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To issue 14 of the **Consett Magazine!**



September rolled around much quicker than we ever thought it would. It is the month of happy returns to school, work, college and university for many people and it also signifies the transition from Summer to Autumn. Whether or not our outstanding Summer weather will continue for a little longer into the month remains to be seen, but here's hoping!

I have a few special thanks to give out in this edition. The first goes to all the helpful folk who contributed stories and other great content to us. The count of external stories each month is growing steadily and each one is greatly appreciated. If you look to the column on your right you should see exactly who i'm talking about!

The remaining thanks are for the numerous readers who wished us a happy anniversary last month. We received a lot of positive feedback for our one-year-strong magazine and it gives us the motivation and inspiration we need to continue putting it out for the people of Consett to read.

This month it's back to basics with a massive selection of stories in all categories to get your teeth into. Flick back one page to see exactly what's happening in the September issue of Consett Magazine.

Enjoy your read!



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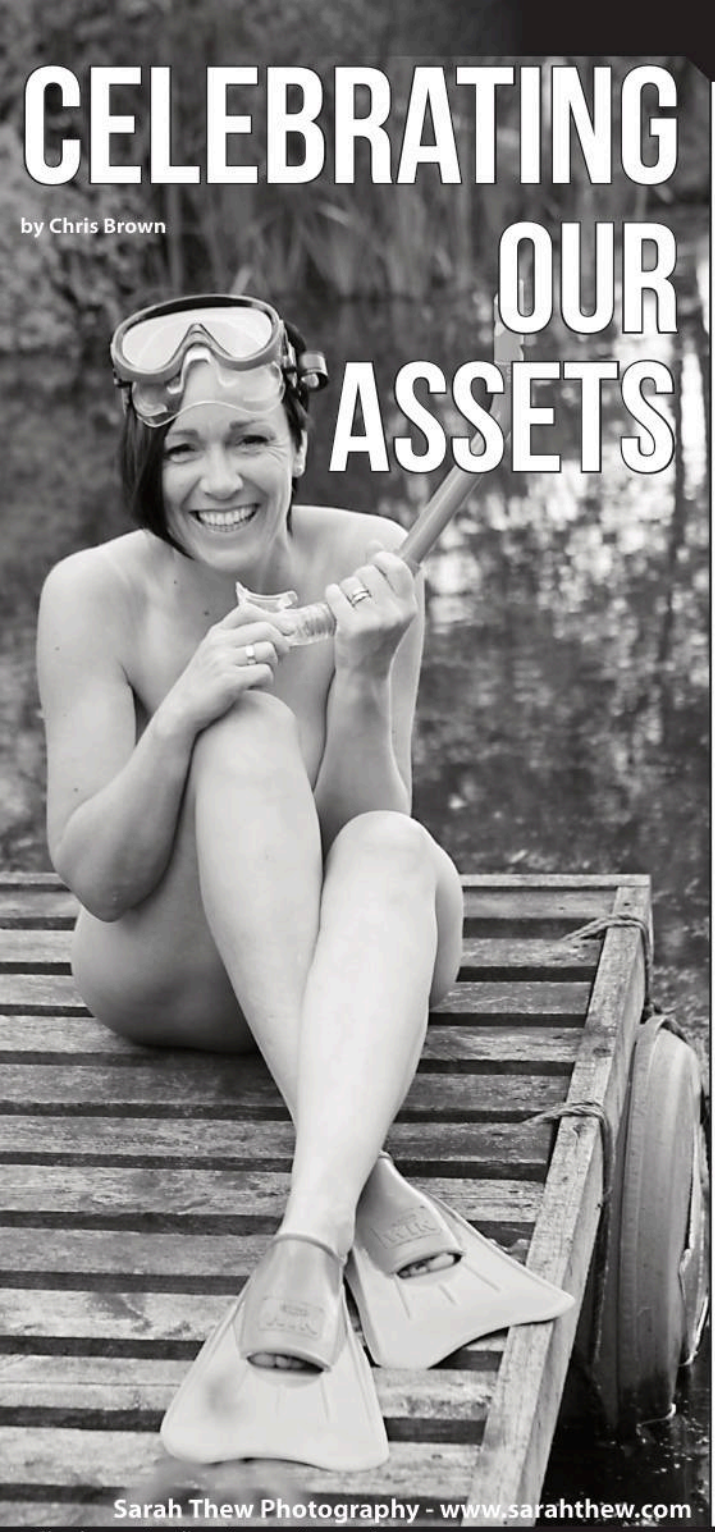
CELEBRATING OUR ASSETS

by Chris Brown



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For many people raising money for charity is a way to push your physical limits whilst earning money for a good cause. For others, it is a great way to have fun and support a noble cause. For some of the female residents of Castleside, it is definitely the latter. When looking for a way to raise money for some ways to raise cash for the 80 year old Village Hall, local hospice Willowburn and also Cancer Research UK, the idea of a risqué yet tasteful calendar of Castleside's lovely ladies was a great plan.

