

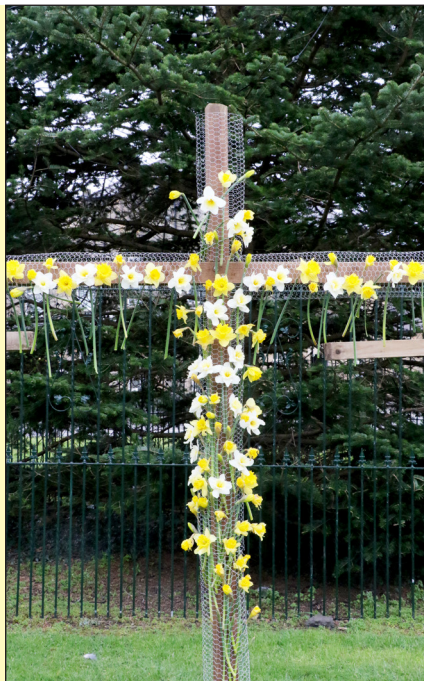
the Village Voice

Issue No 5, Volume 23

Lanchester, May 2023



Churches Together at Easter (page 2)



Pace Egg event (page 3)

Above: Harry Daniels and Matthew Bell, first and second place



Easter vintage tractor rally in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association (page 8)

Easter in
Lanchester



Lanchester & Langley Hardware

for all your hardware requirements

• Calor gas sales • Discounted batteries • Dehumidifiers
and all home decorating supplies



LANCHESTER: 01207 520377
LANGLEY PARK: 0191 3732278





Brenda Craddock

We are sad to let you know that Brenda Craddock died recently in Willow Burn Hospice. She was a regular reporter for the Village Voice, among the many things she did in, and for, the village.

She will be sorely missed. The Village Voice team send their condolences to her husband Stephen, daughters Philippa and Stephanie, and grandchildren Annabel and Adam. We hope to have a full obituary in the next edition.



Churches Together Easter Witness on the Green

Churches Together in Lanchester and Burnhope organised a brief service on Easter Sunday. There were readings and prayers. At the conclusion daffodils were placed on the cross.

Vintage Tractor Club Presentation

The Lanchester Vintage Tractors Club raise money for charity at their regular runs. They raise funds for two charities, Willow Burn Hospice and the Great North Air Ambulance Service. At their April meeting they made presentations of £622 to each of the charities.



Above: John Burdon, Chairman of the club, presents the cheque for £622 to Ellie McIntyre who is community fundraiser for the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Left: Peter Suddes presents a cheque for £622 to Peter Jackson of Willow Burn.

See page 8 for further Vintage Tractor fundraising events.

Lanchester Flower Club

Member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society

On Wednesday 26th April 2023 we held our monthly meeting. Our flower demonstrator was Jean McClure, her theme "Frameworks". She had some really clever ideas using frames to make some beautiful flower arrangements. We all agreed it has been a long time since someone produced such different arrangements. All arrangements were raffled so we had some very happy members and visitors. We then finished with the usual tea/coffee, biscuits and plenty of chat.

Our next meeting will be our outing to celebrate our 50 year anniversary of Lanchester Flower Club meetings in Lanchester Community Centre - quite an achievement. We still have two founder members in our club, Helen Tomlinson and Maureen Clarkson, and both still on the committee so a big well done ladies, you have certainly shown stickability.

Our next meeting in the Lanchester Community Centre will be on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 1.30 pm in the Main Hall. Our speaker will be Glynis Grainger and her talk will be "Irene Sendler".

Everyone is welcome, come and join us.

Right: Jean McClure with some of the arrangements she produced.



Pace Egg event 10th April, organised by Lanchester Wildlife Group

Thank you to those who braved the 'damp' (to say the least) conditions to join in the Pace Egging. 30 eggs were dyed in a traditional way using onion skins over the top of vegetation like cow parsley to create patterns on the eggs. Our judges Noel Jackson and Burt Hunter were unable to name an overall winner this year due to the excellent standard of dying. The three joint winners were Noah, Eve and Struan (see photo). The eggs then had to withstand some serious bouling down Pace Egg bank. Following some very enthusiastic rivalry and whopping, bouling distances the eggs travelled, Harry Daniels prevailed, just pipping Matthew Bell at the last. How the eggs stood up to repeat bouling remains a mystery!

Thank you to The Bridge School for the use of their car park and in particular the donated prize of Easter eggs. We are very grateful to Benny, who as new owner of Pace Egg bank, allowed our continued annual usage for these traditional Eggy activities.

The Wildlife Group



Above: Noah, Eve and Struan – joint winners

The Mikado plays to a full house

On Friday 28th April, the Lanchester Choral Society performed the concert version of The Mikado, Gilbert and Sullivan, to a packed and very appreciative house. There was no seat to spare.

The principal characters were played by Ian Gray, Paul Smith, Andrew Fowler, Anna Foster, and Hilary Ions. Conductor David Hughes explained that, in the current cost-cutting climate, economies needed to be made and five principals played seven characters!

The Lord High Executioner of Titipu, played by Andrew Fowler, had not performed any executions lately so he needed to execute someone or lose his job! Andrew then sung a very topical version of the song "I've Got a Little List" the list being candidates for execution which included quite a few politicians. The plot continues with the principal characters devising various ruses to (successfully) avoid execution. All ends happily, of course.

The orchestra was Jayne Cuggy, 1st violin; Sue Hill, 2nd violin; Sophia Pearson, cello; Wendy Hughes, flute; Caroline Roberts, clarinet; and David Williams on piano.

The performance ended with presentations to the principals and prolonged applause from the audience.



Top: The principals (l-r) Anna Foster, Paul Smith, Ian Gray, Andrew Fowler and Hilary Ions.
Below: The full cast

ECLECTIC COFFEE ROASTERS
Specialty Coffee

Hand roasted and hand crafted
In Consett

By post or local collection

 ecr.coffee



ECLECTIC
OIL FOR THE SOUL

News from All Saints Parish Church

April- with the great feast of Easter firmly at its centre- has been a busy month for us at All Saints. Each day in Holy Week we met in the evening to follow the story of Jesus' passion, culminating in the crucifixion on Good Friday. On 8th April we celebrated the Vigil and First Mass of Easter for the first time since 2020, with our curate Rev'd Stephen lighting the new Easter candle from a brazier outside the North Door and bringing the new light into a church that was almost entirely in darkness. Easter day saw a full church acclaiming the resurrection, and it was a privilege to meet as Churches Together on the green after our service to thatch the cross with daffodils. (see pages 1 and 2)

Messy church met at 3pm on 16th April to celebrate a very messy Easter! The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt through the churchyard and a range of crafts, including making delicious Easter Garden biscuits, before hearing again the story of the resurrection and forming a very impromptu kazoo band!

On 17th April we welcomed the Rt Reverend Sarah Clark, Bishop of Jarrow, to licence our former curate, Rev'd Abbey Hughes, as Associate Minister for our three churches. Abbey has a background in teaching and joins our ministry team for three days each week. She has a particular interest in ministry to those of mature years, so you may see her at Lynwood House for our monthly service. Bishop Sarah enjoyed her visit to All Saints and was delighted to take away one of our Easter Garden biscuits- and a kazoo!

