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Thank you very much for all of your calls, emails, messages and submissions this month. It certainly has been a busy month for everyone.

We've been creating quite a BUZZ on social media in Consett with a record reach of 88,187 people from 21 June - 18 July, that's up a total of 11% and on Facebook alone.

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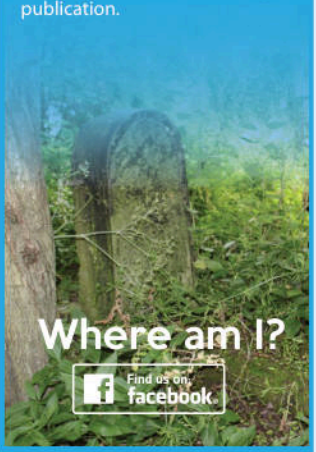

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SOGGY SEASIDE SANDWICHES

People of my age and older will remember with fond memories the trips to the seaside with the many Workmen's Clubs of the area. From being quite young I remember boarding the bus outside the Station Club, Consett or Delves Club, bound for a grand adventure at Whitley Bay. Fun times with the family and friends, even if the weather didn't always turn out for the best you always made the best of it. I don't remember why but there was always an abundance of the dreaded "Seaside Sarnie", that is egg and tomato all mixed up for anyone who didn't know. I don't know how but the sandwiches even after been taken directly out of the well sourced and reused bread bag seem to be already full of sand. I think it was tradition and some how just magical occurred. I also remember every kid been given pocket money to spend on the trip by the organisers. Spanish City and the shows were the climax of the event and when we descended in bulk we seemed to take over the rides. It was simple but good times.

However, my generation were probably the last ones to really enjoy the family Club trips. It had been a tradition in the town dating right back to the mid 1800's. There are countless records in the newspapers of "Poor Children's" trips and outings, although most of the children involved would never have classed themselves as poor. On one particular trip in the 1920's the children all set out aboard a veritable Fleet of buses from Parliament street, bound as usual for sunny Whitley Bay. The children enjoyed their day in the swimming people and the beach as well as visiting the sites, all paid for by the local bigwigs. It had been a great day and was deemed a fantastic success. Unfortunately on returning home it was found that 5 of the children had been left behind. Quickly the word was past around and the police at Whitley Bay were contacted. The children were eventually locate and spent the night before being picked up and returned to their parents the following day. I could just imagine the outcry that we would have had about that happening today.



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GEORDIE JEANS



My Dad loved hearing and telling jokes, always laughing at his own the most, so it's no wonder his favourite saint was Lawrence, the patron saint of comedians.

After being sentenced to death in the 3rd century, Lawrence apparently kept his sense of humour even when he was being grilled on coals for his faith; allegedly telling his torturer to turn him over as he was done on one side. The Church recognising his wit made him the patron saint of cooks as well!
When saints days fell on Saturdays we were encouraged to go to Mass, so I accompanied my Dad early morning to celebrate comedy.
Afterwards, collecting the bread from Forsters, we specifically requested two white loaves with burned crusts and watched as they were wrapped in white tissue paper and placed carefully in our string bag.

At the beginning of August I'd started a new summer job at The Clover Can Factory in Moorside. Sitting at a machine putting holes, rivets and handles on paint cans was noisy and laborious work so we did lots of things to make the time pass more quickly. I'd been watching 'New Faces' on TV and was enamoured by a hopeful contestant who's act consisted of holding a toy fish to his cheek while pretending it was biting him. With my shoulders rocking with laughter as I remembered this comedy moment, I tried to relay the joke to my friends above the noise, but the supervisor spotting this, gestured at me to switch off my machine and go to the office. Here, I was told of a waiting list of people who would be happy to have my job, and if I continued to disrupt the workforce I'd be given my notice.

When the hooter signalled home time, we crawled on to the Castleside/ Consett bus with scratched, cut fingers and matching egos, happy to get home into a warm Radox bath and enjoy the soak.

However the soak didn't last long as it was 'going out night' so plans had been made well in advance.

Meet in The Wheatsheaf at 6 o'clock then catch the bus down to Blackhill Comrades Club to see 'Geordie'
The dress code was jeans and striped T shirts as we were fans of The Sensational Alex Harvey Band and knew all the words and actions to 'Faith Healer'
As the night progressed we danced wildly, singing along to 'Can You Do It' , 'All Because Of You', 'Keep on Rockin' , and 'Don't Do That', clapping and cheering until the band came back for an encore.

As always, and far too soon it was the end of the night, but being astute we got a double round in when they called last orders at ten to eleven - to be on the safe side.

Finishing off my 5th half of LCL, I was dared by my friends to ask the lead singer for his autograph as he passed by on his way to the bar. Having nothing else with me, I stuck my leg out and asked him to sign my jeans.

He promptly obliged, and when I enquired if the pen he'd used was indelible; replacing the top, his grin wider than the brim of his cap, he replied,
"Aaa divvent knaa bonny lass but it winnet rub off!"

