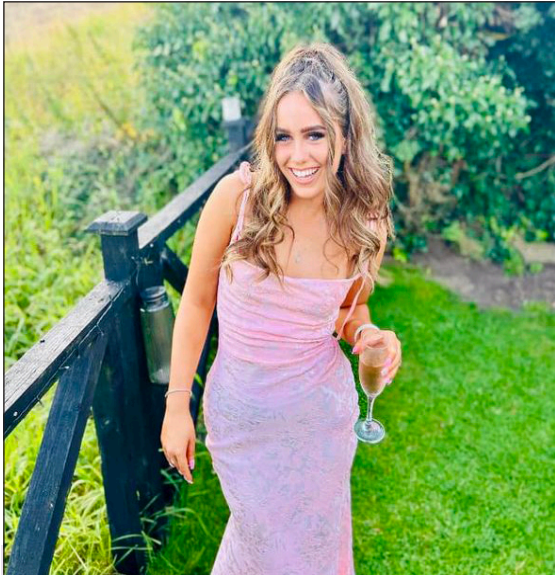


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The Lanchester Partnership 25th anniversary review - looking back and looking forward

Next year we'll be celebrating 25 years of work in the village. This month we will be launching a review – "Looking Back and Looking Forward". This exercise is an opportunity for anyone in the village to contribute views about how we can strengthen the many good things we already do. We want the Partnership to remain relevant to the current needs and attract the active support of as many of you as possible, in all sorts of differing ways.

Between now and Christmas the trustees will be issuing a number of questionnaires to different audiences and chatting to residents on a number of themes. The intention is to listen to you and find out how we can strengthen what we do on your behalf.

After Christmas we'll assemble all the information and where practicable incorporate ideas into a revised programme that can guide our work for the next few years. We'll consider how this all fits with other key organisations such as the Parish Council, the churches, the Community Centre and various clubs and societies.

By the next Annual General Meeting next July, we'll be able to publish and celebrate an updated programme.

Please keep an eye out for further information about the review and any consultation events which we organise. We'll advertise events on Facebook and via our website and keep you in touch as we go along.

We're looking forward to hearing your views.

Henry Edwards
Chair of the Lanchester Partnership

The Lanchester Partnership



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Grace Massey Allen

(pictured on the front cover)

Grace, a Lanchester girl born and bred, recently won Apprentice Hairdresser of the Year at the North East Hair & Beauty Awards 2023.

This is an unbelievable achievement; she has achieved so much in only one year of her training! Grace works at Hair by PaddyMac in Consett and says a huge thankyou to Patrick McNicholas for everything he has invested in her and for the opportunities he has given her so far.

Her mother, Kathryn, says "Grace is one of the most beautiful souls inside and out and we couldn't be more proud of her, we are bursting with pride!"

Coffee Morning for the Village Bus

Once again Margaret Brown and her supporters organised and delivered a very social coffee morning at the chapter house of All Saints Parish Church.

With the help of the ladies in the kitchen, and all those who turned up to show their support to help fund the village bus, £435 was raised.

There was a great buzz in the room and lots of fun with the raffle and prizes. Everyone is looking forward to the next one early next year. If there's anyone who would like to try the village bus, just ring Paul on 07957871106 and he will help you give it a go, it's open to all!

Paul Jackson



New lease of life for this fantastic building in Lanchester

Emily Morris, a local Lanchester girl, has recently undertaken the refurbishment of part of the Library building in Lanchester. She has created a luxury four bedroomed apartment above the Library which sleeps eight and a three bedroomed townhouse which sleeps six in the adjoining building.

Both have been fitted out to a high standard and are excellent for anyone needing self-contained accommodation. For larger parties both properties can be booked for the same length of stay. The accommodations are dog friendly with their very own welcome pack on arrival!!

Emily is also promoting local attractions and eateries, as the properties have already catered for tourists as well as family and friends of people living in the area visiting for special occasions. Indeed, several families from abroad have already stayed at Escape Beyond Holiday Lets including guests from America.

Please visit the website www.escapebeyond.co.uk for further pictures and full details. Alternatively, you can ring Emily or Lisa on 07857054992 or email info@escapebeyond.co.uk if you have any queries or wish to book direct.

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PROMOTED CONTENT

Nature Notes – from our Wildlife Correspondent

Wildlife notes: migration continued

Some birds herald the start of spring/summer by their arrival, like the soaring Swallows, Swifts and Martins. Those insect-eating, summer visitors return to Africa, to be replaced by different autumn migrants focused on feasting on berries and seeds as available invertebrate numbers plummet.

Our North East winters might seem on the brrrrrr side, but they entice birds from even cooler climes. One of the most spectacular are Waxwing, who sometimes visit in numbers if the wild berry crop isn't sufficient on the continent. They need 800-1000 berries a day, their favourite being Rowan. Supermarket and shopping centre car parks may offer a surprise snack! They often have ornamental shrubs whose berries lure over wintering migrants.

Two 'new' additions to our Thrush species to watch for from October are: Redwing, smaller than our 'resident' Song Thrush; also the larger Fieldfare. They travel from locations in Iceland, Scandinavia and as far as Russia. It can be a treacherous journey culminating in the 500 mile flight across the North Sea, in the dark, many crash into waves in rough weather.

These two species enjoy our hedgerows and orchards for fruit/berries and look for earthworms in fields, where they frequently flock together. Next March they'll move back north to breed. A very few pairs may remain to breed in Scotland. For birds travelling from the continent their first landfall is likely to be the East coast, the hungry visitors waste no time sourcing a berry bonanza, making our North East coast a perfect place to watch for new arrivals.

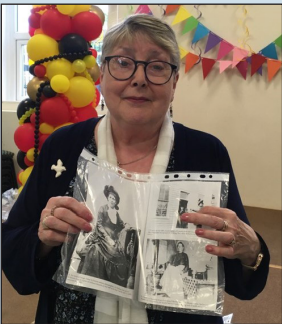
Many autumn avian arrivals travel overnight, listen out for their calls to each other as they pass overhead in the darkness.

**RSPB's website birds A to Z guides have audio of bird calls to listen to: www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/bird-a-z/redwing
<https://www.british-birdsongs.uk/>
<https://xeno-canto.org/>**

Top: Waxwing (taken by Ian Appleby)
Left: Middle: Redwing (taken by Dave Sumpton)
Far right: Fieldfare (taken by Ian Appleby)
Fieldfare (taken by Dave Sumpton)



Thursday Club



After the summer break, at our last meeting, we were delighted to be welcoming back Glynis Grainger, a lovely lady with a phenomenal memory. This time we were treated to the tale of 'Calamity Jane'. Glynis had put together a wonderful story of life in the 'Wild West' and we were left in no doubt that it bore no relation whatsoever to the fictional, romanticised version that we all remembered from the lovely Doris Day movie from way back.

Real life saw Martha Jane Canary, aka Calamity Jane, becoming an orphan at a very young age, having to look after younger siblings and make money any way she could. She became a frontierswoman, a professional scout. After meeting up with Wild Bill Hickok her life takes on a legend of its own with nobody really sure of the actual truth.

It all added up to a wonderful talk which left us all enthralled.

We closed the meeting with the usual tea/coffee and biscuits and endless natter - another enjoyable Thursday Club afternoon. **Olive Simpkins**

Great North Run for Brain Tumour Research

A Lanchester mum who completed the Great North Run has thanked the village for their support. Anne Hayes was joined by her son James, 38, and daughter Mary Jo, 23, in completing the run last month in memory of her elder daughter Bernadette, who would have celebrated her 40th birthday this year.

Bernadette died of an incurable brain illness in 2014.

Anne explained: "As a family we moved to Lanchester in 1988 and Bernadette attended All Saints Primary and St Bede's schools. She passed away in 2014 following surgery and many months of radio and chemotherapy after a devastating diagnosis of a Glioblastoma in 2010.

"To mark what would have been her 40th birthday year, we decided as a family to complete the GNR in her precious memory and to raise vital funds for the Brain Tumour Research Charity."

