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Care homes recommended for closure



Feryemount Care Home in Ferryhill, one of the five homes proposed for closure.

Durham County Council has proposed that its five remaining care homes be closed down in a bid to cut costs. The proposal is to close Feryemount in Ferryhill; Grampain House in Peterlee; Cheveley House in Belmont, Durham; Mendip House in Chester-le-Street and Newtown House in Stanhope. The five homes currently care for 40 elderly residents and have 172 staff. The council argue that residency numbers at each of the homes in recent years have decreased and the in-house cost care is now £918 per week, compared to £474 it would pay for residents to be cared for in

private homes. Since 2010 the authority claims to have spent £780,000 on repairs and maintenance on the five homes and estimated they would need to spend almost £4.2 million over the next ten years to maintain standards. Seven hundred people responded to a public consultation last year on the proposal, and 80 per cent were against the closure. Concerns have been raised over the distress of moving frail residents, the additional distances in which loved ones would have to travel and for the loss of jobs. Cabinet member for adult services, Morris Nicholls said, "We have carefully considered all of the feedback we received and appreciate all of the issues raised. However, at a time of significant financial constraints we also need to balance these concerns with the need to ensure that our services offer value for money and are fit for purpose." The future of the homes is to be decided at a Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 16th April. At the time of going to print a decision had not been made, but watch the Chapter's Facebook page for further details.

Easter bins – no changes

Residents in Ferryhill and Chilton are being reminded that there will be no changes to refuse and recycling collections over Easter. Collections will take place as normal during the Easter holidays, including on Good Friday (18th April).

People are advised to put their bins out for collection by 7am as usual on their normal collection day. People can find details of their collection dates by entering their postcode into My Durham on the Durham County Council website www.durham.gov.uk.

'Thanks' from ViVo! Choir

ViVo! Choir have expressed their appreciation to everyone who attended their recent Charity Concert, which raised just over £400. The choir would also like to thank the Ferryhill Sainsbury's Local and the Co-op for their donation to the evening. A spokesperson for ViVo! said, "We would like to

thank the enthusiastic and generous audience, and the line dancing Easter bunnies!" The choir's next practice will take place on Tuesday 29th April from 7.15pm in Dean Bank Institute. "Everyone is welcome, and there is no need to be able to read music," continued the ViVo! spokesperson.

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Jim 10th April 2012

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Carol, Pauline and families



Kenny Rich

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April 20th 2010

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50th birthday
14th April 1964

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that you could still be with us
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Mam, Dad, Angela, Sue & Family



Birthdays

Ruby Tuesday Willetts

Wed 16th April



Happy 18th princess



Love always
Mam and Dad
xxx

Ruby Tuesday Willetts



Happy birthday



Love always
Alfie and Kennedy
xxx

Ruby Tuesday Willetts



Have a fab birthday



Lots of love
Uncle Ian, Dorothy, Mary
and Jack
xxx



Birthdays

Ruby Willetts

Happy 18th birthday



Love Gran
x



Joshua Adams

19th April

Happy 8th birthday son



Love Mam, Dad and Millie
xxx



Have a lovely birthday mam

50!

Lots of love
Natalie, Banksy
and Courtney



Happy birthday Shell

50!

Lots of love
Stephen



Birthdays



Happy birthday mam

50!

Lots of love
Chris and Sam



Sara Bell

Sister / Auntie



Happy 21st birthday
Hope you have a one to remember

21!

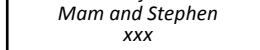
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The Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower, sister engines of the legendary Mallard, which recently featured in the Great Goodbye Event at the Locomotion the National Railway Museum at Shildon are soon to leave the UK forever. Bank holiday Monday, 21st April, is the very last chance to see the two engines before they return home to museums in the USA and Canada. However, the Chapter DVD of the Great Goodbye' event featuring over 140



Dwight D Eisenhower and Dominion of Canada at Locomotion, pre-restoration.

