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Couple celebrate blue sapphire anniversary



Deputy mayor of Ferryhill Pauline Crathorne presenting a bouquet of flowers and a glass tankard to Cyril & Violet Davies.

The deputy mayor of Ferryhill, Pauline Crathorne, had the pleasure of presenting a lovely bouquet of flowers and a glass tankard to Cyril and Violet Davies who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on the 11th March.

Cyril and Violet were both born in Birmingham but they moved to the North in July 2012 to their current address in Manor Court, Ferryhill, to be near their daughter Sue and her husband Chris. They also have a son, Dennis,

who lives in California. Cyril left school at 14 years old and became a sheet metal worker. In 1943, when he turned 18, he was drafted into the Navy, travelling around the world visiting Sydney, Singapore, Hong Kong, Borneo and ending up in South East Asia. After his national service he returned to, sheet metal working, for Jaguar in Birmingham until he retired. Violet also left school at 14 years old and worked at the Lucas factory making aircraft parts. Her final job was a dinner lady at a local school. In earlier times Cyril loved his golf whilst Violet loved taking care of her grandchildren. Five years ago, the sprightly couple celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Crook at their daughter's previous home, when Dennis and his family turned up unannounced from America, something they have done more than once. They celebrated their wonderful occasion with a meal with the family at The Clarence Villa in Coxhoe.

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.

Between Saturday 15th and Sunday 23rd February 2014, 120,000 railway enthusiasts from across the world flocked to the 'Cradle of the Railways' for 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 has produced a souvenir DVD featuring 140 photos from this once-in-a-life-time event.

The discs are now available from Stark Computers in Ferryhill.

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Birthday Memories

Angela Strange

13th March

Birthday memories of our dearly loved daughter Angela on her Birthday



Love and miss you always
Mum and Dad
xx



Nixon

13.3.14

Thinking of you everyday Phillip, especially today on what would have been your 58th Birthday, your first away from us.



Love Val, Phil and family
John, Elizabeth and family
June, Trevor and family

Nixon

13th March

Dad/Grandad

Its your 1st Birthday in Heaven, this year you celebrate with family we've lost



Love you and miss you,
Angela, Elle, Olivia & Thomas
xxx



Margaret Mullinger

17th March



Your 1st Birthday without you, sadly missed by us all love and miss you.



Alf, Wayne, Nicola, Liam,
Jade and Dalton
xxx

Birthdays

Rhys Hebdon

14th March



Happy 13th Birthday to a special son.



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Mam, Dad and Sam
xxx

Rhys Hebdon

Happy 13th Birthday



Lots of love,
From Gran & Granda
xx



Alex

13th March



16 Today
Happy Birthday Alex



Lots of love
Mam and Dad
xx



Rose Bolton

Happy 80th Birthday Rose

80!

Love from Marion and family

Birthdays

Kole Hemmings



Happy 6th Birthday to our scrumptious little man Kole, Love you to the moon and back



Love Mam, Jeff, KP & Sol
xxx



Ethan Christon

18th March



Would like to wish our precious Son a Happy 5th Birthday, enjoy your super hero party!



Love you all the world!
Mam & Dad
xxxxxxx

Ethan Christon

18th March

Happy 5th Birthday



Lots of love, Nanna,
Granda, Auntie Joanne,
Uncle Doug & Dalton
xxxxxx

Birthdays

John Thomas Farley

14.3.14

Happy 50th Birthday

50!

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Give blood for Mother's Day this month

As Mother's Day approaches, NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is highlighting how donated blood is often used to help new mums and their babies.

Blood is vital for a wide variety of procedures in hospitals. One important, often urgent and life-saving way it is used, is for pregnant women or new mothers experiencing severe bleeds.

Premature babies often also need blood transfusions to replace the blood that is taken for testing, as they struggle to make new blood cells in the first few weeks after birth.

Around 6% of blood used in hospitals is for maternity care, so people from the local area are being urged to think about new mums and their babies around Mother's Day and make a date to give blood. NHS Blood and Transplant's lead donor relations manager for Yorkshire and the North area, Donna Batty, said: "In the run-up to Mother's Day we would like people to think about not only their own mother but also the



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mothers and families they can help simply by giving blood.