25th April marked the launch of the Burnhope Supper club, a collaboration between All Saints and St John's, Burnhope, St Nic's Durham, Feeding Families, Burnhope school and Burnhope Community centre, teaching families to cook. The first session involved making pasta with meatballs- and was evidently enjoyed by all who attended.

And finally- some sad news.

Brenda Craddock, who will be well known to readers of the Village Voice and who often reported on village events for the magazine, sadly died on 19th April. Brenda had a profound faith and was active in church- running the Sunday School, preaching, leading Church Wives, supporting the Childrens' Society, presiding over our Open House lunches, volunteering for Messy Church and serving at the altar. Loved by all who knew her, she will be hugely missed. We extend our condolences to her husband Stephen and all her family.



Thursday Club

At our last meeting we settled ourselves down into groups around tables with pencils poised - we were going to have a quiz presented by Jan Vasey. The quiz was entitled "How well do you know your village?" - and of course, we all thought we were experts!!!

We had a really enjoyable afternoon - busy detailed chatter could be heard constantly around the hall. It was quite surprising to discover what we actually knew and what we thought we knew. I'm sure everyone set off for home determined to be a little more observant of where they lived.

The afternoon closed with even more chatter - possibly the gossipy kind, as we enjoyed tea/coffee and biscuits together.

Olive Simpkins



Wildlife notes

'30 Days Wild' – Annual Challenge

Sound inviting? Spend the 30 days of June going wild. It can be anything you fancy connected with nature. It isn't structured so no 'chore'. You can take part as much or as little as you like; it can be a tiny thing on a busy day, just a few seconds watching a bee or noticing a flower.

You are free to spend your Friday finding a finch, Saturday smelling flowers, Sunday growing a sunflower, Monday looking for the mallards at Malton (remember last year's duckling success?), Tuesday finding treasure on a nature trail, Wednesday checking a wild webcam, Thursday hugging three different types of tree you've got the idea!

It is organised by 'The Wildlife Trusts' and you can sign up to take part and receive a free pack via email or post:

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30dayswild>.

Most suggested activities are aimed at families/kids, but us adults can make our own wild times too.

There are proven benefits to spending some 'wild' time; being more connected to nature is great for us humans. (Stop reading now to avoid the 'science part': University of Derby has analysed data collected from participants of '30 days Wild' over the past five years and evaluation of the responses suggest the positive effects are still felt two months after the challenge is over!).

Please submit photos of 'your' 30 Days Wild to the Village Voice. If only to show someone reads the Wild Notes (kidding). It will make everyone realise your June was wilder than theirs.

From our wildlife correspondent

Ladies who lunch

For our last outing we went to the Kings Lodge Durham - not too far away and a very easy journey. Part of the Innkeeper group, it has a light, airy, modern feel. They have a main menu and a light lunch one - so plenty of choice.

We opted to try for starters - a crispy duck salad. Mains were pan roasted fillet of halibut with grilled asparagus and a bearnaise sauce; pan seared rump of lamb with green beans, olives, cherry tomatoes and gratin potatoes; pan fried sea trout with gravadlax sauce, samphire and new potatoes; and grilled escalopes of chicken served with a lettuce heart salad in an avocado and buttermilk herb dressing. Desserts were tropical meringue with coconut ice cream, pineapple, and passion fruit; rhubarb crumble with raspberry ripple custard; caramel chocolate sundae; soft warm chocolate brownie with salted caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream; and ice cream.

The restaurant wasn't very busy but service, although most pleasant, was very slow. Two meals were served cold and had to go back.

All in all, even though some of us had meals which were totally fine, plus the food itself being good - we were less than impressed! Not on our 'return again' list I'm afraid.

The Gourmet Girls



IAN SAYER Roofing Specialist

Tel: 01207 509862

Mobile: 07947 542570

e-mail: Iansayerroofing@btinternet.com

36, Gill Street, Consett, Co Durham DH8 7JT

SLATING - TILING - GUTTERING - REPAIRS
UPVC FASCIAS & SOFFITS - LEADWORK
FLAT ROOFING

Dave Donnelly

**Witbank
Garage**

Hallgarth Building
Hallgarth Terrace
Lanchester, DH7 0HS
Tel: (01207) 529192

All Motor Vehicle Repairs

Clutches, Tyres, Batteries etc
MOT Testing



PC - ASSIST Mobile service for:-
PC repairs or upgrades, data recovery, virus
removal, tuition and any other IT related problems.
Assistance also available for tablets, e-readers,
smart phones & audio equipment.

If your PC is slow - I can help.

Call Alan on 01207 521628 or
07961497093

e-mail pcassist4@gmail.com

FB HOME
IMPROVEMENTS

BUILDING & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

KITCHENS BATHROOMS
FENCING & DECKING PLASTERING
ALL ASPECTS OF JOINERY WALL & FLOOR TILING
WINDOWS COMPOSITE DOORS
WALL & CEILING CLADDING ROOFING & GUTTERING

Over 25years experience

Craig - 07789481500

Ryan - 07754103753

fbhomeimprovements@gmail.com



*Talking
Eads*

Est 23years

Unisex Hair Salon
QUALITY CARE FOR YOU
AND YOUR HAIR

Ring Jeni
for an appointment
01207 520 926

Dear Village...



Dear Village Voice,

To all Lanchester residents:

Would you please stop throwing out bread, pastries, cakes and chicken for the wild birds. Not only does this attract RATS but the jackdaws/crows and magpies are all bringing this to soften in the bird bath I have in my garden.

I have to clean it out every day, but the sloppy food is difficult to remove and some residue has been dropped around the base by the birds which could be harmful to my little dog.

I enjoy my garden and the birds who visit but if you continue to throw out your waste in this way then my bird bath will have to remain empty from now on.

Please think, you are neither helping the environment nor the birds.

Thank you.

Full name and address supplied

DAVISON'S



Clothing

**Spring
stock
now in!**

**Front Street, Leadgate
01207 502355**

Dave Harris Windows and Doors



Composite Doors
A-Rated Windows
Misted up Glazing
Hinges and Handles
Door Lock Replacement
Locksmith Work

Local Family Business

07725803366

01207 501380



Police Report

Hello, here is an update from PCSO 8725 Jonathan Rutherford on what has been happening recently in and around Lanchester.

In the last month there have been a few occasions where bogus tradesmen or cold callers have targeted vulnerable people in the area and subsequently stolen money from their own homes. If you are concerned about any vehicles or suspicious people, please make contact on 101. And a reminder to keep doors locked and to not answer to those you do not know if you are concerned. If you do answer, ensure you see some form of identification.

Please contact us if you have any issues regarding the above.

If you have any queries or questions, please feel free to get in touch via email, Jonathan.rutherford@durham.police.uk. 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.

