

# the Village Voice

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## Lanchester Baton Bearers

As we reported last month, Steven White and Eric Hepplewhite were selected to be Batonbearers for the Birmingham 2022 Queen's Baton Relay for the Commonwealth Games. They duly did their leg of the relay on 14th July 2022.



**Cooper - boy or girl?**  
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## Wild Notes and Lanchester Wildlife Group Field trip

### Peat, poo, fur and feeding stations

A joint venture with Weardale Wildlife Group took us into the Durham Dales within the North Pennine AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) in early July. We were on the trail of water voles, Britain's fastest declining mammal, and also to take a look at the peatland restoration on the moors between St John's Chapel and Langdon Beck. Our grand finale was a meadow dripping with orchids including Lesser Butterfly and Fragrant, the latter certainly lives up to its name.

The voles are elusive, often hidden by vegetation or in their burrows in the bankside of streams. So we discover where they are by looking for their latrines (small piles of 'tic tac' shaped poo, often green, but it depend on their diet); these latrine sites are created along their territories. They also leave small piles of ready chopped vegetation as future feeding stations to return to munch; they chew off the stems of vegetation at 45 degrees and leave a small pile of stem 5–10cm long. They can be confused with rats, but rats have larger prominent ears with less fur around them. Voles have blunt non-pointed noses and tails with fur on them and have chestnut-brown fur compared to a rat's grey-brown. Naturally Native is a Wildlife Trusts project helping water voles, if you find signs of voles or want to volunteer:- <https://www.durhamwt.co.uk/naturally-native> or [NaturallyNative@durhamwt.co.uk](mailto:NaturallyNative@durhamwt.co.uk)

**Find out more:** <https://watervole.org.uk/>

Be enticed to visit the Durham Dales this August for the heather in bloom and plenty of butterflies to record on the Big Butterfly count – it doesn't have to be your garden! Our next Wildlife Group trip is to the Hownsgill Viaduct area, a joint venture with Durham Wildlife Trust Botany group. In the hot sunny weather, a trip to a pond usually yields dragonflies and damselflies, vibrant competition for the butterflies. Locally, Malton and Burnhope Pond Nature Reserves are usually sites to search, but not so good if the water level is very low.

Remember water for wildlife, particularly during the drought (last time I wrote that it rained!).



Above: Fragrant orchids  
Cover: Lesser butterfly orchids  
Cover: Heather and peacock butterfly  
Above: Vole latrines!  
Cover: Water Voles

## "Luke the Link" receives a commendation

On Monday 12th July, a group of supporters of the Village Link Bus gathered in the summer sunshine on the village green, waiting for the bus to arrive. At 1.30pm, spot on time, Luke Stone the driver, arrived with his precious cargo of regular customers. He's been doing this four times every working day for many years.

The occasion was the presentation of a special commendation to Luke for his services to public health during Covid. During Covid lockdowns, the number of passengers declined sharply. Luke took the initiative. He started to fit in errands for regular passengers, and others, in addition to his normal job of driving the bus on its usual route. These errands included buying groceries, collecting prescriptions, getting cash, etc. To date he has done about 1,300 of them. He has made a big difference to the lives of many, generally elderly, people.

County Councillor Doug Oliver presented Luke with a certificate on behalf of the County Council, and he was also presented with a special card from users of the bus. Regular passengers recounted innumerable stories of the difference Luke has made by enabling them to access the shops and services in the village centre.

The link bus service has been in operation for over 20 years. It is operated by Stanley Travel on behalf of the Lanchester Partnership. The Lanchester Partnership pays ¾ of the cost and Durham County Council pays ¼. The event was also attended by Helen Pinkney from mid Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP) which has recently agreed a significant grant to the service and a representative sent by Richard Holden, our local MP.

The Lanchester Partnership is incredibly grateful to all the individuals and organisations who have made donations (however small) to the service, and we look forward to your continuing support in making this unique service viable in the years to come.

**Long Live Luke the Link!**



Top: Luke with regular passengers  
Below: Luke with the presentation group



## Reverend Stephen Martin's Ordination

Everyone loves a celebration and last weekend All Saints Parish Church had a wonderful celebration. It is one year since Reverend Stephen Martin came to be curate at that church and on Saturday July 2nd, he was ordained priest in Durham Cathedral by the Bishop of Durham, The Right Reverend Paul Butler. It was a momentous occasion for him and his family, namely Mandy his wife and three delightful daughters, Gracie, Niamh and Erin. Gracie the eldest was heard to say in the Chapter House, 'We were all so proud of him'.

A full bus from All Saints' congregation attended the service which, as befits such an occasion, was very dignified and inspirational. Stephen's ministry during the past year has been very productive. He works with Lesley in all three churches of which she is priest in charge, St. John's Burnhope, St. Thomas's Harelaw, and, of course, All Saints' Lanchester. Stephen has always referred to Lesley as his boss and takes the work that she gives him to do in the three churches very seriously and he has shown himself to be very caring with a gift of connecting with people in a relaxed and easy way. He has a sense of humour which has brought a smile to everyone's face at some time or other and a ripple of laughter is heard on many occasions when he is present. He enjoys talking and empathising with people and can effortlessly stand alongside anyone in trouble or need and give them the support they need. He is a firm believer in the power of prayer which has brought comfort and hope to many people, not only within the parish church, but also in the community of Lanchester, a village which he has come to love dearly.

The congregation wanted to show Stephen their appreciation for his ministry during the past year and a buffet lunch was planned for the Sunday after his ordination. This also marked the occasion of it being the first time at which Stephen presided at the Eucharist as priest. Margaret Walters, who

organised the buffet, tried very hard to keep it a secret so that it would be a big surprise, little knowing that Stephen had organised his own very big surprise. At the end of the service Stephen suddenly produced what can only be described as a giant 'Party Popper' which exploded when he pulled the string hanging from the bottom of it to release into the air giant confetti. The loud bang produced by the Party Popper resounded loud and clear making some people jump. You could say the whole celebration went with a bang. It certainly made everyone smile, which of course epitomises Stephen greatly.

The smiles continued as everyone went into the Chapter House for the buffet. Tables were laid with a splendid buffet provided by members of All Saints' church family and the choice of drinks was red or white wine, orange juice, tea or coffee. Conversation flowed freely as the congregation and visitors got together. Several of Stephen's clergy friends were in attendance and they certainly enjoyed the fellowship and happy joyous atmosphere which pervaded throughout the luncheon.

Jennifer Guy brought in a very handsome cake which someone had made for the occasion and Jenny had decorated it beautifully with blue satin ribbon and blue piping depicting crosses and the words 'Congratulations Reverend Stephen'. There was even a clever photograph on the top of the cake of a chalice and paten which are essentials for the eucharist service. After a few congratulatory words about Stephen's ministry and ordination from Lesley, Stephen, with a little help from his daughters, cut the first slice of cake with great aplomb prompting a loud cheer. Stephen was also given a monetary gift from the congregation to mark their appreciation of the work he has done in the

parish during the last year. The good-natured banter, laughter, lots of chatter and eating lasted well into the afternoon. The occasion will be remembered for a very long time.

*Well done and thank you Stephen.*

**Brenda Craddock.**



Above: Stephen with his three daughters, L-R Gracie, Niamh, Erin.



Above left: Ordination in progress

Above: Celebration cake

Left: Stephen, with his wife Mandy

## Fundraising for Alzheimer's and Ukraine

Hi, my name is Mia and I'm 12 years old (soon to be 13). I live in Lanchester and attended All Saints Primary before moving to Wolsingham Secondary School where I'm in year 8. My family has been brought up in Lanchester and my grandparents also live here. We sadly lost my Grandad (Joe Bennett) to Covid in February 2021. He was a proud member of the village community. Many of you may have known him over the years he lived here; he was a member of the Methodist Church, sang and played his guitar with the worship group, sang in the circuit choir and with the Male Voice choir, and spent many years playing bowls at the bowling club. He was an officer in the Boys' Brigade, a senior building control officer for Derwentside District Council before retiring, drew building plans, spent hours on his allotment and was very generous with his time and support.

Joe had 3 children: Alistair, Gillian (my mum) and Michael who all attended the E.P. and was proudly married to my Nanna, Joyce. He was diagnosed with Alzheimer's about ten years ago and sadly this stopped him doing lots of the things he loved, but it never stopped him remembering any of us or loving us. As we lost him during the pandemic, we were unable to celebrate his life and love in the way we would have liked. So, I set myself a challenge to raise some money to support the Alzheimer's Society in his memory. I am aiming to cover a total of 176km in the gym over a number of sessions to represent the 176,000 people diagnosed with Alzheimer's in County Durham.

