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June 2023 Editorial

Welcome to the June 2023 edition of Consett Magazine, where we bring you a delightful array of community news and engaging articles.

This month, we invite you to embark on a journey of intellectual stimulation and social interaction by joining the Consett Bridge Club. Alongside this exciting opportunity, we have a collection of captivating articles, photographs, and recommendations to enrich your reading experience.

Lorraine Weightman is a grandmother to two young girls, Eleanor and Matilda. In her article this month, she shares her thoughts on the special bond between grandmothers and grandchildren (on page 11).

Are you looking for a new hobby that challenges your mind and allows you to socialise with like-minded people? Look no further than Consett Bridge Club! We are a friendly group of bridge players who welcome new members of all abilities and ages (Page 5).

In this edition, we are thrilled to showcase the work of the 'Consett in Focus' Documentary Photography Group as they document Greencroft Netball and Ashfield and Briary Allotments Association with their Consett @ Play series. Join us on a visual journey as these talented photographers capture the beauty of nature and the passion of the allotment community and local sporting talents (Pages 6-7).

Discover the Perfect Frames for Your Style: Hackett Frames and Joules Frames from Consett Eyecare. Enhance your personal style with the perfect eyewear from Consett Eyecare (Page 8).

Transforming your garden into a breathtaking sanctuary is within reach with the expert guidance from Beveridge's Nursery (Page 9). Discover their top five tips for creating a stunning outdoor space that reflects your personality and inspires tranquility.

Blackhill Cemetery holds the resting place of notable individuals who have contributed to the history and culture of Consett (Page 13). Join Barrie Davison on an insightful stroll through this historic cemetery as he uncovers the burial site of Baron Avro Manhattan. Discover the extraordinary life of this man, who not only wrote numerous books but also had connections with influential figures such as H.G. Wells, Pablo Picasso, and George Bernard Shaw. Delve into the stories that lie beneath the leafy confines of Blackhill Cemetery and celebrate the rich tapestry of Consett's past (also check out consettmagazine.com where you'll find 250+ history stories published over the last 11 years, covering centuries of Consett history).

We hope that this month's edition of Consett Magazine brings you joy, inspiration, and a deeper connection to our vibrant community. Embrace the opportunities to engage, learn, and make new friends through the Consett Bridge Club and the myriad of other enriching activities in Consett and beyond.

Have a wonderful (and hopefully sunny) June,
Barry Kirkham, Marco Elsy and everyone who makes the Consett Magazine possible.

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REVISITING HISTORY:

Our Irish Immigrant Roots

As we look back at the history of Consett, we cannot ignore the impact of the Irish community on our town. From the late 1700s, Irish itinerant workers made their way to England during harvest time, known as Spalpeens, to earn money to keep their small holdings back in Ireland. By 1818, Irish immigration to England really took off as the first steam packages were introduced, and the cost of travel fell. It is believed that 60,000-100,000 Irish were making the journey every year up until the 1840s.

The Irish were also skilled laborers, and their contribution to the building of the railways and ironworks across the country was significant. The Derwent Iron Company recognized the value of Irish workers and placed posters in prominent places throughout England and Ireland, offering work and good housing at Consett. Soon, the town was filled with willing workers, and the Irish community in Consett grew and blossomed.

By 1851, Durham had the 3rd largest Irish-born population in England, with 5.4%, and Consett's Irish population stood at nearer 22%. By 1870, 70% of the 900 Irish-born workers in Consett were employed at the ironworks, and the Irish community was thriving.

Many of the Irish workers who came to Consett were Catholic, and the Church of St. Mary's Blackhill is a testament to the Irish Catholics who were the predominant force behind raising the money needed to build it. The early years of unrest were soon overcome, and the Irish community became an integral part of the town's fabric.

As we look to the future, it's important to remember our roots and the contributions of those who came before us. Our Irish immigrant roots have shaped Consett's history, and we should be proud of our heritage. To learn more about Consett's history and the stories of the people who shaped our town, visit: consettmagazine.com/history.

Let's continue to be nostalgic about the past and curious about the future, and celebrate the unique community that is Consett.