LANCHESTER CARPETS

THE QUALITY RETAILER GIVING
FRIENDLY RELIABLE SERVICE

Call in for a quote now!

Tel: 01207 521771

- Free estimates
- Free local delivery
- Expert fitting service
- Rugs and Vinyls
- 100's of remnants
- New stock every week

9 Church View, Lanchester, Co. Durham DH70ES



Beautilley

MOBILE BEAUTY &
SPORTS MASSAGE

Let Beautilley come to
you, and enjoy a salon/spa
experience in the comfort
of your own home.

Call Ann on:
07534775077 or, email: beautilley@hotmail.com
Facebook: [beautilleymobilebeautyandsportsmassage](https://www.facebook.com/beautilleymobilebeautyandsportsmassage)

VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINES

Due to holiday pressures the deadline for the June edition
is earlier than usual.

All articles, photographs, what's on and adverts
Tuesday 30th May.

Please send all your coronation
photographs and reports in.

Deadline for the crossword is Monday 5th June.



Open 11.30am
Monday - Sunday
01207 520054

WWW.THEKINGSHEADDURHAM.COM

Live Music
7pm, Sundays
Quiz night
8pm, Tuesdays

THE KING'S HEAD
THEKINGSHEADLANCHESTER

K's Alterations

Having 30 years experience, I offer high
quality affordable sewing solutions.
From clothing to curtains and
everything in between.
CAN I HELP?
Kay Langford
07731415642 (DH7)
kay.langford@yahoo.co.uk

FRED McALOAN ELECTRICAL SERVICE

*Additional Sockets, Lighting, Showers
Cooker Points, Full or Part Rewires*

RELIABLE & DEPENDABLE SERVICE
NO JOB TOO SMALL PART P REGISTERED

Free Estimate & Friendly Advice

0781 3202 470
01207 500770

PA/Carers

*Would you like to join a fantastic team looking after a
quiet, reserved, senior lady.*

Your role will be to provide personal care,
assistance when walking,
preparation of meals and be an administrator
of medication.

Two PA/Carers will work together on the following calls:

Morning (7.30-8.45am) / Evening (6-7pm),
Monday-Sunday
Hourly rate £12.00

Lunch and Tea calls are also available

**We live in Burnhope & would love to discuss
this role with you.**

Please call 07704 769300



Ultimate Waste Removal Team

NORTH EAST

General household waste

Bin bag removals

Woods of all types

Wheelie bin emptying

Hardcore soil

Builders waste

All trades waste

Garden green waste

House clearance

Shed, loft and cellar

clearance

Mini demolition

FREE QUOTES
& ESTIMATES

07729686146



We can handle anything and everything except hazardous waste.
Visit our facebook page for more information.

**We are fully licenced and insured waste removal team from
Stanley DH9 covering a wide area**

LANCHESTER DAIRIES LTD

PASTEURISED FULL AND LOW FAT MILK - FRESH CREAM - ALL DAIRY PRODUCE
01207 521826

Fresh Milk Daily



**Advertise in the
Village Voice.**
**Circulation to over
2,700 homes in
Lanchester
and surrounding
areas.**

Please contact
lanchesterVVadverts
@gmail.com
for more information.

**Thank you to our
advertisers for their
continued support.**
**Without them there
would be no Village
Voice.**

**Please mention the
Village Voice if you
use our advertisers
so they know the
adverts work for
them.**

JCS Exteriors

- Pressure washing
- Driveway sealing
- Gutter cleaning
- Roof cleaning
- Graffiti removal
- Chewing gum removal
- Garden maintenance

Exterior cleaning specialists

07385653209 / jcsexteriors@hotmail.com



new image

**“North East Bridal
Champions”**

**North East Award winning
Premier Hair Salon**
Specialist in all areas of Hairdressing

Beauty Treatment

*Complete range of beauty treatment
for Women & Men*

1-2 Front Street Lanchester
tel: 01207 520331

Celebrating 41 years in hairdressing



**FREE
PRESCRIPTION
DELIVERY**



If you live in Lanchester, Esh Winning, Esh,
Langley Park, Burnhope, Cornsay Village or
Satley, we can deliver your prescriptions
straight to your door.

Call today to book

01207 520365

or pop in store to find out more...

15 Front St, Lanchester, Durham DH7 0LA



RAVELLO



Ristorante Italiano

Open 7 days a week - Noon until 10pm

Serving weekly Specials

Sunday Lunches 12noon - 4pm



Front Street, Lanchester

Contact 01207 528825



Poppy's walks

Good day readers. Today I am going to tell you about a walk I did with a walking group at Medomsley, just a short car drive from Lanchester.

As you will know by now, I am Poppy, a Patterdale Terrier who enjoys a good

deal of exercise and shares with you the walks I lead my humans on.

We started out at the village church in the centre of Medomsley, and walked along a footpath adjacent to the church which took us past a farmstead with some hissing geese which I tried to ignore with an attempt at dignity. The fact that they were on the other side of a fence helped.

We carried on until the end of the path where we climbed a stile and crossed a road. This led us opposite a housing estate.

We walked through the estate along a road called The Dene. The Dene is a cul-de-sac but a footpath led us beyond it onto another path through fields. This brought us onto the B6309 road between Hassockfield and Ebchester. We

crossed the road and followed another signposted footpath – the good thing about this walk was that most of it was away from roads, although we did have to cross one or two – and we eventually joined the old railway line at a point between Shotley Bridge and Ebchester.

We walked towards and then beyond the old Ebchester station, passing the railway platform near the Derwent Walk Inn. A short way beyond on the railway path we left it down a flight of stairs. This was quite steep, and we crossed a stream where I enjoyed having a dip. From there we walked uphill through some woods before leaving them to go into a field. We walked on a fairly steep incline across three fields and one road before eventually getting back to Medomsley, arriving at a path alongside the junior school.

I passed a couple of docile looking horses en route but no other livestock to cause concern, either to them or to me. We walked back along the Front Street past the Royal Oak, where the male Human looked wistful and was heard regretting the fact it wasn't opening time yet.

The walk took us about an hour and 20 minutes and was quite steep at times, so not for the faint hearted. But anyone wanting to try just a portion of it would still enjoy some healthy exercise.

Easter vintage tractor rally in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association

A vintage tractor rally set off from Moorside Farm, near Lanchester, on Easter Sunday. The rally was a special fundraising event organised by the Lanchester Vintage Tractor club in memory of one of their founder members, Ernie Hopps. 56 tractors participated in the rally which called at the Jolly Drovers in Leadgate as a halfway point. It raised £1,150 for Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association – amazing for one event.

Ernie died in 2020 aged 76 after suffering with MND for about 18 months. Ernie grew up in Victoria Terrace, Lanchester and was always in mischief. He worked in the engine sheds at the Consett Iron Company and eventually advanced to the role of chargehand in the boiler houses. This was a highly skilled job as parts were not readily available for steam locomotives and diesels, so they had to make the parts from scratch. He then worked on the family farm in Medomsley until this was sold and he "retired". He then had a series of part-time jobs and worked on vintage tractors at Esp Green Farm where he was able to assist fellow club members with any welding and repair tasks that needed to be undertaken. He loved to chat to everybody who came up.

