

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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VILLAGE SCHOOLS CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY



Is this a new member of staff of All Saints' School? No, it's Mr Matthew Price appearing in character and joining in the fun.



Children from All Saints' School dressed up as their favourite book characters. Left to right, back row, Evie Kelly, Alice Bell and Catherine Bell; front row, Megan Kelly and Matthew Bell.



More All Saints' children - Harry Daniels (year 4) as Ron Weasley and Millie Daniels (year 3) as Marylou from Malory Towers with their little sister Poppy (Nursery).



Children from the EP School dressed as book characters are Alice, Hermione Grainger, Matilda, Goldilocks and Harry Potter.



The 'Cat in the Hat' with the Queen of Hearts.



The reception class dressed up as some great characters.



Dear Village....

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Dear Village Voice

We just want to recognise a stalwart of Lanchester, a well known character and businesswoman, who will be a huge miss as she retires and hands over the reigns to her once apprentice.

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tremendous support to the elderly and made us all laugh.

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Healthwatch Co Durham

Healthwatch County Durham would like to hear from anyone who has used Patient Transport Services. Was it on time or was there a long wait?

If users could email their comments to healthwatchcountydurham@pcp.uk.net. Brian Jackson, Chair

Community Draw

The winning number in the Community Draw for February was 22. The draw was made by Liz Smith (member of Mahjong).

THE VILLAGE VOICE

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEOPLE

STRANGE PEOPLE SIGHTED IN LANCHESTER!

All Saints celebrate World Book Day

If you were out and about in Lanchester on Thursday March 7th, you may have been surprised to see many strange people on the streets, all heading for our local schools.

This was World Book Day, and staff and pupils from All Saints' Catholic Primary School joined in the spirit of the day. The school hall was a

kaleidoscope of colour, with many characters familiar from the pages of books all joining in the Grand Parade.

There were tigers, fairies, wizards and a cowboy, and many parents had obviously made sure that costumes were exactly right! Several students from Hogwarts School made an appearance, with ballerinas, superheroes,

suffragettes, Sherlock Holmes and the Mad Hatter joining the parade. This special day is now celebrated all over the world, to recognise the magical power of books and to forge a link between different cultures, the past and the future. Well done pupils and all their families for their support!

Maisie Raine



Lilly Myers dressed as Jessie the cowgirl.



Kate Gowan, Thing 1 from The Cat in the Hat.

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WORLD BOOK DAY AT THE EP SCHOOL

There were so many people to meet in the EP School on Thursday, March 7th. They were visiting the school for 'World Book Day' and were great characters, being all from well-known and well-loved books. 'Harry Potter' and his friend 'Hermione' were present, as were 'Matilda' and 'Alice through the looking Glass', 'Goldilocks' (without the bears!), 'Spiderman', 'The Cat in the Hat', 'Red Riding Hood' (without the wolf!) and also, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and 'The Enormous Caterpillar'. All these story book characters were so friendly and polite

and it was a joy to meet them.

The visitors to the school that day noted that the classrooms showed excellent evidence of reading activities and countless opportunities to explore the written word, which of course is key to all learning.

It was good to see so many staff entering into the spirit of World Book Day. Mrs Grieve certainly made a very glamorous Snow White. In the afternoon, Years 3,

4, 5, and 6 were treated to a theatre production by 'Theatre Sans Frontieres'. French is taught in the school now and this performance was by a company who specialise in teaching French vocabulary through acting, movement and song. There were only two actors to play all the different roles in the three short plays they performed. It was a challenge for the pupils to understand the French vocabulary and certainly

the actors helped by speaking very clearly and emphasising key French words. Their strategies to engage the pupils were very clever and the pupils were drawn into the performance and enjoyed every part of it. No doubt the endeavours would be followed up in the classroom, making it a very worthwhile afternoon. As always, a very happy atmosphere pervaded the school making it a very enjoyable World Book Day. *Brenda Craddock*



Mrs Grieve is 'Snow White'.



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LANCHESTER PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 12th March 2019

Minutes - Ordinary Meeting 12th February, Planning Meeting 12th February - approved.

The Lanchester Partnership - Michelle Atkinson the new Chair of Lanchester Partnership attended the meeting.

Police Report - See below.

Correspondence

1. Clerk & Councils Direct - **March newsletter** - received.

2. Durham County Council - Velo North Event - Members received information on the closed road cycling event taking place in September at which 15,000 participants are expected.

3. Lanchester Cricket Club Beer Festival - May 2019 - Members received information from the club on the preparations for the beer festival to be held 24th - 26th May 2019. A

number of measures are being proposed to address people bringing their own alcohol to the event and underage drinking.

Neighbourhood Plan

The minutes of the last meeting were approved. Written feedback on the draft document had been received from the County Council. The working group discussed the feedback and minor amendments were made to the policies. A revised draft settlement boundary policy was discussed and agreed by the working group. 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 consultation during June/July.

Northumbrian Water Ltd - Sewer System - Councillors attended a recent meeting at the offices of Northumbrian Water Ltd to look at their computer modelling system. This followed the attendance of officers from Northumbrian Water Ltd at a Parish Council meeting where the sewer system in Lanchester and in particular along Ford Road was discussed.

Councillors confirmed that the meeting at Northumbrian Water had proved useful. Residents need to report flooding incidents so Northumbrian Water are aware of the extent of any problems.

Loneliness Project - Welcome to Lanchester Guide - Councillors were provided with an update on this project. A loneliness guide has been development over the last few years by the

'Loneliness and Lanchester' working group of the Patient Participation Group, Lanchester Medical Centre. The guide will be a 40 page, full colour publication and will include maps, key information on community services and activities and volunteering opportunities. The Parish Council confirmed their support for the project.

Structural Testing of Lighting Columns - Members were informed that the lighting columns which hold the hanging baskets need to undergo a structural test every 30 months. It was agreed that the testing is undertaken at a cost of £950.

Risk Assessment Schedule - approved.

Internal Audit Arrangements - approved.

Schools - Distribution of Newsletters - agreed that a donation of £100 is given to the two Primary schools.

