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Ferryhill Station Primary School launches new nursery unit



Children from the newly established nursery at Ferryhill Station Primary School enjoy their afternoon activities.

Ferryhill Station Primary School has launched its very own nursery unit, giving parents and children in Ferryhill and surrounding areas access to high quality nursery education. The nursery, based in the

school and situated on Chilton Lane, provides much needed childcare in the area and benefits from enhanced facilities and both indoor and outdoor play provision. The nursery operates every afternoon

from 12pm-3pm and a hot lunch is available should parents wish to take advantage of this.

Mr Daglish from the school said: "This is a very exciting time for families in the area and for us as a school. We are proud of the high quality nursery education we offer, as well as our small class sizes and dedicated and experienced team of teaching staff."

The nursery boasts ample indoor space for play and creative activities as well as a large outdoor area. Mr Daglish continued to say, "The best way to truly appreciate everything the nursery has to offer is to come and meet our team and see how we encourage creativity, adventure and education, in a completely safe and friendly environment. Our fundamental aim is to offer the best possible environment in which children can flourish and naturally love learning forever." There are places available immediately for 3 and 4 year olds. The school can be contacted on (01740) 651291 or via their interactive website at www.ferryhillstationschool.co.uk.

ViVo! Charity Concert for Easter

ViVo! are holding an Easter Concert on Tuesday 8th April at 7.15pm in the Ferryhill Village Methodist Church. There will be a wide range of music to suit all tastes and a spokesperson for the choir said, "We hope the audience are in good voice as we may be calling on them to participate!" ViVo! (Village Voices) is a local choir which was formed over 3 years ago. The main aim was to bring together people who just love to sing, not necessar-

ily able to read music and who wanted to make new friends. The group decided that they would perform 2 or 3 concerts a year and the proceeds from these events would be donated to local good causes. Since their formation, the choir has raised almost £2000, this year's Charities are Butterwick Hospice and Leukaemia Foundation. Tickets for the Concert will be on sale from choir members or pay on the night of the Concert at the door.

Spring Coffee Morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a special 'Spring Coffee Morning' on Friday 11th April from 9:30am to 11:30am. There will be a

variety of stalls, games, bric-a-brac and a raffle in addition to the usual coffee or tea. All are welcome. Admission is free.

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In Memoriam

Karen Simpson

1st April

As the years keep rolling
by like the diamonds in the
midnight sky
When i'm blue, I think of
you.
And I'll know just what
to do.
Forever loved inside my
heart, each day I miss our
fun.
Because no matter what
his age, every boy needs
his mum.



Miss you Mam.
All my love, always.
Ethan
x

Karen Simpson

1.4.10

Sadly missed



Julie, Jack and family
Lesley, Peter and Katie
xxx

Karen Simpson

1.4.10

Never forgotten, forever
loved



Keith, Sam and family
xx

Karen Simpson

1.4.2010

Always in our thoughts



Miss you loads
Love Deb
xx

Isabel Dawson (Betty)

3.4.2014

When you lose someone
you love
The hurt is hard to hide
But when you lose your
mam.
The pain is deep inside.



Rita, Dulcie, Maureen and
Lynne
xxx

Birthday Memories

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 hearts
Always in our thoughts.



Love and miss you so much.
Kathleen and Neil.

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
Carole, Ken, Eric, Joyce,
Kenneth, Evelyn, Stuart



Glen Basham



This would have been
your 30th year, your
smiling eyes would have
made our day
But sadly you had to go
away, to be with family
and friends
To celebrate some other
way.
So, until we join you
son, have a happy 30th
birthday.



Love Dad and Mam
x x

Birthday Memories

Glen John Basham

5.4.84

Thinking of you on your
birthday Glen.
But that is nothing new
For no day dawns
And no day ends without a
thought of you.



Love Nana, Aunt Mary,
Joanne, Derek and Ali
xx

Glen Basham

Saturday 5th April

Treasured memories of my
only grandson Glen, on his
special birthday.

Happy 30th birthday.



Love Grandma
x

Glen Basham

Birthday wishes we send
today
To a star in the sky not far
away.
Engraved in gold on a
cloud above.
Just for you Glen, with all
our love.



