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Chapter coach trip to Southport Flower Show

Easter Egg Competitions



Southport Flower Show 2014 will take place on Saturday 16th August.

The Chapter is proposing a coach trip to Southport Flower Show on Saturday 16th August. With the pending World Cup in Brazil, this year organisers of The Southport Flower Show have opted for a Brazilian themed show with

entertainment, events and garden designs all taking their inspiration from Brazilian styles and culture. There will be a host of celebrities in attendance from celebrity chefs, to gardening experts and TV stars.

In addition to show gardens, and over a million blooms on display, there will be more than 350 independent stalls and shops, live music and entertainment.

The show also boasts the North West Food Festival which will feature more than 60 gourmet producers, who offer the opportunity to sample and buy produce in the food marquee. There is also a full working kitchen where celebrity chefs will be demonstrating their skills and signature dishes.

The show can be enjoyed whatever the weather, thanks to the variety of covered marquees, and Victoria Park's purpose built drainage system and level surfaces.

Last year thousands of people visited the flower show, which was opened by Carol Vorderman.

The £30 cost will include fare and ticket to the flower show (subject to minimum bookings), and the minimum stay will be 5 hours.

If you are interested, contact Les on 01388 775896 to reserve a place. Departure times to be confirmed at a later date.

The Ferryhill Community Partnership, in conjunction with the newly formed Ferryhill Amateur Jarping Association (FAJA), are to hold two Easter related competitions at the Community Hub during the Easter weekend.

On Saturday 19th April a traditional Easter egg (hard boiled eggs only) competition will be held in two categories, Traditional Paste Eggs (died), and Decorated Eggs (painted and or dressed).

All entries must be presented by 10am to the representatives of the organisation on duty at the Community Hub. Each

entry will cost 50p.

The following day, on Sunday 20th April, FAJA will hold it's first Egg Jarping competition, in the Community Hub bar, commencing at 8pm. Jarping is a game similar to 'Conkers' where competitors knock their egg against another repeatedly until one egg cracks. Only hard boiled eggs will be accepted and the judge's decision is final. Again each entry will cost 50p.

All funds raised by these two competitions will be donated to the Bishop Auckland Butterwick Hospice.



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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

William Davison (Bill)

25th March 2011

A loving husband, father
and grandfather.

Time slips by and life goes
on.
But from our hearts you
are never gone.



Mother's Day Memories

Janice Foster (Mam)

If heaven had a phone
we'd call you up today
to say how much we
miss you even more on
Mother's Day.



Love you
Leanne, Kendra and Tony

Birthday Memories

Malcolm Gleadow

21.03.13

Dad & Grandad

Your life was a blessing
Your memory a treasure
You're loved beyond
words
And missed beyond
measure.



Kim, Michael, Connor and
Rhian
xxx

John Campbell

Birthday memories of our
very dear friend



Miss you.
Kathy and Dave.

John Campbell

Birthday memories of
a precious husband
and dad. Forever in our
thoughts



Love and miss you so much.
Kathleen and Neil.

Karen Simpson

1st April 2010

This day is remembered
and quietly kept
No words are needed we
shall never forget
For those we love don't
go away
They walk beside us every
day
Unseen and unheard but
always near
So loved so missed and so
very dear.



Loved forever
Mam, Dad and Family

John Campbell

Birthday memories of our
dear brother

Remembering you is easy
We do it every day
But the empty space
within our hearts will
never go away.



Sadly missed by
Kenneth, Evelyn, Stuart

Karen Simpson

1st April 2010

Always in our thought
forever in our hearts



Love, as always
Norma and Family
xxx

Peter Burrow Chamberlain

30th March 2014

Happy 60th Birthday,
Tweedy!



With love and big licks,
handsome fella.
Barbs, Dora and Dorothy.

