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Community groups benefit from local NHS 'Dragons' Den'



The successful projects from the Sedgfield area pictured with the panel of 'Dragons' (front, seated) after receiving their Mental Health and Wellbeing Innovation Grant certificates. CCG Chair, Annie Dolphin is pictured front row, centre.

Local community and voluntary groups in the Sedgfield area have benefited from over £20k in funding from the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), to support mental health and wellbeing. NHS Durham Dales, Easing-

ton and Sedgfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), the organisation responsible for planning and buying the majority of health services in the area, set aside the pot of money for a Mental Health and Wellbeing Inno-

vation Grant. The initiative was supported by the Health Networks in each area and using a similar format to the well-known television series Dragon's Den, the CCG asked the local voluntary and community sector to pitch their ideas to a panel of 'Dragons', which included local GPs. The successful projects were presented with a certificate to mark their award. They were:

- North East Autism Society - £6,461 - Working in the Newton Aycliffe area to support healthy eating and exercise for toddlers with autism and associated learning difficulties
- Shildon Saint John's Church Community Garden - £8,500. Healthier lifestyle through gardening and healthy eating.
- Cornforth Partnership £9,566 - First Steps to a healthier lifestyle.

Each applicant was asked to link their project to the CCG's strategic objectives, to put forward innovative proposals and embrace the project goal to 'Improve the mental health and wellbeing of individuals in the localities of Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield.'

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.

Public consultation for new post office

Proposals to relocate the Eldon Terrace branch of the Post Office to a modern facility in the nearby Mainsforth News, on Dennison Terrace, is now open to a public consultation.

The change is to be part of a national Post Office modernisation programme and will bring longer opening hours to Ferryhill, who's branch's opening hours

will change to 5am - 6pm Monday to Saturday and 5am - noon on Sunday. A six week public consultation into the plan is being held and comments can be submitted until 8th April. Comments can be submitted by telephone: 08457 223 344 or by email: comments@postoffice.co.uk or online at postofficeviews.co.uk using the branch code 174309.


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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

In loving memory of
Valman

11th March 2012

I miss your smile
Your joking ways
I miss the daft things
You used to say
Two years have gone so quickly
Without you by my side
Many times I've needed you
Many times I've cried
Each time I look at your picture
You seem to smile and say
Don't cry I'm only sleeping
We'll meet again someday.



All my love
Christine
xxx

In loving memory of our
precious Dad & Grandad

Valman Woods

11th March 2012

Two years on and we still miss you more than ever
Forever in our thoughts and hearts



All our love,
Craig, Joy, James and April



Maurice Walton

26th February

Happy Birthday Dad and Grandad.
Gone but never forgotten.



All our love,
Julie, Peter, Kallen, Tina,
Danielle & Alex
x

Maurice Walton

Happy Birthday Great Grandpa.
You would have loved me so much. I'm just like my Dad.



All my love,
Harley
x



In Memoriam

Dennis Nevison

Dearly loved husband
missing you every day



All my love, Janet

Dennis Nevison

Dad & Grandpa, as long as we live, you will never be forgotten



We will love you forever,
Samantha, Keith, Kate & Ellie

Dennis Nevison

5.3.2013

Treasured Memories
Many silent tears



Mother
xx

Dennis Nevison

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts



Sister Carol, Owen and Gavin

Dennis Nevison

A special thought today for my brother Dennis
You will never be forgotten



Kevin
xx

Dennis Nevison

There isn't a day goes by where we don't think of you



Love Julie, Kian and Holly

Dennis Nevison

Harry Harley

11 March 2013

Treasured memories of a loving husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa.
Always loved and sadly missed.



Gladys, Ivor, Clare, Mark,
Catherine and Melissa

Birthday Memories

Sharon Porter

12th March

Thinking of you always Sharon. But especially today on what would have been your 50th Birthday.



Love and miss you,
Love Mam
xxxxx

Sharon Porter

12th March

Thinking of you on what would be your 50th Birthday.



