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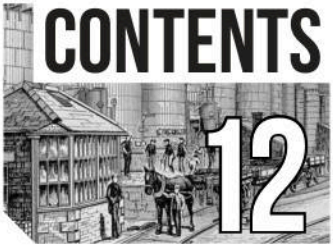













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Welcome

To issue 13 of the **Consett Magazine!**



At the time of writing this, the Consett Magazine team are busy melting into a pile of media-flavoured goo in the fantastic Summer weather we're having. Hopefully at the time you're reading this, the big bright orb in the sky is still baking the town of Consett to a crisp. Enjoy it while it lasts!

If you had a look at the front cover of this month's magazine then you'll have noticed this is actually our one-year anniversary edition. Yes, it really has been that long! That's a whole year of the Consett Magazine team here at Firefly New Media bringing you the best independent publication in the area every single month; which brings us on to one of the main points I wanted to get across during my editorial.

Despite how we're commonly perceived, Consett Magazine is one hundred percent independent. We do this all off our own backs with no council, government or even private funding to speak of.

I thought the anniversary edition was the best time to bring this point to light. A large number of readers and other people often ask if we're affiliated with the local council and authorities, so I'd like to take this chance to say that we are completely alone in our endeavours.

With that in mind, it becomes even more important to thank those who provide us with support through advertising, content and distribution. We couldn't do any of this without your help!

Now, on to the contents of our anniversary edition (also affectionately referred to as "issue 13"). We have a nice varied bunch of stories for you to pore over including, but not limited to: award winning, illness support, summer recipes, steel-working, local trading, theatre, sports charity and more.

As always, I hope you enjoy your read through Consett Magazine!



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CONSETT MAGAZINE: ONE YEAR ON

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS!



It's amazing to think that since last August it has been one year since the launch of Consett Magazine. For all of us here at Consett Magazine it has been a truly eye opening experience for a number of reasons that have made all of the hard work worthwhile.

Through the Consett Magazine we have had the pleasure to meet so many people who play such an integral role in Consett and the community. From local and national members of parliament to Consett's sporting superstars, meeting all of these different people have brought us such pleasure. When starting out we would not have believed what goes on all over Consett with so many enthusiastic groups all taking pleasure in what they love to do. To meet and see just a little slice of your world is an honour and a privilege to us and we honestly cannot thank you enough.

Alongside the people we have met we have also been involved with a wide range of exciting businesses based right here in Consett. It's fantastic to see that there are so many independent businesses in the area and it has been great to work with you all. Thank you for helping to make Consett Magazine a possibility.

Finally we'd like to extend our gratitude to you, the reader. Without you Consett Magazine would not be possible so thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

So what is next for Consett Magazine? Well you can be sure that the next year will have even more great local content, interesting developments from around the world and the issues that matter to you.

LOCAL FESTIVAL ORGANISER WINS AWARD

by Ivan Laidler



In April, Consett played host to one of the most inspiring and entertaining events to ever grace this small town. Consett Festival was a great day out for the whole family and over 3000 people attended the festival on the day. Local organiser Brad Wilkinson succeeded to create a memorable day down at Consett Rugby Club and has been given an award to congratulate him for all of his hard work organising the event.

Newcastle Building Society's annual Cornerstone of the Community Awards are given out to people across the North East to celebrate their selfless and worthwhile achievements in their communities. With awards going to people in the Chester-Le-Street, Sunderland and Consett, the awards looked to give people who have really worked to provide something great for their communities. It's great to see a Consett local getting such an award for a day that for many will go down in Consett history.

This isn't the end of the Consett Festival story as Brad and his team have already began to get things in place for next year's event. After the success of the inaugural Consett Festival, the 2014 event is shaping up to be bigger and even better than it was this time around. This year's festival had an attendance of 3000 people through the gates which completely eclipsed the expected turn out of around 1000.

This year's festival has had a great response from a wide range of people from all over Consett including the local Police. Any event where there is music and alcohol there is always some concern but Consett Festival went past with not one complaint to the local authorities before and even after the event. This is a credit to the wonderful people of Consett who turned up and made the festival the fantastic day it was.

