddha of Suburbia' by Harif Kureishi.

## Thursday Book Club

On Thursday August 15th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the discussion will be covering 'Solace' by Belinda McKeon. A love story, "An astonishing debut from an original voice in Irish fiction". Pick up this book in the library and join the discussion.

## Crafts for the Summer

Linked to the summer reading challenge for children aged 4-8 years old. Please get tickets £1 from the library for these events:

Mondays August 5th, 12th, 19th, 2.30-3.30 pm.

## Lanchester Partnership Community Orchard Open Evening

Thursday 29th August, open to all from 7.30 pm at the orchard.

## Back to old Skool 80s party

Friday 30th August, a fundraiser at Lanchester Social Club for the Fun Run event 2020. Tickets are £5 each from the Red Cross Shop.

## Lanchester Social Club

Free Live Entertainment in the Lounge Bar from 9pm every Saturday  
Sat 3rd August - Rach Ellis  
Sat 10th August - Mike Ellis  
Sat 17th August - Lance Newman  
Sat 24th August - Cassandra  
Sat 31st August - Susan Brookes  
Bank Holiday Sunday 25th August  
Karaoke and disco by Garaoke Entertainment from 8pm.

## Willow Burn's Friday Social

Do you care for someone or do you know someone who does? Are you looking for somewhere to go together?

Get together with friends old and new, every Friday from 1.30 pm - 4 pm at Willow Burn's Friday Social.

Everybody welcome. Refreshments are available to purchase in the Willows Cafe. Simply drop-in or give us a call for further information: 01207 529224 <https://willow-burn.co.uk/event/willow-burns-friday-social/>

## Lanchester WI in August

Our next meeting will take place on Monday August 5th, when our speaker will be Paul Shepherd, who will speak to us about 'Bees and Honey'. The competition is to offer a recipe using honey. Here's a reminder about our visit to Sunderland mosque on August 7th - please check details of leaving time. Visitors are always welcome to come and meet us in our meetings, and you can always find more details about our activities on our Facebook page.

## Balsam pulling dates

Note 27th July cancelled - as we have a field trip. We will meet at Malton car park, except for Thursday 8th August and Sunday 11th August when we'll tackle Dora's Wood (meet at the dip).

### Malton

Thurs Aug 1 10am  
Sun Aug 4 2pm  
Tues Aug 6 7pm

### Dora's Wood

Thurs Aug 8 2pm  
Sun Aug 11 10am

### Malton

Thurs Aug 15 10am  
Sat Aug 24 10am  
Thurs Aug 29 7pm

## Thursday Club

Our next meeting on 15th August will at 7.15 pm in the meeting room upstairs with Sharron Vincent and the second instalment of 'The Mitford Sisters'.

## Musical Memories

We would like to invite everyone interested to our next Musical Memories, which takes place on Wednesday August 14th at Lynwood House, starting at 2 pm. If you're interested in helping out our Dementia friends, if you or a friend have experience of memory loss, or if you would just enjoy some pleasant company over a cup of tea, and enjoy singing and making new friends, come and join us! Our theme will be 'Places in Song.'

Looking forward to meeting old friends and making new ones!

## Satley WI

Our next meeting in Satley Parish Hall is on September 9th at 7.15. Our speaker will be Dr Ray Lowry whose talk is entitled 'Laughter is the best medicine'. Please feel free to join us.

## Community Centre Tea Dance

We would like to apologise for the cancellation of July's Tea Dance which was due to unforeseen circumstances.

## Whist Drive

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

## Mahjong

Thursdays - Meeting Room 1, 10am-12.

## Local History Society

Subject: Walk around the present and lost houses of Whickham.

Guide: Richard Pears.

Date: Friday August 2nd  
Time: Meet at the War Memorial in Whickham at 6.30 pm

If you need a lift contact Marian Morrison.

For more information contact the History Society at [marian.morrison@btinternet.com](mailto:marian.morrison@btinternet.com)

## Church Services

From Sunday September 1st the morning Eucharist Service at All Saints' Church of England Parish Church will be at 10.30 am and not 10.00 am.