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Join Consett Bridge Club and Make New Friends

Are you looking for a new hobby that challenges your mind and allows you to socialise with like-minded people? Look no further than Consett Bridge Club! We are a friendly group of bridge players who welcome new members of all abilities and ages.



Our club meets every Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. at the Blackhill Community Centre on Derwent Street. Whether you are a seasoned bridge player or a complete beginner, we invite you to come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of playing and socializing.

If you are new to playing bridge, don't worry! We offer informal tutorial groups to help you get started and improve your skills. Our members are always happy to share their knowledge and experience with newcomers.

Playing bridge is not only mentally stimulating but also a great way to make new friends. Our club provides a welcoming and supportive environment where you can meet and socialise with other bridge enthusiasts.

For more information about joining Consett Bridge Club, please contact one of our friendly members: John at **07397 157682**, Liz at **01207 659573**, or Delia at **07821 827538**.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to our club!

Snow in Consett

By Michael Curry

How deep is the snow in your neck of the wood
I'm frightened to look, do you think I should
I can hear the sound of shovel and grit
Perhaps I'll peek just a little bit.

I draw back the curtain and oh what a fright
The whole world is covered in a blanket of white
It's quite a shock, a sight to behold
Since the forecaster made no mention of cold.

Gone are the paths, the roads and what's more
Gone are the steps up to my door
Gone are the cars, street parked in pairs
Now reminiscent of large polar bears.

No buses are running, no one is at work
Let's hope the gritters don't take such a perk
It's unlikely we'll see a plough down our way
No matter how hard we hope and we pray.

We'll be left to clear snow all by ourselves
I'm desperate for groceries from Tesco down Delves
It's back breaking work but I have no choice
Since Derwentside went, we have no voice.

School closures abound fill children with glee
No studies for them what will it be
Sledging or snowballing or common sense will they see
And stay in the warm with their hand held P C.

Being snow bound like this is such a bore
It drives one to drink and to eat more and more
Food offers such comfort like ice cream and jelly
Then get out the chocolates and switch on the telly.

Snow flakes keep falling from the dull pregnant sky
So silent and graceful they float down to lie
Creating a picture so bright and so clean
One can only wonder at this magical scene.

It conjures up thoughts of good old St Nick
Of carols and cards with greetings so slick
But surely it will melt and disappear soon
Since after all it's the middle of June.

‘Consett in Focus’

Documentary Photography Group

Consett @ Play

Ashfield and Briary Allotments Association

The members of the Ashfield and Briary Allotments Association are busy preparing the ground for a new season. There are over 30 allotments on the site and the gardeners are a very varied group of people, ranging from those who grow flowers and vegetables for show to families encouraging their children to become involved in growing their own. Growing your own fruit and vegetables has always been very popular but has become even more important in these days of rising food prices. The allotments tend to be so productive that the families and neighbours of the gardeners also benefit. Looking after an allotment gets rid of many of your everyday worries, replacing them with concerns about carrot root flies and cabbage white butterflies! - Photos by Chris Bruce



Greencroft Netball Club

Greencroft netball club has been going for approximately 38 years, during this time it has met under a variety of names and in a variety of venues, starting at Stanley then Consett leisure centre, Blackfyne School, Consett Academy but they are currently training in North Durham Academy, to accommodate over 5 hours of training every Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

The club started with 2 senior teams and have continued to grow over the years, they currently have 9 teams (juniors and seniors). The club is like a second family to many of the girls who have been friends for years and go out socially together.

Over the years they have won ‘ club of the year’ and ‘junior club of the year’ the seniors currently play both County and Regional level. The club coaches children from 5 years old up to seniors (16 to over 60’s) there is a level for everyone and any ability is supported.

During Covid times, isolation rules very strictly, which meant keeping the numbers to each session to a small number indoors. However they are actively recruiting again and welcoming new players into the club. They are extremely proud of their friendly orientated club and are largely self-sufficient whilst at the same time they raise money for charities and any members that require their support.