I have also been very upset by the events in Ukraine and I gave up lots of my spare time to help sort and pack donations to send to Poland and Ukraine. I decided to try and raise some money to support orphans in Ukraine by raising money for "Under The Same Moon" using one of my favourite hobbies, swimming. Owing to my fundraising I have been honoured to be named Young Fundraiser by them. I aim to swim 2022 lengths of a 25m pool to represent the 2022 miles from my house to Mariupol before the 24th August, which is the launch night for this organisation. I will continue to support them after this challenge.

I have been amazed by the support I have received so far and would like to thank everyone who has supported me and donated to my fundraiser for these two causes. There have been some very generous donations from members of the village community, including members and players of Lanchester Cricket Club who are displaying a poster for me and have a tin on the bar to collect loose change, and some people who know our family. If anyone would like to read more about what I'm up to or would like to donate, please follow the link to my donation page which my mum keeps updated with my progress or catch my mum or dad and they can add cash donations on:

<https://gofund.me/b9cbb841>

**Thank you once again**  
**Mia Kennington**



Top: Joe Bennett  
Below: Mia Kennington

## Humanitarian help for Ukraine

Once again, the folk of County Durham have been so generous. At our last coffee morning, held in aid of HUMANITARIAN HELP FOR UKRAINE, we managed to raise over £600. This was added to £243 raised collecting at the Empire the night before and £72 raised at a tombola held at Lanchester Show's fun day, raising almost £1000 in 2 days.

We will be hosting the next coffee morning, again at Lanchester Methodist Church, on 23rd of July so you will be able to see how well we did in the next Village Voice. Thank you to everyone supporting, it's really great what all the individual groups are doing in our area.

We also have a larger event planned for 26th August which will be a 70s/80s disco which will be held at Consett Rugby club. Only £5 a ticket. We also have street food available to buy. Posters will be going up shortly. Any queries contact Kathryn Rooney on 07859896478.

Following this we hope to share the news of exactly where the aid has gone.

## All Saints' Parish Church Fair

A church fair with an appropriate theme of sunshine and strawberries proved a huge success at Lanchester Parish Church.

Held on Saturday, July 9, the morning of the Wimbledon Ladies' tennis final, the fair was well attended whilst a large barrel organ outside proved a popular attraction.

*(see front cover photo)*

As well as a raffle and tombola there were refreshments of cakes and savouries, handcrafted goods, coffee, teas and strawberry scones. £870 was raised.

**Neil McKay**



## Lanchester Local History Society needs you

I don't know if you are aware but the society has been going since 1968, when it was set up by a group of locals who had outgrown the space in each other's kitchens to chat about the local past. Over the years the group has produced some worthy newsletters all available to be seen by visiting our pages on the [www.durhamweb.org.uk](http://www.durhamweb.org.uk) website. We are listed under Local History Societies in the Durham County Local History Society section.

At our last meeting in July, we had an exceptional session with Rodney Hawkins the Chair of Friends of Longovicium. He enlightened us on all the amazing evidence about the time of the Romans in Lanchester that lies beneath the surface of the land. Not trinkets or baubles but genuine geophysical lines and

landscape uncovered by modern archaeological methods. However, after a challenging couple of years we find ourselves struggling for members and folks to give a hand at meetings. We are down to a committee of 2 so keeping things afloat is getting difficult. We are due to hold our annual general meeting at the September (Friday 2nd in room 3 at the community centre) session and I fear we just won't be able to keep going. It would be sad if Lanchester Local History joined the past history of the village.

We have a meeting booked for 7pm on Friday August 5th with a talk from an excellent speaker, Richard Pears: Mines and Mansions a history of Whickham, from Roman times to today.

**Please come and join us, you would be most welcome.**

## Under the Same Moon – charity to help people from Ukraine

We've had yet another busy month which thankfully means we get to send lots of money for food and medical supplies into Ukraine.

My first thoughts must be with a man who was behind us 100% and gave us lots of good advice when we had our meetings with him. Father Dermott

Donnelly was a great man with a brilliant sense of humour. We know he was looking forward to a couple of our functions. Joanna's leaving do and our VIP launch night - more of which later. RIP Father you will be a massive miss to many including ourselves.

On the 23rd of July our trustee Joanna Soulsby will be heading into Ukraine to visit 3 orphanages and a hospice/care home that we have been helping to provide food and medicine for. The orphanages have 160 children in them with many not knowing if their parents are alive or not. It is a desperate place with very few toys and things so we are trying to fundraise not only for food and medicine but toys and arts and craft things as this will also help with coping with the trauma. So, on the 19th of July we held a wave off fundraiser at the Crown and Crossed Swords, Shotley Bridge, for which we asked local children to write a note of support and love so Joanne can let the children know they haven't been forgotten. She will deliver these personally.

*The send-off for Joanna Soulsby – from left to right Fiona Selby, Joanna Soulsby (wearing the protective hat), Katie Brown, Mary Jo Bunting. All trustees of the charity.*



This brings me on to a bit of a moan. I've been trying to get permission from whoever to hold a book stall on Lanchester Front Street; I was given permission and then I wasn't. It seems to me that nobody has a clue to be honest. But fingers crossed I've spoken to someone who has told me they will try and sort

it out. We can get the documents to send a lady into a war zone, yet we can't sell a book in Lanchester to raise funds for the same place!!!!

29th of July is Tapas Night: £15.00 a head with two forms of entertainment at Lanchester social club. Tickets still available from Fiona Selby 07539201007 or contact me on Facebook or email me through our Facebook page "Under the Same Moon".

24th of August is our launch day. We are having a family fun day at Crinnions garden where we will have lots of entertainment and plenty for the kids to do. All are welcome. We've chosen this date as it is Ukraine Independence Day. This is also the day we are hosting our

VIP event in Durham.

We have a shopping extravaganza in Stanley at the Louisa centre on the 3rd of September. We have many, many stalls but we can always fit more. The cost is £20 per table plus £5 for the fundraising efforts.

**I also need to mention a very special young lady whom we have named our young fundraiser - Mia Kennington. She is sharing her donations 50/50 with Under the Same Moon and the Alzheimer's society in memory of her grandad. (See the separate article on Mia and her grandad, Joe Bennett).**

**Fiona Selby**

*NB This charity is separate to the Humanitarian Help for Ukraine group reported on elsewhere in this edition.*

## Cooper - boy or girl?

*(featured on the front cover)*

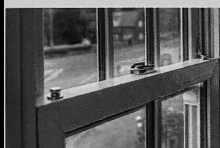
The Genome Centre in Lanchester recently had a very interesting project! The ChXout® Team (part of the Genome Centre) recently had the pleasure of testing a Humboldt Penguin sample from Blair Drummond Safari Park to find out if little Cooper is a boy or a girl! The Humboldt Penguin (*Spheniscus humboldti*) is from South America living mostly off the coast of Peru. Populations are sadly thought to be in decline due to hunting, over-fishing and the worry of climate change.

The species is recorded as vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.

**How cute is Cooper?! Who is a girl!**

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**Cheers David & Caroline**





## Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

On Friday 1st July Rodney Hawkins gave a talk to the Lanchester History Society explaining some of the results of the geomagnetic surveys that have taken place since 2008 on the fort and surrounding civilian settlement. This was well received with some interesting questions afterwards.

There will be no monthly meeting in August, so the next one will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22nd September in the Community Centre.

One of the projects that the Friends are engaged in is an investigation of Roman altars depicting frogs or toads! It seems that Longovicium (Lanchester) may be unique in having such altars. We know of five small altars depicting a frog or toad with no inscription on them, so we don't know who or what was being honoured.

**If anybody has one of these altars, or has any information on them, please contact Mrs M Williams (01207 520063) or Rodney Hawkins (hawkins\_15@sky.com.)**



## Christian Aid 'Time 4 Tea' afternoon

The last three years of collecting door to door for Christian Aid has not been possible due to Covid and so of course the charity has missed out on an awful lot of money. This is a charity from which thousands of people, worldwide, benefit and in view of this it was decided by those who organise the door to door collecting, to hold a fundraising event for this important charity. A date was set for Friday July 1st and the venue was the Methodist Church. The ecumenical Christian Aid fundraising group organised the afternoon beautifully, with some help from friends, and sold tickets costing £5 bearing the words 'Time 4 Tea'. The ticket bought you tea/coffee and an afternoon tea consisting of delicious scones, pieces of tray bake and slices of cake. All the eats were amazing as they were all homemade and given through the kindness of so many friends and former collectors for Christian Aid. There was such a variety of sweet and savoury.