Love always
Suzanne and Gary
x

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Thomas Knight



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Allan Strange



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Freda celebrates her 100th birthday



The mayor of Chilton Councillor Elizabeth Bruce with Freda Stoddart at Chilton Care Home.

The mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, went along to Chilton Care Home on Wednesday 26th March to present a lovely basket of flowers to Freda Stoddart, who was celebrating her 100th birthday. Freda Stoddart, nee Walker, is a local lass born at Roughlea Farm, Dean Bank. She left school at 14 years-old and went into service at Sands Hall, Sedgfield, doing many different household tasks. She later delivered milk around Ferryhill with her horse Queenie and cart. She married George Stoddart, also from Ferryhill, around 1938 at the Baptist Church. They were the first couple to be married at the Baptist and had to acquire a

special licence. George was a miner at Dean and Chapter and was then in the medical corp for 5 years during the war. He later became a nurse at Winterton Hospital, Sedgfield. After they married the couple acquired a small holding at Thorpe Thewles, residing there well over 30 years. They moved onto The Meadows in Sedgfield in 1977. Freda and George had 4 children, Margaret, Ian, Wendy and John. They have 10 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. George sadly passed away in 1989 and sprightly Freda lived in her own home in The Meadows until she was 98 years-old. She was cared for by her daughters Wendy and Margaret, who

both lived just around the corner. She moved into Chilton Care Home in January 2013. Freda put her long life down to hard work and fresh air. She still enjoys doing crosswords and playing dominoes. Her family said, "It's a magnificent achievement. We are very proud of her. She is still fit and healthy, has always looked after everyone and she would look to see how she could help you." Freda celebrated her wonderful achievement with a party surrounded by family and friends. Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, Mayor of Chilton, commented, "It's an achievement to reach 100 years. I think she is amazing and absolutely wonderful".

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Mindless damage

Throughout March there has been a marked increase in motor vehicles being damaged in the Ferryhill area. Unknown persons have caused mindless damage to vehicles by kicking wing mirrors, lights and the bodywork of vehicles parked in and around the streets, and also by smashing windows with an unknown object. The actions of these individuals have caused distress to a number of victims. Two males have been

arrested in connection with several vehicle damages and CCTV is in the process of being checked, however it is requested that the community remains vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour immediately to the police.

If any person has information relating to these crimes contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 (ext. 661 4721) or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Addict stole a razor and cheese

Barbara Taylor, from Conyers Terrace, Ferryhill appeared before Darlington Magistrates on Tuesday 25th March, after stealing a razor and cheese from the Home Bargains store in Darlington. The 35 year-old admitted to the theft of the items, worth £11.99, on Monday 10th March. The court heard that Taylor was on a methadone treat-

ment programme and had moved from Darlington to Ferryhill for a fresh start following the theft. As Taylor was already on a 12-month supervision order, magistrates imposed a further five-month rehabilitation order which will coincide with the existing sentence. Taylor was also ordered to pay £11.99 compensation and £40 of court costs.

All aboard for new passes

More than 10,000 people across County Durham have had their concessionary bus passes renewed. County Durham travel scheme passes expired on 31st March and have been replaced with new passes valid until June 2019. They were sent out automatically with the last batch being sent on Monday 24th March. You should call the bus pass renewal hotline on

03000 268 667 or visit one of the council's Customer Access Points if :

- You have not received your new pass.
- You have not yet received your pass but have moved house in the last 5 years and have not yet told Durham County Council (you will need to provide proof of new address such as a utility bill).
- You have received a pass in error.

Easter Eggstravaganza

Easter events are taking place at: Ferryhill Station Children's Centre Outreach on Thursday 10th April, 1:30-3pm. At Chilton One Point Children's Centre on Monday 7th April 1:30-3pm and Trimdon Grange Community Centre Tuesday 15th April 10-11:30am. "Come and join in with the

fun activities including decorating Easter cards and eggs, making Easter nests, take part in our egg hunt and Easter bonnet parade," said a spokesperson.

To book your place or for more information contact Dean Bank Children's Centre on 03000 269021.

Operation Spoke greatly received at Chilton Primary



Operation Spoke visits Chilton Primary School.