While James ran on ahead Anne and Mary-Jo survived a soaking from a torrential rainstorm, after starting the run in sweltering conditions. "We were about five miles from the finish when we saw

this massive dark cloud. We tried to go faster but had got as far as John Reid Road, still two miles from the end when the rain came down like nobody's business. We practically swam to the finishing post!"

Anne, who works in Serendipity café in Station Road, added: "We were humbled, but not surprised, at the support we received from her many friends and extended family. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of many Serendipity customers who had never met Bernadette but were more than happy to support us and the charity.



**"We have raised an amazing £2195 together.
Thank you to everyone for their marvellous support."**

pictured, L to R: James, Anne, Mary Jo

The Dynamic Duo

(front cover photo)

Over the course of the last few months our two boys Max (8) and Leo (5) from Lanchester have spent their spare time rallying family and friends to support a remarkable cause – Willow Burn Hospice in Lanchester.

Willow Burn Hospice, nestled in the heart of Lanchester, holds a special place in ours and the community's heart. This haven provides compassionate end-of-life care and essential support services to those in need.

Recognising the vital role Willow Burn Hospice plays in their community Max and Leo set out on a mission to raise funds for this noble cause. Their enthusiasm was infectious as they embraced the challenge of running the Mini Great North Run, heading out most afternoons to practice and partaking in the weekly park runs at the Riverside.

The boys managed to raise £673 and were delighted to hear that their contribution alone will fund one full day of care and services at the Hospice.

We are both very proud of their achievement and commitment to this fantastic cause.

Their efforts remind us that age is no barrier when it comes to making a difference.

Lee & Sara Spry

Dear Village...

Dear Village Voice,

Oh that it was as easy as more houses = more shops as suggested in last month's letters. Sadly the writer does not give us an example of a village in Co. Durham to back up their theory.

I have an equally outlandish theory which seems to be backed up by actual facts – more local employment = more shops. When we moved here in 1970 the village had a full range of shops reflecting the 1970s style of living and more local businesses providing employment which over time closed and were replaced by new housing. The Sirius factory site is now Oakwood estate, Derwentside Council plant nursery made way for Greenwell Park, Valley Grove and Woodlands, Lynwood House Care home now converted to flats, Lee Hill hospital now Lee Hill Court and flats, the Employment Exchange now Croft Court flats, Kitswell Road Council yard now Ashdown Grove, Ken Thomas Skip Hire now Bishops Meadow, Crow Hall Farm now St Bede's Court, the Blue Bell and Queens Head pubs now houses and flats. Add in the green field sites that have been used and the various barn conversions and by my reckoning it adds up to around 500 houses and flats added to the housing stock. All those extra shoppers but sadly fewer shops than in 1970!

It is quite obvious that there is not one simple solution.

Communities evolve to reflect changing tastes and many other factors such as the age profile of the village, pressure on household budgets, ease of car parking, pandemics, employment trends etc come into play.

What I can say is that I am very grateful for the shops and businesses that we now have and also for the many clubs, societies, sports facilities, schools and other amenities which help to make it a great place to live.

Yours

Brian Naylor

New forest planned on the edge of Lanchester

Ambitious plans have been unveiled to create a forest park on the edge of Lanchester. The proposals involve transforming the former Greencroft Park Estate from mixed agricultural use to a mixed productive forest that will bring a plethora of environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Working alongside the Forestry Commission and the North East Community Forest a company called Pryor and Rickett Silviculture have already carried out surveys on wildlife, vegetation and archaeology.

Pryor and Rickett Silviculture are described as Chartered Foresters and Woodland Consultants, based in Carlisle, and Sam Roberts, Woodland Creation and Carbon Manager for Pryor and Rickett, said the plans were for a woodland similar to the size of Chopwell Woods. Speaking to The Village Voice at a presentation last month at Annfield Plain Community Centre (one had already taken place in Lanchester) Mr Roberts said: "The scheme will be designed to connect priority woodland habitat, helping to establish wildlife corridors across the landscape."

Through the creation of future habitat, the project will also help support conservation efforts for Red Squirrel as well as helping to mitigate flooding in Lanchester by decreasing surface water run-off into the Newhouse and Stockerley burns.

While Mr Roberts is quick to dismiss any suggestions that the new woodland will be "a magnet for mountain bikers

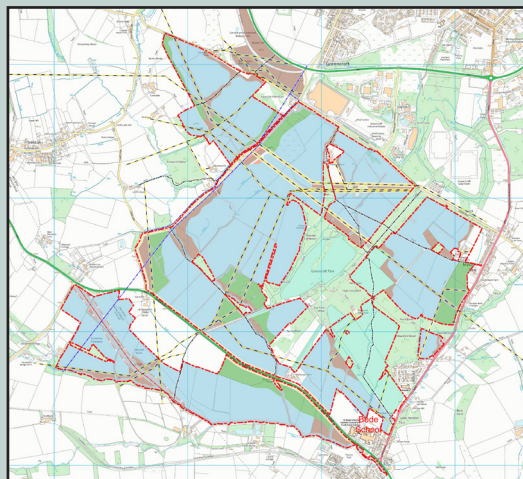
like Hamsterley Forest" he said that "we are looking into the feasibility of establishing a cycle route off road to connect Sustrans routes 7 and 14 and provide an alternative for cyclists to avoid Maiden Law Bank".

He also revealed that archaeological surveys carried out revealed that the Roman road Dere Street was actually "100 metres south of where it was originally mapped."

The area in question is currently used by local farmers for livestock grazing and stretches from the old Greencroft Estate gatehouse off Maiden Law bank uphill towards Tower Road, Greencroft.

The forest is unlikely to be mature until towards the middle of this century and Mr Roberts explained: "We are looking at opportunities to increase access to the local community,

allowing them to experience the forest as it grows. We aim to use local labour skilled in forestry to deliver the project. As the forest grows, the productive species will provide sustainable timber to the construction sector, helping to reduce our reliance on imported wood and carbon intensive materials such as steel and concrete." **Neil Mackay**



The concept map shows the current thinking on the design of the woodland, the proposed application area is bounded by the red dotted line. Bede school is shown at the bottom of the map. The blue shaded area is Sitka Spruce which is commercial woodland and represents 63.4% of the area; the rest of the trees is a mixture of existing woodland, broadleaves and mixed conifers. The woodland will be on both sides of the Lanchester to Consett road.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

If you are unsure where to return your filled shoebox, please leave them either at the Methodist Church by Sunday November 12th, or at the Church of England Parish Church by 20th November.

Many thanks on behalf of the children who will value much about what could be their only Christmas gift.

Judith Brown



Lanchester Flower Club CELEBRATING 50 YEARS 1973-2023

Member of the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society

Lanchester Flower club enjoyed a lovely afternoon on Wednesday 27th September still celebrating our 50th Anniversary year. Our demonstrator was Wendy Smith who has entertained us on many occasions, her theme was "Golden Anniversary". Wendy never lets us down; there were so many lovely arrangements which were raffled much to the delight of so many winners. We were joined by visitors from other areas and clubs which boosted our members to 42 which was so good to see. We have had such lovely support celebrating our 50 years as a Flower Club in Lanchester. The usual tea and coffee was served and everyone enjoyed a lovely relaxing afternoon.

Our next meeting will be our Open Christmas Demonstration on Wednesday 18th November 2023 in Lanchester Community Centre main hall at 2pm. Our demonstrator is Christine Ogle, her theme "Twas the night before Christmas", tickets are £7. Please contact Lestrine Kelly on 01027 521494 or Helen Tomlinson on 01027 503667 for your tickets. Everyone welcome.



Wendy Smith, demonstrator, with some of her arrangements on the Golden Anniversary theme.

Newcastle Refugees Visit Lanchester Community Orchard

Again, this year members of the Lanchester Orchard had the privilege of hosting some refugees from Newcastle, organised through our links with the West End Refugee Centre. Together we shared a rewarding and uplifting day. Amongst our seven visitors there were just 2 familiar faces, the rest were new refugees who came keen to lend us a hand with jobs at the orchard. They assisted with scything, grass cutting and weeding. Some even ventured forth to visit the resident bee colonies!

But the day was far more than completing those useful tasks. It was a day to meet people from across the world, a day of sharing stories, eating together and a chance to share the pleasures of being outside in nature.

