



Challenge 3,2,1 complete million metres for charity



The Challenge 3,2,1, team: James Latcham, Andrew Heaviside and Stephen Buston.

The Challenge 321 team, local lads James Latcham, Andrew Heaviside and Stephen Buston, set themselves a goal back in January 2013 to run and cycle over 1 million metres to raise money for the Brain Tumor Charity and

Leukemia and Lymphoma research. They decided to take on the challenge after their friend Philip Stephenson passed away in December 2012 with brain cancer. The Challenge came to an end on 21st December last year when

the team ran the final race in Gateshead, where a total of 1,422,712 metres was achieved, "which according to James this is the same distance from Durham to Paris and back plus a few miles left over to run back to Ferryhill," said Andrew. He added, "Throughout the year as we progressed with our Challenge we had a number of people who asked if they could join us to raise money for our charities also. We are delighted with everybody's contributions and again pleased to announce that the total money raised was £14,200, which has been split equally between the two charities".

In recognition of their hard work James, Andrew and Stephen, were invited to the Leukemia and Lymphoma annual sports awards held in London in January.

This month Lynsey Stephenson, Philip's widow, has set herself the goal of running the London Marathon. "Any donations will be greatly appreciated," said a spokesperson. You can donate online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/Lynsey4Phil.

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.

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.

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.

Buble and Murs tribute

Mainsforth Community Centre in Ferryhill Station 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

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

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Derrick Wynn
12.4.13

Loving memories of our Grandad on your birthday.



Lots of love and hugs Keiran, Kyle, Kaylle, Alfie, Becca, Luke, Liam and Shannan
xxx

Derrick Wynn
12.4.13

We think of you in silence Often speak your name But you will never leave us Like a picture in the frame You left a place no one can fill. We miss you now and always will.

Salah and Val

Birthdays

Bailey Joe Gray
13.4.2010



Happy 4th birthday to our beautiful little boy.



Love you loads Mam and Dad
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13.4.2010



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Fined for 'mooning' the neighbours

A practical joke backfired for Scott Christopher Musgrave from Bertha Street, Ferryhill, when two female neighbours and their two daughters witnessed him 'mooning' out of his living room window on Monday 17th March. At Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court, Lynne Roberts-Plowman, prosecuting, said, "Around 3:45pm, the women glanced across and saw the defendant stood in the living room window. He was bent over with his trousers down, exposing his buttocks and genitals". Musgrave pleaded guilty to the act of 'outraging public decency'. The court also heard that

the 22 year-old had been, celebrating a friends divorce and had been drinking all day. Darren Brown, mitigating, said that Musgrave was deeply ashamed and regretted his actions. "He admits he did do as alleged, but it was not intended at the women in question. It was drunken fun aimed at a friend." Mr Brown also added, Musgrave, who is a father of a seven-month baby girl, does not usually drink and has not drunk any alcohol since the incident. Magistrates fined Musgrave £110 and ordered him to pay £20 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

Easter Services at St. Aidan's Church

St. Aidan's Church in Chilton is holding a number of Easter Services. On Maunday Thursday, 17th April, there will be the 'Stripping of the Church' from 7:30pm. The following day, Good Friday, 18th April, the

service entitled 'Hour before the Cross' will take place from 2pm. Finally, the Easter Communion will take place on Easter Sunday, 20th April, at 9am. "Please come and join us in our worship," said a spokesperson.

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Ferryhill News Hounds



The 'News Hounds' from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College.

Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College have participated in a news writing workshop, after the college teamed up with Sunderland based PR Company, M.A.D Communications, to give the students a master class in how to write and publish news stories.

In a bid to give the pupils a greater understanding of the role of Public Relations within the media, the session allowed the group of 10 students to explore every aspect of identifying and creating a news story. The students, who will now be known as the Ferryhill News Hounds, will work together to identify and share news stories that are happening within their school.