A bike marking event for Operation Spoke was carried out on Friday 28th March at Chilton Primary School by PCSO Hilton and PCSO Hobson. The event was very successful, with dozens of bikes being marked.

A police spokesperson commented, "Marking is an excellent security feature for bicycles and scooters to deter thieves from stealing them. If you have any you would like marking you can attend a nearby bike marking event, contact

local police or attend any of the 26 cycle shops in County Durham to have your bike marked for free". For information visit www.durham.police.uk/Information-and-advice/Cycle-Security-Operation-SPOKE/Pages/default.aspx.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Readers,

With regards to last week's Chapter & the response letter from Chilton Town Council, we would like to offer our apologies to the designers of the Durham Day flag, Katie & Holly Moffatt as we mistakenly included the wrong name.

Regards
Chilton Town Council

PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

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.

Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

Thursday 1st May, 2pm - 3pm, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

Previous issues - Motorcycles are being parked in areas on The High Street where they are causing an obstruction. ASB and house parties spilling out on to the street.

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 7th May, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

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

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Launch of First Contact Service Class of '83

A new service for families will make it easier for parents to make contact with Durham County Council.

The First Contact Service will launch this month and is designed to help anyone who has a concern about a child and those who:

- Feel their family needs support or advice
- Are under 18 and need help
- Are worried about the welfare or safety of a child or young person.

It is hoped that by simplifying the current system, more children will be

helped at an earlier stage. The introduction of a single number means concerns can be addressed through a single point of contact, so help can be offered at an early stage and information can be better shared.

Carole Payne, head of children's services with Durham County Council, said: "We want to offer help earlier; before families get to the point they need specialist services."

"We have worked to reduce the amount of paperwork and simplify our

systems so we only have one assessment process with all agencies working together to provide effective early help.

"We also want to make sure we deal with underlying issues."

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for Children and Young People, said: "This is a fantastic development which puts the needs of children and young people first."

"Having just the one number will make it easier to get in contact with us and enable us to offer help at the very earliest stage."

A school reunion for the Ferryhill Comprehensive school class of '83 is taking place on Saturday 28th June. The event is being held at Chilton Club from 7:30-11pm and will feature a disco. There will be a small admission

fee of £3 to cover costs, and any money left over will be donated to a local charity. For more information contact Dione Whitfield by e-mail at dione1967@yahoo.co.uk or find the 'Class of 83' on facebook.

Community Centre fundraiser

Mainsforth Community Centre in Ferryhill is holding a charity fund raising event on Saturday 12th April, from 7pm-12 midnight. The night will feature top class entertainment including Jamie Tinkler, an Olly Murs and Michael Bublé tribute act, and top comedian Seth

Schildon. There will also be food on sale, a tombola, a raffle and other fund raising activities.

Anyone or any business who wishes to make a donation or donate a prize should contact 07814965724.

All funds raised on the night will go to The Parkinson's Awareness Society.

On the road to safer driving

Newly qualified drivers who get on the road with a safer driving course could be in line for a £500 cash prize.

The EXCElerate Durham Young Driver Programme includes three-hours of practical in-car coaching and those who complete this will be entered into a prize draw.

Figures released by Road Safety GB North East show that one-in-four 17-year-olds who hold a driving licence will be involved in a collision.

Ros Pluck, Vice Chair of County Durham and Darlington Partnership said, "It is difficult to persuade

newly qualified drivers that there is more to driving than simply passing the driving test. By introducing this prize we hope that more young drivers will be encouraged to take part in the EXCElerate practical driver coaching session.

"The three most common types of collisions young drivers and their passengers are involved in are overtaking, leaving the road and rear end collisions. This three hour session seeks to develop strategies which help the younger driver to cope with the situations leading to these types of collisions." The programme is

supported by New College, Durham.

John Widdowson, Principal and Chief Executive of New College Durham commented, "We are delighted to support EXCElerate and hope that other schools and colleges get involved and benefit as we have".

The EXCElerate Young Driver Programme has been developed and is co-ordinated by Durham County Council's Road Safety Team on behalf of the County Durham and Darlington Road Safety Partnership and is delivered using funding from the National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme.

Deadline change 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.

