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Ferryhill women has her sights set on Paralympic glory



Victoria Latcham in training.

Victoria Latcham, 38 from Mainsforth Rise, Ferryhill Station, is the first female disabled skeet shooter in the whole of Great Britain and has her sights on the Paralympics. Ms Latcham sustained spinal cord injuries after a road traffic accident in 2000, tragically leaving her wheelchair-bound.

Since the accident she has suffered from post traumatic stress disorder and a loss of confidence.

In April of last year, Victoria tried skeet, or clay pigeon shooting, and was immediately offered professional training after a few hours of pulling the trigger for the first time. Professional coach Mark Lewis, of Sherwood Shooting Academy near Nottingham, now teaches Ms Latcham on a monthly basis and Victoria has recently gained her first gold medal in a club competition.

Victoria said, "Shooting has helped me to gain confidence. It made me very proud to be told that I should be trained up. "There are difficulties to shooting as I'm in a wheelchair, but it's something that I enjoy and having a disability is not holding me back".

Her goal is ultimately to not only shoot for 'Disabled Clay Target Shooting GB' but to attend the Paralympics in Brazil (2016) as a member of Team GB, aiming for a medal.

Great Goodbye DVDs



The Chapter's souvenir DVDs featuring over 140 photos from 'The Great Goodbye' event at Shildon's Locomotion Museum have been selling like hot cakes. This was the final event of a series of celebrations called 'Mallard 75' which saw Mallard joined by its sister locomotives Sir Nigel Gresley, Bittern, Union of South Africa, as well as the

Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower. 'The Great Goodbye' captures all the locomotives together, which will never be seen again.

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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

June Allen

22.3.13

Oh June, you were taken too soon
We are all still grieving



Love and miss you loads,
Bill & your kids Judith, David,
Jean & John
xx



Jennifer Bellwood

21st March 2013

Thinking of you today
and every day



Miss you Jen,
Love you always,
Sue
xx



In memory of Ida Smith

March 19th 2013

God saw the road was
getting rough
And the hills were
hard to climb
So he closed your weary
eyelids and whispered,
"Peace be thine"

There's not a day Mam we
don't think of you



From your loving family,
Grandchildren & Great
Grandchildren



Katrina Ward

22nd March 2010

Missing you
Today and always



Caroline & Gavin,
Mam, Dad & family

Birthday Memories

Eva Pearson

Ferryhill

Birthday memories



From Sister Winnie & Bill

Birthdays

Sandra Pearson



50!

Told you I would
Big 50
x



Saul Robinson

26th March 2014

Happy 4th Birthday Son



Love Dad & Kaiden



Hannah Bowmer

20th March

Happy 16th Birthday



Lots of love,
Mam

Hannah Bowmer

20th March

Happy 16th Birthday



Lots of love,
Nanna



Birthdays

Hannah Bowmer

20th March

Happy 16th Birthday



Lots of love,
Grandad



Bradley



Hip Hip Hooray
18 Today
Happy Birthday Bradley

18!

Love always,
Mam & Anthony
xxx

Bradley



Happy 18th Birthday
Bradley Son



Love always,
Dad
xxx

Bradley

Happy 18th Birthday
Bradley



Lots of love
From Nan & Diane
xxx



Birthdays

Bradley

Happy 18th Birthday
Bradley



Love always
Gaby and Sean
x x x



Arron Bromley



Happy 16th Birthday



Love Mam, Dad,
Abbie & Megan
xxx



Elle Moody



Happy 16th Birthday



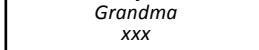
Lots of love Mam, Dad.
Becky, Sarah and Gary
xx

Elle Moody

To a special Granddaughter
on your 16th birthday



Lots of love
Grandma
xxx



Birthdays

Jean Waterworth

23rd March



60 Today
Happy Birthday

60!

Love from Nicola, Wayne,
Liam, Jade & Dalton
xx



Kaitlyn Collins

18.3.2001



Happy 13th Birthday darling



Lots of love and kisses
Mam and Dad
Leah
x x x

Kaitlyn Collins

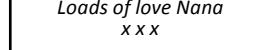
18.3.2001



Happy 13th Birthday to my
gorgeous Grand-daughter



Lots of love Nana
x x x



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about a Classified?