The new initiative coincided with the BBC News' eighth annual School Report News Day, which saw over 30,000 students from more than 1,000 schools participate in news reports and broadcasts from within their schools. Stephanie Johnson, More Able and Talented Co-ordinator at Ferryhill,

who helped organise the workshop, said, "The aim of the workshop was to not only provide the students with the opportunity to develop and finely tune their communication skills, but it was also the perfect chance for M.A.D Communications to introduce the students to the wide range of roles and potential careers available to them within the media industry. "I want to establish a group of students who will act as the school's News Hounds. Working as a team they will identify news stories in order to share Ferryhill's success stories with the wider community. The News Hounds group will also expose the talents of our students who have an interest in communication."

During the two-hour session, the participating students were taught the ins and outs of Public Relations, including how to structure and form an effective press release, as well as being made aware of industry standards.

Joe Dunn, 16, of Ferryhill Business and Enterprise

College and one of the 10 students that took part said, "The workshop delivered by M.A.D gave us a deeper understanding of the media industry. It proved to be really valuable especially since I plan on studying Media at A-Level from September." Throughout the session, students worked together in teams to complete a variety of activities centred around PR and the media industry.

Kevin Brennan, Head Teacher of Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, said, "M.A.D Communications delivered a two hour master class to educate our More Able and Talented students in how to write a well-structured and exciting press release. "I am really pleased with how well the students responded to the workshop, they identified a number of great stories happening within Ferryhill. I am hoping that the News Hounds will help to raise the profile of the school's exceptional achievements and help us share them with the wider community."

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Art & Photography Competition

Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 Committee are inviting budding artists and photographers to come forward and display their work during a two week long exhibition, which will take place in Ferryhill Town Hall from Monday 4th August to Sunday 17th August.

So popular was last year's Art and Photography Exhibition that Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 Committee have decided to hold the joint display once again this year. The Exhibition will also coincide with the Ferryhill Summer Gala, taking

place on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August. The display will give local artists and photographers the chance to show off their talents and also to sell their work.

To mark the centenary of the commencement of the 1st World War, there will also be a 'Poppy' category added to this year's competition.

Anyone interested in exhibiting their work can do so for free. Application forms can be obtained from Ferryhill Town Hall or by contacting John Rogerson on 01740 652157.

Cleves Cross Primary Easter Competition



Cleves Cross Easter Egg Competition winners with the Castles Estate residents Christine Hall and Mrs Glynis Pearce. Also Nicky from livin and PCSO Laura Denathorn.

Vehicles Damaged

Police are appealing for witnesses after a number of vehicles were damaged in Ferryhill. Several parked cars had wing mirrors, lights and windows smashed. Ferryhill police are urging residents to report anyone acting suspiciously. A man has been

arrested and charged with criminal damage and will appear in court when a date is set. Anyone with any information should contact the Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 extension 661-4721 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

On Friday 4th April, Cleves Cross School held an Easter Egg competition, with each year group designing an egg. The decorated eggs were judged by Mrs Christine

Hall and Mrs Glynis Pearce from the Castles Residents' Association, PCSO Laura Denathorn and Nikki Duffy from livin. "Every year, Mrs Hall and Mrs Pearce kindly donate

the winning prizes and we would just like to say how pleased and grateful we are for their kindness and valued support," said a spokesperson from the school.

Charity Plant Sale

The Ferryhill Six are holding their first Charity Plant Sale on Saturday 12th April, at 10am at the entrance to Cleves Cross Estate in Ferryhill. A variety of garden perennials and bargains will be available. The Ferryhill Six look forward to seeing regular and new customers and are raising funds for the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity.



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Householders mistake who pays for blocked drains



Two nursery children with their used cooking oil at a local recycling centre.

Householders mistakenly believe a water company picks up the bill should a drain on their premises become blocked. So said 61% of adults in Ferryhill targeted in a recent YouGov poll.

If the drain is blocked within the boundary of their house, it's the homeowner who ends up footing the bill.

Yet 27% of consumers admit to disposing of their waste cooking oil down the sink - an action recognised by 45% as the main cause of costly drain blockages within their home's boundary. The average household throws away a tea cup of waste cooking oil every month when this valuable resource could be recycled into clean electricity.

Encouragingly, 57% of people would be likely to take their waste cooking oil to their local household waste recycling centre

(HWRC) if only they knew where it was.

Ian Collins, managing director of Living Fuels, operates 500 waste cooking oil collection tanks - the biggest national network - located at recycling centres throughout the UK.