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Jailed for 'naive' knife point robbery

A Ferryhill man has been jailed for two-and-a-half years after he robbed a shop at knife point for just two bottles of cider. Mark Anthony Garr, of High Street, Ferryhill, entered Duncombe Stores shortly before 6pm on 24th September, 2013. Durham Crown Court heard how the 24 year-old had his hood pulled up, but removed it when he confronted the owner, revealing his identity. Stephen Duffield, pro-

secuting, said that Garr appeared to be very drunk, and that the owner was shaken but unhurt. Garr was identified, but it took several weeks for him to be arrested. He eventually admitted to robbery, possessing a bladed article in public and theft of wine from another convenience store. Scott Smith, defending said, "Fortunately there was no actual physical

harm, but he understands the fear he must have caused. "He has genuine contrition and is disgusted with himself. He's taken steps to address his drink problem and now abstains from drinking." Sentencing him to 30 months imprisonment, Judge Neil Clark told Garr, "This was something of a naive offence. "It was enormous risk placed on the victim for just two bottles of cider."

New courses at the College

A new Reiki course will be taking place at Chilton College from Thursday 1st May to Thursday 22nd May, from 6-8pm. For those who would prefer to enhance their kitchen

skills, 'Cookery around the World' will begin on Wednesday 18th June, 6-8pm, for 4 weeks. For further details contact the college on 01388 720255/720911.

Holy Week Services

There are several services taking place at Ferryhill Methodist Church in celebration of Holy Week. **Maundy Thursday** (17th April) - at 7.30pm - Holy Communion led by Rev. Michael Pullan with light refreshments to follow. **Good Friday** (18th April) - at 10.30am - Service led by Rev. Dr. Mel Gray of

Chilton. **Easter Sunday** (20th April) - at 10.30am - Service led by Mrs Joan Guy of Spennymoor. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Gordon Harris
 Ferryhill

Ferryhill Village WI April meeting

On Wednesday 2nd April, Ferryhill Village Women's Institute held their Annual General Meeting, which Sue Fox from Durham Federation officiated.

The following were re-elected for a further year; Sylvia Bell - President; Joy Anderson - Treasurer; Margaret Rowley - Secretary; Committee Members - Anne Ankers, Ellen Smith and Greta Lockett.

"We will do our utmost to make this following year interesting and successful," said the ladies.

The night was a great success as the group all enjoyed a fish and chip supper, which was supplied by the fish shop in the village.

"They were absolutely

fantastic and they were nice and hot, many thanks to the fish shop staff," said a spokesperson, who also thanked Joy, who did all the ordering and collecting of the fish and chips on the night.

The group's next meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 7th May, when they will be entertained by Sedgfield Bell Ringers.

Julie Jenkins from the Jewellery Box will also have a stall for members to purchase any jewellery on the night.

"This should be an excellent night. Everyone will be made very welcome and we hope to encourage any new members," concluded the spokesperson.



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Mayor's Charity Dinner

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Ken Campbell, hosted his Charity Dinner on Friday 11th April at The Masonic Hall in Ferryhill. The evening was supported by civic guests from around the County, local councillors, community representatives, family and friends. The Mayor said, "The night was a great success and raised £1,600 for my chosen charities. I'd like to thank everyone for attending, Vivienne at the Masonic Hall and her staff for once again excelling with the food and service, entertainer 'Robson Field' for an excellent performance and Eddie Serrell for taking photographs. "I hope everyone had a great evening and special thanks go to those who have supported me in my Mayoral Year, including local businesses, family and friends, fellow Councillors and staff who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola, and all those who helped out on the evening".



Local MP Phil Wilson with Councillor Ken Campbell & Mrs Ann Kells at the Mayor's Dinner.

The monies raised from the evening will be donated to Ferryhill Town Band and St Luke's Youth Groups.

Drunk at wrong address

At around 12.45am on the morning of 30th March, police were called to an address at Coniston Road, Ferryhill, where they found Connor Thomas Watson within the grounds of the property.

The 20 year-old, of Park Road, Stanley, was very drunk and officers had difficulty in understanding what he said.

They searched him to try and find some form of identification and tried to

reason with him. Watson was adamant that he was at his friend's address, but was mistaken.

He then became unco-operative and had to be arrested and taken into custody overnight.

The District Judge at Newton Ayclife Magistrates' Court sentenced the defendant to a six month conditional discharge and imposed costs of £100, including the victim support surcharge.