He was a keen rugby player and played for Consett in the late 60's and early 70's.

His brother David said "If you were in a pub, you always knew he was there – you couldn't miss the laughter. He was a man of old school values, hardworking, with a great sense of humour, but didn't suffer fools!"

The rally started at Ernie's brother, David Hopps' farm and was led by a grey Ferguson tractor, driven by David, which was the last tractor Ernie had restored. David converted the throttle to left-handed so that it could be driven with one arm as Ernie lost the use of his arm before the project was completed.

The proceeds were presented to Dominic McDonough, Regional Fundraiser for the MND Association by David Hopps at the Lanchester Social Club on May 3rd.



Right top: Ernie as a young man

Right below: Presentation
Caption l-r David Hopps, Dominic McDonough and John Burdon (Chairman of the Vintage Tractors Club)
Right: Panoramic view of the drivers and their tractors being briefed before the start.

Front cover: Tractors setting off with David Hopps driving Ernie's Ferguson tractor
Front cover: Tractors heading off into the gloom



All Saints' Primary School Lanchester

Our newly built thirteen place nursery is up and running and going from strength to strength at a remarkable pace. We currently have seventeen children on roll who enjoy our unit at the beginning or end of the week, mornings, afternoons or both. Offering wrap around care (7.45am – 5pm) for our youngest pupils, whether they are with us for fifteen hours or thirty, adds additional strength to our offer! We also welcome children from a range of different nursery providers in the area into our reception class, which has thirty places.

Our indoor unit is bright, clean, and designed specifically to cater to the individual needs of children. Currently set up with The International Space Station, we change our role play area each half term. We always have a home corner set up (kitchen, bedroom and dining room) available for the children. With a malleable area, reading corner, block play, small world, artist station, mathematics, drawing, personal, social, emotional area as



well as a snack station, small group work desk, construction and 'Make and Do' access, there is always something to capture individual interests. This week, our indoor enhancements in our Early Years' Unit have been related to the coronation of King

Charles III – messy play, making crowns and scepters.

From our indoor classroom, we have two ways in which we can access our large outdoor classroom. A water area, sand pit area and small world space are available out there for the children. As well as a potions/mixing section, gross motor area, climbing, writing area, acting/singing stage, messy play and painting area, there are many opportunities to get creative. We are thrilled with our new purchase of balance bikes to add to our scooters and our most recent venture is to add a pulley to our digging pit – watch this space!

This year, we have loved introducing Forest School for our children in Nursery and Reception Class and we have really enjoyed the initiative 'Squiggle While You Wiggle' for our emergent writers. The staff

in our Nursery and Reception class are second to none and work hard to ensure our youngest pupils are involved in all areas of school life from day one: class assemblies, liturgies, educational visits and visitors. All are welcome in our Nursery and Reception Class: for an individual visit, please do not hesitate to call or email and we would love to show you around!

Frances Stephenson
Head Teacher

Serendipity Cafe

LANCHESTER

Now available for
private parties and functions,
fully licenced.

*

Afternoon teas available
to eat in or takeaway

Dogs
welcome



Opening Times:
Mon-Sat 10:00-16:00
Sun 10:00-15:00

Fully licenced

LANCHESTER PLUMBING & HEATING LTD

Gas Safe & Oil Service Engineers

FROM A LEAKING TAP TO COMPLETE
CENTRAL HEATING SYSTEM
NO JOB TOO SMALL

• COMPETITIVE QUOTES • FREE ADVICE
• NO CALL OUT CHARGE

CALL BARRY ON: (01207) 528139 OR
(MOBILE): 07717174739

PAUL KIRBY

Est 1987

Plumbing, Heating, and Building Services
Specialists in Bathroom and Kitchen refurbishment,
Tiling, Shower panels, PVC ceilings,
and all related plumbing work.

FREE ESTIMATES

Tel/Fax: 01207 284230 Mob: 07836742359
email: pk.plumbing@live.com



- Complete funeral service to all areas
- Private Chapels of Rest
- Silver fleet
- Funeral pre payment plans by Golden Charter
- 24 hour service
- Established 1992

Tel Durham 0191-3863850



For more information:

www.stuartwrightfunerals.co.uk

Head Office Gilesgate, 38 Sunderland Road, Gilesgate, Durham. DH1 2LG

Pelton, 3 Front Street, Pelton, Durham, DH2 1DB

Pity Me, Front Street, Pity Me, Durham, DH1 5DQ

Langley Park, 43 Front Street, Langley Park, Durham, DH7 9SA

Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

It is hard to believe that we are about to begin our final term for this academic year already. We enjoyed some excellent Easter services at the end of last term which were a real celebration of a wonderful Christian festival. We have also learnt a little more about Ramadan and the festival of Eid this term too. It's so positive that many of our children have such a better understanding of Islam thanks to our links with our partner school in Dubai.

This half term is concentrated around statutory tests for our Year 2 and Year 6 children. It's a tough time for them, even though we keep it as low key as possible. We do use this as a time to celebrate their achievements and progress - whatever that looks like. Academic achievement is crucial in schools but equally as important is the wellbeing and mental health of our children - now more than ever. We keep that at the forefront of our minds at all times and we firmly believe that the wide and varied opportunities given to our children in school (such as residentials and extracurricular activities) enhance their confidence, resilience and independence - key skills for life.

However, at the end of the half term, we do have lots of different activities planned for the children. I would like to take this opportunity to warn you that on Thursday 25th May and Wednesday 21st June, we will be holding our annual Year 5 and Year 6 bike rides along the old railway line. We will have around 60 children and adults each time and will be heading along to Bearpark, back to school and possibly up towards Knitsley.

This is always quite a challenging day to co-ordinate with some children cycling quite a distance for the first time in their little lives. We use the ride to teach them the skills of cycling and safety. If you see us, please give us an encouraging smile and just bear with us. We have experienced a small amount of negativity before on social media on the day of the bike ride and I do understand that the numbers involved can make it quite daunting if you are out walking. But please remember they are just children enjoying an amazing day of fun and fitness whilst also learning more key life skills and the etiquette of cycling!

Jane Davis (Head Teacher)



Image by Freepik

WHAT'S ON - May / June 2023

Willow Burn

Northumberland Coastal Challenge Walk | Saturday 10 June 2023 at 7.30am
Registration Fee: £35.00 | Fundraising Minimum: £150
Run by Shepherds Walk, the Northumberland Coastal Challenge Walk is a superb 26-mile challenge walk which takes place along the stunning Northumberland Coast Path.

On the journey, walkers will pass through four manned checkpoints at Seahouses, High Newton, Craster and Boulmer, where they will be checked in and out of each. Participants' punch cards also include a detailed map of the route and refreshments will be provided at each of the checkpoints. Upon completion, walkers will receive an event medal and a goody bag, provided by the walk organiser. Sign up with Ali at aenglish@willowburnhospice.org.uk / 01207 529 224.

