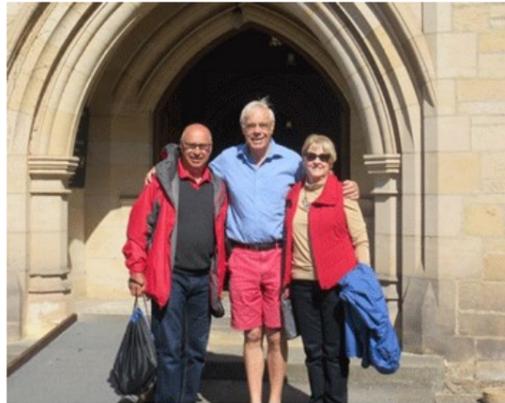


Rotary Friendship Exchange This was between our District 1030 and District 7430 in America.



Lou, Brian and Barb at Cragside

Brain and Margaret Massey and Elaine and Andy Rigg of Hexham Rotary, hosted Lou and Barb Bottitta from the Club of Allentown over the first weekend in September. Among other things they took them to Hadrian's Wall on a rather overcast day and they also visited Cragside and Alnwick Castle.

Besides visiting Hexham, Lou and Barb were also hosted by Tynedale, Hadrian's Wall, Barnard Castle, Newcastle West, Blyth and Durham Rotary Clubs.

Before our American friends moved on to Barnard Castle, a reception for them was arranged at The County Hotel in Hexham on Saturday evening.

Allentown is in District 7430 in South East Pennsylvania, USA, which takes part in the Rotary Friendship Exchange. This is an International Program designed to bring people of the world together so that people from different nations and customs can have a greater understanding of each other. Above all, Friendship exchanges broaden international understanding, build enduring friendships and establish a foundation for peace and service.



Brian Massey

Anything Else People would like to Contribute

Contributions should be emailed to the editor— dumbrellj1@btinternet.com. Please send any pictures separately as jpg files although any picture format is acceptable. However it is better to limit the picture size to about 10 x 8 cms at 300dpi.

We hope to publish the Newsletter every other month, next one in February. It will be sent out by email at the beginning of the month and contributions should reach the editor by the 25th of January. Emailed items are preferred but written articles and photos can be accepted. The original photos will be returned. Letters to the editor are also welcomed

The Rotary Foundation—Rotary's own charity.

For the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from [Charity Navigator](http://www.charitynavigator.org), an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The [Foundation](http://www.rotary.org) earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.



The ARCH

The Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Hexham



Rotary offers interests and challenges Could you be a Rotarian ?

Our Hexham Rotary Club, comprising both ladies and gentlemen, is an extremely active Club. It provides all members with the opportunity to serve the local community and to become involved in local and international projects both big and small. It also offers, through its meetings, talks and activities, a very varied and interesting social programme.



Rotarians after their 'Armistice Remembrance' Evening

We do understand the pressures of modern day life and appreciate the difficulty for some of you in committing to regular appearances at Club meetings, particularly for those of you who are working. You will find however that there are different ways in which you can participate and be an active Rotarian.

To facilitate attendance at meetings, approximately half our meetings are now held at lunch-time and half in the evening. You can read about our forthcoming activities on our website <http://www.hexhamrotary.co.uk>

Rotary's motto is 'Service above Self'. You do not have to wait to be invited along and so why not come and see for yourselves whether Rotary might be of interest to you.

I do hope that you will contact me either by e-mail at mbmassey@waitrose.com or by phone on 673413 if you would like more information. We would then be pleased to welcome you as a guest at one of our meetings when you will be able to learn more about our objectives and activities.

*Rotarian Brian Massey
Membership Team Leader*

SEDCU – Supporting the Education of Disadvantaged Children in Uganda

Jan and Ben Herdan, new members of the Rotary Club of Hexham, recently gave a briefing to the Club about the charity they had founded seven years ago. They went to Uganda in 2011, armed with contacts from a friend working with a conservation charity. They had the opportunity to visit schools, hospitals, orphanages and community groups in the far South West corner of Uganda and came home determined to do something to improve the lives of children suffering, disability, poverty and emotional abuse. This translated into their decision to sponsor the education of a few children, and when friends and colleagues heard what they were doing, some asked if they could become involved too. They registered SEDCU as a charity in 2012 to enable this broader support, and have been back to Uganda in 2013, 2015 and 2017. SEDCU is a small charity but Ben and Jan have demonstrated it is changing some young lives for the better and enabling sponsored children to realise their potential in ways that would not have been possible without



the support from SEDCU.