"Around 80% of the UK population is within a 15-minute drive of a waste cooking oil recycling site," says Ian, "among the best coverage in world."

"The bad news is that the hard core of 22% of adults in Ferryhill are still putting waste cooking oil down the drain - it hasn't budged. The good news is some habits have changed since we did our last poll in 2011. For instance, we're seeing more waste cooking oil going into the food waste and black bins - neither ideal but better than pouring it down the drain. "We will not rest until

every British householder appreciates their old cooking oil is a precious resource, knows where to recycle it and adopts the 'stop and think, not down the sink' habit.

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Poetry Corner

Cliché

"The pen is mightier than the sword"
was put to me in jibe

But this would depend on the relative skills
Of the swordsman and the opposing scribe.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss"
another cliché often voiced
has little truth in the point of fact
especially when the turf is moist.

Yet another cliché to be challenged

"A women's place is in the home"
has no present-day validity
No place in an enlightened tome.

A cliché is a metaphor

A mere 'one-size-fits-all' quote
By no means an unequivocal truth
Only usefully applied in note.

The point regarding clichés
Is that, on consensual advice
The cliché should be substituted
By something more precise

C R Lee
Chilton

This week in History

11 April 1970 Apollo 13 is launched.	12 April 1961 The Soviet Union had beaten the USA in the race to get the first man into space.	13 April 1970 An oxygen tank aboard Apollo 13 explodes, putting the crew in great danger and causing major damage to the spacecraft while en route to the Moon.
14 April 2003 The Human Genome Project is completed with 99% of the human genome sequenced to an accuracy of 99.99%.	15 April 1989 Football fans crushed at Hillsborough. At least 93 football supporters were killed in Britain's worst-ever sporting disaster.	16 April 2005 'Great Train Robbers' get 300 years. Some of the longest sentences in British criminal history were imposed.

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Events during the Easter holidays at Ferryhill Library



Pat's Puppets will be at Ferryhill Library on Thursday 10th April.

Ferryhill Town Council have organised for Pat's Puppets to visit Ferryhill Library on Thursday 10th April from 2pm - 3pm. On Thursday 17th April, 2pm - 3pm Animal Story will be returning, bringing with them a selection of small animals. There

are only 35 places for the Animal Story session and tickets are available from Ferryhill Library.

"These sessions are suitable for children aged from 3 years to 11 years and are free of charge so why not bring your children along and join in the fun,"

said a spokesperson.

A free leaflet advertising the programme of events organised by Ferryhill Town Council in partnership with Ferryhill Branch Library for the 2014 school holidays is available from Ferryhill Library and Ferryhill Town Hall.

Rogue traders

An incident took place at an address in Raby Road, Ferryhill on Friday 4th April, whereby four males have been going door to door in the area asking if residents want their guttering cleared or tiles repaired. These males, believed to be rogue traders, unfortunately targeted one local resident who has paid £380 for some work which has never been completed. The males then left after being

paid in a white coloured car derived van (no make/model or registration known) but is said to be similar to a Ford Escort. The vehicle has been described as having had some ladders on the roof. The males are believed to have been in the area from 12pm and left around 2pm. Police are asking all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police on 101.

Eight Koshamo Hens stolen

Between 8pm on Friday 4th April and 10am on Saturday 5th April, an allotment was broken into on the Paxton Street site in Ferryhill and 8 Koshamo Hens were stolen from a shed. Four of the hens stolen were white, three were blue and a blue/red cockbird was also stolen. The animals are show birds and belong

to a gentlemen who regularly attends shows around the North of England. If anyone has any information or has been offered hens 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 SL1400559.

Operation 'Opportunity Knocks'

As part of Operation Opportunity Knocks, local officers have been going door-to-door in West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham to speak with residents to promote and raise awareness of the work police are doing in

their area. During this time, officers have carried out a community consultation to find out what issues they have in their area. "Thanks to all of the residents who have taken part so far," said a spokesperson.