Photos by George Ledger



‘Consett in Focus’ Documentary Photography Group’

To read and see more photos from these articles, please visit our website – www.consettinfocus.weebly.com

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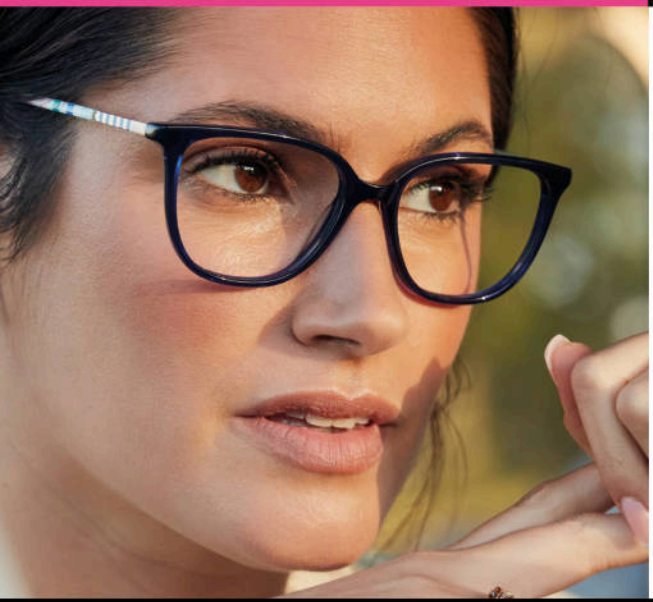



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2. Choose the Perfect Plants for Your Climate and Soil

Selecting the right plants is a crucial step in creating a remarkable garden. At Beveridge's Nursery, our staff are well-versed in local climate and soil conditions, and they will recommend plant varieties that thrive in your specific area. From vibrant bedding plants to lush perennials and shrubs, our wide range offers an array of colours and textures. Trust our expertise to help you make the perfect plant choices for your garden.

3. Lay a Solid Foundation with Proper Soil Preparation

To ensure healthy growth and abundant blooms, preparing the soil is essential. Beveridge's Nursery provides high-quality organic matter, including compost and well-rotted manure, to enrich your soil. Our expert advice and guidance will ensure your plants have a nourishing foundation for optimal growth. Don't overlook this crucial step in transforming your garden into a thriving oasis.

4. Master Planting Techniques for Success

Proper planting techniques are vital for the long-term success of your garden. Our knowledgeable team at Beveridge's Nursery will guide you on proper spacing, planting depth, and arrangement, ensuring your plants thrive and flourish. We'll also provide valuable insights on watering, mulching, and ongoing care, making the maintenance of your garden a breeze. With our expert advice, you'll be well-equipped to create a garden that stands the test of time.

5. Add Captivating Features for an Enchanting Ambience

Elevate the allure of your garden by incorporating captivating features. Beveridge's Nursery offers a wide selection of options, such as bird feeders, charming seating areas, small ponds, and more. These additions will transform your outdoor space into a tranquil oasis, inviting you to unwind and connect with nature. Enhance the aesthetic appeal with our vibrant hanging baskets and containers filled with an array of blooming flowers. Let your garden become a captivating haven.







Places to go: Whitley Bay

The man who was responsible for the change of name from Whitley to Whitley Bay knew nothing about it. William Oliver, was Secretary of the Rockcliff Rugby Club in Whitley, and died on a trip in 1901 to Edinburgh. The body was to be sent back to Whitley by train for the funeral, but was sent to Whitby in North Yorkshire instead, the –le- being confused with a -b-. The stationmaster at Whitby arranged to send it on to Whitley and the funeral was conducted at nightfall. The townspeople recognised this could happen again and the town was renamed Whitley Bay in 1902, much to the relief of the North Eastern Railway and the Royal Mail who had campaigned for a change for several years.

Nowadays Whitley Bay is a station on the Tyne and Wear Metro, which is not part of the National Rail network. However, if you persevere, through tickets are available, with railcard discounts too, which do not normally apply to the Metro. If you pay separately for rail and Metro, you won't get a discount on your ticket. A Metro-only A+B+C zones ticket covering the entire Metro network costs £6.20. With a railcard, the cost from Chester-le-Street is only £7.15. Your combined rail and all zones Metro ticket has the advantage of being valid on the North Shields to South Shields ferry so you can include a short voyage across the Tyne in your day out.

