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On the former Consett steelworks site beside the C2C cycle path there stands two huge sculptures based on nineteenth century surveyors instruments, a theodolite (used to measure horizontal angles) and a level (used to establish the bond between a surface to the horizontal). As you will have noticed this month's front cover is a spectacular image of the Consett Theodolite taken by Jack Sharp (instagram: just_jackphotography). Thanks to Jack for submitting this and for Consett Magazine to be able to feature the image for the October 2019 front cover.

In this months edition, read local historian Brian Harrison's piece (page 4 & 5) about Reverend Steggall who was instituted to the position of first Vicar of Consett by the then Bishop of Durham, Charles Thomas. A very interesting story indeed. Page 9 contains information about the Consett Pool League, Lorraine Weightman returns on page 10 with "Home Sweet Home", always a nostalgic and gripping read.

If you'd like to submit a story to the magazine, we'd love to hear from you! You can submit your story by visiting consettmagazine.com and clicking on the "write for us" link at the top of the website or just drop us an email to editor@consettmagazine.com

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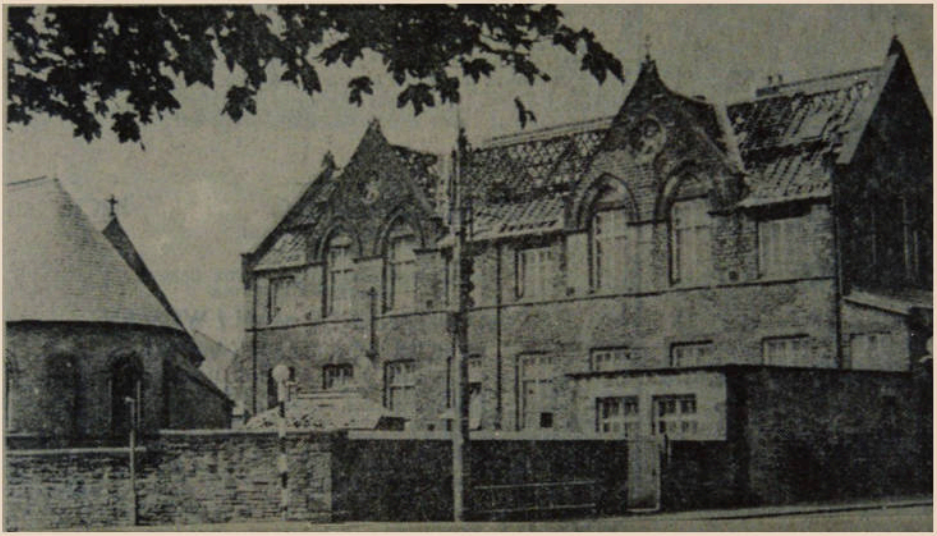
By Brian Harrison



Frederick Steggall was born in 12th January 1830 in London, the 3rd son of Dr John Steggall of Bloomsbury and his wife Geltrude Guiseppa Elbina Steggall (nee Bonetti), originally a native of Bologna, Italy. He was educated in one of the larger and most well established schools in London and left with honours. Frederick married Elizabeth Templen on 16th January 1855 in St George, Bloomsbury, Camden, London. At the time of marriage Frederick was stated as a Scripture Leader already showing his future calling, Elizabeth was a School Mistress. The following year in 1856 the couple were gifted with their first child, Gertrude Elizabeth.

In the same year Frederick sat the examination for the ministry and passed with out the need of any further college education. He was admitted to Holy Orders on 21st December 1856 by the then Bishop of Carlisle, the Hon. Henry Montagu Villiers. One year later he was given his priests orders 20th December 1857. Throughout that year and untill 1862 the Rev. Steggall ministered to the Holy Trinity Church, Carlisle and surrounding area's, but it was in 1862 that his greatest call was to come. A new ecclesiastical parish had been created from parts of Lanchester for the new and upcoming industrial town of Consett.

Rev. Steggall was instituted to the position of first Vicar of Consett by the then Bishop of Durham, Charles Thomas Baring, as well as having the backing of Lord Palmerston, the Prime Minister. He arrived in Consett in the end of 1862 and was licensed 23rd February 1863 and officiated in a small room within the new parish. However, it wasn't until the following year March 1864 that he gave his first sermon, in a temporary building, an old disused engine shed which stood approximately at the bottom of Front Street and across from Templetown Road. The Rev. was tasked with the raising of funds for the erection of the parish church which along with a number of Consett standards he soon did. Consett Christ Church was built 2 years later in 1866, although the top section was finished a few years later as the funds had unexpectedly ran out.

