CONSETT MAGAZINE

FREE

Consett's Independent Magazine

ISSUE 08/ March 2013

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Commonwealth and St. patrick's Day are on their way

THE BEDROOM TAX

What you need to know about the controversial new reform

CONSETT PARISH

How did one of Consett's oldest churches come into being?

DUST

TOWN DOGS

We dust down the local band's demo for a full length review

21ST CENTURY SHOPPING

How have things changed?



DERWENTSIDE CARPETS

Large Showroom

A **HUGE** Selection of **Rugs, Remnants** & **Roll Stock**

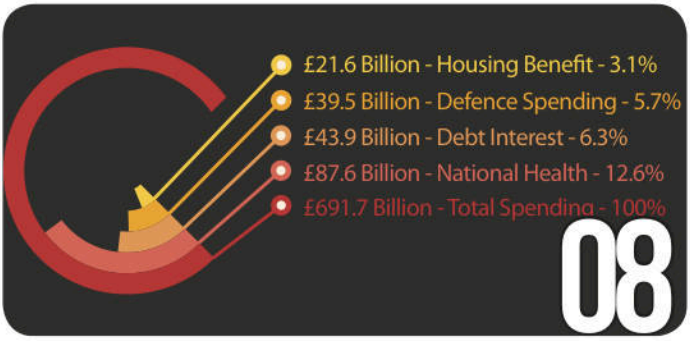
- Plus **Massive Savings** On Underlay & Accessories
- Unbeatable Offers
- Full House Deals
- **FREE** Estimates
- Expert Fitting Service

New Stock Arriving
EVERY WEEK

Call in for a quote now!
Tel: 01207 588005

13-15 Medomsley Rd,
Consett,
County Durham,
DH8 5HE















Contents

04 **Editorial**
A word from the editor.

05 **March Celebrations**
Commonwealth and St. Patrick's Day are on their way.

06 **Business Prospects**
Opportunities are available to boost your business startup.

07 **Derwent Valley Life**
Have your say on local expenditure.

08 **The Bedroom Tax**
What you need to know about the controversial new reform.

09 **Consett Parish**
How did one of Consett's oldest churches come into being?

10 **Mothering Sunday**
What does this day mean to you?

12 **Dust Town Dogs**
We dust down the local band's demo for a full length review.

13 **Consett Festival**
Promote yourself at Consett's biggest event of the year!

14 **Citizens House**
A piece of our local history explored.

16 **Easter Origins**
A religious celebration with a ton of history.

17 **21st Century Shopping**
How have things changed?

18 **Useful Numbers**
Local trades and services available to you.

CONSETT NEEDS YOU!
WE ARE LOOKING FOR WRITERS + PHOTOGRAPHERS
GET PUBLISHED
CALL US TODAY: 01207 438 292
EMAIL US: EDITOR@CONSETTMAGAZINE.COM

A word from...

THE EDITOR



Hello everyone and welcome to the March issue of Consett Magazine...

Hello everyone and welcome to the March edition of the Consett Magazine. With the wintry weather hopefully behind us it's just a matter of time before Spring starts to arrive. We have endured one of the coldest Februaries which most haven't forgotten about yet, as the snow just kept on coming. That's all behind us now as we move into the beautiful month of March.

The 20th of March sees the official start of Spring as we move away from the arctic winds and intense cold as life all around us starts to bloom. There are a lot of things to celebrate this month with Mothering Sunday falling on the 10th. Remembering the things that mothers do are important. No matter how old you are your mother will always be there to extend a helping hand. Make a fuss and be sure she has a great day.

Along with Mother's Day, we have the celebration of the Patron Saint of Ireland. This day of Irish celebrations has carried across the Irish Sea and is now a popular day for people across the globe. There's a lot more to St Patrick's Day than drinking Irish whisky and stout down at your local. There is a wealth of history to be found to the west which we should learn more about before having our yearly Paddy's Day tipple.

The end of the month brings with it the Christian festival of Easter. The crucifixion of Christ is one of the most important stories in the Christian faith.

Without further ado, here is the March edition of Consett's independent magazine.

CONSETT FESTIVAL 2013 COMPETITION



EXCLUSIVE PRIZE

x2 Tickets

A Limited Edition CD

Festival Poster

How to Enter:

Design the backdrop for the Consett Festival main stage!

The best backdrop will be placed behind the bands on the main stage of the Festival which will take place on April 27th 2013.

For design ideas think: Consett, Family, History, Music and Nature. Dimensions are 6ft high x 10ft wide.