Clarty Bairns / Throughout the summer

Registration fee: £11 | Fundraising minimum: £50

Clarty Bairns is a properly muddy obstacle course for all the family! It's a fun fitness event where families tackle challenges together and is suitable for bairns and big kids

aged 5 - 80! Held at Hedley West Farm in County Durham, the muddy obstacle course takes place in a glorious countryside environment. Challenging but quite achievable, Clarty Bairns is not a race. The emphasis is on finishing rather than speed, so you don't need to be a super competitive gym junkie to take part. Sign up with Ali at aenglish@willowburnhospice.org.uk / 01207 529 224.

History Society

We meet on Friday 2nd of June to hear from Gordon Henderson sharing with us historic finds from his wanderings. Gordon is a keen Roman specialist and a member of Roman Antiqua, a reenactment group, but in his search for all things Roman has come across many other items of interest. So please join us in the Community Centre Room 3 for 7.00 start. We also meet on Friday 7th July at 7.00 in Room 3 in the Community Centre. Fred Crowell from Leadgate History group will be talking to us initially about the River Tyne and some aspects of its history, culminating with a slide show of the restoration of a north east coble, The Peggy. You may have seen it at the traffic lights at Leadgate. Come and join us.

WI

The Lanchester WI next meeting is Monday 5th June, Main Hall Community Centre at 7.00pm. The speaker is Bernadette Hunt talking about Graphology, the study of handwriting. Come along to meet old and new friends over tea and biscuits and learn something new.

On Thursday 15th June we are holding an Open Evening at 7.00pm in the Social Club, tickets cost £6.00 and include tea/coffee, scones and biscuits. Author Philip Caine is coming along to talk about his writing. This event is open to all so bring your friend along. Book your tickets by phone (07922004397) or email (lanchesterwi@talktalk.net).



VILLAGE VOICE DEADLINES

Due to holiday pressures the deadline for the June edition is earlier than usual.

All articles, photographs, what's on and adverts Tuesday 30th May. Please send all your Coronation photographs and reports in.

History Society

Gordon Henderson (right) will share historic finds from his wanderings. Gordon is a keen Roman specialist and a member of Roman Antiqua, a reenactment group.



Paradiso Film Night

Sunday 11th June: Ghosttown starring Ricky Gervais. Bertram Pincus is a man whose people skills leave much to be desired. When Pincus dies unexpectedly, but is miraculously revived after seven minutes, he wakes up to discover that he now has the annoying ability to see ghosts. Even worse, they all want something from him.

Lanchester Community Centre, 7pm for drinks, nibbles and raffle, film starts at 7.30pm. Members : £3, Non-members : £4. Annual membership £5.

Lanchester Library Library Book Club

On Monday June 26th at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing 'A Gentlemen of Moscow' by Amor Towles. This book was recommended by one of the Lanchester book group members. "A wonderful book..... how people find ways to be happy and make connections and make a difference in one another's lives" (Good Housekeeping). Will this novel appeal to all our group? We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

Thursday Book Club On Thursday June 15th the group will be reviewing 'Trust Me' by T.M. Logan, a Sunday Times bestseller thriller. It sounds intriguing and it is given 4 stars by www.goodreads.com. If you would like to join this book group, pop into the library and pick up your copy.

Pins and Needles will meet up on June 1st from 10-11.30am. Bring along your wool, thread needles and patterns and share your makes and get advice too. Everyone is welcome, enjoy.

Children crafts

are available every afternoon and Saturday. Different crafts, ideas and materials are set out in the library for children to be creative, pop along with your children and enjoy. *The librarians are happy to recommend books that suit your taste, fiction, non fiction, biographies, large print, audio books, travel, craft, nature*

Musical Memories

Join us to enjoy music from musicals old and new, on 7th June at 2pm at Lynwood House, Durham Road, Lanchester. Musical Memories is a fun, friendly and stimulating music group using the ability of music to improve your brain activity, wellbeing and mood. We welcome people living with conditions that affect memory. For further information email lanchesterdfc@gmail.com

Lanchester Methodist Church Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are held every Saturday at the Methodist Church between 10 and 12, in aid of the following organisations:
May 27 - Alzheimer's Society
June 3 - Male voice choir
June 10 - Boys' Brigade
June 17 - TBA
June 24 - TBA

Thursday Club

The next meeting of the Thursday Club will be in the Main Hall of the Community Centre on June 15th at 1.30pm. We will be having a talk on T. Dan Smith given by Anthony Atkinson.

Folk & Acoustic Music & Song Evenings

Apologies to everyone - due to illness and unavailability over the Easter period, I had to take the unusual and regrettable step of giving the April

session a miss. We will be back to normal, full of song, music and vigour (and even a little Guinness) at 8pm on Sunday 21st May and subsequent 3rd Sunday of the month evenings. We are in the comfortable dining area at Crinnions. Again, if you sing, play, tell jokes, or simply wish to join us for the banter you are most welcome. Regards Ian 529286.

Lanchester playgroup

Every Tuesday at 1:30 and every Friday at 9:30 at Croft View Halls. Find us on Facebook, 'Lanchester's new playgroup'.

Lanchester Social Club

3rd June - *Emma Lou*
10th June - *Seymour Sisters*

17th June - *Caitlin Black*

24th June - *Jacey Taylor*

All acts are subject to change at short notice.

Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

The next meetings of the Friends will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 22nd June, in the Community Centre. Investigations continue into the ditched feature at Peth Bank, which is increasingly looking like a Celtic homestead. A walk is being arranged to investigate a possible Roman bridge site on the River Wear, close by Finchale Priory. Further details from Mrs M. Williams, tel: 01207 520063 or Rodney Hawkins, email: hawkins_15@sky.com.

City Theatre

Durham Dramatic Society proudly presents "Deliver us from Evil" (drama/thriller) at The City Theatre, Durham, DH1 3RA, from Sun 25th June until Saturday 1st July. "Ben Seaton, the new rector is settling in but

his wife feels decidedly out of place. A strange woman keeps walking into the rectory and church bells ring at odd times..... then the unthinkable happens. A murder! Skeletons surface from the village's recent past and it appears not everyone is who they claim to be. Then a second person is attacked!" Performances: Sunday and Saturday matinees at 2.30. Monday-Friday 7.30. Tickets £8.50. Concessions £7.50 on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Tickets available from Durham Gala 03000266600 or www.galadurham.co.uk or on the door.

Anyone who has a keen interest in theatre, either acting, prompting, sound and light, props, set building, front of house, wardrobe etc. but doesn't know where to start, contact Lesley Anderson on 07531858341/ 01207521149 for more information. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. (Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate under 18's). The City Theatre is Durham based and run by volunteers, and is a registered charitable company.

Wellbeing walk

Every Monday at 1pm on the village green next to the war memorial. Walk lasts up to 90 minutes, all welcome. To book please visit www.durham.gov.uk/walkdurham or call 03000 262539.

