



Durham Flag Ale marks County Durham Day



Katie and Holly Moffatt presenting the new County Durham flag outside Durham Cathedral in a ceremony attended by a string of dignitaries from across the county.

The 20th March 2014 has been designated the first County Durham Day due to the fact it is Saint Cuthbert's Day the Patron Saint of Northern England. To mark this event, the flag recently unfurled and blessed at Durham Cathedral and designed

by Chilton twins Katie and Holly Moffatt, is to be flown at Whitehall, London and other places including Hartlepool United football ground (match against Mansfield Town). Katie and Holly, from Tennyson Road,

last year to create a new flag for the County, after Yorkshireman and history enthusiast Andy Strange-way discovered that County Durham was the only county in the north without its own flag. The winning design features the St Cuthbert's cross, representing the Anglo Saxon Bishop, scholar and patron saint of Northern England, buried at Durham Cathedral. The blue and yellow colours were selected from the Durham coat of Arms.

A commemorative ale is also being brewed by a local brewery, which will incorporate the flag design and will also be unveiled on the day. Yard of Ale Brewery, based at the Surtees Arms in Ferryhill, offered to brew the special ale to help celebrate all things "Durham".

The 4% cask-conditioned ale has the working title 'Cuthbert's Cross', highlighting the design and heritage of the new flag, and plans include making it available in venues around the Durham region in early March. There are also plans for a bottled version.

New singing classes at Enter CIC

Enter CIC are currently holding community singing sessions, focusing on close harmony and barbershop style work. These sessions run on Thursday evenings and are open to anyone in the community who has an interest in singing.

Session times are 7pm to 8.30pm at The Enter

Centre, St Cuthbert's Terrace, Ferryhill, (the old Baptist Church) and the cost is a £1 donation. Tea and coffee are available.

"Come along and have fun, sing and enjoy!" said a spokesperson.

If you would be interested in joining, call Enter CIC on 01740 655437.

'The Great Chilton Dig' - an update

Ferryhill History Society's next meeting will be held on February 26th at the Eldon Arms, Ferryhill, at 7.30pm.

The guest speaker will be Natalie Swann, who led the team of archaeologists and volunteers which uncovered and evaluated a second Iron Age or Romano-British round

house at Great Chilton in October 2013. Natalie was also responsible for the geophysical survey of the vicus at Lanchester Roman Fort, completed in conjunction with the Friends of Longovicium. The finds and their relationship to the work carried out on another round house in 2012 will be discussed.

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Angela Strange

21st February 2012

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A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried
If our love could have saved you
you never would have died

To us you were someone special on whom we could depend
we lost two precious things in life, our daughter and our best friend.



Love and miss you so much
Mum and Dad
xx

Angela Strange

21.2.12

Another year passed
Love and miss you!



Love Colin, Clare, Ella and Jay
xxxx



Hilda Pirt

Passed Away
28th February 2010

Memories are a gift to treasure
Mine of you will last forever



Husband and Family



Lily Gargett

23.2.09

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen unheard
but always near
Still loved still missed
and very dear.



Joe, Marie, Stephen, Julie,
Mick and Family

In Memoriam

In Memoriam

22nd February 2006

With deepest sympathy of my dear husband Jim who died on 22nd February 2006. Never forgotten by your loving wife Kathleen, Son Peter and Daughter-In-Law Sue, also your Grandchildren.

We miss you so much and will never forget you



Until we meet again, your
loving wife Kathleen
xxx

Birthday Memories

Jean Rothwell

Special memories we hold close to our heart of a loving mother missed everyday always



Frank, Gary and Estee
Leah and Kaitlyn
xxx

Jean Rothwell

21st February

Special memories on your birthday dear sister. Forever loved and missed.



Isobel
xxxx

Jean Rothwell

21.2.14

Thinking of you Mam on your Birthday



Lots of love
Jason & Family
xx

Jean Rothwell

21st February

Happy Birthday Friend
Miss you every day



Love Margaret
x

Birthdays

Sarah Alderson

19th February 2014



Happy Birthday to Mrs Sarah Alderson who will be 104 years old on 19th February 2014. Congratulations.



Love and best wishes
From all the family & friends



Harry Thomas Copeland

23.2.2013

Happy 1st Birthday



Lots of love
Mam & Dad

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John Spender

19th Feb

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Happy 50th John



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Ferryhill E-Cafe awarded Young Carer's Charter



Middlesbrough FC Goal keeper, Jason Steele presenting the Young Carer's Award to Ferryhill E-Cafe youngsters.