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## CRICKET NEWS

After 12 games, the firsts remain top of the first division after three wins and a rained off game in the month. Nearest challengers, Swalwell were comprehensively beaten by over 70 runs. Graham Brinton scored 88 and Kieran Gohery 62 in a score of 229. Then Greg Halliday 4-26. Kieron Taylor 3-39 and Kieran Gohery 2-35 ensured a memorable victory. The top six batsmen all made scores against Annfield Plain with Callum Barnes and Greg Halliday both making half centuries. Callum then took 6-27 in a match winning display. Stocksfield were then beaten by over 200 runs as Lanchester scored 251 and then bowled their opposition out for just 50, a stunning turnaround from the opening day fixture. Kieran Gohery top scored with 71 and Dan Nicotra made 68. The two Kierans then destroyed Stocksfield with Gohery taking 6-12 and Taylor 3-26. Against Alnmouth, Lanchester were batting when the rain intervened and ended the game early. The firsts have two cup

semi finals to look forward to as well, with a tough trip to Newcastle City in one and a home tie to Alnmouth in another.

The seconds have had the same set of results in the month with the same affect, guiding themselves to top spot in division five south. They recorded easy wins against Leadgate, Annfield Plain and Benwell. Leadgate were dismissed for 70, whilst the seconds made 227 and 238 against Annfield Plain and Benwell respectively. Runs and wickets have been shared around in wins of over 100 runs in each case.

After struggling during the early season, the thirds came close to causing a major upset against leaders Kimblesworth in a close scoring game. They then beat Whickham and Ryhope to move away from the bottom of the league. Dan Arthur took 5-8 to dismiss Whickham cheaply and helped himself to 74 in a comfortable win over Ryhope.

## BOWLS REPORT

Looking at the club's results over the last month which were not the best, I should have felt a bit down but that is not the case. It's because I am glad to be back on the green enjoying the game I love, not hampered by the weather. Winning is a bonus but to put up a good fight, whatever side of the winning post you end up, is what it is all about at village level.

We held a very successful Fun/Open Day where Stuart and David, fresh

from their coaching course, had the opportunity to put into practice what they learnt. As a result we are delighted to welcome three new members to the club and hope it won't be too long before they can get into our teams and enjoy this great game.

So now a quick run through of results (the best bits). The Monday team has had a couple of wins but a resurgent South Moor are keeping

us in third place. The Tuesday team had a surprisingly good win against South Moor and stay in mid table. The Saturday team got a good win away to Pelton Fell. The Wednesday afternoon team are enjoying their games despite a few narrow defeats. The Wednesday evening team were the most successful with two wins and a draw. I'm keeping quiet about the League Cup (a narrow loss).

## TENNIS CLUB

### Strawberry Tea and Sausage Sizzle

Once again, wonderful weather was evident for the July social function at Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club.

The Strawberry Tea was held on the middle Sunday of the Wimbledon Championships, and a large attendance enjoyed strawberries and cream and a glass of Pimms. Grateful thanks to the social committee for their hard work in organising and providing the tea. Some patrons even managed a few games of tennis to burn off the calories!

Alongside the Monday night coaching on 15th July, the club held an end of school term sausage sizzle for parents and children alike.

Ladies from the club supplied sausage sandwiches and drinks throughout the evening

and a big thank you to them for their sterling effort.

The under 8 summer league at David Lloyd, Teesside, is now finished and Lanchester Moors ended their campaign in the runner-up position. It was thought, at first, that they had won the league but, due to a mis-recorded result on a scorecard, it was not to be. A wonderful performance nevertheless, against much bigger establishments and now

on to the winter leagues! Coaching will continue throughout the summer holidays and if anyone requires information, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis on 07960 494442 or by email den.lizjane@gmail.com or from head coach Sam Stokoe 07493 032229 email sam@theracquetman.co.uk.

Ongoing news and information about the club can be accessed at clubspark/lanchester lawn tennis club.



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# PARTNERSHIP FUN RUN AND FAMILY DAY



*The race is in full swing.*



*Demonstration by the Seiken Ryu Karate Club at Burnhopeside Hall. See article, page 13.*

## SUMMER IN THE ORCHARD



*Lanchester Guides enjoying fun and games at the Community Orchard. See article on page 14.*

## BOWLS OPEN DAY



*New bowlers Jeanne and Dave Elsom enjoy their first taste of the sport at the Open Day. See Bowls Report page 19.*

## ALL SAINTS' FAIR



*Lots of traditional pastimes such as 'Hook a Duck' proved favourites with the youngsters. See report on page 14.*

## STEVEN WHITE IN INDIA



*Steven White surrounded by a curious crowd as he stopped during his journey through India. See story on page 14.*

## NEXT DEADLINE

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

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