

## About the Hall and what we do.

The Hall has CIO status. (A Charitable Incorporated Company) Which means that it is managed by a board of trustees who make the decisions and a team of volunteers who help deliver it all.

It is owned by the community and so they are merely custodians or guardians who strive to make it a viable vibrant place to meet and to maintain a good relationship with all members of our community.

Our Weekly groups are vital to ensure a place to meet and community wellbeing.

Monday hosts Belly fit Sage which is a gentle form of exercise with gentle movement to music. Also, our Craft Group which covers all manner of crafts and regularly have workshops to introduce a new craft to the group.



We have Coffee Mornings and Crafters Markets throughout the year, and we have been known to have the odd Pre-loved Sale, Known better as a Jumble Sale to most.

We are in our 4th year of hosting an annual De-Stash Sale which is predominantly craft items not longer used or wanted, sold by private sellers at excellent prices.

Something for everyone.

We even have our own craft stall, donated items and supported by the Ladies of the Hall.

We have several Parties for the children each year including Halloween and Christmas. Santa is always on standby at the Castleside Village Hall! Our volunteers are never shy when it comes to dressing up.

In 2022 it was decided to display our own poppies as a mark of remembrance, Prior to this our ladies had made poppies for the display hung at St John's Church.

Our Ladies took up the challenge and last year we had the loveliest display of Poppies, representing all the people and animals who were killed.





## Ten Facts about the 1920's

#### 1920 Hair

In 1920 the handheld Hair Dryer was invented by the Hamilton Beach Co.

#### 1921 Perfume

The famous and iconic "Chanel No 5" perfume was created by Coco Chanel

## 1923 Cursed

King Tutankhamun's Tomb was opened by Howard Carter. Many of the men involved died in mysterious circumstances

## 1925 Reading

F Scott Fitzgerald published the classic novel "The Great Gatsby"

## 1925 Lights

Blackpool illuminations lit up for the first time in 1925

## 1927 Advances in Aviation

May 1927 Charles Lindberg successfully flew sola across the Atlantic from New York to Paris.

#### 1928 Votes for Women.

Although in 1918 Women over 30 were granted the right to vote, by 1928 this had been extended to all Women over 21.

## 1928 Disney

Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse cartoon character appeared for the first time in "Steamboat Willie"

#### 1928 Health

In 1928 the Iron Lung was invented by Pilip Drinker

## 1929 Independence

The Vatican city became and independent and sovereign state located in Rome after Lateran Pacts were signed.

# 1920 's a time of great inventions

Aerosol Sprays ---- 1926 Norway by Erik Rotheim

Antibiotic Penicillin ---- 1928 England by Alexander Fleming

Frozen Food ---- 1924 USA by Clarence Birdseye

Handheld Hair Dryer ---- 1920 USA by Hamilton Beach Co.

Vacuum Tube Hearing Aid ---- 1921 USA by Earl Hanson

Iron Lung ---- 1928 USA by Philip Drinker

Liquid Fuel Rocket ---- 1926 USA by Robert Goddard

Quartz Clock ---- 1927 USA by Warren Marrison

Adhesive Bandages ---- 1920 USA by Earle Dickson

Talking Pictures ---- 1927 USA

**Television** ---- 1924 Scotland by John Logie Baird

Ultracentrifuge (Separates Proteins) ---- 1923 Sweden by The Svedberg

Videophone ---- 1927 USA

Electric Razor ---- 1927 USA by Jacob Schick





## **Irene Priestman**

Irene Priestman a vital member of Castleside Village Crafters. Married at St John's the Evangelist Church, Castleside. Held her Wedding Reception at the Village Hall.



# **Julie Tyres**

One of our recent additional workshops is furniture upcycling. Here is one story behind this Cabinet: -

In July 25th 1953, my parents Billy and Ruth were married and had their reception in the village hall. It was to be a couple of more years before they actually moved into the village. As many newlyweds at the time. Mam and Dad 'lived in' with her parents in Moorside until they saved enough for a home of their own. This lovely China cabinet was a wedding gift from my Grandma Hannah on this day. The cabinet was treasured and as children, we'd rarely be allowed to tamper with its delicate little lock to get a poke around inside. The Best Best tea-set was in there (so 'best' I can't actually recall it getting used at any time!).