Birthdays

Mitchell

1.4.96



Happy 18th Birthday Son



Lots of love
Mam and Dad
xxx

Mitchell

1.4.96



Happy 18th Birthday Bro



Love Adam
xxx

Mitchell

Happy 18th Birthday
Mitchell



Love Uncle Mal, Anty Jue,
Joe, Jack xxx

Mitchell

Happy 18th Birthday Mitch



Love Auntie Nikki 'n' Hayden
xxx

Mitchell

Happy 18th Birthday Mitch



Love, Jo, little Joe 'n' Izzy
xxx

Birthdays

Dane Willis

28.3.14



Happy 13th Birthday



Lots of love
Mam, Dad, Nathan and
Any

Birthdays

Rachael Wilkinson

26.03.1992



Happy 22nd Birthday



Love from Paulie, Mam
and Dad, Michael, Rachel,
Brooke and Bailey, Joe,
Gary

James Priestley



Happy 18th Birthday



Love from Mam, Dad and
Jack
xxx

Brad Bihari

31.3.01

13 today
Lots of love on your
Birthday Brad



Love from Mam and Dad
xxx

Brad Bihari

31.3.01

13 today



Happy Birthday from
Dale & Curtis
xxx

Brad Bihari

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Granda
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James Priestley



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Priestley



Love from Gran and
Grandad
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Armchair guided walk of Ferryhill

The Ferryhill Village Atlas is to offer Ferryhill residents an 'armchair guided walk of Ferryhill'. The illustrated guided tour will take place at Ferryhill Library from 7pm on Monday 7th April.

A spokesperson said, "Come along and join Mike Ord for an illustrated tour around the fascinating history and scenic delights of Ferryhill in the warmth and comfort of your local library".

New deadlines for Easter holidays

During the Easter holidays there are to be changes to the deadlines. For the Chapter, Issue 672, dated 25th April, all classi-

fied adverts should be left at the libraries by 12 noon on Thursday 17th April, or e-mailed to us before 12 noon on Monday 21st April.

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.

Enamel First World War Centenary poppy badges

The 4th August 2014 marks the Centenary of the start of the First World War, and to commemorate this event, Poppy Centenary Badges are now on sale from Ferryhill Town Council. "There are a limited number of badges available so buy now and don't be disappointed," said a spokesperson.

The areas of Flanders and Picardy saw some of the most appalling fighting of World War 1. There was complete devastation, where homes, farms and countryside had been, a sea of mud and carnage engulfed everything. One thing, however did survive each year, the warm weather brought up poppies. Their vibrant colour in this mud and desolation gave heart and hope to the soldiers fighting in the trenches: and so the poppy became a symbol of hope and reassurance.



The poppy became recognised as an important reminder of the war and in Britain, under the guidance of Mayor George Howson MC, a small group of disabled servicemen started to make artificial poppies.

So the Poppy Appeal as we know it spread from

small beginnings into the powerful and successful movement that it is today. All money raised by the Appeal still goes to help serving and ex-servicemen and their wives and their dependants in times of need through the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund.

Praise for pair who braved fire

Kelly Wilkinson, 24, of Gray Terrace and Amanda Gray, 30, of Duncombe Terrace, were praised for their bravery after they came across a bungalow which was on fire in Helmsley Close at 1pm on Tuesday 11th March.

Miss Wilkinson said, "Smoke was coming through the roof and we didn't know if anyone was inside. I banged on the door and looked through the letter box but all I could see was smoke."

"A dog was going mad

scratching at the inside of the door.

"My sister Lauren Wilkinson and her boyfriend, Jamie Fox, arrived and he tried to break down the back door.

"We called the emergency services. What we did was just common sense and a part of doing your public duty.

"I think the owner had started to cook sausage and chips and it had caused the fire. It could have spread next door".

The police forced entry to the property allowing a

dog and a cat to run out and the fire brigade were able to extinguish the fire. PC Ian Beacom, of Ferryhill Beat Office, commented saying; "A lot of people would have just walked by. It's nice that they helped out. Young people have a bad reputation but these two did the right thing. They were unsure if someone was in the house and their actions could have saved a life."