On arrival at Whitley Bay, leave the station on the north side (where trains arrive from Newcastle via South Gosforth and Longbenton) and take a left on Victoria Terrace to the Town Centre. Turn left and follow the road round to the right which is Park View boasting a huge number of independent shops and cafes. At the north end where the shops peter out, turn right on to Marine Avenue towards the seafront.

Whitley Bay has a lovely long sandy beach, The area has been regenerated in recent years with the long derelict Spanish City now reopened to the public and featuring Valerie's Tea Rooms, the 1910 Steak and Seafood restaurant and, under the dome, Trenchers Restaurant. In a throwback to the history of Whitley Bay, it's interesting to note that the sister Whitby branch of Trenchers won the Best Fish and Chip restaurant of the year in 2019. Roll on a year and the 2020 winner was the Trenchers at Spanish City. Mind you, we spent most of that year in lockdown so it is probably not a fair comparison.

I wanted to see the lighthouse, but check the tide table on the lighthouse website first since the causeway is frequently under water. You can walk along the promendade, stopping halfway at the Rendezvous Café if you wish. The path goes up on top of the cliff at the end of the promenade, and past a large car park to St Mary's Lighthouse. They kindly gave me the pensioners' rate at age 61 and with some trepidation I climbed the 137 steps to the top, trying to ignore the badly peeling paintwork on the way. The last 20 steps are particularly steep, like a ladder. The view was worth it together with displays about the life of the lighthouse keepers and details of their recruitment. They had to have sufficient teeth, for a start.

On the way back I took the bus from the cemetery to the town centre and enjoyed a visit to the independent Jam Jar cinema at the top of Park Road, an inviting and friendly three screen venue before taking the Metro back to Central Station for my train home.

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Little Bit Of Love

By Lorraine Weightman

After writing and reading last month's story about Botto's, I was motivated to look at and listen to Free's remastered album 'All Right Now - The Collection' on Amazon Music. Singing along to 'Wishing Well' and 'Little Bit Of Love', I became a tad nostalgic, getting carried away in my karaoke moment; just before I glanced at the clock. Aware of the time, I immediately changed the channel to Peppa Pig, put on my coat and left to pick up my two granddaughters; one from Home Comforts on Medomsley Road and the other from St Patrick's school.

The requested pizza for tea, had already been lovingly prepared, just waiting to be cooked in the ninja, and the two ice creams were chilling in the freezer.

As we pottered home with book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles, we chatted about how our day had been, and I looked forward to our two precious hours together.

With coats and bags flung on the floor, they both nabbed their favourite seats in the living room and took control of the remote, while I poured apple juice into their preferred beakers. After I carefully placed them on their appointed side tables, Eleanor and Matilda nodded their approval; while I hurried back to the kitchen and waited for the pizza to cook.

On my return, with eight carefully cut slices which they proceeded to count, I was informed that they had already skipped the adds on the television, paused the programme; and were gleefully tucking in their napkins - two tea towels - before demolishing the main body of the pizza - as always - leaving the crusts!

A respective 4 and three quarters and a just turned 3, they know their own minds, and for some reason I seem to be in total sync with them too.

Which got me wondering how and why I feel so connected to them, preempting their wishes and needs, being acutely aware of their moods and feelings.

So I did some investigating - and to my surprise - I found that a group of researchers, led by an anthropologist and neuroscientist, used 'functional magnetic resonance imaging' to look at the brain function and monitor the reactions of 50 volunteer grandmothers.

The conclusion was extremely interesting. The participants in the study, were asked to view photographs of their grandchildren, their own children, and of another unrelated child and adult. Their brain activity showed greater emotional empathy with the younger generation.

In short, as Rilling the study leader explains,

'…they're really feeling what the grandchild is feeling. So when the child is expressing joy, they're feeling that joy. When the children are expressing distress, they're feeling that distress,'
I'm guessing that goes a long way to answering my question and the constant similarities I encounter!

I nodded my head in agreement when I heard the following statements from Eleanor,

'Grandma, I actually in real life, when I was four, had a taste of Diet Coke and I didn't like it!