Grants/Donations - The following donations were agreed:

1. Willow Burn Hospice - £140.
2. The Lanchester Partnership - Fun Run - £140.
3. Lanchester & Burnhope Parochial Church Council - Clock Maintenance - £200.
4. All Saints' Parish Centre - £140.
5. 1st Lanchester Guiding - £140.

Financial report - discussed and approved.

Accounts for Payment - approved.

The next Ordinary meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2019 at Lynwood House at 7.15 pm.

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POLICE REPORT

This month our priorities have been residential burglaries and door to door sellers. In the last two months we have seen the number of residential burglaries increase, specifically at addresses which are unoccupied and very close to main road links allowing suspects to commit the crime undetected and provide a quick and easy escape. Over the last month we have received two reported burglaries in relation to two unoccupied properties in the vicinity of Howden Bank being targeted and having power tools stolen. On both occasions the incidents have taken place during the hours of darkness and where the address has limited

coverage from neighbouring addresses. Within our rural area we have received a report of approximately 400 litres of red diesel stolen from a farm and at Hurbuck Cottages an unknown male has been disturbed in a garden before making off. Can we please ask residents to be extremely vigilant, dark nights are an increased crime risk as criminals can commit crime often completely unaware to anyone. Please make sure properties are secure. If you are working on a renovation project and the property is unoccupied overnight put extra security measures in place ie lights, alarms and CCTV. Police are increasing patrols

during the hours of darkness however we encourage residents to report anything suspicious via 101 or 999 in an emergency. In relation to door to door sellers, we are continuing to monitor housing estates during daylight and have noticed the decrease in operators. Patrols will continue and we encourage any information or incidents to be reported direct to Police via 101. If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with your local beat officers PC 2058 Iain Nelson or PCSO 6780 Lisa Cullen-Jackson via 101 or by emailing lisa.cullen-jackson@durham.pnn.police.uk.

SEWER FLOODING

Lanchester Parish Council has raised concerns with Northumbrian Water Ltd about levels of sewer flooding in Lanchester and in particular in the Ford Road area for some time. Representatives from Northumbrian Water Ltd have attended several Parish Council meetings where issues have been discussed including the problem caused by periods of heavy rainfall leading to surface water mixing with raw sewage in the combined system and then overflowing and resulting in untreated sewage flowing along Ford Road and into adjoining properties. Arrangements were made for Councillors to visit the offices of Northumbrian Water in Durham for further discussions about these problems. Councillors David Friesner, Trevor Jones and David Smith attended this meeting in February where Northumbrian Water stated that they have a priority list for dealing with such problems. Currently the problem on Ford Road is rated by them as a low priority

because of the low number of incidents reported to them. To be rated more of a priority requires more incidents to be reported by residents to Northumbrian Water Ltd. Under some circumstances, Northumbrian Water have a duty to pay compensation to properties affected. In addition to it being a health concern, we believe it is unreasonable to expect local residents to be affected by such unpleasant situations. We urge local residents to report ALL such flooding incidents to Northumbrian Water. Flooding can be reported directly to their sewer flooding line on 0800 3287648 and the line is manned 24 hours a day. You can request a report number when speaking to them. It would be useful to record the timings and extent of each incident and take some photos if possible. Please also let us know by emailing the Parish Council Clerk on lanchesterparish@btopenworld.com so that we can also monitor things.

Lanchester Parish Council

LANCHESTER WAR MEMORIAL - VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council and members of the community completed a project in 2018 to have the names of fallen soldiers added to the Village Green War Memorial. 130 names were identified and engraved on the new marble panels. The Rededication of the War

Memorial took place on Friday 19th October 2018. Since the Rededication Service two further names have been identified for inclusion on the memorial: John Leslie Moore, Died in service 1945 Edward McGovern, Died in service 1954.

It is intended to add these additional names to the War Memorial. If anyone has any further names for consideration could they please contact me by the end of April. Please contact Sally Laverick, Clerk to Lanchester Parish Council on 01207 520146.

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*Sam Matwiejew
Casting Researcher*

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

A grand time was had by all at All Saints' Catholic Church Parish Centre for the eve of the great saint's feast.

As the guests arrived, Hilary offered us shamrock buttonholes, then we had nibbles of Guinness bread while sipping a welcome beverage, surrounded by a lovely medley of Irish musical favourites provided by Bill Gray at the keyboard. The tables laid out with favours of crocheted shamrock awaited the convivial ticket holders.

Jan and Tim Taylor were in the kitchen putting the final touches to the wonderfully tasty Irish themed three course meal, one definitely worthy of the 'Ladies who lunch': Prawn cocktail served with Guinness bread, Irish coddled pork in Magner's Cider with Congallon mash, then Bailey's Irish Cream cheesecake or Jameson's Whiskey bread and butter pudding.

Of course it wasn't all about the food and drink. With a quiz, a few games of 'Irish bingo' and the

raffle, Mike Stoddart, sporting an emerald green top hat, linked it all seamlessly with his repertoire of blarney banter. To round it all off we had a singsong of Irish airs and choruses.

The craic was great, and although the rugby WAS mentioned, there was no mention of borders, hard or soft, or the BREXIT shenanigans!

Many thanks to our sponsor for the second year running, Barry and Jo Alison, Lanchester Plumbing and Heating.

Michael Quigley



Enjoying the food, drink and the craic at the St Patrick's celebration.

THE EMPIRE CINEMA & THEATRE

2019 SEASON PROGRAMME

<p>May</p> <p>Cilla & the Shades of the 60s Tuesday 7 May, 7.30pm</p>	<p>Jul</p> <p>Lipstick On Your Collar Saturday 13 July, 7.30pm</p>	<p>Oct</p> <p>Dave Spikey: Juggling on a Motorbike Saturday 3 Oct, 7.30pm</p>
<p>Jun</p> <p>Catherine Cookson's The Cinder Path Thurs 6 June - Fri 7 June 7.30pm (Thu), 2.30pm (Fri)</p>	<p>Jul</p> <p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show Saturday 20 July, 1.30pm</p>	

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JEZ LOWE CONCERT



Jez Lowe

The concert room in Lanchester Social Club was packed with a delighted audience who were captivated by world renowned folk singer Jez Lowe.

Jez, from Easington Colliery in County Durham, began singing songs about mining in his native community more than 40 years ago.