No-one was in the house and no one was hurt in the incident.

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Theft of fancy pigeons



One of four stolen Old Dutch Capuchine, Fancy pigeons.

On the evening of Friday 21st March, thieves targeted The Broom allotments in Ferryhill and have stolen some fancy pigeons. Four birds in total were taken. The breed of the birds are Old Dutch Capuchines (which have a distinctive hood on the back of their neck). The thieves smashed the gate and loft where the pigeons were housed

rendering it completely unusable.

Owner Ms Conley, 28, of Ferryhill commented, "The theft has left me heartbroken and as a result I have been forced to sell up and give up my hobby of over fifteen years".

Anyone who has any information is encouraged to contact Spennymoor Police on 101 (Ref: DHM-24032014-0081).

Chilton Gala

The Chilton Gala Committee held a coffee morning on Saturday 15th March at the Wheatsheaf, Chilton, raising £100. The money will go towards paying the costs of Gala Day, which this year will be held on 19th July.

The Chilton Gala Committee would like to thank the owner and staff of the Wheatsheaf for all their support throughout the year. A spokesperson

added, "Without help, from friends such as these, Chilton Gala could not go ahead".

The Gala will be opened by Mrs and Mr P. Wilson M.P., and new entertainment, as well as some old favourites, have been booked for the event. A spokesperson for The Gala Committee said, "Be sure to mark this in your calendar, your help is needed to make this a great day out".

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Ferryhill man jailed for rape

On Friday 21st March, Simon Meighan, 30, of Westcott Terrace, Ferryhill was jailed for seven years and two months after he turned up drunk and uninvited to the home of a woman and then raped her. The offence took place late into the evening of 9th June 2012, after Mr Meighan had been out drinking. He admitted that on a drunken scale of one-to-ten he put himself at a 'ten'.

Durham Crown Court had heard that, although she didn't think she knew him, he had claimed he had previously left a hat at the house.

Richard Bennett, prosecuting, said the woman, who had been watching a football match on television with a friend, allowed him in and gave him a bottle of beer.

Mr Bennett said that after the woman's friend had

left, Meighan went to the toilet, and, on his return to the living room his demeanour changed.

He said, "He had been friendly before, but he then appeared drunk and very abusive." Meighan grabbed the woman's breasts and even though she shouted 'No sex' repeatedly, he dragged her upstairs into her bedroom. Despite her screams, he forced her onto the bed, pulled her clothing off and preceded the sexual assault and rape.

Eventually the woman managed to kick free and ran downstairs pursued by Meighan, and before he left he had warned her not to call the police. Despite the warning the police were called to property, where officers found the woman 'very distressed' and badly bruised.

Meighan was quickly ap-

prehended and claimed to have little recollection of the incident, although he remembered being at the house, but remembered nothing more until he got home and fell asleep.

Meighan, initially denied rape and assault by penetration, but during his trial, it was revealed that his sweat shirt was recovered from the victim's bedroom, and he left the court. That night he was arrested and upon returning to court the following day, changed both his pleas to 'guilty'. Meighan, is now fully remorseful, having accepted his guilt once the full evidence was presented to him.

Judge Christopher Prince told Meighan: "This was an attack on a lone, vulnerable lady, with a significant amount of force used." Meighan must sign the sex offenders' register for life.

Fundraising coffee morning at Chilton College

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 activi-

ties, 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.

This week in History

28 March 1991

A jury returned a verdict of accidental death at the end of the inquest into the Hillsborough disaster in which 95 football fans died.

29 March 1981

Thousands of people have jogged through the streets of the capital to compete in the first ever London marathon.

30 March 2002

The Queen Mother died peacefully in her sleep aged 101, Buckingham Palace has announced.

31 March 1889

The Eiffel Tower is officially opened.

