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Sun shines on the Ponteland parade

Ponteland was on the march as the community gathered for the annual Civic Service.

St Mary's Church was packed as more than 200 invited guests joined the service led by The Reverend Peter Barham, Vicar of Ponteland, supported by all the local clergy.

They included politicians, local businesspeople, church leaders and representatives of a wide range of parish organisations, including charities and clubs.

Morpeth Pipe Band led the parade to the church and back to the Memorial Hall, where afternoon tea was served after the service. The players were joined by the Air Training Corps, Boys' Brigade, Girls' Brigade and county and town councillors.

Ponteland Civic Service was launched last year to carry on a long-standing Castle Morpeth tradition following the demise of the Borough Council, which previously ran a borough-wide civic service.

Town Mayor Robin Ramsay said: "The fantastic turnout – double last year's –

suggests this event is now firmly planted in the village's annual calendar as a new tradition.

"The Civic Service is one of a number of community events I want to develop as part of the Town Council's vision of giving residents a real sense of pride in Ponteland.

"It was really pleasing to see so many people, young and old, turn out on such a lovely afternoon and I'd like to thank everyone involved in organising and taking part in such a successful event."

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Weatherman to bring the sunshine to Music in the Park?

After last year's washout we hope BBC weatherman Paul Mooney brings the sunshine as he comperes Music in the Park.

The new community event at Ponteland Park was lost last year to heavy rain, so it is hoped choosing the popular Look North weather forecaster will be a good omen. If not, the fallback plan is Ponteland Memorial Hall.

Organised by Ponteland Town Council, entertainment comes from singer Sonia Michelle (pictured), Dunston Silver Band, Ponteland Community Band and Ponteland Community Choir.

Tickets cost £2 adults/£1 under-18s/under-5s free and you are invited to bring a picnic. Refreshments will be on sale, but not food.

The event runs from 6pm to 9pm on Saturday July 3.



Duchess to open Party in the Park

The Duchess of Northumberland will launch a fun filled family afternoon at the ever popular Party in the Park on Sunday June 13.

The annual celebration has become a popular event in the village's annual calendar, and this year entertainment includes



Coates School Orchestra & Choir, Whistling Sheep Community Band & Choir, Punch & Judy, bouncy castle, tea tent, BBQ and the arts & crafts tent.

It is organised by the Christian Churches in Ponteland: St Mary the Virgin, Church of England; St Matthew's Roman Catholic Church; Ponteland Methodist Church; and Ponteland United Reformed Church.

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Teenager jailed after racial attack on pensioner



A Ponteland teenager has been jailed and another given a suspended prison term after they were found guilty of a vicious racial attack on a pensioner.

Anthony John Thompson, 18, of Thorneyford Place, appeared at Tynedale Magistrates' Court on April 16 and was convicted of common assault and racially aggravated behaviour after a two day trial.

He returned for sentencing on May 18 and was given six months imprisonment along with a two year ASBO, with conditions banning him from the Merton Way area of Ponteland.

Nathan David West, 19, of Thornhill Road, Ponteland, convicted of common assault at the trial, was given a 20-week suspended sentence for 12 months. He was also given a 12 -week 8pm-7am curfew and is to be electronically tagged.

Both were ordered to pay the victim £250 compensation.

A 17-year-old youth from Chapel House, Newcastle, had earlier pleaded guilty to assault. He was ordered to pay court costs and engage with Northumberland youth offending services.

The court heard Thompson and West left Abdolkhalegh Ziaei, 67, needing more than five hours of hospital treatment when they assaulted him outside his son's restaurant Lorenzo's in Merton Way.

The Ziaei family said they were punched, spat at and racially abused during the stand-off at around 11pm on July 25 last year. A witness described Thompson throwing a bottle towards Mr Ziaei and shouting "black ******".

The pair admitted being in the area at the time but denied having anything to do with a group of around 20 youths causing disorder in the shopping precinct.

However, witness Belal Miah, a chef at an Asian restaurant opposite Lorenzo's, saw the hoodie-wearing thugs attack Mr Ziaei, who suffered head injuries, as he watched through a window. He picked the pair out in an ID parade.

Neighbourhood Inspector Kevin Oates, pictured, said after the sentencing: "These individuals had caused severe disruption to the lives of law abiding residents and businesses in Ponteland for too long. We worked with local council, LMAP group and the local community to put a stop to the harm

they have caused to the community. "I would like to thank those members

of the Ponteland community who have come forward and stood up to these

intimidating criminals. By standing together we can show that such behaviour will not be tolerated and that the courts will impose meaningful sentences to curb the behaviour of a

"Ponteland is one of the safest places to live in the country and

individuals like these three young people have only themselves to blame for the sentences they have received.