Many of the refugees visiting us were well trained and educated people, a doctor, lawyer, plumber, and a journalist. How good if their talents could be used for the benefit all but sadly it could be years before their applications are processed and they are then free to work in the UK.

Lanchester Community Orchard is supported by the Lanchester Partnership. For more details email: lanchesterorchard@outlook.com Sonny Shepherd



Ladies who lunch

Our latest venture was to one of our all-time favourite haunts - Knitsley Mill. It is always reliably good on all fronts - Pauline is an absolute 'gem' - nothing is ever too much trouble and we can at times be very fussy 'old ladies'!

Knitsley Mill itself is just up the back lanes - ideally located for Lanchester locals wanting somewhere close by where they can enjoy a really good meal in a lovely setting.

Once settled and perusing the menu there is a choice of the main menu or the lunchtime special which, at £12.95 for two courses, is excellent value for money.

We eventually opted for starters - cauliflower fritters with a herby dipping sauce. Mains were chicken breast in a leek and bacon sauce with creamy mash and veg; slow cooked pork belly with bubble and squeak mash, a black pudding croquette and an apple and cider sauce; black and blue Stilton cheese burger with a balsamic glaze and red caramelised onion; chilli con carne with naan bread and rice.

Desserts were Eton mess; apple and blackberry crumble and custard; chocolate fudge cake; banoffee pie and cream. Two of us were being really good and had decided not to be tempted by the dessert course - that was, until we saw the banoffee pie - totally irresistible and, I

have to say, well worth 'being naughty' for! Meals don't arrive instantly at Knitsley - everything is cooked from scratch - but in such pleasant surroundings, with a glass of wine, lunch is most definitely worth the wait. We had a very enjoyable meal - lovely lunchtime occasion and we look forward to many more down at Knitsley Mill.



The Gourmet Girls



Poppy's walks

Good day readers. My walk for this month takes us to the nearby village of Langley Park. It is just over four miles along the railway path but for those of a less energetic nature this walk can start outside Langley Park post office, bang in the centre of the village. There is ample free parking nearby.

As you should all know by now, I am Poppy, a Patterdale Terrier who enjoys sharing with you readers the walks I lead my humans on.

From in front of the post office we cross the main road and head straight on towards the railway path which leads back to Lanchester. When we reach it we cross it and follow a path which leads us past the entrance to Diggerland on the left. We ignore Diggerland and continue on a narrow footpath with industrial units on both sides which leads us to the river; the Browney I think it is called.

We come to a footbridge which we cross then we head straight on uphill through woods.

Soon we reach an industrial estate, and we follow the main track upwards until we come to the main road between Durham and Lanchester/Consett. Luckily there is a footpath when we turn right, and we continue for maybe 100 yards in the direction of Durham before turning right at another footpath sign. This leads us back towards Langley Park.

We follow a country track past somewhere called Stobilee Farm and then turn right into an attractive wetland area called Stobilee. I can usually have a good explore around here, although there are signs warning humans they must pick up after us when nature calls. Of course my humans, being well trained, always do. There are various statues in the wetland area including some representing the area's mining heritage and others forming part of a fairy glen. Not that I take much notice, I am too busy exploring the undergrowth. By following the woodland path through the wetland, we come out beside the river again and soon reach the narrow footbridge which we crossed earlier.

By re-crossing it we are soon back onto the railway path and then back to the centre of Langley Park.

The walk takes about an hour but can take longer if you decide to linger.

It is certainly worth doing.

Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

On 12th September Rodney Hawkins gave a talk about the work of the Friends to 30 members of the Consett Men's Forum. This was very well received with a number of interesting questions and viewing of the various displays. For our monthly meeting on 28th September we were given an excellent talk by Mr. Gordon Henderson, historian and archaeologist, dressed as a late Roman soldier, on "What was a Roman soldier". This entertaining and often humorous talk covered how a Roman citizen joined the Legions, how he trained, what he wore, and the benefits to his family if he died!

Such was the enjoyment of the talk that Rodney only had a very short time to introduce and launch the new Friends of Longovicium website. The website now contains much information on the fort, its vicus or civilian settlement and the people who lived there. The website contains many excellent reconstruction images based on the archaeological work of the Friends, all showing what we think the fort and vicus looked like. Check out www.longovicium.com.wordpress.com.

Rodney Hawkins



Gordon Henderson and members of the Friends of Longovicium showing off the new website.

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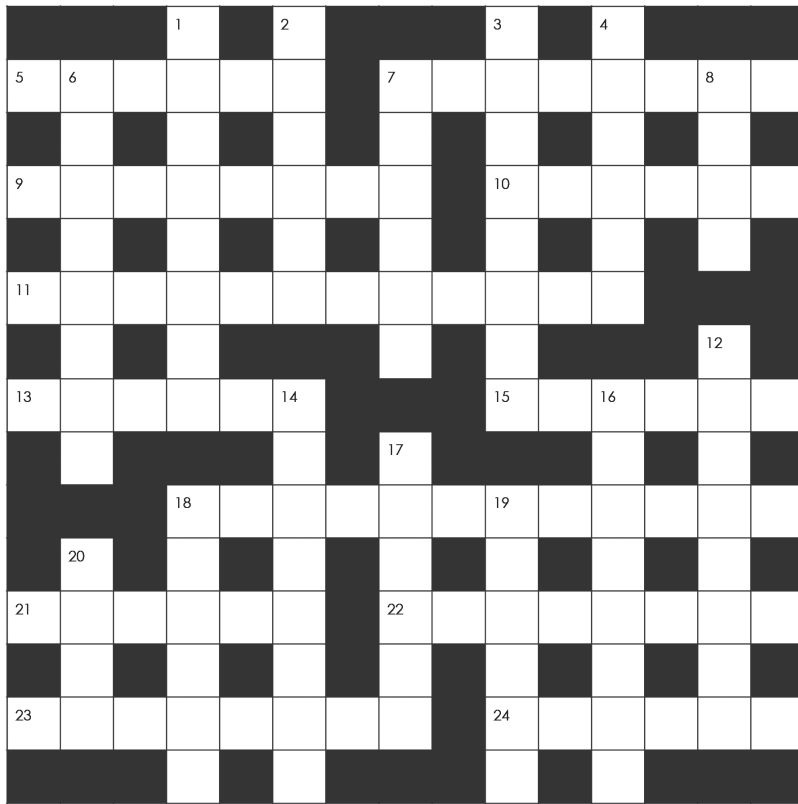
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- 5. Discrimination against younger or older people (6)
- 7. Type of sparkling wine (8)
- 9. Instrument, small type of accordion (8)
- 10. An order imposed by someone in power without popular consent (6)
- 11. Cloth used to protect chair fabric (12)
- 13. Legendary Dutch footballer (6)
- 15. To persuade using flattery (6)
- 18. Traditional attendees at 'The Big Meeting' (6,6)
- 21. Selection of food served at a function (6)
- 22. Water feature (8)
- 23. Area that inspired Robert Burns (8)
- 24. Type of light cake (6)

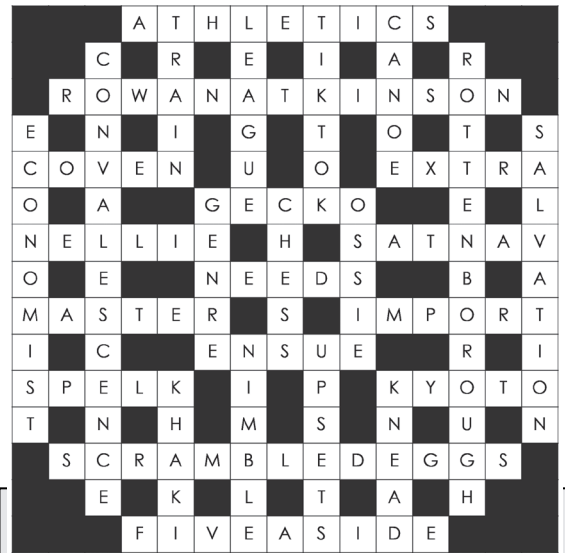
Down

- 1. The smaller of two parts, factions, or groups (8)
- 2. Microscopic single cell creature (6)
- 3. Street closed at one end (3-2-3)
- 4. Pat, Thornaby born Booker Prize winner (6)
- 6. Term for leaves or plants used as decoration (8)
- 7. Item of light footwear (6)
- 8. River that is a tributary of the Tyne (4)
- 12. Worrying or disturbing (8)
- 14. Medical help (5,3)
- 16. Place where roads meet or diverge (8)
- 17. Totally bewildered (6)
- 18. Make less tense or dangerous (6)
- 19. Type of light dessert (6)
- 20. Month in which 'The Big Meeting' is held (4)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please send your completed entries for the £10 prize draw by **Wednesday 4th November** to the Village Voice, c/o Lanchester Community Centre, Newbiggen Lane, Lanchester, DH7 0HY



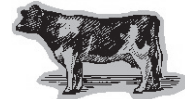
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Community Centre's 55th Birthday Party

From keep fit to karate, Take a Stitch to table tennis, displays from some of the many groups who use Lanchester Community Centre were in evidence at an Open Day to celebrate the centre's 55th birthday on Saturday, September 23.