There's a chance that many more wedding gifts from this day were stored here, never used but stayed on display for the many decades the cabinet stood in our home. After years of languishing in the attic though, mam's treasured wedding present was destined for the tip until Jackie offered to give it a new lease of life. It's come full circle and I hope others get to enjoy it again.



Photo of Mam & Dad's wedding reception at the village hall. Nanna Hannah third from left in the white suit.

Julie Tyres.

## Ten Facts about The 1930's

This decade began very badly, following the Wall Street crash in 1929. This triggered the great depression in the 1930's, both in Britian and America, the worst economic crisis then developed lasting several years.

Women's fashions changed dramatically, defined by wide shoulders, puffy sleeves, modest neck lines and mid-calf length hem lines. Dresses were decorated with bows, ruffles and fancy buttons and were made from floral and polka dot patterned materials.

The World Cup was founded in 1930. Hosted by Uruguay – the first nation to win the trophy beating Argentina 4-2.

In 1931, electric razors were first introduced and became readily available to those who could afford them, thanks to Jacob Shick.

1932 saw the building of the Grand Pavilion and Pier in Porthcawl. Thus, beginning the development of a new seaside resort in Wales.

January 1933 saw Hitler voted into power in Germany, beginning a new era of powerful leadership.

The National Government coalition won elections in both 1931 and 1935, providing a degree of stability to Britian. They introduced legislation to prosecute those who advocated violence or revolution.

1936 Edward V111 relinquished the throne of Britian to his younger Brother, George V1.

18th April 1938. Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster introduced one of the most iconic superheroes ever; Superman! Stories were printed in Action Comics.

Friday 1 September 1939. WW2 began when Germany invaded Poland. 2 days later, Sunday 3rd September 1939, Britian and France declared war on Germany marking the official start of WW2 which lasted 6 long and eventful years.

# **LIFT Performance Academy**

In 2022, **LIFT Performance Academy** hosted a fantastic **Kids Summer Fitness Bootcamp** at Castleside Village Hall, supported by local authority funding through the **Food and Fun** initiative.

We worked with children aged 6-12, blending fitness with fun to help them build confidence while staying active.

Alongside the fitness sessions, we had engaging talks on healthy eating, mental wellbeing, and how to live a healthier lifestyle. To top it all off, we made sure every child had a nutritious lunch to fuel their energy throughout the day.



At **LIFT Performance Academy**, we're passionate about supporting young athletes as they grow.

Whether it's through our fitness programs or sports-specific training like our Warrior Athletes and Warrior Girls groups, we're committed to helping young people develop the strength and resilience they neednot just in sports but in everyday life too.

## What Music Was Popular In 1924?

Answered by Cody Janus

In 1924, the music scene was filled with a variety of popular songs that captured the spirit of the era. From jazz and blues to show tunes and popular ballads, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Let's explore some of the top 50 pop songs that made waves in 1924.

- 1. "Rhapsody in Blue" by George Gershwin: This iconic composition, blending elements of classical music with jazz, became a sensation and showcased Gershwin's genius.
- **2. "It Had to Be You" by Isham Jones:** This romantic ballad touched the hearts of many with its heartfelt lyrics and beautiful melody.
- **3. "California, Here I Come" by Al Jolson:** A lively and upbeat tune, this song captured the excitement and allure of the emerging entertainment industry in California.
- **4. "Charleston" by Arthur Gibbs & his Gang:** The Charleston dance craze swept the nation, and this catchy tune was the perfect accompaniment to the energetic dance moves.
- **5. "Doodle Doo Doo" by George Olsen:** This lively jazz number featured scat singing and syncopated rhythms, reflecting the vibrant energy of the Roaring Twenties.
- **6. "Somebody Loves Me" by George Gershwin:** Another Gershwin gem, this song exuded charm and sentimentality, appealing to the romantic sensibilities of the time.
- **7. "I Wonder What's Become of Sally" by Al Jolson:** Jolson's expressive vocals brought this sentimental tune to life, resonating with listeners who pondered about lost love.
- **8. "We Have No Bananas" by Billy Jones:** A humorous song that became a comedic hit, it showcased the playful side of popular music in 1924.
- **9. "I'm Just Wild About Harry" by Eva Taylor:** This joyful and infectious tune celebrated love and showcased Taylor's powerful vocals.
- **10. "Sweet Georgia Brown" by Ben Bernie:** A popular jazz standard, this song's catchy melody and spirited performances made it a favorite among audiences.
- 11. "Lazy" by Irving Berlin: Berlin's timeless song about laziness and relaxation struck a chord with listeners, offering a moment of respite in a fast-paced world.
- **12. "St. Louis Blues" by Bessie Smith:** Smith's soulful rendition of this blues classic touched the hearts of many, highlighting the emotional depth of the genre.