His prodigious songwriting talent - he can combine wildly funny with political scorn, often in the same song - has seen him perform in countries including the USA, Canada, Australia and across Europe, as well as getting national radio play in the UK. He was a lot closer to

home when he played Lanchester, but revealed that it was "at least 30 years" since he was last here, at a folk night in the King's Head.

While many in the audience of around 150 had heard Jez sing before, for others it was a first time treat.

And some of his lyrics had them convulsed in laughter.

For example: "I had a dog that wouldn't bark, his name was Aloysius I found him silent on the street some years ago He was wandering around just minding his own business Which covered him complete from head to toe."

Other songs from his catalogue which he sang included Will of the People, Christmas in Australia, Greek Lightning, Black Diamonds, Durham Jail and many more.

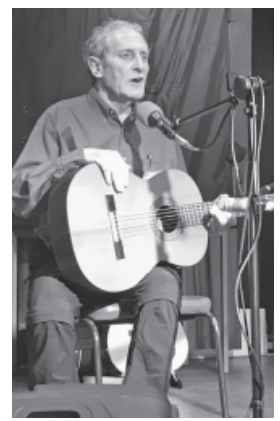
Ian Tute, Peter Thompson and Jack Burness had warmed the audience up nicely by

the time Jez took to the stage for a set split in two, with a half hour interval where raffle tickets were sold.

Beneficiaries were Willow Burn and Henry Dancer Days.

Ian Tute, who organised the concert, managed to extract from Jez a promise to appear here again next year, to the delight of all present.

Neil McKay



Ian Tute, organiser and entertainer



Finn McArdle and Jack Burness

THANKS FROM IAN TUTE

Well, no sooner was the concert booked, and it's all over! And what a night it was. I knew from the quality of the line-up that it would be entertaining, and from the reactions and feedback that objective was fulfilled. Pete Thompson performed in his own inimitable style, concluding with one of his own songs, 'I'm coming home from the sea'.

Jack Burness never fails to be different and performs a wealth of his own songs, accompanied on this occasion by Finn McArdle, who provided an intriguing drum backing.

Jez, of course, is always excellent, and the songs

just keep pouring out, his rendition of 'Frozen Roman' being one of his more hilarious newish offerings. It was such a pleasure to enjoy his music within the confines of our own village.

The evening had a fund raising element built in, which has resulted in Willow Burn Hospice and Henry Dancer Days each receiving £390.

I have many people to thank, Jez of course, Peter Thompson, Jack Burness and Finn McArdle, Andy Hogg for the sound, and Di Tute, Heather Muir and Rhoda Joyce for their sterling work on the door and raffle. Great thanks also to Ross and the club staff, and to the following

Lanchester Traders for their help with raffle prizes: Lilydale Pet Supplies, Talking Heads, Lanchester Pharmacy, SPAR, Lanchester Hardware, Lanchester Social Club, Crinnions and The King's Head. Appreciation also for help with ticket sales at Lanchester News.

I have already made contact to look at a concert again next year (I know, but time does fly). In the meantime, enjoy your music at one of the many local venues (all listed in the 'Folk Roundabout' magazine) or see Peter, myself and others in the Social Club bar on the first Sunday of each month.

Ian Tute

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LANCHESTER MALE VOICE CHOIR

The year started well with high attendances at practice and everyone looking forward to a good run up to our first performance when, 'out of the blue', we were shocked by the sudden death of John Wills. A founder member in 1967, John was a choir member throughout its 52 years and was very much the inspiration behind many of its achievements, serving as Chairman from 1992 to 2017. We are the richer for having known him and served with him and most certainly the poorer for having lost him.

It was a privilege for us all to sing at his funeral. John was always most insistent that the quality of our first major concert of the year - the Patrons' Concert - should reflect our appreciation of and gratitude towards our Patrons (Sponsors), without whom life would indeed be tough. This year, that Concert will be held in the Community Centre on the evening of Saturday 13th April. Our second major concert of the year, our Annual Concert, will be in the Methodist Church on the evening of Friday

5th July and will also feature a supporting artiste. More details will appear later.

The Choir is always eager to recruit new members and any keen male singers may contact us (details on the Community Association website) or, perhaps, come to a practice in the Community Centre (Monday, 7.30 pm). No audition is necessary.

We also hope to recruit a new conductor to our ranks with our present conductor, Harry Carr, retiring in July after some 19 years in post. Should you know of any suitably qualified and interested candidate, do please let us know. Should you wish to become a Patron of the Choir, please contact us for further information. We wish you all the very best and we look forward to entertaining you all again, this year.

TREASURE HUNT FOR THE VILLAGE BUS

The Lanchester Partnership has been very busy and has developed a village treasure hunt that follows the route of the village link bus service. This is to raise awareness of the bus and funding for the service too.

The hunts are on sale from the Red Cross Shop at a cost of £5 minimum donation and are a great activity to do individually or in groups and suitable for all the family. They can be completed whilst on the village bus (which we would encourage), or in cars (please respect the residents and park and drive around the route considerably), or on foot. All completed hunts will receive a reward pack and those with all correct answers will go into a raffle to win vouchers which will be drawn at the end of May.

If you live on the bus route and see any vehicles driving around slowly with eager faces looking into gardens and at house fronts then please do not be alarmed, it's all in a good cause! (There are no clues which involve looking into people's houses and all treasure hunters are being reminded to respect the safety and privacy of residents when participating.) Residents on the route would maybe even want to join the hunt as you will likely have a head start on some of the answers!

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PARTNERSHIP QUIZ

A successful quiz night - complete with pie and pea supper - was held at Lanchester Social Club on Saturday, March 16th. All tickets for the event were sold out in advance, and

proceeds went to the Lanchester Partnership. Compère was the incomparable Ross Tweddle - who hosts a popular Sunday evening quiz at the Royal Oak in Medomsley. Mind-

bending Dingbats, a music round and general knowledge questions tested those taking part, but the main winner was the Partnership, which is planning a Summer Fun Run and Family Day on Sunday, June 23rd.

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AN EASTER OFFERING

On Friday March 8th in the Methodist Church, Lanchester Choral Society, directed by David Hughes, gave a superb evening of music to a very appreciative audience. David gave the title for the evening 'An Easter Offering' because of course we are now in the season of Lent leading up to Easter.