There are now 28 children being sponsored through SEDCU, and it is also funding a number of projects to enhance school facilities, support teacher personal development, and give children fresh experiences to broaden their horizons and to gain fresh skills. SEDCU's income last year was around £18,000 and this was all sent to Uganda as the charity has negligible costs in the UK, basically just bank charges and printing. SEDCU's spend is split roughly 50:50 between sponsorship and projects.

SEDCU is mainly active in two primary schools. One is a state school in Kisoro town with a special unit for disabled children. The other is a private school in an impoverished rural area at Mgahinga, some 20 miles from Kisoro and on the boundary with a National Park which borders on Rwanda and DRC. SEDCU supports children and projects at both schools and is also involved in supporting children who have passed their leaving exams and progressed to secondary school, vocational college or university.

During their presentation to the Rotary Club, Ben and Jan described some of the projects which had been funded at the two schools including both 'bricks and mortar' construction work and the educational experiences also given to children to broaden their horizons. In the former category they spoke, for example, about funding the roof for a new classroom block at the school in Mgahinga as well as a huge water tank to store water collected from the new roof.



In the latter category they explained that for three years SEDCU has made it possible for a group of disabled children from the school in Kisoro to participate in National and indeed International Scouting Jamborees where they have won top awards for their category of participant, demonstrating the truth of the school motto 'Disability is not Inability'.

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Visits and Events for Rotary Year 2018/19

For a list week by week go to our website at <http://www.hexhamrotary.co.uk/Future%20Events/Calendar-1.html>

17th December (Monday evening) The Club's Christmas Dinner. 7pm for 7.30 at the Beaumont Hotel.

12th January 2019. 12 noon – 2.00 pm. **Hedley's Soup Kitchen** when various hot soups will be available. All are welcome. Donations in aid of Shine for ShelterBox.

20th February (Wednesday evening) A visit to the new observatory at Battlesteads. The session, which includes a preliminary talk, will last for around two hours. In the event of a very cloudy night, alternative arrangements are in place that will provide a good experience. Afterwards we will have dinner in Battlesteads.

12th March The famous mountaineer, Doug Scott will talk at our evening meeting. All are welcome—details on our website www.hexhamrotary.co.uk

16th March Saturday - Presidents Night.

April 25th (Thursday Evening). An evening walk to be led by John R.

May 17th to 19th. Our Weekend Away in Dumfries and Galloway. Details have been circulated and there are 12 couples already booked in. There is still space for others and if you wish to have further information or indeed to join us, please contact Roger Abraham.

June 16th (Sunday 2pm). President's "At Home" will be held at Holly Close.

June 21st A special talk and showing of Calendar Girls—keep this date free.

Lord Stevens talks to Hexham Rotary



Lord Stevens and President Roy

On the 29th October, Lord Stevens was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Hexham. He joined the club for their dinner in the Great Hall of Hexham Abbey. Some 60 Rotarians and their friends were there with visitors from the surrounding Rotary Clubs.

Lord Stevens spoke for over half an hour on his career as a policeman and Chief Constable of Northumberland. He mentioned his time as Commissioner with the Met Police and rounded off his talk by taking questions from the audi-

ence. These ranged from Northern Ireland to the amalgamation of police forces in England. All enjoyed the evening which was hosted by the President of Hexham Rotary, Roy Dallison. Lord Stevens talk was greatly enjoyed and he sat down to great applause. He has also promised to come back next year to entertain us again.

JLD



Lord Steven's Talk

Remembrance Sunday



This year marked the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 and the service in Hexham was therefore significant and poignant. The area around the war memorial was fuller than usual and well supported by all local organisations. The Hexham Brass Band gave splendid musical support throughout the service.

The military presence was led by Lt Col C Gent of 3RHA accompanied by members of 3RHA, whose gun marked the beginning and end of the two minutes silence. Officers from the Royal Navy and the Royal Airforce were also present, together with senior officers of the emergency services. Our Member of Parliament, Guy Opperman, was present together with the Hexham Mayor and members of the Town and County Councils.