Walking Group

Meets at 10am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month (next dates are 14th June and 28th June). Walks are about 5 miles long within a 30 minute radius of Lanchester - lifts provided. For further details please call

Helen Thomas on 07712425623 (or email hdbthomas@live.com).

Vintage Tractor Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in Lanchester Social Club.

Flower club

Our next meeting in the Lanchester Community Centre will be on Wednesday 28th June at 1.30 pm in the Main Hall. Our speaker will be Glynis Grainger and her talk will be "Irene Sendler".

Witton Gilbert Parish history talk

A talk on the history of the parish by John T. Geddes at Witton Gilbert Village Hall, 6th June, 6pm to 8:30ish. Lots of interesting things you didn't know about Witton Gilbert!

Lunch Club

The next meeting of the lunch club held at Lynwood House will be Tuesday 13th June, 12 pm start, all welcome

'Fragments from History' Exhibition

Take a Stitch 2 Durham, a creative textile group that meets monthly at the Community Centre in Lanchester, are pleased to announce that we have a new exhibition at Durham Castle in the Tunstall Gallery. There are 50 pieces of embroidery and mixed media on display covering different inspirations we identified on our trip to the castle. Tickets are available from www.durham.ac.uk/things-to-do/venues/durham-castle. Members of the group are stewarding on the 3.15 pm tour every Thursday afternoon to chat to you about the pieces. We hope you can enjoy our work.

A Significant Date

By the time you read this, the coronation should have taken place on May 6th.

This is not the first time that date has appeared in the history of the royal family.

On May 6th, 1910, Edward VII, known as The Uncle of Europe and Edward the Caresser, died.

Exactly 60 years later Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon were married and in 1919 Prince Archie of Sussex was born.

Not everybody is a royalist, but we are all affected by an event on May 6th, 1840: the first postage stamp was issued.

Jill Ramsay



RACHEL'S PODIATRY

I am based in a modern clinic in the Consett area. With over 17 years experience working in the NHS and privately, your feet will be in the best hands!

Rachel Lidster
BSc MRCPod
Podiatrist/
Chiropodist
HCPC Registered

**MEDICAL
PEDICURES**

BASIC NAILCARE

**CORN, CALLUS &
VERUCCA TREATMENT**

**MANAGEMENT OF
THICKENED AND
INGROWN TOENAILS**

07949164272
[facebook.com/rachelpodiatry](https://www.facebook.com/rachelpodiatry)
rachelpodiatry@gmail.com

Lanchester Parish Council

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on

Tuesday 11 April 2023 at 7.00pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 14 March – approved.

Correspondence

Mid Durham Parish Council Committee – Primary Care issues – received.

Durham County Councillors – an update was received on issues including:

the disability access in the village

the parking in the village

Lanchester Solar Planet Walk – an update was given about the project – received.

Kitswell Park Play Area – to determine what repairs/replacements are needed for the play area – resolved that a site visit would take place.

County Durham Community Consultation Survey – the Councillors considered the consultation on proposed changes to County Durham Community Engagement and potential impact to Mid Durham AAP – resolved that a letter to be sent.

Hanging Baskets – Members considered and agreed the price received for the provision of hanging baskets of £264.00 plus the cost of watering.

Financial report – approved.

Accounts for Payment – approved.



24/7 response at the press of a button

We provide a monitoring and response service to people's homes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, 7 days a week with a 24-hour Control Centre and simple personal alarms.

What can our personal alarms do for you?

- Help on hand out of hours
- Maintains freedom and independence
- 24/7 support and reassurance
- Peace of mind for all




For further information:

www.durham.gov.uk/careconnect

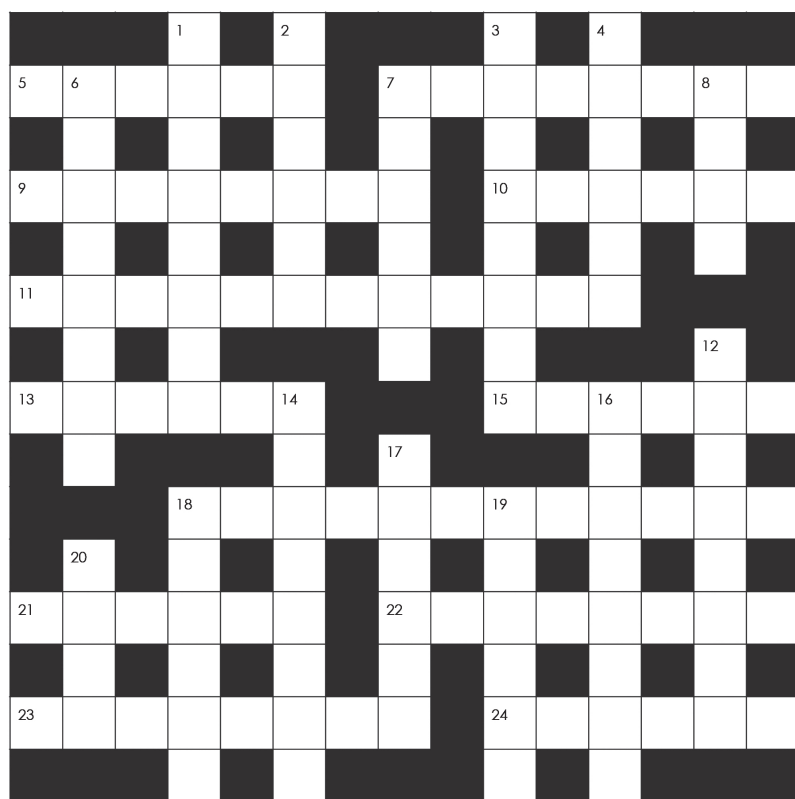
03000 262 195

care.connect@durham.gov.uk

You can also find us on 
[facebook.com/CareConnectDCC](https://www.facebook.com/CareConnectDCC)



CLUES CROSSWORD 185



Across

5. Material used for tying parcels (6)
7. Country bordering Brazil (8)
9. Space between two points (8)
10. Temporary dwellings made of snow (6)
11. Cash lost in 'em (Anagram) (4,8)
13. Capital of Lebanon (6)
15. To bury or trap (6)
18. Title of children's educational magazine (4,3,5)
21. Circus tent (3,3)
22. Heavenly utopia (8)
23. Put 18 down in one of these (8)
24. Polar covering (3,3)