His popularity grew very quickly, not only amongst his own flock but also from the other religious denomination's. He believed in education and in the coming together of everyone. In is first 2 years he raised money to build two schools. By the 1870's it just wasn't enough so he again set himself the task to raise further funds and in 1877 had two schools built attached to the church grounds. Later he also helped in the creation of the

National school, a long building which was also suitable for social events and could accommodate 1000 people.

During his time in Consett the Rev F Steggall and his wife Elizabeth also raised a family, 2 girls and 2 boys living to adulthood, only the last daughter Beatrice being actually born in the town. The two boys made quick names for themselves, both being well educated. The oldest, Albert Remmington Steggall followed his father into the priesthood having quite a colourful career. He was a missionary in East Equatorial Africa in the 1890's when he was suspected off arming the local people against the German army, who were defeated their attempts to overthrow the local power in the region. The German government made accusation's against him but nothing was proved.

The younger son, Montagu Villiers Steggall, named after his fathers mentor, became a prominent teacher. He trained at Durham University attaining an MA, after which he spent the next eight years running a private school in Benfieldside, before taking up position as Headmaster at Scorton Grammar School in 1903. He remained there for 34 years and was a much loved and respected man. The brothers married two sister Gertrude and Dora Mould, daughters of Mr W H Mould, the then headmaster of Soham School.

As would be expected the Rev Steggall's daughters were also married well, one to a Doctor, the other to a Vicar.
In the early September 1898 Rev Steggall fell into ill health and for over a month he lay in a precarious way. He finally passed away at 1.30 am Thursday 20th October 1898, at The Vicarage, 1 Parliament Street, Consett. The sad news of his passing became generally known by the tolling of the passing bell and the floating of Union Jack at half mast on the church tower. He was buried on 22nd October 1898 in Blackhill Cemetery to much public mourning after serving as Consett's first Vicar for over 36 years.

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Church and Hall, Consett.

By Barry Kirkham

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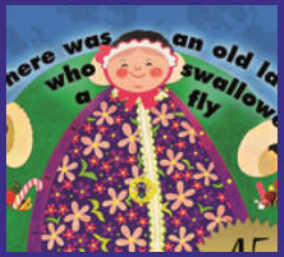







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Consett Pool League 13/09/2019



CONSETT POOL LEAGUE

The summer league came to a close with the final being played back on 21st August, seeing The Phoenix from Chopwell, beating Finnians A in a close fought match, 9-7 at Leadgate Club.

The new season started on 4th September, with 27 teams competing over 3 divisions. Blackhill Club, will be looking to retain the Division 1title they won back in May, and have started with a 9-4 victory over the snooker club, and a superb 13-0 victory over the Scotch. Finnians A and B, will be hoping they can push them right until the end, and take the title themselves.

Newcomers the Phoenix and The Scotch will also be hoping to make their mark on the first division this season. Division 1 certainly looks very strong this season and although the top 3 pretty much pick themselves, the 2 relegation spots will be hard to predict. Division 2, and last seaons 3rd placed team, the Black Horse, will be pushing for promotion this season, and with a steady 8-5 victory over the Miners, they have started well. Last seasons, Division 1 relegated teams, The Station and Leadgate Club, will be hoping they can bounce straight back up. 2019 division 3 winners, Bellamys, will be hoping to surprise a few teams this season, and keep a steady mid table position, to cement their place in Division 2,but could they go further and win back to back promotions? Time will tell!

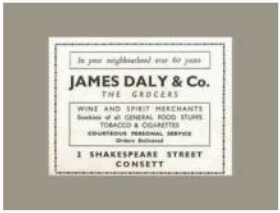
Onto Division 3, and this looks absolutely wide open as to who could win it. The 2 new teams Demi B and Golden Lion B, could surprise a few, with the former boasting a team full of young and hungry players. Finnians E have started brilliantly with a 12-1 win over the Queens Head and then a steady 7-6 win over the Demi B. Who knows who will be top come May 2020, but it will certainly be an interesting season ahead.

You can keep up to date with all the scores at **cwnpl.leaguerepublic.com** or for any information about the league, email: consettpool@gmail.com

HOME SWEET HOME

When friends get together to make new memories they spend a lot of time talking about the old ones. We all feel comfortable with the tried and tested and embrace the familiarity that keeps us happy. So, when places we frequent, close down, relocate or just reach the end of their shelf life, there can be a time of mourning.