Like the hit 2003 film Calendar Girls, Heather and the rest of the girls have been getting their kit off for the camera to help support the local village hall and cancer charities. The tag line of "Celebrating our Assets" is a glorious play on words which has a tongue in cheek way of looking at posing nude to help Castleside's village hall. The 12 or so local women looking to make a difference have been getting involved with local photographer Sarah Thew behind the camera to make sure all of the shots look classy and elegant.

The girls are looking to give 100% of the money raised to charity by trying to get local businesses to cover production costs through sponsorship of the calendar. This way all of the proceeds can be given to the local and national causes the girls are trying to support. This transparency is a great way to run any sort of charity event as it lets the public know exactly how well their money is being managed. With the calendar going into production in the middle of September, calendars will be available for purchase at £10 each ready with plenty of time for Christmas and the coming year.

If you are interested in helping with the Castleside 150th Anniversary Calendar why not get in touch with Heather on 01207 438385. (Nudity not required!)



FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CONSETT COMMUNITY GROUPS

by Chris Brown

The Derwent Valley Partnership has recently announced that a total of £40,000 has been made available for local community groups who are in need of funding to support their endeavours. This is a huge opportunity for a number of passionate local groups to get involved and help raise funds for the future. Groups can apply for grants from £1000 up to a maximum of £5000 to help with costs for a number of different project criteria.

Groups who deal with employment and regeneration, activities for children and young people, local environment and street cleanliness, health and wellbeing and communication are all in with a shot of being awarded a significant amount of funding. All you have to do is to be sure to apply before the Friday the 13th of September.

Once the application process has been dealt with, it will be down to the people of Consett to choose who they believe should be awarded the funding. This will happen at the St. Patrick's Church Hall in Consett on Saturday 16th November where groups will be displaying their project information whilst the public make their choices on how the money is to be spent. It's up to the groups themselves to help publicise the voting to get as many local residents involved in the voting process.

For any community group in the Consett area this is a big chance to secure funding to help move things to the next level in 2014. Be sure to get involved in this local project before the deadline of the 13th of September to be in with a chance of gaining some much needed funding for your local cause.

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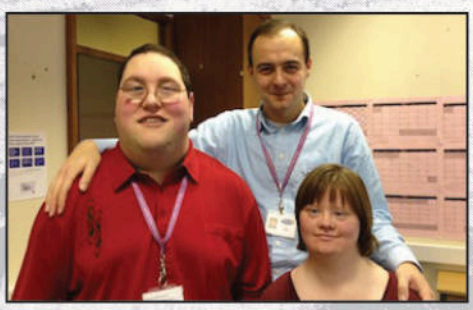
THE PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN IN DURHAM

by Ivan Laidler

On the 3rd of September, the People's Parliament (Durham) will be holding an event to help promote a new benefit for carers and people with learning disabilities. This will take advantage of the support that is going to be made available in the near future to replace the current Disability Living Allowance system. Between 9:30am and 12:30pm at County Hall this event is looking to let people from the region know about the upcoming changes to the benefit system and how it may affect them.



Organised by the People's Parliament (Durham), this event is set to be the first of its kind from across the country to help promote the introduction of the Personal Independence Payments to people in the region. The People's Parliament is a group looking to help people with learning disabilities in County Durham achieve a better quality of life. By working with the County Council and NHS, people can share the thoughts and feelings on a number of different services provided and hopefully influence change in the system.

The event at County Hall is set to be a great day where there will be numerous stalls with information on a wide range of subjects including careers, arts, housing, healthcare and education. Alongside all of these informative stalls there will be a talk from the County Durham Welfare Rights Service in the Council chambers themselves.

If you would like to know more about the event you can contact the People's Parliament Support Team on 03000 265 519 or email paul.richard.james@durham.gov.uk

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PREVENTING SCRAP METAL THEFT

by Chris Brown



Local police in the area have set the theft of metal as one of their priorities. Whilst there are a number of genuine scrap collectors in Consett who provide a much needed service removing unwanted items from our homes and gardens, there are a number of people operating in the area in a less than acceptable manner. It is against the law for a scrap collector to take an item out of your garden or yard without getting permission first. This scrap metal theft has been on the increase in recent years as the price of scrap metal has been steadily on the rise.

The Police need your help to try and crack down on the illegal scrap metal collectors in the Consett area. If you see anyone acting suspiciously then you should inform the Police who can investigate the situation further if needs be. If you have any items in your garden which you value, you should take steps to ensure they are safe.

-Ensure gates are locked so that access is difficult to an opportunist who may see items they are interested in.

-Secure items including bikes with chains and locks.
-Make a note of the serial numbers of items and store them in a safe place indoors.

Report any suspicious persons or vehicles to police at the time.
By following these steps, it is possible to ensure that you are storing your items outdoors in the safest manner possible. By taking a note of the serial number of the items it makes it much easier for the Police to find your property if it has been stolen.

If you have a garage or a shed it is also important to make sure these are properly secured. If someone has decided to have a look in your garden for scrap, they may well try to take a look in your shed and garage also.

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THE AUTUMN EQUINOX

by Chris Brown

September 23rd is a very special day of the year. This day sees the transition from the completely unpredictable British Summer into the less celebrated yet just as beautiful season of autumn. After the equinox the days will be getting shorter as the nights start to extend their grasp over the sunshine. Although many people will be sad to see the summer go, there is a whole world of beauty still lying round the corner. At no other part of the year are the red and gold leaves there to admire during the yearly shedding of leaves envelopes us in autumnal colour.