The Methodist Church was packed to capacity, and everyone was soon busy chatting to their table mates or to the waitresses who were there to pour teas and coffees and to supply more food if needed. The atmosphere throughout the afternoon was one of joy and happiness and the team deserve a big thankyou for such a splendid event. What made it extra special was that once again all three churches were involved and worked together for the good of all. Lanchester is getting really good at that! Altogether £805 was raised and somewhere the money has given someone a better chance at life. Splendid!

**Brenda Craddock**

*The Methodist Church was packed to capacity, and everyone was soon busy chatting to their table mates or to the waitresses*



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## Jonty Lakin

The photo opposite is of the late Jonty Lakin of Church View, Lanchester, demonstrating to staff at Beamish Museum how his pitman father bathed when he came home from the pit at the end of each shift. He would never have his back washed - many pitmen thought that this would weaken the back.

Jonty had worked at Buckham's Sawmill, next to the station, as a "saw doctor", sharpening the saw blades. He then worked for Brown the builder on many local buildings, followed by work for Lawrence Tully at Eurochem, Langley Park, before finishing his working life restoring Home Farm and its buildings at Beamish.

Jonty had many skills - joinery, stonework, plumbing, car maintenance, water divining, fishing and even as a teller of "Tall Stories" about village life.

***Hope this may be of interest.***

***John and Rosy Gall***



## Picking Up The Threads at Ushaw:

### Historic House & Gardens

#### Take a Stitch 2 Durham Exhibition

Come and see this exciting exhibition, open daily, 11am - 4pm. Open until August 29th.

Formally Durham Embroiderers Guild, we now meet at Lanchester Community Centre on the second Saturday of the month. We are an independent group of creative textile artists and stitchers, who share an interest in all manner of textiles. We enjoy all styles of stitched textiles from the very traditional, to cutting edge contemporary work with mixed media.

The photograph below is of a collaborative piece of work showing a scene from Durham. It has been much admired by visitors to our exhibition. The piece was made for the group's 25-year anniversary, members used different techniques in the piece.

***If you feel inspired to pick up a needle with our group, contact our secretary at [Tas2durham@gmail.com](mailto:Tas2durham@gmail.com).***



## ***Dozens of objections have already been made by local residents to a plan to build a solar farm at Maiden Law.***

(We originally reported this in the May 2022 issue, which contains a site plan.)

Most of the objections come from residents of Burnhope, but also many from Lanchester, who claim the 215 acre site would be a blot on the horizon.

The application is for land east of Edge Lane, Maiden Law, close to, but not apparently encroaching upon, the Chapman's Well Nature Reserve.

The proposal is being led by lightsourcebp. It aims to produce nearly 52,000 megawatt hours of electricity per year, enough to supply the energy needs of nearly 14,000 households.

But while the proposal is welcomed by some environmentalists, there have been some scathing criticisms in objections received by the planning authority, Durham County Council.

A typical response was: "I fully object given the amount of space and land this is going to cover on the doorstep of where I live. It is between residential areas and completely

inappropriate."

North West Durham MP Richard Holden has been canvassing residents on their views.

He said: "Like many of my constituents, I back solar power in principle as a green form of energy that will help our efforts to reduce carbon emissions and contribute to our government's strong world-leading efforts to tackle global warming.

However, some residents have expressed concern about the scope of the application, and I encourage residents to share their feedback with me and local Councillors for Lanchester ward - which includes Burnhope and Maiden Law - Mike McGaun and Doug Oliver.

"A particular area of concern is visibility regarding the site, lightsourcebp have said that they will encourage feedback about wilding features and landscaping measures, and I encourage people let me know what measures might improve the current proposals - I look forward to hearing from you."

***Neil McKay***



## Dear Village...

*The views expressed in letters to the editor are not necessarily those of the newspaper, the editor or persons working for the newspaper. The editor retains the right to cut or amend any letter published. Letters must contain your name, address and telephone no, all of which may be withheld at your request.*



### **Good evening from Wheatley, Oxfordshire.**

Why an email from here?

Well, I was born in Croft View Lanchester and want to share some good news for the village to hear.

I was fortunate to be awarded the MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list in 2021 for my services to Operational Meteorology.

I was able to attend the Investiture on 8th June this year at Windsor Castle and was presented with the award by HRH Prince Charles.

A marvellous day and so proud to be there. I had my 45 seconds of private chat and was so impressed by his knowledge of all those receiving awards.

I do have form though with the Village Voice. You posted a picture of me whilst I was on Operational duty in Afghanistan with the RAF Mobile Met Unit (MMU). I have now completed 81 Operational tours and 67 Exercise deployments with the MMU and as you can see on my uniform quite a few medal ribbons.

I attended Lanchester EP between 1962 and 1968 and remember the day well we moved from the Community Centre (old school) to the new school in the field opposite where I was born.

My other claim to fame is that I was the last official clock winder for the church before the mechanism was electrified back in 1973. A way of getting me to go to church on a daily basis! Was paid £1.50/month.

I return to Lanchester 4 times a year as my Mam still lives in Ford Crescent.

**Best wishes.**

**Squadron Leader Kenneth Horn MBE**



## Beer Festival

The eighth Beer Festival went ahead over the Jubilee weekend with the blessing of some decent weather. With lots of other events taking place due to the Jubilee, we expected numbers to be down slightly and that proved to be true.

The Thursday night was busier than normal, and the crowd were entertained by C-Collective.

Friday's lead act was local band Radio Star and whilst numbers were down on the Friday, there was still a decent crowd. Remember Ed Sheeran was on at the Stadium of Light. Saturday's headliners were Da Coda and by the end they were in front of a packed tent. Abi Martin and Feedback who are both from Lanchester were also given the opportunity to show people what they were made of and went down well. There was a bit of disappointment for organisers as two advertised singers pulled out in the days leading up to the event. Once again, we were indebted to the many people who sponsored the event in various ways, but especially to AquAid who were the event sponsor. AquAid have been generous in their support and have helped with shirt sponsorship too.

***We hope that everyone had a great time and hope to see you all next year!***



## All Stars and Dynamos

This year's All Stars came to an end on Friday 1st July, and they were honoured with a visit by the All Stars mascot Twinkle! This was the third year for All Stars and we had 70 children enrolled, with an average of 60 turning up most weeks. We only lost one week to rain (and thunder) and the final week was an extended session to make up, but the rain threatened throughout that one too. Ben Holden did a fantastic job in winding the kids up at the start and then Fiona Holden and Jonathan Hames, with support from some of the junior players, made sure that they had a great session and enjoyed themselves. A good feature throughout was that we were able to get a food vendor there every week apart from the final one, which added to the evening's entertainment. Thank you to everyone who came along, and it would be great if some of the children got a taste for cricket and started playing regularly.

Dynamos, which is the follow on for All Stars for children aged 9-11, starts on Tuesday 26th July. It consists of four two hour sessions over the two week period.

***Go to ECB Clubspark to sign up.***





## Notes from the House

There is no question that it has been a difficult few weeks for my party in Westminster, with the Prime Minister having now resigned.

Whilst the leadership contest is in an early stage, as a local Member of Parliament, I will do my level best to ensure we pause and reflect on what has happened and choose

the best leader for our party, who in turn can best lead our country at this difficult time.

Locally, many people have been contacting me again in the last few weeks about the cost of petrol – this is a particular concern in a large rural constituency like our own. One group that I am particularly concerned about are district nurses who travel great distances across rural North West Durham providing care for local people. Currently the NHS provides 56p for the first 3,500 miles but only 20p thereafter. This used to be sufficient, but given recent petrol hikes, I have asked the Treasury and the Department for Health to focus on this in a debate in the House of Commons.

Another local matter that has created some interest lately is the situation regarding the proposed solar array between Burnhope and Maiden Law – an area I know a large number of people from Lanchester like to walk. Whilst I have no role in planning matters as a Member of Parliament, I always

pass on concerns to Durham County Council who do. The application remains at an early stage, but I will discuss this with residents and the applicants in due course to ensure communication is clear and residents are informed. My thoughts this month have been dominated by the premature and tragic death of Father Dermott Donnelly parish priest of Stanley, Byermoor and Dipton. Only a few days before he was taken ill, it was my pleasure to meet with Father Donnelly at Emmaus Youth Village on the far side of Consett from Lanchester near Allensford. He was fresh from celebrating the 30th Anniversary of his Ordination and tales of the groups of young people who had travelled from near and far – literally from Lanchester to Las Vegas and the Philippines.

