

Newsletter

Welcome to Lanchester Parish Council's newsletter. This newsletter is produced quarterly to provide the community with information on the services and activities that the Council provides.

Banner Celebration Event

On Friday 27 June the streets in Lanchester came alive with music and dancing to celebrate the conclusion of a year long banner project.

The Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner was made in 1960 and carries illustrations of the Parish Church on one side and a Roman Figure and Miner on the other side. Following the closure of the mine in 1963, the banner was relocated to several communities across County Durham. The Banner is owned by Durham Miners' Association and was returned to Lanchester in 2012 under the custodianship of Lanchester Parish Council. Lanchester Miners' Banner Group was formed in 2012. They raised over £24,000 (with a large grant secured from Durham County Councillors Neighbourhood Budget) and over the last twelve months have delivered a comprehensive community project which has included; necessary conservation works being undertaken on the original banner; the production of a replica banner; art and dance workshops in the schools and the production of a community information leaflet and schools pack.

The celebration of the banner project organised by Lanchester Parish Council with support from Lanchester Miners' Banner Group took place on Friday 27 June. Front Street was closed to traffic and the crowds gathered as the replica banner was paraded along the street.



The banner led by representatives from the three Churches and by Lanchester Brass Band and accompanied by several hundred local school children all waving flags was paraded along Front Street from Lanchester EP Primary School to the Village Green. The weather stayed fine and the street was lined with hundreds of people, creating a fabulous spectacle.



Following a speech from Lanchester Parish Council Chair, Ossie Johnson, the children from the two primary schools provided a display of maypole and traditional miners' rapper dancing which thoroughly entertained the crowd. In addition an excellent selection of music was provided by Lanchester Brass Band and students from St Bedes School. The crowd and banner supporters enjoyed light refreshments and took the opportunity to view the splendid replica banners and displays of art work from the schools.



This was a special event enjoyed by the community. Many thanks to all that were involved in making the project possible.

The original Fenhall Drift Lodge Banner now hangs on display in the Parish Church. On Sunday 29 June a special service was held in the Church to bless the banner.

Publication Scheme

Lanchester Parish Council has a publication scheme, the purpose of which is to make the maximum amount of information readily available to the public at minimum inconvenience and cost to the public. The scheme promotes the release of information and intends to demonstrate openness and transparency in its work.

There is a guide to information which lists the information held by the Parish Council and the methods by which this can be accessed by the public. A copy of this guide can be obtained from the Clerk on 01207 521957.



Hanging Baskets

The hanging baskets are once again providing a colourful display throughout the village during the summer months.



Annual Report 2013/14

Lanchester Parish Council's Annual Report for 2013 / 14 was published in June and distributed to houses in the Lanchester Parish. If you didn't receive your copy or would like further copies, please contact the Clerk on the number below or pick up a copy at the Library or Community Centre.

The report outlines the services that the Parish Council provides and the main achievements of the year. The report also provides an overview of expenditure and income for the year. A summary of the financial picture is shown as follows:

Balance at 1 April 2013	£100,285.49
Total Income	£82,694.74
Total Expenditure	£88,450.71
Balance at 31 March 2014	£94,529.52

The Balance figure includes monies received as grants for specific projects as well as monies identified for particular works.



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