Send your designs to: competitions@consettmagazine.com

For more info: facebook.com/consettfestival

THE TEAM

Editor-in-chief

Ivan J. Laidler

Editing Team

Ivan J. Laidler

Chris Brown

Questions and feedback:

26 Middle Street,
Consett,
Co. Durham, UK
DH8 5QJ

Phone: (01207) 438292

Email:
editor@consettmagazine.com
sales@consettmagazine.com

Photographers

Chris Brown

Lee Costello

Brian Harrison

Advertising/Sales

Firefly New Media
sales@consettmagazine.com
01207 438292

Graphic Design

Firefly New Media

Contributors

Firefly New Media

Brian Harrison

Marco Elsy

Barry Kirkham

Competitions

Consett Festival

facebook.com/consettmagazine

twitter.com/consettmagazine

Disclaimer: Consett Magazine and consettmagazine.com make sure to only use reliable sources and we try to verify all content as much as possible. We cannot accept any responsibility for any errors or omissions. All details are believed to be correct at the time of printing. We recommend that readers check information with any venue about times and dates of events in advance. Readers are welcome to send photographs, letters and other content to Consett Magazine and Firefly New Media UK but we cannot guarantee they will be featured in the publication. Firefly New Media UK reserves the right to neither use submitted material in print and online publications nor return it. The views and opinions expressed in advertisements and content do not reflect that of Consett Magazine and Firefly New Media UK. No part of this publication/website may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form without prior written permission from Firefly New Media UK. Permission is only deemed valid if approval is in writing.
To reduce environmental impact, once finished please recycle this magazine or pass it on to friends and family.
Firefly New Media UK - All Rights Reserved

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

by Chris Brown

The 17th of March is the day known across the world as St Patrick's Day. St Patrick is the most well known of the Irish saints and is credited for the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick lived between 387 and 461AD and was born in Roman Britain then captured by Irish raiders and taken across to Ireland to be a slave.

After receiving a message from God Patrick escaped captivity and decided that following his religious experience he would study to become a priest at Auxerre in France. Once his training was complete he was sent on a mission to Ireland to try to convert the nation to Christianity.

It's important to remember that St. Patrick's Day is not just an excuse to drink Guinness. This significant religious holiday is celebrated around the world in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Montserrat and parts of Canada along with the rest of the world celebrating the Irish culture.

> "THE SCOTS HAVE THEIR WHISKY, THE WELSH HAVE THEIR TONGUE, BUT THE IRISH HAVE PADDY, WHO'S SECOND TO NONE!"

COMMONWEALTH DAY

by Ivan Laidler

The British Commonwealth was once the biggest and most expansive empire that the globe has ever seen. Stretching across the world as far as New Zealand and Canada, the British Empire no longer exists but a relationship between the nations still holds strong. A diverse community of nations with an abundance of culture, the Commonwealth should be celebrated for a number of reasons.

Although Commonwealth Day is internationally recognised it is not a public holiday and rarely celebrated. We should embrace the rich cultural diversity of the Commonwealth and everything it has to offer.

With countries like Jamaica, India and Australia involved in the Commonwealth why not learn something new about the fellow nations on the 11th which is Commonwealth Day. With the Commonwealth Games coming to Glasgow next year there's never been a better time to get interested in the importance of the Commonwealth.



The Miners Arms
Medomsley, Co. Durham
01207 560428
local picks by TripAdvisor
WINTER CARVERY
ADULTS: £5.95 Includes FREE Soup or Desert
KIDS*: £3.95 Includes FREE Ice Cream
KIDS UNDER 5 EAT FOR FREE
*Age 12 or under

A BUSINESS CENTRE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Perspective Business Centres Ltd are a brand new offering to the business community within Consett and the surrounding villages.

Situated at the Innovation Centre on Genesis Way, Consett, Perspective provide facilities only usually seen in larger towns and cities.

A wide variety of services are on offer, from conference rooms to hot-desking, co-working, events, admin services, virtual addresses and short-term private office hire (from one hour!). Perspective will even take care of your shredding.



Perspective aim to make life easier for business people, whether they are large companies or sole traders. All rooms are provided with complimentary tea and coffee; and clients have the opportunity to purchase high quality Caffe Praego bean-to-cup coffee and speciality teas from a comprehensive menu. Perspective use well-reputed caterers, to provide lunches, if required – from a simple sandwich, to a more elaborate buffet, or filling pub grub.

Fran Williams, MD, explains "I wanted to create a business centre with a difference, where flexibility is the key, and customer service is great. Whether you're self-employed or a busy executive, it's good to get away to work in a different environment sometimes, in order that you can focus on what's important to your business. Sometimes knowing that a quiet office is yours for an hour or 2 (whether it's to meet clients or to finish writing a report) makes all the difference."

For home-workers, Perspective's hot-desks and co-working days can provide networking and opportunities to meet others.

Contact details:

www.perspectivebusinesscentres.com

Centre Manager: Joy Williams

joy@perspectivebusinesscentres.com

Tel:
01207 585843

Perspective
BUSINESS CENTRES

Improve your **productivity**
Increase your **profitability**
Grow your business **potential**
Call us now to find out how

Do you need a flexible, affodable and professional place to work?

Do you want to meet like minded business people and attend exciting local events?

Do you work from home and don't like giving out your address as a business address?

Do you struggle to find a professional place to meet your clients?