Speedwatch

A Speedwatch session was conducted at West Chilton Terrace, Chilton, on 27th March by PCSO Hilton and SW Fearman.

Out of 150 vehicles which

passed, 46 were caught going over the speed limit. "Please remember that West Chilton Terrace is a 30mph road," said a police spokesperson.

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Support Victoria for the Paralympics

Victoria Latcham, 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. The 38 year-old now has her own website to allow people to leave messages

and show their support. It also includes ways in which people can donate and sponsor her, which will allow her to realise her dream. The website is www.vldcts.co.uk. Victoria adds "you can follow me every step of the way".

Budgies stolen

Between 6pm on Friday 28th March and Saturday 29th March a shed was broken into in Duncombe Terrace, Ferryhill and approximately 30 budgies were stolen from an aviary within. The birds were yellow, green and blue in colour and belonged to an elderly gentleman

who is currently in ill health. If any person has any information or have been offered budgies to purchase, contact PC 394 Metcalfe at Ferryhill Police Office on 101 (ext. 661 4721) or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 quoting crime reference number SL1400495.

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The Mallard at 'The Great Goodbye' event.

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 in a series of celebrations

called 'Mallard 75' which saw Mallard joined by its sister locomotives Sir Nigel Gresley, Bittern and Union of South Africa, as well as the Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower. 'The Great Goodbye' captures all the loco-

tives together, which will never be seen again.

The DVD is only £5 and is available from Stark Computers, 17 Main Street, Ferryhill, or we can send you a copy through the post for £6.50. Call 01388 775896 for details.

Local firm set to revolutionise the recycling industry

A family run mineral processing company, Derek Parnaby Cyclones International based in Chilton, has plans to revolutionise the recycling industry after developing a new glass density separation system.

The new £1.2m system, designed by 26 year-old co-owner Ben Parnaby, is able to sort and clean heavily contaminated

waste glass. The system will allow manufactures to re-use more glass, helping firms to increase turnover and profits against strict EU regulations.

Mr Parnaby said, "We've been refining the process and developing the technology over the last 12 months and the results have proved excellent and exceeded our expectations. The process

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The process has attracted the attention of many industry leaders, and has been shortlisted for an innovation honour at the MRW National Recycling Awards later this year.

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Chapter coach trip to Southport Flower Show

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.

Girl shaves head on eleventh birthday for cancer charities

On the 26th March, Morgan Clark from Encombe Terrace, Ferryhill decided that she would shave her hair on her eleventh birthday in aid of cancer charities Little Princess Trust and Cancer Research UK.

The Little Princess Trust

provides real hair wigs for youngsters who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment.

Katie Ratcliffe, Morgan's mother said, "She decided she wanted to do it as she has lost great grandparents to cancer and she knows people at school

who have been affected. "She was really nervous before hand but she quite likes it".

Hair dresser, Donna Stoker from Instylz, Ferryhill said, "I was happy to help her with her haircut and it's great that she has done this."

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This week in History

4 April 1968

The American black civil rights leader, Dr Martin Luther King, was assassinated.

5 April 1955

Sir Winston Churchill resigned as prime minister of Britain due to his failing health.

6 April 1997

NASA aborted the latest space shuttle flight and ordered its crew to return to Earth because of a defective fuel cell.

7 April 1978

The controversial neutron bomb developed by the Americans was put on the back burner.

8 April 1994

The lead-singer of American grunge rock band Nirvana, Kurt Cobain, was found dead in his Seattle home.

9 April 2005

The Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles have finally become husband and wife.

Poetry Corner

Remember Me

*Remember me as a sunny day storm
clouds appear and it starts to rain.
But look how the sun shines from behind
the clouds. The rain disappears and a
rainbow shines down.*

*Remember me as you stroll on the
beach, jumping the waves with cold wet
feet, no sooner have your foot prints
been left in the sand, washed from the
land.*

*Remember me as the swallows of Spring.
Darting blue arrows dashing on the
wing, flown all the way from foreign
shores to fly over the meadows of our
village once more.*

*Remember me as you walk in the wood
a place we all played jumping the beck
covered in mud. Potatoes on the fire
under dry arch, walking back late in the
dark.*

*Remember me as I Remember you, good
time we had friends who were true.
Time goes quick it waits for no one but
in people's hearts time stays all along. It
shines like a diamond and glows like the
sun. In people's memories we live on.*

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Ferryhill man stole watches to buy food

On Monday 31st March, John George Kinsella, of Bessemer Street, Ferryhill, was sentenced by Aycliffe Magistrates after he stole seven watches, worth £10 each, to buy food.