Without being of the Catholic faith it was easy to see how transformational Father Donnelly's work for young people had been. Father Donnelly was one of countless people I have met in North West Durham – of all faiths and none – who commit themselves selflessly to others and I have frequently been humbled by this on visits to the constituency. My thoughts are with those who worked with and his brother Declan and family at this time.

As always, if you want to get in touch, or I can help in any way, please email me on richard.holden.mp@parliament.uk

**Richard Holden**



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### Willow Burn News

#### Consett and District Sunderland Supporters' Association boosts fundraising total to £46,000 with latest donation for Willow Burn

Consett and District Sunderland Supporters' Association boosts fundraising total to £46,000 with latest donation for Willow Burn Hospice of £3000.

Over the years, the Consett and District SA has fundraised through various events, including a talk-in with Darren Williams and annual barbeques and raffles.

Next season, the members have pledged to hit £50,000 which will be an incredible achievement and valuable to the hospice.

Rachel Todd, Head of Fundraising and Marketing at Willow Burn Hospice said:

"It was a pleasure to meet the committee and members on Saturday night at their annual barbeque. It is a common misconception that hospices are fully funded by the NHS but Willow Burn only receives 46% of its income from this source, which means that community fundraising like this is vital to future of the hospice and the care we provide. I look forward to working with Consett SAFC Supporters' Association in the next season and helping them to achieve their £50,000 target." The Consett and District Sunderland Supporters' Association was founded in 1995 and since then has amassed hundreds of members. They provide transport to all home fixtures at the Stadium of Light, while also hosting various fundraising events throughout the year.

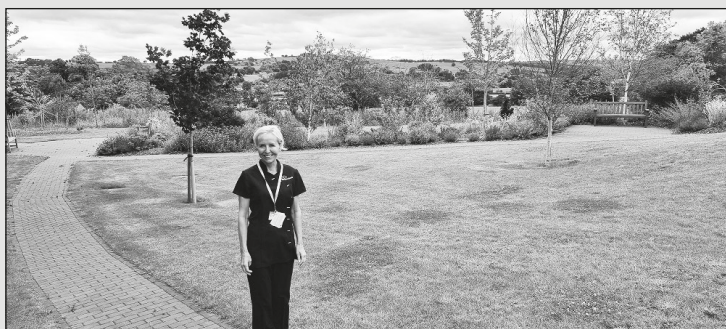
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With thanks to our funders Hospice UK and the Masonic Charitable Foundation.



### Police Report

Hello, a brief update from PCSO 8722 Andrew Tonge from Consett Neighbourhood Police and what has been happening recently. There has been an increase in thefts of motor vehicles, particularly Range Rovers/Land Rovers. Generally, these have been without keys, so I would offer advice to ensure vehicles are locked securely as well as using faraday bags/cages. These stop the signal from keys being transferred by other devices.

I attended Lanchester All Saints Primary School recently to discuss crimes and criminal responsibility and the ways in which crimes can be resolved. This was delivered to Years 5 & 6, as the majority of these will be at the age of criminal responsibility so it was used to highlight that they would now be responsible for their actions. The children interacted extremely well, giving some good examples, and discussed different crimes and the impacts these could have on not only victims but the person committing the crimes also. We are looking to work with the community to help make the area you live in a better one. So, if you have any information you want to share, please get in touch and let me know or speak with Crimestoppers anonymously.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to get in touch via email, [tonge@durham.police.uk](mailto:tonge@durham.police.uk) or you can call 101, select option 1 and enter extension 208722. This is for general use and incidents shouldn't be reported this way.

**Please report any incidents via 101 (or the online report form) or 999 in an emergency.**



## Thursday Club

On June 23rd we went down to Thornton Hall Gardens for our day trip out. They are only open for a few days in the summer, some days are open to anyone, and a few are for pre-booked coach groups when only a few folks are there. We were pre-booked; Sue Manners, the owner and the lady who does most of the gardening, was there to meet us, give us a short talk on the history of the hall and then a tour of the gardens, which are quite exquisite.

Beautiful borders full of summer colour, ponds with myriads of darting fluorescent dragonflies, lots of shady seating - some outside and some in gorgeous summerhouses. Lots of interesting plants, lots of which that we could buy and bring home.

Afternoon tea had been booked and was set up for us in an old covered barn area, just what we needed. The weather was absolutely glorious, and it was a welcome interlude to sit down inside away from the sun. The tea itself was scrumptious - everything you'd expect and then some more.

We came away having enjoyed a very good afternoon out - one that lifted spirits and left a really feel-good feeling in its wake.



It's that time again where we say goodbye for the summer!  
(Well not entirely this year due to our KoGs Do Summer Club!)

For those of you who can't attend our KoGs Do Summer Sessions, we hope you have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you on  
Monday 5th September.

For those joining us during summer all the information is as follows:  
We will meet as normal in the Methodist Church for usual KoGs activities  
(Games, Arts & Crafts, Drama, Dancing, Bible Study, Messy Games)  
PLUS extras!

**Monday 25th July – 2pm to 6pm**  
**Monday 1st August – 2pm to 6pm**  
**Monday 8th August – 2pm to 6pm**  
**Monday 15th August – 2pm to 6pm**  
**Sessions will cost £2 per person per session**  
**(usual £2 per person KoGs Subs)**

If you wish to join us in September here is all the information you need!  
We are open to everyone aged school years 5+ and meet during school terms on a Monday evening from 5pm-7.30pm in Lanchester Methodist Church.

We provide a two-course meal each week along with juice, water, tea, coffee, and hot chocolate that is all included in the cost of subs.

Subs cost £2.50 per person per week or £25 per term.

Your first week is free!

Even though we are based in a Methodist Church and are a Christian youth group you do not have to be from a Methodist background or any other religious background at all, we are open to everyone, come along and make new friends and have some awesome fun!

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For more information please contact  
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## Lanchester Flower Club

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On Wednesday 29th June 2022 a group of 31 ladies enjoyed our annual summer outing to Egglestone Hall Gardens. Many of the ladies returned with some lovely plants which quite filled the bus. We then went to the Moorcock Inn, Eggleston, where we enjoyed a lovely two course meal. The meal, staff and service were excellent, so pleasant and efficient. (Maybe a one for the Ladies Who Lunch to visit?) We were so ably driven to all these places by Weardale Coaches; Paula was an excellent driver. The weather was not as kind to us as it usually is but hey ho that's life - no one can change the weather. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 28th September 2022 in the main hall at Lanchester Community Centre at 2pm. Please come and join us, everyone is welcome.

**If you need any further information or details please contact Helen Tomlinson on 01207 503667 our Chairperson or Lestrine Kelly 01207 521494 our Secretary.**

**Our annual membership is £25 paid in January/February, visitors £5 per meeting.**



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## Songs of Praise

On Sunday evening June 19th there was a large congregation of people from all of our three village churches in the Methodist Church. Churches Together had organised this special 'Songs of Praise' service to honour the 70 years of our Queen's reign. The Queen has talked openly on many occasions about her Christian faith and how it has sustained her throughout her life and her long reign as Queen of the United Kingdom. If she could have been at the service, I am sure she would have been singing along with the congregation because the hymns which had been chosen for the occasion by our three churches were all well-known and well-loved. Indeed, all the material for the service was a combination of requests and suggestions from our church congregations with the celebratory theme of praise and thanksgiving.

Reverend Lesley Sutherland led the service assisted by David Hughes and Michael Quigley who guided those who were contributing to the service in any way. There were readings before each hymn and the readers had been chosen from the three congregations. Their readings, which had been selected by David Hughes, all reflected, and had bearing on, the influence the Queen's Christian faith had had on her life and 70 years on the throne.

David Williams played the organ. To help with the singing were members of Lanchester and District Choral Society, under the baton of David Hughes, and members of Lanchester Brass Band, led by their conductor James Draper.

The service ended with prayer and a blessing from Reverend Lesley Sutherland. It was a most enjoyable, uplifting evening and refreshments were provided so that people could continue to enjoy the lovely feeling of fellowship and

friendship which pervaded the whole occasion.

