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A day fit for a Duchess

It may have been a wet start to the day but performers at the Party in the Park certainly brightened things up.

Coates School Orchestra and Choir and the Whistling Sheep Community Band and Choir all entertained the crowds from the main stage.

Other attractions included Ponteland Sparkles cheerleading group, Bo the Clown, a juggler, face painter and World Cup penalty shoot out competition, along with stalls and the arts and crafts tent.

The event, organised by the Churches in Ponteland, was officially opened by the Duchess of Northumberland, who received an enthusiastic welcome from a Guide Dogs for the Blind labrador!

Main organiser Andy Anderson said: "The event went very well – attendance was very good despite the weather. We feel this is now an established event, having been going for eight years. We'd like to thank our main sponsor Newcastle International Airport, sponsor Newcastle Building Society and Ponteland Scouts, who kindly allow us to use their hut."

Cover shot and p3 photographs by Trevor Walker



Village butchers gets the chop after 180 years

Ponteland's oldest retail business is to close after nearly 180 years, falling victim to the growing domination of supermarkets.



A village butcher has served customers from the same premises at 15 West Road since 1831 – for the past 89 of those 179 years trading as AC Snaith.

But owner Rob Grant is to return to his former profession as a speedway rider after concluding there is no long term future for the business.

The former Ponteland High School student, who lives just a stone's throw from the shop, is in the process of selling the premises and told Pont News its long history as a butchers shop will soon be over.

He said: "Given the long history of the shop it's sad to see it end but I have come to the conclusion that there is no long term future for the business. I just don't believe younger generations value traditional methods of butchery and locally sourced produce – it's all about convenience and cost now.

"I'm returning to my passion in speedway, which has a long history in my family - both my father and grandfather were riders before me. I'd like to thank all my customers for their support since I took over."

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Pictured (left to right) are: Christine Hall (childminder); Margaret McCormick and Sarah Herbert (both Extended Services); Kate Whitehead (psp) Pam Hollier (child minder) Susan Usher (new Children's Centre) Peter Bowsher (carver) and Town Mayor Robin Ramsay.
Photograph by Keith Robertson

A Mini Beasty Bench

Following the involvement of Extended Services in the development of the new children's play park, feedback from parents showed that they would have liked to have more seating.

After much thought, Ponteland Extended Services came up with the idea that it would be good to donate a seat that would not only blend in with the natural surroundings, but which would appeal to children whilst also adding educational value.

Attended by the Mayor Robin Ramsay, Thursday May 6 saw the installation of a brilliant new seat, adding even more interest to the new park.

Commissioned by Extended Services, the seat was carved by tree-carving specialist Peter Bowsher out of a magnificent tree trunk using only a chainsaw.

As a celebration, young children, escorted by the new Children's Centre staff and local child minders, came to join in and witness the event.

The new seat has been carved to include various mini beasts and will be of great interest to children of all ages. It has a large woodlouse, a May fly, a worm, a centipede, a snail and a beetle.

Margaret McCormick, from Extended Services, said: "My children would have loved this when they were young. It really adds to the excitement of coming to the park. Absolutely brilliant!"



Don't make it easy for car thieves

Criminals always on the lookout for insecure vehicles to steal from

By PC Paul Henery,
 Ponteland Community Beat Officer



Total Policing

There have been a total of 24 crimes reported in the Ponteland area between May 15 and June 16.

They break down as follows:

- two burglaries (dwelling)
- one burglary (non-dwelling)
- five thefts (two of charity boxes)
- eight thefts from motor vehicle
- two assaults
- one possession of cannabis
- five criminal damage.

There have been five arrests in relation to these offences and enquiries are ongoing which may lead to further arrests.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind people to make sure they lock all their property but particularly their car doors, even if the car is on a private drive behind a wall.

Criminals are on the lookout for insecure vehicles all the time - let's not make it easy for them.

The next Local Multi-Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS) meeting will be at the East Centre, Prudhoe on July 13 at 9.30am. The next LMAPS meeting in Ponteland is at the Memorial Hall on August 10 at 9.30am.

New children's centre opens its doors to families

A new centre offering services for families and young children has opened in Ponteland.