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FRAJA ELLIE APPEAL GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

by Chris Brown

On Friday 5th of July, the good people of Consett were out in force at Shotley Bridge Cricket Club to support the Fraja Ellie Appeal to help a young girl with a rare form of Neurobastoma. It couldn't have been a better evening for the event as the sun was shining down on all of the guests who came out to support this little girl's cause. As Fraja and her family have to raise a sum of £500,000 to get the treatment she needs, people all over the world have been trying hard to raise the funds to help pay for the treatment.



The event was nothing short of fantastic with a number of local companies and artists also joining in supporting this noble cause. Local musical artists such as singer Mandy Scott and The Dust Town Dogs were all in attendance and took to the stage to give all of the people in attendance something to get up and dance to. As the children were outside playing in the sun and the adults enjoyed a cold drink whilst helping to raise money for such a noteworthy cause.

Along with all of the other fund raising going on, Principal Dealer Gavin Morgan from the Darlington branch of Evan Halshaw also dropped by selling tickets for a raffle in aid of the cause. The top prize donated by the garage is a brand new Citroen C1 VT which will be given to its new owner on the 21st of this month. When asked about the event Gavin he enthusiastically replied "It's lovely to see so many people pulling together to raise money for such a worthy cause."

It is lovely to see so many people in Consett getting together to help someone in need. Fraja's parents were both at the event and were truly bowled over by the level of generosity from the local people. Father Garry said, "It's truly humbling to see so many people here to support our family."



SHOTLEY BRIDGE CRICKET CLUB BEER FESTIVAL

by Rob Grinter

From Small Beginnings Come Great Things!

When Shotley Bridge Cricket Club decided to hold its first beer festival in 2008 it was never expected to grow into the largest event of its kind in Derwentside.

Back then we had a rough idea of what we needed to do, got all of the 20 beers sponsored and took the plunge. Did we really forget to make a proper bar to serve them from? Yes we did.

Despite this minor mishap the event was a success and we have improved it every year since. We have always had the expertise of Andy Burrows and Martin Hammill of the award winning Hadrian Border brewery to organise the beers and keep us right and this year will be no exception.

Now in its sixth year the festival will showcase 50 beers and 20 ciders from all over the UK with prices still at their 2008 levels. The only exception is the legendary Skullsplitter which has become something of a favourite with our regular customers.

The festival is open from 6.00pm to 11.00pm on Friday 24th August and between 11.00am to 11.00pm on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th August. Entry to the beer festival is only £4 for the whole weekend which includes a commemorative glass and full colour programme.

Come along and enjoy beer at its best…oh, and cider too!





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SUMMER JAM

by Ivan Laidler

One of my favourite ingredients when it comes to cooking are the different berries which can be found in the wild all over our local area. If you pick too many and feel some may go to waste, why not try making a pot of fresh jam. It's easy and it tastes great. This recipe will be enough to make around 4 pots of jam.

YOU WILL NEED:

- 900g of mixed summer berries.
- 750g of jam sugar with added pectin
- The juice of half a lemon
- 4 Jam jars
- Cling film
- 4 Elastic bands

1. First take your berry selection and mix it with the jam sugar in a large bowl. Cover this with cling film and set it aside at room temperature overnight. This will allow for the sugar to start dissolving.

2. Take your berry and sugar mixture and add it to a wide bottomed pan. Add the lemon juice into the mixture and stir.

3. Start heating the pan gently until all of the sugar has visibly dissolved into the mixture.

4. One dissolved bring the pan to the boil and let it simmer for around 3-5 minutes.

5. After you have let the mixture simmer take a teaspoon and pour some jam onto a chilled saucer. Once cooled if the jam wrinkles when touched it is ready. If your jam is still runny then place it back on the heat and repeat the process.

6. Once ready, be sure to skim the scum off the top of the mixture to ensure your jam is looking and tasting fantastic.

7. Once decanted into the jam jars, you have to make sure the jar is sealed to ensure long life. Place cling film over the opening and tie with an elastic band before sealing the lid. By doing this your jam can last up to 6 months in a cold, dry environment.

Do you have any recipes you would like to share? Why not send them to editor@consettmagazine.com and your family favourite could be shared with the whole of Consett in the next Consett Magazine.