Love and miss you,
Brother Shaun, Joleen and Mckenzie
xxxxx

Birthdays

Alfie O'Sullivan

7th March



Happy 2nd Birthday



Lots of love
Mammy and Daddy
xxx

Alfie O'Sullivan

7.3.14

Lots of love on your second birthday



Grandad Jimmy, Grandma Brenda and Uncle Davey
xxx

Alfie O'Sullivan

Happy 2nd Birthday



Lots of love
Uncle James and Aunty Sam
xxx

Birthdays

Alfie O'Sullivan

Happy 2nd Birthday



Love n big kisses
Nana Linda n Kaiden
xx



Barbara Alice Rutherford

10th March 1954

Happy 60th Birthday to our little sister (the bairn) with love and best wishes for many more.

60!

Your loving sisters Pamela,
Irene, Norma, Pruenella
and all your family
xxxxx

Barbara Alice Rutherford

10th March

Happy 60th Birthday
To our Mammy

60!

With mutts love from Dora
and Dorothy
xxx

Barbara Alice Rutherford

10th March

Happy 60th Birthday
Aunt B

60!

Lots of love
Ethan
xxx

Barbara Alice Rutherford

Happy 60th Birthday
Aunt Barb (Cat)

60!

Julie and Dean
John and Susan
xxxx



Birthdays

Christine Foster

8.3.2014



Happy 60th Birthday Mam

60!

Lots of love Paul, Lynsey
and Gavin
xxx



Michael Tucker

2.3.14



Happy 16th Birthday Son



Love you loads from Mam,
Dad, Matthew and Ryan
xxx



Paula Happer

Happy 40th Birthday

40!

Lots of love from Joanne,
Denise and family
xxx

Paula Happer

Happy 40th

40!

Love Gina and Kids

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All about local people ...

Birthdays

Paula Happer

Happy 40th Paula
To a special Niece

40!

Love Uncle Frank and Julie

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The official launch of 'Cuthbert's Cross', County Durham's commemorative Ale, will be at 1pm on the 8th March at The Surtees Arms in Ferryhill.

The Ale, brewed by the local 'Yard of Ale Brewery', incorporates the new County Durham flag design and has been produced in celebration of all things "Durham" ahead of County Durham Day on the 20th March. There are plans to make the new beverage available in venues around the Durham region in early March with a bottled version to follow.



Cuthbert's Cross Ale's working label.

Stressed man took his own life

On Saturday 16th November, a walker found the body of 52 year-old Darryl Gent on Wood Lane in Ferryhill.

Detective Sergeant Paul Faulkner, of Spennymoor serious crime team, spoke at the inquest into Mr Gent's death, which

took place at Crook Civic Centre on Wednesday 26th February. He stated that Mr Gent's car was found nearby to the scene and a 'life' note was found inside. Another note was also left for his wife at home. The hearing also indicated that Mr Gent had

been suffering with stress prior to his death due to financial problems. Mr Gent had also recently been to hospital because of chest pains which doctors felt were stress related. Coroner Andrew Tweddle recorded a verdict of suicide.

Cleaves Car Crash

On Monday 3rd March, just after midnight, an incident occurred on Cleaves Avenue at the junction with Helmsley Close when a silver Citroen C2 collided with a green Renault Megane Scenic which was parked on

the roadside. Both vehicles sustained extensive front end damage. A 21 year-old woman, who was a passenger in the Citroen, suffered a head injury and fractured her right leg. She received treatment in Darlington

Memorial Hospital. Fortunately the Megane was unoccupied at the time of the collision. Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to call Durham Police's road unit on 101.

Community Roller Disco

A Community Roller Disco begins on Saturday 8th March from 3-4pm at Ferryhill Community Hub. The first three sessions are free and there

will be a small charge thereafter. You must supply your own roller skates or blades, however it is hoped that if the event proves successful

funding will be secured to provide skate hire in the near future. For more information ring the hub on 01740 654 123.

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Garden waste collections

Garden waste collections in Ferryhill and Chilton are due to resume from Tuesday 18th March. Residents who are part of the scheme will receive a leaflet detailing their specific collection dates, which can also be checked using the My Durham facility on the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk. Residents are advised to

put their garden waste bin out by 7am on their collection day. Small branches, flowers, leaves, grass cuttings, weeds, prunings and hedge clippings can all be placed in garden waste collection bins. People are asked to put garden waste straight into the bin without using plastic bags to avoid contamination.