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Classifieds

All about local people ...

Anniversaries

Barry and Eileen Mathews



50 years
Congratulations on your
Golden Wedding
Mum and Dad



All our love Karen and Mark
x x

Alan and Doreen Harley

20.3.13



Happy 60th Wedding
Anniversary.



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Opt in garden waste scheme looks set to go ahead

Kerbside collections for garden waste in County Durham will remain free this year and then look set to continue from 2015 as an opt in service with a small annual fee.

Following a public consultation last autumn, Durham County Council say that it is clear there is enough interest across the county to enable the service to continue with an annual fee of £20. If Durham County Council's Cabinet agree a report next week, a further 35,000 households will become eligible to opt into the scheme, taking the total number to 186,000. In Teesdale the service will continue under the third sector group Rotters.

The consultation also revealed that the majority of people willing to opt into the scheme wished to pay the £20 annual fee online via the council's website. The council's Cabinet will now be asked to agree the introduction of the fee from spring 2015, with the service remaining free for this year.

Each home taking up the annual subscription will receive 16 collections. Moving to a small annual fee will also allow the council to make the necessary saving of £933,000 for this service.

Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Cllr Brian Stephens, said, "I am very pleased we will be able to continue to offer this service in 2015 to those households wishing to opt in. There is clearly enough support to make kerbside collections with a small annual opt in fee viable and the fact that an additional 35,000 people will now have the choice to take it up if they would like to is excellent.

"I would like to thank all those people who took the time to give us their views and I hope that many more homes will now decide to take up this offer."

Durham County Council faces required budget reductions of more than £224m (2011 - 2017) due to large reductions in Government grants.

While local authorities are not obliged to provide garden waste collections, of those which do, more than 35 per cent already charge separately for the service.

The £20 annual fee is considerably lower than the national average. Locally, it is the same as that already charged by Newcastle City Council and a little less than that in Northumberland.

All households eligible to join the scheme will receive a letter later in the year outlining how the service will operate and how the public can pay their subscription.

Anyone opting to take up a three year subscription will be eligible for a discounted rate of £50.

Households opting in will receive a unique number and sticker for their bin which will be cross referenced with a computerised system identifying those houses which are part of the scheme. Neighbours who want to share a bin can also make an arrangement between themselves to do so.

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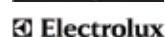
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Car accident closes A177

On Friday 14th March a man and women were taken to hospital following a high-speed, head-on collision. The crash happened at approximately 8:30am on the A177 south of Coxhoe, near the turn-off for Trimdon. The road was closed for three hours between Sedgfield and Coxhoe.

The man, in his 40s from Ferryhill, suffered a sus-

pected broken leg and had to be cut free from his VW Golf GTI. He was taken by air ambulance to James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough.

The women, from Newcastle sustained a spinal injury, although it is not thought to be serious. She was driving a green Nissan Micra and was taken to North Durham Hospital for treatment.

Mans misadventure verdict

On 9th November 2013 Nathan McConnell, aged 21, of Beaumont Street, Ferryhill was rushed to North Durham hospital in a critical condition. On November 11th Nathan passed away of multiple organ failure.

An inquest held in Crook on Friday 14th March heard

that Mr McConnell took drugs and drank alcohol with friends, including cocaine, ecstasy and amphetamines, which police found out in a friends residence in Davy Street, Ferryhill.

A verdict of misadventure, which was drugs, related was recorded.

Council offers a helping hand onto the property ladder

Long-term empty homes could be offered for sale at discounted prices as part of a proposed scheme to bring the properties back into use.

Durham County Council has developed the 'homesteading' scheme, which will see two and three-bedroom homes for sale from as little as £18,000, in partnership with local housing providers, Dale and Valley Homes and livin.

Members of the authority's Cabinet will be asked to agree to give it the go-ahead when they meet next week. If approved, the scheme would be introduced on a pilot basis, with six council-owned homes in Coundon and a further eight livin properties in the

Dean Bank area of Ferryhill being offered for sale.

All homes will be available with a 35 per cent discount off the market value, provided the buyer makes the property their main home for a specified number of years. For those buying homes in Ferryhill, this would be at least three years and homes purchased in Coundon, it would be at least five years.