Virtual Office / Office Space / Meeting Space / Events & Sharing

www.perspectivebusinesscentres.com T. 01207 585 843

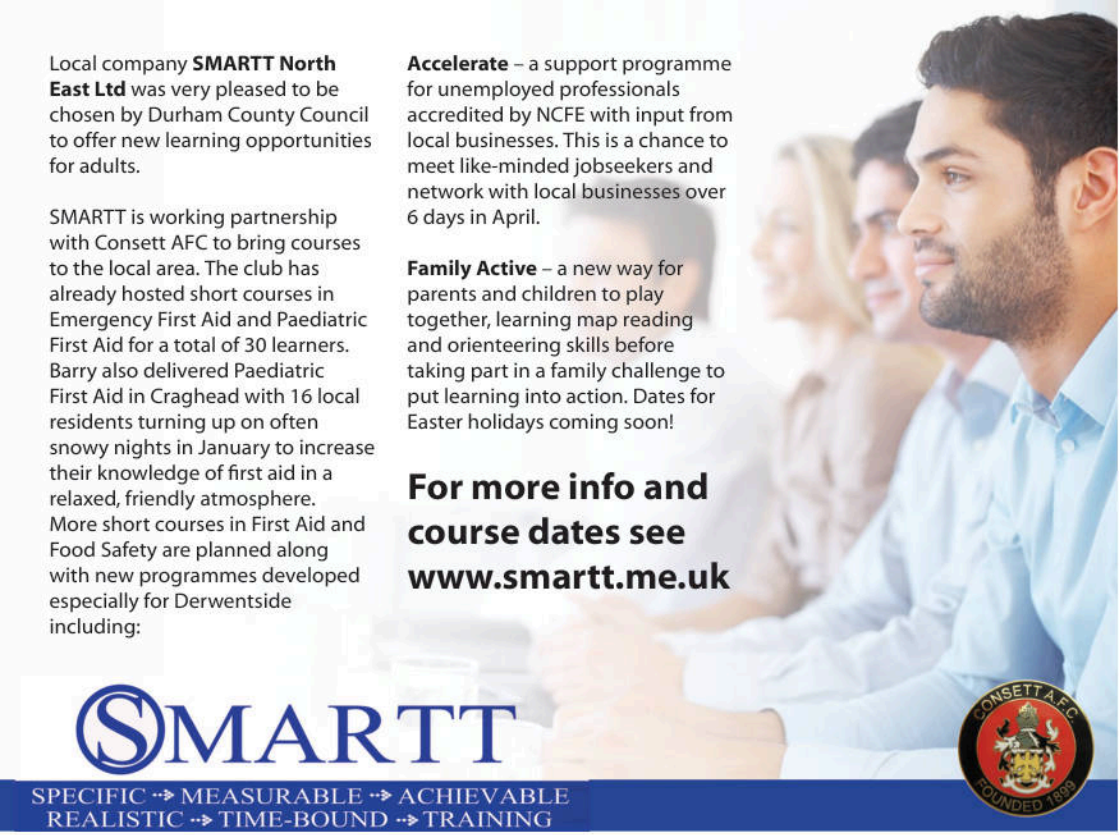
Local company **SMARTT North East Ltd** was very pleased to be chosen by Durham County Council to offer new learning opportunities for adults.

SMARTT is working partnership with Consett AFC to bring courses to the local area. The club has already hosted short courses in Emergency First Aid and Paediatric First Aid for a total of 30 learners. Barry also delivered Paediatric First Aid in Craghead with 16 local residents turning up on often snowy nights in January to increase their knowledge of first aid in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. More short courses in First Aid and Food Safety are planned along with new programmes developed especially for Derwentside including:

Accelerate – a support programme for unemployed professionals accredited by NCFE with input from local businesses. This is a chance to meet like-minded jobseekers and network with local businesses over 6 days in April.

Family Active – a new way for parents and children to play together, learning map reading and orienteering skills before taking part in a family challenge to put learning into action. Dates for Easter holidays coming soon!

For more info and course dates see www.smartt.me.uk



SMARTT

SPECIFIC ⇢ MEASURABLE ⇢ ACHIEVABLE
REALISTIC ⇢ TIME-BOUND ⇢ TRAINING

DERWENT VALLEY LIFE - IT'S UP 2 U

by Chris Brown

Members of the public will get a chance to have their say on how a substantial sum of money should be spent across the area. On Saturday 2nd of March at Derwentside College you will be able to vote on which local projects will get a share of £40,000 of funding. This could be a big help for many community projects in the area who would use the money to improve their facilities for their users.

Voting starts at 10am on the Saturday morning and closes at 2:30pm. Now is the chance to have your say on where local funding should be spent. As long as you are over the age of 11 and live, work or go to school in the Derwentside area you can vote and have your say.

> "AT DERWENTSIDE COLLEGE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON WHICH LOCAL PROJECTS WILL GET A SHARE OF £40,000 OF FUNDING."

Altogether better Durham

Derwent Valley Area Action Partnership

BEDROOM TAX

Infographics By
Firefly New Media
By Barry Kirkham

As April the 1st looms, we have been asked by many Derwentside residents who fear they will be unable to live in their homes when the 'Bedroom Tax' comes in.

The purpose of the bedroom tax is said to free up homes which are under occupied by social housing tenants. It is understandable that the government will wish to free up homes to allow families the opportunity to have enough bedrooms for their needs.

660,000 People Affected
1/3 social sector claimants

£505 Million Saved - 0.07%
2013-14 (total budget)



"THERE ARE MANY FACTORS WHICH ARE CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, SOME OF WHICH HAVE LIVED IN THEIR HOMES FOR MANY MOONS."

We asked Derwentside Homes, the local provider of Social Housing about these reforms. There are 1400 tenants who will be affected by the new bedroom tax with over 200 facing a reduction in housing benefit as they currently have spare bedrooms. It seems the Government has not thought this out properly as many social housing organisations including Derwentside Homes have limited stock of suitably sized accommodation.

