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Co-operative Funeralcare thank residents for support



Major Slade collecting the goods donated at Spennymoor, Brandon and Ferryhill funeral homes at the Ferryhill Hub, where he met with Dave Brass, Ernie Bethel and Richard McQuillan.

Staff at The Co-operative Funeralcare in Parker Terrace, Ferryhill, would like to thank everyone who attended their memorial Christmas carol service on Thursday 12th December at St Luke's Church.

They would also like to thank everyone who donated items to their 'Kisses For Christmas' appeal. All donations have now been collected by Major Stephen Slade of The Salvation Army, who added his thanks and said that the goods would be used to help support families and individuals for whom Christmas would be a difficult time.

New Year at the LADDER Centre

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre is holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday 9th January, from 10am to 12 noon.

The event is being held so that people can go along to the Centre and meet the course tutors, whilst also seeing what the Centre has to offer.

Courses on offer include Maths and English, Cooking on a Budget, Confidence

Building and many others. The Job Club opened back up on Monday 6th January, and will be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 1pm until 3pm. There is also the opportunity to book appointments for Universal Jobs Match. Call 01740 651639 for details.

Children and youth sessions began again as normal on Tuesday 7th January.

Keep calm and try scouting

The 1st Chilton Scouts are holding a recruitment day on Saturday 18th January at Chilton Community College, from 10am to 12 noon.

The event is taking place for anybody interested in finding out about scouting. The session is for

everyone; from children to adults.

"Feel free to come along to try out activities that the cubs and scouts take part in," said a spokesperson for the club.

For more information about 1st Chilton Scouts, email tat1968@sky.com.

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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

Robert Brown

30.12.2012

A year has passed can't believe your gone Dad/Granda your always in our hearts and thoughts



Love from Gary, Patricia, Gareth, Debra, Elliott and Peyton
xxx



Maureen McKenna

A dear Wife and Mother Died January 9th 2007 Loving memories Greatly missed



John, Lisa and Family



In memory of

Les Flatman

11.01.2013

Loss leaves a heart-ache
No one can heal
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal

A golden heart stopped breathing
Hard working hands to rest
God broke my heart
To prove to me
He only takes the best



Loving wife Jean

Les Flatman

(Dad)

God saw him getting tired
A cure was not to be
He wrapped him in his loving arms and whispered 'Come with me'.

He suffered much in silence
His spirit did not bend
He faced his pain with courage
Until the very end

He tried so hard to stay with us
His fight was not in vain
God took him to his loving home
And freed him from his pain



Lesleyann, Jeff, Leigh & Elano

In Memoriam

Les Flatman

'Granda' 'Simply the Best'

The pain that we all are feeling is understood so well, We have lost a precious person, loved more than words can tell. Someone who brought us happiness with such a special touch, Someone truly wonderful who's missed so very much.



Jordan, Teri, Anne, Karla, Callum, Brad, Zack

In loving memory of

Les Flatman

11.01.2013

Sadly missed



Love Bev and Bobby

Les Flatman

11.01.2013

Always remembered mate



Chilton

Birthdays

Riley-Jay Bruce

Happy 1st Birthday to our beautiful little boy



Lots of Love and kisses Mammy & Daddy
xxx

Riley-Jay Bruce

Happy 1st Birthday to our darling Grandson



Love you lots and lots Nana and Granda
xxx

Riley-Jay Bruce

Happy 1st Birthday to my gorgeous Great Grandson



Hugs and Kisses Grandma Janet
xxx

Birthdays

Olyvia-Jane Williams

8th January

Happy 1st Birthday Princess



Lots of Love Mammy & Daddy
xxx



Kaitlyn Hemmings

8.1.1998



Happy 16th Birthday Kaitlyn



Hope you enjoy your pool party in the sun

Lots of love from Mam, Jeff, Sol & Kole
xxxxxx



Peyton Amelia

07.01.2014



Big happy 2nd birthday our beautiful princess
Love you all the world, hope you have a fantastic birthday.