CONSETT IRON WORKS: THE FOUNDING YEARS

by Brian Harrison

The Derwent Iron Company, the original owners of the Consett Iron Works, realised from the very start that they would need to amass a better class of workmen. In order to do this they began to put in place plans for a new town, with suitable housing, businesses and also churches to provide for the peoples spiritual well being. Schools and reading rooms were also supplied at a small fee to the workforce which the company then matched. The company was set up in 1841 and by 1847 had already grown to become the biggest of its kind in the kingdom. At that time it consisted of 14 Blast Furnaces, two mills capable of puddling, hammering and rolling 900 tonnes of Iron bar per week; 12 refineries for refining and founding; 22 steam engines to turn machinery and 35 coal and ironstone pits to supply the material. Although the Coal resources flourished the ironstone ran out rapidly. The company began to source from further a field, firstly from Cleveland and then Whitby.

The Company had suffered disruption from early strikes, labour disputes and off course the sectarian problems which prompted the Battle of the Blue Heaps, but by the mid 1850's the town they had planned was starting to take shape and the Iron Works had become a industrial leader. However, with the collapse of the Northumberland District Bank which had been keeping the works a float the creditors were beginning to gather.

The Iron Works was forced into receivership in the late 1850's and was kept running by 3 Inspectors.

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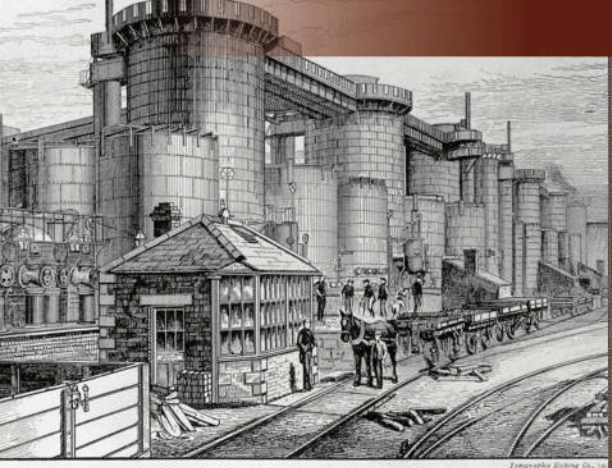

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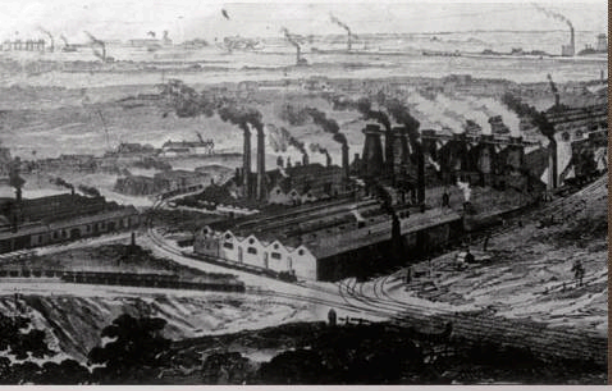



It was about this time that a group of local business men got together and created the Derwent & Consett Iron Company. They took control of the struggling Works and began to turn the business around. 6 years later it was found necessary to form a new company and in 1864 Consett Iron Company (Limited) was born.

A few years later in October 1869 John Priestman, the manager at the time left and was followed by Mr William Jenkins formerly of Dowlais Iron Company, Wales. Initial Jenkins had been warned against taking up a position at Consett as most people had forecast its doom due to its isolated location and lack of ironstone. It was credit to his great foresight that he decided instead to make a visit to Consett to assess not only the natural resources of the area but also its workers.

A new chapter of the Consett Iron Works had begun. Jenkins was a force to be reckoned with and brought in a new way of thinking about business. He took note of trends and new innovations and began to specialise in plate and he also invested in a small steel plant inside the works site itself initially as a small part but which eventually became the parent of the company by pure demand. He was forward thinking, an advocate for his workers and a man held in great esteem throughout the iron and steel community.

Jenkins died in 1895 in Consett Hall, where he had resided for 26 years only a few days after his beloved wife. He was respected and loved by the whole community, from businessmen to the humble workers and the town mourned. This mans foresight and drive had taken Consett Works through times of industrial decline of Iron and driven forward to making it the giant of Steel, surpassed by only a very few others in the country. The little usurper on the desolate hillside, miles from the sea, had done what most other Iron Works in the North had not, it had survived and thrived.