- **13. "Linger Awhile" by Paul Whiteman:** Whiteman's orchestra delivered a lively and energetic performance of this jazz tune, captivating listeners with its infectious rhythm.
- **14. "Nobody's Sweetheart" by Isham Jones:** This upbeat jazz number became a hit, featuring captivating instrumental solos and catchy melodies.
- **15. "I Love My Baby" by Al Jolson:** Jolson's charismatic vocals and the song's playful lyrics made it a favorite among fans of jazz and popular music.
- **16. "Fascinating Rhythm" by Fred Astaire:** Astaire's smooth vocals and the song's jazzy rhythm created a captivating musical experience that left listeners wanting more.
- **17. "Somebody Stole My Gal" by Ted Weems:** This lively and entertaining tune captivated audiences with its catchy melody and spirited performances.
- **18. "Hallelujah" by The Revelers:** This gospel-inspired tune, performed with intricate harmonies and powerful vocals, became a popular anthem of hope and joy.
- **19. "I'll Be Blue Just Thinking of You" by Irving Kaufman:** Kaufman's heartfelt rendition of this romantic ballad struck a chord with listeners, evoking feelings of longing and nostalgia.
- **20.** "I'm Sitting on Top of the World" by Al Jolson: Jolson's charismatic delivery and the song's positive lyrics made it a feel-good hit that resonated with audiences.
- **21.** "Ain't Misbehavin'" by Fats Waller: Waller's energetic and playful performance of this jazz standard became an instant classic, showcasing his unique musical style.
- **22.** "Indian Love Call" by Art Hickman's Orchestra: This exotic and romantic tune transported listeners to far-off lands with its lush orchestration and captivating vocals.
- **23. "I'm Gonna Charleston Back to Charleston" by Zez Confrey:** Confrey's catchy tune captured the spirit of the Charleston dance craze, offering a lively and infectious melody for dancers to move to.
- **24. "I'll See You in My Dreams" by Isham Jones:** This sentimental ballad touched the hearts of many with its dreamy melody and heartfelt lyrics.
- **25. "Tea for Two" by Marion Harris:** Harris' soulful rendition of this popular tune showcased her emotive vocals and made it a beloved song of the era.
- **26. "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" by Ben Bernie:** This whimsical and lighthearted tune became a favourite among audiences, offering a moment of escapism from the realities of the time.

# Famous people born in 1924

Jimmy Carter, American politician and former president

Marlon Brando, American actor and film icon

**George H.W. Bush**, American politician and former president

Cicely Tyson, American actress and civil rights activist

**Rod Serling,** American writer and creator of The Twilight Zone

**Gloria Vanderbilt**, American heiress, fashion designer, and socialite

Don Knotts, American comedian and actor

Henry Mancini, American composer and conductor

Sarah Vaughan, American jazz singer

Truman Capote, American author and journalist

Charles Aznavour, Pop singer

Leslie Phillips, Movie Actor

Benny Hill, Actor & Comedian



# What happened in 1924

The Bloody Mary cocktail was invented, the roaring twenties made cocktails fashionable.

The very first Winter Olympics were held in Chamonix, France.

J. Edger Hoover was appointed head of the FBI.

In the USA, Johnny Weissmuller wins three gold medals at the Paris Summer Olympics.

Clarence Birdseye invented Frozen Food.

Stalin becomes one of the most influential political figures of the 20th century.

Ramsay MacDonald became the first Labour Prime Minister in the United Kingdom.

Astronomer Edwin Hubble concluded that the Andromeda Nebula was another Galaxy.

Willem Einthoven won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for the electrocardiogram.

The first monarch to broadcast was George V, he made his first radio broadcast on St George's Day 1924, at the opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley.