"Any breach of an ASBO is a criminal offence and will lead to arrest, but perhaps more importantly this provides the individuals with a set of rules they can use to change their anti-social behaviour.

"I know that local residents will be reassured by these events and can take heart that the local policing team and our partners will continue to identify such individuals and take all necessary action to support the local community.

"I think it is also important to point out that the vast majority of young people in Ponteland are productive, well behaved and law abiding and do not engage in such intolerable criminal behaviour."



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New MP pledges to champion local issues

Ponteland's new MP has pledged to "champion the local issues which matter" as he begins his new Parliamentary career.

Conservative Guy Opperman made the pledge after increased retiring MP Peter Atkinson's majority from 5,020 to 5,788 at last month's general election, polling over 43% of the total vote.

The qualified barrister and published writer has been an adviser to senior Conservative Party figures for several years and previously ran for Parliament in 1997 and 2005.

He rides as an amateur steeplechase jockey and in 2006 he completed the New York Marathon.

Speaking to *Pont News & Views*, the MP said: "It is a fantastic honour to be elected as the Member of Parliament for the Hexham Constituency.

"During the campaign I was lucky enough to meet hundreds of residents from across Ponteland and Darras Hall whilst working with local councillors during the campaign on a range of issues, specifically the 'No to 02' campaign. That fight goes on, and now as your new local MP I look forward to working hard to represent you in Parliament.

"I will be holding regular local surgeries in the area and will of course continue to champion the local issues which matter here in Ponteland and Darras Hall."



FULL RESULT FOR HEXHAM CONSTITUENCY

Name	Party	Total votes
Andrew Duffield	Liberal Democrats	13007
Steven Ford	Independent	1947
Quentin John Hawkins	British National Party	1205
Colin John Moss	Independent	249
Guy Opperman	The Conservative Party Candidate	18795
Antoine Tinnion	The Labour Party Candidate	8253

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PRESENTATION OF SECOND MILE AWARD

The Mayor was delighted to present a cheque to the recipient of the Second Mile Award, David Metcalfe, a student at Ponteland Community High School. David is an outstanding student and is very active in the school as a prefect, senior librarian, to mention a few. He has also recently helped the Town Council with some ideas for planting for Northumbria in Bloom and he and some fellow students had actually helped with the re-planting of the rockery on Main Street. David was delighted to accept the award and said that he would use the funds to help him in his studies.

ELECTION OF MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2010/11

Councillor Robin Ramsay was unanimously re-elected Mayor for the coming year. He thanked his colleagues for their support and accepted the position. Councillor David Butler was also unanimously re-elected as Deputy Mayor for 2010/11.

DATES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS 2010/11

A list of dates of Town Council meetings for the forthcoming year was agreed and is available on request.

PROGRAMME OF WORKS REPORT

Skate Park

The results of the pre-

application consultation have been reported to Northumberland County Council and they are now dealing with the transfer of the land to the Council.

Ponteland Park Tree Management Plan

The urgent works have been completed. The request for quotes for the high priority work has been sent out.

CCTV

This project is ongoing.

Play Area

The project is complete. The artwork for the sign has been received and an order will be placed shortly for the Town Council sign.

Timber Footbridge refurbishment

Delegated authority was given to the Mayor and the Clerk to award the contract to the lowest tenderer. The contract has been awarded and discussions have been held with the successful company. The application has been lodged with the Environment Agency and work will commence as soon as permission is received.

Slope Protection Works – Fox Covert

The Council agreed in principle at its last meeting to award the contract to the lowest tenderer, subject to an examination of how this work would be funded. A report was submitted which outlined the funding proposal and this was approved. It is hoped that the works will commence at the beginning of July.

Party in the Park

Councillors were reminded that this event would take place on Sunday June 13 from 2pm to 5pm. Councillors were asked to volunteer to man the Town Council stand for one hour slots. See article on p4.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Consultation: proposed upgrading of Zebra crossing to Puffin crossing at Callerton Lane

Information has been received from the County Council regarding the above. Comments are required by 17 June. The Clerk agreed to circulate this information to Councillors for their response.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Civic Service

The event had been a great success and the Mayor wished to express his appreciation to the staff for the organisation which had gone very smoothly. See article and photos of the event on p1 and p3.

NALC Larger Councils Forum – April 29

The Mayor reported that he and the Clerk had attended the above meeting, which had also been chaired by Councillor Peter Cowey as Vice Chairman of NALC. It appeared that some of the new Councils in South East Northumberland had concerns about undertaking services previously performed by the County Council. Ponteland Town Council had already provided these services for some time.