There was also a tempting array of cakes and goodies – including a huge birthday cake which was swiftly consumed! – all free of charge.

For younger visitors a treasure hunt pinpointed participants to some of the other stalls, such as Mahjong, Friends of Longovicium and Lanchester Art Group.

A stall detailing the history of the now-thriving community centre provided some fascinating facts. A newspaper article from around 30 years ago reported how the building had grown into disrepair and the centre had to close for two years before reopening triumphantly in 1994 thanks to a community inspired fundraising effort spearheaded by Arthur Maughan.

Here's to the next 55 years and more!

*Top left: Rosemary Naylor from the Lanchester Keep Fit Group.
Top right: Margaret Walters and Chris Davis from the Lanchester Art Group.
Bottom right: Some of the goodies available free of charge.
Bottom left: Arthur Maughan about to cut the cake*



Community Centre News Celebrating our 55th Birthday in 2023



We celebrated our 55th birthday on Saturday 23rd September. The halls were brightly decorated with balloons and bunting, we had a lovely birthday cake for all to share and the Community Café provided drinks, scones, and cakes for visitors. It was a lovely afternoon, a huge 'Thank You' to all who came along and supported us.

WHAT'S NEW:

- We have a new children's group called 'Playgroup' on Thursdays at 10am. This is a messy play and sensory group for babies and toddlers
- 'Activate Theatre' are very busy and have extended their time with us on a Wednesday afternoon.
- 'Patchwork' now run a monthly group on a Saturday
- 'Soft Ball Tennis' is starting with us in October on a Monday @ 4pm

EVENTS COMING SOON:

- Our Christmas Fayre: November 4th, 9am - 1.30pm
- Over 20 wonderful stalls of Christmas goodies. Lunches and snacks available, raffles and tombola. Join us to start off that Christmas countdown.

RECENT EVENTS:

- Our 'Fun Dog Show' was another enjoyable event with lots of your precious pooches turning up. We raised £153 at the event.
 - On 16th September we had a fabulous 'Tapas Night', look out for dates for the next one!
- The office is staffed Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-1.15pm. On Tuesday and Thursdays, it's 9am-3pm. 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/> Scan the QR code for our website.

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Paradiso Film Night

12th November – “The Dig” (2021) starring Carey Mulligan, Lily James and Ralph Fiennes.

“The Dig is based on the true story of the sensational Sutton Hoo excavation in Suffolk on the eve of the second world war; an Anglo-Saxon burial ship was found by the self-taught working-class archaeologist Basil Brown, whose historic discovery of the academic establishment instantly tried to appropriate, without credit. He had been hired by the local landowner and widow Edith Pretty, who had long nursed an instinct that there was something in the “mounds” on her property”. The Guardian. Lanchester Community Centre 7pm for a quiz, refreshments, raffle and DVD sale. Film starts at 7.30pm.

Members: £3, Non-members: £4. Annual membership £5.

Lanchester Library Library Book Club

On Monday November 27th at 2.30 to 3.30pm, the group will be discussing Klara and The Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro. Our first AI book, the author looks at our rapidly changing modern world. Will we like what Klara sees? Will this book divide opinions? We look forward to seeing you there and sharing our views.

Thursday Book Club

On Thursday November 16th from 4.00-5.00pm, the group will be reviewing The Red Tent by Anita Diamant. Using a character from the Bible, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoils of ancient womanhood. It will be interesting to listen to your views of this book. 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 November 2nd from 10-11.30am. Bring along your wool, thread, needles and patterns and share your makes and get advice too. Everyone welcome, enjoy.

Scrabble Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Do you enjoy this word game and want to get on the Triple Word Square? Come along and enjoy the company.

Children's 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. Remember to look at Borrowbox and Libby, Durham libraries' digital options; there are recent paperbacks and magazines in ebook and audio versions to read or listen to on your tablet or phone.

Musical Memories

Remembrance Special, 1st November 2023 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.

Date for your diary: Christmas Party 6th December.

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:
Oct. 21st Blood Cancer UK
Oct. 28th Mental Health Charity
Nov. 4th Male Voice Choir
Nov. 11th Boys' Brigade
Nov. 18th Foxhills Cell Group
Nov. 25th Wives & Friends Group
Dec. 2nd Lisa's Little-Uns
Dec. 9th Health and Hope
Dec. 16th Lanchester Band

Thursday Club

The next two meetings of the Thursday Club will take place in the Main Hall of the Community Centre at 1.30pm. The first one on October 19th will be a 'Variety Session' with Jan Vasey. The second on November 16th will be Marilyn O'Keefe talking to us about the Glass Centre.

Lanchester playgroup

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

4th Nov - Kirsti
10th Nov - Eddy Popescu's Forever Elvis. Multi award winning tribute act. Tickets £5 from bar. Doors 7.30pm on stage 8.15pm
11th Nov - Andy James
18th Nov - Miss Jones
25th Nov - Micky Walters
All acts are subject to change at short notice.

Non-members welcome.

Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium

Lanchester Partnership Friends of Longovicium Our final meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm in the upstairs Conference Room of the Community Centre. We would like to remind you that our new website is up and running and contains just about everything we know of the Roman fort and vicus (civilian settlement) at Lanchester. Go to www.longoviciumcounk.wordpress.com. The site contains many wonderful reconstruction images of the fort and vicus based on our archaeological survey results. What you see is what was there! For further information contact Mrs M. Williams 01207 520063 or Rodney Hawkins hawkins_15@sky.com.

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 8th and 22nd November). 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.

Lunch Club

The next meeting of the lunch held at Lynwood House will be 14th November 12pm start. All welcome.

History Society

We will be meeting on Friday 3rd November in Room 3 at the Community Centre for a 7.00 start. Our speaker will be Richard Pears and he will be talking about David Stephenson (1757-1819), architect and town planner. He designed All Saints Church in Newcastle, a superb Georgian building. He also designed Mosley and Dean Streets. He worked as an architect for the then Duke of Northumberland, was one of the founders of the

Literary and Philosophical Society and built himself a country house at Waldridge Hall near Chester le Street. All are welcome to join us for this interesting talk. Our December 1st meeting at 7.00 in Room 3, will be an early social event obviously with a history theme. Again all welcome.

Wildlife Group

The next meeting is on 14th November in the Community Centre small hall at 7:30pm. The speaker will be Terry Coult, “Mysterious Martens (of the Pine variety)”, Pine Marten are making a comeback and they might just be able to help our UK Red Squirrels ...

WI

There will be no WI meeting in November, as we will be celebrating our 98th Birthday with a meal at Hardwick Hall Manor on Monday 6th November. The bus will pick up at 12.00pm by the Bowling Green. The meeting in December will be a Christmas party.

City Theatre

Unexpected Guest” by Agatha Christie will be on at The City Theatre Durham DH1 3RA from 26th November until 2nd Dec. Michael Starkwedder stumbles into Richard Warwick's study to find him dead and his wife standing nearby holding a gun... The police are puzzled... who do the unidentified fingerprints belong to? Has a past crime caught up with him? Is there a hidden secret? Classic Christie. Performances 2.30 Sun and Sat, 7.30 Mon to Fri. £8.50 with concessions (7.50) on Sun, Mon and Tues. Tickets from Durham Gala (03000266600) or on the door. Advance booking recommended.