All our love always Mammy, Daddy and Mr Fudge
xxxxxx

Birthdays

Peyton Martindale

7th January

Happy 2nd Birthday Peyton



Love from Nana, Granda & Uncle Gareth
xxx



Alyson Walton



Happy 30th Birthday gorgeous

30!

Lots of love from Mam and Charlie
xxx



Doris Mary Tinkler

Happy 90th birthday

90!

Love from all your family.

Anniverseries

Jack and Myra Harper

9th January

Many congratulations Mam & Dad on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary



All our love from Stephen, Pauline & Kevin
xxx

Acknowledgements

The Chapter would like to sincerely thank Ferryhill Methodist Church for their kind donation of £80, which was raised at a recent coffee morning. The funds will go towards the running costs of the paper.

Lost

A lady who was visiting family in Ferryhill over Christmas lost her camera whilst in the town on 27th December. It may have been dropped in the vicinity of the Manor Hotel's car park. The photographs on the camera are very sentimental.

If you think you may have found the camera, please contact The Chapter on 01388 775896 or email thechapter@talk21.com.

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Hitting the hotspots to keep warm

Durham County Council continues to lead the way in helping people to keep warm in their homes and to save on energy bills and is looking forward to a New Year in which schools, businesses and community buildings may also benefit. As one of the founder members of the regional Warm Up North partnership, supporting energy efficiency, there is plenty of support and advice available to cut down on heating bills.

Stuart Timmiss, head of planning and assets, Durham County Council, said, "Whilst the government's recent changes to the way in which we can help may have changed our focus, residents will continue to benefit from significant support. This includes having their homes checked and fitted out with everything from cavity wall and loft insulation to boiler repair or replacement.

"Since its launch in September, Warm Up North

has recently celebrated its 200th installation.

"Much of this time has been spent on recruitment and getting the right suppliers in place to deliver goods and services, therefore we expect significant increase in delivery going into the 2014. Warm up North is available to everyone, seeking to maximise whatever offers are available to residents."

Latest figures also show that more 2,000 people have called the special Hotspots advice and referral service to get expert advice on everything from heating and fuel debt support to fire safety checks. It can also be used when there are problems with a lack of hot water or heating. All referrals need to be made by frontline health and social care staff. Funding from Hotspots comes from Public Health Durham County Council and key partners include Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue.

Stuart Timmiss added: "The council believes that the best way of tackling energy bills is by making our homes more efficient, but we also want to promote the Warm Homes Discount Scheme, which provides qualifying householders with a £135 discount on their electricity bills. The majority of people over 75 automatically qualify and will get a letter from their utility provider before the end of January.

"Other people, such as those on a low income, who are classed as being vulnerable by their energy provider, may also be eligible for this discount. Eligibility varies between providers and so we advise people to contact their energy company to check whether they can receive the discount."

To find out more about how Warm Up North could help make your home more energy efficient, call 0800 294 8073 or visit www.warmupnorth.com.

Cannabis grow found



The property's living room was filled to the brim with cannabis plants.

Police recently uncovered a large cannabis grow at an address in West Cornforth. Over 400 cannabis plants were seized by police.

If you believe you know the whereabouts of a similar operation, contact local police on the non-emergency number, 101.

Cracked windscreen

Police are appealing for witnesses after the windscreen of a silver Honda Accord was cracked sometime between 4pm on Sunday 22nd December and 7.30am on Monday, 23rd

December, while parked in Stanhope Close in Ferryhill. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

The Council is seeking to appoint an enthusiastic individual to fill these posts which are based in the E Café, 31-32 Market Street, Ferryhill.

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Applicants must have experience of engaging and working directly with young people (specifically 13-19 year olds) and hold a Level 3 qualification in Youth Work.

An application pack can be obtained from Ferryhill Town Council, Town Hall, Ferryhill, Co Durham, DL17 8JL. Tel: 01740 652157 or email enquiries @ferryhill.gov.uk, or via the website at www.ferryhill.gov.uk

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Tuesday 21st January 2014.