Cllr Eddie Tomlinson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for housing and rural issues, said, "For people struggling to buy their first home, this scheme offers a great way to take a first step on to the property ladder.

"There are areas in our county where there are

a disproportionately high number of houses that are proving difficult to let and have been empty for at least six months.

"This scheme offers a new way of tackling the problem, bringing homes back into use and, by increasing owner occupation, also making our communities more sustainable."

If the pilot scheme proves successful, it will be extended to include properties in other areas of the county, including Easington Colliery, Chilton, Craghead and South Moor. The initiative could also see buyers offered an interest-free loan of up to £15,000 to carry out repairs and improvements.

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This week in History		
21 March 1999 One of Britain's most loved and most successful comedians, Ernie Wise, died aged 73.	22 March 1963 The Beatles' first album, Please Please Me, is released in the UK.	23 March 1983 US President Ronald Reagan makes his initial proposal to develop technology to intercept enemy missiles.
24 March 1953 Majesty Queen Mary (the Queen's grandmother) died peacefully in her sleep.	25 March 1979 The first fully functional space shuttle orbiter, Columbia, was delivered to the John F. Kennedy Space Center to be prepared for its first launch.	26 March 1999 Ex-miners suffering from lung diseases won the biggest industrial injuries case in British legal history.

WI ladies learn cake decoration Family welcome home sailor

On Wednesday 5th March, Ferryhill Village WI members were shown how to decorate an Easter cake by one of their members, Mrs. Gina Brown, and her friend Christine.

Gina and Christine also donated all the raffle prizes, which were Easter eggs, decorated cup cakes, three spice cakes and numerous other Easter gifts.

The group's next meeting will be held in the community centre on Wednesday 2nd April when it will be their A.G.M and members will be treated to a fish and chip supper.

"Can I just remind everyone who has ordered the fish and chips not to have any tea before they come to the meeting!" said a spokesperson.

Easter egg appeal

The Co-operative Funeralcare in Parker Terrace, Ferryhill is appealing to the community for help with collecting Easter eggs again this year.

Staff are hoping to collect eggs to share between local groups for children and adults with learning disabilities and children staying with their mums in women's aid refuges.

Janette Sisson, Divisional

Manager of The Co-operative Funeralcare said, "As a business at the heart of the community we want to put a smile on as many faces as possible again this year."

Eggs and Easter gifts will be gratefully received at the Ferryhill funeral home until Friday 11th April (opening hours 8.30am - 5pm weekdays).

For more information call 01740 651329.

40 years reunion

Were you a pupil who left Broom Cottages Secondary school in 1974?

A school reunion is to be held at Ferryhill Masonic Hall, on Saturday 10th May 2014 from 7pm til 11:30pm.

Tickets are £6.50 and

include a buffet and live music entertainment.

If you would like to attend contact Janet Thompson (Ward) on 01388 763043 or on Facebook as Jan Thompson.

Alternatively contact Kay Turner (Shenton) on 01325 321352.



Tom Baxter, Royal Navy Leading Engineering Technician, reunited with his 13 month old daughter Ruby at Devonport Naval Base in Plymouth.

The parents of a sailor in the Royal Navy travelled to Devonport Naval Base in Plymouth recently, to welcome home their son, who has spent the last 7 months at sea.

Leading Engineering Technician (LET) Tom Baxter from Ferryhill, who is a former pupil of Dean Bank Primary School and Enterprise College, was part of a 185-strong crew of HMS Montrose; a type 23

frigate, which left Plymouth in August last year.

Also delighted to see Tom were his fiancée Terri, who is also in the Royal Navy, and their 13 month-old daughter Ruby.

Tom said, "Ruby was only 6 months-old when I left and now I'm looking forward to spending some time with her."

"It has been a positive deployment but its nice to be home."

Tom and Terri are also looking forward to getting married next month.

One of the tasks of HMS Montrose was to escort and protect vessels removing chemical weapons from Syria.

Tom's mam and dad, John and Joanna Baxter said, "It was lovely to see Tom and HMS Montrose return. Tom has missed over half of Ruby's life so far, so he has some catching up to do."

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Police & Communities Together

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.