It is good to know that some people and establishments hang on to memories longer than others, just the feel, decor and ambience remain the same, even though the years are rolling by.





I have good memories that instantly appear when I spend time in one of these premises, or recreations of them. Recently I visited Beamish and while looking around the old stores I was reminded of a grocers my family shopped at when I was a small child. It was located in Shakespeare Street in Consett, which is now part of Middle Street.

At Daly's we bought freshly baked bread and cakes. Butter was patted together, then wrapped in greaseproof, and bacon was cut to order on a large red slicer. The brown wooden shelves were high, stretching from floor to ceiling and were stacked to bursting.

Just recently I noticed a poster advertising a performance by 'Sweet' in a couple of months time at the Sage in Gateshead. Having amazing memories of dancing to 'Ballroom Blitz' in our very own Ballroom in Consett, I visited the site to look for tickets. I suppose most people near to my age will admit to still feeling eighteen inside, despite what their outer casing looks like. But Sweet - with only Andy Plant as one of the original members - were definitely not how I remember them.



In their day, they were the number one glam rock band and churned out a tirade of hits in the early 70's, 'Blockbuster', 'Wigwam Bam', 'Little Willy' 'Fox On The Run', 'Poppa Joe' and 'Teenage Rampage', to name a few.

In fact their song titles inspired nicknames for a number of people I knew, which are still in use to this day.

At the weekends in the early seventies, our flares were just as flamboyant as the band's and



our tops and jackets almost as lurexed and sparkly, as we danced happily in the disco while mimicking the songs. In fact the only thing that was missing was a feather boa!.

My fond memories of the Freemasons Arms often make me smile. Back then it was the place to be, packed to the rafters with those who wanted to dance, see a live band, or just hang around looking cool! I am pleased to say that just lately when I visited the 'Masons' - as we used to call it - the ambience, welcome and



overall character was still there, and for one evening, I was transported back to 1973. As if that wasn't enough, when I was ordering at the bar, I spotted at least four of my 'Sweet' nicknamed persons enjoying a couple of drinks while soaking up the atmosphere.

Amused with myself I started naming them to my friends, delighted to be back in time. It was only when I was squeezing my way past the famous Juke Box and pool table to visit the Ladies that I noticed a familiar group of faces turned in my direction. I smiled accordingly as I passed, and just before I turned the corner, I heard one voice, much louder than the others, exclaim, "Whey aye you must remember, from donkey's years ago - you do man - we used to call her, 'Ballroom Blitz'!"

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You may also find reports of ancestors winning prizes in local shows or sporting fixtures, ancestors in business or bankruptcy or even ancestors in court – as victim, witness or accused!

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Places to Go: Dundee

A highly enjoyable visit to Dundee could be had without straying more than 100 metres from the newly rebuilt railway station. There is the Royal Research Ship Discovery and the adjacent new Victoria and Albert museum, and visiting both would take up much of a day trip.

There are three direct trains a day from the north east to Dundee, operated by LNER, which are trains running up the coast to Aberdeen. Additional journey opportunities are available by changing to Scotrail services at Edinburgh Waverley. The line crosses the silvery River Tay on a bridge rebuilt after the first one collapsed in a storm in 1879, having been built substandard. A train was crossing when the bridge gave way, leading to 75 fatalities. A further 14 men were killed in constructing the much sturdier replacement. No risks were taken with the replacement bridge, which has stood and been maintained since July 1887, but it had a major overhaul in 2003.

The V&A, an offshoot of the London gallery, is recently opened in Dundee, a city of jam, jute and journalism, although the jute industry which gave the city its wealth, has died out completely. The new V&A has a special exhibition on video games (charged for) but the rest of it is free and there are impressive Scottish Design galleries and an exhibition about designing prosthetic hands. I particularly valued the spaces in which you are invited to it down and browse through books and magazines. The RRS Discovery was originally moored in London and moved to its port of construction in 1986 after years gradually rotting on the Thames. Dundee was where she was built in 1901, and she is now in a purpose- built dry dock where the story is told of the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration featuring such names as Robert Falcon Scott and Ernest Shackleton and zoologist Edward Wilson. The twin attraction to the Discovery is the Verdant Works, which tells the story of jute manufacture and has a fully operational 1801 Boulton and Watt beam engine. At its height around 1900 there were 50,000 people working in 100 mills. Look out for cartoon strip Oor Wullie statues around the city.