Male Voice Choir

The male voice choir will have a coffee morning at the Methodist Church on Saturday 4th November from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. Coffee, snacks and a few songs for your entertainment. Free entry but donations appreciated. We will also be joining with Lanchester Choral Society for a Christmas celebration on the 18th December at 7:00pm again at the Methodist Church. Church, 7.15pm We were due to give this concert in March 2020 when Covid struck! In fact we were 2 weeks away from the performance when lockdown occurred. So here we go again! This concert is exactly what it says on the tin -

contrasting choral pieces, but with a change of menu! We include well-loved pieces such as Faure's Requiem and Karl Jenkins 1st World War memorial piece, The Armed Man. We have our much admired soloists Elizabeth Woods, Paul Smith and Ian Gray with us again for what we hope will be a memorable event. Tickets available from society members from mid September when posters will appear in the village.

Willow Burn

This year's Nurses' Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 25th November 11am – 2pm at Willow Burn Hospice. Our Nurses' Christmas Fair will return with tombolas, our new 'pre-loved' stall, Elfridges, a cake stall and much more. Bring the loved ones to meet Santa, enter our Christmas raffle, be in with the chance to win a gorgeous cuddly penguin in our 'name the teddy' game and, of course, the Willows Café will be open and serving some of the finest festive fayre.

KoGs Presents – Secret Agents: Mission Christmas!

Saturday 2nd December, 6pm at Lanchester Methodist Church! Tickets will be £5 per person and include homemade soup and a sweet treat as well as all the amazing entertainment we have planned for you! For details please see article.

Willow Burn Light Up a Life

Will take place on 3rd December at Lanchester Methodist Church. During the service, we will gather to sing carols, listen to readings and performances from local choirs and musicians, and light candles in memory of loved ones. Light up a Life is a warm, loving and festive event to be shared with friends and family. The service and dedications are open to the whole community and there will be further information available on our website soon

Flower Club

Our next meeting will be our Open Christmas Demonstration on Wednesday 18th November 2023 in Lanchester Community Centre main hall at 2pm. Our demonstrator is Christine Ogle, her theme “Twas the night before Christmas”. Tickets are £7. Please contact Lestrine Kelly on 01027 521494 or Helen Tomlinson on 01027 503667 for your tickets. Everyone welcome.

All Saints' Primary School Lanchester

Everyone is well and truly back in the swing of things at All Saints'. Our new starters look as though they have been here forever! Our extra-curricular clubs are up and running this term with children enjoying curling, fencing, wheelchair basketball and multi-skills. It is lovely to see the children enjoy new activities in our school environment. The children have also begun football and cross-country competitions. We have both boys' and girls' teams for these events. Go Team All Saints'!

Visits to enrich our curriculum have also begun. The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 have visited Durham University's Oriental Museum and their fabulous Learning Team. It's fantastic for the children to see and handle real historical artefacts. Our children are always complemented on their good behaviour and manners whenever we take them out of school.

We are very proud of them.

We all learnt a little more about democracy at the beginning of term when each class chose their School Council representatives and each of our Houses chose their House Captains by voting. The candidates prepared speeches and eloquently put forward reasons why they should be voted for. Congratulations to those successful candidates and thank you to everyone for confidently taking part in the election.

If your child starts school in September 2024, you are now able to register your choice of school on Durham County Council website. We have a thriving Early Years Unit with an intake of 30 into Reception Class. Please visit our gorgeous family-orientated school and consider us as the first step for your child's school career. We are part of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust and a feeder school for St. Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College.

Please contact us if you would like to look around.

We would love to see you!

Alison Conlin, Acting Head Teacher

Lanchester Endowed Parochial School

It is sad that our school and village is not exempt from some anti-social behavior that is occurring locally at the moment. We were saddened to discover that our bird hide had been damaged over the school holidays. Whilst it does not appear that anything has been stolen, it is the mindlessness that upsets and annoys us so much. We are now faced with a bill of hundreds of pounds to repair the damage in order to allow the children to access that part of the woodland again.

We have also received reports of teenagers climbing the gates to gain access to the school grounds. Again, I just find it sad that we are going to have to use part of our school budget (which has already been cut so much



we have not replaced a teacher) to install more fences and heighten the gate in order to keep the school secure. It would be great if you could all help us to keep a close eye on our grounds over the weekends. Thank you.

Now to more positive news! We were delighted to finish last year with such excellent statutory test results for our Year 6 children. 90% achieved the expected standard in Reading, 84% in Maths and Writing and 78% in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. In addition to this, 47% achieved the higher scaled score in Reading, 43% in Maths and Writing and 41% in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. 79% achieved the national standard in all subjects which is far higher than the national average of 59%. We pride ourselves on giving our children a huge range of experiences during their time with us and these results prove that these experiences really do support them academically as well.

One of these experiences was our recent school walk for Years 2-6 at Roker Beach. We took over 250 children and many parents and carers to Sunderland on the one sunny day of a miserable week and we all had a great day. Another special memory for our children to take with them from their time at our school.

Mrs Jane Davis, Head Teacher

Lanchester Community Café

Lanchester Community Cafe is based inside Lanchester Community Centre. The cafe opened last December in response to the cost of living crisis. They offer very affordable meals and drinks and a warm space for the residents of Lanchester and surrounding villages. The cafe is run by Stuart Martin and an amazing team of volunteers.

Initially a 3 month project, the cafe's success allowed it to remain open indefinitely. Over the year, the cafe has become more of a social hub, offering a space where people can affordably meet up with friends or even make some new friends.

The cafe has become so popular that they were in a position to create a part time job in the village.

Thanks to the customers of the cafe, they have been able to distribute profits to support services and groups within the village. So far, they have given out over 60 free meals, sponsored the village bus, made financial donations to the Lanchester Partnership, Lanchester Community Centre and to Willow Burn hospice twice. They also offer £1 kids' meals every school holiday to support families in the village as well as offering free tea and instant coffee for everyone.

Earlier this year, Lanchester Community Cafe held a Curry & Quiz Night, raising £254.30 for Willow Burn Hospice. Everyone involved thoroughly enjoyed the fundraiser so was eager to do more. Last week, Lanchester Community Cafe ran their second fundraiser, this time in aid of Lanchester Community Centre. They offered a 10 course tapas menu, freshly prepared by Stuart and his team. The outstanding Los Capitanes, a Spanish infused band, wowed the audience with their show. An amazing night was had by all and a fantastic £538.47 was raised to support the Community Centre.

Lanchester Community Cafe's next event is taking place on the 16th December, this will include a hot and cold Gala buffet, disco and entertainment by the amazing singer, Toni Hall. The cafe is also opening up Christmas Fayre bookings throughout December.

If you've not been to visit the cafe yet, please do pop in for a chat and see what they're all about. The cafe is open Tuesday to Friday, 9am until 2pm.



Above: the helpers relaxing afterwards



Above: appreciative audience watching Los Capitanes

Boys' Brigade host a visit from the Blood Bike

The Boys' Brigade restarted after the summer break with a visit from the Northumbria Blood Bikes including one of their bikes kindly brought along by Frank.

The Blood Bike charity is there for transporting urgent items for the NHS when there is no ambulance available. Their main area is transporting blood from one hospital to another in times of emergency 24 hours a day and every day during the year including Christmas Day. It is completely funded by donations and there are no paid staff within the whole organisation. Carol Nelson from the Blood Bikes spoke to a very attentive Junior and Company section explaining the work that they do, which was previously done by taxis at a considerable expense to the NHS. Frank allowed the boys to sit on the bike. An offer that the leaders took up as well. It was an excellent first night back and we are looking forward to many more exciting nights in the months ahead.

Boys' Brigade cater for boys from 8 – 18 years. We meet on Wednesday evenings, and we would welcome any new members who would like to join. Anchor Boys are for ages 5-8 years and meet for an hour on Thursday evenings and they would also welcome any new members.