Ponteland Children's Centre, a Sure Start facility which sits beside Ponteland First School and Richard Coates Middle School, will work with health visitors and other agencies, nurseries, schools and extended services to offer a range of activities.

It aims to help families stay safe, healthy and financially stable and offer children from birth to 13 years the best possible start in life.

Services on offer include support and advice on parenting, childcare, training and employment opportunities and managing family finances, as well as antenatal and postnatal health services.

The centre runs activities, workshops and

events throughout the year, many of which are free or low-cost, and an occupational health therapist is based there.

Northumberland County Council Executive Member for Children and Young People Lesley Rickerby said: "The centre is a much wanted community provision within Ponteland and the services being offered are varied and flexible enough to help today's young families and make sure parents are equipped to take up employment and training opportunities if required.

"Sure Start centres have the added benefit of providing access to many different services in one place within the local community. Activities and training opportunities are well run and often offered free of charge. I would encourage anyone with a child under five to find out what they are all about."

The centre is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Activities available include:

- **Childminder drop-in**
Every Monday 9.15am to 11am
- **Stay and play**
Every Tuesday 9.15am to 11am
- **Stay and play**
Every Wednesday 1.30pm to 3pm

Children's Centre Locality Manager West Jackie McCormick added: "The centre will be actively taking part in community events which will give us a great opportunity to meet families and provide a positive play experience for under fives and hope to add further services which reflect community needs."

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PROGRAMME OF WORKS REPORT

Welcome signs

Councillor Mel Armstrong has spoken to an officer from Northumberland County Council who had agreed to come and discuss appropriate signage with the Highways Working Party of the Town Council.

Skate Park

Information is still awaited from the County Council regarding the transfer of land to the Town Council.

Ponteland Park Tree Management Plan

The urgent works have been completed. The quotes for the three year contract have been received and are being assessed.

CCTV

A report on this issue will be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

Play Area

The project is complete and the

Town Council sign has been ordered.

Timber Footbridge refurbishment

The contract has been awarded to G & B Engineering. The application for the works is still being considered by the Environment Agency, therefore the works will not be carried out until after the Music in the Park event at the beginning of July.

Slip Protection Works – Fox Covert

The Council's Consultants reported that the Environment Agency were likely to approve the application for these works very soon. The works could then start at the beginning of July as anticipated. A pre-start meeting with the Consultants and the company carrying out the works was to be held on June 17.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Carers Northumberland

A representative attended to give a brief presentation on the

work of Carers Northumberland, prior to consideration of a grant application. The organisation assists carers who often felt lonely and isolated, organising trips, relaxation days and leisure activities. There is a group in Ponteland which meets on the first Friday of every month at Ponteland Memorial Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact Carers Northumberland on 0844 800 7354. The Council approved a grant of £250 with the proviso that this money was spent on providing assistance to carers in Northumberland

Holy Saviour Church, Milbourne

The Council approved a grant of £300 following an application from the Church for assistance towards their churchyard grounds maintenance costs.

Annual Audit of Accounts 2009/10

A copy of the Annual Return and the Internal Auditors report for the financial year 2009/10 was considered by the Town Council. The Council was asked to examine the Statement of Assurance and answer the questions included within the document. Members also considered the report of the Internal Auditor and accepted the information as presented.

BUDGET 2011/12 – WISH LIST

Councillors were asked to submit items they would wish to see

included in the 2011/12 budget to the Clerk by August. These would then be costed up prior to commencement of the budget exercise later in the year.

COMMUNITY FORUM

The Forum meeting held on May 20 had been well attended. The points raised would be circulated to attendees and a further meeting would be held in September.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Councillors were also reminded that the above event would take place on Saturday July 3 from 6pm to 9pm. Volunteers to help with setting up and stewarding the event were also called for. See event poster on p15.

MAYOR'S REPORT

New seat at Callerton Lane Play Area

The Mayor reported that a carved seat had been donated by the Extended Services Department at Ponteland Community High School and urged those who had not already seen it to take a look. See article and photo on p6.

This report is based on the minutes of the meeting of Ponteland Town Council held on June 9.

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August issue deadlines: The August issue will be delivered on August 2 and 3. Deadline for all copy and adverts is Friday July 16. Businesses should be aware that all bookings for advertisements must be paid in full by the deadline to ensure placement in the August issue.