1 March 1957

The BBC received a mixed reaction to a spoof documentary broadcast about spaghetti crops in Switzerland.

2 March 2005

Pope John Paul II died at the age of 84.

Final chance for your Civic Award nominations!

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. All applications are to be returned by Friday 28th March 2014. Nominees are for those unpaid only.

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PROPOSER:

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Address:

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SECONDER:

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Address:

Tel:

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An evening of clairvoyance

Due to the unforeseen closure of The Manor House in Ferryhill, Durham County Carers Support have re-scheduled the fundraiser planned for Thursday 27th March. This event will now take place on Wednesday 30th April at The RAFA Club in Newton Aycliffe. "It is with regret that tenants of the Manor House left without informing of how many tickets were sold. We would urge anyone who purchased a ticket from the bar at the Manor House to contact us as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate number of

how many people will turn up for the event" said as spokesperson.

They are very happy with the new venue, The RAFA Club has a fantastic hall with a bar and there is plenty of parking space. Thanks to John Pattinson and Michael Jones of the Ferryhill Spiritualist Awareness group and to Irene Wilson of the Horden Friendship centre who have agreed to join us, your support is very much appreciated".

For further information about this event call Joanne Jones on 01325 524605.



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New Dance Generation first ever show 'sells out'



New Dance Generation, members at Mainsforth Community and Welfare Hall.

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meant,
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pan,
Then back to the crossword, the clues to
scan,
Alas the pan caught fire and she quickly
dialled nine, nine, nine
Then back to the crossword she went, the
fire, not to worry, would be fine,
Then a knock at the door she heard and
answered it with haste,
You've reported a fire said the fireman,
There's no time to waste,
That's a difficult crossword clue how
many letters has it she said,
But you may as well put the fire out,
And then I'm off to bed.

Geoff Gregg
Tursdale
Ex - Ferryhill

PACT MEETINGS

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.

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Charged with £22,000 worth of damage

Liam Goodchild, 25, of Hambleton Way, Chilton is accused of £22,000 worth of damage to a rented property. He is alleged to have caused damage to the house located on Skipton Close in Ferryhill between 1st October 2013 and 25th January 2014. Mr Goodchild denied the criminal damage when he appeared before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe on Tuesday 18th March. The case was committed to Durham Crown Court on Tuesday 1st April.

'Tess Tickle and The Dragettes'

Leeholme WMC are presenting 'Tess Tickle and The Dragettes' award winning drag queens as part of a charity fundraising night in aid of Breast Cancer Research. The event will take place on Friday 4th April. Tickets are

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

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Having recently visited Blackpool we used the trams with our concessionary passes, but were informed that from 1st April passes would not be accepted. I thought that many pensioners from our area many be interested to be made aware of this, as many visit Blackpool and may expect to use the trams.

Yours Faithfully
A Ferryhill Pensioner

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to the local council of Ferryhill with reference to the annual spend printed in their monthly magazine.

In the document they explain how every pound of our money is spent for the upkeep of our town and detail where 75% of it is spent on our parks, the E -cafe, public toilets etc.

Then they tag the remaining 25% on the end titled DEMOCRACY, LOAN PAYMENTS and OTHER.

If they can detail the 75%, which the public can understand, parks toilets etc. Why do they then feel the need to put a general statement for what amounts to one quarter of the town budget?

I therefore ask the council to detail WHAT the above 3 statements actually mean. HOW MUCH each part makes up of the 25% and WHO the money goes to (loan payments????). After all, with a Parish precept of almost £700,000 (£626,000 for 2012/2013), this accounts for approx £155,000 of the tax-payers' money based on the 2012/2013 figures taken from the Durham County Council website.

Ian Walton
Ferryhill

Dear Editor,

Chilton Town Council would like to respond to the letter published in last weeks Chapter regarding the County Durham flag.