"Here at NHS Blood and Transplant, we are regularly contacted by grateful young mothers who owe their lives to blood donors after receiving transfusions during childbirth. So rest assured, you really can make a difference and help to save a life simply by going along to a local session."

Anyone aged between 17-65, weighing more than 50 kg (7st 12lbs) and in

general good health could potentially start saving lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years.

A donation session will be taking place at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill, on Tuesday 25th March, between 2pm and 4pm and again between 4.45pm and 7pm.

For more information, and to book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

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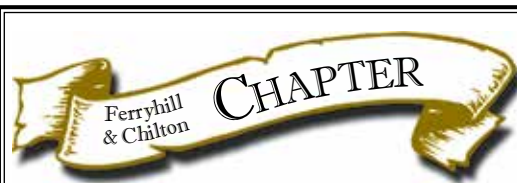
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Money raised for perimeter fence

The Friends of Cleves Cross Primary School would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported their 'Psychic Night,' held in the Hub at Ferryhill recently.

The night raised a fantastic £806.57, which added

to the £248 already raised from the Harvest Festival, giving a total of £1054.57.

The money raised will go towards a much-needed perimeter fence for Cleves Cross School's partner school in Weligama, Sri Lanka.

Wounding without intent

Kyle Jamie Redfearn, of Colliers' Yard, Ferryhill, was due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently. The 23 year-old faces a charge that, on 27th October last year, he wounded and inflicted grievous bodily harm, without intent, upon

Andrew Chicken.

Magistrates decided their sentencing powers were insufficient and have committed the case to Durham Crown Court for trial.

Mr Redfearn was granted unconditional bail until Wednesday 19th March for the hearing.

Women in Roman Britain

On Wednesday 26th March the Ferryhill History Society is holding a talk entitled "Women in Roman Britain". Guest speaker Lindsay Allason Jones will describe the lives of Women in Roman Britain, and the evening will explore how

the Roman Army living on the edge of the empire influenced the lifestyle of women. "Women in Roman Britain" will take place at the Eldon Arms, Ferryhill Station, starting at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Beat officers tackle speeding under new scheme

On Thursday 6th March, a pilot scheme was launched by Durham police which will allow neighbourhood officers in the Ferryhill area to use laser speed detection devices to catch speeding motorists.

Until now, enforcement of speeding offences has only been carried out by dedicated crews from the force's road policing unit, and local concerns had to compete for attention with major incidents elsewhere in the county.

In the Ferryhill area road

safety, particularly in residential areas and near schools, is regularly identified as a key concern of residents and councillors at PACT meetings.

Recently, beat teams and community volunteers have ran Speedwatch campaigns to raise awareness about the dangers of breaking the speed limit by sending warning letters to speeding motorists.

Sergeant Dave Barker said, "We already see the benefits of Speedwatch as a means of educating but when that isn't enough to

get the message across this will be an excellent tool for enforcement and enable us to issue tickets and report drivers."

Inspector Graham Milne said the neighbourhood police team can now target speeding hotspots. Durham County Councillor Brian Avery donated £2,680 from his neighbourhood budget, through the 4Together Area Action Partnership, to buy the device for use around Ferryhill, Chilton, West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham.

Broken heart festival



Shotgun Syndrome live on stage - one of the bands to headline at the 'The Broken Heart Festival' on 22nd March.

Two Chilton residents have organised a metal music festival in aid of the British Heart Foundation entitled 'The Broken Heart Festival'.

Evan Jones, 19, from Chilton is the lead singer in his band Shotgun Syndrome and is organising the event in memory of his grandmother, Ann Jones, who passed away from heart related problems in 1999.

Brian Lockey, Shotgun Syndrome bassist also volunteers at the British Heart Foundation store in Newton Aycliffe.

Twelve bands, which include "We Rise Tomorrow" and "Razorjack" amongst many others, will join Shotgun Syndrome on stage. The event will take place on Sunday 22nd March at Newton Aycliffe Youth

Centre from 1pm - 11pm (doors open from noon).