Ferryhill Town Council is committed to Equality of Opportunity and actively welcomes applications from all sections of the community



2013 UK Bus Awards

The two major national bus companies who also operate bus services in South-West Durham were nominated for awards at the recent UK bus awards. The Arriva bus group were nominated for 5 awards but failed to gain any.

The Go Ahead group, of which Go North East is a part of, was nominated for 17 awards and won

5 awards. Go North East who run the X21 service from Bishop Auckland to Newcastle and service 18 OK between Coundon and Woodhouse Close won an award for 'Marketing Excellence'.

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Nominations now open for 2014 Civic Awards

Once a year Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, requests residents and voluntary organisations to nominate those unsung heroes who help to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill. This year the awards are open to young people as well as adults, so if you know a resident or young

person in Ferryhill who has performed some act or helped in some way to benefit others living in the town, or any other action which has achieved success in any field, then why not nominate them for one of the Ferryhill Civic Awards. Awards are for 'Care in the Community' - 'Working with Young People' - 'Caring for the Environment' and 'De-

serving Young People'. Please use the nomination form below. If you wish to nominate more than one person, additional forms are available from the Town Hall. All applications are to be returned by Friday 28th March 2014. Please note that the nominations are for unpaid nominees only.

FERRYHILL CIVIC AWARD 2014 NOMINATION FORM

I hereby propose:

Name:

Address:

To receive a Civic Award for services to the Town and to the people of Ferryhill as detailed below:-

Details of Service Provided:

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Number of years service provided.....

Any other relevant information.....

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.....

For any other information please use the reverse of this form.

I certify that the details given are correct, that I have not been influenced or canvassed in any way and that the person nominated has no knowledge of the present application. I understand that all matters relating to the nomination are confidential and that, should the present nomination fail, it may be re-submitted after the expiry of twelve months.

PROPOSER:

Name: (Please print) Signature:

Address:

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SECONDER:

Name: (Please print)..... Signature:

Address:

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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY 28TH MARCH 2014 TO:
JOHN ROGERSON, SECRETARY 2000 COMMITTEE, FERRYHILL TOWN HALL, FERRYHILL

Poetry Corner

Chilton
By anonymous



We are the last 6 houses standing in
Dene Terrace.

We have a story to tell!
We are a sorry sight to folk passing,
and for those living near must be hell!

People use our back yards to dump rubbish.
They come from both near and far.
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Coming on foot, in pickup, van or car!

Children often come out to play here.
There are lots of things to throw.
Someone will get hurt one day.
It's very dangerous as we know!

Some use the yards when out drinking,
or to smoke drugs or to score a hit.
Others use the yards as toilets,
to stand and even to sit!

Officials come and stop and look,
write notes and shake their heads.
Not sure what will happen next
can they sleep at night in their beds?

We are sure those concerned are doing
their best.
The rubbish gets cleared and sorted.
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Nursing Home enjoys Christmas parties



The residents enjoyed listening to Christmas songs, performed by 'Gilly'.

Denehurst Nursing Home in Ferryhill held a Christmas Party on 22nd December 2013.

Residents, families and staff enjoyed being enter-

tained by 'Gilly', who sang Christmas songs.

A spokesperson for the home commented, "Thank you to all that came and for all your support, we raised

£130 from the Christmas raffle. Thank you for all your support in 2013, we hope to see you all on January 14th at 2pm for JIVA."

Boost your basic skills

Adults can improve their English and maths skills with a series of free courses.

Sessions, run by Durham County Council, take place at community centres, children's centres and libraries across the county throughout the year.

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or helping your children with their homework.

It can also improve your job prospects and help you access other learning opportunities.

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I am a pensioner who is in his seventies but I often get asked, where did I work when I left school? I am proud to say I worked at four collieries in the North East; Thrislington, Mainsforth, Blackhall and Easington collieries. The thing I get most asked about being a miner is that being a tall lad at 6ft 02 - how did I manage to work underground? I often say - like other tall young miners - with difficulty!

