



A golden couple



Howard and Pat Redfearn were delighted to receive a visit from Mayor Ken Campbell.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Ken Campbell, visited Pat and Howard Redfearn last week to present them with a lovely bouquet of flowers and a tumbler, to commemorate 50 happy years together. The golden couple were married at St. Paul's Church in Spennymoor on 25th January 1964.

Howard's birthday is 24th January, and he was 22 when they married. He was born in Dean Bank, whilst Pat is from Spennymoor, and the couple met at John Culine's Shows in Spennymoor. After leaving school, Howard started at Blamires Printers in Ferryhill, where he stayed for 47 years.

Pat worked at Gray's Pop Factory in Spennymoor until she married. After the children started school, she returned to work at Thorns, before working as a dinner lady for nine years at Ferryhill Comprehensive. She later worked at Denehurst and Feryemount Care Homes. The lovely couple had five children, (four boys and a girl), who all live in Ferryhill except Nigel, who is in Spennymoor. They also have seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Howard is a well-known club man, spending over 25 years on Ferryhill W.M.C. committee, where he was also chairman for a time. He left the committee but was still involved at the club as a doorman. He loves his garden and socialising. Pat also likes socialising with her friends around the village and enjoys her bingo. The couple celebrated their wonderful achievement with a meal alongside family and friends. Pat was also pleasantly surprised to receive an 8 month-old poodle named Jo from Howard, as a special present to mark the occasion.

Chilton Mayor's fundraisers

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce and her Consort, Councillor Alan Bruce would like to extend an invitation to readers to the Mayor's Civic Dinner.

The event will be hosted on Thursday 17th April at Chilton & Windlestone Workingmen's Club (Concert Hall) commencing at 7pm.

On arrival guests will receive a reception drink followed by a superb five course dinner served at 7.30pm prompt.

The menu consists of vegetable soup, roast beef & Yorkshire pudding with seasonal vegetables, lemon meringue pie, cheese & biscuits, coffee, tea & after dinner mints.

In view of catering, tickets must be purchased by no later than 28th March.

Anyone with any special dietary requirements needs to advise with payment. Throughout the evening

there will be live entertainment by 'Betcha By Golly Wow'. There will also be a raffle and tombola and all monies raised will be donated to the Mayor's nominated charities; local NSPCC and organisations within Chilton.

Tickets for the event cost £22 per person and are available from Chilton Town Council offices.

Prior to this event, the Mayor is also hosting a Mayor's Valentines Charity Night on 14th February at Chilton Catholic Social club, from 7 to 11pm, and would like to invite readers to attend.

Throughout the evening there will be live entertainment.

Tickets are £2.50 each and are available from Chilton Town Council offices.

If you require any information on either of these planned fundraisers, call into the Town Council or telephone 01388 721788.

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29.1.13

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R.I.P.



Audrey, Stuart, Shirley,
Graham & Kieron



Herbert Ward
3.2.2010

You left a place
No one can fill
I miss you now
And always will



Loved forever,
Your loving Wife Eileen
xx



Betty Brewster
3rd Feb 2012

We love and miss you
Every day
In our hearts
You will always stay



All our love,
Glenys, Malcolm & family
xxx

Birthday Memories

Olive Walker
My dear Sister,
70th Birthday 28th Jan

We looked at the Heavens
above and shouted Happy
Birthday Sis

To have had you as my Sister
was the greatest one of all



Love Brian, Ann, family
Maisy
xxx



Birthdays

Rachel Goodman
31.1.14



Happy 26th Birthday



Love from Michael and all
the Wilkinson family
xxx



Elsie McDonald
1st February

80 Today
Happy Birthday to a
wonderful Mam

80!