We would like to personally thank Brian Harrison for his ongoing contribution to Consett Magazine since its inception one year ago.

Brian is part of the Consett & District Heritage Initiative. For more info contact cdhi@live.co.uk or drop into The Lodge, Blackhill & Consett Park, Wednesdays 10am-4pm.

THE NIGHT SOIL MEN

by Mike Bowden



These intrepid workers carried out their occupation in the dead of night, and removed night soil, which was a respectable term for human waste. The waste was cleared from the ash or earth closets of people's homes. Whether lord or magistrate, chimney sweep or coal miner it all went into the same cart, but in a class riddled society no one spoke about the activities of these men.

The closet in the pit villages around Consett was the furthest outbuilding from the house. It was usually a four feet by six feet brick unit, with a wooden door. A piece of wire served as a paper holder. The toilet paper was usually old newspapers, or even paper bags, cut into squares, and stuck on the hook, which was fastened to the door by a bent nail. The door had vents in the top to encourage air movement in an attempt to keep the atmosphere sweet.

A layer of ash from the coal fire grate, or from a bucket of earth, was spread underneath a wooden board set at chair height. The seat had a circular hole cut into it. The oblong board or seat, was four feet by two feet approximately, and was made from planks of timber that were sanded down smoothly. After all, a splinter in the backside would have been very embarrassing in those days, and the doctor would have to be paid a shilling if he was called out, which was a lot of money then.

Anyway, this primitive toilet seat sat on a brick wall inside the netty, as it was called. The name is still in use today.

If you'd like to find out more about the night soil men of Consett then why not head over to consettmagazine.com for more on this interesting history story.

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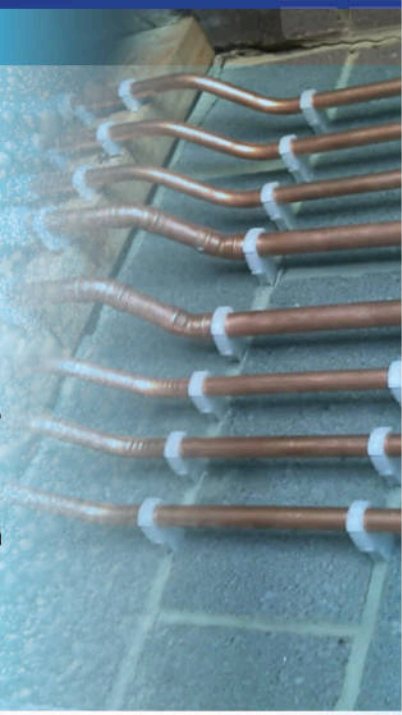

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CONSETT TRADERS ASSOCIATION

by Chris Brown



Consett has always been a town with a strong entrepreneurial essence with many people striking out on their own in their specific fields. The same can be said for Consett high street as many of the businesses are locally owned companies looking to provide the people of Consett with great service and an excellent shopping experience which can't be found anywhere else in the North East. With the imminent arrival of the new retail park and the 24 hour Tesco store opening around Genesis Way many local traders are looking to keep people shopping in the high street.

With over 60 members now involved, the new Consett Traders Association is looking to help regenerate the life which was once a normal part of Middle Street. One of the main issues which the group are looking to tackle is the parking problem which has plagued Consett town centre for too long. This is only one plan to try and help increase the number of people coming into the town centre.

Another way which the Consett Traders Association is looking to help redevelop Consett is by brightening up Middle Street to create a vibrant town centre where events and shows could be held to help stimulate the local economy by getting people into the town to shop at local businesses. The association is looking at a number of different ways to help bring Consett back to its best.

Consett is such a unique place with a vibrant population who are passionate about what they do. It's great to see local businesses and trades-people getting together to try and tackle this issues which matter most to the people of the town.

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FIREFLY NEW MEDIA AND CONSETT MAGAZINE

by Ivan Laidler

Based on Middle Street in Consett, Firefly New Media are a small team of young media professionals. They are also the publishers of the Consett Magazine. After seeing a gap in the market for a new publication in the town, Firefly New Media set out to create a new platform for local news, information and businesses to be exposed throughout the town and surrounding areas. That platform is what we have all come to know as Consett Magazine.