EPW Wrestling 12 tickets to be won

The Chapter has six pairs of tickets up for grabs for the upcoming American Wrestling show at Ferryhill Community Hub on Sunday 23rd March. All you have to do to win is answer the following question; What is the name of the TNA wrestler who is in the centre of the EPW poster,

featured in this edition of the Chapter? (see page 1) To enter the draw, email your answer to thechapter@talk21.com before 15th March. Remember to include your name and contact details. The winners will be chosen at random. Good luck!

Memories!

Ferryhill Stage Society is presenting 'Memories!', a nostalgic evening of old and new. The show will take place at Mainsforth Community Centre, Ferryhill Station, on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April at 7.15pm. A Matinee showing will also take place on

Saturday 5th April starting at 2.15pm. Tickets are: Adults £7, Children (under 16 years) £5, and a family ticket (2+2) is £20. Contact Joan Harker on 01740 652551 or book online at www.ferryhill-stage-society1.webeden.co.uk.

Trailer taken



The stolen black aluminium and wood trailer.

The trailer pictured was taken from Bishop Middleham Nature Reserve between 10.15am and 2.45pm on Wednesday 26th February and was display-

ing VRM : NU08UJY. It is a 4ft x 5ft 750kg black aluminium and wood enclosed trailer, which has Otter Trust and National Lottery stickers displayed on it,

making it very distinctive. If anyone has any information in relation to this theft, contact PC 2669 Collingwood on the non-emergency number 101.

The Great Goodbye on DVD

Shildon once again become part of railway history after staging a once-in-a-lifetime event; the biggest event to have ever taken place in the town. The weekend of Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February 2014 saw thousands of railway enthusiasts from across the world flock to the 'Cradle of the Railways' for the opening of The Great Goodbye; a final reunion of the six surviving Gresley A4 Pacific locomotives. This was the final event

in a series of celebrations called 'Mallard 75', marking 75 years since Mallard raced down Stoke Bank at 126mph, to set a new steam locomotive world speed record; a record which still stands today. The world-record holder was joined by its sister Locomotives Sir Nigel Gresley, Bittern and the Union of South Africa, as well as the Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower, which were temporarily repatriated from their home museums in Canada and the

USA. The Great Goodbye was the last time that all six A4 Locomotives will ever be seen together. The Chapter is pleased to announce that we have produced a souvenir DVD documenting this once-in-a-life-time event from start to finish. The discs are available from us at £5 each. To order your copy contact the Chapter on 01388 775896, or email thechapter@talk21.com. Discs can be posted to you for an additional £1.50.

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Walter

*Rejects the contemporary ; embraces all
things past.*

*The once, time-served artisan
Believes nothing's now built to last.*

*Doesn't like that new beer
you get in the Crown
Served up cold, full of chemicals
All watered-down.*

*Those old beers were best
Served by his mate, Johnnty Farrel,
Real ale from the cask
Only 10-bob a barrel!*

*'Doesn't like that new doctor (replaced the
one that retired)*

*Prescribes wrong-coloured tablets - thinks
the bloke should be fired!*

*He complains to the Council -
They never clean out his bins
And they don't clear the snow
When the winter begins.*

*Does the above sound familiar?
Typifies cantankerous old sticks?*

*It must be an 'age' thing
(I'm just twenty-six!)*

*Walter complains about all things
Under our warm, setting sun
A constant in a changing world -
Bereft of optimism, flexibility ...fun!*

C R Lee
Chilton

Driver disqualified

On the night of 29th December, David Hardy had been drinking at a party, so the next morning he wisely asked his wife to drive.

Afterwards he went on a ten mile bike ride, so when his mother asked him to bring her over to see her grandchildren later that day, Hardy thought that he would be fit enough to drive. However, at 3.35pm

police stopped his Vauxhall Combo Van on High Road, Bishop Middleham, near his home and smelt alcohol on his breath.

The roadside test found the 48 year-old to be over the legal limit of alcohol and he was found to be without motor insurance. The District Judge at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court expressed sympathy for the defend-

ant before disqualifying him from driving for sixteen months.