Contact Eric on erichepplewhite@btinternet.com

Eric Hepplewhite

Top left: Teddy Hutchinson (front) and Nathan Goodchild (back)

Top right: Shane Jones.

Right: Mrs Fiona Baxendale (one of the leaders)



KoGs are back with a BANG!

WOW! New school year equals a new year with us here at KoGs and we are delighted to let you know since returning our members have greatly increased once again!

We do have room for a few more so it's still not too late to join us! KoGs (Kids of God) is a Christian based youth group that meets in the Methodist Church on Monday evenings. We offer a range of activities including: 2 course meal, games, messy games, day trips, evening trips, residential weekend trips, crafts, drama, cell sessions and much much more!

We start at 5pm to 7.30pm, Mondays during school terms. The cost of the sessions is £3 per person but your first week is free! (All activities and your weekly meal is included).

For more information contact Laura & Peter Cole on 07428500059 / 01207 654291 or email kidsofgod@hotmail.co.uk

We also have a Facebook page if you'd like to see more or get in touch with us that way, www.facebook.com/kidsofgodlanchester.

We are also looking for a new male youth leader (18+) to join our family due to the influx of new male members we have received, if you're interested, please contact us so we can arrange to meet you and give you more details! Now for the exciting news!

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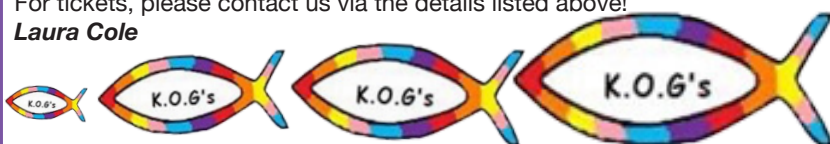
KoGs will be hosting our next fundraising spectacular – MISSION CHRISTMAS! (think Men in Black meets the Nativity)

Tickets will be £5 per person and include soup and a sweet treat as well as all the amazing entertainment we have planned for you that will take you on a journey to discover the true meaning of Christmas as our members present to you a mini production "Secret agents – Mission Christmas!" We also have a special sing-a-long/performance by a special Christmas Choir, live music to boogie along too by our amazing vocalist Toni, and we've even managed to score an appointment with Santa himself before his big day!

With so much more planned, trust us you don't want to miss it!

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Monday Art Group

The Monday Art Group welcomed Carrie Dennison, a local artist, in September to give a demonstration of lino cutting and printing. We were shown how to print our linocut in 3 colours. It's an interesting and enjoyable way of making prints - with room for the unexpected! Carrie's demonstration was over two weeks at the Community Centre, and the group members produced some very nice prints.

The Monday Art Group meets on Monday at the Community Centre from 10am to 12.00pm.

Everyone is welcome. Contact Jim Rafferty tojimrafferty@yahoo.com for more information.



Carrie Dennison demonstrating lino cutting

Lanchester Medical Centre: Patient Participation Group

October 2023

Fact or Fiction? Number 1.

Knowing which of these statements have been verified by science, and which are totally false, could boost your health.

1. Not all heart attacks involve chest pain

TRUE: A study of more than 1.1 million heart attack patients found that 31 percent of men and 42 percent of women didn't have any chest pain before being hospitalized. Call 999 for symptoms, including shortness of breath, light-headedness, and pain in your arms, back, neck, jaw, or stomach.

2. Being overweight shortens your life expectancy

TRUE: A 2018 study which looked at the body mass index (BMI) of about 300,000 people found that the risks of heart attacks, strokes, and high blood pressure increased as BMI increased. Another study found that overweight and obese people have a shorter life span.

3. You should put ice on a burn

FALSE: Immediately immerse a burn in cool (not cold) water or apply a cool, wet compress for about 10 minutes. Don't use ice, which can cause more skin damage by causing constriction of blood vessels making the burn deeper. Once the burnt area is cooled, wash with soap and water, apply petroleum jelly, and cover with a nonstick, sterile bandage.

4. Antiperspirants cause cancer

FALSE: Aluminium-based compounds in antiperspirants temporarily keep sweat from escaping by plugging up sweat ducts. There is some concern that these compounds, applied near the breast, might have oestrogen-like effects and possibly contribute to breast cancer development. However, no definitive studies have shown a significant link between aluminium antiperspirants and breast cancer risk. A 2014 review found no clear evidence supporting this connection.

5. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) doesn't require mouth-to-mouth breathing

TRUE: A study of about 27,000 people found that when CPR was given to people in cardiac arrest, survival rates were higher when they employed uninterrupted chest compressions, supported by telephone instructions, rather than pausing for rescue breaths.

6. Eating too much sugar will give you type 2 diabetes

FALSE: Sweet foods don't directly lead to chronically high blood sugar. When you eat carbohydrates your body breaks them down into glucose, also called blood sugar. The hormone insulin that your body produces regulates glucose levels. Type 2 diabetes is caused by issues with insulin regulation, not with eating too much sugar. However, too many sweet foods can contribute to obesity, which is a risk factor for type 2 diabetes.

7. You can get the flu more than once a season

TRUE: Every year, there's more than one flu strain circulating. Getting sick from (or being vaccinated against) one of them won't protect you from the other strains. That's why it's important to take everyday preventive actions during flu season: getting a flu shot, covering your nose and mouth with a tissue while coughing or sneezing, washing your hands often with soap and water, and staying home if you feel sick.

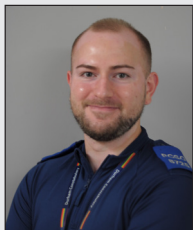
8. The flu shot might give you the flu

FALSE: Vaccines contain inactivated viruses, meaning the virus is no longer infectious. But to your immune system, it still looks like the flu virus in order to produce an immune response from your body. You might experience soreness or redness on the injection site, headache, fever, or muscle aches. The flu vaccine is the best way to avoid getting the flu.

Ref: <https://www.thehealthyc.com> Healthy Habits



Lanchester Medical
Centre



Police Report

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

Again, there has been a trend of vehicles in the Consett area being broken into or stolen. In particular older mk7 model Ford Fiestas are the targets due to being susceptible to wireless key technology. I highly encourage owners to ensure cars are secured and to invest in more security measures such as trackers and immobilisers. Those with Ford Fiestas I would encourage looking into Faraday boxes or pouches to block the signal from the keys, turning off keyless entry (if it's a newer model) and to look into OBD blockers or re-locating the OBD port in an attempt to slow would-be thieves down. (OBD is On Board Diagnostic port which is used by your garage to determine what is wrong with your car. Thieves can use this to rapidly programme a duplicate key fob to drive off with the vehicle – editor.)

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.

PCSO Jonathan Rutherford

Herbert Henry Pettet



You may know my 93-year-old mum Betty Hawkins, who is well known for her laps of the village using her walker and working at the Red Cross shop on a Monday morning. Mum, one of seven children, sadly lost her brother Bert, who was killed in action in Italy during the Second World War aged 19. As Remembrance Day is nearly upon us and our thoughts are with those fallen men, women and children who gave and still give their lives during conflict, our family would like to share Bert's

story with you and our own recent experience.

Mum's family came from High Wycombe in Bucks, the local regiment was the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (known Oxs and Bucks) and they were part of the Rifle Brigade. Bert volunteered at the age of 18 years in 1943 and after basic training was posted to the Tower Hamlet Rifles (another Light Infantry battalion in the Rifle Brigade). The Brigade embarked after Christmas for Italy and landed in February 1944. The Brigade was pivotal in the Allied advance through Italy and saw a great deal of action.

In mid-June '44 the Brigade had fought its way to south of Perugia and embarked on a series of attacks on Mount Rentella and the hilltop town of Corciano. All locations were strongly defended by soldiers and tanks from the 104 Panzergrenadier Regiment (104 PGR). Corciano is a stunning 14th century hilltop town that dominates all roads west of Perugia.

Bert's Company (A Company) was tasked to capture St Agostino Monastery on the hill adjacent to Corciano. The company advanced and fought its way up to the monastery and it was during this conflict that Bert was killed along with 3 German soldiers of 104 PGR. Bert was buried initially in the town's cemetery and subsequently re-buried in the Assisi Commonwealth War Grave in Assisi. Betty has visited his grave on several occasions and loves the beautiful setting.