Charity appeal

A fundraising event for Kays Hill Animal Sanctuary is taking place on Sunday 1st June at Chilton WMC, from 1pm till 6pm. This will be a family fun day, with a number of live bands taking part. Organisers are looking for

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Charity Band Concert Success



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On Saturday 5th April, Ferryhill Town Band provided excellent entertainment at St Luke's Church Hall, raising money for the Ferryhill Mayor's chosen charities, which are Ferryhill Town Band and St Luke's Youth.

A magnificent total of £550 was raised on the night and Ken would like to thank

everyone who attended and helped out on the evening.

Host for the evening was The Reverend Keith Lumsdon who was also invited by Andrew Hall (Ferryhill Town Band Conductor) to conduct the band for his favourite piece of music 'Instant Concert'. Special mentions also go

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Dear Editor,

Can I through the Chapter say a huge thank you to all who made the first day of the DIDO's new 2014/2015 programme so fantastic.

For the third year running our first day in started with a lovely and very entertaining talk on 'life in the 70s' by Phil Curtis.

Then we were joined by the wonderful and very talented children of Dean Bank Nursery School wearing beautiful Easter hats they had made.

The programme of Easter songs with actions was outstanding, as are Mrs Warner and her team who must have worked so hard to teach the children so many songs.

Phil Curtis judged the Easter hats, making Ashleigh Beadle winner and Libby Clough runner up. Phil, himself an ex headmaster, said all the hats were the best he'd ever seen. Because of this the Easter Bunny, who was busy making eggs for Easter, sent his two helpers 'Noreen and Janice' in full costume complete with floppy ears and bobtails, who gave each child a chocolate bunny. Finally, thanks to DIDO's wonderful Committee and volunteers who made the day run so smoothly as always.

Kind Regards,
Ann Turner,
Crompton Court, Ferryhill.



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL

APRIL MEETINGS

***Ferryhill 2000 Committee**

Wednesday 16th April 2014

At 6.00pm in Ferryhill Town Hall

****Town Council**

Wednesday 16th April 2014 at 7.00pm

In Ferryhill Town Hall

****Finance Committee**

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

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Teen from Ferryhill boxing academy earns top accolade

The Seconds Out Boxing Academy, based in the Ferryhill Community Hub, held their first showcase fight day for the club on Saturday 5th April. The event drew a crowd of more than 400 spectators to see fighters from the academy, Cumbria, Tyneside, Durham University and Northumbria University compete.

Regan Eddy, 14, of the Seconds Out Boxing Academy, defeated Lechian

Rutherford, 14 from Bilton Hall, South Shields with a technical knock-out in the second round, claiming the inaugural Scots Guard belt. The belt was presented by the former bantamweight and featherweight champion Bill Hardy.

Head coach Paul Eddy, 41 commented, "The best boxer on the day won the Scots Guards' belt. There was some excellent boxing at the event. The academy put up nine boxers all

together and it had six wins and three defeats. It was really, really successful and the crowd was unbelievable."

The belt was named in honour of the members of the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guard, based at Catterick Garrison, who train at the club each week. On Thursday 10th April they are holding their own show at the army base and members of Seconds Out are said to help.

Ferryhill Town Youth

Ferryhill's Under 13s played a really hard fought game which saw them come out 4-2

winners with goals from Joe Flatman, K Richardson. Connor Cranswick, and Charlie Hill.

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Celtic still unbeaten

Due to Ferryhill Celtic's success in the cups throughout the season, the club are being forced to play four league games a week to finish on time. On Tuesday 1st April they entertained Quarrington Hill with a great 5 - 0 victory, with goals from Andrew Agar (2) and a hat-trick from man-of-the-match Shane Todd. Two days later they travelled

to Gilesgate and once again had another great 5 - 0 win, with goals from Shane Todd (2) man-of-the-match Jason White (2) and Andrew Agar. On Friday they travelled to top of the league Pelton and, despite having a depleted team to choose from, they still managed a good 2 - 2 draw with goals from Lucas Linhart and Andrew Agar. Man-of-the-match

was Peter Robson. Finally on Sunday 6th April they played a derby against Ferryhill Hub with Celtic completing a very successful week, winning the game 5 - 2 with goals from Andrew Agar, Shane Todd and a hat-trick from Jonny Agar. "The Celtic is at home this Thursday, Friday and Sunday so please come along and support the lads," said a spokesperson.



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