JOE WILSON NIGHT OF SONGS AND LAUGHTER







A night of music, comedy and poetry will be held to celebrate the 175th birth date of Joe Wilson, the Bard Of Tyneside, who was born in Stowell Street, Newcastle, on November 29, 1841.

The event, at the Irish Centre, Gallowgate, Newcastle, is only 20 yards from where Joe Wilson was born and will be hosted by Lindisfarne singer and star of Sunday for Sammy, Billy Mitchell.

Joe Wilson was 33 when he died of TB in 1875 but during his short lifetime he wrote 360 songs and poems, earning him the moniker "Bard of Tyneside".

Ed Waugh, who is curating what he hopes will become an annual event, explained: "Joe made his professional debut at Balmbras in the Bigg Market, Newcastle, in December 1864 and within a year he was a superstar on Tyneside. His fame rapidly grew to the whole region.

"Joe wrote about the day-to-day life of working class people. His most famous song is Keep yor feet still! (Geordey hinny) but his formidable repertoire ranged from beautiful sentimental songs to hard-hitting condemnations of domestic violence, unemployment and the indignities of charity.

"In 1871 he wrote songs in support of and performed benefits for striking Tyneside and Wearside engineering workers."

Ed continued: "Joe Wilson's songs have influenced dozens of local writers, from "pitman poet" Tommy Armstrong to The Unthanks and have also been recorded by top north eastern performers like Alex Glasgow, Pete Scott, Judy Dinning and Johnny Handle.

He added: "The Scots have Rabbie Burns, we have Joe Wilson!"

Tickets for the Joe Wilson Night on Tuesday, November 29, cost £15 and are limited to 200. For information and to buy tickets visit:

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ZOE BIRKETT ACADEMY

If you think about just some of the big names that have come from the north east in any field related to performance either being acting, singing, presenting such as:

- **Sting**
- **Rowan Atkinson (Mr Bean)**
- **Jamie Bell (Billy Elliot)**
- **Cheryl Cole**
- **Brian Johnson (AC/DC)**
- **Vic Reeves & Bob Mortimer**

The list can quite literally go on.

And if there is any form of correlation with these great stars, it's that they all had to, at some point, leave the north east to aspire and achieve their dreams.

I myself was the exactly same and can completely relate. When I think back to my pop idol days and watching my parents travel week in week out to London and the costs that must have incurred to them just so they can keep supporting me and allow me to follow what I believe. Overall it can get costly and very expensive. And if some people can't make those journeys due to income and costs etc why should they be restricted on their dreams.

So what I intend to do is bring all of that talent that you are expected to chase and travel for, to your door step, Dancers who





have worked with some of the world's biggest stars, actors that have worked on some of the world's biggest shows, dancers that have performed and choreographed on some of the world's biggest TV shows and stages. Get these people who have the training, experience and understanding of showbusiness and effectively pass that knowledge on to the aspiring stars of the north east, ignite that spark for them so they can for that one weekend know what it's like, and what they need to do as their next steps to go on achieve as much of their dreams as they desire.

It's all about enhancing their passion, letting their imagination run wild with ideas. I want to help push that confidence for those people, help them get an understanding of what they need to do so they can get to where they want to be. I want to bring a taste of what London and indeed some of the biggest cities in the world have to offer to the North East So what I would say to all parents who see their child or children singing in front of the mirror, that teenager that aspires to be in a west end show or dance on stage, that actor that wants to be in a British soap come down and get a feel for what the Zoe Birkett Academy can offer. I'm passionate about this new venture, I'm convinced that there are so many of you out there that can be huge stars but settle with average.

This workshop, is a snippet of what I intend to do with aspiring stars. So come and enjoy something where you literally have nothing to lose but everything to gain

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LAND OF OAK & IRON

Over 250 people turned out to help celebrate the launch of a new programme, the Land of Oak & Iron yesterday , at a free family event with live music, rapper dancing and lots of hands-on activities.

The event was held at Blaydon Youth and Community Centre and Shibdon Pond by the Land of Oak & Iron Landscape Partnership, to mark the official start of a four year programme of activities. Partner organisations were at the event, showcasing their activities and promoting opportunities for local people to get involved in projects focusing on the natural, industrial and cultural heritage of the area.

The event kicked off with a demonstration of traditional rapper dancing by the High Spen Pink Diamonds Rapper Dance Team; this was followed by songs from local folk singer Benny Graham, one of the Pitmen Poets. The official part of the afternoon started at 2pm with a speech by John Rundle, Chair of the Land of Oak & Iron, who welcomed the audience and thanked them for coming along. John gave an interesting and engaging speech about what the Partnership aims to achieve over its lifetime, before introducing Gareth Davies-Jones another local singer–songwriter who performed a number of songs from 'The Seam', a Newcastle Mining Institute project. Gareth was supported by Felling Band and Prudhoe Community High School Choir.