Trio achieve Boys Brigade's top award



Pictured left to right are Dominic Smith, Oliver Bates and Matthew Halton with Help for Heroes fundraiser Tony Hodson.

Three members of the Boys Brigade in Ponteland have achieved the organisation's top award after 12 years of dedicated service.

Dominic Smith, Oliver Bates and Matthew Halton, all aged 17, were awarded the Queen's Badge by local charity fundraiser and mountaineer Tony Hodson, whose wife, daughter and son are all members of the 1st Ponteland Company.

Dominic and Matthew, of Ponteland, and Oliver, of Prestwick, all attend Ponteland Community High School and joined the Company aged five. To obtain the award they had to complete modules including service to the brigade and church, service to the community, and practical and leadership skills based training.

Proud Captain Leslie Dodd praised their rare achievement: "They are fantastic – I've watched them mature from young kids to be responsible young men and it's amazing they have stuck together all these years. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to achieve the Queen's Badge and many who go for it don't get it."

The 1st Ponteland Company meets each Tuesday evening during school term from 6pm until 9pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Ponteland, with different sections meeting at different times. For information see www.tynessidebb.org/1stponteland

Hélène brings cup back to Northumberland after 75 years



Sketchwriter and comic Hélène C. Dolder celebrates bringing the Lady Denman Cup back to Northumberland after 75 years.

Hélène, a member of Darras Hall and Kirkley WIs, entered a national WI competition to write a 500 word monologue. Her winning entry "To bee or not to bee" featured a Queen Bee lamenting the plight of the honeybee.

Both entertaining and topical, the sketch raises awareness of the problems facing bees today. The cup is a replica of a 1721 wine cup originally made for the Skinners and Glovers in Alnwick Northumberland.

Hélène said: "It may not be the World Cup, but it's given us a real buzz that it's come home to Northumberland. I hope it will encourage members to compete and raise Northumberland's profile on the national map."

Ninety years of fellowship and service for Ponteland WI

By Muriel Sobo

Ponteland WI started in 1920 when the village was a very different place.



A war had just finished in which the community lost 40 young men, the Darras Hall estate had started the building of its first houses, and most people were employed on the land or in trades connected with farming.

Mrs Langton the vicar's wife was the first President. Two of today's members, Molly Henderson and Ella Pears, joined more than 60 years ago.

An anniversary party was held in the Memorial Hall when more than 50 members and guests enjoyed a splendid supper and the joint Presidents, Jean Tweedie and Margaret Robson cut a celebration cake.



Members and guests at the celebration evening in Ponteland Memorial Hall.



Your letters

Son of OAP assault victim thanks police and community for securing attackers' convictions in this month's letters...

Thank you for bringing my dad's attackers to justice

Please convey our thanks for the support we have had from Northumbria Police since the incident in July 2009 when my dad was assaulted in Merton Way.

Special thanks to Inspector Oates and PC Lee and a number of officers who spent considerable time and energy to help us to make a case against the criminals.

Since this incident the long term anti-social behaviour we have suffered has at last ceased. The two individuals who assaulted my dad, Anthony Thompson and Nathan West, have at last been brought to justice.

Personally we think Ponteland will sigh with relief now at least one of them is locked away for some time and the other one is tagged.

Thank you for the support we have received from the people of Ponteland and Darras Hall and for the flowers and chocolates, cards and words of support we received after the assault and throughout the last few months.

I would just like to ask the people of Ponteland and Darras Hall to give our police the support they need to convict those within this community who are intent upon disrupting and spoiling it.

Please report incidents you see, stand up to those who are causing crime - or the whole area will end up like so many other places and will not be a nice place to live.

If everyone supports each other and the police then the criminals cannot win.

E Ziaei
Lorenzos
Merton Way

But I beg to differ with Mr Cooper when he states "there is no option but to reverse out".

Surely, when returning home in his vehicle, if he reversed into his drive this would allow him to drive out forwards with a clear view. The need to consider iced up rear windows and hawthorn hedging would be irrelevant, and this near nasty episode would have been avoided.

I may be wrong but I thought it was an offence to reverse a vehicle out onto a main road!