There were two parts to the evening. The musical work by the composer Maunder 'Olivet to Calvary' was beautifully and sensitively sung throughout as were the

solo parts. Bass Ian Gray and tenor Richard Woods are both members of the Society and did full justice to their solo parts while sopranos Elizabeth Woods and Susan Jordan, who have both guested for the Society many times, also gave excellent performances which delighted the audience.

The whole choir seemed to empathise with the content of the music, making it a very special performance.

In the second half of the programme the soloists once again interspersed

the programme when items from Handel's 'Messiah' and Vivaldi's 'Gloria' were sung.

At the closure of the service the Society gave a special presentation to the accompanist Paul Conroy. He is a very talented pianist and has only been with the Society for two years, but he is moving on. The Society will miss his masterly playing, but they wished him every success in the future and assured him of their appreciation for all he had contributed.

Brenda Craddock



David Hughes with the soloists, Richard Woods, Ian Gray, Elizabeth Woods and Susan Jordan.



David Hughes and Paul Conroy after the presentation to Paul.
See also photo on back page.



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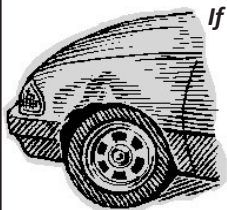
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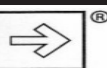


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**LANCHESTER
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Did you know that your Community Centre is a self funding charity? We need to constantly raise funds to maintain the centre and to continue to improve the great facilities that we have. We are currently fundraising to be able to refurbish the toilet facilities. Work on the men's toilets is underway but we need more funds to then move on to the ladies and disabled facilities.

Our next big fundraising event coming up is 'Terry Deary's History

Roadshow' presented by best selling author and TV personality Terry Deary, author of the 'Horrible Histories' books. There are two performances, 27th April and 4th May, beginning at 6pm, tickets £10 which include a hot dog and a drink. The performances are aimed at 7-11 year olds who must be accompanied by an adult. Terry has kindly agreed to sign any books that are purchased at the event.

There's a lot you can do to help, you can support our events and raffles, you could become a 'Friend of the Community Centre' or you could arrange a fundraising event for us, large or small, as Blade Taekwondo are doing. They are kindly donating

90% of the funds they raise from their Charity Bike Ride on May 11th to the Centre towards the toilet improvements. Why not contact us to sponsor them?

Instead of our monthly coffee mornings we will now be arranging a 'Coffee and Craft' event on a quarterly basis, further details to follow! We will also be arranging raffles at different times throughout the year too. There is always a lot happening so why not keep up to date with what's going on by checking the Information Point; follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre'; or Instagram #lanchester_community_centre, or check out the website - lanchestercommunity.wix.com/lanchester.

OVERWHELMED BY INDUSTRY

Richard Pears gave the History Society a very interesting talk and tour around some of the country houses of the North East. Some sadly are no longer standing. He briefly discussed how the English Reformation changed the landowners from the Bishop of Durham to those favoured by the King with their families.

Many old country houses had developed as previous buildings, which were then developed to show the wealth and success of their owners. Houses were built in idyllic settings away from the populace. Features such as hahas extended

unbroken views into the open countryside of their estates.

In the North, some houses were developed from fortified manor houses such as Hollinside Manor on Whickham Fell and Ravensworth Castle. Notable architects employed to follow the fashions of the time included, for example, John Nash - Ravensworth Castle, James Paine - Axwell House at Derwenthaugh, and James Gibbs - Gateshead Park House.

A number of these houses are no longer in existence due to road, railway and industrial

encroachment. Areas that were once villages have been consumed by the city of Newcastle and Gateshead. In the Twentieth Century, a number of these estates were converted into schools, colleges, hospitals, museums and hotels. Looking closer still, houses have been demolished, turned into apartments or tourist accommodation.

Richard's research into the country houses of the area is very extensive. He suggested we looked at old Ordnance Survey maps of the 1850s which show a number of these houses in their 'countryside' away from the cities, compared to the developments of today.

It was a fascinating talk and the large audience were enthralled, readily appreciating Richard's depth of knowledge and well informed presentation.



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ST VALENTINE'S MUSICAL MEMORIES



Eyes down for Song Bingo!

A special celebration of Valentine's Day was held on February 13th in Lynwood House, hosted by Lanchester Dementia Friendly Communities Initiative. These social get togethers are becoming increasingly popular, with their mixture of games, singing, dancing and socialising with old and new friends. The theme of romance was present in the tables

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decorated in flowers and rose petals, with heart shaped cakes, specially chosen music and musical Bingo, with everyone joining in with singing and a fun Pass the Parcel game.

MUSICAL MEMORIES IN MARCH

Even if the March winds blew strongly, Musical Memories was still a popular event. As always, we were hosted by Lynwood House, with the theme of today's event being 'Fruit and Vegetables'. There is always a lovely atmosphere within the group, with lots of singing, games and laughter and new visitors are always welcomed warmly. Lots

of songs were remembered, all with a connection to fruit, vegetables and flowers, and everyone joined in very enthusiastically with the lively 'Vegetable Concerto'. Hope to see everyone again in April and visitors, carers and helpers are welcome. Join us for an afternoon of friendship, fun and singing!

Maisie Raine



Everyone joined in the Vegetable Concerto and had a lot of fun!

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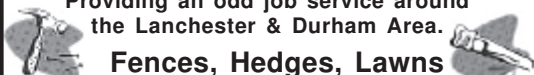


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LANCHESTER FLOWER CLUB



Lady Gertrude Bell was the subject of Anthony Atkinson's excellent talk and slide show presentation.

The 46th Annual General Meeting was held in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 27th February 2019. The yearly membership fee will remain the same at £20. The Committee members all agreed to stand for a further year. It was a short meeting but

we are all looking forward to a good 2019 with some good demonstrators, an outing to Ushaw College in May and our Summer Outing to Kiplin Hall, North Yorkshire in July. After the business part of the meeting was concluded, Anthony

Atkinson from Whickham gave an excellent talk and slide show on 'The Desert Queen', the life of a great Geordie, Lady Gertrude Bell. It was so very interesting. We all had a lovely afternoon then enjoyed tea/coffee and biscuits.