Members of the public filled every available space in the area around the memorial, spilling onto and filling the area of Beaumont Street adjacent. The stewards, many of them Rotarians, did sterling work in a well organised event. Along with representatives of many local organisations, I was privileged and honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Rotary Club of Hexham. The wreath laying ceremony was very moving and accompanied by a Northumbrian piper throughout. The service was led by Canon Dagmar Winters, the Rector of Hexham Abbey supported by the Abbey Choir. The weather stayed fair, and it was good to see so many members of our club showing support and paying their respects.



Roy Dallison

Scenes of Hexham Christmas Cards for Sale

Just in time for Christmas....

By the time this issue of the Arch comes out many people will have bought their Christmas Cards, but for those of a less well organised disposition there's still time to get your hands on something special.

Each year the Hexham Rotary Club with the help of Hexham Photographic Society produce some fabulous local Christmas cards with scenes from around Hexham.

Among the images this year include a timely photograph of the Abbey and the War Memorial, a winter view of Hexham Bridge and another over to Boat Cottage from Tyne Green. A view over the roof tops of the town to the Abbey and a stunning photograph of the Bandstand plus more should appeal to the most discerning buyer. By sending friends and family a card from where you live is a special way to celebrate Christmas.

Cards will be on sale in Hexham Abbey during the Hexham Christmas Fair on the 7th & 8th December. All the proceeds from the sale of these cards go to Rotary Foundation which is Rotary's own charity that helps many causes both at home and abroad. Anyone interested can view the selection of cards on the club website at www.hexhamrotary.co.uk

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Jan and Ben also briefed Rotarians about seven of the individual children sponsored through SEDCU, each telling a story of children from very poor and often tragic home backgrounds who are now in school or college and being enabled to realise their potential in a variety of different ways.

We hope to bring you the story of one of them in our February edition, meanwhile the Rotary Club of Hexham has applied for a grant of £956 from the Rotary Foundation and will match this with a further £956 to help the children.

Armistice Day Remembered

At our evening meeting on the 12th November, we held a special event to remind us all of the sacrifices and conditions that our servicemen endured during the Great War. A compendium of letters home and reminiscences about the war had been assembled and turned into a story that followed the wartime events.

Helen took the part of the narrator and George, Terry, Tom, Brian and Andy took it in turns to read extracts from the letters. We were fortunate that Andy was able to read from his Grandfather's diary—an illicit book that he kept throughout the war.

We heard of a cavalry charge in the opening days of the war together with harrowing accounts of the German shelling—the Jack Johnson's**. There were accounts of the first gas attacks by the Germans for which the British were unprepared with no gasmasks—they used woollen mufflers instead—although proper gasmasks were available later. There were accounts of stretcher bearers being shot at by snipers and of the heavy losses suffered by advancing troops.



Helen and the Speakers

There was an account of the joy of a spell out of the front line where the soldiers were able to bathe in the local duckpond and slept in the straw in a barn relieved to be out of the mud and shelling. We heard about the arrival of tanks and the demoralising effect it had on the Germans who initially had no counter measures. Brief extracts told of the war in other places. Gallipoli, Uganda, Mesopotamia and Russia were all mentioned. Helen was a superb narrator and introduced several songs from the period and we all joined in to the well known words. The evening was rounded off by a prayer for the fallen and peace.

** black German 15-cm artillery shell. Called after the then current American Jack Johnson who was the World Heavy-weight Boxing Champion.

The Hard Road to Everest



On the evening of Tuesday, 12th March 2019, Hexham Rotary Club is organising a lecture in the Forum Cinema when Doug Scott C.B.E. will be the guest speaker.

Doug Scott is an internationally renowned Mountaineer who first became famous for his ascent, with Dougal Haston, up the South West face of Everest on Chris Bonington's expedition in 1975. His talk will be entitled 'The Hard Road to Everest' and you can learn more about him on his website www.dougscottmountaineering.co.uk

All proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between Hexham Rotary Club Disaster Fund and Doug Scott's Community Action Nepal's earthquake reconstruction Fund.