Around the hall, organisations offered arts and crafts activities, a chance to handle archaeological artefacts, signed up volunteers to take part in their projects and local author Val Scully sold signed copies of her new book. Outside, a wide range of activities were on offer including willow weaving, traditional woodland crafts, getting up close to wetland creatures, identifying wild birds and more crafts including making bird feeders, newspaper plant pots and daring to feel inside the boxes to guess their natural contents! Refreshments were also on offer in the café, the free limited edition Land of Oak & Iron cookies were snapped up!

The Land of Oak & Iron Landscape Partnership's vision is to work with local communities and partners to celebrate, conserve and enhance our natural, industrial and cultural heritage. With partners, it will deliver a legacy of job creation, tourism, regeneration and economic benefits.

The Land of Oak & Iron programme area focuses on the Derwent Valley and the surrounding area, following the River Derwent from Derwent Reservoir to the River Tyne, involving Consett, Rowlands Gill, Prudhoe and Whickham. The area has a fascinating natural, industrial and cultural heritage which is at risk of loss without this project. The Partnership is led by social enterprise Groundwork NE & Cumbria and is made up of a wide range of partners, committed to supporting delivery, until it comes to an end in 2020. It has been made possible by a grant of £2.2 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

For further information about this event or getting involved with the Land of Oak & Iron please visit the website www.landofoakandiron.org.uk, find us on Facebook LandofOakandIron or Twitter @LandofOakIron or email landofoakandiron@groundwork.org.uk or call Kath Marshall-Ivens on 01207 524883.

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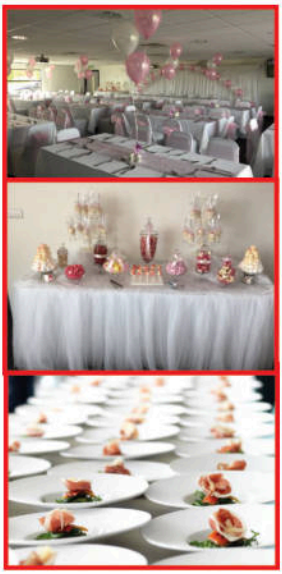

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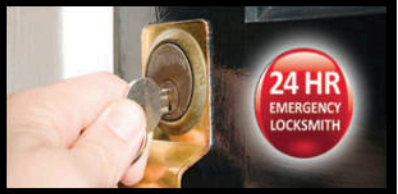

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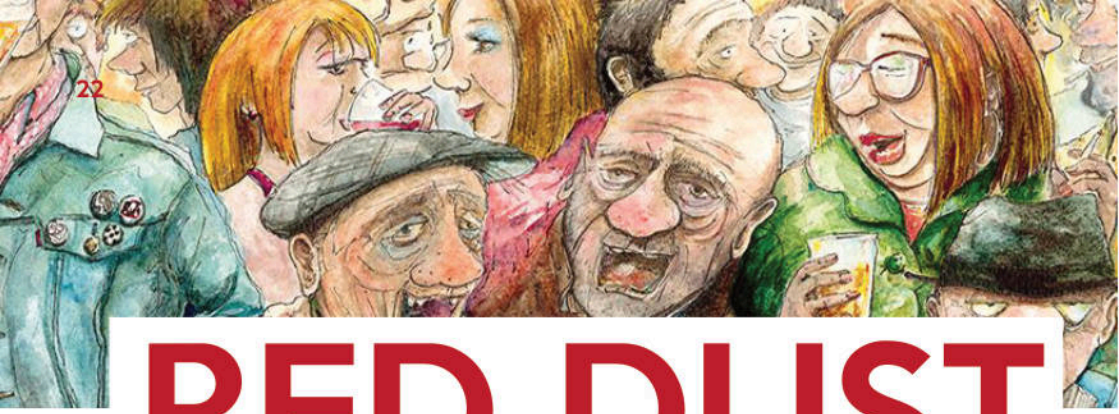

RED DUST

Local artist Phil Bartle is exhibiting his fantastic artwork from the 1st August to the 27th at Consett Library.

The collection is titled "Red Dust" and consists of around 40 unique, hand painted and drawn pictures. They depict a humorous and colourful journey through Phil's memories of growing up in Consett throughout the 1960s and 1970s.

The majority of those of display are prints, due to the sale of the originals.

A wide range of things to do with Consett are covered - nights out, Consett Show, Christmas, local shops etc.

You can visit Phil's Facebook page at:
facebook.com/Red-Dust-599260673517785/

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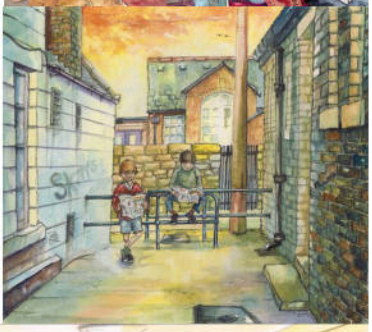





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