Although the equinox is now a symbol of the changing seasons, it had a much more important meaning for many people living in England in the past. The changing of the seasons and the equinox was the signal to many as the time to get prepared for the big harvest. The closest Sunday full moon to the autumn equinox was always the signal to start the harvest and bring in the much needed produce for the coming winter.

Whilst the meaning has changed significantly over the years, the same principals of change are still evident. The move from one season to the next, the changing weather and the shorter days may seem like a bit of a drab after Summer but the harvest season of Autumn brings us some of the best produce from all around the country. There isn't a better time for British food than Autumn. Ingredients such as celeriac are truly British and coming into the popular eye with gastronomic TV programming such as Masterchef doing a really good job of highlighting the uses of this unique vegetable.

Autumn can be a tough time of the year as the wind, rain and darker nights are a big contrast from Summer but with the myriad of seasonal products being harvested over the coming month for any foodie, it is the best time of the year.

ST CUTHBERT'S ART EXHIBITION 2013

On Saturday the 7th between 10am and 4pm and Sunday the 8th of September between 11:30am and 4pm, St Cuthbert's Church hall will be holding their annual art exhibition. This is set to be a great day celebrating the work of local artists and giving them a chance to get their work out to members of the public.

Local artists will be showing pieces of their work which will also be available for sale over the two days. Entrance to the event costs 50p for adults and children can attend for free.

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by Chris Brown

OILY FISH TO REDUCE ARTHRITIS RISK

Rheumatoid arthritis is a condition that affects a huge number of people across the UK.

This autoimmune disease can bring agonising pain and life changing circumstances to the unfortunate people who suffer from the condition. Around 580,000 people in UK currently suffer from the disease. It is a condition where the immune system starts to attack the joints causing considerable pain and movement problems. Scientists from Sweden have recently made a breakthrough in the prevention of the disease through a diet containing oily fish.

Many nutritionists have always sung the praises of oily fish in the daily diet. They tend to contain high amounts of Omega 3 which has been shown to have a significant effect on reducing the onset of rheumatoid arthritis. Omega 3 appears to act as some kind of an anti-inflammatory which helps reduce the risks of developing rheumatoid arthritis. This study of 32000 women over the course of 10 years had some interesting findings which help to support the idea that eating oily fish is a great natural way to reduce the risks of developing the condition.

Of the 32000 participants who took part in the study, women who consistently ate any form of fish at least once a week saw their risk of developing the disease reduced by a third.

Women who took part in the study who ate one piece of oily fish or four portions of regular fish a week saw their risks halved. This is staggering evidence which really helps to highlight how important fish is in our diet.

Whilst oily fish may have a greater effect, regular types of fish also contain Omega 3 but not in great amounts.

This research has cemented the theories which many nutritionists have suspected for a long time and has really shown the benefit of eating oily fish on a regular basis. Why not try some mackerel or herring for dinner this week? You may be surprised!

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CONSETT EXPERIENCES BRASS FEVER

by Jim Callan

The summer of 2013 has been filled with stunning, family-orientated events to cater for every taste throughout County Durham. One of the biggest being the now annual Streets of Brass Festival which now also includes the historic and traditional Durham Miner's Gala. Mainly, through the various traditional brass bands such as the Grimethorpe Colliery Brass Band.

However, the real success story has been the expansion of the festival from the streets of Durham City to the outlying towns such as Seaham, Spennymoor, Sacriston, Stanley and Consett by means of the "Outreach" aspect of the festival.

The Outreach programme (Brass:Crescendo) for children and young people, communities and local musicians, allows for the opportunity to work with international musicians and experience Brass in an entirely exciting and new way.

This year saw the members of Oompah Brass, amongst many others throughout Durham; appear in the Consett and Blackhill Park. With their novel versions of popular pop tunes, this award-winning ensemble has produced unique versions of songs as diverse as Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody and Britney Spears' Toxic.

The festival has become such an important part of the North East's annual events calendar that it now attracts major acts from around the world and major sponsors and supporters such as EDF Energy, Arts Council England, Youth Music, Prince Bishops Shopping, Esh Group and, of course, Durham Council and Partnership Groups from the likes of Spennymoor, Stanley and Chester-Le-Street programs. This also included their respective town councils as Programme Partners.





AUTUMN APPLE PIE

A popular choice of dessert has always been the fruit pie. In this month's recipe we will be letting you know how to make an easy apple pie right in time for Autumn.

Follow these simple instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 230 degrees Celsius. Roll out your pastry and cut around a plate or pan to create two circles of rolled out pastry.
2. Line your pie dish with the first of the two pastry discs.
3. Remove the skins and cores from your apples and then slice them thinly.
4. Arrange your apple slices into layers in the dish with your pastry. Be sure to sprinkle your sugar and cinnamon on top of each layer. Keep layering the apple slices up until you no longer have any left.
5. Cut your butter into small chunks and place these around the top layer of your apples. Cover the top with the second pastry disc.
6. Place in the oven on the bottom shelf and bake at 230 degrees Celsius for 10 minutes.
7. After 10 minutes, reduce the oven temperature to 175 degrees Celsius and then bake for a further 30 to 35 minutes.
8. Take your pie out of the oven and enjoy. You can eat this recipe hot or cold. It's completely up to you!