5 February – The hourly Greenwich Time Signal from Royal Greenwich Observatory is broadcast for the first time.

In April this year, Footwear retailer Charles Clinkard opens the doors to its first shop, in Middlesbrough.

In June, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine are last seen "going strong for the top" of Mount Everest by teammate Noel Odell at 12:50 PM. The two mountaineers are never seen alive again.

2 November – The Sunday Express becomes the first newspaper to publish a crossword.

Life expectancy in the UK was less than 49 in 1924

# **Jackie Whittle**

Jackie Whittle (Jax to our friends at Castleside) Has been a local crafter for some years now, working with mixed media fabrics to produce unique and beautiful pieces of art which she has sold at craft fairs around Consett and surrounding areas.



Several years ago, Jax was spotted at a craft fair and asked to join the merry band of sellers at Castleside Village Hall. At one fair Jax was told about a sewing class, The Sewing Bees which was held every Tuesday evening for all level of sewers. And the rest they say is history!

Jax joined and her first project was a tote bag, from fabric in the stock held by the Sewing Bees in a very large cupboard behind the stage.

As Jax's confidence began to grow, she became confident enough to push her capabilities and started making clothes but found her niche in Memory Bears. Over time she has made many bears for people using their precious fabric from loved ones. And not just bears, Pillows from shirts with embroidered verses on pocket, Octopuses with embroidered tentacles.

Her latest commission was to make three bears from a fur coat made in the 1950's belonging to a grandmother long gone. Precious fabric indeed, but a fantastic result.

Earlier this year Jax had the opportunity to Open a shop selling Crystals, Handmade Jewellery and can now showcase her Memory Bears. You will still find her attending our monthly markets in addition to running Celestial Moon Emporium, on Medomsley Road in Consett.

People like Jax help keep the hall going strong.

Thank you



# Castleside Village Crafters.

Our craft group was started in Jan 2019, by four committee members who felt a community-based group would benefit and introduce local people to come together.

It has been successful and continues to thrive due to the nature of all involved and the warm friendly welcome we pride ourselves on.

Workshops have been held over the years from felt crafting to silversmithing. We always try to include our tutor fees in the weekly £3 cost and apart from one or two, have achieved this.

We have expanded to include a subsidised annual trip to Harrogate every November to the Knitting and Stitching Show, this is great fun and always fills a 50-seater coach. Lots of planning may be required but it is worth it to see how many purchases fill the coach storage on the way home!!

We welcome new members and are very happy to share and teach our own crafts and look forward to seeing new ones too.

Castleside Village Crafters is held every Monday 1-3pm and usually includes Bank holidays. Cost is £3 and we don't have a plan to increase this any time soon. If you are interested, contact Jackie for more information.

Some examples of workshops over the years.

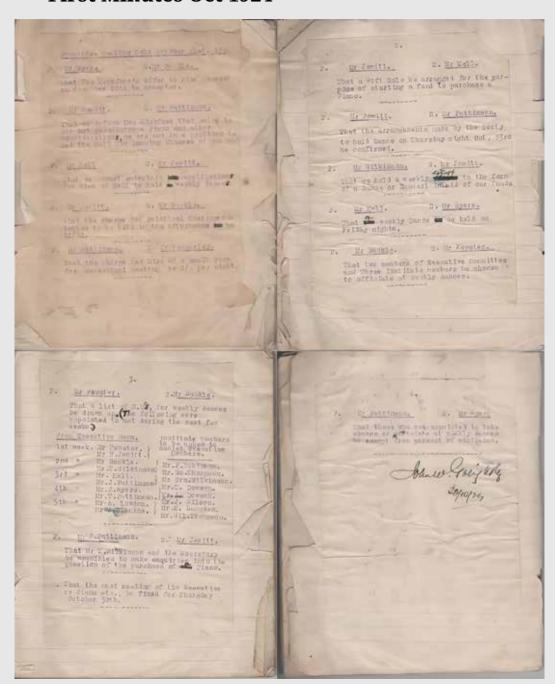


# **Opening Ceremony Images**

Ladies who assisted at the opening of the Institute



## First Minutes Oct 1924



## Ten Facts about The 1940's

- 1940 Winston Churchill became Prime Minister.
- 1941 The Bombing of Pearl Harbour.
- 1942 The Battle of midway ends.
- 1943 Code breakers at Bletchley Park cracked the Enigma Code.
- 1944 Casablanca wins the Oscar for Best Picture.
- 1945 First Nuclear Test.
- 1946 Bikini was invented and named after Bikini Atoll a nuclear testing site.
- 1947 It's a Wonderful Life was released in Cinemas.
- 1948 The National Health Service was founded.
- 1948 King Charles 111 was born.