Monday 10th February saw Middlesbrough FC goal keeper Jason Steele visit Ferryhill Town Council to present young people at the Ferryhill E-Cafe with a Young Carer's Charter. The presentation evening, which was organised by Youth Coordinator Laura Langdale, enabled young

people from the E-Café and representatives from Ferryhill Town Council to celebrate their achievements in raising awareness of the issues faced by the many young carers living in the area, and the challenges they face on a daily basis. Ferryhill Town Council and the Ferryhill E-Café have

pledged to conform to the Charter, which offers support to young carers and which was introduced by campaign group Family Action. Family Action aims to encourage as many organisations as possible to join their campaign and Ferryhill Town Council is the first Council in England to join.

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23 February 1945 US troops raised the Stars and Stripes over Iwo Jima four days after landing on the Japanese-held volcanic island.	24 February 1955 Britain's big freeze: deep snow and freezing temperatures continued across Britain leaving many parts of the country cut off from essential supplies.	25 February 1972 Miners call off crippling coal strike. Miners voted overwhelmingly in favour of a pay settlement after a seven-week strike for increased wages.

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Natalie McMullen and Micky Dafter - Picture on Newcastle Marriott Hotel MetroCentre Facebook page

Natalie McMullen and Micky Dafter, a local couple who live in Chilton, have been short listed into the top 10 to win a dream wedding, courtesy of Newcastle Marriott Hotel MetroCentre.

Methodist Carol Singers

The Methodist Carol Singers would like to thank all those who contributed to the events for the RVI Children's Cancer Ward recently. The Carol Singers collected £280 from regulars in the pubs around Ferryhill Market

married but just don't have the money", said Natalie. To win the competition their picture needs to have the most 'likes' on the Newcastle Marriott Hotel MetroCentre Facebook page. So why not help make the local couple's dream come true and help them by 'sharing' and 'liking' the picture.

Ferryhill Station Post Office to relocate

Ferryhill Station Post Office in Eldon Terrace is to be relocated into Mainsforth

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Police issue warning about off-road bikes

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children to commit these offences are committing an offence themselves and can also be liable to prosecution. If you wish to report an issue in your area with nuisance vehicles, contact Durham Constabulary on 101 with as much information as possible, i.e. when the vehicle is being used, where the vehicle is being used and direction of travel, details of the vehicle (make, model, colour), description of rider and who owns the vehicle (if this is known). All information will remain confidential.

Holidaymakers warned to plan their travel jabs well in advance

Janet and Gabriel McDonagh of Ferryhill Station are urging holiday makers to plan their jabs well in advance, having spent months phoning surgeries around the North-East in search of the global yellow fever vaccination ahead of a safari holiday to Nairobi this April. The vaccination protects

travellers from the deadly disease yellow fever and is needed to travel in tropical Africa, South America and parts of the Caribbean. Due to some unforeseen manufacturing problems there is now a worldwide shortage of the vaccine and it is feared it could now affect football fans travelling to Brazil for

the World Cup. Mr and Mrs McDonagh were eventually directed to Marton Pharmacy in Middlesbrough, which is one of the only clinics in the region with the vaccine in stock. Mrs McDonagh said, "We started looking months in advance, but if people leave it to the last-minute they might struggle."

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Good neighbour of the year



Pat Howard receives her award from Chris Mumford

A woman who works "selflessly" to help others has won Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Association's 2013 Good Neighbour of the Year award.

Pat Howard, from Joseph Patterson Crescent, Ferryhill, was the overwhelming choice for the judges after receiving numerous nominations from the people she helps in William Keers Crescent and Joseph Patterson Crescent.

One of the people who

nominated her, Elizabeth Hall, described Pat as a very kind person who will do anything for anyone. She said, "She goes to the fish shop once a month and personally delivers them to every door. She does the shopping for everyone and wheels them to and from the day centre we use for our weekly get together."

"She also gives lifts to people who cannot get around very well and picks

up prescriptions and groceries. I have never met such a kind and selfless person."

After picking up her trophy, plaque and £150, which she says she will put towards the cost of buying a television and DVD player for the day centre, a very modest Pat said, "When I do things for people I am not thinking about getting rewards, but it is a real honour and it means everything to me."

PACT meetings tackle anti-social behaviour

Anti social behaviour outside Spennymoor Leisure Centre and the Ferryhill Community Hub have started to fall with police and staff tackling the problem.

Residents complained to officers about the behaviour of youths hanging around the centres at a series of Pact (police and communities together) meetings.

At Spennymoor Leisure Centre, youngsters were blamed for damage to surrounding brick walls and at Ferryhill Community Hub, there have been reports of young people causing a nuisance by drinking alcohol and littering.