Hardy was ordered to pay £15 Victim Support Surcharge and was sentenced to a 12 months conditional discharge.

It was also stated that the court would inform the DVLC that Mr. Hardy was suffering from a visual impairment which could affect his ability to drive.

Do you recognise this man?



CCTV footage from the Co-op in Ferryhill.

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council's Customer Access Points if:

- You have moved house since you received your last pass. You will need proof of new address such as a utility bill
- You have not received your new pass by March 24th 2014
- You have received a pass in error.

Further information is available on www.durham.gov.uk/buspassrenewal.

Poet amongst Pitmen

Vince Elsbury's book 'A Poet Amongst Pitmen' is now available at 'Salon 28' and is still available at Ferryhill Town Council. The book costs £3 with all the proceeds going to the

Intensive Therapy Unit, Ward One, of Darlington Memorial Hospital.

"Please support this valuable cause," said a spokesperson.

FBEC students dabble in robotics



Cameron Daggett, Robert Lloyd, Cameron Cook, Liam Fellows and Kate Storey.

The Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Club, run by the Design and Technology Department has been focusing on a Robotics Challenge, and the seven students have built, modified and

competed with their robot. Having won the Durham Challenge in December at Woodham Academy, the team went on to compete at the North East Regional VEX Robotics qualification round in February in Sunderland. They were close runners-up, only just

missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals in Birmingham.

Having been so successful at their first attempt at robotics, they now have high hopes for future challenges as plans are already underway to modify and improve the robot.

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Zumba gold

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pace to suit the needs of older participants, those less mobile and those just beginning their fitness journeys.

Sessions will commence on Thursday 13th March from 2pm to 3pm for 10

weeks.

For further details telephone the school on 01388 720255/721619 or the college on 01388 720911 (after 5.30pm). Numbers are limited so call to book your place.

PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Chilton Ward

Tuesday 11th March, 6pm - 7pm, Chilton Town Council, Hutton House

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.

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 2nd April, 6pm - 7pm, 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

Wednesday 2nd April, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

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

Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

Thursday 3rd April, 2pm - 3pm, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

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

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I am writing regarding the letter published in your issue dated Friday 21st February, written by a Mrs Dodsworth of Fishburn who has clearly been ill-informed and misled regarding the ending of evening swimming lessons at Broom Cottages Primary School.

It fascinates me that a person with such strong views will take the time to write to yourselves, but has not made contact with the school to request information. Mrs Dodsworth's letter is riddled with inaccuracies and assumptions regarding the reasons for the ending of swimming sessions, all of which could have been addressed with a simple phone call.

The reasons for the ending of the swimming sessions were fully explained to the company involved, along with a letter giving two weeks' notice for the ending of their contract (therefore the keys were not removed from the instructor "earlier than agreed" and the caretaker was not involved in the decision to do so!). The letter circulated to parents was very misleading and claimed to have no knowledge of the reasons for the termination of their contract with the school. The initial contract with the commercial swimming organisation, made it very clear that if at any point their use of the pool interfered with the schools day to day operation (offering swimming lessons to children from 22 schools across the county) then its time in the pool would have to come to an end. All parties in the discussion were in full agreement to these terms and conditions.

There were a number of incidents, such as gates being left open, windows left open etc, all of which were discussed with the swimming company. However, on two consecutive occasions faeces was found in the pool the morning following the evening swimming sessions. As a result the pool had to be closed on both occasions, leading to 240 children not getting swimming lessons through school. All 22 schools pay for a swimming slot on a certain day and as a result the same schools each time missed out on their swimming lessons. As it is a statutory requirement for all children to be able to swim 25 meters before leaving primary school, the schools were understandably annoyed. Occasionally children can have toileting accidents in a pool and, if this is reported immediately, actions can be taken to filter the pool. If, however, we are not informed, this can't happen!!

As the Headteacher of a school my first priority is to the children of our school and the other schools involved, not to a commercial organisation.