Town Council/Bowling Club Match – June 18

Councillors were informed of the above event which had been well attended last year and was a good evening for all involved.

This column is based on the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on May 12.

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Your letters

Anger over plans to demolish Ponteland Care Village and a concerned driver hits back after criticism in last month's letters.



Why is Care Village being replaced with housing development?

A planning application has been submitted by a Midland based company (No. CM2010 0209) to demolish the Ponteland Care Village and redevelop the site with 54 houses.

The Care Village is designed to house 40 or so disabled youngsters in purpose built cottages. When fully operational the site employs up to 60 people. The modest buildings are informally grouped around a series of delightfully landscaped spaces which are looking particularly stunning just now. That someone is contemplating knocking all this down, I find quite astonishing.

Equally astonishing is the form the application takes. This is after all quite a small site and I reckon you could scribble down the salient town planning issues on the back of a decent sized envelope.

And yet this developer has seen fit to submit a collection of documents that run to more than 500 pages. That's 500 pages that some hard pressed planning officer is having to wade through before he or she can even begin to consider what recommendations need to be put to the Planning Committee. Expressions like 'blinding with science' spring to mind.

The documents dwell at some length on the need to protect landscape and wildlife. There are dire warnings about a possible threat from Japanese Knotweed, a lengthy chapter on the preservation of the local bat

population, and red squirrels and lurking badgers get a mention. There is even a treatise on the Village pond and the disturbance that might be suffered by the Great Crested Newt.

Strangely there is no mention of the disturbance likely to be suffered by the human beings involved, namely the disabled residents and the people for whom this is their place of work.

The Care Village is a very attractive and humane place. It was funded initially I'm told, by local public subscription. It is only 25 years old. How is it that a company based in Leicestershire can come along and seek to sweep all this away in favour of what looks to be a pretty bog standard development of houses for sale?

John Hague High View Ponteland

Care Village owners outline their plans: p14

I was the driver – but parents and grandparents also need to take care

Regarding the letter 'Grandson nearly killed' (May issue). I am the driver of the said vehicle and the event was not one I would like to experience again and I accept some, but not all, of the blame.

I live on Middle Drive, a very busy road and there is no option but to reverse out slowly. In this instance, it was the middle of a very cold winter and the windows were icy at the rear, however

the blackened glass does not obscure the driver's view. The hawthorne hedge was almost transparent as there were no leaves on it and the vehicle could be easily viewed by pedestrians reversing up the drive 30 feet or more before reaching the pavement.

I have two young children and have walked up and down Middle Drive to school hundreds of times and even now our instruction to the children is to "be careful of cars pulling out of drives".

So many parents allow their very small children to cycle and run ahead where they cannot be supervised. In this instance the adults should have been aware of the impending danger.

This is an event that left me very shaken, to the point that I changed my car and insisted on a reversing camera, but please parents/grandparents, the duty of care is with us all, please look out for your small children.

Anthony Cooper *Middle Drive Ponteland*

Can drivers please stop blocking access to dropped kerbs

Many local people no longer have a car or the mobility to drive a car

Those in mobility vehicles, in addition to those in prams and pushchairs, need the dropped kerbs for access. Can we please NOT park to block these spaces.

One of the worst is that outside the Opticians Geoff Steven on Thornhill Road adjacent to the shops. People attending the library and the Manor not only have difficulty, but visibility is blocked and confidence is shattered.

We may not need a dropped kerb ourselves right now, but who knows what the future holds?

Thank you for your consideration for others.

Sheila CampbellRidgely Drive
Ponteland

Thanks for handing wallet in – pity it was empty!

I wonder if through your letter page I might thank the person who handed in to the police my grandson's wallet which he lost recently.

It would have been nice however if the $\mathfrak{L}4$ he had in it had not been taken by someone, as he is a student and every penny counts with him.

Mrs PT Royle Errington Road Darras Hall

Letters on all issues are welcomed by Pont News & Views but the views expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the publisher. The editor reserves the right to amend any submitted letters for legal or other reasons. All letters submitted should include the writer's name and address.

July issue deadlines: The July issue will be delivered on July 1 and 2. Deadline for all copy and adverts is Monday June 14. Businesses should be aware that all bookings for advertisements must be paid in full by the deadline to ensure placement in the June issue.

What's on...

Party in the Park

Sunday June 13 from 1.30pm at Ponteland Park. See article on p4.

Ponteland Senior Gentlemen's Club

The June 14 speaker and topic are Mr Roy Elwood - North Sea Convoys. Meetings are held on the second Monday of every month in the lounge of the Memorial Hall at 2.30pm.