In response to concerns beat officers have increased patrols in both areas and

work with staff at the centres and Durham County Council wardens and youth workers. In recent weeks there have been a reduction in complaints.

Neighbourhood Inspector Graham Milne said: "Half the issue is understanding the problem."

"We talk to young people, find out what they are doing. Sometimes they have been to an activity or club at the venue or say they are bored so we direct them to services they can engage in."

"Behaviour they see as joking around might be perceived differently to people walking past, they might feel intimidated or frightened."

Officers often contact parents to inform them

of their children's actions and have set up meetings between youngsters and staff at Spennymoor Leisure Centre, who were among complainants, which has helped create an understanding between different generations and reduced the problem.

Brian Gibson, secretary at Ferryhill Community Hub, said: "It certainly was a problem but we've installed additional security cameras and tried to get the youths into the Hub and taking part in what is on rather than loitering outside."

"Our activities, especially the boxing academy, are now helping to get kids off the street and into something constructive and healthy."

'Tess Tickle and The Dragettes'

Leeholme WMC are presenting 'Tess Tickle and The Dragettes' award winning drag queens as part of a charity fundraising night in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

The event will take place on Friday 4th April. Tickets are

£7 each and are available at Leeholme WMC or by calling 07455 676 262. Tickets are limited, so ensure you book early to avoid disappointment. If all tickets sell there will be no 'pay on door' entry.

Cleves Cross Spiritualist Medium

Cleves Cross Primary School are holding a charity psychic night to help raise funds for the school. 'A night with Ray Boker, Spiritualist and Medium', will be held at Ferryhill Hub on Wednesday March 5th at 7.30pm. Ray will be giving a demonstration of mediumship

while personal readings will also be available during the event.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Cleves Cross Primary or Ferryhill Hub. "Everyone is welcome to come along for an interesting and enjoyable evening," said a spokesperson.

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Due in court

Daniel Matthew Heslop, of Stonefall Avenue, Harrogate, was due before Magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face a charge of shop theft in Ferryhill last year.

The 42 year-old is alleged to have stolen two bottles of Jack Daniels Whiskey, valued at £36, from the Co-operative Store in Market Street, Ferryhill, on 26th December.

Valentine's cake bake

Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College students worked with the Ferryhill Six to organise a Valentine's Cake Bake last week. Cakes and biscuits were sold to students and staff, which raised an amazing £56 for Help For Heroes.

A spokesperson for the fundraisers said, "Thanks to Mr Brennan and Miss Gibson for supporting the event. Well done to Abbie Todd, Louis Jones, Abby Nelson, Elizabeth Carvell, Sam Kitson and Lexi Ayre for all their hard work and enthusiasm."

Allotment thief arrested

A male was arrested in the early hours of Monday 9th February in the Coundon area in relation to allotment and garage break-ins. This male has been subsequently admitted further offences that

include the Lanark Street allotments and Garages at West View, Ferryhill, which were both broken into. The male has been charged and will appear before Magistrates on 26th February.

Speedwatch

Police executed another Speedwatch session on Gypsy Lane (Cochrane Terrace), Ferryhill on 15th February. Seventeen out

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Dear Editor,

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- We do not know how this occurred, as we all check the area we use and the pool is checked at the end of the session.
- We do not know who made this report; however we suspect the caretaker who took the keys away from the instructor earlier than agreed, and with zeal.
- We do not know who has made these decisions??
- We do know this is representative of the local authority attitude to out of hours activity for children.
- We do know our children will no longer be taught how to swim.
- We do know that some form of discussion would have been appropriate.

Perhaps the responsible officers would like to comment, either in these pages, or directly to the parents of the 100 children who will no longer benefit!!

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Nicola Dodsworth
Fishburn

Dear Editor,

Many years ago I enjoyed the sport of greyhound racing, my favourite greyhound track was Spennymoor.

I often thought greyhound racing was the sport for the working class but when I attended greyhound racing tracks I found that many business men and woman where owners of greyhounds. It is sad that Greyhound racing sadly does not exist any more at Spennymoor. I often wonder will the sport of greyhound racing ever return in the Durham area. I often look round the area in Spennymoor where the dog track was and think what a shame that greyhound racing track is no longer visible. I often think that another reason for the decline of greyhound racing was the closure of the coal mines in the Durham area, because it was always known that greyhound racing was the sport of many coal miners.

Maybe in years to come the sport of greyhound racing will return to the area, I hope so. I have many happy memories of greyhound racing at the Spennymoor and Durham greyhound tracks that I will never forget.