Firstly, members & officers would like to congratulate Chilton residents Holly & Victoria Moffatt on winning the competition to design the County Durham flag. The flag is a fitting tribute to our heritage featuring the St Cuthbert's Cross, representing the Anglo Saxon Bishop, scholar and Patron Saint of Northern England who is buried at Durham Cathedral. Designed in blue and yellow as selected from the Durham coat of Arms.

However, with regard to your letter you have stated that the Town Council have not been flying the flag. We were instructed to fly the flag on County Durham Day which has been designated as the 20th March, which is St Cuthbert's Day. The flag was flying & as residents of County Durham and representatives of Chilton Town Council we are all very proud to have our own dedicated flag.

You can be assured we will proudly fly the flag each year on the dedicated County Durham Day, 20th March.

I trust this answers your letter. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call into the Town Council or telephone 01388 721788.

Chilton Town Council

Dear Editor,

Due to a misunderstanding, my telephone number printed in the Ferryhill Town News is incorrect.

My new mobile phone number is 07943 201 435.

Apologies and I hope this has not caused any inconvenience to people concerned.

Cllr Dennis Allen
Ferryhill

Ferryhill Town Youth A 'thank you' to all sponsors

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9s played away to Darlington RA. It was a very close game with Ferryhill winning 3-2. Goals came from Captain, Liam Slee (1) and Marshall Million (2). Man-of-the-match went to Elle Catton. In the second match, Ferryhill came out on fire and goalkeeper Jack Eltringham kept a clean sheet

with the score finishing at 5-0. Jay Roddam scored a hat-trick with Niall Smith and McKenzie Kelly both scoring one each. Ferryhill Under 14s entertained Greaham and put in a great team performance running out 6 - 1 winners, with goals from Connor Cranswick (3) and Kieron Richardson (3).

The secretaries, managers, coaches, parents and players of Ferryhill Town Youth would like to say a huge thank you to all of the companies and small businesses that continue to support the Club with their kind sponsorships and donations every year. A spokesperson commented, "Without your support, it would be extremely hard to run the club to the high standard

we try to keep. "Through your kind sponsorships / donations, it allows all of the children to be supplied with strips and socks, ensuring they all arrive at matches looking smart and professional. "A big thank you needs to go to Kevin Crabtree of Denhamfields Garage whom has supported our club a lot over the years, not only sponsoring individual teams but also

donating a Club Car which, without this, a lot of the everyday running of the club could not have been achieved. "The club would also like to thank: Burgess & Hyda, Taylors Pie Shop, Clarks Taxis, Bishop Barbers, AM Child Minding, Denhamfields, Starks Computers and Westside Contractors for their generosity, hard work and support over the years".



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Seven wins from seven games

Ferryhill Celtic played top-of-the-division side Belmont The Shoes on Sunday 23rd March, in only their 7th league game of the season due to so much success in their cup campaign during the last 5 months. Incredibly, Celtic now have 13 league games in hand on the top team.

The Celtic started on the front foot, creating chances from the kick-off with both Marco Lihart and Shane Todd going close in the first few minutes, with the keeper doing well on both occasions. Shortly after Liam Pearson crashed a 30 yard free kick off the crossbar.

It was one way traffic and, after 25 minutes, the Celtic got their just reward when Liam Taylor followed up a Dan Mitten shot, finishing off with ease for a 1 - 0 lead. Peter Robson nearly made it 2 - 0, but his powerful header was cleared off the line. After 35 minutes Jonny Agar finished off in style going around the keeper for 2 - 0 at the break. In the 2nd half, the Celtic were in total control, playing attractive possession football, retaining the ball for long periods. On the hour it was 3 - 0 with the goal of the game when the talented Kurt Seymour

played in man-of-the-match Shane Todd, whose 35 yard screamer flew past the Belmont keeper. The Celtic failed to take any more of their chances in the remainder of the game and it finished 3 - 0, making it 7 wins out of 7 league games. With so many games behind in the league, Celtic will have to play 4 times in the week for the next 6 weeks to finish the season on time.

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