Across the district there are 51 single person flats but 886 tenants who would be allowed a 1 bedroom property under the new regulations. Over 60's will not feel the brunt of these changes but it seems the one bedroom bungalows and apartments are geared towards this age group. Suitable sized accommodations which have been adapted to meet the needs of the disabled people may not be available.



Sources: Institute for fiscal studies,
Public expenditure statistical analyses (PESA)

It seems councils and social housing are concerned about these new measures as the workload from enquiries and advice will no doubt increase whilst the local council budgets are being drastically reduced.

Children Under 10
Expected to share a room

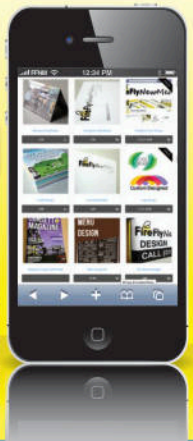
Same Sex Children Under 16
Expected to share a room



Two welfare rights officers have been employed by Derwentside Homes. This ensures people who are incapable of work are receiving everything they are entitled to. A money advice worker has also been taken on to help people with debt. Welfare reform assistants will be available to provide a hands on service for people looking to move.

If you or anyone you know are going to be affected by the welfare reforms we'd like to hear your views. Why not contact us on 01207 438 292 or send us an email to editor@consettmagazine.com

FireFly NewMedia
PRINT / WEB / DESIGN
MOBILE READY
WEBSITE DESIGN
FROM £349



The Digital Marketing Agency
01207 438 292
FIREFLYNEWMEDIA.COM

by Brian Harrison

CONSETT PARISH CHURCH



From the initial start of manufacture of iron in Consett in 1839, the workforce had been continuously growing. A once sparsely populated moor had suddenly become an industrial giant. By 1864 the population of Consett and surrounding areas had reached over 15,000. The Church was a very important focal point for the people at that time and with Consett bursting at the seams the churches of the area were unable to cope. Something had to be done. In 1862 the parish of Christ Church was created from Benfieldside St Cuthbert's. Initially a makeshift chapel was built inside the Iron Works but this was only a temporary measure and it was agreed that a new Church should be built as soon as possible.

So in 1864 Mr John Cory, an Architect of Carlisle, was asked to design a new Church for the town. After much discussion it was decided that it had to cover two main briefs: to be a building of character and style and also have "the great merit of cheapness beside". With this is mind it was decided that a Norman Style building was the only style which could deliver both, so Cory set about his design. The initial costing for the building was estimated to be around £1825 - 8s. However, this figure turned out to be closer to £3000 by the time the church was opened in 1866, some 2 years after the initial laying of the foundation stone on the 7th September 1864.

There was a time capsule laid beneath the foundation stone in which were placed: a piece of iron stone, a piece of coal, coins of the realm, a programme of the days proceedings, copies of all the local newspapers, the names of the building committee as well as a prayer book and bible. The consecration of Christ Church Consett took place on the 15 November 1866.

There has been one addition to the church since its opening. In the 1890s it was decided that Consett should have a clock (or at least a working one). The exact date that the clock was fitted is currently unknown; however, it would have been fitted at the same time as the clock in the old Iron Co. Offices. Both were supplied and fitted by the famous Wm Potts and Sons of Leeds.

THE GOLD BAR

The Gold Bar is back in the Derwent Centre, Consett.

We buy gold and silver in any condition, whether it be broken or unwanted.

We also sell gold and silver jewellery.

TOP PRICES PAID!

63 Middle Street, Consett, DH8 5QG

WESTEND ANTIQUES & JEWELLERY

We're Hopefully Opening For Business This Month
Thanks For Your Cooperation.
Any Queries Please Contact Us On:
07966 217 866



mim's
beauty treatments
07805 564 790
Blackhill
£30
Eyelash
Extentions
ahfrancis



10TH OF MARCH - MOTHERING SUNDAY

by Ivan Laidler

Mothering Sunday is the perfect time to show your Mam how much she means to you. A mother's work is never done so why not treat her to a fantastic day of luxury. Mothering Sunday unlike the American tradition of Mother's Day has its roots in the Church. As a result of the American influence Mother's Day is now a day to show appreciation to your Mother and everything she does.

Pampering your Mam is the least you can do on the 10th of the month. Why not give her a day to remember. Breakfast in bed is always a good idea to start the day. Take some time to make something special. Poached eggs with smoked salmon would be a luxurious morning treat for a deserving mother. Try to make the whole day an experience they will never forget by showing your Mam how much you care.

