



Community Hub receives a welcome funding boost



Ferryhill Community Hub to develop, courtesy of grant.

Ferryhill Community Partnership has received £7,880 from the Government's community assets and services grants programme to develop the Community Hub in Ferryhill. Volunteers took over the former council-run leisure centre in September 2012, after it was shut in a cost-

cutting exercise by Durham County Council. The long term future of the Hub looks promising as with the help of the money, a consultant has been appointed to survey the building to identify areas most in need of investment. They are likely to consider replacing the gas heating

system; since the plant supplying the old part of the building was condemned electric heaters have been used instead. The hub is interested in improvements to security and is exploring the possibility of installing a source of economical and environmentally friendly energy.

Volunteer David Farry said: "We want to be looking to be going green and eco-friendly as a community, to reduce our carbon footprint, but also to reduce energy costs."

When the survey is complete, consultant Andrew Moore will apply for additional funding for the work.

The grant will also pay the Partnership's legal fees to secure a long term lease on the Hub. The group has just signed a new tenancy of will, but is currently in talks with Durham County Council about a 35 year lease, and it is hoped to secure an agreement in approximately six weeks.

Volunteer Brian Gibson said: "A long term lease will put people's minds at rest and offer a sense of security. "Groups are constantly asking about the long term and some members who left when the council closed the centre might come back."

Vehicles damaged in Dean Bank

In the early hours of Tuesday 25th February, between 12am and 5am, three vehicles were damaged in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill. Unknown persons have thrown a house brick through the driver's window of parked/secured vehicles in the Westcott Terrace area and the Dean and Chapter Industrial Estate, causing damage.

CCTV is in the process of being obtained, however the offender is believed to have two illuminous stripes on the bottom of his track-suit trousers. If any person has knowledge of this male or has any further information relating to these crimes, contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 (ext. 661 and Chapter Industrial 4721) or Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer takes place across the world on the first Friday in March every year, from sunrise to sunset, and is celebrated in 170 countries. This year's theme is 'Streams in the Desert' and has been written by Christian women in Egypt. This year a service will take

place at Ferryhill Methodist Church on Friday 7th March at 2pm with speaker Mrs Margaret Foxall of Lowfell. All are welcome including men and young people. There will be a cup of tea after the service. "Do come and join us," said a spokesperson.

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19th February

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Roy Myers

28th February 2012

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Your loving wife Hilda and
family
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Tony Atkinson

4.3.09

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man I loved dearly was
sadly taken away.
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Always loved and so sadly
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Birthday Memories

Rhys Wayman
27th February

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17th birthday

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love Dad & Kira
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Birthday Memories

Rhys Wayman
27th February



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Love you always
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Rhys Wayman
27.2.97

Our thoughts are with you
everyday (Wayzy)

But more so today on your
birthday

Missing you mate



Love from all the lads
xxx
Gone but never forgotten

Birthdays

Hannah Ball



Happy 18th Birthday Hannah

18!

Love you!
Mum, Dad & Loui
xxx



Birthdays

Niall Longstaff
5th March



Happy 18th Niall

18!

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Mam, Dad and Naomi
xxx

Niall Longstaff
5th March



Happy 18th Birthday Niall

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Grandad Chapman
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26th February



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Daddy and Nicola
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26.02.10



4 Today



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Paul Stonely

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Love Donna, Dean, Sara
John, Richard and Kate
xxx

New project to help with addiction

A new project is set to help users and families suffering from the effects of drug and alcohol addiction.

The project will be run by Clean and Sober Living, a community group which is situated in the Cornforth Partnership building in West Cornforth.

The 4 Together Partnership, one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009, has provided £8,339 along with £1,000 from the Cornforth Partnership and £661 from Clean and Sober Living, to deliver this support group for those suffering from drug and alcohol problems.

The project, for people living in Ferryhill and the

surrounding areas, will target 25 to 30 people who suffer from an addiction and may be resorting to crime. Those taking part will be put in touch with former addicts who are in long term recovery and will benefit from 50 peer-led drug and alcohol support group sessions led by an experienced mentor.

Additionally the project will engage with families by offering an educational training programme surrounding addiction, alcoholism and abstinence based recovery.

Participants will also be encouraged to attend other larger nationally recognised support groups, such as

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Sandy Denney, principle AAP coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic project which will benefit so many families living in our area. Crime and Community Safety is a priority for the partnership and this scheme will certainly make a difference.

"We don't set the priorities; the community does, so being involved with the AAP gives local people the chance to say what the issues that affect them really are."