Shildon Gardens & Allotments Guild Civic Hall Square, Shildon, DL4 1AG

The Shildon Garden Guild will be open as usual on Easter Sunday morning from 8.30am - 11.30am. Please shop early.

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Fundraising quiz for Miners' Banner



A quiz night is being held by the Ferryhill / Durham Miners' Banner Parade Committee to raise funds to keep the banner flying.

The Ferryhill / Durham Miners' Banner Parade Committee is holding a Quiz Night at the Surtees Arms public house on Saturday 10th May from 8pm.

A spokesperson for

the event commented, "Everyone is welcome to come along for an enjoyable evening of light-hearted fun. We are raising money to keep alive the traditional parading of the mine workers' banners of

Ferryhill's former collieries of Mainsforth and Dean and Chapter through the streets of Ferryhill on Friday 11th July - the weekend of the Durham Miners' Gala - and parading them at Durham Miners' Gala on 12th July"

Police appeal

PC 2728 Anthony Murphy is appealing for witnesses after a car was damaged between 9pm on Sunday 6th April and 6.30am on Monday 7th April. The vehicle, a Vauxhall

Insignia, has had key damage done to all panels whilst parked on Laburnum Road, Ferryhill. Anyone with information in relation to this incident is urged to call 101.

4 Together board meeting

The next board meeting of the 4 Together Partnership (Ferryhill, Chilton, Cornforth and Bishop Middleham) will be taking place on Wednesday 7th May, from 6pm at Bishop

Middleham Village Hall. For more information, or if you would like to register to attend the meeting, call 03000 267 210 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

The life & times of Peter Lee

The next meeting of the Ferryhill History Society will take place on Wednesday 30th April at 7.30pm in the Eldon Arms, Ferryhill Station.

The speaker will be Win Colman, who will be recalling "The Life, Times

and Travels of Peter Lee," revealing the story of the man who's legacy is perpetually commemorated with the naming of Peterlee as a New Town.

"Everyone is welcome to come along," said a spokesperson.

Vehicle damaged

Police are appealing for witnesses after a tyre on a Mini Cooper was damaged on Salisbury Crescent, West Cornforth.

"If anyone has any information in relation to this damage can you please contact your local beat team on 101," said a spokesperson.

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County 'champions' receive Durham's top award



The Chairman's Medal champions are pictured with the Vice-Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor John Robinson JP.

It was celebration time for 14 local champions last week, who received County Durham's top award at County Hall.

The Chairman's Medal was presented to individuals and organisations from throughout the county for their outstanding voluntary and charitable efforts, including the 4 Together Partnership, which represents Ferryhill, Chilton, Cornforth and Bishop Middleham.

The Chairman's Medal is awarded to individuals or groups in recognition of services to County Durham and is the highest honour Durham County Council can award. It is given to

individuals or groups who have contributed significantly to communities in County Durham.

The Chairman's Medals were handed over by the Vice-Chairman of Durham County Council, Councillor John Robinson JP, following nominations made to the 14 Area Action Partnerships.

Around 150 nominations were made, leaving organisers with the difficult task of selecting the 14 winners - one for each of the AAP areas.

Chairman of Durham County Council, Cllr Pauline Charlton said, "There are so many unsung heroes in County Durham

who do things for their community that can often go unnoticed. It's wonderful that the Chairman's Medal can reward them for this while at the same time highlighting their causes and bringing them to the public's notice.

"Nominations are continuing to increase every year and whether it is individuals who strive to represent the views and interests of others or organisations which help bring the community together, all of those honoured have done something very special for their local area.

"They should all be incredibly proud of their achievements."

Easter Egg competition

An Easter Egg competition in aid of the Butterwick Hospice is taking place at Ferryhill Community Hub on Easter Saturday, 19th April.

The event takes place between 10am and 12 noon and is open to everyone.

For more information call 01388 660644.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I attended a show at Ferryhill theatre by Chilton Amateur Dramatic Society on Friday 4th April.

I would like express my thorough enjoyment at the show and congratulate all who took part.

I live in Spain and was visiting friends and relations in the area and this was one of the highlights of my visit.

Rit Ann Steel

Dear Editor,

My name is Jak, aged 8, I am asking all dog owners to please pick up after your dog.