Membership is open to gentlemen over 55 who are not in full time employment. The annual subscription is £10.

For further details contact Donald Lloyd at donaldflloyd@sky.com or on (01661) 872661.

The 61st Kirkheaton show

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Suspirans Chamber Choir Concert at St Mary's Church

On Saturday June 26 at 7.30pm a concert of continental polyphony by Palestrina, Victoria and Lassus will be given at St Mary's Church, Ponteland, in support of the St Mary's Parish Choir.

The performance will be given by Suspirans Chamber Choir, a newly-formed Northumbrian chamber choir of experienced singers drawn from across the region. Many of the singers are members of some of the foremost local choirs, including Antiphon, Capella Novocastriensis and Hexham Abbey Choir.

Tickets, including refreshment, cost $\mathfrak{L}5$ (concessions $\mathfrak{L}3$) and are available either on the door, or in advance from St Mary's Parish Office (01661) 824470. Do join us to support the fundraising for our parish choir and to experience a wonderful programme of Renaissance masterpieces.

Ponteland Embroiderers Guild

Next meeting on June 28 at St Mary's Church Hall, Merton Way, Ponteland, from 2pm to 4pm. We have an exciting talk on African Clothing and Tradition called "Big is Beautiful" by Magie Relph. Coffee, tea and biscuits follow the talk. Small charge for visitors who are very welcome. For further information contact Sheila Armstrong on Newcastle (0191) 2667873.

Music in the Park

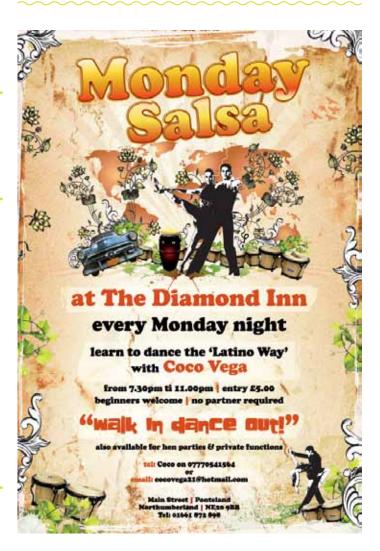
Saturday July 3 from 6pm to 9pm. Compered by Paul Mooney (from Look North). Dunston Silver Band, Ponteland Community Band, Ponteland Community Choir, Sonia Michelle. Tickets £2 adults/£1 under-18s/under-5s free.

If you have an item for the What's on column, please email pontnews@cian-pr.co.uk or write to Pont News & Views, 5 East Boldon Road, Cleadon Village, SR6 7SH.

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High School students helpPonteland's in Bloom bid

The Town Council was delighted that 6th form students from Ponteland Community High School agreed to get involved with our entry into Northumbria in Bloom for 2010.

They have helped in various ways such as suggesting some new planting for the Coates Institute Garden and ways of revitalizing the rockery in front of the Pele Tower.

They also wanted to help with planting and the picture shows the students who helped out with planting the lovely display on Main Street. The students pictured are: David Metcalfe; Ashleigh Nithsdale; Amy Irving; Dan Cheng; Andrew Boon; Freya Manners; Sophia Azam; Mevish Ali and Eima Ahmed.

The Council would like to express their sincere thanks to these young people for all of their hard work.

FUNDRAISING TO GIVE PONTELAND MEMORIAL HALL AN UPGRADE

A well-used community building in Ponteland has launched a fundraising drive to make further improvements. Ponteland Memorial Hall needs around $\mathfrak{L}75,000$ for a new central heating system downstairs and other works, such as smaller windows and better insulation.

Events are being held to help, such as a recent Cantonese evening at The New Rendezvous restaurant in Darras Hall, which raised $\mathfrak{L}700$, and the hall committee is hoping that money from the Lottery fund will provide the main chunk of the funding. In 2007, the committee reached a $\mathfrak{L}47,500$ target, with grants from various local, regional and national bodies, to replace the outdated main kitchen at the 88-year-old hall with a fully refurbished state-of-the-art facility.

PONTELAND YOUNG FARMERS CLUB PLAY RINGMASTER AT COUNTY RALLY

This year's Northumberland Young Farmers' County Rally will take place near Scots Gap, on Saturday, June 5. And instead of big tups, there will be big tops at this year's circus-themed event at West Shaftoe Farm, Middleton.

This time round Ponteland will play the ringmaster. Ponteland Young Farmers' Club is a close-knit team of young people between the age of 10 and 26, which with its associate members, is working hard to put on an exciting day for the 2010 rally.