Briary Garden Services
A local service you can trust
Garden Tidy Ups
Lawn, Beds & Border Care
Hedge Trims
Seasonal Pruning
FREE ESTIMATES
Limited number of regular slots currently available
Consett - peter@briary.co.uk - 07854 278 774
Stanley - ray@briary.co.uk - 07828 669 784
24 Broadwood View
Shotley Bridge, Consett
www.briary.co.uk
0800 651 00 53
Briary Garden Services
Registered Trader Scheme
THE GARDENERS GUILD.co.uk
MEMBER

LOGS & COAL
Cash & Carry
Hardcore, Sand & Gravel,
Site Cleared, Rubbish Removed,
and General Haulage also available.
Delivery Available
JOSEPH PAGE
(Solid Fuels)
(01207) 503 634
Mortimer St. Garage
Blackhill, Consett
Co.Durham, DH8 8PS





THE YAMAZAKI SINGLE MALT WHISKY
JAPANESE WHISKY
The oldest distillery in Japan
YAMAZAKI DISTILLERY
PRODUCED BY SUNTORY

BOWMORE
ISLAY
SINGLE MALT
SCOTCH WHISKY

THE TRIPLE DISTILLED
AUCHENTOSHAN
SINGLE MALT SCOTCH WHISKY

wetherspoon

Whisky Tasting Night

Wednesday 13th March 2013 7pm

Company Row Consett

Enjoy an evening with friends
Sample four **fine whiskies**
Be the first to enjoy our new range of
Fine Malt Whiskies

£15 per ticket

2 Tickets For £20*

Limited Tickets Available From the Pub



Bowmore Darkest 15 Years Old is an brilliant example of a whisky expertly finished in Spanish Oak casks; starting its life maturing in American Bourbon casks, and then finishing in Oloroso Sherry casks.



Bowmore's 12 Years Old has received critical acclaim from throughout the whisky world. It won gold medal at both the ISC and IWSC 2009.



Our Lowland Single Malt Whisky has the tempting aroma of toasted almonds, caramelised toffee and the signature smooth, delicate, Auchentoshan taste.



Named after the town of Yamazaki, famed for its pure waters, tea ceremonies and Samurai warriors. Japans No. 1 malt whisky. Production methods of Japanese whisky are derived from those of Scotch whisky.

*Tickets Must Be Bought At The Same Time

DUST TOWN DOGS - DOGGY STYLE REVIEW

by Chris Brown

Dust Town Dogs are a local folk rock band from Consett who take pride in their unique and different take on a number of covers. Their CD Doggy Style showcases the band playing some well known songs with their own flavour. With 10 tracks of nonstop country covers, Doggy Style is perfect for anyone looking to broaden their musical horizons whilst supporting a talented local band.



Graham, Nick, Brad, Paul and Gary have recorded a tight and well produced CD which matches the quality of many professional bands with a much bigger budget. Doggy Style has a number of standout tracks such as "Jesse James" originally performed by Bruce Springsteen, "Monkey Man" by Toots & The Maytals and the classic "These Boots Are Made For Walking" by Nancy Sinatra. This CD is a great piece of country music which almost anyone will enjoy.

If you want to see Dust Town Dogs live they are playing the Consett Festival on the 27th April on the main stage. Be sure to go and check them out.

Beautilley

Mobile Beauty & Sport Fitness Therapy

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

Mad March

£10 OFF

When you spend £25 or more

Choose From A Wide Range Of Treatments

Manicure, Pedicure, Waxing, Hot Stone, Swedish, Aromatherapy, Sports and Indian Head Massage, Eye Lash Extensions, Tinting, Nail Extensions, Facial, Fake Tanning

Call Ann on: 07534775077

Email: beautilley@hotmail.com

/MobileBeautilleyAndSportsFitnessTherapy

www.DiscoverYourSound.com

atlantic AUDIO

- Recording Studio
- Rehearsal Space
- Music Production

Standard Recording Rate:

£20 an hour (including engineer & full mix)

Call: 07807430805

E-mail: studio@discoveryoursound.com

Based in: The Morrison Busty, Annfield Plain, Durham.

CONSETT FESTIVAL TO STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMY

by Barry Kirkham

Consett Festival is getting near and almost everyone in the area is getting excited for an event which could well help stimulate the local economy. Along with being a great day out for all of the family, Consett Festival is providing a wealth of opportunities for small to medium sized businesses in the local area to get some exposure and introduce themselves into the local community. Some of the businesses involved can be found on the festival poster.

There are plenty of opportunities for people to communicate with local firms in a way which Consett has never seen before. This direct approach to the festival between business and consumer was dreamt up by festival mastermind Brad Wilkinson. A selection of these businesses include Mark Wilkinson Photography, Prince Bishops Vets and Firefly New Media. Along with the businesses that will be present on the day, there are opportunities to advertise your business for free.



action physio clinic

Our professional physiotherapy service provides the gold standard of treatment, assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal conditions.
Our aim is to provide a high quality hands on approach coupled with active rehabilitation to allow you to achieve you goals.

We provide expert assessment and treatment for:
- Sports injuries
- Spinal pain
- Joint and muscle pain
- Rehabilitation following musculoskeletal injuries
- Work related disorders and ergonomic advice

Our professional and friendly clinic offers:
- Evening appointments
- Highly experienced NHS physiotherapists
- HPC registered physiotherapists
- Approved by major Insurance companies

Telephone. 07842 846015 Email: actionphysioclinic@hotmail.co.uk
www.actionphysioclinic.co.uk

PURE PODIATRY (CHIROPODY)

Pure Podiatry
provides a range of services and specialities with the aim of improving foot health

