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Welcome to the 26th Issue of the Consett Magazine, the local interest magazine for the DH8 area.

We would like to thank all of our readers for your kind comments and we encourage you to keep writing to us with your thoughts and stories.

This new year we feel it is important to extend our gratitude to our advertisers without whom this magazine wouldn't be possible. We just know with the economy turning around and business going well for everyone 2015 is going to be a year to celebrate in our community.

Consett Magazine aims to provide local interest and history stories on a monthly basis and we hope you enjoy it. Please get in touch if there is anything you want to see in the future issues, or if you have any stories or pictures of your own that you want to share.

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So once again plans were set in motion to build the bridge. A number of local businessmen and wealthy benefactors put forward a significant amount of cash and a committee was formed. On 10th December 1861, the plans for the new bridge designed by Mr J Smith an Architect of Medomsley were accepted. Shortly after the builders Lymas & Ayton of Crook were engaged to put the plans into action. The initial cost of the bridge was given as £493- 4s -6d, although this was not taking into account that the river would have to be damned both up and down stream during the bridges erection. The funds were undoubtedly found and the building was assured.
On Wednesday 18th June 1862 the foundation stone was laid by John Grey Esq. of Dilston and created a great deal of excitement in the area. The bridge was situated to link up the ancient Roman road of Watling Street and was believed to be in the position of a previous ancient bridge long since lost. The builders worked long and hard and the bridge was opened in September 1862.

A fantastic feat and one which would last over a century of major use.

Unfortunately at only 10 foot in width it was unable to cope with modern day traffic and was replaced by the new bridge in 1973. The beautiful old bridge still stands today, although only as a footbridge. It was categorised as a Grade II listed building on 6th June 1951.

By Brian Harrison



CBS PRESENT

PETER PANTO

For you pantomime lovers out there, CBS have a treat in store for you! The CBS present their annual pantomime, Peter Panto.

The CBS was first formed way back in 1945 when they put on their first production, "The Mikado" in 1946. To this day the CBS still put on two shows per year, comprising of an adult production and an annual pantomime. Just recently the CBS celebrated its 65th Anniversary with My Fair Lady Ball in the Fall, 65 years is an amazing achievement! The CBS Musical and Stage Society put on a great show, Peter Panto will be another great performance right here in our hometown!

Peter Panto will be on at The Empire Theatre from Monday 19th January 2015 until Saturday 24th January 2015. Visit The Empire Theatre, call 01207 218171 or go online to http://www.leisureworks.net/events/4/empire-theatre to book your tickets. Email enquiries: cbsmusicalandstage@hotmail.co.uk



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Consett AFC were drawn against fellow Northern League Division One club, North Shields. The teams will meet at Daren Persson Stadium (in North Shields) on 17th January. There are a total of 16 ties scheduled for the 17th January in the FA Vase, the winners of each game will receive £2,000 from the FA's prize fund.

The Consett team will have their eyes firmly on the chance of playing at Wembley on the 9th May. This will be the first time in seven years the club has progressed to the fourth round of the FA Vase.

Other notable fixtures for Consett AFC fans this month include: Saturday 3rd January Away at Dunston, Saturday 10th January Home against Whitley Bay, Saturday 24th January at Home against Penrith, and January 31st Away to Celtic Nation.

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The award will allow the Car Club to research demand for expanding the car club, its electric cars, electric bikes and a voluntary driver scheme into the wider Derwentside and West Gateshead area.

The Derwent Valley Car Club was originally set up back in June of 2013 with a grant from the National Lottery's Village SOS Programme.

The grant enabled the development of the Car Club, the purchase of an electric car (Nissan Leaf), 3 electric bikes and an array of PV (solar) panels, which offset the energy needed to run the vehicles making the car club emission-free.

The Club is currently operated under the Blackhall Mill Community Association and will be developed into a member led Social Enterprise Scheme made up of local people, like you! The Car Club currently has just 15 members, but they encourage more people to join. They currently have an offer of an annual membership and 25 hours use of the cars or bikes for only £60!

For further information on the Derwent Valley Car Club, how to join or to participate in the study please contact the Co-ordinator Susan Ross on 07473 180302 or you can email Dvcarclub@yahoo.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/Derwentvalleycarclub



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Q. WHICH TOWN IS THE 2ND HIGHEST MARKET TOWN IN BRITAIN?

CLUE: THE HIGHEST MARKET TOWN IN BRITAIN IS ALSTON IN CUMBRIA.

VISIT THE WEBPAGE BELOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ANSWER

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FLU JAB PLEA FROM LOCAL MP

Pat Glass MP visited the Co-op Pharmacy on Middle Street, Consett where she met with pharmacist Mr Richard Anderson and received a flu jab.



By Malcolm Clarke

As Mr Anderson administered Pat's flu jab he discussed with her the importance of people protecting themselves from this potentially very serious illness.

"Many people say 'I have Flu' when they feel unwell, but the flu disease itself is far worse than the common cold. It is very unpleasant and can make you ill for over a week and can be very serious." Mr Anderson

If you fall into one of the following medical groups, you are urged to contact your local pharmacist or GP and arrange to have your flu jab. If you are aged 65 or over or if you are aged 18 or over and suffer from chronic respiratory disease, chronic heart disease, diabetes, chronic liver disease, chronic neurological disease, immunosuppression caused by illness, Spleen Dysfunction, or if you are pregnant.

"It is important to get your flu jab if due to your age or medical condition it is recommended you receive one. If you are unsure whether or not you are eligible and feel you may need a flu jab, ask your GP or pharmacist for advice." Pat Glass MP

FROM CHIANG MAI TO CONSETT - MUAY THAI IS HERE



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Pegasus Muay Thai is located above Bar 1898 (the old bank) on Newmarket Street, Consett. Muay Thai classes are on every Tuesday and Thursday Evening from 5pm to 6pm for children and 6pm - 7:30pm for adults. Pegasus Muay Thai is also on Sundays for anyone who is competing.

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1. Moonwatch, Hardwick Park, Sedgefield, TS21 2DN, on Tuesday 27th January 2015 7:00pm-9:00pm. Telescopes will be set up at the Temple of Minerva. Members of the public are requested to park in the main car park and walk up.

2. Moon and Jupiter watch, Rainton Meadows Wildlife Reserve, nr Houghton-le-Spring, DH4 6PU, Wednesday 25th February 2015 7.00-9.00pm. Telescopes will be set up near the car park and visitor centre. Cafe & toilets are available.

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MOBILE TECHNOLOGY IN 2015

In 2015, mobile technology is expected to grow to even more astronomical heights.

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Many mobile users are demanding larger screens this will grow steadily through 2015. More people are using their devices primarily as an interface to access the web – and as a "calling" device second.

If you're like me, then you will despise having to charge your smartphone up every two hours due to excessive use. In 2015, batteries will be a major focus for manufacturers as they become a huge selling point for buyers. Look out for announcements in 2015 about a "super battery."

Wearables! Wearable devices which connect to your phone are becoming ever popular with fitness and health apps leading the way! Beyond the health conscience phone user, we expect to see fashion and technology beginning to blur lines, Gucci is said to be breaking into wearables this year.

Lets face it, nothing will really change. People will always read paper books, play vinyl records and write in their notebooks. The mobile digital world exists only as an overlay to the physical world, but will never replace our physical lives. Mobile phones are simply an extension of our existing physical world, where we have vasts amount of data and interconnectivity at our fingertips. Let's use this powerful technology to make the world a better place.

By Consett Tech Dude

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