For more information about the project or to find out more about the AAP telephone the team on: 03000 267 211 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

Mayor's Charity Quiz Night

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Ken Campbell, is holding a quiz night on Saturday 1st March at 7pm in St Luke's Church Hall. Tickets for the evening are available from Ferryhill Town Hall at a cost of £3 each. Teams are to be made up of 4, you can either take along your

own team or join a team on the night.

"If you feel like testing your knowledge, why not come along and support the Mayor in his fund-raising efforts?" asked a spokesperson.

Another event planned is a Band Concert featuring Ferryhill Town Band, this

will take place again in St Luke's Church Hall at 7pm on Saturday 5th April 2014. Tickets for the concert are £5 and are available from Ferryhill Town Hall.

All funds raised from the evenings will be donated to Ferryhill Town Band and St Luke's Youth Groups.

SAFC coaches for Wembley; seats available

The Ferryhill branch of SAFC has seats available on coaches for the trip

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Residents in Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets later this month.

The 4 Together Partnership board will meet on Wednesday 5th March between 6pm and 8pm, at West Cornforth Community Centre. Local people are invited to attend. People can also raise any

local neighbourhood issues that they would like the board to address, these should be put in writing and sent in advance.

The board will be receiving a presentation on AAP funding arrangements for 2014-15 as well as information on the Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation.

To attend, call 03000 267213 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

Deadline approaches for Civic Award nominations

The deadline for submissions of Ferryhill Civic Award nominations is fast approaching. 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.

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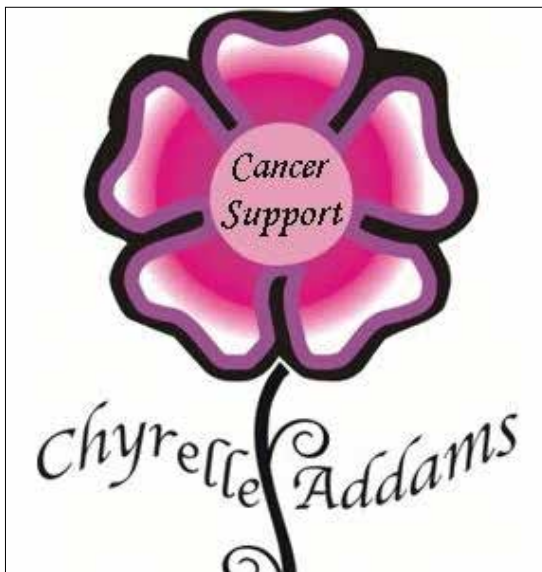
Stars of the North East Club circuit are holding an evening of entertainment to raise funds for a local cancer support charity.

Respected entertainer, Chyrelle Addams, was diagnosed with breast cancer a number of years ago, and has since worked tirelessly to raise funds to ease the suffering of other local cancer patients with her charity, The Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust.

Among her patrons is famous actress Denise Welsh, and up until his recent sad death, Ferryhill Flyer "Phil Nixon" was also a Patron and loyal supporter of the charity.

Eighteen of the region's best-loved acts will be performing at Chilton and Windlestone Workingmen's Club on Thursday 6th March.

All money raised at the event will be donated to the charity as all entertainers have waived their fees. Secretary Mark Taylor said, "This is one of the best



Ferryhill Club will be holding an evening of entertainment in aid of the Chyrelle Addams Cancer Support Trust.

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to make a donation to the charity whilst having a great evening out.

"Folks can call into the Club for tickets or download them from the website at www.chilton-wmc.co.uk."

FTY looking for sponsor

The Ferryhill Town Youth under 9s football team are seeking a sponsor to help fund a new team strip, as they have not had one for two years. The sponsor

would be advertised on the new team sports wear.

New players are always welcome, especially girls for any of the 12 teams from under 7's up to 16's.

Coffee morning for Chilton Gala

A coffee morning is to be held on Saturday 15th March in the Wheatshaf, Chilton, to raise funds for the Chilton Gala on 19th July 2014.

A raffle, tombola and food stall will be available. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be on sale at a cost of £1 from 10am - 1pm. All are welcome.

Due in court

David Hardy, aged 48 of Stoneybeck, Bishop Middleham, was due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face two charges.

It is alleged that on 30th

December, last year, he drove a Vauxhall Como Van on High Road, Bishop Middleham, whilst over the legal limit of alcohol and whilst being without third party insurance.

Psychic night

The Friends of 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 (formerly the Leisure Centre) on Wednesday March 5th at 7.30pm. Ray will be giving a dem-

onstration 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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2 March 1990 Nelson Mandela is elected deputy President of the African National Congress.	3 March 1857 Second Opium War: France and the United Kingdom declare war on China.	4 March 1665 King Charles II declares war on the Netherlands marking the start of the Second Anglo-Dutch War.