The Forum Cinema Café will be open from 6 p.m. and the talk will start at 7 o'clock. It is hoped that ticket holders will arrive early in order both to inspect Nepalese goods which will be on display for sale (with the proceeds going to Doug's charity) and perhaps to have a drink before the talk. **Tickets £15 (£12 concessions for students and U.18's) from:**

Brian Massey mbmassey@waitrose.com / phone: 673413; Forum Cinema Box Office or Online: www.forumhexham.com



A Weekly Run Along the Tyne

Park Run (UK) is a wonderful initiative, providing everyone in the UK (and internationally too) with the opportunity to partake in a 5K run every Saturday at 9am. There are now 5 million people registered with parkrun. It is purely voluntary, ran by a dedicated team of local Volunteers. The nearest venue currently is at Prudhoe. To have Parkrun here in Hexham will make a real difference to the community; we have now been given approval by the Council for Hexham to operate as a venue. We can reasonably expect numbers of runners will grow steadily upwards, with 200+ people likely to attend this super 'free' event each week. There are also fringe benefits for the town as the runners will more than likely spend money afterwards eg in local coffee shops. The health benefits to participants are proven, both physically and mentally. The proposed course is literally next to the river, within the trees, a marvellous back drop scenery wise. **A donation from the Rotary Club of Hexham has made a real difference to the project.** To become a new Park Run venue requires £3,000 and Rotary's significant help towards this figure has made the project possible with a possible start in January 2019. Our picture shows our donation being handed over to the potential run Director.



The First Six Months

Here we are, the third edition of The Arch and very nearly Christmas, the last six months have certainly been busy. By the end of December, I will be half way through my year as President so perhaps this is a good time to reflect on the year so far and look forward to the next six months.

I am very proud of our club's performance and achievements to date and grateful for the friendship and support my fellow Rotarians have shown to me. In this I include those from other Rotary Clubs in our region and members of our leadership team at District level. Thank you. Other articles in this edition of the Arch will tell you more about our achievements, exciting future events and activities together with reports on our ongoing social program which our members continue to enjoy.

I would however like to draw your attention to our Club's Disaster Fund, the new initiative we introduced in October which was reported in the last edition the Arch. This fund has enabled us to make a contribution of £500 to the Rotary Kerala Flood Appeal in support of the the massive rebuilding work required to help rebuild the devastated community over the long term. We were also able to give a further £500 to those stricken by Super Typhoon Henry in September to



Roy Dallison

provide a water filtration system sufficient to support a family. These disasters occurring almost simultaneously took all of the initial funds, happily we have very nearly restored the £1,000 with which we started and are therefore ready to react should the need arise.

As we are all aware, the frequency and number of these major disasters around the world seems to be ever growing, we therefore recognise that in order to be in a position to make a difference our ability to respond quickly will largely depend on our financial resources. In order to facilitate such demands, we have arranged two events to be held at the Forum Cinema at which we hope to achieve a "full house" with proceeds after costs being set aside to maintain a healthy fund in readiness to meet what seems to be an inevitable need. The first event will be held on March 12th when we will host Doug Scott, the renowned mountaineer and author who together with Dougal Heston were the first Britons to climb Everest. This promises to be a most interesting, informative and enjoyable evening. On June 21st we are delighted to

welcome Tricia Stewart, one of the original WI Calendar Girls. Tricia is an incredibly inspirational, motivational and amusing speaker. Her highly entertaining talk will be followed by the opportunity to meet her and then to watch or rewatch the film with a new insight. Tickets for these events will be available to members of the public. Both of these events will be advertised nearer the time when tickets can be purchased. Meanwhile put these dates in your diary to enjoy a splendid evening whilst contributing to help those in dire need.

Our ever-active teams are heavily involved in local youth and other international support together with the club's ongoing support of Rotary's campaign to achieve the elimination of polio. More of these actions and activities as the year progresses.

As is our long-established custom, we will be rattling our buckets on Fore Street in the week before Christmas and reliant as always on the generosity of the public in raising funds to support three of our local charities. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us again.

As always, we are open to the recruitment of new members, male and female who have an interest in what we do and would like to make a difference and do good in the world

In conclusion I will take this opportunity to wish my fellow Rotarians, their families and those of you reading our magazine who show an interest and give support, a very happy Christmas with all good wishes for the coming year.

Roy Dallison, President

ADMIRAL COLLINGWOOD

On Monday 26th November we were fortunate to have Iain Moffat as our speaker who described to us the fascinating life of Admiral Cuthbert Collingwood. Iain started by detailing his early life and upbringing in Newcastle before, at the age of 12, he joined the Navy as a ship's boy. With little or no patronage he rose slowly through the ranks by virtue of his seamanship, courage and attention to detail. Although some ten years older than Nelson, he served under him and they formed a firm friendship. Collingwood was the victor of several famous naval engagements and took command at Trafalgar when Nelson was killed. His later career was distinguished with his service in the Mediterranean where his patriotism and diplomatic skills were much in demand. Sadly when he eventually retired, he died on the voyage back to England. He married late in life and, throughout his career, he was only able to spend 4 years at home in England. It was a most interesting talk and, afterwards, Iain answered a multitude of questions from an enthusiastic audience.