## Ten Facts about The 1950's

According to the 1951 Census, the population of England and Wales was forty-four million, that of Scotland was five million and Northern Ireland one million, making a total of fifty million for the UK

1953 the coronation of Queen Elizabeth 11

Sir Edmund Hilary, in 1953 became the first mountaineer to reach the summit of mount Everest.

In 1954 Roger Bannister became the first person to run one mile in 4 minutes.

James Dean died in a car accident in 1955

In 1955 Ruth Ellis was the last woman to be hanged in Britian.

Grace Kelly the Actress, married Prince Ranier 111 in Monaco.

In 1956 Elvis topped the UK Charts for the first time with Heartbreak Hotel.

1958 saw the devastating news that 12 Manchester United football players were killed in a plane crash in Munich.

In 1959 The first Mini Roll rolled off the assembly line in Birmingham.

# Castleside Village Hall and the Woman's Institute.

The WI is the largest women's organisation in the UK.

The WI is a unique organisation shaped by its members. In 1915, we set out to give women a voice and to be a force for good in the community. Since then, our members and our ambitions alike have grown tremendously. Today, we are the largest women's organisation in the UK and we pride ourselves on being a trusted place for all women of all generations, to share experiences and learn from each other.

A WI membership offers the opportunity to meet women in your local area inperson and virtually, to make friends and make a difference in your community.



We campaign nationally on a wide range of issues and provide life-long learning and self-development opportunities for women in England and Wales.

Castleside has had a Wi for 99 years, that is an amazing fact and so next year we will be seeing a WI 100-year celebration happening.

At Castleside we have had the wonderful Mavis as President for a number of years now. A larger-than-life Lady who exudes fun and laughter. She will always make you feel welcome, as will the other members.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7.pm-9pm all are welcome and they are always looking for new members.

# **Art Club & Group Info**

Tuesdays 1.15 – 3.15 we have Beginners Art Group.

Beginners Art began thirteen years ago when the Village Hall committee were asked about the possibility of some art classes being provided. Castleside Art Club were approached and I volunteered. We started with half a dozen people with varying experience, some were complete beginners. Although some of the original group still attend, we retained the name 'Beginners Art' as our main aim is to help people with no experience to get started on the journey to explore their creative possibilities. Always looking for new members, just pop along and ask for Allen.

#### Allen Carr

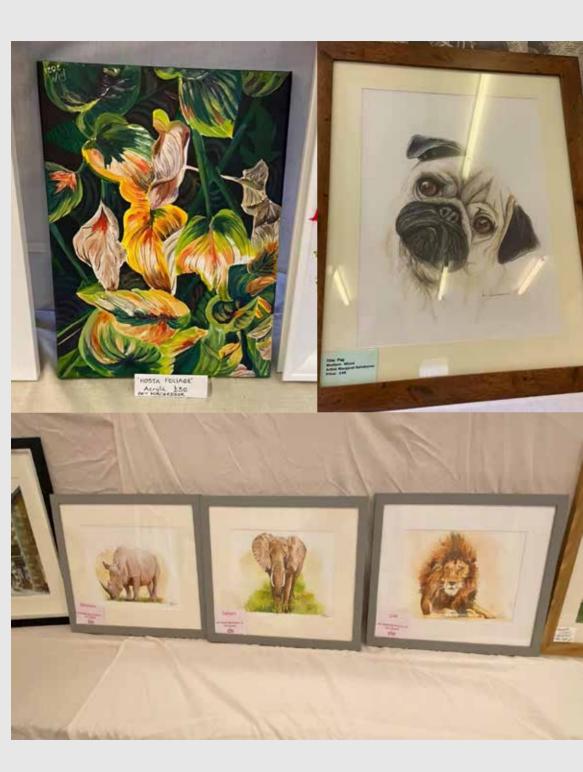
Castleside Art Club.