Perhaps the three churches should get together more often for a 'Songs of Praise' service because we all seem to get on very well, largely due to having very good religious leaders in our churches. How fortunate we are to live together in peace in such a lovely village. The Queen would certainly approve! Long live our gracious Queen!

**Brenda Craddock**



*Left: Choral Society leading the singing*

*Below: the Lanchester Brass Band in action*



## Lanchester WI meets on Monday 4th July

Our President Marie Murphy welcomed members and opened the meeting. Marie announced that members should have received the County News for March and should contact WI House for details of any activities they might be interested in. The WI Annual Meeting took place in Liverpool in June, when attention was placed on the diagnosis and treatment of women with ADHD and ASD. The NFWI calls upon the government and funding bodies to raise awareness and to fund research in these areas. The resolution was passed by 96.5%.

More details were given about various events...our outing to the Tees Barrage with afternoon tea, and the Autumn Council Meeting in St. Clare's Church, Newton Aycliffe. Details were also available for our Friday coffee morning on Friday 7th October. It will be held in the small hall between 10am and 12 noon and will include a cake stall and accessory stall...therefore, donations of scarves, bags etc. as well as cakes and biscuits will be gratefully received - baking produce to be brought on the day, please!

Our Birthday Lunch will be held on Monday 7th November, more details will be given at a later date. Ann Carr read two lovely poems about 'flowers' very apt for the season! Raffle prizes had been donated by Christine Cowan and Barbara Sproat. Members are reminded that prizes will be required, please, in August, September and October. Our raffle winners were Tina Naples, Susan Austin and Margaret Hilary, and the winner of this month's competition, 'A Favourite Summer Photograph' was Jennifer Macdonald.

This week's speaker was Barbara Dickinson, who was based at the Methodist Hospital in Kenya. In her interesting presentation, Barbara described how the hospital has grown and developed over the last four decades, and offers a comprehensive list of services, making it an important centre for medicine and surgery. Barbara's words illustrated the hard work and commitment of the people based at the hospital and was very inspirational to hear. Sincere thanks were offered by Tina Naples. As this was the traditional evening of our Strawberry Supper, we dined on strawberries and cream.

***Our meeting next month will take place on Monday August 1st.***



*Our speaker Barbara Dickinson described the founding and the development of the Methodist Hospital in Maua, Kenya. Many thanks to Barbara for an interesting and informative presentation.*





## Good day readers

As you will know by now my name is Poppy, I am a black Patterdale Terrier with more than a tinge of grey now, and I enjoy telling Village Voice readers about walks on which I lead my Humans.

This one starts from Witton Gilbert, on the road off Front Street which crosses the bypass and leads towards the church.

It is just five miles by car from

Lanchester to the lay-by on the lane towards the church. Starting from there we walk down some steps and a slope into a woodland which a burn runs through. We follow the footpath through the woods, past a sign telling us what sort of birds can be seen in the woods. At the end there is a yellow arrow which leads us under bushes and onto a path which we follow. Before long we can see the River Browney on our right.

The footpath can be tricky to navigate at times, especially if it is muddy underfoot. But it is worth negotiating the odd tricky bit to walk along a scenic route, with the river on

our right and fields on our left. I can always cool down by paddling in the river on warmer days.

After walking for maybe a mile from the start we come to a footbridge over the river. This is a fine place to stop for a breather – Humans – and a swim – dogs.

The remains of the Bearpark monastery can be seen from the bridge. But we walk away from those in the direction of the village of Bearpark along a farm track/unclassified road. Soon the Lanchester Valley Walk crosses the footpath. We can either cross over and carry on, skirting Bearpark past some barn conversions, and walking back down to the walk further along towards Langley Park, or else turn right along the Lanchester Valley Walk. Either way, after less than a mile there is a meeting of footpaths, from which we turn right and proceed towards a ford, and then another footbridge.

We cross this and walk up a fairly steep bank which brings us back to Witton Gilbert church, from which it is a couple of hundred yards to the car.

The walk usually takes about an hour and fifteen minutes and is very refreshing as there is a plentiful supply of water along the route.



## Community Centre News

*Here is the latest news from your Community Centre.*

### **Firstly, a mention for some great events coming soon.**

- Saturday 6th August, a 'Yard Sale', 10am-1pm (indoor or outdoor depending on weather). Contact the office to book your place, it's just £5. Why not have a clear out and make yourself some money.
- Also in August we will be starting a Baby Sign class, details to follow.
- Tuesday 6th September, 10am-12 noon in Hall 2 will be the first 'Bloom Baby Class'.

Check out 'Bloom Durham West Baby Classes' page on Facebook.

Secondly a mention for some simple things that you can do to raise funds to keep your Community Centre running.

- Loose Change Boxes. Since starting this we have raised over £1000. Please help us by picking up a box from the office, drop your spare change into it and bring it back to us when it's full.
- Do you shop on Amazon? Next time you do please log in through [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk), select 'Lanchester Community Association' as your chosen charity, then just shop! When you shop Amazon will donate to us at no extra cost to you.
- Do you use our Private Car Park? Please become a 'Friend of Lanchester Community Centre' it's only £2 a month or £24 upfront for the full year, by doing this you will help us raise funds to maintain it.

The office is staffed 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. If you have any enquiries about any of the activities or clubs available or you want to know more about hiring our brilliant venue, please get in touch on 01207 521275 or drop in and have a chat it will be good to meet you!

*To keep up to date with what's going on check out our Information Point; follow us on Facebook 'Lanchester Community Centre' or check out our new website - <https://lanchestercc.co.uk/>*

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## Ladies who lunch

It took a while to find our latest place to eat - round a roundabout twice, a few wrong turns - but well worth the confusion. Bradley Gardens Restaurant in Wylam is an absolute gem. The 'Garden' is a walled garden, and the restaurant is a lovely lean-to glasshouse set against the walls. Plenty of tables and very pleasant outdoor seating, but booking is most definitely recommended.

The menu details cocktails, snacks, sandwiches, small and large plates. The staff are efficient and friendly, and our order was soon on its way.

We chose to eat grilled prawns, mayo, house salad and skinny fries; salmon fishcakes with buttered spinach, chive cream and skinny fries; warm tart of spinach, kale, broccoli and chives with salad and skinny fries; toasted sourdough club sandwich with chicken, bacon, lettuce, tomatoes, truffle mayo and egg; Turkey "Swiss": roast turkey, dry cured bacon, Swiss cheese, honey and mustard dressing; and roast chicken breast with tomato, garlic, shaved Parmesan and French beans. Puddings were knickerbocker glory; plum and almond frangipane with cream; opera gateau - a French style almond and coffee cake. Or another option was coffee with 5 of their homemade truffles.

The food is excellent, every mouthful a delightful sensation! More choices to be made when we go back.

Here though, the joy doesn't end with the food - you get retail therapy as well. Down another side of the garden wall are shops: homeware, fashion, and gift shop, all equally well stocked. We did manage some new dresses! And then in another corner is the garden accessory shop and plants.

It really is a very pleasant, relaxing place to go to and at this time of year - an absolute joy!

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Tracey had been manager for 11 years.



Tracey being presented with her retirement gifts by Marjorie Gray who has been a volunteer for 25 years.

## Cuppa and Company

"Cuppa and Company meet monthly. See "What's On" for full details.



## Situations Vacant



Managing the Village Voice Website

We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to look after, and develop, the Village Voice website.

The successful applicant will need to work about 15 minutes per month, every month, uploading the electronic version of the Village Voice and updating the archive. If you wish, you could also become part of a small enthusiastic team with only 6 short meetings per annum.

There is scope to make this a larger project to utilise the website to develop the Village Voice activities.

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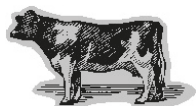
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### Lanchester Library Library Book Club

On Monday August 22nd at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing the Angel Tree by Lucinda Riley: 'a compelling mystery of family secrets and forgotten pasts.' Will this book generate a lively discussion? We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

### Thursday Book Club

On Thursday August 18th from 4-5pm, the group will be discussing People of Abandoned Character by Clare Whitfield. This book prompted a lively discussion with the Monday Group, set in Victorian London a gripping historical novel. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

**REMEMBER** the library holds a good selection of paperbacks and large print books, access to Which magazines and use of the computers.

**Knit and Natter** is not on in August; our next meeting will be in September.

### Lanchester Friendship Group

Tuesday 2-4pm during term time. A new group for anyone who just wants to sit and chat or listen, no set agenda. Come along and try it out.

### A NEW OPPORTUNITY

available on the 2nd Thursday of each month for a group to meet in the library. We can offer craft, creative or colouring in sessions. Speak to your friendly library staff at the library for more information.