JLD

A Note for your Diary—12th January 2019. 12 noon – 2.00 pm. Hedley's Soup Kitchen when various hot soups will be available. All are welcome. 7 Quarry Edge, Fellside, Hexham, NE46 1RB. Donations in aid of Shine for ShelterBox.

TALL TALES



The Winner John Johnson

On Friday 1st December we held our annual Tall Tales Competition where speakers compete with each other to be the champion "Tall Tales Teller".

This year there were eight competitors with a range of subjects from "Health and Safety at Christmas" by Bob Hull to "Leaders Wanted" by David Lewis. Other subjects were "A Tale of Old Hexham" by Stephen Pedley; "A Waggy Dog's Tale" by Helen Underwood; "What's in a Name" by Roy Dallison; "Tale of the Oni's" by John Johnson; "The Fourth King" by Alistair Lishman; and "That Can't Be Legal" by Julie Harrison.

All the entrants gave their talks in front of the assembled audience and the three judges. A break half way through allowed supper to be served and finally the judges had time to confer and consider their verdict. We were fortunate in having Colin Briggs of the BBC; Brian Tilley formerly of The Courant and Mike Tickell, the well known Northumbrian Folk Singer as our judges. The whole evening was compèred by Mike Tickell. The audience of over 100 enjoyed the evening in the Great Hall of Hexham Abbey and the proceeds of the evening will go to two children's charities—Hope and Homes for Children and SEDCU which helps disabled children in Uganda. Our thanks to everyone who helped make the evening a success. During the Judges deliberations, the raffle was held and raised £300 for the charities. Finally the winner was announced. In third place was Stephen Pedley, runner up was Bob Hull but the overall winner was judged to be John Johnson for his unique tale of the Oni. He is seen here receiving his prize from Colin Briggs.

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Rotary Sports and Pastimes

For the past few years, we have celebrated the success of our fishermen and quiz team in Rotary 1030 competitions. In addition to these events, other district activities we might like to try include ten pin bowling, quoits and bridge. Moving further afield (on a national level) there is the opportunity to join fellow Rotarians who have a shared interest in Scouting, Yachting, Motorcycling, Golf, Caravanning or Flying. My passion is cricket and some years ago, I joined the International Fellowship of Rotarian Cricketers, becoming a life member for the princely sum of £20!!



The RIBI Team with the Mayor of Weston-Super-Mare

In addition to Great Britain, there are Rotarian cricketers in Australia, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and South Africa, and all of these countries have hosted world festivals. Having become a member, I decided to dip my toe in the water and a few years ago Pam and I spent a very enjoyable week with 50 other cricketing Rotarians and their wives/partners at Weston Super Mare. The weather was superb, fellowship was excellent and 3 inter Rotary matches were played. Follow-

ing these matches, a team was selected to represent Great Britain against the touring Australian team and somehow I managed to squeeze in to the XI for the "test" match against the Aussies. Whilst the result was said to be unimportant, we won the "ashes" and there was much celebration and good humoured banter between the two teams at the concluding dinner.

It might seem rather strange mentioning cricket at this time of year but my career at Blagdon Park Cricket Club spanned more than 50 years and for many of these years, a match was played each Boxing Day. This was between Blagdon and the Chairman's XI comprising players from teams we had played during the season. The game took place on the cricket square but with a coconut matting strip to protect the wicket. Despite being mid-winter, the match always seemed to go ahead and quite often we played when it was frosty or after snow.

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The game was “around” 20 overs per side with hot soup and a glass of whiskey provided at the interval. One year, after a particularly heavy snow-fall, our umpire having partaken fully in the refreshments, happily went back on to the field for the second innings. His concentration must have wavered a little as shortly after the resumption, he was unable to get out of the way of a ball which hit him full and square on the chin.



With blood everywhere, there was no alternative but to take him to A & E at the RVI, where he required a number of stitches. Casualty departments are no doubt confronted with all sorts of emergencies over the Christmas period but on this occasion, the medical staff seemed extremely sceptical that this elderly, bowler hatted man, smelling strongly of alcohol, had been umpiring a cricket match in the snow.