Firefly New Media have been based in Consett for just over 2 years, providing media services to people all over the UK. Although Firefly New Media operate nationally, Consett Magazine is purely local becoming a conduit for a number of groups and individuals who want unbiased local news coverage. After countless hours of market research, we asked local people and businesses what they wanted from a local magazine. For the past 12 months we have been focusing on being true to our ideals and giving our readers what they want. We will strive to continue with our constantly improving high standards of design and content into the next year.

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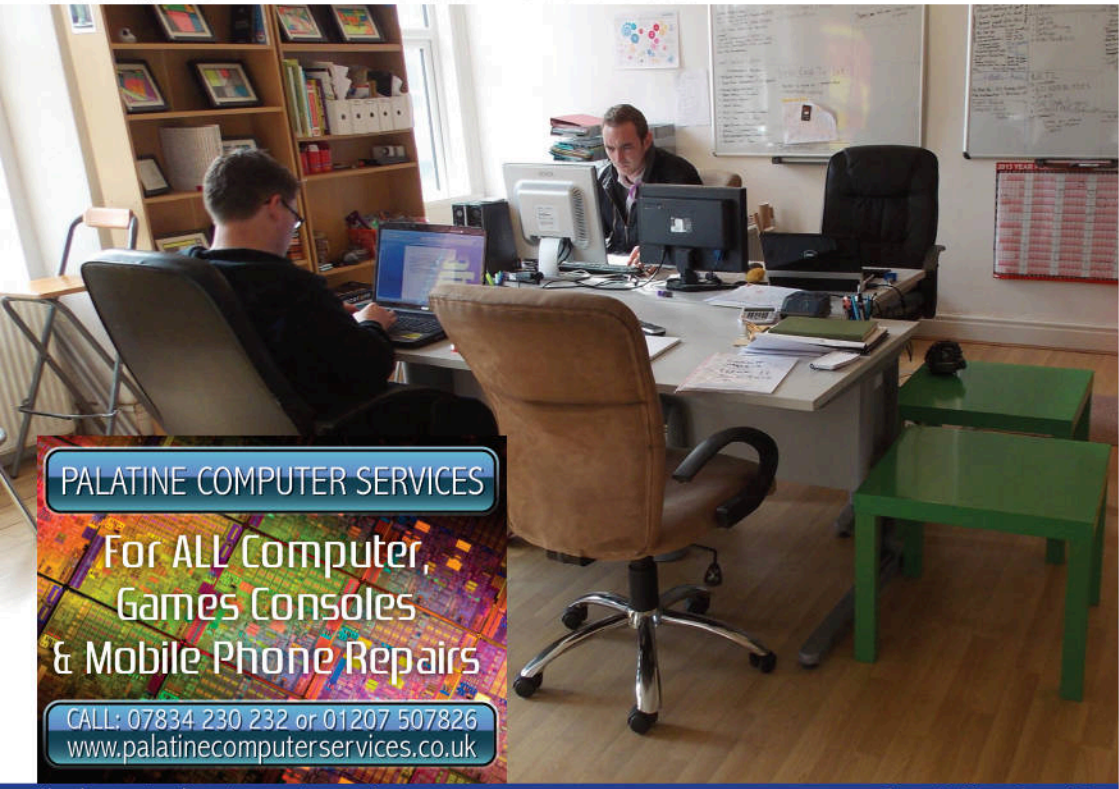

BLUE PLANET FOUND 63 LIGHT YEARS AWAY

by Ivan Laidler

EVEN THOUGH THE PICTURES SHOW A PLANET THAT LOOKS LIKE OUR OWN, THERE IS VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF LIFE BEING FOUND ON HD 189733B

For the first time ever, scientists have been able to accurately determine the colour of an exoplanet which lies outside our own Solar System. This is a huge breakthrough which will help scientists in the search for planets which may support a form of extraterrestrial life.

The planet in question is known by scientists by the name of HD 189733b and currently resides around sixty three light years away from Earth. A team of astrologists lead by Professor Frederic Pont from the UK's own University of Exeter have been able to analyse the light which is reflecting from the gas giant to find out exactly what colour the planet is. Research has now shown the planet to have a beautiful deep blue much like Earth.