Wyn Jackson
Darras Road
Darras Hall

Driver should reverse into drive, not out of it!

I refer to the letter in this month's June issue "I was the driver".

Mr Anthony Cooper offered his explanation of the incident in great detail and accepted "some, but not all of the blame".

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What's on...

Music in the Park

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Stamfordham Village Fair

Sunday July 11 – 1pm to 4pm. Fun and games: Army 'total wipeout', little tykes car rally, bouncy castle, 'splat the rat' game. Food and drink: BBQ, beer tent, candy floss, ice cream cart and café. Stalls: cakes, sweets, tombola, plants and an old-fashioned lucky dip. Fairground ride, fire engine, pony and trap rides, competitions tent, craft stalls, display of school work, entertainment - dance and bands, face painting and children's crazy hair salon. Traditional sports (5-a-side football). Entrance: £1 adults and 50p

children. Everyone welcome. All proceeds in aid of Stamfordham First School. We hope to see you, your friends and family there!

Ponteland Senior Gentlemen's Club

The July 12 speaker and topic are David Archer – Taliban Country. 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 donaldlloyd@sky.com or on (01661) 872661.

Ponteland Floral Art Club

Tuesday, July 20 – 7.30pm at Ponteland Memorial Hall, Darras Road.

Ponteland Embroiderers' Guild

The Monday July 26 speaker is Rose Stanley from Stamfordham on the subject of Creating Colourful Characters for our meeting at St Mary's Church Hall, Ponteland from 2pm until 4pm. She is to describe how these models are made and will bring samples of her work. These have been on display in exhibitions and have attracted much interest. Everyone is welcome. Tea and biscuits are available after the talk. A small charge is made for non-members. Contact Sheila Armstrong on (0191) 266 7873 for further information.

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.

NEW CONSTRUCTION MANAGER NEEDED AS GERALD LEAVES THE STAGE

Ponteland Repertory Society want to say a huge 'Thank You' to Gerald Clayton who has been our Construction Manager for the past 10 years.

Along with his wife, Barbara, who is our Scenic Artist, they have both made a tremendous contribution to the Society with some sterling work on many productions – My Fair Lady, South Pacific, Guys & Dolls,

Oliver, Annie – and of course the Pantomimes and Plays – the full list of productions can be found on our website: www.pontelandrep.co.uk.

Anyway – next season we have two productions – Cinderella (Wednesday December 1 until Saturday December 4 and Me and My Girl (Tuesday April 5 until Saturday April 9) at the Memorial Hall, Darras Road.

Cinderella is to be Gerald's last production as Construction Manager, although thankfully, Barbara is to continue as our Scenic Artist. We are therefore urgently looking for his replacement, and we thought we should start searching now, so they can perhaps,

'shadow' Gerald during his last production to 'learn the ropes.'

Obviously some building/carpentry skills are definitely required – but you don't need to be 'time-served' – a keen DIY'er may fit the bill. If you are interested, please telephone Chairman Carole Stephen on (0191) 250 1818.

Alternatively you may want to come along to our annual open evening which we hold at the beginning of the new season to tell people about our exciting new productions. This year, it will be on Wednesday September 1 in the Coffee Lounge of the Memorial Hall, Darras Road at 7.30pm.



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PONTELAND PUPILS IN STEP FOR CANCER CHARITY

Pupils at Darras Hall First School turned up in record numbers to pound the turf for a cancer research charity.

More than 50 children aged between three and nine took part in the five-mile Children's Cancer Run or the one-mile Mini Run at Newcastle Racecourse in Gosforth Park.

Money is now being collected to be passed on to the North of England Children's Cancer Research Fund.

Ten thousand thanks to Ponteland Rotary Club



More than £10,000 has been given to good causes in the last year by The Rotary Club of Ponteland.

The Club has revealed details of its charitable donations for 2009/2010, which range from a grant of £1,160 for Save The Children to £12 as the Handwriting prize in Ponteland Parish Flower Show.

Sums of £1,000 each were given to Polio Plus and the Rotary Foundation, with £980 awarded to ShelterBox for Haiti earthquake victims, £530 for Development Direct (Dr. Mark McCaldin's Kenyan project) and £500 each for Help for Heroes, SSAFA and Aquafilters.