Andy P

(Umpire referred to in the article is on the far left of photograph)

Introducing Hexham & District Photographic Society (who provided the excellent photos for the Xmas Cards)

Hexham & District Photographic Society (HDPS) was established in 1946 by Donald Low, although there are references to a local photographic society dating back to the early 1890s - perhaps involving local Hexham pharmacist and Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, John Pattison Gibson (1838-1912).

The Society promotes local interest in and study of all aspects of photography through a varied and stimulating programme of talks, competitions, photographic assignments and tuition in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Regular Tuesday evening meetings from September through to April, held at the Torch Centre, Hexham, cater for all ages and abilities. Recent events have ranged from talks from renowned photographers Tom Stoddart and Jack Lowe to practical sessions, such as portrait photography and light painting in Hexham Abbey. Anyone interested in joining the Society is invited to attend a couple of meetings with no obligation to see if the activities suit their interests. An Annual Membership of £35 provides access to a refreshingly varied programme as well as the experience and diverse interests of our 60 members.

The Society also actively looks for opportunities for co-operation and sponsorship in the local area through community outreach. The annual exhibition of members' images, currently held over a fortnight in August in the North Transept of Hexham Abbey, attracts over two thousand visitors each year. Specific projects are also undertaken with local groups and businesses, such as recent collaborations with the Vindolanda Trust and the Boatside Inn, Warden.

HDPS is an active member of the Northern Counties Photographic Federation and a number of Society members give lectures and judge photographic competitions across the north of England. This year the Society qualified for the National Finals of the Interclub Projected Digital Image Competition held at Warwick University.

For more information please visit the HDPS website (www.hexhamphotographic.org) or e-mail the Society (president@hexhamphotographic.org).

A Visit to Trinity House

Some 30 Rotarians and their friends gathered at 12.15 by the Abbey for a visit to Trinity House in Newcastle. The bus picked us up on time and, after picking up more from Corbridge, put us safely down outside the “French Quarter” restaurant in Newcastle. Here we had an excellent lunch with Tapas type dishes being served together with some excellent wines and Beaujolais Nouveau.

Lunch being over it was back to the coach which took us to Trinity House just behind the Quayside. We assembled in the magnificent Banqueting Hall having passed through the entrance hall with its interesting stuffed creatures brought back from all over the world. We then split into three groups and were given an extensive tour of the building.



Trinity House, originally named the “Guild of the Blessed Trinity of Newcastle upon Tyne”, formally came into being on 4th January 1505, securing some land, previously known as Dalton's Place, in Broad Chare on Newcastle's Quayside, from Ralph Hebborn, in exchange for a “peppercorn rent”, being a red rose, to be paid yearly on demand, on the feast of John the Baptist (now known as Midsummer's day). It eventually had the responsibility of looking after the navigation aids and pilotage from Berwick down to Whitby.

We were shown many of the treasures including a chair specially made for King Charles 1 and the antique linoleum which originally covered the entire floor of the Banqueting Hall but could not stand up to stiletto heels and is now covered by carpet.

The Trinity House Chapel is believed to be the oldest part of the House and the oldest private religious premises in continuous use within the City. The Chapel falls within the parish of St. Annes, a church which it predates by some 260 years! It is interesting to note

that the Brethren also leased pews and maintained an altar and gallery within All Hallows Church, which stood on the hill above Trinity House until replaced in 1786 by the present All Saints Church. While the building of the chapel was amongst the objectives defined by the Brethren on 4th January 1505, its appearance has changed over the years. The pews are made of oak that has been verified as over a thousand years old and reputedly came from the Venerable Bede's Monastery at Jarrow. They are decorated with cherubs.

The Master's Room is understandably the warmest and most intimate room in the House. It is used as an informal gathering place for the Brethren and for entertaining private guests. The room bears testimony to the many naval wardrooms whose members have visited the House, leaving mounted crests of their ships as gifts and which form a colourful and interesting display around the room. The tall George I Walnut 8-day Longcase clock was made for the House by William Kipling of London in 1725 and the House Coat of Arms is engraved into the armorial in the arch. The centre light has been created from the wheel of the Royal National Life Boat “Tynesider”. To one side is a low desk, known as “Nelson's table” which arrived subsequent to the Admiral's death.

All in all an excellent visit to an historic part of Newcastle for which we thanked our guides before departing back to Hexham.



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