Looking back at my coalmining employment now in 2014, I often think the togetherness and the camaraderie did a lot to keep me working. In my time as a miner I had to witness some fatalities, and this loss of life played on my mind and I often wondered, is it worth working twelve thousand feet underground?

The worst day in my life as a miner was when I went to work at 3am one morning at Blackhall Colliery and my workmate, who lived near to me, was sadly killed on what we called the low main coal face. Yes, coal mining was cruel employment, but in those days at fifteen years of age we were surrounded by coal mines in the North East.

I am pleased my three sons did not follow my footsteps and work in the coal mines. I do not think I would have slept at night with worry. Many miners mourned the loss of the coal mines but looking back at the 30 years I was in there, it was a brutal and cruel employment to follow your father's footsteps.

Jimmy Taylor,
Linden Grove, Coxhoe.

Dear Editor,

I would like to inform your readers that the 13th January 2014 meeting of the Ferryhill Community Partnership will have, as part of the agenda, an open discussion about the proposed development of a Ferryhill wide 'Community Plan'.

A central part of this Community Plan will be the question, where do residents of Ferryhill want any future housing developments. For example should the majority of new housing be built at Ferryhill Station where planning permission is already in place and where new housing could help to secure the future of that community? There are also residents who wish to protect the town's open spaces that exist at, for example, the Praxis site and south of Dean Park.

No matter which approach you prefer you can have your voice heard at this Partnership meeting, which is to be held in the Dean Bank Institute commencing at 7pm on Monday 13th January.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor B. Gibson,
Partnership Secretary

Dear Editor,

Its nice to see the drug issue addressed (anonymous letter, Issue 655).

I lost my son last year to his drug addiction. The whole experience was devastating, as I was left penniless from drug debts.

Afterwards I was left with major health issues after a stroke caused by coping with his lying and stealing to pay for his habit.

Its time to wake up and claim back our streets and save our kids from this misery.

Back the police with any information - call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Name and address withheld on request.

Dear Editor,

Over Christmas, the oven part of my cooker broke. Fortunately for me and my children, a friend is getting a new appliance in January and is going to give us his old cooker.

Given that the town has an Energy Fund of over half a million pounds to distribute to the good folk of Chilton, I would have liked to apply to said fund for a new appliance, but I fear ALL these monies will be wasted on meeting, expenses etc, and the majority will receive nothing.

There is only one way to ensure all Chilton households benefit from the fund, and that is to equally divide it between each home. It doesn't have to be in cash, but could be a credit note to buy a more energy efficient appliance.

Is this not the reasoning behind the donation/ bribe from Dalkia?

Yours sincerely,
J Moffatt, Tennyson Road, Chilton.




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Responsible dog owners pledge to do the right thing

Dog walkers in the area are signing up to be part of a growing network of responsible pet owners.

More than 1,000 people have now joined the Green Dog Walkers Scheme and pledged to always pick up after their dogs to help keep communities clean and safe.

Recent campaigns to promote responsible dog ownership in West Corn-

forth, Great Lumley and Fencehouses resulted in a further 49 dog owners joining the scheme, 79 dogs being microchipped and a number of community awareness-raising initiatives taking place.

Three 'golden ticket' winners from each area also received a £25 shopping voucher as a reward for picking up after their pets. Durham County Council

worked with local schools, Stray Aid Kennels and Deerness Kennels on the campaigns.

To find out more about the Green Dog Walkers Scheme people should contact Durham County Council's Civic Pride Team on 03000 26 1000 or email civicpride@durham.gov.uk. Information is also available at www.durham.gov.uk/greendogwalkers.

Band raise funds for Banner Group

Ferryhill Town Band have expressed their appreciation to everyone who donated to the band on Christmas Eve.

The band played Christmas Carols, beginning at local residents' homes and progressing to various pubs and clubs in Ferryhill and the surrounding areas. A total of £333.03p was collected, which will be donated to the Ferryhill Banner Group.