I went on my bike with Mum and Dad and there was disgusting dog poo everywhere! I had to go onto the road to not step on it and I nearly got ran over. Even when I got to school there's dog muck everywhere too!

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Guests at 1st Battalion Scots Guards Boxing night



Coaches from Seconds Out Boxing Academy with the 1st Battalion Scots Guards.

Three coaches from Seconds Out Boxing Academy were delighted to be special Guests at 1st Battalion Scots Guards Boxing night recently.

This is the first time in seven years that the battalion have held such a prestigious night of boxing. Seconds out were approached by Sgt Harvey to help coach and train the squad of guardsmen in preparation for the event. There were 10 bouts of boxing with guardsmen from their individual companies competing for silverware and the pride of fellow guardsmen/company. They fought with great bravery and skills, each bout encouraged along with deafening shouts from the fellow guardsmen, invited guests and officers of the battalion.

Each boxer was escorted to ringside by a piper, and was rewarded with a silver plate for winning and a smaller one for the runner-up. There was an award

for the most courageous boxer and best boxer, who had the privilege of his name being added to long list of previous 'best boxer' placed onto a silver plaque mounted onto an oak stand.

At the end of the evening the coaches from Seconds Out were presented with a framed embroidered crest of the Scots Guards by LT. Colonel CJ Bell OBE. The Crest will be placed within the club's gym.

Lt. Col Bell spoke at great length with the coaches and was very interested to learn more about the boxing club, Ferryhill Village and its mining heritage, and is keen to encourage the bonds, friendships and commitment between both parties.

After the boxing, the coaches were invited back to the Officers' Mess for drinks and introduced to other Officers from the battalion, all of whom made time to say 'thank you' and showed genuine interest in the club. They were keen

to forge strong friendships between themselves and the boxing academy.

The coaches were treated to a tour of memorabilia from previous battles and conflicts that the Scots Guards had been involved with, some of which dated back to the early 1800s. One piece in particular was a ram's head that had been the mascot of the battalion in the Crimean War. The Ram horns were donned with silver thistles on the end and various medals mounted onto chains draped over its head.

A spokesperson for the club commented, "The coaching staff from Seconds Out would like to express a huge 'thank you' and gratitude to Lt. Col Bell OBE and his fellow Officers, and a special thank you to Sgt Neil Harvey and 'Woody' another Scots Guards Officer who lives in Ferryhill, for their hospitality and efforts to make the night what it was. We hope to continue to work together in the future."

Short mat bowlers step forward

With the winter league of indoor bowls at Ferryhill IBC now almost complete, and with most of the members dispersing to their various outdoor clubs for the forthcoming summer season, the indoor bowls club is seeking to maximise use of their facilities.

To this end the club are looking for short mat bowlers who would like to set up and run their own club from the indoor

premises at Ferryhill community Hub.

Club spokesman Ken Tait says that all the necessary equipment is in place, including the use of bowls and an assortment of shoes if required. All that is required are the bowlers.

Anyone interested in forming a club, or just interested in playing, should contact either Ken Tait on 01740 657740 or Colin Larcombe on 01740 651010.

The Celtic march on

Ferryhill Celtic continued to catch up on games in the league due to their great success in all the cups, having to play 4 games a week. On Tuesday they travelled to Washington and returned with a 4 - 0 victory with goals from Luke Thompson (2) Shane Todd (4) John Makepeace, Mark Burnet. MoM Liam Taylor.

Two days later on Thursday they entertained Chester Relton and the spectators who turn out were not disappointed with the Celtic comfortable 7 - 1 winners with goals from Luke Thomson (4) Shane Todd, Liam Taylor & Liam Pierson. The following evening they

played a derby against The Hub and again winning 4 - 1, with a hat-trick from Jonny Agar and one from striking partner Shane Todd.

Finally on Sunday they produced a stunning home performance winning 12 - 0 against Esh Winning. Goals from Jonny Agar (5), Shane Todd (4) John Makepeace, Kurt Seymour & Liam Taylor, with MoM Jonny Agar. Manager Lee Jewett said "The level of performance had been a credit to players considering the amount of games the team are having to play". The Celtic are at home on Thursday 17th April against Washington. The kick-off is 6 15pm.



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