Anyone wanting to join Ponteland Young Farmers' Club is welcome and should contact club chairman Matthew Sharp on 07590 434273. For rally inquiries contact secretary Claire Fairbank on 07793 733094.

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Public meeting to decide Dial-a-Ride route

By Brian Prickett Chairman, Ponteland Community Partnership

We have the bus and we have the driver. All we need are you and your views!

Adapt (North East) are preparing to provide a free Dial-a-Ride minibus service one day a week, between the approximate hours of 10am and 2pm.

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The minibuses can take up to three wheelchairs, have low step access, and all the drivers are Midas qualified and CRB checked.

To use the service, seats must be booked in advance with Adapt (North East), giving 24 hours notice.

In order to establish the final details of this

service Ponteland Community Partnership is hosting a consultation meeting in Merton Hall on Tuesday June 8 at 2pm.

Once agreed, these details will be published in the July issue of Pont News & Views, as well as being widely circulated by other means.

We aim to start the service at the beginning of July so it is essential that we have potential users' views on how the service should operate. This service is free to users and has funding for 12 months. If it is not well supported then it may not be able to continue.

Do come to Merton Hall on June 8 and give us your views.



DELIGHT AT THE DOUBLE FOR PONTELAND SCHOOL

It's double delight for a Ponteland school after it received a top grade for the second time this year. Richard Coates Middle School in Thornhill Road achieved an 'outstanding' result from Ofsted, but as it is a Church of England school it was then inspected by the Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS).

Once again, the middle school impressed and it has now been given another 'outstanding' award, praising its religious education teaching and strong Christian ethos. The SIAS report said: "While there are many reasons why the school is an outstanding Christian environment, three are particularly crucial.

"These are the role models provided by the staff; the smart and updated buildings and the connectedness between what is learnt in lessons, what is explored during worship and what is expressed by the surroundings."

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Honours for Club Chairman after 31 years

At Ponteland Photographic Society's AGM two honours were conferred upon Professor Arthur Covington, the outgoing Chairman.

In recognition of his 31 years in charge, Arthur was elected as an Honorary President of the Society, and for his dedicated and outstanding service, the President of the Photographic Alliance of Great Britain conferred on him the Award for Meritorious Service (APAGB).

Members were delighted that Arthur's contribution had been nationally recognised and the presentation was made by the club's new Chairman, Mike Sadler.

Photo by Gary Smith

Care Village owner plans housing development

The charity which owns the Ponteland Care Village has applied for outline planning permission to replace the residential community with a housing development.

Leicestershire-based Self Unlimited say the scheme is part of a nationwide modernisation programme to embrace the 'personalisation' of social care, which aims to give people far more choice about where they want to live, rather than placing people with similar needs all together in a communal setting.

The charity's traditional service delivery had focused on providing residential care for people with learning disabilities in houses grouped together in landscaped grounds.

A spokeswoman said the proposed development at the North Road site will provide much-needed housing for local families while protecting the area's natural landscaping and wildlife gardens. The charity is also establishing a new specialist dementia facility on site.

Erik Whitehouse, Self Unlimited's Northern Services Director, said: "We have been working with all of our residents to ensure that any changes in their lives are made at a pace they are happy with. We are...looking to provide access to a much wider range of accommodation and services to give people with learning disabilities more choice."

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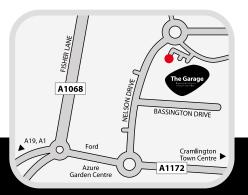
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Masseur Helen holds charity event for Macmillan Cancer Care



A therapeutic masseur is to celebrate her clinic's 10th anniversary with a charity event for Macmillan Cancer Care.

Helen Richardson, who runs the Therapeutic Massage Clinic at Darras Hall Surgery, Broadway, is holding a coffee morning on Tuesday June 8 from 8am to 11.30am at the surgery.

The event is to raise funds for the charity, which helps people suffering from cancer and their families.

Helen, previously Spa Manager at Slaley Hall, offers massage therapies for pain relief, injury and stress related conditions. She said: "Cancer is a major killer and at some point most of us are affected by it in one way or another and we need to help those who are affected until a cure can be found.

"My own family and friends have relied on support from Macmillan at the worst time in their lives and I believe the help and advice they provide is essential. This is why I have decided to support Macmillan on this occasion."

Refreshments will be available for a donation, along with taster treatments and advice on massage, nutrition and homeopathy. Local businesses including Deli at Darras, HB Opticians and Behind the Scenes have also contributed to a prize draw.

For more information see www.therapeuticmassageclinic.co.uk or contact the Therapeutic Massage Clinic on (01661) 871748.

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