BEER, CIDER AND WINE FESTIVAL

The newly refreshed website is up and running thanks to Rebrand. It is still the same address, lanchesterbeerfestival.co.uk

with information being added as sponsors sign up for 2019. You can start purchasing tickets and tokens through the website via Eventbrite. Tickets remain at £10 which does include 2 drinks tokens and tokens themselves remain at £1.50. We are still working on the music line up but Radiostar are confirmed for the Friday night and Liane Rivers Band will be playing on the Sunday. As far as charities go, due to the health issues suffered by three of our players, we are hoping that CLIC Sargent and the British Heart Foundation will take the opportunity to raise funds and once they are confirmed we will fill the third spot. CLIC Sargent raises funds for

teenage cancer patients. Aquaid will once again be the event sponsor and we are extremely grateful to them. We are working on the glass sponsor which is the other key sponsor we need. Village sponsors - Talking Heads, Alexander Lettings, The Genome Company, Something Sweet, New Image, Alby Driving, Westlands Dental Surgery have all signed up, whilst Elldis, Olivers Tree Services and Advanced Financial Planning are among sponsors from neighbouring villages. New sponsors are always welcome and anyone interested in doing so can contact Andrew McConnell on 07952 546694.



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In Lanchester we have a thriving Bowling Club and we want to spread the word that this is a great sport for all. Making friends, getting out in the sun (not guaranteed), improving your skills, the joy of competitive sport; it has it all. This summer would be a great time to start.

Last year we had some members who were not

getting as many team games as they wanted so we have taken on a brave challenge for this year. We have joined an additional league playing on a Wednesday afternoon. So we should have ample team slots for all members but we could always do with more members to make up the rinks.

We have sessions on Thursday and Sunday

afternoons where new members and improving players get together to learn, practise and have some fun. Potential new members are welcome to come to our Spring meeting (see What's on page 19) or contact Club Secretary Stuart Lee by email (slee731@outlook.com) or by telephone on 01207 521088. We look forward to seeing you.

CHARITY NIGHT AT THE PAVILION

One hundred and forty guests enjoyed a fantastic 4-course banquet at the Pavilion restaurant on Monday 28th January. This was a joint event with

the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation and Willow Burn Hospice.

The kindness and generosity of Michelle and all the team at the

Pavilion made this a very special occasion.

We were honoured to have Lady Elsie Robson there to represent her very special cancer charity.



Paul Jackson Chair of Willow Burn Hospice, Lady Elsie Robson and Luff from the Foundation.

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3 garlic cloves, peeled and chopped

Low calorie cooking spray

1 tsp each of ground coriander, paprika, ground ginger and chilli powder

450 g lamb steaks, visible fat removed and cut into bite-sized pieces

400 g can chopped tomatoes

1 bay leaf

2 x 2.5 cm pieces of cinnamon stick

4 cardamom pods

3 cloves

200 ml chicken stock

2 tsp sweetener

A small handful fresh coriander, chopped
Mangetout, to serve
METHOD

1) Fry the onion and garlic in low calorie cooking spray until soft. Add all the powdered spices and fry for 1 minute (add a little water if it gets too dry).

2) Add the lamb, tomatoes, bay leaf, cinnamon sticks, cardamom pods, cloves, stock and sweetener and simmer for 30-35 minutes until reduced.

3) Remove the bay leaf and cinnamon sticks. Stir in the chopped coriander and serve immediately with freshly steamed mangetout.



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LANCHESTER WI IN MARCH

Our meeting on March 4th was opened by President Marie Murphy, who welcomed everyone, reminding us of the many dates and events planned at county level. She stressed the importance of checking our Information Table for details and information about planned events and for suggestions of how members can become more involved in branch matters by volunteering to donate raffle prizes, giving readings and offering the vote of thanks to our speakers. A suggestion box is also available, so that members can suggest ideas for visits etc and offer comments - so many ways to become more closely involved in your branch. Our Summer Outing will take place on Wednesday July 3rd with more details to come. Another visit to Kynren is planned for September 7th and we had advance information

about a theatre visit in November to see 'Wind in the Willows'. Dorothy Beadling read two very amusing pieces about the WI and the Angel of the North, and the competition of a decorated stone was won by Gwen Bramwell, second place was Ann Carr and third Ann Grosvenor. Thanks are expressed to Judith Collins and Jan Vasey for contributing raffle prizes, won by Liz Burdon and Susan Austin. Next month's competition, in celebration of Easter, is for a decorated egg. Our speaker was Rosanna Whitton who described 'Living With Bipolar'. There is no known cause and one in every 100 people are affected. Rosanna told us of her own experience from first becoming ill, then her diagnosis and the search for the right treatment. She has led an interesting and very full

life, working with children with learning disabilities, adopting a dog and becoming a foster parent, as well as having a

successful career. Rosanna ended her presentation by introducing us to a Sound Bath, to relax and

relieve stress. Jean Dougherty thanked Rosanna for her interesting and uplifting address.



Rosanna Whitton and some of the instruments used in her Sound Therapy.

A VERY DIFFERENT OUTING FOR LANCHESTER WI



Our members appreciated the friendliness and hospitality of the Sikh Gurdwara.

Lanchester WI enjoyed a very different outing on March 14th, when they visited the Sikh Gurdwara in Sunderland. We were met by Kelly and Paula, who showed us around the temple and told us something about the Sikh religion and culture, inviting questions from the group and impressing us with their friendliness and hospitality. We then shared a delicious home made meal of dahl, rice, pickles, chapatis and poppadoms, followed by sweetmeats. A completely different and fascinating day for all of us, but a very interesting and informative visit!

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THURSDAY CLUB UPDATE

Our last meeting saw the return of Glynis Grainger, one of our favourite speakers. This time she had Prince Philip in the frame. Always fascinating, controversial and very interesting. More so with all the recent press coverage over his latest escapade, the car crash. So we were all agog to see what Glynis had to say about 'Young Prince Philip'.