Even though the pictures show a planet that looks like our own, there is very little chance of life being found on HD 189733b due to the hostile atmosphere of the planet. What looks like the blue of expansive oceans is actually something far more sinister. The cobalt blue colour which can be seen is due to light refracting through the rain but this isn't like the rain you or I know. Formed from silicate glass, these rain drops are thin slivers of razor sharp glass raining down from the skies. Couple this with the average temperature of 1000 degrees Celsius and it's easy to see why this beautiful world looks so deceiving.

Although this lead has been somewhat of a dead end for scientists looking for similar planets to our own, it has gave some of the world's greatest minds the chance to try out new ways of analysing the universe which we inhabit. It won't be long before we find somewhere which is more similar to our own planet.

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TELEPHONE PRICES SET TO DROP?

by Chris Brown



Internet access is now seen as one of the most important amenities to many people in developed countries around the globe. In 2012, 21 million households in the UK had an internet connection which equates to 80% of the whole country. With so many people using and paying for internet services it is fantastic news to hear that broadband prices will be dropping due to an Ofcom enquiry on the wholesale rates BT charge for using their copper lines.

Ofcom have always been critical of BT due to their previous monopoly of the telecommunication in the UK.

One of the major issues being covered by Ofcom is wholesale line rental to other telephone providers. As independent telephone companies rent lines from BT Openreach all companies need to go through BT to provide voice call services. This has caused a situation where BT have the power to charge what they wish for this service meaning line rental costs are tied by providers. If Ofcom decide that BT is charging too much for this service, prices could well drop for the home owner.

The net result of this work from telecommunication regulators Ofcom means that internet and telephone services in the UK may be significantly reduced in price. This is great news for families around the country who are looking to save as much money as they can in this tough economic climate. Everyone is always looking for the best deal when it comes to household services and this review can only be positive for the consumers across the country.

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DRIVERLESS CARS TO BE TESTED THIS YEAR

by Chris Brown

The British government has recently confirmed that by the end of this year there will be plans to test out the latest in driverless car technology in the UK. This is a huge shift as up until now all vehicles which currently frequent the British roads are all manned by humans like you and me. So far trials of this controversial technology have only been performed on private land and not on the UK's road network. Engineers from Oxford University have adapted a Nissan Leaf which is built here in the North East to work autonomously testing it at Oxford Science Park.

By using a system of sensors, cameras and GPS these cars are able to successfully negotiate through difficult situations while driving in a more economical fashion than the average driver. This research is all part of a £28 Billion investment from the Department of Transportation to attempt to ease congestion on our roads. In the UK testing of these amazing machines are in their first phase but around the world companies such as Google have already racked up over 300,000 miles on public roads with their modified Toyota hybrid fleet.

Whilst this technology is seen as a good thing for motoring, there are some issues which seem to be at the front of many people's minds. Is it really safe to let a computer drive around the roads in a machine that weighs over 1000kg? One argument is that most commercial airliners are flown in autopilot and usually there isn't an issue. Even if autopilot is doing its job, there are still 2 highly trained pilots waiting in case of emergency. As the research continues I'm sure we will learn more about this innovative technology but for now it will be best to keep an open mind and see what happens.



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LES MISERABLES - PERFORMANCE REVIEW

by Chris Brown



The Act On Theatre Group have been working hard for the past year to make sure that their production of the legendary Les Miserables was a complete success. Hours of rehearsal and practice have lead up to a 6 show run at Consett's own Empire Theatre last week. I attended the matinee showing with an open mind expecting to see some good local talent doing what they love best.

Once the show started I realised that this wasn't the case. The Act On Theatre Group had done so much more to make this production one that Consett would never forget. The play was truly amazing as the numerous young people who took to the stage gave it their all to bring this classic play to life. So much work has gone into making this dream a reality and you can see that every person on the stage is enjoying the experience to the full.

Male lead Chris Ledger put in an amazing performance as Jean Valjean hitting every note in the processes and Ben Dixon played the part of Monsieur Thénardier with such infectious passion it was hard to see past the costume and imagine an actor playing the part.