HPC Registered Podiatrists
Over 25 Years Experience

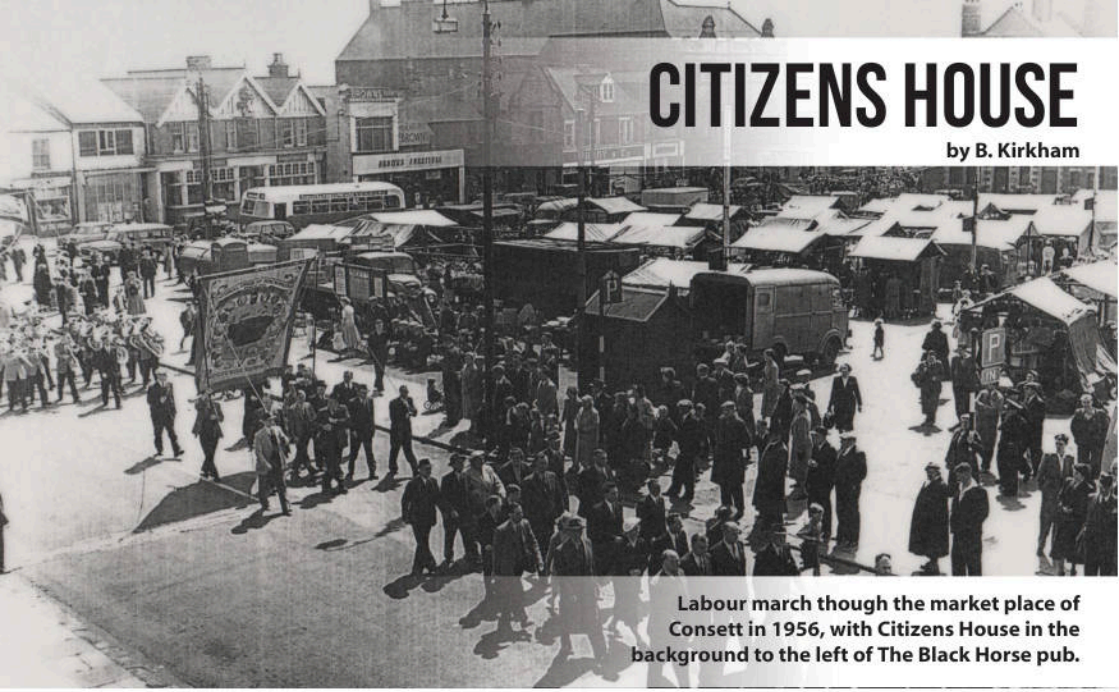
The range of services provided includes:
- General Clinics - Nail Care, ingrowing toenails, corns, callous removal and verrucae treatments
- Wound Care
- Diabetes screening/assessment, including foot risk classification
- Rheumatoid Foot Care
- Nail surgery - the surgical removal of problematic nails under local anaesthetic. A long term solution to problematic nails.
- Biomechanics
- Health education

Telephone. 01207 502823 Email: purepodiatry@hotmail.co.uk
www. pure-podiatry.co.uk

Free Parking
All under one roof at: 22 Derwent Street, Blackhill, County Durham, DH8 8LU.
Easy Access

CITIZENS HOUSE

by B. Kirkham



Labour march though the market place of Consett in 1956, with Citizens House in the background to the left of The Black Horse pub.

Did you know there is a place in Consett with an interesting and long history which provides a unique space for everything from leisure activities, support groups and training events?

Citizens House which is currently located on Station Road was originally situated just next to The Black Horse pub on Front Street. After the Second World War the American Federation of Labour and the Congress of Industrial Organisations generously provided £5000 to set up Citizens House here in Consett. It was through the British War Relief Society of the USA which this money was provided for the express purpose of founding a club for workers in an industrial area. **Consett was just the place.** The club was the first of its kind with an aim to serve the young citizens of Consett.

Citizens House are currently looking for anyone who may have memories of the original Front Street building between 1948 and the mid 1980s. If you or anyone you do know can remember the original Citizens House then please call 01207 500602. **Maybe you can help piece together the history of this fine establishment?**

Consett's Citizens Club currently has a vibrant collection of groups who use the facilities on a daily basis. Although the centre is quite heavily booked up, there is still space if you would like to start your own club or society.

If you would like to find out the dates and times of which groups frequent the centre please visit their website at citizenshouseconsett.org.uk and click on the red events and activities link.

Window Cleaning Specialists
gleam&clean
cleaning solutions
call 07861747511
What can we do for you?
Gutters, Conservatories, Hard to reach windows
Commercial Window Cleaning Specialists
Free estimates
100% Guaranteed Money Back
Call David: 07861747511

The SCRAPMAN
WE COLLECT FROM YOU.
07871 495903
Fully Licensed
HOUSE/GARDEN CLEARANCES.
WASHERS, COOKERS, RADIATORS, BOILERS, BATTERIES, CARS, VANS ETC.