St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral (the Scottish Episcopal church is allied to the Church of England), is a grand Gothic church opened in 1855. Designed by the eminent Victorian architect Sir George Gilbert Scott, it is an oasis of peace in the city centre and on the day of my visit was to host an American choir from Minneapolis singing in the evening at a free concert. In the 1850s Dundee was growing fast but had its share of poverty and squalor and Bishop Alexander Forbes had a vision of a building which would provide a refuge and inspiration for Dundonians who lived in the city's crowded tenements. Inside is the memorial to James Chalmers, a local stationery shop owner who invented the adhesive postage stamp. The organ installed in 1865, is maintained by Harrison and Harrison of Durham.

This was not Sir George Gilbert Scott's only work in the city as he designed the museum and art gallery on the north side of the city centre known as The McManus, which opened in 1869.

Admission is free, and there is a regular programme of talks and tours, as well as the regular art gallery. If you're interested in science, the Dundee Science Festival is on 6-21 October, based at the Dundee Science Centre, located in a city packed with scientific and cultural interest.

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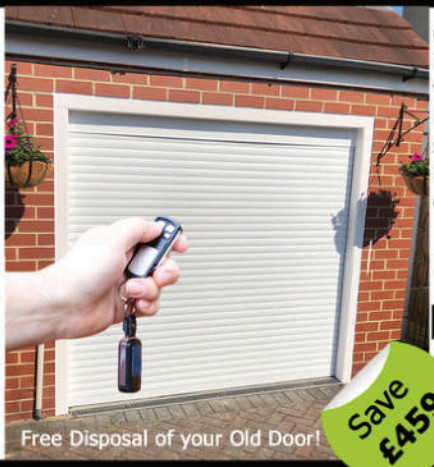

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WORDS - By Joe McGuigan

"Speak up boy!"

The voice thundered and reverberated in my bowed head. Whoosh! The long drawn out swishing sound of the cane as she tested it filled my fear crazed mind with if possible, even more terror.

That warm wet feeling on my leg and the growing evidence of the spreading puddle at my feet told its own familiar tale.

Familiar when I faced "Sister". Something to do with a weak bladder, I once overheard my mother explain to a neighbour.

Silently and continuously my prayers rose to "Our Lady" to save me from this terror. Once more "Sister" grabbed my arm impatiently and forcibly shook me.

"Speak, boy speak!"

Speak, I could not. Terror gagged my tongue. Words, I could had not. Mortal terror and mortal shame were my only companions. Whoosh!

Silently "Our Lady" intervened. Yet even as I slid down into that enveloping darkness, that voice pursued me.

"Speak boy, speak!"

When I awoke I found I was lying on the black leather settee in the teachers common room. My short patched trousers hung over the back of a wooden railed chair facing a small bright fire. My trousers were still steaming, and suddenly I realised that I was covered by a rough grey hairy blanket.

My shame burned at the thought of someone undressing me.

Thirteen years of age and probably a woman had removed them. Slowly and fearfully I rose, and furtively dressed myself.

I took a quick peep out of the door and saw that the way out was clear. I escaped.

I escaped yet even as I ran, my heart was bursting with gratitude as I remembered to thank "Our Lady".

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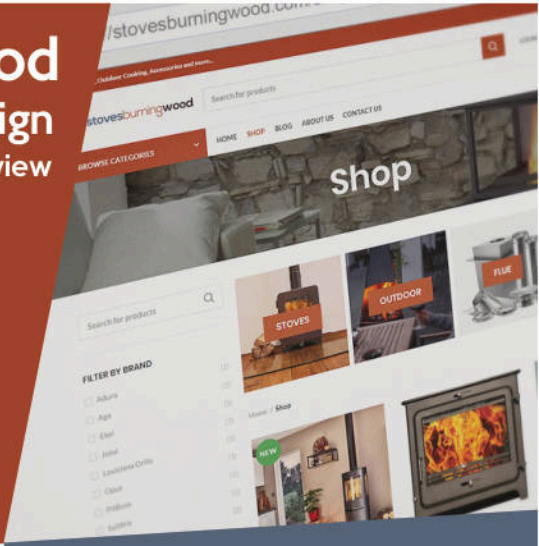

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Logo Design

"We're extremely happy with our new site, logo and setup as it's been something that's sat in the pipeline for a couple of years now on our end, untouched."

- Mr. J. McMahon - Founder

Business Card Design & Print

We were asked to create a business card to promote the online store at trade events. We kept the same style we'd created when making the website and logo.

"Firefly helped us achieve a big project in a small space of time."

- Mr. J. McMahon - Founder

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