It's a shame that Mrs Dodsworth appears to have been misinformed regarding this issue and, as a result, has felt the need to vent her frustrations in public. If Mrs Dodsworth would like to discuss this matter further I am happy to speak to her, as I have done already with a number of other parents affected by the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sean Kavanagh,

Headteacher of Broom Cottages Primary School.

Dear Editor,

Re: The Chapter, Friday 21st February, page 6, Speedwatch.

Police carried out a Speedwatch session at Cochrane Terrace, Ferryhill on the 15th February, as I as believe they have done in other local areas. I was, however, puzzled to read that although 17 vehicles were found to be in excess of the speed limit, the offending drivers were only to be sent warning letters. Why were they not fined?

Name and address withheld on request.

Dear Editor,

On Monday 24th February the wonderful and very talented members of D.I.D.O compiled a great quiz. A trio dressed up and sang as Elvis and 'her' two very well dressed fans.

A quartet sang and danced, dressed as Pearly Kings and Queens. One lady member entertained us with a selection of funny stories and quotes. Not to be out-done, a gentleman did a very long and very funny monologue.

The song 'Working Man' was performed by a group dressed as Pitmen. They also sang a song one lady wrote for D.I.D.O.

A very troubled groom and a very pregnant bride sand 'I'm getting married in the morning.

The finale was a group who sang a selection of songs from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. 'A rousing finish'.

A huge thank you to all who took part in the fantastic show, and to the enthusiastic audience who cheered them on.

Can't wait for February 23rd 2015!

Ann Turner,
Ferryhill.

Celtic go down fighting

Ferryhill Celtic played in the Durham League Cup semi-final at the weekend against Aycliffe Club. The Celtic, who are already in a final, were trying to make it two. The game started very even for the first 20 minutes, with both teams playing attractive football, but it was Aycliffe who broke the deadlock when a low cross fell kindly for Aycliffe's number 9, who finished from close range. Aycliffe were now on top and made it 2 on the half-hour mark when their centre midfielder hit a sweet shot into the roof of the net to make it 2-0 at half time. Celtic then had a 15 minute period of their own and managed to test

the Aycliffe defence. They were back in the tie when a Dan Mitton through-ball found Shane Todd on the edge of the box who unleashed a shot that flew past the Aycliffe keeper for 2-1. The Celtic now had the wind in their sails and on 60 minutes Kurt Seymour found Jonny Agar, who drove into the box and appeared to be clipped from behind, but honestly stayed on his feet, but his shot went wide. Next Liam Pearson shot from just inside the box, but it was straight at the keeper. With the Celtic pushing for an equaliser they were dealt a devastating body blow when Aycliffe's centre forward put a stunning

free kick into the top corner from 30 yards out to leave the Celtic keeper Kris Car with no chance, 3-1. With the Celtic tiring, Aycliffe finished the game with another quality strike from just outside the box, which sent them into the final.

Manager Lee Jewett said the club had no complaints. The Celtic players had given everything but were beat by a real quality side on the day.

The Celtic have chance to bounce straight back as they are in yet another semi-final next Sunday in the Durham Alan Smith Cup; away to Chester Red Lion. "Come along and give us your support," said a spokesperson.

Ferryhill Town Youth

Ferryhill Under 9s played away to a very strong Stranton side with end-to-end action. The game finished 1-1 with Captain, Liam Snee scoring Ferryhill's goal.

The second game was again full of action but unfortunately, ended with Ferryhill losing 1-0.

"All of the team played really well," said a spokesperson.

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The Council on 27.02.14 made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32 and 35 and Pt IV of Sch. 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act"), as amended, the effects of which come into operation on 10.03.14 and amends the existing Parking from 1 hour no return within 1 hour (all day, every day) to Parking 1 hour no return within 1 hour Mon-Sat 8am-6pm from No's 4-8 Parker Terr., No. 7-13 Main St. and from No's 21-22 & No's 23-26 Market St. A copy of the sealed Order and accompanying documents may be inspected at County Hall, Durham Mon-Fri 9am-4pm; via the Council website and at Ferryhill Library during normal opening hours. Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by "the Act", as amended, or that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made under it has not been complied with, may within 6 weeks from 05.03.14 apply to make an application for that purpose to the High Court.

Dated: 5 March 2014



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