### Toddle Time

Every other

Thursday 2-2.30, term time only. For babies and under 5s, come along and enjoy songs and rhymes with other young families.

### READY, STEADY GO.....

### PARENTS, CARERS AND CHILDREN

Free activities during the Summer Holidays, this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2022 is 'Gadgeteers'. Collect your stickers and prizes, weekly crafts in the library and at the end of the challenge, children will receive a certificate and a medal. Are you a budding engineer or creative? Pop into the library and collect your books. Enjoy!

### Tapestry exhibition

Come and see this exciting exhibition by the group 'Take a Stitch 2 Durham' at Ushaw: Historic House & Gardens. Open daily, 11am - 4pm, until August 29th. See main article for more details.

### Art exhibition

Lanchester Art Group is pleased to announce that their Annual Exhibition will be held this year on October 15th and 16th in the Community Centre. Admission £1. Thanks to County Durham Community Grants Foundation for supporting this exhibition with funding from the Community Grants Funding programme.

### Parish Church Strawberry Tea

On Tuesday 2nd August a strawberry tea is being held in the Chapter House of the parish church between 2.30pm

and 4.30pm. There will be ice creams for children who get in for free, tickets cost £5 for adults.

### KoGs

We are a youth group open to everyone in school years 5 and above, meeting in Lanchester Methodist Church. Our summer sessions are from 2-6pm on the following dates: 25th July, 1st/8th/15th August. Contact Laura for more details: 07428500059 / laura.cole@outlook.com

### Lanchester Local History Society

Our next meeting will be on Friday 5th August at 7pm in room 3 at the Community Centre. The speaker will be Richard Pears and his talk will be on Mines and Mansions of Whickham. He covers the 3000 years of history, including Roman forts, Scottish raids and coal production. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

### City Theatre

"The Collector", a tense, psychological thriller adapted from the book by John Fowles, will be on at the City Theatre, Durham, from 15th-17th August. Tickets £8.50 from Wendy Smith 01913848983 or MikeWendy4@aol.com

### The Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

There will be no monthly meeting in August, so the next one will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 22nd September in the Community Centre.

### Henry Dancer Days John Clark Memorial Charity Golf Day

Wednesday 21st September 2022, first tee 9:30am at Consett Golf Club. 18 holes individual Stableford. £35. Contact Dave Redford 07791524906 or email d.redford67@sky.com.

### Vintage Tractors

The next Charity Tractor Run is Sunday 21 August 2022 from West Newbiggin Farm, starting at 10am, registration is from 9am.

### Social Club

6 Aug – Briana  
13 Aug – Joe Black  
20 Aug – Andy Mawson  
27 Aug – Nicola Brown  
30 Sep – 70's Night featuring music from live group Groovy Nights. Tickets £5 from the bar.

### Paradiso Film club

Lanchester Community Centre, second Sunday of every month, 7pm for drinks and nibbles, film starts at 7:30pm. Cost: members £2.50, non-members £3.50. Annual membership £5.

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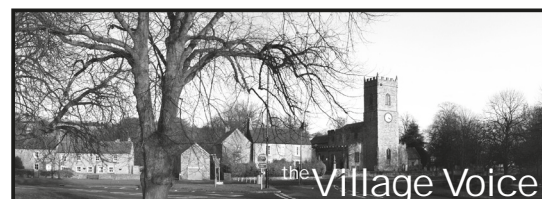
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### Cuppa and Company lunch club

The next meeting of the Cuppa and Company lunch club will be 12pm on Tuesday 9th August at Lynwood House. All welcome, any queries call Jackie 07908 838452.

### Lanchester WI

Our next meeting will take place on Monday 1st August, starting at 7.15pm. Our competition is 'Tell us a medical joke'.



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### Antibiotics Resistance Crisis

Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections. Millions of lives have been saved and our well-being radically improved since Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin. His discovery transformed our world, previously incurable illnesses became treatable and medical procedures could be performed safely. They are an essential part of modern medicine, keeping people safe from infection when they are at their most vulnerable. It's concerning that due to increasing antibiotic resistance we may see more cancer patients, mothers who've had caesareans and patients who've had other surgery facing life-threatening situations.

**Antibiotic resistance** This does not mean that our body is resistant to antibiotics, it means the bacteria or fungi causing the infection are resistant to antibiotics. The resistant bacteria continue to multiply and become antibiotic-resistant superbugs and are responsible for over a million deaths a year. Without urgent action, this number is projected to increase exponentially. New drugs are being developed but not at the same pace as resistant superbugs. Therefore, the National Health Service and health organisations across the world are trying to reduce the overuse and misuse of antibiotics.

#### What we can do

We need to slow down, minimise, and stop the development of other strains of resistant bacteria. This is not just an issue for hospitals, doctors, and nurses, each of us need to take steps to

prevent the antibiotic resistance crisis.

**Hospitals Measures** have been taken in recent years to develop and improve hygiene policies and practices in hospitals. You've no doubt seen the sanitising gel dispensers everywhere! However, practices are not always followed, or enforced as rigorously as they need to be to prevent the spread of resistant bacteria.

**Doctors** Overprescribing is one of the biggest causes of antibiotic resistance. Doctors are trying to reduce antibiotics prescriptions but do come under considerable pressure from patients to prescribe them. Many infections will clear up without antibiotics for example, antibiotics are no longer routinely used to treat chest infections, sore throats, or ear infections.

**Patients** We members of the public should try to understand the difference between viral and bacterial infections, if an infection is caused by a virus, antibiotics will be ineffective. We should avoid taking unnecessary antibiotics and if we do need to take an antibiotic, always finish the course. As obvious as it may seem, not everyone observes good personal hygiene practices. The simple act of regularly washing hands can help prevent the spread of antibiotic resistance.

Drug-resistant bacteria can infect anyone, of any age in any country. They lead to longer hospital stays, higher medical costs, and more preventable deaths. We all need to play our part to reduce antibiotic resistance because we and our families will also share the long term, worldwide implications of antibiotic resistance.

#### Taken from papers by:

Professor Paul Cosford, Medical Director, Public Health England  
Professor Helen Stokes-Lampard, Chair of the Royal College of GPs

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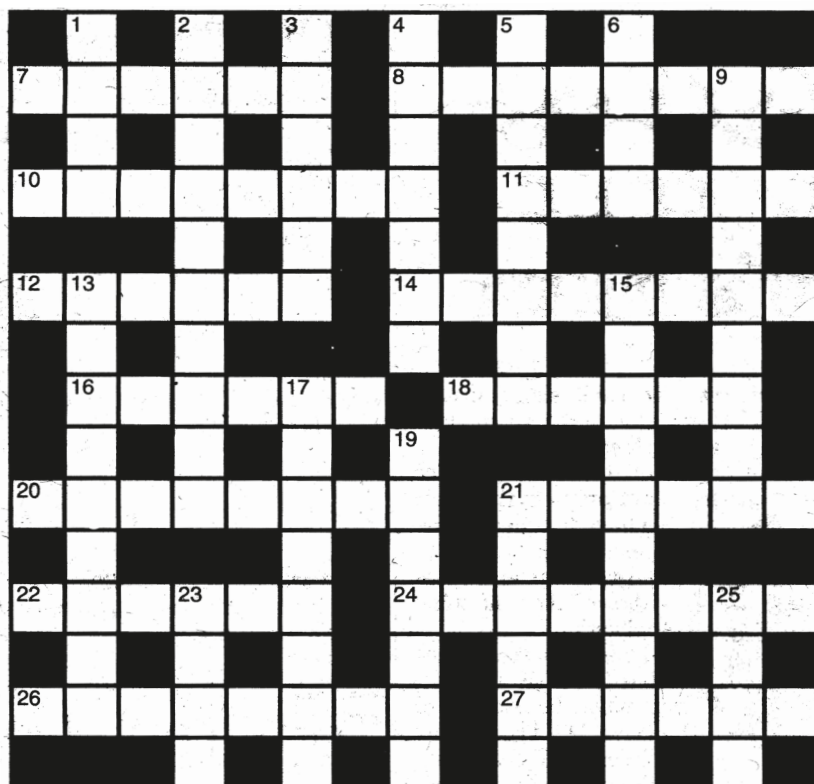
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## CLUES CROSSWORD 175