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- 4 Large Bramley Cooking Apples
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THE SINKING OF A PIT AND BIRTH OF A VILLAGE

by Brian Harrison

There were numerous pits sunk over the years encompassed by the Crookhall Colliery, the most important, I suppose, to me and for this story, was the initial sinking of the first at Delves Lane. As a Delves boy I grew up only 100 yards or so away from were the pit once stood. To me it was a place of adventure and play, as long as you didn't get caught. It was at that time Lister's Scrap Yard!

If you look to the right as you come down the road from Consett, opposite Tesco, you can still see the remains of the buildings left over from the pit. Originally sunk in 1847, the Latterday Saints Pit was the first on the site. It was a great source of good quality coal and also fire clay which was used extensively to create the bricks needed for the Consett Iron Company. The pit lasted until 1913 and was also known as Saints Pit and Delves Pit during that time. However, the site was not yet dilapidated and in 1921 the Victory Pit was sunk.

This started a boom of new houses in Delves Lane. There were very few dwellings in Delves at that time, a small Forge at the top of Iveston Road across from Delves Cottages and of course Delves House situated behind them. The original Delves House was built well before the founding of the C.I.C. and Consett as we know it. Delves Lane and Delves House derive the name from the delf holes created by the 17th and 18th century quarrying, attributed to the Sword makers of Shotley Bridge. The Victory Pit closed in 1963 and the only pit left in the Crookhall Colliery system was Woodside Drift, worked in private hands, whose closure in the 1990s saw the end of Coal Mining in the area.

However, Delves Lane blossomed, first with the Pitt Streets and Miner's Cottages in the 1920's and 30's, then by the introduction of more open plan streets which slowly filled up the area. Iveston Road, where I grew up, was one of the last areas, prior to the most recent housing boom, and closed the gaps between the top and the bottom of Delves Lane in about 1973. My family and I were the first to move into our new street, as building was still going on all around us. I spent many happy years there and still look back on them with fondness.



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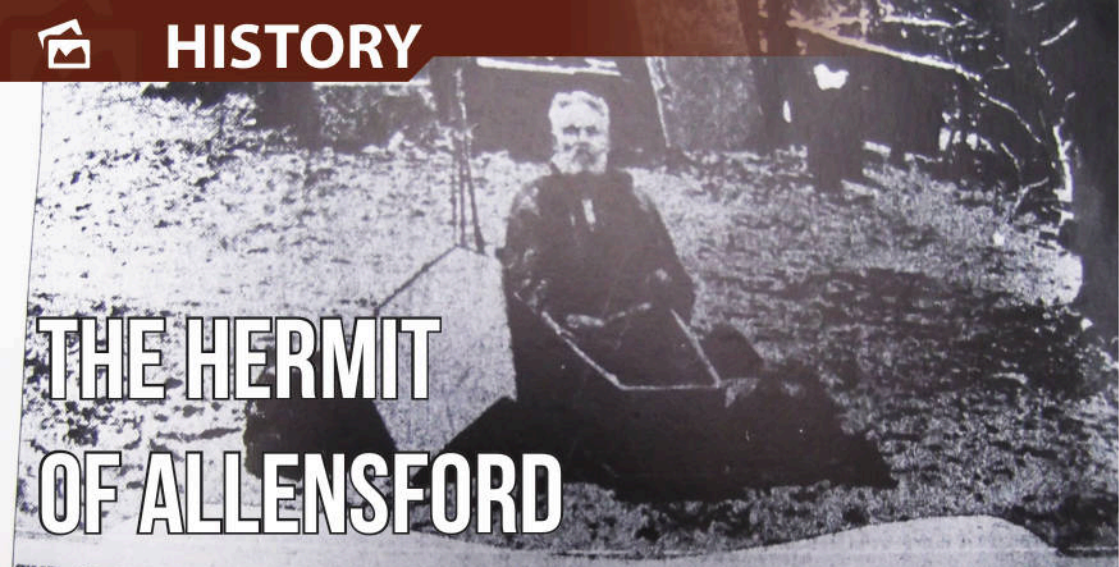
THE HERMIT OF ALLENSFORD



THE OLD MAN OF THE WOODS.—Thomas Thompson, a 73-year-old hermit, who lives in t Derwent Valley, near Allansford, Durham, reading a Bible while sitting in the coffin he bought years ago.