I'm all grown up like you now, as I'm allowed to eat whole grapes!'

And Matilda is obviously as impressed as her older sister, 'Mommar, Mammy's only got one toilet, you got 3 toilets - and I use all of them!'

The conclusion of the study stated,

'All in all, our findings suggest that emotional empathy may be a key component of grandmaternal responses to their grandchildren'.

So there you go; it's a no brainer,

I leave the crusts on my pizza too!







The Biking Vikings

By Lorraine Weightman

I was lucky enough to see a Viking, walking on stilts while playing the Northumbrian pipes alongside a band of drummers and Viking horn blower!

They are The Biking Vikings North East, and as a group they raise funds for Brain Tumour Research.

This is done in memory of Adam Forster, a local farmer who sadly died from a glioblastoma (GBM) at the age of 42, just 11 months after his diagnosis.

Terry, Adam's father - and the stilt wearing Viking - is determined to raise £50,000 for the charity in memory of his son; and he his family and friends are getting closer to this goal, as the amount raised so far is over £36.000

The Biking Vikings are real entertainers and encourage people of any age to join in the drumming with them. If you wish to participate you will be presented with a medal and certificate and your drumming will certainly make the Vikings day!

Their motor bike has a Viking long boat attached and you will be actively encouraged sit in it for a unique photo opportunity. They will even provide you with the props!

Liz, one of the Vikings wrote the following of her friend and colleague: 'In September Paul Wales, one of the Vikings, is doing a fabulous multi event challenge with his NHS colleague Consultant Psychiatrist Moh Elhamshary.

They are both setting off from Newcastle and cycling to London. Moh then gets a train back to Newcastle to complete The Great North Run whilst Rob continues to cycle on to Nice in the South of France. Any funds that they raise will be split equally between Brain Tumour Research and the NHS Shine fund. The Biking Vikings will be at the start to play them off!'

So remember to put the following dates in your diary this summer, and catch the Biking Vikings at Northumberland County Show (May 27th), Slaley Show (12th August) and Land of Oak and Iron (19th August).

Also, why not follow them on Facebook to find out about other events. I know I am.



The Baron in Blackhill

by Barrie Davison

Blackhill Cemetery is a big place. Very old and split into two halves, seperated by the busy Durham Road. A good obvservational stroll around it can take fair while. A lot of Consett illuminaries are buried here. The Annandale family of the Shotley Grove paper mills and various members of the Derwent Iron Company are just some of the individuals laid to rest in it's leafy confines.

Yet on a recent stroll around it, I've only just realised it has within it the resting place of a man who wrote over 20 books, was a friend of H.G. Wells (The Time Machine, War of the Worlds) stayed with Pablo Picasso in his youth and classed George Bernard Shaw as a drinking buddy. His name is Baron Avro Manhattan.

Born in Milan, Italy on April 6th, 1914 to American and Dutch/Swiss parents of Jewish extraction, Manhattan was educated at the Sorbonne and London School of Economics and it was in London where he met his wife, the future Baroness Anne Manhattan but before meeting her, his life was already somewhat remarkable. Amongst the first of his considerable literary output was "Towards the New Italy" which he wrote in 1943 with a preface written by his good friend H.G. Wells.

Some of his books were highly critical of the Vatican and Roman Catholicism and during World War Two, Manhattan found himself in prison for refusing to serve in Mussolini's fascist army. He was imprisoned in a jail high in the Alps and whilst there, wrote his first book on astronomy.

Upon his release, he operated a radio station called "Radio Freedom", broadcasting to nations that were occupied by the Axis powers – for this he was made a Knight of Malta. Already possessing aristocratic roots, he was already a Knight of the House of Savoy as well as a Knight Templar and Knight of the Order of Mercedes. He was also a member of the Royal Society of Literature, Society of Authors, Ethical Union and British Interplanetary Society. He was also highly regarded as the world's foremost authority on Roman Catholicism in politics. Following his release from prison and settling in London, he met his wife to be – the Shotley Bridge born Anne, who was working as a nurse there. After a lifetime of adventures in literature and creativity, they settled in the unlikely location of a humble terraced house in Nelson Street, South Shields in 1979, once owned by Anne's mother.