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E-Café to offer free youth sessions

The Ferryhill E-Café, which provides a youth facility for young people aged 8 - 16 years, is to offer a number of free sessions for its younger age group. Sessions for 8 - 10 year-olds are held weekly at the E-Café on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30pm till 6pm. Members are normally charged 50p entry fee with refreshments being available at an extra charge.

As a promotion, the E-Café will be running a number of free sessions for this age group as follows:

- Thursday 27th February,
- Tuesday 4th March,
- Thursday 6th March.

For more information about the E-Café contact either Laura Langdale, Youth Co-Ordinator at the centre on 07932 805 223 or Karen Younghusband at Ferryhill Town Council on 01740 652157.

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Shrove Tuesday at St. Aidan's Church

St. Aidan's Church in Chilton are holding a social event to celebrate Shrove Tuesday which will take place on Tuesday 4th March at 7pm. The night will feature traditional pancakes and a beetle

drive. Tickets are £4 each. For more information see church members or call: 01388 721174. "Do come along and join in the fun night" said a spokesperson.

Cancer sufferer who attacked his 71-year-old mam spared jail

Gary Foreman, 51, of Millwood, Chilton, repeatedly punched, kicked and threatened his 72-year-old mam, Doreen, in her home.

The incident took place in Cambridge Road, Silks-worth, Sunderland on 16th December 2011.

Emma Dowling, prosecuting, said: "She let him into the property and he started swearing at her and calling her names. "Then he started launching at her and punched her around the face. He held her around the neck and pulled her to the floor. He asked her for a kiss, which she thought was bizarre behaviour especially as he

was still punching her at the time."

Mrs Foreman described herself as being absolutely terrified, and feared that he was going to kill her. Gary broke his mother's nose, and left her with a wound to her face and a chipped tooth.

Jamie Adams, defending, said: "He acknowledges that he had lost it and it had gone too far. "He has been having very specialised chemotherapy for cancer at a hospital in Basingstoke. And now he is facing the next stage of his illness."

Judge James Goss, QC, told Foreman: "It was a bizarre, unusual, nasty

and sustained attack on her. It caused considerable upset and traumatised her, but fortunately did not cause her any serious injuries". "You have previously led a blameless life with no previous convictions and you have been hard working. Your life has been seriously effected by cancer for which you have had serious treatment, and you will be receiving more treatment."

Gary pleaded guilty to assault by actual bodily harm and was given a 12-month prison sentence, suspended for 12 months and a restraining order keeping him away from his mother.

WI celebrate member's 50th year

On Wednesday 5th February, members and guests of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute had a very enjoyable and interesting talk from the Reverend Michael Pullen. The ladies also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of Doris Dunn's membership at Ferryhill Village WI. A spokesperson commented, "Doris is a very valued

member. She has served on the County Catering for 20 years and is also a founder member of the Sedgefield Markets and after 28 years is still helping to run the markets."

Doris baked some delicious cream cakes for all of her friends and members to enjoy on the night with their cup of tea.

The group's next meeting

will be held in the community centre on Wednesday 5th March when member Gina Brown will be demonstrating how to make a decoration for the top of an Easter Cake along with her friend.

"We should have a great night and everyone will be made very welcome," continued the spokesperson.

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Club and fans announce giant crowd surfer for Cup Final

The Sunderland fans' flag and banner group Haway The Flags, are delighted to announce that a giant 25m x 12.5m crowd surfer, featuring the club's crest, will be unveiled at Wembley this Sunday when Sunderland take on Manchester City in the League Cup Final.

The Haway the Flags group were short on funds to manufacture their banner in time for the final, but the club's fanzine ALS and Sunderland AFC came to their rescue and have paid half the production costs each.

The flag is the largest such banner in the club's history and a delighted Nick Adams from Haway the Flags had this to say: "It's amazing that we have got this ready in time for the final and I'd like to thank Margaret Byrne and Chris Waters at SAFC for making this happen. We now plan to reignite this initiative and get a load more flags and fixed banners at the SOL. But we still need contributions from fans for further projects, so anyone who would like can do so via our website hawaytheflags.co.uk."

SAFC chief executive



The giant 25m x 12.5m crowd surfer, featuring the club's crest, will be unveiled at Wembley this Sunday for the League Cup Final.

Margaret Byrne said: "The Capital One Cup final will be a wonderful occasion for the club and our supporters and to see the east end of Wembley turned red and white will be an amazing sight. I am sure the crowd-surfer flag will be brilliant and on behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to thank the Haway the Flags group for their hard work in making it happen."

Martyn McFadden from A Love Supreme fanzine added: "This is a great project and we are delighted to support it. The

design featuring the club crest is generic and will grace the Stadium of Light for many years, but I'd urge fans to contribute to Haway the Flags financially, so we can really brighten up the SOL with more flags and banners when we return from Wembley with the cup!"