Tickets costs £5 and are available from the bands and some tickets will be available at the door on the day. Further information can be found on the Facebook page 'The Broken Heart Festival 2014'.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Evan said, "The more tickets we sell the more we make for charity".



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County Durham's Cuthbert's Cross Ale launches



(Left to right) Charlie Backhouse (with union flag), Andy Strangeway (adventurer who co-ordinated the County Durham flag competition) Alan Hogg from The Surtees Arms (centre), Dave Dennis (real ale expert) and James Moffatt (whose daughters Katie and Holly designed the flag).

Alan and Susan Hogg, of The Surtees Arms, in Ferryhill Station, officially launched the Cuthbert's Cross Ale to promote the new County Durham flag and the first ever County Durham day on 20th March, 2014. Alan and Susan created the golden beer Cuth-

bert's Cross at their Yard of Ale Brewery. The golden cask conditioned Ale, with a strength of 4 per cent, is selling well. Mr Hogg said, "We had the Union flag and the County Durham flag out and people have been keen to promote County Durham Day.

"Cuthbert's Cross has also been taken up by a number of other pubs across the region too." The beer was created in the landlords' brewery, based in outbuildings behind the pub on Chilton Lane, and it will be sold in pubs across the North-East during March and April.

Mayor's Civic Dinner

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. This will be hosted on 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. Throughout the evening there will be live entertainment by the Betcha By Golly Wow. There will also be a raffle and tombola. All monies raised on the evening will be donated to the Mayor's nominated

charities; Local NSPCC and organisations within Chilton. Tickets for the event cost £22.00 per person and are available from the Town Council offices. For further information call into the Town Council office or telephone 01388 721788.

Shed damage

Overnight between Monday 3rd March and Tuesday 4th March, unknown persons have caused damage to a shed in a garden to the rear of Albert Street, Chilton.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident they are urged to contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Police Team on 101 quoting reference DHM-04032014-0049.

Ferryhill Six charity stall

Weather permitting, the Ferryhill Six will be holding a Charity Stall at Ferryhill Market on Friday 14th March.

Lots of goodies will be available to purchase, such as home-made cakes and biscuits, jams, chutneys and lots of bargains.

Brass band concert

A Brass Band Concert featuring Ferryhill Town Band will be held on Saturday 5th April, from 7pm in St Luke's Church Hall to raise funds for the Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor

Ken Campbell's chosen charities; Ferryhill Town Band and St Luke's Youth Groups. Tickets for the concert are £5 and are available from Ferryhill Town Hall.

Scaffolding danger

Over recent weeks, building work has commenced in the area of Maughan Close, West Cornforth, and scaffolding has been erected around the bungalows. On a number of occasions over the last few weekends police have received calls from residents that youths

are climbing on the scaffolding and throwing items around. "Please be conscious of the dangers your children are in whilst playing in this area," said a police spokesperson. If anyone sees youths on the scaffolding, contact Ferryhill beat team on 101.

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The closing date for the receipt of applications is
Thursday 27th March 2014.

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



livin signs up to ethical alternative stores

Homes and communities business livin has signed up to a new scheme to provide its tenants with a more affordable solution to expensive weekly payment stores.

The Smarterbuys Store offers an affordable and ethical new way of buying household goods including TVs, white goods and furniture with payments up to 40 per cent cheaper than other weekly payment stores.

Philip Pollard, head of financial wellbeing for livin, said: "Times are hard for our tenants and the risk of them buying goods or borrowing from less affordable sources could see personal debts become unmanageable.

"The Smarterbuys Store aims to protect our tenants by giving them access to the same quality products but at much more affordable rates and from a source they can trust.

"The Smarterbuys Store has been developed in partnership with Northern Housing Consortium, Derwentside Homes and Prince Bishops Community Bank and was set up to provide tenants an alternative to doorstep lenders, loan sharks and expensive weekly payment stores.

The site also encourages tenants to save, by transferring a minimum of 25p per week into a savings account set up as part of the 'save as you buy' scheme - which gives the customer the

option of either taking the cash back at the end of the payment term, or continuing to save".