Lots of love from
Vivien & Ray
xxx

Elsie McDonald
1st February

Happy 80th Birthday
to the best Grandma
& Great Grandma



Love and kisses from
Rebecca, Gavin, Jonathan,
Jennifer, Marc, Leo, Noah,
Cameron, Hayden
& baby bump
xxx

Elsie McDonald
1st February

Happy 80th Birthday to our
special Mam & Grandma



All our love and best wishes,
Marie, Graeme & Robyn
xxx



Birthdays

Elsie McDonald
1.2.14

Happy 80th Birthday to the
most loving and caring Mam
& Grandma



All our love always,
Julie, Andrew,
Danielle & Liam
xxx



Sophie Hughes
21st



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Hope you have a great day

21!

Lots of love,
Mam, Dad, David, Nathan,
Gareth & Natasha
xxx

Sophie Hughes
January 30th

Happy 21st Birthday



Love Nana, Granda
& Uncle Michael
xxx

Sophie Hughes
21st Birthday

Happy Birthday Sophie



Lots of love,
Aunt Susan, Uncle Ian
& Nicola
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Birthdays

Ben-Derice Wall



Happy 18th Birthday
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Amsterdam

18!

Loads of love n hugs,
Mam, Dad & Ellie-May
xxxxx

Ben Wall
1.2.2014



Happy 18th Birthday Ben
Good luck in the future
in all you do



Love from Gran & Grandad
xxxxx

Acknowledgements

Margaret, Ian & Jean

Wish to thank relatives
and friends for the many
cards and kind expressions
of sympathy in their sad
loss of John. Special thanks
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Funding set to make a difference to groups

Nine community groups are celebrating having received a share of funding.

The organisations, voted for by the public, were successful in securing a share of almost £22,000 from the 4 Together Area Action Partnership (AAP).

The nine groups are:

- *Enter CIC* who have received £3,000 for an entertainment café
- *Wishes for Women* which received £2,610 for a project which aims to reduce the isolation felt by victims of domestic violence
- *Thrislington Banner Group* received £2,890 to produce a DVD detailing the re-make of the banner for the Durham Miners' Gala
- Repairs can be made to the Ferryhill Scout Hall

roof thanks to £1,500 for the 1ST Ferryhill Scout Group

- *The Ferryhill Ladder Centre* has been awarded £2,316 to update equipment
 - *Mainsforth Cricket Club* can purchase a bowling machine for the junior section thanks to £2,600
 - £5,000 will be used for a performance area at *Chilton Primary School*
 - *Chilton Gala committee* has received £1,572
 - *Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute* secured £492 for a Learning for the Future project.
- Gillian Fortune, Chair, 4 Together Partnership board said, "Small amounts of money can make a big difference to local projects which have such positive

impacts on people and communities."

Lee Copeland, principal Area Action Partnership (AAP) coordinator, added, "The funding will make a huge difference to local projects and will benefit local people. We are always keen to get new people involved in our work and if you would like further information about becoming a member of the partnership then why not get in touch."

You can contact the AAP team on 03000 267213 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

The 4 Together Area Action Partnership is one of 14 set up by Durham County Council in 2009 to help the authority better engage with residents.

Pub operating licence amended after complaints

Alison Lamb, who runs Llewellyn's Cafe Bar in Ferryhill, appeared before Durham County Council's statutory licensing sub-committee on Tuesday 21st January after complaints from Durham police.

Sergeant Tim Robson, of the alcohol harm reduction unit, said, "Between May 2012 and June 2013 there were 17 reports of anti-social behaviour in the pub's vicinity".

21 incidents of alcohol served after hours were recorded between May 2012 and June 2013. A further incident was noticed on 23rd December 2013 in which 15 people were fighting, one of whom

had a pool cue.

Sgt Robson discussed one of the fights which had broken out at the pub. He listed several occasions when staff, including the landlord's husband John Lamb, served customers alcohol after hours, one occasion as late as 3.20am. Staff had also served a 15-year-old girl alcohol during a police test purchase operation last July, although they had refused to serve her on two other occasions. Llewellyn's opening hours were from 9am to 2am Monday to Saturday and from 10am until midnight on a Sunday.

The licensing sub-committee, in light of the

evidence and recommendation of Durham Police, have decided to amend the operating licence for the premises.