International aid included grants for WaterAid, Sightsavers International, Nigeria Health Clinic Trust, SHADE and the Qinghai Earthquake appeal.

Locally, sums were awarded to Merton Hall in Ponteland, St Oswald's Hospice, the 1st Ponteland Scout Group, the Great North Air Ambulance Service and Ponteland Memorial Hall.

A total of 38 charities, appeals and community groups have benefited, sharing £10,579 between them.

Golf day raises another £2,300

The Club's Am/Am golf day held on May 18 saw a further £2,300 raised from competitors who travelled from distant parts such as Teesside, County Durham, the Lake District and the border country to join local golfers all striving to win the first prize of £200. Alan Cowell's protégés, Darren Woodmass, Jonny Dowson, Gary Stoker and Gary Neil, all low handicap golfers, amassed an amazing 132 points to take first place. The Club thanked Ponteland Golf Club for the use of its facilities on the day.

Rotary Club monthly raffle

Through the good offices of Sonni, the restaurateur at the Rialto Restaurant in Ponteland, Ponteland Rotary Club is running a monthly raffle. Tickets are £1 each and there is a prize valued at approximately £50. Entry tickets are at the door of the Rialto and the draw is made at 9.30pm on the last evening of the month. If you are dining at the Rialto please enter the raffle and support the work of the Rotary Club in its efforts to aid good causes locally, nationally and internationally.



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Free Dial-a-Ride service launches next week

Details for the new Dial-a-Ride service for Ponteland which launches next week were agreed at a consultation meeting held on June 8 in Merton Hall.

The service will run every Thursday from 10am until 2.30pm, door to door for shopping trips, visiting the doctor's, friends, shops, Dobbies etc.

Free for the next 12 months, the service will start on Thursday, July 8 and cover the parish of Ponteland.

To use the Dial-a-Ride you must book a seat in advance by telephone with Adapt (North East), tel 01434 606156 by midday the day before you wish to travel and also take out individual Adapt membership at the cost of £2 per year.

This will also entitle you to take advantage of the Adapt Dial-a-Ride Horsley/Heddon service to Kingston Park shopping centre which runs through Ponteland on a Wednesday. The fare for this service is £2 return.

Positions agreed at AGM

By Brian Prickett
Chairman, Ponteland Community Partnership

The following Officers and Members of the Executive Council were elected at the AGM of Ponteland Community Partnership held in Merton Hall on May 26.

Chairman (one year)	Brian Prickett
Vice Chairman (three years)	Syd Cowan
Sub-Group Chairmen (one year)	
• Regeneration	Raymond Sproul
• Youth	Sheila Campbell
• Environment	George Clasper
• Transport	David Cobb
Hon Secretary	Shirley Hill*
Hon Treasurer	Christine Greenwell*

Ordinary Members (one year): Mike Brown; Frank Harrington; Matthew Gray; Margaret Stainsby.

Co-opted members confirmed at the meeting: Robin Ramsay (Ponteland Town Council); PC Paul Henery (Police Authority); Rev. Philip Gray (Faith Representative); Alma Dunigan (Darras Hall Estate Committee).

* Elected at the 2008 AGM and thus have one further year to serve.

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Pont U15s to compete against Wallsend Boys Club after securing promotion By Colin Bell

The boys of Ponteland United FC Under 15s have this season achieved promotion to the first division of the NABC Football League, to take their place alongside the 'elite' in North East Junior football such as Wallsend Boys Club and Cramlington Juniors.

The Ponteland boys have worked hard all season, playing some excellent football along the way and finishing with a season record of: P18, W15, D1, L2, F73, A24, GD49, P46.

The boys play on the main pitch at Ponteland Leisure Centre and have turned their home ground into something of a fortress, losing only once there all season. All of the boys (and their parents) are

looking forward to playing in the top flight next season at the under 16 age group and are confident they can continue the success of the season just finished.

Pictured (left to right) are: Daniel M'Pungu, Michael Bowers, Joe Appleton, Aaron Hadfield, Jack Bell, Jozsef Wallace, Colin Bell (coach), Danny Willis, Steven Hall, Lewis Hodgson, Josh Curry, Rob Robinson, Matty Rose and Jamie Dixon, (Lee Ryan).

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