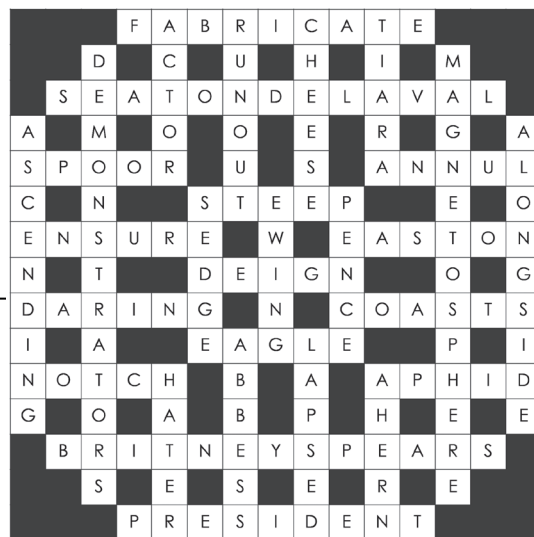
Down

1. Ruler who has complete power (8)
2. List of items for discussion (6)
3. Formal partnership between countries (8)
4. Aromas (6)
6. Tested (8)
7. Day nursery for very young children (6)
8. A person or thing regarded as a representative symbol (4)
12. Food of the gods (8)
14. Robert, whose mouse trademark can be found in Lanchester (8)
16. More fashionable (8)
17. Corvid that is popular on Tyneside (6)
18. Missive (6)
19. Force off the track (6)
20. Type of big cat (4)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send your completed entries for the £10 prize draw by the **5TH JUNE** to the Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0HY



Winner of Crossword 184

There were 19 entries this month of which
14 were correct.
The winner drawn out of the hat was
John Ballentine.

travel counsellors



Karen Topping

For all your travel needs

Your Lanchester based personal travel agent available 24/7. So ring Karen anytime to discuss your next holiday experience.

01207 668440 / 07881558492

karen.topping@travelcounsellors.com

ADVANCED DECORATING
FREE ESTIMATES



David Gallagher
Painter and Decorator

4 Woodside Tce,
Stanley
Co. Durham DH9 7HG

01207 231338

07887 881396

davidg3001@talktalk.net

www.advanced-decorating.org.uk

SteelTown HANDYMAN

CONTACT LEE:
01207269695
07450088561

- QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN
- HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE/ REPAIRS
- FLAT-PACK ASSEMBLY
- TILING, PAINTING & DECORATING
- BLIND/ CURTAIN POLE INSTALLATION
- GARDEN MAINTENANCE

"FROM HANGING A PICTURE TO TILING A WALL, FOR THE STEELTOWN HANDYMAN, NO JOB'S TOO BIG OR SMALL"

TRUSTWORTHY - RELIABLE - COMPETITIVELY PRICED

Bowls report

The South West Durham Vets League started on the 26th April when Lanchester A team hosted Spennymoor B in Division 1. This is our first season in the top division and whilst we lost by 6 points to 2 points, there were a lot of positives to be taken from the game as Spennymoor are one of the stronger teams in the league.

Lanchester B team travelled to Addison Park, Meadowfield, for their game in Division 2 and came away with a creditable draw 4 points each. Both teams will no doubt improve as the season goes on.

The North West Durham League saw Lanchester entertain Consett Park on the 29th April and in a very close game we won by 6 points to 2 points, the final score not being a true reflection of how close the game was.

If you are looking to find a form of exercise that suits you then Lawn Bowls could be the game for you; in a typical 21 end game the number of steps taken over a 2 hour period is 8000 plus. So come down to the club on a Thursday at 1.30pm or Sunday at 2.30pm to try the game.

Look forward to seeing you in the future.

Stuart Lee, Club Secretary.



Community Centre News

Celebrating our 55th Birthday in 2023

This month we are highlighting the sessions we have available for children, from babies to teens. For babies and toddlers, we have Hartbeeps, award winning baby and toddler classes, on Mondays and Wednesdays. These groups feature music, puppets, laughter and fun for newborns, babies and toddlers.

Bloom Baby classes are on Tuesdays, these are sensory classes for babies.

Then we have Musitots on Fridays, these are pre school music groups, bringing music, fun and games.

Older children can get involved with Activate Theatre on Wednesdays. Classes offer dynamic, creative, inspiring and fun acting, singing and dance sessions for the young stars of the area. Karate on Fridays helps youngsters to keep fit and build their confidence.

Finally, Table Tennis on Fridays; have fun and learn a new sport.

Check out our website, Facebook page or contact the office for full details.

The office is staffed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am-1.15pm. On Tuesday and Thursdays, it's 9am-3.45pm. 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/>



Notes from the House

This Saturday in Westminster Abbey our new King and Queen will be crowned. This will be a moment of joy for so many after the sadness that followed the death of Her late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, last year. I have been very fortunate to have been selected in a ballot as one of a small number of Members of Parliament who will be attending alongside Cabinet Ministers and former Prime Ministers. It is an honour and a privilege to represent the people of North West Durham at this historic occasion.

Coronations have been held at Westminster Abbey for almost 900 years, with William the Conqueror being the first documented Coronation there on Christmas Day 1066. This Saturday, King Charles will follow in his footsteps. While this will be the 40th Coronation at Westminster

Abbey, it is only the second to be televised and broadcast to the Commonwealth and the wider world.

While the objects used in each sovereign's coronation may have changed from time to time, the way the Coronation takes place here has remained nearly the same for almost a thousand years. With the eyes of the world watching, the Archbishop of Canterbury will crown the King with St Edward's Crown, which is made of solid gold and features over 400 gemstones. Royalty and foreign dignitaries will be present – the largest number ever – in a truly magical moment that many of us will remember for the rest of our lives.

The King will be presented as monarch to the people and will swear an oath to uphold the laws of the realm and of the Church. For me, this will be the most significant moment. A monarch crowned, but only King because it is the will of the people via our sovereign Parliament. The essence of constitutional monarchy – a figurehead who can advise and guide but not decide.

Bringing people together in unity to mark this historical occasion is what this Coronation is really about. So, while I am excited to go, I am also sad to be missing out on the celebrations on the day in Lanchester and the towns and villages across North West Durham.

One of the most remarkable things about our area is the strong community spirit that is palpable to any outsider. As well as being a historical moment unfolding, the Coronation weekend is a unique opportunity for people to get together and celebrate with friends, neighbours and loved ones. The street parties, barbecues, and village fetes, celebrating the Coronation really will be something special.

Hopefully the weather will hold up, but it is likely that it won't – just as it didn't at The Queen's in 1953. But I'm certain this won't dampen the spirits of all those involved in Westminster and taking part in their own way across the rest of the country.

Bring on the Carolean era - Long live The King! *(Please note: This was written prior to the Coronation)*

Richard Holden



Lanchester Medical Centre: Patient Participation Group

How to take your medicines safely

At Lanchester Pharmacy, we want our patients to take their medicines safely and effectively. Here are some top tips on how you can do this:

Before you leave the pharmacy, double check the medication label to confirm your name and address.

We recommend making two lists of your medicines. One to keep in your wallet/purse and one to keep safely at home. Make sure you show this list to all health care providers, including dentists and physical therapists. On both lists please include:

- Names of all your medications, including vitamins and supplements or medicines bought over the counter
- When and how often you take your medicines
- Why it has been prescribed and by who
- How to take your medicine – this information is on the label of your medicine

Unsure of any of the following, please come into the pharmacy and we can help discuss this with you:

- How to know if your medicine is working?
- What side effects to look out for with your medicine?
- Is there anything I should avoid buying from the pharmacy to take with my medicine?
- If I want to stop my medicine, is it safe to stop abruptly?
- Is it safe for me to drive with my medicine?
- Is there anything I should avoid eating or drinking with this medicine?
- If I forget to take my medicine, what should I do?
- How should I store my medicine?