Last orders Sunday to Thursday should be 11.30pm with closing at midnight. Last orders on Friday and Saturday will be at 12.30am with closing at 1am. It was also recommended that door staff will be employed between 10pm and closing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of bank holiday weekends. Finally, a strict 'Challenge 25 scheme' will operate, children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult and they must leave the pub by 9pm.



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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:

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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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JOHN ROGERSON, SECRETARY 2000 COMMITTEE, FERRYHILL TOWN HALL, FERRYHILL

Do you know this man?



Police are keen to speak to the man pictured.

Police are extremely keen to speak with the man shown in the picture above. An incident took place on 14th October 2013 on a bus from Ferryhill to Durham, and it is thought

that the male shown would be extremely useful to the investigation. "Any information would be greatly appreciated, please call 101 and quote crime number ED1303390," said a police spokesperson.

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Police crack down on speeding in Ferryhill & Chilton



Seventeen vehicles were found to be speeding on Wood Lane.

Police have made attempts to crack down on speeding in Ferryhill and Chilton after concerns were voiced by the community at local PACT meetings. The first in a series of Community Speed Watch sessions was deployed on Wood Lane in Ferryhill on Wednesday 22nd January.

Seventeen vehicles out of 113 were found to be speeding.

The next took place the following day on Gypsy Lane, next to Cochrane Terrace, Ferryhill, where 21 vehicles out of 67 were found to be speeding.

Finally, on Friday 24th January, PCSOs Hilton and

Tyler-Kilburn carried out a Speed Watch in West Chilton Terrace, Chilton.

In one hour a total of 26 vehicles were caught speeding with one going over 50mph.

Warning letters will be sent out to all those drivers who were found to be speeding.

Post Boy to hold fundraiser

The Post Boy in Ferryhill Village is hosting a charity night on 29th March in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance.

There will be live music from Johnny Holmes from 8pm, as well as raffles prizes to be won (which have been donated by local businesses).

Raffle tickets are on sale behind the bar.

There will also be a sponsored waxing taking place on the evening.

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31 January 1990

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1 February 1793

French Revolutionary Wars: France declares war on the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

2 February 1901

The Funeral of Queen Victoria is held.

3 February 1967

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4 February 2004

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Appeal for six month old cancer sufferer Savannah

Savannah Phillips, six-months-old, from Chilton, has been diagnosed with a rare form of eye cancer. Doctors noticed something was wrong during her routine baby injections when she was three-weeks-old and sent her for eye-tests at Bishop Auckland hospital. Consultants at Sunderland Royal Hospital then diagnosed her with Retinoblastoma, which is a rare cancer of the retina, with only 40-50 new cases each year. Savannah is unfortunately blind in her right eye, and the sight in her left eye will be unknown until she is older, but it is

believed she has at least some vision. To treat the cancer Savannah is receiving chemotherapy every week at The Great North Children's Hospital at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, which is expected to last about six months. Also, every three weeks she is to attend appointments for laser eye surgery at Birmingham Children's Hospital for at least the next year. Parents, Chris Phillips, 21, and Chelsea Sneddon, 19, said, "We thought the worst the doctors were going to say was that she was going to be blind," said Miss Sneddon. "But then they told us she had

cancer. It was a shock." Her parents are hopeful she can beat the cancer. Jen Kirby, a family friend and manager of the Harvest Energy at Park Head Filling Station in Coundon, placed a bucket on the counter in order to raise money towards travel costs for the family. Another eight garages belonging to the firm have also joined in. Mrs Kirby said, "I was just at work one day and thought there must be something we could do. We have raised £465 from the bucket in my garage alone. "We really appreciate anything we receive".

New courses at Chilton College

Chilton Primary School/Community College is inviting residents to take part in two courses, which are being held in conjunction with Bishop Auckland College.

'Cooking your own Healthy Takeaway Style Meals on a Budget' commences on Tuesday 25th February from 1pm to 3pm.