All enquiries please call: 01207 438292

Workout **smarter** not harder

CELEBRATING **30** YEARS OF SUCCESS

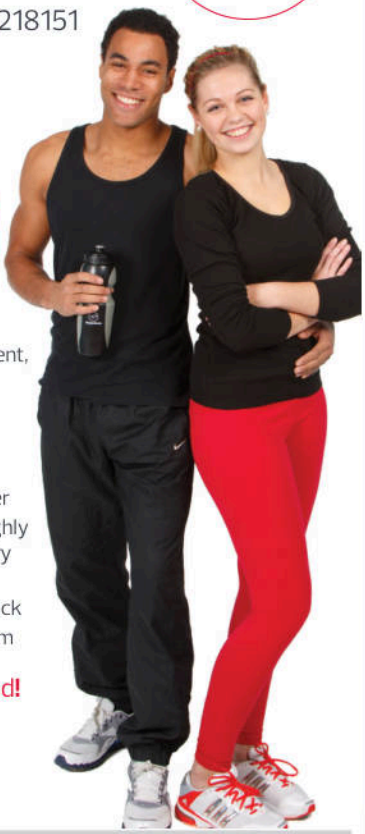
...at **Lifestyle Fitness, Belle Vue Leisure Centre**

Ashdale Road, Consett DH8 6LZ. Telephone 01207 218151

Monthly memberships from only

£25*

FREE Fitness Classes



Inclusive of:

- Unlimited use of our fitness suite including a range of cardio equipment, resistance machines and Kettle Bells.
- Unlimited use of our weights and conditioning area
- Free swimming
- Free 19 studio fitness classes
- Lifestyle fitness consultation with a Reps Registered Personal Trainer
- Personal fitness programme tailored to your needs by one of our highly qualified Fitness Consultants, your programme will be reviewed every 4-6 weeks.
- Numerous in club challenges throughout the year to keep you on track
- Most importantly, constant support and advice from our fitness team

Call us today for a **FREE GUEST PASS** for you and a friend!

Like us on Facebook for all the latest news and club information
lifestyle fitness belle vue

Follow us @bellevuefit

£ARN WHILE YOU BURN

>> WE WILL PAY YOU! TO LOSE WEIGHT*



*Terms and Conditions apply.
Up to £45 cash – available to new and existing members, (no casual or pay per visit).
The national recommendation for weight loss is no more than 2 pounds per week.

lifestylefitness.co.uk

*£25 per month based on a concession membership over a 12 month commitment. Other memberships available, see website for further details.

EASTER ORIGINS

by Ivan Laidler

Easter, or Pasch as it is also known is celebrated across the globe by people of the Christian faith. Remembering the crucifixion of the Son of God and the sacrifices he made to save humanity is one of the most important dates of the religious calendar. As the teachings tell us after being entombed behind stone the saviour was resurrected and then ascended to heaven on the on top of Mount of Olives. This life after death showed the disciples that Jesus was indeed the Son of God.

Easter is closely linked to the Jewish and Old Testament practices of Passover and both occur at similar times of the year. The word Pasch which is now used to refer to Easter in some traditions was originally used as a name for Passover.

CONSETT S.A.F.C.S.A. CHARITY RACE NIGHT
The DEMI, Consett

Friday 22nd March 2013
Under starters orders at 7:30pm
Pie & Peas Supper - £2

ALL PROCEEDS TO WILLOWBURN HOSPICE
For tickets call **07890 410053**
Or pay on the night.

THE ALPHA MAGNETIC SPECTROMETER

by Chris Brown

A new research tool fitted to the International Space station is ready to bare its first results concerning the forces which hold the entire universe together. The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer is the single most expensive experiment to be performed in space costing a staggering $2 billon (£1.29 billion) to set in motion. The aim of this highly specialised piece of scientific equipment is to scan space to find out more about dark matter and the forces which bind the universe.

Whilst most information surrounding dark matter is currently speculative, the first research papers explaining what the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer has found are being published very soon. This will be the first time any research surrounding dark matter and weakly interactive massive particles (WIMPS) which play a huge role in the way our universe works. Understanding this better is one of the big challenges in physics which could have an unprecedented role in changing our main energy sources. Currently we use large amounts of fossil fuels around the world to create electricity, drive our cars and to travel around the globe. A method of energy creation that would be both clean and unbelievably powerful could revolutionise the world for the better.

There has been a large amount of speculation of the viability of dark matter as an energy source from scientists around the globe but at the moment there is no proof to help support these claims. The Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer can provide us with a better understanding of this fabled substance allowing a new era of research and development. This and the experiments being performed at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN are on the cutting edge of physics helping us to explain more and more of the universe around us.





All enquiries please call: 01207 438292

AND YOU THOUGHT THE IPHONE WAS EXPENSIVE!

by Chris Brown



A new Android phone has hit the market costing a staggering £6778 from luxury manufacturer Vertu. This new handset seems completely redundant for anyone who isn't a Premier League footballer. It has a scratch resistant sapphire screen and a titanium case which can resist up to 500Nm of force making it one of the strongest and most expensive mobile phones ever made!

HIGH STREET SHOPPING VS ONLINE SHOPPING

by Ivan Laidler

Online sales in January 2013 rose against overall retail sales. The Office for National Statistics shows that the volume of goods sold in January fell by 0.6% whilst online sales rose 8.7% which is an average weekly spend of £546.5 million. 10.1% of all retail spending excluding fuel took place online. Online food sales rose by 27.1% to a total of 3.7% of all food sales in the UK. This is the highest on record. Online sales through a mobile device grew 304% between 2011 and 2012.