Always try to collect your prescription from the same pharmacy, so the pharmacist knows what medication is new, and if it is safe for you to take. If you are unable to use the same pharmacy each time, bring a list of your medicines in for the pharmacist to see.

Remember, take your medicine as prescribed, checking the instructions label on your medicine box. Always read the patient information leaflet for each medication – found inside the medicine box.

When flying, keep your medicine in your hand luggage. Make sure you have enough medication to last your trip. Always keep medicines out of direct sunlight and heat – both at home and when travelling.

Rachel March, Lanchester Pharmacy

A large dog terrorised a Lanchester street, injuring three people.

The dog, believed to be an Alsatian, has now been destroyed. According to eyewitness Paul Cook, from Pethside, Lanchester, the horrific incident took place at around 6pm on Friday, April 21. Mr Cook said the dog was being walked by its owner, who also lives in Pethside, when it turned on him.

"It began attacking him and had him pinned to the ground. A woman neighbour tried to intervene to help, as did another man. I was stood with a plastic chair trying to get it off, but it wouldn't let go. By this time the whole street was out trying to help but the dog was uncontrollable. The lady who tried to help was also pinned to the ground and injured. She was in a terrible state. And another chap was bitten by it."

The dog was eventually brought under control and taken away by police. Paramedics were also called to treat the casualties and two were rushed to hospital by ambulance. Thankfully their injuries were not as serious as first feared.

Lanchester Neighbourhood Police officer Jonathan Rutherford confirmed: "We had an incident with a dangerous dog there on the 21st. Both street wardens and dog section assisted in gaining control of the dog which was taken away to Stray Aid and has now been destroyed.

"We did have two victims and they are making a recovery as far as I am aware, and the injuries luckily are not as bad as first thought.

"The owner has also been given a community protection notice and being given set conditions about keeping dogs and how they should be walked. "The incident was logged as an assault with injury and is due to be closed after investigations are complete."

But Mr Cook claims the authorities are not treating the incident as seriously as he believes it warrants.

"The same man has another dog which barks all the time, and which also looks vicious. People in the street are terrified to let their children or grandchildren out and it is hardly surprising."

Neil McKay



Lanchester TAXIS
07535268929

- AIRPORT TRANSFERS
- LONG DISTANCE
- LOCAL PICKUP
- ADVANCED BOOKINGS
- FULLY LICENCED

Feeling stressed, overwhelmed, anxious or fearful?

Life brings challenges that affect our mental health.

Rapid Transformational Therapy will help to restore your wellbeing and live life to the full.

Call Franz today to find out more.
Phone or text: 0790 411 6844



ALL TYPES OF PLASTERING AND BRICKWORK
Re-Skims, Ceilings, Concreting, Pointing ... etc
Over 20 Years' Experience. All Work Guaranteed

BILLY CARR
PLASTERING



Free Estimates. No Job Too Small
QUALITY WORK AT AFFORDABLE PRICES
Telephone: (01207) 284881 Mobile: 07813 339467

PIANO LESSONS

Experienced teacher.

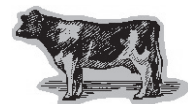
**Beginners,
all ages welcome**

Jan Massey
07826841224



Hanley & Sons
**Purveyors of fine quality meats
and home cooked food**

Family Butcher & Delicatessen



**Apart from the normal butchery and
delicatessen products we now offer:-**

**A Selection of Cooked Meats and
Outside Catering**

Open Monday - Saturday from 8 am

14 Front Street Lanchester
01207 529970

Cricket News

Well, my prediction was proven correct, though I couldn't claim to be 'Mystic Meg' by any means. The inclement weather has meant that at the time of writing this, that despite being scheduled to start on 15th April, the first team have yet to play a match. The league decided to reschedule the whole first set of fixtures, then the following week all games were washed out and on the 29th some games did get played, but we were due to be at Sacriston where their field was still too wet.

In total, the club has had two matches, the under 13s being the first to play when they beat Consett by six wickets. Consett were 63-5 with Nathan Watson taking 2-6 in his 3 overs. There was a wicket for Lenny Rushton and a debut wicket for George Tilley with only his second ball. Harrison McCourt starred with the bat making an unbeaten 18 as Lanchester overhauled the Consett score.

The second match to be played saw the second team entertain Sacriston where they were beaten by 7 wickets. Winning the toss would be crucial and it was Sacriston who called correctly. Cam Metcalfe and Dan Arthur made 19 each and Ibs Khan batting 11 was not out with 18. A total of 112 wasn't enough and Sacriston were easy winners. Really hoping the sun starts to dry the fields out and allow cricket to be played.

A reminder that All Stars starts on Friday 19th May at 5.30pm and look forward to seeing everyone there.

A Plea to dog owners

This is a plea to everyone who walks their dogs on the cricket and football grounds....please please please pick up your dog waste! The cricket season has started and there is a girls football team using the football field, so it is quite disgusting how many inconsiderate dog walkers are putting the health of children and adults alike at risk by failing to pick up what the dog leaves behind. There are bins by the car park that the Council empty, so there is no excuse. Disease can be passed on to humans via dog faeces. The Cricket Club does have a security camera system and if someone is caught failing to do their duty, there will be no hesitation in passing the details on to the Council for prosecution or posting online to identify the culprit, as enough is enough.

NEXT DEADLINE

Please submit any articles for the next edition of the Village Voice by

Tuesday 30th May 2023

The deadline for advertisers is

Tuesday 30th May 2023

Tennis returns to the grass!

Following the successful winter tennis coaching in Croft View Halls, it was great to look forward to returning to the grass courts on Ford Road at the end of April.

However, due to some awful weather, play and coaching were delayed until 1st May when the courts were prepared for action. Grass sports such as tennis and cricket are certainly at the mercy of inclement weather!

Hopefully, as you read this article, the Monday evening coaching sessions will be in full swing (excuse the pun!), and the "Big Tennis Weekend" will have taken place. A full report will be in next month's issue of the Village Voice.

Our photograph shows some of the early coaching participants braving the damp conditions on opening night!

We look forward to a full and action-packed tennis summer and fingers crossed for some lovely weather.

If any further information is required about the club, please don't hesitate to contact Dennis on 07960494442 or email den.lizjane@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook. Dennis Laycock

Below: Early coaching participants braving the damp conditions on opening night!



How to contact the Village Voice

To advertise,

email: lanchestervvadverts@gmail.com. **telephone:** Paul on 07957 871106

Please do not use this number for matters relating to content.

General and news enquiries, email: lanchestervillagevoice@yahoo.co.uk

By post: The Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0PB.

Published by Lanchester Publications Ltd, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0PB

The views expressed in this periodical are not necessarily those of the publishers. Whilst all efforts are made to check the authenticity, and accuracy of all articles submitted for publication, occasionally something is bound to be printed incorrectly.

Please let us know, and we will endeavour to correct the mistake.