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- 7 Pressing (6)  
 8 Those who antagonise continually (8)  
 10 Sorry (8)  
 11 Place of work (6)  
 12 Empty – headed (6)  
 14 Fees (8)  
 16 Derelict (6)  
 18 Heavy, filling food! (6)  
 20 Pile of animal waste (8)  
 21 Deliver a written piece! (6)  
 22 Guard (6)  
 24 Popular refreshing drink (8)  
 26 Virile male horse! (8)  
 27 Prayers found in kitchen oven area (6)

### Down

- 1 Correct (4)  
 2 Dismissing (10)  
 3 Coldly determined (6)  
 4 Frees from obstruction (7)  
 5 Let drone be evocative (8)  
 6 Pitch symbol (4)  
 9 Lying down (9)  
 13 Fat (9)  
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 17 Just like (5,3)  
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 21 Not long ago (6)  
 23 Damage (4)  
 25 Depression (4)

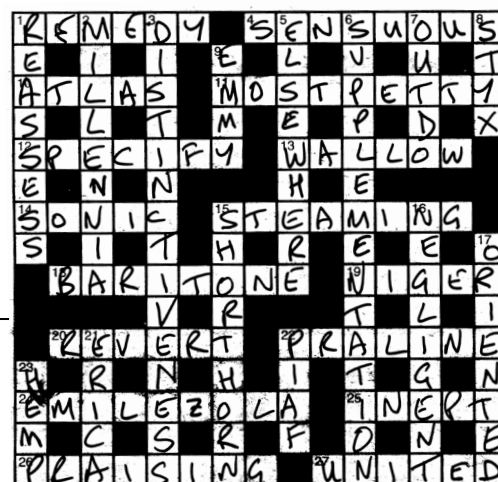
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### Winner of crossword 174

Solution to Crossword 174

There were 10 entries for the competition – 5 were correct.

There was no real pattern in the errors.

The winner pulled from the hat was

**Nigel Page.**

In the previous edition we published the winner from the previous month.

The correct information on crossword 173 is below.

Apologies for any confusion caused.

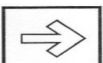
There were 13 entries for the competition – 6 were correct.

A number of entries had the right word(s) but they were spelled wrongly!

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## Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

As the academic year at Lanchester E.P. School draws to a close, it gives us time to reflect on the past, look forward to the future and give thanks to all our wonderfully special and unique children.

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a fabulous week in Northern Ireland, visiting the Giant's Causeway, Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast Zoo and The Jungle. They all had an amazing time.

However, our finale to the year was our show in Consett Empire Theatre where Years 3 – 6 performed 'One Sun, One World'. Their talent and enthusiasm surpassed anything we could have ever imagined and they were simply superb. We had almost 250 children on stage singing and narrating, and we were so proud of each and every one of them.

Our Leavers' Service and Leavers' Assemblies for Year 6 took place amidst bucket loads of tears – from children, parents and staff alike as their time drew to a close. Another group of children who we hope we have given some very good grounding to and are leaving us with our Christian values instilled in them.

We made the most of the hot weather and enjoyed some wonderful water days. It is days like that when the adults become children again – not to mention the head teacher who thoroughly enjoyed visiting every classroom with her super soaker! All you could hear were squeals of delight from everywhere.

It is time now for staff to recharge their batteries, children to enjoy a well-earned rest and for us all to hopefully enjoy some good weather – although we do hope it won't be quite as hot as it has been recently.

**Mrs Jane Davis**  
**Head Teacher**  
**Lanchester E.P. Primary School**



Top: One Sun, One World performance at Consett Empire.

Below: Water Day

## The Lanchester Partnership Annual Family Fun Run Sunday 25th September 10am – 12pm

The 2022 Family Fun Run will be held at Burnhopeside Hall, near Lanchester, from 10am to 12pm, on Sunday September 25th.

The run is open to all ages (children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult) and all runners will receive a medal!

The run starts at 10am, for those not keen on crowds - runners can join and start anytime between 10am and 11.30am and run as many laps of the 2.5km course as they want to, until the course closes at 12pm.

Money raised on the day from the run will be used by The Lanchester Partnership to keep the event running in future years.

Parking is available onsite - £2.50 per vehicle. Or access the Hall by walking / cycling along the line and entering via the gates after Malton Picnic Area.

Entry for the race is £6 for adults and £3 for children. Spectators and cheer teams free!

Online entry only. Please scan the QR code, email [thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook - Lanchester Partnership Village Vita to enter.

Address for the event is - Burnhopeside Hall, Durham Road DH7 0TL

### Can you Help!???

The Village Vita group who organise this event are in need of marshals on the day to help direct runners – if you would like to help – please email on [thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com](mailto:thelanchesterpartnership@gmail.com) or contact Laura on 07967 597 949.



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## Lanchester All Saints' Primary School

### All Saints' Primary – Year 6 move on Year Six Quotes about All Saints'

**Harry R-H:** I am really overjoyed at going bowling and to the cinema. I'm really grateful to school (and I can't wait see the new Thor film!).

**Isabel:** I will miss all the fun trips we go on. My most recent favourites have been the residential, the trip to the beach (including water sports) and our gymnastics trips to Deerness.

**Ellen:** I really enjoyed going on the residential. It was really fun and we got lots of opportunities to do things we wouldn't normally get to do like sitting in a river for ten minutes!

**Molly:** The community of All Saints is out of this world because everyone has their own place!

**Madeleine:** I will miss hanging out with my friends on the play trail.

**Ellie:** I will miss all of the joy I feel when we realise how much money we've raised for others; we're always thinking about helping those around us.

**Holly:** I will miss all the people in the class as they can easily cheer me

up. There's always someone in school to help.

**James:** I will miss my friends because they always make me happy.

**Felix:** I will miss my buddy because she is always so kind. In Year Six, we always get a child in Reception class as a buddy; she has been amazing this year.

**Mark:** I will miss all of the teachers because they are very helpful and make subjects very interesting.

**Kieran:** I will miss the big field because it's such a big area to play on all year.

**Ava:** I will miss everyone who works at All Saints'; they are always really kind and try to help us out.

**Matthew:** I will miss most of the subjects, particularly Science and maths. In Science, I've really enjoyed the experiments and the challenge in maths.

**Finley:** I will miss all of the fun I have had. In Design & Technology, I will really miss designing my robot with computer aided design and seeing it fully built on the 3D printer.

**Emily:** I loved all of the trips in the infants – we had so much more chance to play!

**Hugh:** I will miss playing sport for the school; I've played a range during my time here.

**Hannah:** I will miss the extended writing we do every week. I particularly liked working on Letters from the Lighthouse, a book about World War II.

**Jacob:** The beach trip was very good because the whole school went on it. I love it because we went into the sea.

**Ed:** I really like the big field because you can play lots of sports: most recently, I loved having the Year Five versus Year Six football match on the field – it was really exciting!

**Isaac:** I will miss the amazing teachers. They are always kind and always consider us.

**JJ:** I really like the sports we can play in school; my favourites have been basketball, rounders, football and tennis.

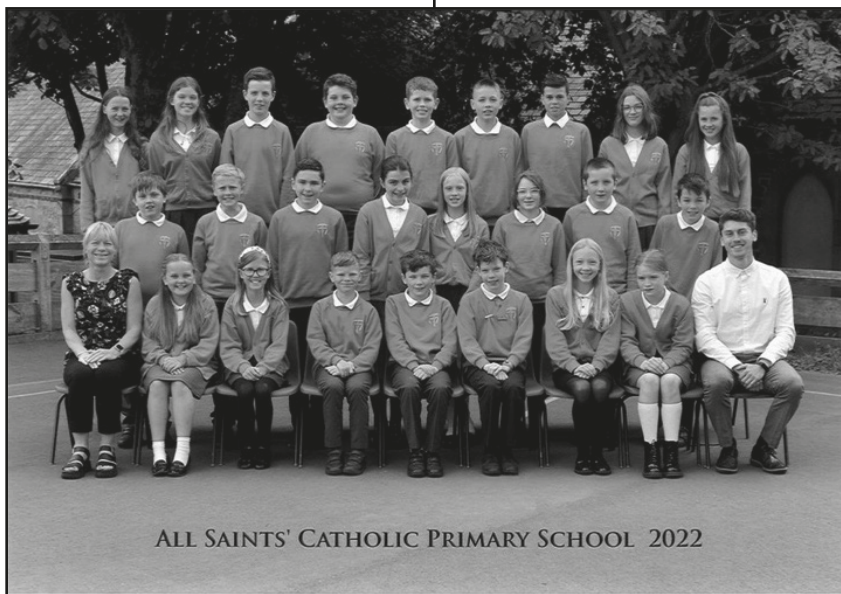
**Annabell:** I will miss the fun lessons like Art,

particularly sketching and watercolour painting.