A spokesperson commented, "This would not have been possible without the generosity of resi-

dents, landlords, staff and customers of the pubs we visited and we appreciate their support in allowing the band to play and collect at Christmas."

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9 January 1972 Miners strike against government. Coal miners walked out at midnight in their first national strike for almost 50 years.	10 January 1863 The London Underground, the world's oldest underground railway, opens between London Paddington station and Farringdon station.	11 January 1993 BA dirty tricks against Virgin cost £3m: British Airways ended one of the most bitter and protracted libel actions in aviation history in a humiliating climb-down.
12 January 1971 British minister's home bombed. Two bombs exploded at the Hertfordshire home of Employment Secretary Robert Carr causing serious damage.	13 January 2001 Earthquake devastates Salvador. More than 1,000 people were feared to have died after an earthquake struck the Central American city of San Salvador.	14 January 2002 UK declared free of foot-and-mouth. The foot-and-mouth crisis that began 11 months prior, was officially over according to DEFRA.

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Celtic's winning streak continues Town Youth

Ferryhill Celtic played in the 3rd round of the Steph Coach League Cup against Sacriston WMC winning 2-0. The game started with both sides finding it hard to come to terms with the frozen bobbly surface, and it took the Celtic 15 minutes to get into their rhythm.

The first chance fell to Andrew Agar, who shot just over the bar from a tight angle. Next, Martin Reid put Jonny Agar through on goal, only for the ball to bobble up and once again was hit just over the bar. Shane Todd then danced past a couple of defenders only for his shot to crash off the cross bar.

The Celtic continued to pile

on the pressure but were unable to break the dead lock making the half-time score 0-0.

The second half started as the first had finished, with the Celtic dominating and creating chance after chance. Liam Pearson headed just over the bar, and next to go close was the very impressive Jason White in his debut, who combined with the classy Kurt Seymour only to see his shot go inches wide.

With the game looking like it was going to extra time and with the Celtic pushing, Sacriston caught them on the break and it took a reflex save at the

feet of the Sacriston's centre forwards by Kris Carr to keep it 0-0.

The Celtic continued to be frustrated in the first half of extra time, but with only 10 minutes remaining the dead lock was broken when a Jason White cross was back-healed into the net by Martin Reid.

With only a couple of minutes remaining, Liam Pearson broke and, with the keeper out of his area, slotted home from 40 yards to put the Celtic into the next round and continued the Celtics record of winning every game this season in the league and league cups.

MOM Peter Robson.

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 13s recently played Stokesley away in cup quarter-final, going down 4-1. Their only goal came from Kieron Richardson, but the score doesn't tell the full story.

Ferryhill lost their centre forward early on due to injury and lost their right back in the 2nd half. As they only had one sub, they played part of the match with ten men on a ploughed field.

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(HUNTER TERRACE THE POPLARS AND ROSEWOOD CHILTON) (TEMPORARY ROAD AND FOOTPATHS CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

The Council on 19.12.13 made an Order under the provisions
of Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as
amended the effect of which will be to temporarily close to
vehicular and pedestrian traffic the following road and footpaths
to enable new sewer installation works to be undertaken:

- vehicular traffic - a 50m length of Hunter Terrace to the
western and southern side of Hutton House (Chilton Parish
Council Offices).
- pedestrian traffic - a 35m length of segregated footpath that
runs from the rear of Hutton House adjacent to the St John
Ambulance building leading to Rosewood Chilton.
- pedestrian traffic - a 30m length of segregated footpath
that runs from the workshop to the rear of Charlotte Terrace
westward toward The Poplars Chilton.
- pedestrian traffic - a 30m length of segregated footpath
that extends eastwards from the south eastern side of no.8 The
Poplars, Chilton.

The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order
is 18 months and is required from 13.01.14 for the duration of the
works, anticipated to be 6 weeks. However, on rare occasions,
alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be
signed accordingly. There is no alternative route for vehicular
traffic.

An alternative route will be available to pedestrian traffic via
other locally available footpaths in the area.

Dated: 8 January 2014



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