Although the art club no longer regularly meet, they do still hold an annual art exhibition every Easter Sunday and Monday. You can find some amazing paintings and talk to the artists, and even better enjoy a bacon sandwich or piece of pie, it is all ran by volunteers and usually a massive success.

John is one the masterminds behind the exhibition.

Some examples of our talented artists.





## Ten Facts about The 1960's

The most popular breed of dog at the start of the 1960's was a Miniature Poodle.

The Beatles released their first single "Love Me Do"

Dr no, the first ever Bond film premieres in UK cinemas.

Mary quant became famous for popularizing the Mini Skirt which became the epitome of the 1960's.

BBC Two Began broadcasting in the UK

A 70 miles per hour speed limit was imposed on British roads.

The audio Cassette was invented, helping to make music more accessible and compact.

1963the BBC broadcast for the very first time, Dr Who.

Defined by its velvety texture and silky-smooth sweetness, the Galaxy was launched on Supermarket shelves.

The famed guitarist, Jimi Hendrix, sampled fish and chips from a shop in Tynemouth.

## Ten Facts about The 1970's

#### 1970

You have all seen the film "Apollo 13". This was the true story of the damaged spacecraft which safely returned to earth on the 14 April 1970, splashing down in the Pacific Ocean.

## 1972

The swimmer, Mark Spitz, won 7 Gold Medals at the 1972 Munich Olympics, a record which still stands.

#### 1972

The Munich Olympics was marred by the massacre of Israeli athletes by members of the Black September Organisation.

## 1974

The Watergate Scandal. US President, Richard Nixon resigned on the 8 August 1974 having been implicated in the burglary of the Democratic Party Headquarters.

### 1975

The fall of Saigon marked the end of the Vietnam War but it was not the result the USA had been hoping for.

#### 1976

The world's first supersonic passenger flights, Concorde, began on 21 January 1976 with simultaneous takeoffs by British Airways and Air France from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro respectively.

#### 1977

A long time ago, in a studio far, far away, film director George Lucas decided to make the greatest movie adventure ever. At 10.00 on the 25 May 1977 the history of the film industry changed forever when STAR WARS was released in 32 American cinemas.

#### 1977

Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll, died on the 16 August 1977 at his home in Graceland, aged 42 years.

#### 1978

The launch of Space Invaders transformed computer video games from an amusement arcade novelty into a global industry.

#### 1978

Born 25 July 1978, Louise Brown was the world's first "test tube baby" conceived by a process now more commonly known as IVF.

## Ten Facts about the 1980's

The 1980s were the birthplace of so many things that have become commonplace in our lives: Personal computers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movies, and two-pound cell phones. It was a strange, magical time that is still widely celebrated thanks to our obsession with nostalgia, but here are 10 things you might not know about the 1980s.

Waterbeds were an immensely popular luxury item. In 1987 in the USA, 20 percent of all mattress sales were waterbeds.

Roald Dahl had an existential crisis writing Matilda. He struggled to write the book-devouring character because he was genuinely afraid that books in general were becoming unpopular. Fortunately for all of us, he was wrong.

Halley's Comet was first observed via spacecraft in 1986. Chinese astronomers first noticed it in 239 BCE. We won't see it again from Earth until 2061.

Boomboxes demanded some serious arm strength. According to boombox expert Fred Brathwaite, those boxes were so heavy that "some cats that would carry their boxes all the time, they would develop massive forearms and biceps." Some boomboxes were 26 pounds.

Two famous '80s styles were invented decades before the 1980's Thanks to Dynasty and Working Girl, shoulder pads in women's clothing became very popular during the 1980s, but designer Elsa Schiaparelli actually invented the style in the 1930s. Also, people have been perming their hair since 1872.

The Berlin Wall crumbled.

Jane Fonda helped popularize leg warmers. She wore them in her very first workout video and encouraged people to wear them to "feel like athletes.

The Internet started to take shape, and this decade saw the rise of the "yuppie." Leopard print helped Simon Le Bon get his lead singer gig. Simon Le Bon showed up for his Duran Duran audition in pink leopard prints pants. Nick Rhodes said, "Anyone who looks that stupid is positively the one."

In 1985 the Iconic 'Back to the Future' was released in Cinemas.

## Ten Facts about The 1990's

In 1997 Hong Kong was returned to China after years as a British Crown Colony.

The first Harry Potter book, 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' was published in 1997.