**Millie:** I will extremely miss the people and my friends. It's a smaller school so it has been nice to know that every day, we get a chance to see everyone.

**Harry B:** I will really miss Health Week. This year, we played golf (at South Moor), had a bouncy-hopper race track, played tennis, rugby and we really loved the inflatables!

**Surrane:** I will miss the staff. I love to help them!



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## MND walk and run

On 25th June we organised a run/walk in memory of my wonderful husband Steve who sadly died of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) in April 2021, 4 months after diagnosis.

We were blessed with the weather, and I am so grateful to all the runners who ran for Birtley, Houghton, Durham and one from Elvet. We have so far raised £4,000 for MND and the money is still coming in. I would like to thank my family: Kirsty, my daughter, and Ian, my son in law, who organised it, and ran in the Birtley team, Chris, my son, who ran (and who told everyone at the start where to run) and his girlfriend Emma who also ran.

I would like to thank the Houghton team who ran, some of whom really struggled, and I know Steve would be looking down and cheering them on. It was because of the Houghton team members that we moved to the North East having spent wonderful running and drinking weekends in the Isle of Man with them. Steve was an honorary member of Houghton in the Isle of Man, but later joined them when we lived in Washington when we first moved from Cheshire.

I would also like to thank Bob, Stuart, and Gary from Durham Harriers and also Jan from Elvet for running. Also, all the other people who walked including Mike Bateman, who despite having had a stroke managed the mile for Steve, and our dog Jess who loved the event and despite being tired would not go home to rest. Thank you to Paul and Wendy our long-term friends from Scarborough who travelled over to support us.

Thanks to Lisa and her staff at Serendipity Café in Lanchester for her hospitality to all the runners and walkers; and to Kath and Jen, my friends, who tirelessly washed up in the café for free.

I swam 26 miles for the charity and, on the 3rd July, Chris completed a 24 hour race where he ran 45 miles and his team finished third.

I am so proud of everyone for their sterling efforts, and I know Steve would be too.

**Lynda Walker**



## Bowls Club - Encouraging Results

Things are looking up for the Bowling Club. With wins over two Consett clubs we have progressed to the semi-finals of two knockout cups: The Derwentside League Tom Burleigh Shield and the Durham North West League Cup. We also lead the second division of the South West Durham Veterans League and are also in the semi-final of the Double Pairs. When we joined this league a few seasons ago we had no expectation of promotion. We joined because some of our members were not getting as many games as they wanted. The prospect of promotion now looks like it could become reality.

The club may have an influence on the final placings in the Wednesday evening league. With three teams in the running we have to play two of them. These clubs will be hoping for big wins over us but maybe we can take a shock win or grab a few rinks and influence the final positions. Our Saturday team continues to have mixed fortunes; a win over White-le-Head along with picking up some rink wins in other games. As a village bowling club it is for us all about enjoying our games, win, lose or draw. Matches are scored not by simple win or loss, you can gain points for winning individual rinks so we can lose overall and still score some points.

We continue to gain members. Some will progress into teams, some prefer to stick to social bowling, they are all welcome. We currently have one of the largest memberships in the area.

## Lanchester Bowls Club Friendly

Lanchester bowls club entertained a team from Washington Glebe Club in a friendly match on Sunday 10th July. Whilst the result does not matter in a "Friendly", suffice to say there were more smiles on Lanchester faces after a resounding victory for the home club. A splendid day was had by all with a buffet tea provided by Anne Lee and Jean Hockaday rounding off the match played in glorious summer sunshine. Anne's husband Stuart, club secretary, can be seen on the left of the photograph on the back page but I am afraid that the two ladies are still working away inside - such is life.

**Mike Stoddart**





## Cricket News

### Senior Cricket

The firsts had good wins over Gateshead Fell and leaders Castle Eden, with a winning draw against Washington and defeats to Philadelphia and Ashington. The results keep the team in mid-table security. Kieran Gohery top scored with an unbeaten 68 and Josh Renton had 57 against the Fell. Callum Barnes took 4 wickets. The win over Castle Eden was low scoring and a nailbiter.

Scores were level with our last pair, Nathan Scurr and Kieron Taylor, at the wicket. Scurr top edged to a fielder who fluffed the catch and gave us the narrowest of wins.

In the match v Ashington, they fielded England and Durham fast bowler, Mark Wood. He has been out injured and this was a fitness test for him. You had to feel sorry for those who faced him as he took five wickets.

The seconds won two and lost three. They beat Burnopfield and Philadelphia and sit fourth in the table. Ben Rayner and Cameron Metcalfe destroyed Burnopfield with four wickets each. Dan Scott had five wickets in the defeat against Burnmoor, while six batsmen had scores over 20 in the win against Philadelphia. The thirds won one and lost the last two. They beat Castle Eden in a low scoring game, thanks to an unbeaten 55 by Jack Slane. Ibs Khan and Jack Morris had three wickets in defeat against Eppleton and Dan Scott had 45 with the bat. The team are still top but played a game more than those behind.

The fourths won three and lost to Dawdon. Against Whitburn, David Selby and John Lawson put on 252 for the third wicket both scoring hundreds in the process. Mally Gray 3-9 and Josh Cottom with 82 secured the Ryton win and Ethan Connolly's 110 not out eased the side to a nine wicket win over Hylton.



### Junior Cricket

The under 18A team have won three games although one was conceded by Durham City. In the win over Sacriston, Josh Cottom smashed 54 off 30 balls. Against Seaham Park, Jack Morris took 3-9 and Toby Somersall was unbeaten on 43.

The 18B team set a good score v Ponteland but the match was hit by rain. Ethan Connolly had 62 and Louis Newman 42. They were skittled out at Stocksfield but Jack Morris took 4-12 as they came close to pulling the game back. They then thrashed Whickham by 10 wickets.

The under 15s lost three times in this period with a win over Whickham. James Leary made 50 in the loss to Ryton and both Ethan Connolly and Toby Somersall did the same in the Lintz defeat. Leo Johnson took 3-11 against Whickham and Ethan Connolly and Toby Somersall polished off the score. They scored an under par score against

Shotley with John McGilvray and Harry O'Sullivan Brown getting 30+ but even with Ethan Sirs' great spell of 3-6, they couldn't quite see their opponents off.

The under 13s picked up two wins over Burnopfield and Consett, finishing with the same score - 89 - in both games! Against Burnopfield, Nathan Watson took 3-8 and Ben Taylorson retired on 31. Against Consett, Sam Lyonette took 3-8. The game went to the very last ball where, with scores level, Harrison McCourt smashed a four to win the game.

*Photo of Lanchester's Ethan Connolly with Durham and England's Mark Wood*

## Tennis Club Games Night and Strawberry Tea

As part of Lanchester Lawn Tennis Club's social programme, a games night took place at the courts off Ford Road. A large number of members and children were able to have a go at over a dozen activities to occupy the body and mind. "Stacking chairs", bagatelle and Yahtzee were on offer on the table tops with bowls, "shoot the hoop" and "Molky" (Scandinavian game like skittles) amongst other tennis-related games taking place on the courts. It was highly competitive and great fun with the tough team of Fiona Mayor and Gordon Potter coming out on top as worthy winners. To their complete surprise, I might add!

Although the men's final at Wimbledon was taking place down south, a terrific crowd of over 50 people enjoyed strawberries and cream and a cooling glass of Pimm's at the club's annual strawberry tea in July. Despite the heat, there were numerous things for young and old to do to keep everyone entertained.

Thanks are extended to all the volunteers who worked hard

behind the scenes preparing and delivering both events. Our pictures, on the back page show members and guests enjoying the bagatelle and strawberry tea.

Several league matches have been played with the ladies team securing two draws (although lost on number of games) and the mixed team inflicting a 7 - 1 defeat on Burnmoor TC.

Coaching continues to attract new players to the sport, both from the village and the surrounding district.

Finally, Secretary Dennis Laycock collected his Lifetime Achievement award (Regional) at the Ilkley Trophy tournament in June and, as Wallace and Gromit would say, "It was a Grand Day Out"!

**As always, if you want any information about the club, please contact Dennis on 07960494442 or email [den.lizjane@gmail.com](mailto:den.lizjane@gmail.com) or alternatively follow us on Facebook or check out the club website.**





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