Tommy Thompson, the hermit of Allansford. After being evicted from his home at Wharnle Burn, Tommy erected a wood and corrugated iron shelter at Allansford where he often slept i the coffin that he had prepared for his eventual demise. He worked for some time at the Work and it was said that when the heat of the furnaces burned the front of his trousers he woul reverse them until the back, too, was burned.

by Mike Bowden

The hermit of Allensford, Tommy Thompson, was born at Stanhope about the year 1857. Tommy was sexton there for 20 years, later moving to the Consett area where he was employed in the steel works from 1900 until 1925, when he was displaced due to the depression in the steel trade at that time. It was while he was at Consett, that he took up residence in a small cottage at the south end of the bridge at Allensford. Later, when he was more advanced in years, he found the rent of the cottage too much for his scanty income, and Tommy was forced to leave

Being an independent and rather eccentric sort of man, he chose to live the life of a hermit in the woods he loved so well at Allensford. 1929 found him living in a small corrugated iron hut near Hole House, his companions being a dog, three cats and six Chinchilla rabbits. His rent was two shillings a week. Unfortunately Tommy had a serious accident from which he was not expected to recover and his coffin was made ready for his funeral by a mister Milner of Consett Road, Castleside.

But Tommy was a tough character and survived against all the odds. Now that his coffin was made, he purchased it at a knock down price so as to not incur anyone any expense at his death. He kept the coffin under his bed, although for long periods he often slept in it as it was the warmest and driest place in his home. He finally passed away in 1934.

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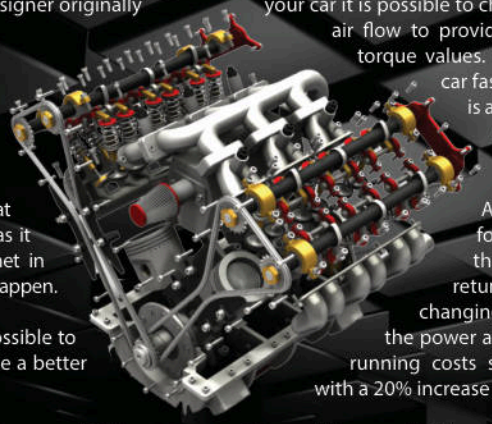

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The Station Club is one of Consett's well established working men's clubs that show off the working class culture which had been dominant for so many years of the town's existence.

In the modern day some people believe that such institutions are "old fashioned", but the dedicated board, committee and members of the Station Club are putting those notions to rest.

Only 2 years ago, the Station Club was in a dire financial situation. With thousands of pounds owed in debt and just over two weeks away from permanent closure, things didn't look good for the Station Club and it's members who were desperately trying to keep the place up and running. If it wasn't for the intervention and help of a new board of management and committee things would have been very much different today.

By sorting out finances and making a big effort to turn things around, the club is in a much different position today. Now, the Station Club is a thriving venue that now regularly turns a good profit with a completely new and improved business ethic. This profit isn't going to waste either as all of the money made in the last two years has gone on renovating and improving the facilities to an extremely high, modern standard. The next steps in the renovations of the club include a complete refit of the ladies and gents toilets; improving the club even further. With memberships to the club from £2.50, the Station Club is an amazing place to have a drink and unwind after a hard day at the office. If you are a local football supporter then you will be very pleased to know that the club is showing all of the Magpies matches as well as other games from the Premier League. If you like playing football as much as watching it then you may be interested to know that the Consett Station Club MWC FC are always looking for new members to take to the field in Division 3 of the CM Flooring Consett & District Sunday League.

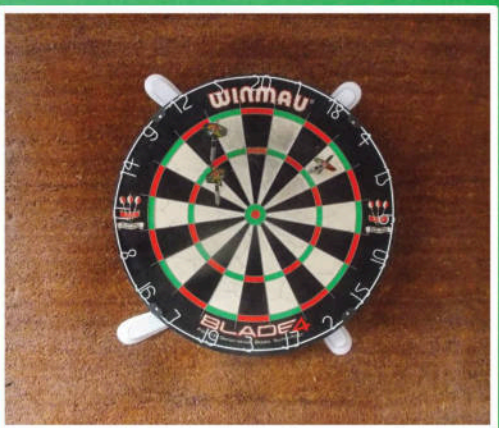
Football can be a dirty and painful game; if that isn't your sort of thing the Station Club also has a number of different bar sports to keep you entertained.



These include a pool table, darts, table football and various gaming machines in the Club, so you always know there will be something to do while enjoying a nice pint. There are also a number of prize draws and a packed Christmas schedule of great entertainment on the horizon for the end of the year. On the 24th of September Trojan Eaters will be taking to the Station stage and playing their blend of rock and modern covers.

For the past 20 years, Joan has worked tirelessly as the Stewardess for the Club making sure that there is a warm and welcoming environment enjoyed by people of all ages. The community spirit is alive and well at the Station Club with a number of people playing Darts, Pool and Dominoes competitively on a regular basis. Weekends are filled with entertainment as Saturday and Sunday nights play host to a number of local singers and entertainers. If all of that isn't enough then why not come along and play a few lines of Bingo on a weekend to top it all off?

The Station Club is located at 18 East Parade Consett (across the road from Consett Medical Centre) and is open from 7:00pm until 11:30pm Monday to Thursday. 1:30pm till 4:30pm then 6:30pm until midnight on Friday. Over the weekend the club is open from 11:30am until 11:30pm.