Fans can contribute to future Haway the Flags projects by visiting their website and donating. All supporters who make a contribution will have their name on the Roll of Honour on www.hawaytheflags.co.uk

Poetry Corner

A Friend of Mine

A good friend of mine travels to Blackpool
a lot of his time
To his flat he may go sometimes in sun,
sometimes in snow
After Sunderland, Blackpool FC
his second team
Playing in tangerine, on the field of green

Leaving Windlestone behind
Possibly a new life, in Blackpool to find
Still enjoying betting on the horses
Up and down country at different courses

Rumour has it he's Blackpool's next mayor
Hoping to be introduced to each
Blackpool player
Dressed in mayoral garb and chain
Attending functions in sun and rain
Maybe switching on Blackpool's lights
One of September's Autumn nights

Still enjoying a pint and a bet
Locals may not have seen
the best of him yet.

Vince Elseury
Ex Chilton

Vandalisium at Pentlands Park

During the February school holidays a gate at the Pentlands Park was vandalised twice. As a consequence of deliberate vandalism, the gate is no longer there, along with another one which had to be removed for the same reason a couple of years ago. These gates are there to allow children to play safely, without dogs getting in. Also, due to the design of the gates, they are difficult for younger children to open when

inside the facility. This is to hopefully prevent them from running off.

A spokesperson commented, "The cost to repair and replacement of the gates is very expensive and one that the Town Council should not have to organise and ratepayers should not have to fund. This park is extremely well used and a lot of hard work went into securing the funding and installation. It is the Council's intention to continue

enhancing the park and only last year successfully secured funding for the fitness equipment. The council will tackle any anti-social behaviour and vandalism and urge those who witness such activities to contact the police in confidence on 101." The council have notified the police and have requested extra patrols. If you need to contact the Town Council telephone 01388 721788.

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Ferryhill Indoor Bowls team face anxious wait

Ferryhill travelled to Hartlepool IBC last week in buoyant mood, looking for one point from their three rinks to virtually guarantee a play-off place in the Durham County Vets inter league. Unfortunately they found the green very quick and turned in a below par performance. The final result was a disastrous 5-0 defeat, leaving

them 3.5 points ahead of Hartlepool in the table, who have one more game to play away to Durham. Of the three rinks only skip Bob Jefferson ever looked like winning. His fellow players D Cummings, R Laing and J Gleghorn supported him well and in fact were three shots up at the final end. However the Hartlepool team saved their best till

last and managed to score four shots to claim the point and rob Ferryhill of what would have been an almost certain place in the play-offs as league runners-up. The club now face an anxious wait for the result of the game between Durham and Hartlepool but the odds are still slightly in favour of Ferryhill.

Dynamos lose out in semi

In a wind affected semi-final, Ferryhill Dynamos went down 3-2 to Washington Cherrytree. Ferryhill dominated the first half but couldn't find the back of the net, including a missed penalty. After the break, Washington had the wind at their backs and took advantage before sending a speculative free kick into the box, only for the wind to fox Ferryhill's keeper and find the back of the net. Again Washington used the wind with a fierce drive from 30

yards to beat the keeper. Ferryhill got themselves back into it when veteran centre half Nigel Milner picked up a loose ball and carried it for 30 yards before slotting a perfect through-ball for Stephen Ward to put passed the keeper. Washington scored again with a great piece of work for their centre forward to make it 3-1. Ferryhill pulled another back at the end when skipper Jonathon Mason tapped in. Final score 3-2.

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Town Youth round-up

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9s had a very good game against a strong Shildon side in their most recent fixture. Goalkeeper Ryan Eltringham and defender Tyler Rutter had an excellent game. Struggling against the wind in the first half, Liam Slee, Jay Roddam, Lee Richardson and Charlie Calvert each scored a goal, with the game finishing 4-1. The second game was as

equally impressive, with Ferryhill winning 3-1 with goals coming from Joe Flemming, Owen Wright and Marshall Million. Ferryhill's Under 13s were away at Darlington TSC in horribly windy conditions. The boys battled well, with the goals coming from, Connor Cranswick (3), Tyler Marquis (3), Kieron Richardson (3) and Cameron Browne (2).

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 5th March, 7pm - 8pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Youths congregating around Ferryhill Leisure Centre (The Hub) causing a nuisance by drinking alcohol and littering.

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

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Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

Thursday 6th March, 2pm - 3pm, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

Previous issues - Reports of anti-social behaviour in and around Verdun Terrace.

Chilton Ward

Tuesday 25th March, 7pm - 8pm, Henderson House, Coleridge Road

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

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