Mr Pollard added: "By encouraging them to save we are also helping them plan for the future, as well as helping them build a healthy credit history."

Tenants can browse and purchase items by visiting www.livin.sbstore.org and apply for the weekly payment option. The payments are lower than other high street payment stores and the 25p minimum 'save as you buy' payment is automatically added, allowing the customer to save without having to think about it - they can even choose to save more if they want.

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17 March 2013	18 March 1989	19 March 1992
The largest meteorite (since NASA started observing the moon in 2005) hit the moon.	In Egypt, a 4,400-year-old mummy was found near the Pyramid of Cheops.	Fergie and Andrew split - Buckingham Palace revealed the Duke and Duchess of York were to separate.

Poetry Corner

Talent

Britain's Got Talent, so it says on TV
But what of the talent within a family?
My oldest brother gives me so much pleasure
When he plays his mouth organ
I sit, listen and enjoy it at my leisure.
My oldest sister is an artist of talent
Her sculpture is of a standard that her tutor at college
Recommended she apply for Madame Tussauds!
I wonder if her talent was on the cards.
For her poetry she is quite renowned
She says mine is light-hearted, but hers is profound
When at chapel on a Sunday night
If anyone cared to look
She would be drawing the preacher
In the back of the hymn book
Another sister can sew a fine seam
Her wedding dresses have fulfilled many a girl's dream
Next one down says it would be hard to be found
Talent for which she could be renowned!
Her handwriting I must say is definitely unique!
And her pies and chocolate cake a mouth-watering treat.
My youngest sister, what talent comes to light?
A caring nurse, a career in sight
My youngest brother, I cannot miss him out
He had a talent for music, of that there is no doubt
He could play any instrument that came to his hand
When in the R.A.F. he formed his own band
He also painted and his pictures gave pleasure
As he is no longer with us, value you cannot measure
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Vehicles damaged on Lakes Estate

Sometime between 2am and 4am on the morning of Sunday 2nd March, approximately 20 vehicles were damaged on the Lakes Estate and surrounding streets in Ferryhill. Unknown persons have caused mindless damage to vehicles by kicking wing mirrors/lights and the bodywork of vehicles parked around streets. The mindless actions of this individual has caused distress to a number of

victims. CCTV footage is in the process of being obtained, however it is believed that the offender is known to the community. If any person has knowledge of this male or has any further information relating to these crimes, please contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 (extension 661 4721) or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Free fun fair ride for schools

Lucy from Carnival Fun Fairs is offering the use of her Alice in Wonderland Tea Cup ride free to all local schools which are organising a School Fayre this

summer. Any local schools wishing to take up this offer can phone Lucy on 07836 350507 or email carnival-funfairs@tiscali.co.uk.

Spring Garden Open Day

Endeavour Woodcrafts are holding their Spring Open Day on Saturday 22nd March from 11am-3pm. They will be selling a new and exciting range of Mother's Day products, as well as the usual range for the home and garden

in time for Spring. Some products may be personalised and individual items can be made to specification. Light refreshments will be available for a small donation. All are welcome to attend.

Mayor raises charity funds with quiz night



Rev Keith Lumsdon and Vicky Collins present a cheque to Cllr Ken Campbell.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Ken Campbell recently hosted a quiz night to raise funds for Ferryhill Town Band and St. Luke's Youth Groups. The evening, which was held in St. Luke's Church Hall, was very well attended by local people and representatives from other local Councils, and £300 was raised for the Mayor's two chosen charities.

A huge thank you goes to all those who helped make the evening a success, especially Councillor Peter Atkinson, Carole Atkinson, Reverend Keith Lumsdon, Harry Slater, Vicky Collins and Melanie Davy and to everyone who donated prizes. A presentation took place on Friday 7th March when Reverend Keith Lumsdon

and Vicky Collins presented a cheque to the Mayor for the funds raised at the Quiz Night. Councillor Ken Campbell said, "I am extremely grateful to everyone who has supported me throughout my year in office, especially those from St Luke's Church for organising fundraising events, I thoroughly enjoyed the quiz night."