Chilton Ward

Tuesday 8th April, 6pm - 7pm, Chilton Town Council, Hutton House

Previous issues - Vehicles are speeding past Denebridge Row. This is in both directions.

Fundraising coffee morning

A former pupil of Chilton Community College, Kieron Thompson, has been selected as one of 18 students to take part in a World Challenge to Nepal this October.

The 16 year-old, who currently attends Queen Elizabeth 6th Form College, will fly to Kathmandu and undertake a one-week trek through the Himalayas followed by a week-long community project helping local homeless children.

The exact project is not yet known but it could be to build a playground or a classroom.

Kieron needs to raise £2,200 to enable him to

take part, and the school are trying to help him with his fundraising efforts.

"Please come along to our family coffee morning where you can take part in various fun-filled activities, have some refreshments and help raise funds for this exciting adventure," said a spokesperson for the school.

The event is taking place at Chilton Community College on Saturday 29th March from 10am to 12 noon.

If you are unable to attend the event but would like to help, the school also has raffle tickets on sale just inside the main reception.

Vandals take a 'bite' out of slimming group's sign



A huge chunk was ripped from the Weight Watchers sign at St Luke's Church.

A local Weight Watchers leader has been left baffled and out of pocket after turning up to a meeting to find her expensive new sign had been destroyed by vandals.

Cath Magee is hoping that someone may have seen

the culprits tearing a chunk out of the banner at St Luke's Church Hall, and will come forward with any information.

Cath commented, "I have now replaced it but I am worried I will be faced with a similar problem

come next Wednesday when I arrive at the Church Hall. I don't think people realise these items are not cheap!"

Anyone with information is urged to contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Police on 101.

Women in Roman Britain

The next meeting of Ferryhill History Society will be "Women in Roman Britain". The speaker will be Lindsay Allason-Jones, the recent past president of the Society of Antiquities of Newcastle upon Tyne. Her talk "Women in Roman Britain" will focus on the numerous finds relating to women of the Roman period found in our region and how they relate to the lifestyle of these women. Lindsay Allason-Jones was until her retirement Director of the

Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies at Newcastle University, having previously been Director of the Archaeological Museums, including the Roman collection at the Museum of Antiquities. She is a renowned expert in Roman history, published author and has been a contributor to many national television programmes on the subject.

The meeting will be held at 7:30pm on March 26th at The Eldon Arms in Ferryhill Station and all are welcome

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Not long ago a historian found that County Durham did not have its own flag, so a competition was put in place across the county to design a flag to fly for County Durham, one which would fly from Durham Cathedral and across the county.

Two local girls from Chilton came up with the winning design, which local people where over the moon with! After the flag was made, it was blessed at Durham Cathedral and flown from there. The local school also got one, which they where happy with, and also the local Council, who for some reason don't seem fit to fly this flag in their own village of Chilton!!!!

It isn't about politics or national holidays, or even football, it's about a flag for the County of Durham, so why isn't it flying in Chilton? You would think the council would be proud of what two young ladies from this village have achieved. I think it is shocking and the council should be ashamed of themselves! After reading this I hope it makes them reevaluate their decision.

Mrs Claire Foster
Address withheld on request.

Dear Editor,

Poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning was probably born at Coxhoe Hall in 1806, which was regarded as one of the finest houses in the country. The hall was a large house approximately five miles from Durham City.

I remember when I went to school we were taught that Elizabeth Barrett Browning was once one of the most prominent poets of the Victorian times. It is very sad that a plaque or an inscribed commemorative stone has not been built to honour her.

It was sad that the hall was not preserved for the historians of today. I can still remember as a child Coxhoe Hall was vandalised for its good quality wood that was taken to build pigeon sheds and hen sheds. What a waste of Coxhoe history that could have been preserved for our historians of the year 2014.

Jimmy Taylor, Coxhoe.

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everything she does
Is attributed to L.A.D.D.E.R

By William Walton, L.A.D.D.E.R student, Ferryhill

The fair trade Big Brew



Pupils at Chilton Primary School sold Fair Trade goodies to visitors at their Big Brew event.