In the class you can learn how to prepare and produce takeaway-style meals in a cost effective way, including Chinese, Indian, Thai, Italian and Mexican. The course also encourages people to be aware of different flavours, learn about spices and their health benefits and learn how to use new methods and techniques when cooking.

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Dancing' begins on Friday 28th February from 6pm to 8pm.

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Awakening

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 Wrapped in evaporating mists
 Surrendering to sun's morning rays
 Billowing clouds rising
 As daylight conquers night times darkened haze.
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 Foraging parents flying to and fro
 Ensuring their chicks don't hungry go
 Dawn chorus and cuckoo calls are heard
 Midst accompaniment of thrush and blackbird
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Man jailed after beating girlfriend in unprovoked attack

A Ferryhill Station man has been jailed after leaving his girlfriend with a suspected broken nose. Shaun George Haswell, of Croft Gardens, subjected his now ex-girlfriend to a prolonged, unprovoked attack, which involved him repeatedly kicking and hitting her. The court heard how the 21 year-old had been drinking vodka with the victim before the incident. In a statement read out to

the court, the victim told how Haswell had followed her into the hall where he pinned her to the stairs and started hitting her. He then followed her to the bedroom, where she tried to flee, and started hitting her again and kicking her as she fell to the floor. When police arrived at the scene, she was found covered in blood and was bruised and shaken. Haswell pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual

bodily harm. Mitigating, Andy Clinton commented that the pair were both drunk at the time of the attack and that Haswell "really cannot recall this incident in full, but to his credit he pleaded guilty at the first opportunity." Magistrates sentenced him to 18 weeks in prison, of which one week will be deducted for time already spent in custody. A restraining order was also imposed.

Beetle drive

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a Beetle Drive on Tuesday February 11th at 7.30pm. Admission is £3 which includes supper.

"All are welcome to attend this popular event and we look forward to seeing you", commented a spokesperson.

Social night

St Aidan's Church in Chilton is hosting a social night with entertainment on Tuesday 11th February, from 6.30pm. Tickets are

£3 on the door, which includes refreshments. "Why not come along and join in the fun?" encouraged a spokesperson.

Café 66 launches new website

A local meals on wheels service has launched a new website to promote its benefits to elderly residents. Café 66 was established in 2012 and funded by 'Local Food' in order to generate funds for the Cornforth Partnership: a registered charity dedicated to the professional and personal development of residents in Cornforth and surround-

ing areas across County Durham. Café 66 delivers food to elderly people in West Cornforth, Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham, Coxhoe, Bowburn, Fishburn, the Trimdons, Cassop and Kelloe. For more information on the services provided by Café 66, call 01740 652000 or visit the new website, www.cafe66.org.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

The Chilton Gala Committee has chosen Saturday 19th July 2014 as the date for the Chilton Annual Gala.

The entrance and ring entertainment will be free. As with previous years, a free table-top will be allocated to any local or international charity to sell their goods to raise funds.

To obtain a table space, an application must be made to the committee before the end of May.

Tables for traders will again be available at a charge of £10 for one table, plus £5 for second or third.

The committee are looking forward to the same success. As in previous years, an early application for tables etc. must be made. Our previous success has made us adopt a first-come-first-served policy.

To all our donors, Chilton industries, businesses, local and county council and friends, we send our grateful thanks. Without your help the Chilton Gala would not be possible.

Our thanks to all who have attended our previous Galas, we look forward to seeing you on the 19th July 2014.

On behalf of Chilton Gala Committee members and supporters.

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Billy Snaithe, pictured with his brother Shane, is hoping to defend two titles.

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will be the EBF European Title match on 22nd March in London, when he will be taking on Michael Robinson, who's only defeat was at the hands of Billy, which the Ferryhill lad describes as the best win of his career. The 26 year-old, who currently holds five

prestigious titles, is currently semi-pro but will be turning professional after these fights. He said, "I would like to thank Ian Dunbar for developing me as a fighter." Tickets for the Spennymoor fight, which are £30, are available from Billy on 07453 753 003.

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