Two years ago, my brother Richard was on holiday near Corciano and contacted a local historian, Paulo, to find out more about the battle. Whilst visiting Paulo, who lives in Corciano, Richard found out that Bert was the only British soldier killed in the town.

As he was being shown around the village, and site of the intensive fighting, Paulo received a telephone call from the mayor who informed him that the town would like to posthumously honour Bert and would like members of the family to receive an honorary citizenship of the town on his behalf.

Consequently, in May of this year my brother and I and our wives, Alex and Christine travelled to Italy. Umbria is a stunning area and Corciano a delightful stone-built hilltop town. We met Paulo in the town square to await a call from the mayor's office, shortly to be summoned to the town hall. We were ushered into a beautifully decorated ancient hall with 14C frescoes and painted beams. What we were not expecting was a room full of young people from the local school. After some short speeches the mayor presented us with a certificate, flag, and photograph of the town, it was very humbling to hear that nearly 80 years later the town and people of Italy still remember the young men who liberated their country. On a lighter note, we were honoured to be asked to help unveil 3 sundials which had been gifted to the town and we were presented with the ribbons.

The next day we visited the Commonwealth War Grave cemetery near Assisi. It was very sobering and moving to see Bert's grave amongst hundreds of others marking the sacrifice these men made. There were graves of Indian, Canadian, and South African troops as well as a lot of Durham Light Infantry soldiers and Welsh Guards, one Captain coming from Durham. The cemetery provided wonderful views of Assisi and Basilica of St. Francis.

When we returned home, we took my Mum up to the Community Orchard and flew the flag over Lanchester soil whilst remembering Bert and his fellows who gave everything for us. It is terrible to think that once again that we have war in Europe and that men and women are giving their lives for liberty. This Remembrance Day it is especially significant and reassuring for us because in a small part of Europe young people still remember and appreciate the sacrifices made by liberating forces. **Chris Davis**



Top: portrait of Herbert
Left: Lanchester resident Betty Hawkins raising the flag in the orchard
Far left: presentation with the author Chris Davis of Lanchester in the back behind the flag.
Below left: the town Corciano

Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on the Green on Sunday November 12th at 10:45am



Lanchester Parish Council

Notes from the Ordinary Meeting held in Lynwood House on Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7.00pm

Minutes – Ordinary Meeting 11 July – approved

Police Reports – A meeting with PCSO Jonathan Rutherford to be arranged

Correspondence

Letter of thanks, Croft View Indoor Bowls Club – received

Clerk & Councils Direct Magazine September – received

Durham County Councillors – An update was received on: The Parking Enforcement meeting at County Hall

Lanchester Cricket Club – Councillors were informed that the signs for the Cricket Club regarding dog fouling are now in place. An article about the signage to appear in the Village Voice

Kitswell Park Play Area – Councillors decided now that the swings have been repaired that any projects for new equipment will be visited again in the spring.

Tree Surveys – Councillors were updated on the site visit with Olivers Tree Service – resolved that the identified works are undertaken at a cost of £2935

War Memorial – The War Memorial has had the faded lettering repainted.

Northumbrian Water – Members have identified regular updates are needed from Northumbrian Water – Clerk to contact Northumbrian Water to get this arranged

Greencroft Forest Park – information received

Lanchester in Bloom – The Councillors discussed Lanchester in Bloom. A suggestion was made to put some flower arrangements near the entrances to the Village. To discuss further at a future meeting.

Solar Trail – An update was given on the project, Heads of Terms have been received and a response from the planning department. A separate meeting arranged with the Solar Trail working group to discuss further.

Smaller Council Meeting – Brandon & Byshottles – Members were reminded of the meeting with the Head of Primary Care on Saturday 16th September

Solar Farm – update received

Financial report – approved

Accounts for Payment – approved

Dog Poo Signage

Lanchester Parish Council has been working with, and supporting, Lanchester Cricket Club and others, to make the whole Kitswell Park area safer for all users, especially young children, players, and younger people using the cricket and football pitches and facilities.

Eradicating and managing the serious health risks associated with dog poo and fouling remain a priority together with encouraging responsible behaviour of all dog owners at all times.

Signs with clear messages have now been sourced and are on display at key points around the Kitswell Park area. They are

clearly visible for all to see and their messages are simple – do not allow your dog to foul the area, clean up your dog's poo and keep all

dogs off the cricket and football pitches.

There is ample space remaining to fully exercise dogs whilst supervising their activities at all times.

Allowing your dog to foul and not clearing up poo is a criminal offence and may incur penalties of up to £1000.

This situation will now be monitored accordingly. We would like to thank all Lanchester residents who continue to exercise their dogs responsibly within our community.

Lanchester Parish Council



All Saints' CofE Parish Church

The last weekend in September proved to be a very exciting time in the life of All Saints Parish church, as our harvest celebrations for this year coincided with our hosting of the Lanchester Deanery Confirmation service.

In his last confirmation service for our deanery before he retires in February 2024, Bishop Paul heard three candidates from St James' Burnopfield, two from our sister church of St Thomas Harelaw and Annfield Plain and seven children from the EP school plus one of our teenagers from All Saints confirm for themselves the promises that were made on their behalf when they were baptised. It was an extremely joyful occasion for all and was followed by a 'bring and share' buffet in the Chapter House with the chance to have a chat with the bishop. We wish Bishop Paul well as he prepares for retirement- we'll miss his relaxed manner and his gift for putting people at their ease; but, as someone observed on social media seeing the picture of our Penny wearing the Bishop's mitre, 'it looks like there's a replacement waiting in the wings...' Go Penny!

On Sunday 24th we were privileged to be joined by a group of children from the EP who helped to lead our Harvest service – singing some well-loved harvest songs and delivering a dramatised reading of the story of how God fed the hungry people of Israel with manna and quail. Our substantial collection of both fresh and preserved food was donated to local foodbanks and to the kitchens at Willow Burn.

Next, a couple of dates for your diaries for October. On 18th we will be holding a special service of healing at All Saints to celebrate St Luke, the patron saint of physicians. If you'd welcome a quiet, gentle service with prayers and anointing for healing, we begin at 7pm.

By the time you read this, our Messy Church will have gone wild

again- hosted by the Community Orchard to celebrate all things apple! 15th October is the nearest Sunday to national Apple Day, and we'll have been

picking, juicing, playing some historical games and thinking about how we can see God in creation. (Hopefully some pictures in the next Village Voice – editor).

2nd November sees us remembering all our loved ones who have died in our All Souls commemoration. If you'd like the name of your husband or wife, partner, family member or friend included in our service, pop into church and add their names to our list.

And finally, on 5th November we celebrate our patron saint(s)- all of them! -in a joint service at 10am with St John's and St Thomas', at which the Archdeacon of Durham is preaching.

Revd Lesley Sutherland



Top: Bishop Paul with some of those who were confirmed.
Below: Bishop Paul with Penny wearing the bishop's mitre

Lanchester Bowling Club - Bruce Outfoxes Opposition

Consett Park Bowling Club commemorated its centenary this year and part of the celebrations included hosting an open triples competition. Many clubs host such events during the season, but this one was unique - it was played over three evenings under floodlights. Lanchester sent a squad of players (Mike Stoddart, Keith Brown, Jim Howliston, John Sanderson, John Halsey and Stuart Lee) to take part. The nature of the tournament - three games of ten ends each evening - made using a squad essential. Playing under lights was a new experience and took some getting used to, especially by those wearing glasses where it was literally a case of blinded by the light! Playing on grass covered index by 8.30 was also an issue and it took our players until the final evening to get accustomed to the conditions. Fittingly a team from Consett won the overall tournament, but the Lanchester players thoroughly enjoyed the experience and look forward to participating again next year.

With the league season finished, the club's attention turned to our own competition finals. Throughout the season players take part in up to six internal knockout competitions with the hope of winning a trophy and having their name on the honours board in the clubhouse. Normally all the games are played over one weekend, but a combination of holidays and work commitments meant this year they had to be played over a longer timeframe.