A well known and extremely popular couple in South Shields, they never had children and were always highly regarded on the social scene in the area and Avro relished in recounting tales of him staying with Picasso and his many other adventures and experiences. He passed away in 1990 and was followed by his wife Baroness Anne Manhattan, in a care home in Hebburn in 2008 where she was always a popular figure with the staff and had many visitors during her time there. A bust of Avro Manhattan sits in the foyer of South Shields library.

Both he and his wife were interred at South Shields but buried next to each other in Blackhill to be close to the place of Anne's birth.

A poet , Artist, Philosopher, writer and Knight Templar. A truly remarkable and fascinating man.

If you find yourself in Blackhill Cemetery, pay your respects to the Baron and Baroness.

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History of Consett Steelworks Commemorates 1950 Gas Accident

On Saturday, July 1, 2023, History of Consett Steelworks will be hosting a commemoration event to mark the 73rd anniversary of the 1950 gas accident at the Consett Blast Furnace. The event will be held at the Hub in Consett from 11am to 2pm.

The 1950 gas accident was a tragic event that claimed the lives of 11 men. The accident occurred when a cloud of carbon monoxide gas leaked from one of the blast furnaces. The gas quickly spread through the furnace, knocking out the workers inside. Several men were able to escape, but 11 were killed.

The 1950 gas accident was a major blow to the Consett community. The steelworks was the town's main employer, and the loss of so many workers had a devastating impact on the local economy. The accident also had a lasting impact on the families of the victims.

The commemoration event on Saturday will be an opportunity for the Consett community to come together to remember the victims of the 1950 gas accident. The event will feature a display about the accident, as well as 3D mapping of the site and virtual reality images. The event is open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

Kathleen Rymer Shares Her Story

Kathleen Rymer is a former employee of the National Union of Blast furnacemen, Ore Miners, Coke Workers and Kindred Trades. She worked in the head office of the union in Middlesbrough, and she was involved in the aftermath of the 1950 gas accident at the Consett Blast Furnace.

In an interview, Rymer shared her memories of the accident. She said that she was working in the head office when she received a phone call from the Consett branch of the union. The caller told her that there had been an accident at the blast furnace, and that several men had been killed.

Rymer said that she was shocked and saddened by the news. She immediately went to the Consett branch of the union to help with the relief efforts. She worked with other union members to collect donations for the families of the victims, and she helped to organise funeral arrangements.

Rymer said that the 1950 gas accident was a difficult time for the Consett community. She said that the accident had a lasting impact on the families of the victims, and that it also had a negative impact on the local economy.

Despite the tragedy, Rymer said that she is proud of the way that the Consett community came together to support the victims of the accident. She said that the accident showed the strength and resilience of the community, and that it helped to bring people together.

For more information about this event and to stay updated, please visit the event's Facebook page at the following link: facebook.com/events/2369532889893654/

To learn more about the History of Consett Steelworks and their efforts to commemorate the 1950 accident, you can search for their Facebook page using the following keywords: "History of Consett Steelworks-1950's Accident Commemoration Day at the Hub."

Ask the Vet: Dietary Advice for Rabbits

Rabbits are becoming increasingly popular choice for families, with an estimated 1.5 million kept as pets in the UK (PDSA Animal Wellbeing report 2016).

However, rabbits should not be viewed as an easy or low maintenance pet and ensuring they are fed the right foods is really important when it comes to keeping them fit and healthy.

Rabbits have an unusual digestive system which means they will eat their soft, moist droppings (caecotrophs) straight from their bottoms to extract more nutrients from the food they have eaten and they will also pass hard, dry droppings which are not re-ingested.

Good quality hay and/or grass should make up the majority of their diet as this keeps their digestive system functioning properly and keeps their teeth from overgrowing. Fresh leafy green vegetables and herbs can be fed daily with very small amounts of nuggets/pellets (or none at all).

Fresh water should always be available in a bottle and/or bowl. It is important to never change your rabbit's diet quickly, and if they stop eating or passing faeces, call your vet straight away as this can be a sign of a serious illness.

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