In 1995 Toy Story became the first feature-length film to be completely computer-animated.

In 1994 Nelson Mandela became President of South Africa.

Spice Girls make history as their first 4 singles make No 1 in the British Charts.

In 1997 Princess Diana was killed in a Car Chase in Paris.

In 1994 the channel Tunnel was opened, connecting France with Britian.

In 1996 Dolly the Sheep the first cloned mammal was born.

The Euro made it's debuted as a European Currency in 1999

A Copper Age man was found frozen in a glacier, Ötzi the Iceman is the well-preserved, 5,300-year-old mummy that caused an international sensation when it was dug out of a glacier high in the Italian Alps in 1991.

## Ten Facts about the 2000's

2000. Y2K scare, but computers did not crash. So that was a relief.

November 2000 camera phones released. We now have the selfie and can send pics of our dinner to friends.

32001 the human genome project was completed, giving scientists an insight into human genetics/ genetic engineering.

2001 September 11th terror attacks on the world trade centre twin towers and the pentagon.

2004 Dec 24th (boxing day) Massive earthquake recorded as 9.1 in the Indian ocean triggers a Tsunami where waves in excess of 30ft hit Indonesia, Maldives and Thailand. Horrific loss of lives.

February 2004 The Facebook was launched, by August it became known as simply Facebook. We can now take selfies and send pics of our dinner to friends.

2008 History is made. Barack Obama elected president. 1st president of colour in the white house.

2008 We see the world's largest economic crisis throughout the world since the Great Depression.

2009 Singer Michel Jackson dies age 50 after taking an overdose of anaesthesia.

Harry Potter films hit the cinemas in this decade to the delight of children and adults alike.

2001 The Philosophers Stone

2002 The Chamber of Secrets

2004 The Prisoner Of Azkaban

2005 The Goblet of Fire

2007 The Order of the Phoenix

2009 Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince.

## Ten Facts about the 2010's

The deadliest natural disaster of the decade happened in the first month of 2010, when a magnitude 7.0 earthquake struck the West Indian island of Hispaniola on the afternoon of January 12. Followed by dozens of powerful aftershocks, the quake hit hardest in Haiti, the poorest country in the western hemisphere, killing an estimated 200,000 to 250,000 people and affecting some 3 million.

2012 saw the launch of Tinder, a whole new way of meeting and dating In mid-2016, amid a mass refugee crisis in Europe and furious debate over migration, Britons voted roughly 52 to 48 percent in favour of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, a.k.a. Brexit.

2016 Donald Trump is elected President of the USA.

Apple's iPad was unveiled.

Khalifa became the tallest building in the world.

With Queen Elizabeth II in her seventh decade on the throne, a new generation of royals made their mark in the 2010s. Prince William, Prince Charles's eldest son with Princess Diana, married Catherine Middleton in 2011, and by the decade's end they had three children, including Prince George, now third in line to the British throne behind his grandfather and father. In 2018, William's younger brother, Prince Harry, wed the biracial, divorced American actress Meghan Markle in a ceremony watched by some 29.2 million TV viewers. Their son, Archie, was born the following year.

Instagram was launched.

In Iceland in 2010 the Eyjafjallajokull volcanic eruptions disrupted air travel.

The hit TV series Lost ended and The Walking Dead began and UBER made it's debut.

# Thank you to everyone who made 6th October happen, with a special thanks to: -

Yvonne from Sew Romany. for the hard work in front of her sewing machine.

All the Sewing Bees for helping Yvonne.

Sally Fraser who is part of our craft group and had an idea to introduce Slow.

Stitching or Mindful Stitching to some of the Ladies, 150 pieces of bunting later!!! I think they have the hang of it now!!

Mandy from close Caterers, who supplied part of the food and who kindly donated vouchers for the Raffle.

Anouska from The Deli in Leadgate who made the Cakes at a reduced cost. Don Toy from Castleside Camera Club who is taking photos of the day.

To Marco at Consett Magazine for pointing me in the right direction and featuring us in the August Issue.

All our volunteers who without, nothing would be able to happen.

And all of our regular visitors who keep the Hall a happy place to come to.

And to anyone I have forgotten about, I am very sorry and will Thank you on social media to recompense.

Thank you all.

Jackie Madge Secretary

On behalf of the Team behind the Hall.