Kinsella pleaded guilty to the theft of three of the watches, from the Original Factory Shop based in Spennymoor, on Saturday 29th March.

Lynne Roberts-Plowman,

prosecuting, said that two of the watches were recovered when the manager confronted Kinsella, however a stock check revealed that a further five were missing.

The court had heard that the 44 year-old had recently been released from prison having served a 22 week sentence for burglary.

Andy Chilton, mitigating, explained, "The problem

he has is that he is released from prison but has no money, as it takes so long for his benefits claims to be resolved. He then ends up committing offences like this to get some money simply to survive."

Magistrates sentenced Kinsella to 12 weeks in custody but suspended it for 12 months and he was ordered to pay £50 compensation.

Youngsters brighten up The Barns entrance

Eight pupils from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College recently visited the Durham police dog unit based at The Barns in Spennymoor. The Barns is a dog training site for the Paws Up charity, which runs a benevolence scheme for retired police dogs.

The pupils visited The Barns as part of the Hagrid project, a joint scheme by Durham Police and the Durham Agency

Against Crime, which aims to improve community perceptions of young people by raising their aspirations and developing them to achieve positive outcomes through horticulture, environmental and community skills.

During their visit the pupils attended to a neglected flower bed outside the main entrance and planted blue and yellow shrubs, colours representative of

both County Durham and the Paws Up charity.

Project coordinator, PC Iain Robertson said, "They did it all in one day which was a real achievement due to the condition of the land. What's even more astonishing is that it was their very first horticulture session. The police officers and staff are over the moon with the results and their school are very proud of them."

Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...

Unlucky 13 for Shincliffe

Ferryhill Celtic entertained Shincliffe in the Durham and District League on Sunday 30th March, with the home crowd in for a treat as Celtic played some majestic football right from the kick off. They were 1 - 0 up in the first minute when Jonny Agar closed down a defender and steered the ball past the advancing keeper. Three minutes later it was 2 - 0 when Shane Todd was fouled in the box for a penalty, with Jonny Agar making no mistake. Incredibly, he had his hat-trick in just 9 minutes from the kick off, when he skipped past two defenders and finished in style.

Next on the score sheet was his striking partner Shane Todd, who finished with class from close range. On 15 minutes it was 5 - 0 when the powerful central defender Peter Robson scored with his head from a corner. Half Time: 5 - 0. The 2nd half started the

way the 1st half finished with Jonny Agar getting his 4th and Celtic's 6th. It was one way traffic and on the hour Shane Todd got his second, finishing from a tight angle past the dumfounded keeper. Goals kept coming when the majestic Jay White and man-of-the-match Kurt Seymour combined to set up Martin Reid, who hit a thunderbolt shot. Shane Todd then got his hat-trick, scoring skilfully into the bottom corner of the net.

On 70 minutes it was 10 - 0 when that man Jonny Agar scored from the spot. Still the goals kept coming when Andrew Agar skipped around the keeper after wonderful work from John Makepeace. The route was complete when the classy Dan Mitton played a through ball to man-of-the-moment Jonny Agar to crash his 7th goal of the game in off the post to make the final score 13 - 0.

Ferryhill Town Youth

Ferryhill U9s played away to a very much improved Sedgefield side, with Ferryhill coming out on top 2 - 1. Goals came from Jay Roddam and Marshall Million, with a fantastic goal line clearance from Jay Osbourne to keep it 2 - 1.

The second game Fer-

ryhill lost 2 - 1 but it was still another good game of football, with Ferryhill's only goal coming from Charlie Calvert.

Ferryhill's U13s Beat Redcar Athletic 8 - 0 in a one sided game, with goals coming from Kieron Richardson (4) Connor Cranswick (2) Adam Batey and Ethan Todd.

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