He obviously spent his early years being passed from pillar to post with nowhere to call home and the acquisition of Clarence House when he married Princess Elizabeth must have been a blessed relief, somewhere to put down some roots. As we all know, that idyll didn't last long. On the death of King George it was uprooting time again and on to Buckingham Palace with life spent in the shadow of the Queen



Glynis Grainger clearly has our members paying attention during her fascinating talk about the Royal Family.


and the somewhat turbulent events that ensued.


It was a fascinating talk that had us glued to our seats. Thanks were given to Glynis and then the afternoon ending with lots of animated conversation amid coffee and biscuits.

SATLEY WI MARCH REPORT

Linda, our President, welcomed 13 members and one guest to our latest meeting on a bitterly cold, but sleet free, night. Our darts team (Christine, Joan, Avril and Aldwyn) are due to compete against some neighbouring WIs later in the month and some of us are visiting the Gala Theatre to see the musical Evita. We have been invited to a coffee morning, run by Lanchester WI, on April 4th. After much discussion we have decided not to go on a day trip in May as we couldn't decide on a location that suited the majority of our members. Our speaker for the evening was Shona Duthie who described herself as a woodcarving

musician. She had been fascinated by wood from an early age and brought examples of her carvings (mainly done with a Stanley knife) for us to see. Her visit to an Indian reservation in South Dakota had inspired her further. Shona then played a flute like instrument, which she had made from scratch, and her guitar. We sang along and Freda thanked her on our behalf. The raffle was won by Aldwyn and refreshments were provided by Carol and Kathleen. The competition for an item made of wood was won by Aldwyn (item from New Zealand), runner up was Avril (item from Canada) and third place went to Jean.


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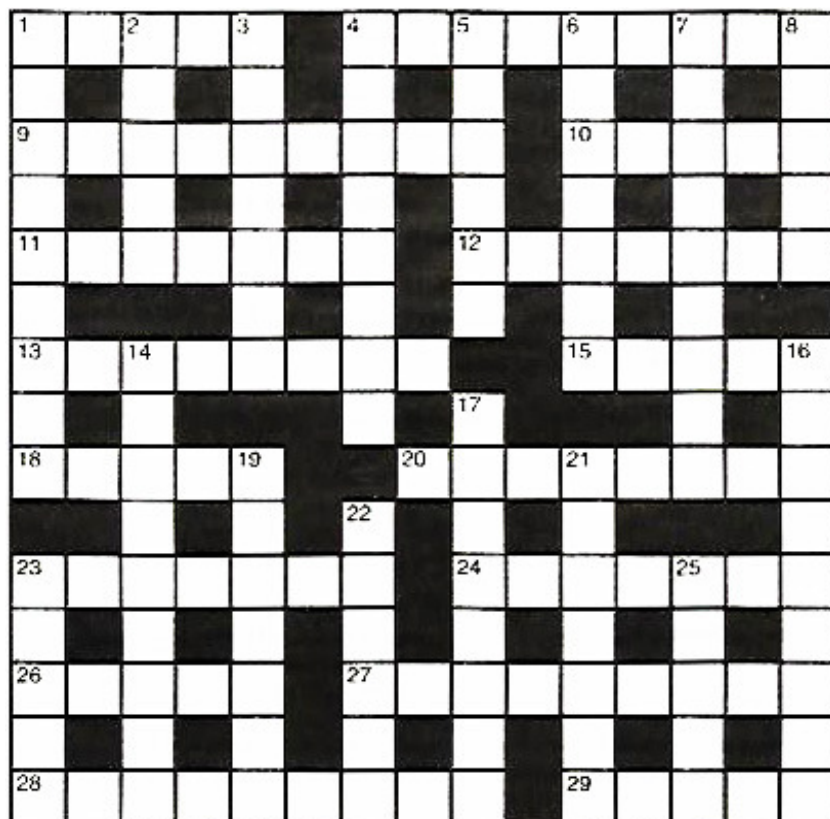
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CROSSWORD 155



ACROSS

1. Pounce (5)
4. Censure (9)
9. Hell on Earth in the margin (9)
10. Stigmatize (5)
11. I'm so new to being charmed (7)
12. First (7)
13. Boldly (8)
15. Talent (5)
18. Finance from pretend owners (5)
20. Transient stuff hem a peer (8)
23. Denouncer (7)
24. Big mistake (7)
26. Thin string (5)
27. Famous American author (4,5)
28. Riddle (9)
29. Heavy (5)

DOWN

1. Golf club (4,5)
2. Musical instrument (5)
3. Snub (3-4)
4. Daddy-long-legs (5,3)
5. Major European peninsula (6)
6. Succinctly (2,5)
7. Lifeless (9)
8. Version of the real thing (5)
14. Decrease (9)
16. Move around (9)
17. Variety found in MP's cruet (8)
19. Film genre (7)
21. August (7)
22. Vibration (6)
23. Caper (5)
25. Very small amount (5)

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD 154

ACROSS

- 1,4 Lord Lieutenant
4. See 1
9. trimmer
10. primed
11. meeting house
14. galena
16. puffed up
17. edifying
19. losing
20. conciliatory
23. cogent
25. malarkey
26. just spared
27. band

DOWN

2. on the cards
3. drift
4. lamentation
5. earth up
- 6,24. tip top
7. noiseless
8. neep
12. unfulfilled
13. runner bean
15. efficient
18. glimmer
21. throb
22. tofu
24. See 6

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

CROSSWORD 154

There were 17 entries in last month's crossword competition. Congratulations to Jim Rafferty who was the winner in the draw and will receive the £10 prize.

LAST MONTH'S SUDOKU ANSWER

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

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

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It's not often that we're given something of tremendous value for free and to use it time after time costs us nothing other than the time taken to share it with others. Whilst the author of this poem is anonymous, its message in so many ways is very important to us all as we tackle life's various challenges. Read on to find out more about this priceless gift and see what you think...

A Smile

It costs nothing, but creates much. It enriches those who receive, Without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it lasts forever.

None are so rich they can get along without it And none so poor but are richer for its benefits.

It creates happiness in the home, Fosters good will in a business, And is the countersign of friends.

It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, Sunshine to the sad, and nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen,

For it is something that is no earthly good to anybody Till it is given away.

If someone is too tired to give you a smile, Leave one of yours.