Why not come along to the Station Club and see what's going on, you could well be surprised? Be sure to search Consett Station Club on Facebook to find out what's going on. If you have any enquiries don't hesitate to contact consettstation@hotmail.com or phone 01207 503846

by Ivan Laidler

RURAL BROADBAND FALLING FURTHER BEHIND

A recent study from telecom regulator Ofcom has found that the difference between broadband packages in the UK's cities and rural areas has increased over the last year. It is now at its highest ever level and experts believe that the gap is not going to get any smaller in the coming years. This can be attributed to the internet infrastructure currently used in city centres in comparison with rural and semi-rural areas such as the surrounding areas of Consett. The divide between rural broadband speeds and urban broadband speeds may be a hindrance to more than just people surfing and streaming from the comfort of their own home.

The broadband disparity can have an effect on the types of businesses which are attracted to a specific area. Many modern businesses which utilise the internet as a means to make money will need an area with the best speeds so they don't have to worry when working on their online business. Rural broadband speeds are often not up to the task of dealing with these applications due to the slow connection speeds that are unable to support extensive web activity.

Over time, high speed broadband will eventually reach the rural areas of the UK but at the current moment there is a shocking difference in the services available depending on your geographical location. For instance, using an online internet speed tester, we can compare the service between Consett and Medomsley. Whilst a respectable download speed of 15mb/s is possible in Consett, Medomsley has access to speeds closer to 2mb/s. Compare this with a big city and the result is astonishing. Most big cities have access to fibre technology providing speeds in excess of 30mb/s.

Whilst the differences between rural broadband and the service that is available in the city are currently huge, how long will we have to wait to get an equal level of service to the city centres of the UK?

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MARS COLONISATION ON THE HORIZON?

by Ivan Laidler

Around one year since the Mars rover landed on the red planet a new project has come to life which has captivated the imaginations of over 100,000 people worldwide. The Mars One project is a private business which is currently looking for suitable people to head into space and create the first colony on the red planet. Whilst this seems like something which is a mile ahead of us in the future, Mars One have the ambition to make it into space much sooner than you'd think. The planned date of arrival to the red planet is surprisingly the year 2023.

The somewhat harrowing fact about this mission into the unknown is that there is a zero percent chance that the people involved will ever return to Earth. Once the mission is go, the "lucky" applicants will be sent to Mars with a large amount of cargo and more people following after to help support the colonisation efforts. Whilst this is still somewhat of a speculative venture, it is incredible to see that so many people want to get involved and pioneer through space regardless of the huge danger which they will be presented with.

Many scientists are theorising that the occupants of the craft headed for Mars would not survive the trip due to high exposure to radiation on the journey. If however the lucky few selected to go on this ground breaking mission make it to the surface of Mars, this will be the first interplanetary colonisation effort in history.

This project could well be considered one of the most ambitious private sector plans in history. With a total cost of £3.88 billion, this project is going to need all of the help it can get to get off the ground and forging a new trail through space.

Do you think setting up a base camp on Mars is a worthwhile venture? Why not get involved in the discussion at consettmagazine.com

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THE HYPERLOOP HYPOTHESIS

by Chris Brown

One of the major components in the creation of our world and global society is travel. Through the use of the earliest boats our ancestors managed to spread around the globe creating communities wherever they happened to land. This has continued to this day as we now have a number of different transportation methods available to us.

With cars, trains, bikes and planes we have created a world where nothing is out of reach. As we develop these transportation devices we are always looking for greater speed and efficiency. This is what Concorde aimed to do but a whole host of reliability issues eventually lead to its demise.

Since Concorde there hasn't been much of a drive to create faster methods of transportation as efficiency and safety have been the top concerns for most designers and engineers. That is until the announcement of a new form of transport that is truly revolutionary and groundbreaking.

Elon Musk, the founder of PayPal, Tesla Electric Vehicles and SpaceX has proposed something known only as the "Hyperloop". By using extremely strong magnets, Hyperloop could be possible to propel a small capsule at the speed of sound from San Fransisco to Los Angeles in a matter of 30 minutes. Being hurled across the country in a small capsule for 380 miles at speeds close to 760 MPH is something most people will have never considered when contemplating public transportation.

By using a system similar to a magnetised rail gun, the passenger pods could be theoretically fired through a cylindrical track to the destination with no issues. This mind blowing system would have people travelling at around 3 times the speed of the infamous Japanese bullet train which is considered one of the greatest rail networks in the world. By using solar panels the Hyperloop would also be an eco friendly alternative to most modes of transport.

Although it looks like this sort of system may be some way off making it into production you have to imagine how the world could benefit from such an amazing transportation system.

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by B. Kirkham

UBUNTU TAKES GIANT LEAP INTO SMART PHONE MARKET

London-based developer, Canonical generated a buzz on crowdfunding platform Indiegogo with its campaign to provide the world with the most advanced smart phone ever, the Ubuntu Edge. The phone will boast the ability to run both Google Android and Ubuntu operating systems. Unlike the Apple Iphone 5 or the Samsung Galaxy S4, Ubuntu Edge will boast a Silicon-anode Li-ion battery which squeezes more energy into the same dimensions. When docked the phone also acts as a full desktop Ubuntu PC. The phone will have the fastest multi-core CPU, 4GB of RAM, and 128GB of SSD storage.

In the car industry, Formula 1 provides a commercial testbed for cutting-edge technologies. The Ubuntu Edge project aims to do the same for the mobile phone industry.