One of the first finals to be contested was the Challenge Trophy - a competition only open to those who have never won a trophy in the past. Malcolm Laverick quickly got used to a rink on which the bowls swung widely, building an early lead. Although his opponent Richard Goodfellow fought back mid game, Malcolm held on to score the twenty-one points needed to win. It was a good day for the Laverick as Malcolm's wife, Sally, was winning a trophy at the tennis club at the same time!

One of the vagaries of bowls is that two rinks next to each other can play so differently. This was the case on the adjacent rink to the above match where David Friesner and Jeff Hockaday contested the Three Wood final on a rink playing almost straight. Both players had played well this season, so the spectators watched on in anticipation of a good match. David probably played his best game of the season, bowling to the jack with unerring accuracy making it impossible for Jeff to win. David Friesner also contested the Pairs final alongside his partner Jimmy Dearden.



On a damp afternoon they took on Joe Newton and Philip Smith. Whilst Philip played well, Joe would be the first to admit that he didn't play well so Jimmy and David, who both played well, ran out comfortable winners.

The Club Championship between Bruce Fox and Jeff Hockaday was originally scheduled for an afternoon, but the threat of bad weather meant it was brought forward. That decision was justified when torrential rain fell that afternoon - the same rain that disrupted the Great North Run.

Bruce is a very good player, but his appearances for the club are curtailed by his work commitments. He was in particularly good form in this final, frequently finding the jack with his woods. As many of us have found out, one of Bruce's strengths is getting himself out of difficult situations with his final bowl.

On one end Jeff was holding four shots but Bruce used his last wood to move the jack, scoring three in doing so and deflating Jeff in the process. Such shots helped Bruce reclaim the trophy he last won two years ago.

The Two Wood competition often entails a quick shootout over a possible twenty-one ends. It's an unforgiving format where one can soon find the game out of one's reach. This happened to Joe Newton as Bruce Fox continued his form to win his second title.

The best match of the finals was the Handicap Trophy which saw Bruce take on Christine Monaghan. Bruce played from scratch whereas Christine started on three shots in the quest to become the first to twenty-one. Bruce quickly overturned Christine's advantage and took the lead, so it looked like another easy win was about to unfold. Christine, however, fought back and a long, very tight game ensued. On the penultimate end Christine had a shot to win the game but missed the jack by a whisker. Sadly for her Bruce went on to claim his third trophy on the next end.

Congratulations go to all who won trophies, but especially to Bruce for his three excellent performances.

Apart from some seed sowing on the bowling green and cleaning of the clubhouse, the finals brought the season to an end. Roll on next April when we can start all over again.

Bob Cuthbertson



Far left: Malcolm Laverick and Richard Goodfellow contest The Challenge Trophy
Left: Bruce Fox and Christine Monaghan watch on as David Friesner measures a tight end in the Handicap Final
Above: David Friesner and Jeff Hockaday playing in the Three Wood competition
Cover photo: Bruce Fox winner of three trophies

Coffee Morning for Lisa Shaw's Little'uns

A huge thanks goes to everyone who attended the Coffee Morning at Lanchester Methodist Church on Saturday 23rd September.

The church enables a different charity to hold a coffee morning each Saturday and this particular one was held in aid of Lisa Shaw's Little'uns - a charity set up to support and help children who have lost a parent.

It was named after my daughter, Lisa Shaw, who had lived and attended school in Lanchester. Lisa was a well-known and loved BBC Radio Newcastle presenter who tragically and unexpectedly lost her life just over two years ago, leaving behind a husband and a six-year-old son.

Support was given at the coffee morning by Lisa's family and friends and a special guest at the event was Anna Foster, a fellow presenter and friend of Lisa's from BBC Radio Newcastle, who sang two beautiful songs to the delight of all those in the packed church hall.

An amazing total of £700 was raised for the fund and, again, thanks to all those who came along and gave so generously to this worthwhile event.

Doreen Pickering



Tennis Club News

As the lawn tennis season draws to an end, we would like to congratulate all of the winners of the club championships held on the 9th and 10th September. Despite some extremely hot weather (and sudden downpours) during the championship weekend, there were some really good matches played in front of an appreciative crowd.

The men's singles final between Dougal Reed and James Gray was a particularly hard-fought affair with Dougal just prevailing in two sets. Michelle Ridley was victorious in the ladies final against Laura Turnbull Lloyd and in the ladies doubles Jane Laycock and Sally Laverick had a terrific two hour tussle with Jan Strong and Rachel Langford to come out on top in three sets. Men's doubles winners were James Gray and first timer Adam Plumpton who pipped Dougal Reed and Ko Okazaki and mixed doubles winners were Jane and Dennis Laycock over Rachel Langford and Dougal Reed.

The Most Improved Player award was a difficult task for the judges to decide. There were several good candidates but the winner was Barbara Ridley who, after a strong season of playing and involvement in club affairs, was a worthy winner.

Thank you to Sally and James for organising the tournaments and to Jane also for keeping the clubhouse in good order for the event and indeed the season!

A mini tennis competition was also held on finals Saturday and, following a round robin format, Elliott Jackson emerged the winner, with Jack Barella and Lucy Nelson runners-up. The coaches were very pleased with their performances and their enthusiasm was great to see.

With regards to the winter coaching, groups 1 and 2 will be held in the village community centre opposite the Black Bull. Group 1 from 4pm to 4.45pm, Group 2 from 4.45pm to 5.30pm. (Cost £5) These sessions will start on Monday 16th October.

The club's 2023 AGM will be held in the community centre on Thursday 9th November.

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

Dennis Laycock



Championship finalists:

1. Ladies singles - Michelle & Laura
2. Mens doubles - Dougal, James, Adam & Ko
3. Ladies doubles - Jane, Sally, Rachel & Jan
4. Mixed doubles - Jane & Dennis (Dougal & Rachel not pictured)
5. Most improved player - Barbara
6. Mens singles - Dougal & James

Cricket News

In the final weekend of the season, both the firsts and seconds defeated Washington. The firsts set a new highest score of 335-8 and when Washington made 300 in reply, the highest aggregate score in a match ever too. Charlie McPhail finished the season in style with an unbeaten 108, his first senior hundred and batting with Kieron Taylor who was unbeaten on 43, set a new eighth wicket partnership of 136.

Tynedale actually lost their final game, so the team finished third by only 12 points. That shows that if we had been able to play and win one of the two extra games that Tynedale had played, we would have been promoted.

The seconds bowled Washington out for 224 when, after coming on as eighth bowler, Jack Slane took 5-27 to finish the innings off. Lanchester lost 8 wickets with Dan Arthur scoring a maiden second team fifty and there were 30s from Toby Somersall, Jack Slane, and Glen Harrison. The team finished fourth with Castle Eden topping the table.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Day was fantastic with a great turn out for both parts of the day. Many old faces were reunited and happy to share an old war story over a few pints as well as being royally entertained by Radiostar. **Andrew McConnell**

Award winners

First team batting- Greg Patterson

First team bowling- Kieran Gohery

First team Player of the Year- Luke McCabe

Second team batting- Jack Slane

Second team bowling- Ibs Khan

Second team Player of the Year- Cameron Metcalfe

Third team batting- Bailey Allison

Third team bowling- Joe Malone

Third team Player of the Year- Bailey Allison

Team of the year---Ian Hole Trophy---Under 11s

Most improved player— George Wilkinson Award— Ibs Khan

Chairperson's Trophy— Ibs Khan

Junior Cricket

Following on from the last edition, the under 19s didn't get to play in their finals day due to the weather and it is hoped to stage it at the start of the 2024 season.

Award winners

Under 13 Batting- Jay Rushton

Under 13 Bowling- Nathan Watson

Under 13 Player of the Year- Daniel Finlay

Under 15 Batting- Toby Somersall

Under 15 Bowling- Mae Deaville

Under 15 Player of the Year- James Leary

Under 18/19 Batting- Josh Cottom

Under 18/19 Bowling- Ibs Khan

Many old faces were reunited and happy to share an old war story. Eric Hepplewhite (L) and George Wilkinson (R) are our two original members.



Front cover group photo features the under 9s, under 11s, under 11 girls and under 13s.

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