For, nobody needs a smile so much

As those who have none to give.

Evidence suggests there's actually a certain magic in our smiles. Each time we smile, our brains

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Whilst we can't always control what happens to us, gracing our face with a grin can change our internal and external experience. Surrounding ourselves with people, places and things that brighten our day can have a beneficial impact on us. By becoming more positive in everyday situations, we can all make the world a better place with our smiles. Smile and see for yourself.

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WHAT'S ON?

Community Centre

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

Coffee and Crafts On Monday April 8th from 10 am - 1 pm and Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm in Hall 2.

Whist Drive

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

Canny Café

Canny Café will be serving lunch, in All Saints' RC Parish Centre on Wednesday 17th April 12-2 pm (and every third Wednesday monthly, except August and December). If you know of someone who would like to come and you could offer a lift that would be appreciated.

Enquiries: Andrea Stoddart 520291 or email: andreamike@btinternet.com.

Lanchester Spring Clean

Saturday 30th March 9.30-12.30. Meet on the Village Green. Volunteers of all ages welcome at any time during the morning. All equipment provided but please wear strong shoes and gloves. Free juice and homemade cookies afterwards. Let's keep Lanchester litter free.

Local History Society

Subject: A Weaver goes to War

Speaker: Lynn Lamport

Date: Friday April 5th

Time: 7 pm

Venue: Lanchester Community Centre.

Instigated by the discovery of an unpromising item found in the archives, this is a fascinating story of a soldier in India.

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

Sunday Bridge

In the Community Centre on 14th April at 2.00 pm. The entrance fee is £3 and all profits to the Community Centre.

Dementia Friends Meet Again

Another popular 'Musical Memories' event will be held on Wednesday April 10th, at Lynwood House, from 2 pm until 3.30. These events are becoming increasingly popular, you don't have to be a good singer to join in, everyone enjoys the music, the games, chat over a cup of tea or coffee and meeting up with old and new friends. Whether you're someone living with conditions that affect memory, their friends or families, or just looking for a lighthearted, social gathering, you'll be made very welcome! Hope to see you then!

Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre dining room. Dr Bob Baxter, Associate Professor, Biosciences Dept, Durham University whose subject will be 'Plant and climate change: from Teesdale to the Arctic'.

Lanchester Social Club

April's entertainment is: Sat 6th Beth Bruce
Sat 13th Antonio
Sat 20th Colin Cambell
Sat 27th Dionne

Red Cross

Red Cross are holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 29th March 10 am to 12 noon in the Methodist Church Hall. There will be a cake stall with homemade produce and sale table. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lanchester Flower Club

The next meeting is in Lanchester Community Centre on Wednesday 24th April. The demonstrator will be Marion Hinchley; her theme will be 'Flowers for the Home'. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and enjoy watching an extremely good flower arranger and listen to her stories. It is a really relaxing and enjoyable afternoon. If anyone would like any information about the Flower Club then just call Helen Tomlinson 01207 503667 Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 Secretary.

Mothers' Union

Our meeting on April 10th will be a talk by Nora Loftus, a volunteer co-ordinator for Willow Burn Hospice. In this their 30th year, we will hear about the excellent work they have done and are still doing as a committed group of people in our community. We look forward to a very interesting evening.

Lanchester WI

Our next monthly meeting will be on Monday April 1st at 7.15 in the Community Centre. Zaf Iqbal will talk about 'My Muslim Faith' and our competition will be to bring along a decorated egg, a great chance to use your imagination and creativity!

Our next Coffee Morning will be on Thursday April 4th, once again in the Community Centre, from 10 am-11.30. Tickets are £1, you can pay at the door, and the price includes tea or coffee. We'll also have cakes to buy and take home, and a Bottle Tombola, with all your contributions gratefully received - all bottles welcomed - sauce, lemonade, or maybe something alcoholic!

Easter Monday Egg Bowling

The usual egg dyeing in the traditional way. Come and take part at Pace Egg Bank organised by the Lanchester Wildlife Group. Meet on April 22nd at 10 am behind the Green School and bring a raw egg.

Bowls Spring Meeting

The pre-season meeting of Lanchester Bowling Club will take place on Thursday 18th April at 7 pm in the Clubhouse. All members and any potential new members are welcome.

Men's Group

Meets in Lynwood House on the last Tuesday of each month at 1.30 pm until 3 pm. There is no charge and tea and biscuits are provided. Enjoy a laugh and a chat or a game of dominoes or draughts. Assistance with travel may be possible. If you would like to book a place please call 07808 243720, Connecting Communities, British Red Cross.

Dementia Friends

Information Sessions

Whether you care for someone living with dementia, you're a local business or organisation, or you're generally interested in knowing more, these friendly sessions will increase your understanding and help you think about small things you can do to make a difference in your community.

The next session will be held on April 11th, in Lanchester Methodist Church at 1 pm.

To sign up, search for Dementia Friends Information Sessions, or use this address: www.dementiafriends.org.uk/WEBSession

Library Book Club

On Monday April 29th at 2.30-3.30 pm, the group will be discussing 'Silent Scream' by Angela Marsons. A New Voice and Bestseller British Crime Fiction. If you enjoy Angela's books, come along and join the discussion.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday April 18th from 5.30-6.30 pm, the discussion will be on 'Bones in the Nest' by Helen Cadbury. If you would like to join this group, pop into the library and pick up this book.

Chatterbooks

Will be held on Monday April 8th 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 or contact 03000 269514.

Future dates are May 13th, June 10th and July 8th.

Toddler Time

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

Cuppa and Company

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April 12th, noon to 2 pm, in Lynwood House. If anyone new would like to join can they call 07808 243720. Barbara Webb

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be held on April 18th at 1.30 pm in the Small Hall of the Community Centre. Anthea Lang will be giving a talk entitled 'From here to Eternity'. Sounds interesting! Look forward to seeing you all there.

Cuppa & Chat

Every Tuesday during term time 1.30-3.10 in All Saints' RC Parish Centre. All are welcome to come for a cuppa and cake. No charge, donations always welcome. Toys and crafts for under 5s. Rather than sit in your car with the engine on, come and join us for a friendly chat and a cuppa. Email andrea.mike@btinternet.com, tel 01207 520291.