UNBLOCKING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM TO FIGHT CANCER

Scientists have been delving further into the human body to see if the key for solving the ever present problem of Cancer. This is through the use of Treg cells that play an important role in stopping the immune system from attacking the healthy cells in human body. The immune system can be dangerous to the body if it focuses on a healthy area of the body. Diseases such as type-1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis are caused in this manner.

Scientists have been experimenting and have found that disabling the Treg cells of a rat can help to slow and prevent the growth of cancerous tumours. This promising field of research could lead the way in the global battle to stop cancer.

by Chris 'Hyperloop' Brown

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

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AC DC UK will be playing at the Empire Theatre in Consett on Friday 13th September from 7:30pm. Prices at £16.00 and £14.50 for Concessions and tickets are available from the Empire Box Office.

ONE DIRECTION: THIS IS US (PG)

If you're like me and you love One Direction then mark your calendar, make a note in your diary, or set an alarm on your phone. **ONE DIRECTION: THIS IS US** is coming to cinemas across the UK. This intimate all-access look at Niall, Zayn, Liam, Harry and Louis shows what life is like for one of the UKs biggest pop music exports in years.

ONE DIRECTION: THIS IS US is on at the Empire Theatre in Consett from the 30th August until 12th September.

MOVIE RELEASE HIGHLIGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 2

The haunted Lambert family uncover the mysterious secret that has left them thrillingly connected to spiritual world.
Insidious: Chapter 2 is out in the UK from 13th September

RIDDICK:

Riddick fights for survival against alien predators and becomes more powerful and dangerous. Left by his own kind and left for dead on a desolate planet, Riddick finds himself unleashing an attack of vengeance before returning to his home planet to save it from destruction. Stars include Vin Diesel and Katee Sackhoff.
RIDDICK is released to UK cinemas on the 4th of September.

RUSH:

Set in the golden age of Formula 1 racing, RUSH tells the exhilarating true story of two of the greatest rivals the world has ever seen— James Hunt and Niki Lauda. Director Ron Howard takes audiences inside the lives of formula one drivers both on and off the track. The film follows the two opponents as they take themselves through the physical and psychological rush involved in the breathtaking sport that is Formula 1.
RUSH is released to UK cinemas from 13th September.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS AGAIN

Sports games are a huge industry which brings in millions of pounds from across the globe as people want to play as their favourite sporting heroes on their chosen console. The biggest of these games in the UK has to be the EA FIFA series. Known for its exciting and realistic action, FIFA 13 has a huge world following of fans who love nothing but taking to the pitch and scoring some audacious goals.

With the dawn of the next generation of consoles, EA are taking a two pronged approach for the release of FIFA 14 on the 24th of this month. Whilst the keen FIFA fans amongst you may have noticed that the PS4 and Xbox One will not be available until later in the year. This is because FIFA 14 will also be available on the PS3, Xbox 360 and PC before the next generation release. This is a great way for people using the current systems to enjoy the next generation of the FIFA series.

With even more licenses and clubs available, FIFA 14 is set to be one of this year's best sports games. Available for PC, PS3, Xbox 360, PS4 and Xbox One.

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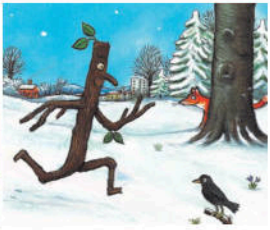

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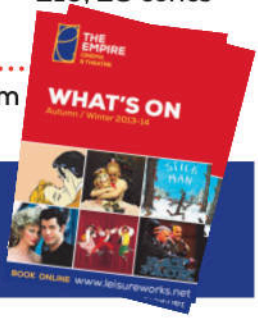

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THE ELDER SCROLLS ONLINE

by Ivan Laidler

The Elder Scrolls games have always been hugely popular with gamers across the globe due to the innovative style of the control system which allows users to play in either first person or third person views and a deep intricate storyline. This creates an experience which allows the player a number of different ways to play the game. The 5th edition of the series, known as Skyrim, was a massive hit selling around ten million copies for PC, PS3 and Xbox 360 since the release in 2011. Whilst most fans will be waiting for the next instalment of the Elder Scrolls story, the next release in the series is taking a totally new direction.

Whilst all of the previous games in the series have been expansive single player adventures, the latest game in the series is looking to capitalise on a completely different market. Elder Scrolls Online wants to create a new immersive environment in the world of Tamriel set around 1000 years before the events which took place in Skyrim. Set to be released at the start of 2014 for Playstation 4, Xbox One, PC and Mac, Elder Scrolls Online looks like it will be one of the standout titles available for the next generation of console being released at the end of the year.

Take to the field of battle as one of three warring factions all trying to take the throne to the realm of Tamriel whilst the Daedric Princes of the Oblivion are exerting their influence on the world of the living. All of this makes the basis of a great online multiplayer adventure which also has a significant story that is often neglected in many massively multiplayer online games. This game will be a great choice for dedicated players of online multiplayer games and current Elder Scrolls fans. Will this new MMO adventure topple the online giant World of Warcraft, or will it just be another imitator?

The Elder Scrolls Online will be available in the Spring of 2014 for the new PS4, Xbox One, PC and Mac.