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Blood drive

A blood donation session will be taking place at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill on Tuesday 11th March, between 2pm and 4pm

and again from 4.45pm and 7pm.

Appointments can be made by calling 0300 123 23 23 or by visiting blood.co.uk.

Special reasons application

Trond Rubert Ansgar Moore, of Ivy Cottages, Bishop Middleham, entered no plea when he appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court recently. Moore faces a charge that, on 13th January, he drove

a Honda Civic, near his home, whilst being unfit through drink. The defendant's application for a special reasons argument will be heard on 30th April and he was released on unconditional bail.

Not guilty plea

Kaljit Sander, of Front Street, Tudhoe Colliery, appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court recently, having previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault. The 32 year-old is charged with assaulting his partner in Ferryhill, on 8th January. Sander claims that it is he who was assaulted

and that afterwards his partner had inflicted injuries upon herself in order to implicate him. Sander was released on bail, conditions of which prevent him from entering Ferryhill or from contacting the alleged victim. He will return before the court on 24th and 25th June.

An evening of Clairvoyance

The Manor House Hotel in Ferryhill is hosting 'An Evening of Clairvoyance' on Thursday 27th March starting at 7pm. Tickets cost £10 and includes a pie and pea supper, and

are available at the Manor House Bar or by calling Joanne Jones on 01325 524605. Proceeds from the night will go to Durham County Carers Support Volunteer Services.

Teen headbutts injured man on his way to hospital

Luke Todd, 19, from Dean Park in Ferryhill, headbutted a bleeding man outside of The Quinn's Inn in Spennymoor in the early hours of November 11th 2013.

Half an hour prior to this unprovoked attack the victim has been assaulted by Jordan Wheatley, 20, of School Close in Spennymoor.

Alan Davison, prosecuting Wheatley, said the victim and a friend were followed out of the pub by Wheatley, who then punched him "for no fathomable reason". Davison said Wheatley had punched the man repeatedly in the face, causing the victim to fall backwards and crack his head open on a metal bar. The man had an eight

centimetre cut across the back of his head requiring staples.

Wheatley admitted assaulting the man, causing actual bodily harm and a second charge of assaulting the victim's friend when he attempted to intervene.

Andrew Clinton, mitigating Wheatley said, everyone involved was drunk and words had been exchanged between Wheatley and the victim earlier, provoking the altercation. The two injured men went back into the pub to receive first aid and left about half an hour later to go to the hospital. Andrea Milsom, prosecuting Todd, said the teenager then walked up to the man outside Quinn's and headbutted him knocking him

to the ground again. "The man was obviously injured from the first attack, it was a serious attack on an already vulnerable victim." The victim said he is now afraid to go out socialising with friends fearing future attacks and he is not sure if he would still be able to join the Royal Navy due to the injuries.

In mitigation, the court heard Todd was drunk but is now extremely remorseful about the attack. He was ordered to pay a £90 fine, £85 costs, £50 compensation and £20 victim surcharge.

Magistrates adjourned Wheatley's sentencing until March 7th for a report to be prepared, and he was given unconditional bail.

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side added another before half time. The lads kept battling against a very good side but lost the second half 4-2, making the final score 9-2. Ferryhill goals came from two great strikes from Connor Cranswick and Joe Flatman.

Knock-out football competition and family fun day



Knock-out Football event at Dean Bank Park

Ferryhill Town Council, the Ferryhill 2000 Committee and the Ferryhill Town Youth FC are organising a Junior Knock-out Football Competition and Family Fun Day at Dean Bank Park on Sunday 11th May from 10am to 3pm. This is an annual event with trophies being awarded to

the winning teams. Anyone requiring further information about the knock out football competition should contact Rita Foster on 01740 651508.

For those not taking part in the football matches there will be football associated play equipment

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Police & Communities Together

Chilton Ward

Tuesday 25th February, 19:00 - 20:00, Henderson House, Coleridge Road

Previous issues - Anti-Social Behaviour - ASB Durham Road area around Sainsbury's, The Haven, Beverley Gardens and the Black Path running behind the library.

Broom Ward

Wednesday 5th March, 18:00 - 19:00, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Motorists are speeding along Gypsy Lane, Ferryhill Station where the speed changes from 60mph - 30mph.

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

Wednesday 5th March, 18:00 - 19:00, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Vehicles are speeding along Wood Lane.

Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

Thursday 6th March, 14:00 - 15:00, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

Previous issues - Vehicles are speeding on the High Road. The road turns to 30mph and motorists continue to travel at 60mph. This mainly happens between 08:00 - 09:30.