Jenn and the rest of Act On have truly outdone themselves with this performance and I for one must congratulate them for their amazing effort on and off the stage. Whilst this year's performance of Les Miserables was a huge success, the group have already set their sights on the future with plans to perform Phantom of the Opera next year at the Empire. If that goes as well as Les Miserables has then we can be sure that we are going to be in for an amazing show.

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WII U TO GET AN UPDATE

by Chris Brown

In the current console war that's emerging between the new Xbox One and Playstation 4 many people have seemed to forget about Nintendo's next generation console the Wii U. Released last year, the Wii U featured the same infectious motion sensing action in an updated package which included a controller-come-tablet which allowed for gaming even after someone else wanted to use the television. Even though Nintendo have had almost a year on the Sony and Microsoft offerings things were not looking too good for the Japanese gaming giants.

On the release the Wii U didn't sell as well as expected. The original Wii was a massive success with families all across the globe and sold over 99.84 million consoles since the release in 2006. The Wii U on the other hand had a slow start with only just over 3 million sales since the release in the end of 2012. With the up and coming competition with their big rivals just around the corner, Nintendo have decided to give the Wii U a new lease of life to help it stand up to the competition of the other big names as well as indie offerings such as the £99 Ouya.

One of the biggest issues with the Nintendo console is the lack of power for running the games. This has lead to massive loading times and large periods where you can be left waiting to play. The big software update scheduled for October has been designed to help speed up the system. Alongside the speed boost there will be another few tweaks to help with the overall operation of the console to fix some of the bugs.

As the Wii U currently costs around £150 for the basic model, there is a chance that the Wii U may be able to find a niche in the market due to its relatively affordable price. It's going to be interesting to see how things pan out at the end of this year.

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If you are a member of a sporting group who are looking for more members then maybe Consett Magazine can help. By letting us know about what is going on we can get your club noticed and potentially bring some new members into the sport. We always love to hear about new and interesting developments in Consett so why not get in touch and spread the word.

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by Rob Grinter

Willow Burn
DERWENTSIDE HOSPICE CARE FOUNDATION

Willowburn hospice will be the winner when three local clubs join forces over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Consett Rotary Club and Derwentside Round Table will host a six a side cricket competition in aid of Willowburn Hospice at Shotley Bridge Cricket Club on Sunday 25th August. Teams will compete for the Stewart Weightman Trophy.

Stewart was a member of both Derwentside Round Table and Consett Rotary Club and the competition is held in his memory. The Rotary Club will be organising a tombola and raffle with the proceeds going to Willowburn Hospice who provided such good care for Stewart throughout his illness.

Consett Rotary Club's Lorraine Weightman said "This annual event allows us to organise a fun day for everyone and we hope that people will turn out to support us and Willowburn Hospice".

Derwentside Round Table Chairman David Grimes added "Supporting local charities is what Round Table is about and this tournament is typical of the type of easy going event that Stewart would have enjoyed when he was a member"

Cricket Club Secretary Rob Grinter sums up the fun nature of the event "Stewarts son Michael is probably the worst cricketer in the world and the rest of the players taking part are not much better. It is this lack of cricketing talent that makes the event such an entertaining spectacle".

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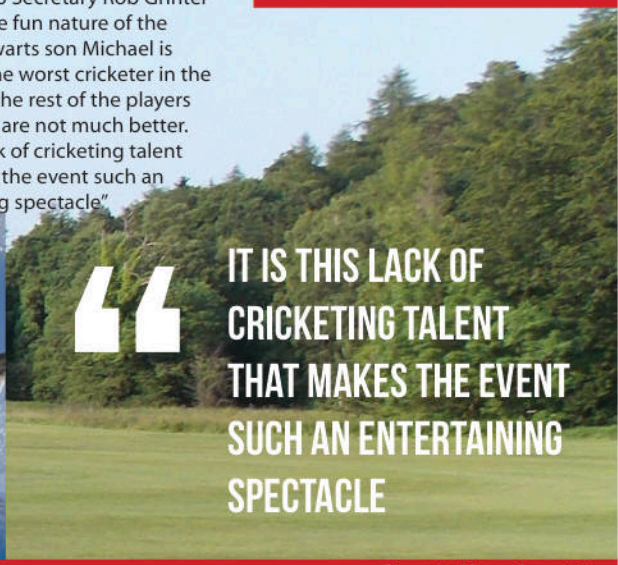

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