With the loss of Comet, Jessops and HMV, the face of the High Street is changing. Due to the reduced cost of online marketplaces such as eBay and Amazon people are going online for high ticket price items. But not all is lost; there are still many people who prefer to purchase their items physically from a shop. Customer service is now more crucial than ever for retailers as the shopping experience begins to change.



FRANK'S
THE FLOORING STORE
CARPET YOUR HOUSE
ALL INCLUSIVE DEAL
INCLUDES UNDERLAY & EXPERT FITTING
PLUS ALL ACCESSORIES
FOR ONLY
£799
"I love carpets me"
01207 592161
OFFER BASED ON 80SQM FOR LOUNGE, DINER, HALL, STAIRS & LANDING, 3 BEDROOMS. INCLUDES CARPET, UNDERLAY, EXPERT FITTING, GRIPPERS AND DOOR BARS. TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY - PLEASE ASK IN STORE FOR DETAILS
www.franksthefloringstore.com

HEALTH & MOBILITY
Helping More people to live independently
• Scooters • Rise and Recline Chairs • Profile Beds • Stairlifts •
We are a family run organisation providing a large range of health and mobility products DIRECT to the customer at the lowest price. Our focus is to offer a wide CHOICE of high quality reliable products to improve health, mobility and independence.
We also offer a home demonstration service with NO obligation or cost so why not visit our showroom at:
3-6 Station Road
Consett
Co Durham
DH8 5RL
Email: info@hm-healthandmobility.com
• Waking Aids • Wheelchairs • Living Aids • Bathroom Aids •
Tel:01207 592822
Fax:01207 592532

USEFUL NUMBERS

LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

ADVERTISE HERE FROM ONLY £20

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES BY USING THESE COMPANIES

Call: 01207 438 292
Web: consettmagazine.com
Email: sales@consettmagazine.com

ADVERTISING & PRINTING

Firefly New Media / 01207 438 292
Digital Marketing Agency - Branding - Design - Print
Come to FireFly New Media for logo design, advertising, outdoor banners, leaflets, menu design, websites and all your branding and identity needs. Funding available.

CAR VALETING

JKay Autobright / 01207 580123 / 07933 787 833
Bespoke valeting & detail services, auto glym trained, we will come out to you, professional & reliable.

COMPUTER REPAIR

Computer Workshop / 01207 502249
We make computers better painlessly, computer cleaning, computer hardware / software, security and printers.

DOUBLE GLAZING



ELECTRICIAN

JKD Electrical Services Ltd / 01207 501967
20+ years experience in domestic and commercial installation, maintenance and repair services.

GARDEN MAINTENANCE

Briary Garden Services / 0800 651 00 53 / 07854 278774
We offer a friendly and reliable garden maintenance service Lawns, hedges, beds & borders. Contact us for a FREE Estimate

HANDYMAN

Darren Lauder / 01207 507708 / 07843 016 312
Full handyman service and other general handyman tasks. Free estimates, fully insured, friendly and reliable service.

HOUSE CLEARANCE

The Scrapman / 07871 495 903
WE COLLECT FROM YOU! - house/garden clearances, washers, cookers, radiators, boilers, batteries, cars, vans etc.

OPTICIANS

Outlook optical / 01207 583270
For quality spectacles and sunglasses at sensible prices with sight tests available by appointment.

PAINTING & DECORATING

Dave Smith Decorating / 01207 261 556 / 07717 838 190
28 years experience, all aspects covered, interior & exterior, wall coverings, domestic & commercial, fully insured.

PAVING & DRIVEWAYS



PLASTERING

DJ Sayer & Sons / 01207 562460 / 07944 326914
30+ years experience. All aspects of plastering undertaken. Will beat any genuine quotation.

ROOFING



SECURITY

Safewise Security / 01207 590011
Family run company specialising in CCTV installations, fire systems, burglar alarms for commercial and domestic properties.

TAXI

Jackson's Taxis / 01207 502266
Extremely reliable taxi company with clean cars and friendly drivers, open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

TUITION

Carol Laidler Private Tuition / 01207 563251
Private tutor for English, Maths and French to GCSE level. Perfect preparation for coursework and exams. Highly skilled and professional with many years of experience

BESCOL

Delves Lane Consett (Next to TESCO)
Your local premium paint stockist of:

JOHNSTONE'S since 1820

Leyland Trade

Check in Store!



Spring Sale!

- **Johnstone's Matt or Soft Sheen Emulsion**
  Choice of Colours - 2½ Ltr - **£9.98** / 5 Ltr - **£16.98**
- **Leyland Trade Super Leytex Emulsion**
  Brilliant White - 10 Ltr - **£15.60**
  Magnolia - 10 Ltr - **£15.60**
- **Johnstone's Non-drip Gloss or Quick Dry Satin**
  Brilliant White - 1¼ Ltr - **£7.60** / 2½ Ltr - **£11.23**
- **Granocryl by Leyland Smooth Masonry Paint**
  Choice of Colours - 5 Ltr - **£17.80**

Any Colour Tinted in Store!

For more information call: 01207 582555



Domino's

TAKE A FRESH LOOK

£20 OFF

WHEN YOU SPEND £40 OR MORE ONLINE

ONLINE COUPON CODE:

TEXASBBQ

GO TO DOMINOS.CO.UK

54 Middle Street, Consett, DH8 5QE

(01207) 588 444