On Friday 7th March, Chilton Primary School held a 'Big Brew' event for parents, carers and children to promote the work of Fair Trade in the school. This was the last day of Fair Trade Fortnight and

the youngsters displayed their art work, sold some fair trade goods, showed a short DVD about the aims of Fair Trade and, of course, made a fair trade cup of tea or coffee for visitors. "We are delighted that 200 people came to support

the event which, along with the work we did in school during the fortnight, will help us to become a Fair Trade School," said a spokesperson. (Reporters - Imogen, Year 2, M. Roberts Assistant Headteacher).

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Ferryhill Town Youth World Champion visits Seconds Out

Ferryhill's Under 9s won 3-2 against a very strong Darlington side. Goals came from Captain Liam Slee and two from Marshall Million.

The second game was another good match with Darlington coming out on top, winning 5-3. Ferryhill goal scorers were Lee Rich-

ardson, McKenzie Kelly and Charlie Calvert.

The under 13s were at home to Hartlepool Pools Youth, losing 9-2. Playing against the wind Ferryhill went in at half time losing 6-1. In the 2nd half Ferryhill tried and eventually lost 9-2. Both goals came from Joe Flatman.

Celtic win again

Ferryhill Celtic played Kelloe Davy Lamp in the league after playing 5 months of cup games resulting in 2 finals.

The Celtic were quick to get into their slick passing style and created a chance in the very first minute, with Shane Todd making the Kelloe keeper make a smart save. Next it was Liam Pearson who went close with a free-kick from the edge of the box, which the keeper had to be at full stretch to tip around the post.

It was one way traffic but it was Kelloe who took the lead when a short back-pass was intercepted, and the Kelloe number 9 finished from close range- 1-0. But their lead only lasted 5 minutes. The lively Shane Todd rounded the keeper and finished from a tight angle. After 35 minutes, Shane Todd skipped passed his marker and hit a low cross, for Liam Pearson to fire into the top corner giving the Celtic a 2-1 lead at the break.

After the break the Celtic were straight into their stride; Marco Linhart going close. After great

work from man-of-the-match Jason White, the Celtic were dominating and creating chance after chance to add to their tally. However in the 65th minute, they were made to pay when Kelloe's lively centre forward latched onto a long ball, he then drove into the box and finished in style 2-2. A few minutes later, it got a whole lot worse for the Celtic: the same player scoring from just inside the box to give the Celtic goal keeper, Kris Carr no chance 3-2 to Kelloe. The Celtic, to their credit, didn't let their heads go down and in the 75th minute they got their reward. Darren McKenna played an inch perfect past for the talented Jonny Agar to keep his composure and fire pass the advancing keeper. 3-3. The Celtic continued to pile on the pressure and in the last minute it was that man again, having only been on the pitch for a few minutes, Lukas Linhart finished from a tight angle to give the Celtic all the points. The Celts next game is away to Belmont.



Stuart Hall, the world champion IBF Bantamweight, at Seconds Out Boxing Academy based at the Ferryhill Community Hub

Stuart Hall, the world champion IBF Bantamweight belt holder, visited Seconds Out boxing Academy last week.

Stuart went along to visit the club, during a break from his very busy schedule. He is currently training very hard to prepare to defend his title, which takes place at the Metro Arena, on March 29th.

Stuart's visit was arranged to try to inspire the juniors and seniors, and make them realise that to become a world champion, is not a thing of dreams, it is achievable with hard work, training and the passion to commit to the sport you love.

Stuart's visit caused quite a stir amongst the junior members and a lot of the seniors too. He took along with him his world title belt, giving everyone the opportunity to have their photo taken with him and offering a chance to hold the belt. He also offered advice on their training and told them never to give up on trying to achieve their dreams.

The coaching staff and parents would like to pass on their gratitude to Stuart, for his patience during all the photographs taken and his commitment into showing support to local clubs. He was a true gentleman and professional, they said. A spokesperson from the

club added, "We wish Stuart all the very best of luck in his up coming defence of his title and look forward to bringing the belt back home to the North East".

Seconds Out Boxing Academy are holding their home show on April 5th, taking place at The Hub in Ferryhill. There will be 12 bouts of boxing, all local lads. Tickets are still available and are priced at £15 ringside or £10 outer seating. Anyone interested in getting tickets will have to hurry as they are going fast.

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