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BLACKOUT is on every Thursday at Chaplains on Front Street here in Consett. From 10:30pm you can find DJ Liam Dodds and BETAMAX (AKA Mykl Galli) smashing classics and the latest club bangers from 10:30pm each and every Thursday. Also, We've heard the Blackout guys are teaming up with BOOMSHANKA in Newcastle on the 6th September at the Globe from 9pm. *If you know of a great music event going on please contact Consett Magazine on editor@consettmagazine.com.*

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Terri started working for John Gibson (John is a renowned local horse breeder) at the weekends when she was twelve or thirteen years old.. It was at this time when Terri learned how to deal with young horses and stallions.

After her time with John came to an end due to the foot and mouth outbreak, she went onto work at stables in nearby Lanchester. Terri got the experience she wanted from this busy riding stables, she learned the process of backing and riding young and competition horses. Upon receiving a BHS Stage One qualification, Terri began teaching others to ride and look after horses, this is something which Terri seemed to have a real talent for.

Terri then moved down to Norfolk for 5 years and worked at a variety of yards from private yards to large equestrian centres where she was backing and riding away youngsters, retraining 'problem' horses and dealing with top competition horses, and colts. Terri then began to work and live on a private yard where she was in charge of looking after and teaching 10 horses. This great experience has given Terry a keen eye for understanding horses and teaching them on schooling days, while also taking horses to competitions.

"After been around horses my whole life and having the opportunity to work on different yards with very knowledgeable people its has allowed me to pick up a wide range of horse handling skills and techniques. I understand that every horse is unique and very rarely does one method fit all."

Terri has recently come back to Consett where she started her career in the equine industry and is now running her own business "Terri Marshall Equine Services".

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A DECADE OF GOLF FOR CHARITY

by Lorraine Weightman



The Rotary Club of Consett will be holding its 10th annual Golf Day at Consett Golf Club on Friday September 20th 2013 in aid of local charities.

The first event was the brainchild of Dave Molyneux and Jeff Farnsworth but the day, which has gone from strength to strength, is organised every year by a team of dedicated Rotary Club members and supporters who work together well in advance to coordinate and manage the successful day. Its objective is to raise money to help support local charities and since its inception in 2004 it has raised close to £60,000.

Willow Burn Hospice has been the main beneficiary each year and many local and Rotary charities have been included over the years. The major sponsor is Consett Golf Club who gives free use of the course every year. The day is backed by many local businesses that generously enter teams, sponsor holes and provide prizes. The day is well attended and supported by Golf club members and other individuals with over 100 players competing on the day.

British Airways have kindly provided flight tickets for a raffle and these can be purchased now. Barclays Bank assists by offering substantial match funding on the day.

It is the main fund raising event of the year for The Rotary Club of Consett and has become an annual event in the Golf Club fixture list.

The entire event has become well known in Consett and many players travel a great distance to compete on the day and express their enjoyment in taking part in the competition.

The charities nominated this year are WillowBurn Hospice, Great North Air Ambulance and Help for Heroes.

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MORE THAN JUST A CRICKET CLUB

by Rob Grinter

"More than just a cricket club" is how I like to describe what we are about all at Shotley Bridge cricket club.

Yes we play cricket and have ten teams competing in senior and age level cricket leagues but we also like to do our bit for the local community which we are privileged to be a part of. To this end we have offered the clubs facilities free of charge to community groups and charities on numerous occasions and we have raised many thousands of pounds for good causes though our own social events.

This year has been no exception. We were pleased to host a charity night in our marquee for the Fraja Ellie appeal. A good night was had by all apparently which was a good reward for Louise Cox and the many volunteers who worked hard to make the night a success.

Our own Janet Collingwood , June Hicks and Claire Wilkinson organised a social night in aid of the Sir Bobby Robson Foundation on 30th August in our brand new marquee and we raised a lot of money for a very worthy cause. As usual these events bring the best out of everyone and a local group "Take This" performed free of charge as they do for us every year. We also held our sixth beer festival over the August bank holiday weekend which provided much enjoyment for many local people. We are always well supported by many local businesses who we thank for making this event possible. This was followed by the free family fun-day organised by John O'Connor, Councillor Stephen Robinson and the local community partnership and the cricket club is pleased to see so many families enjoying our facilities.

So we continue to be as busy off the field as we are on it and we are already taking bookings for functions in our marquee for 2014. If there are any pending weddings, engagements, birthdays or christenings happening in 2014 you might want to take a look at what we can offer. We are more than just a cricket club!

GREAT NORTH FUN!

by Ivan Laidler

September is an important month on the North East sporting calendar. Whilst the football is already underway, Newcastle and Gateshead play host to the world's most famous half marathon. The Bupa Great North Run is an amazing event where thousands of people turn up in the North East to push their personal limits whilst raising money for charity.

Even the famous London Marathon can't attract the same numbers of people that this local event manages to amass every year.

The eclectic blend of professional athletes and enthusiastic amateurs makes this event one of the greatest road races in the world. The 15th of the month will see over 50,000 people line up to take on the 13 mile run through the North East of England. Over the weekend there will be a whole host of sporting attractions right in the city of Newcastle. Be sure not to miss out on this epic local sporting event.

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