Commemoration events meeting

The Ferryhill 2000 Committee in partnership with Ferryhill Town Council are organising a number of commemoration events to mark the Centenary of the 1st World War. A meeting is to be held in the Town Hall on Wednesday 16th April at 6pm to discuss the format and planning for the Centenary

Commemorations. Any groups, societies or members of the public wishing to be involved in these events are invited to attend the meeting. If any groups or societies are planning their own event, they are also invited to attend to discuss coordinating the various dates and times of any planned

activities. Any residents of Ferryhill who may wish to lend/donate information or items from any family involvement from the 1st World War, which can be used for public display, should contact John Rogerson at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157 or email jrogerson@ferryhill.gov.uk.

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Another final for Celtic

Ferryhill Celtic played Chester Red Lion in the JD Taxi Durham semi-final on Sunday 9th March, looking to gain a place in their 2nd final of the season.

The game started in bright sunshine and, with a good away support travelling, it didn't take the Celtic long to gain control, playing football from back to front. Within five minutes they carved out their first chance. Jonny Agar played a neat one-two on the edge of the box, only for the keeper to make a great one-handed save.

With the Celtic starting to get frustrated, Liam Taylor's shot from the edge of the box hit the hand of a Chester defender and the ref pointed to the spot. Jonny Agar made no mistake, firing into the bottom corner of the net to make it 1-0 at half time. The second half started and Chester came more into the game and seemed determined that they were not going to give a place up in the final without a fight.

After 60 minutes they got their reward when a long-

ball found their centre forward, who finished from close range 1-1.

The Celtic were now paying for their missed 1st half chances and, with their tails up, Chester Red Lion tested the Celtic but the back three of Peter Robson, Neil Bell and John Makepeace stood strong and defended with a lot of heart. But with 20 minutes to go, Lukas Linehart came on from the bench, having been sidelined for the past four months. Having only been on the pitch for a couple of minutes he had given the Celtic the lead, beating the keeper to the ball, rounding him and slotting it into an empty net. Five minutes later, Linehart reacted quickest to a slip from a Chester defender and fired home from just inside the box, sending the Celtic into their second final of the season.

The Celtic play both their finals at Durham City's ground on the 25th April and 2nd May.

Town Youth

Ferryhill's Under 13s played away at Wynyard. The lads started brightly and bossed the first half, leading 3-0 at half time. The home side penned the lads back in

the 2nd half but resolute defending resulted in the lads only conceding 1.

Final score 3-1 with goals from Tyler Marquis and 2 from Connor Cranswick.



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

MARCH MEETINGS

***Ferryhill 2000 Committee**

Wednesday 19th March 2014

At 6.15pm in Ferryhill Town Hall

****Town Council**

Wednesday 19th March 2014 at 7.00pm

In Ferryhill Town Hall

****Finance Committee**

Wednesday 19th March 2014

Following Town Council

**Members of the public are invited to participate in these meetings*

***Members of the public may attend these meetings*

Ferryhill Host EIBA Presidents



Ferryhill's president Bob Greener and the Presidents captain prior to the start of the game.

Ferryhill Indoor Bowls Club probably played their most important game of the year, when they played host to a team of English Indoor Bowling Association club presidents from around the country.

The Presidents tour the north annually and, this year, took up the invitation to play one of their games at Ferryhill.

Thirty-two bowlers took part and despite the end result,

which was a heavy defeat for the hosts, everyone enjoyed the day and some terrific banter.

After the game both teams and supporters moved up the road to Dean Bank Residents' Association premises, where Betty Sheppard and her colleagues served up a very tasty and much appreciated after-match meal.

Players and supporters showed their appreciation and Ferryhill Indoor Bowls

Club secretary Colin Larcombe presented Betty with a bouquet of flowers. Five days later and Ferryhill's quest for the play-offs in the Durham County Vets inter club league was finally dashed, when their nearest rivals gained an unexpected 5-0 win away at Durham.

This consigned them to a disappointing but creditable third place; their best position for a number of years.

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