Paradiso Social Club

The next Social will be held on Sunday 14th April at 7 pm in the Main Hall of the Community Centre. There will be the usual raffle, refreshments and the screening of a film at 7.30pm.

The film we are showing is an award winning film, 'THE KID WITH A BIKE'. This is a Belgian drama film in which a 12 year old boy, abandoned by his father, is left in state care. He finds a new friend in a local hairdresser who takes pity on him and agrees to foster him on weekends. It explores themes of parenthood, trust and love.

Ticket entry:

£2.50 members

£3.50 occasional visitors

£2 young persons

Ticket covers entry to raffle, refreshments and film. All are welcome.

An Invitation to a Party

To celebrate the new Helen McArdle wing and 30 years of continuous service to the people of Derwentside, Willow Burn Hospice is holding a celebration Ball on Friday 26th April at the Black Horse Beamish at 7 pm.

The themed Masquerade Ball is a black tie event. A fabulous three course meal will be followed by a live entertainment group, whose speciality is soul music, followed by dancing till midnight. One lucky person will have the chance to win expensive jewellery/watch, valued to £1000. The event is supported by Barclays Bank.

Tickets can be secured by contacting Paul Jackson on 07957 871106 or email Lanchesterinvestments@hotmail.com

Satley WI

Our next meeting will be on April 8th at 7.15 pm in Satley Parish Hall when our speaker will be Carolyn Hough from 'The Canny Kitchen' who is returning, by popular request, to provide another cookery demonstration. Please feel free to join us.

Musical Memories

Our next musical afternoon will be held on April 10th, 2 - 3.30 pm, at Lynwood House.

CRICKET NEWS

By the time you read this, the season will only be three weeks away starting over Easter for the two main senior teams, with the thirds starting on 28th April. The thirds start with a home game against Stocksfield and then a trip to Alnmouth. The thirds start home to last year's division 2 champions, Peterlee before heading over to Bill Quay. The club welcomes back Aussie first grade cricketer Dan Nicotra, who played here in 2016. In that season Dan made 1100 runs at an average over 40 and took 41 wickets. He will expect to open the batting with new

signing Kieron Gohery, whilst we are delighted to have hung on to Graham Brinton. That top three could see us pushing for promotion to the NEPL this year. The seconds will hope to go one better this time around and top their division to get promotion in the NTCL, with Tynedale likely to be the main opposition again. Andy Allen will miss the third team opening fixture as he jogs round London (see article below) and the team will be in the capable hands of Duncan Morris that day. There's a change to the under 18s and 19s

with their fixtures alternating weeks throughout the season with fewer teams competing in both age groups. The under 15s will be very competitive despite being a year younger than their opponents and may well surprise a lot of teams. We are still looking for new players in the under 11 age group and would welcome anyone along on a Saturday morning if they want to give it a go. Let's hope John Bell can do his magic on the ground and for some good weather to start the season.

ALL STARS CRICKET

When the website opened, bookings have been flooding in. At the time of going to press we have 35 5-8 year olds signed up for this great project. If you haven't done it and you are still interested, you can still sign up as we don't start until 31st May. It has been great to see that at least a third of the numbers will

be girls and we do have a female activator too. When you sign up, your child gets a bag with their own cap, shirt, bat and ball as well as sticker books. There will be something for the parents too. Helen and Vicky of Centurion events and catering will be putting on food to be served in our refurbished dining end of the club, so

you can grab a bite to eat either as the kids play or once they have finished and of course the bar will be open. We also hope to stage cup ties on Fridays so that there are cricket matches to watch immediately afterwards. It is a very exciting step for the club this year and it looks like it will be a great success.

ANDY ALLEN AND THE DEFIBRILLATOR

It was mentioned previously that the Cricket Club are looking to purchase a heart defibrillator. We want to get one which can be kept outdoors so that anyone can access it if the necessity ever arises.

They cost over £1500 to purchase so we need to do a bit of fundraising to be able to do so. Our third team captain, Andy Allen is going to take part in the London Marathon on April 28th and is looking for donations towards the purchase of the defibrillator. A funding page has been set up on [gofundme](https://www.gofundme.com) so that anyone can make a donation. It will say that the money is going to Andy but that is because we want to send some money to a second worthwhile cause and that is Wards 4 and 14 at the RVI where they treat child cancer patients. The prime aim is the defibrillator as we have had two players who suffered heart attacks

during 2018, one of which did happen during a game. By getting one which will go outside, it will mean that it is available to anyone including the footballers or people walking their dogs or exercising on the fields or nearby Valley Walk. Once it is in place, it will go on a national network, so that when you ring for an ambulance and if you require it, you will be directed to the club and given the code to get into it. You should never worry about using one as they are designed to be simple to use and you can't accidentally shock someone. We all hope that it goes unused, but it will be reassuring to have one available.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

We didn't go very far from home last time out, but it was a world away or seemed to be. The Pavilion at Iveston, our very own Chinese restaurant - the Orient on our doorstep. It is always an absolute delight to go there and this time was no exception. For February the weather was amazing, it seemed like a summer's day and the views from

the Pavilion are just lovely. The greeting is always welcoming and the prawn crackers totally scrumptious. We had the lunch menu which is £17.95.

Chicken and sweet corn soup was swiftly followed by all the delicious appetisers that you could go on eating forever. We then had a variety of the main course dishes served

with egg fried rice and more scrumptious prawn crackers.

It was all out of this world delicious. And we were then offered a complimentary liqueur - it was iced Baileys all round.

The Pavilion is 'second to none' and we will be back for more of the same anytime soon.

The Gourmet Girls

AN EASTER OFFERING



The complete choir, soloists and accompanist in the Methodist Church at the performance of 'An Easter Offering' where we heard works by Maunder, Vivaldi and Handel. See page 9 for the report.

A TASTE OF SPRING



This year's Spring produced a wonderful display of crocuses on the bypass.



Ronnie Allaker's beautiful study of crocuses.



A superb floral scene in the Village Centre.



The entrance to the King's Head brightened up by this show of daffodils.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please send any **articles** for the next edition of the Village Voice by Tuesday 16th April.
The deadline for **adverts** is Friday 12th April.

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