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Council reassure care home residents



Feryemount in Ferryhill is set to close, following a meeting of DCC's Cabinet last week.

Residents of council-run care homes in County Durham have been reassured that their needs will be the main priority as changes to residential care take place.

Durham County Council's Cabinet approved recommendations to close several care homes, including Feryemount in

Ferryhill, at a meeting in Crook on Wednesday 16th April.

Work will now begin to develop a robust and detailed plan for the relocation of residents.

Cllr Lucy Hovvels, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for safer and healthier communities, said, "This was an ex-

tremely difficult decision for everyone and I would like to assure people that we have considered all of the feedback we received and all of the options available to us.

"There is no denying that people feel very strongly and we fully understand this. In coming to today's decision, we have had to consider a wide range of factors in addition to the responses to the consultation.

"This includes the desire for people to stay in their own homes for longer; a fall in demand for residential care places, particularly in regard to our own care homes; the need for significant investment in the five properties; and the availability of suitable, lower cost accommodation within the independent sector as well as significant financial pressure due to government funding cuts. "We now need to begin the process of planning the closures in a carefully managed way that takes full account of residents' needs."

A group of social workers and senior operational staff will now work with each resident and their family to draw up a detailed plan for their relocation.

Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, is extending an invitation to all readers to attend her last function.

The Mayor's Charity Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 1st May at Chilton Workingmen's Club, in the lounge, from 10.00am - 12 noon.

There will be refreshments available along with a

tombola.

All proceeds raised will be donated to the Mayor's chosen charities, which are the local NSPCC and projects within Chilton.

"Special thanks to Chilton Workingmen's Club for kindly organising the event," said Cllr Bruce.

For further details contact Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.

Footy match for Macmillan

The assistant manager of Boots in Darlington is hoping that his fellow Ferryhill residents will show their support for an upcoming charity football match.

The 11-a-side match is being held by Boots in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

on Sunday 18th May at Darlington Rugby Club on Grange Road, Darlington, with a 6pm kick-off.

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Model railway club re-located to Ferryhill

The Shildon Model Railway Club, with members from all across County Durham, has relocated to The Surtees Arms in Chilton Lane, after a local appeal for new premises. The club, which formed in 1982, has had four homes including: the Southerne Social Club in Newton Aycliffe, the Coach House and Timothy Hackworth Museum in Shildon, and the Lightfoot Institute in

Bishop Auckland. Since losing their home the club resorted to storing large layouts in council-owned garages in Newton Aycliffe and at the Locomotion: The National Railway Museum at Shildon, until they could secure new premises. Dave Walker, the club secretary, said, "Landlord, Alan Hogg, saw we needed a new home in the local

paper and said we could use his premises. "We're upstairs in an old function room and we're quite happy at the moment." Mr. Hogg added, "We have a function room which is barely used and I'd rather have them in there than have it standing empty". For further information about the Model Railway Club visit: www.shildon-mrc.com

Top 10 tips to prevent garden theft



Police are urging residents to take measures to prevent garden theft.

With the lighter nights and warmer weather approaching, Durham Police, in partnership with North East Crime Stoppers and Neighbourhood Watch, have provided some tips to help keep your gardens secure.

- Make sure your shed is secure, locked and alarmed.
- Secure items such as ladders and ornaments.
- Keep a photographic record to help officers to

trace items back to their owners.

- Put all your tools, children's bikes and toys securely away once they are finished with.
- Consider installing outdoor motion-sensor security lights
- A thorny hedge along the boundary of your property can put thieves off, keep it low.
- Burglars don't like gravel, it's noisy to walk on.

- When planting, put heavy stones in the bottom of pots or planters to make them more difficult to be moved.
- Always close your gate and secure it with a lock.
- Use Neighbourhood Watch in your area.

For further information on how to prevent garden theft contact Durham Police on 101, or visit: www.durham.police.uk.



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A Diamond Couple



Mayor of Ferryhill Ken Campbell with Ken and Sylvia Spencer.

The mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Ken Campbell, presented a lovely bouquet of flowers and a glass tumbler to Ken and Sylvia Spencer, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 17th April.

The couple were married at St. Luke's Church on Easter Saturday in 1954. Ken was born in Tudhoe Colliery and Sylvia in nearby Spennymoor.

Sadly, Sylvia's mother died just 13 days after she was born. Her father and family decided to name her Sylvia Mary, after the nurse who cared for her mother (Sylvia) and the hospital where she stayed (St. Mary's).

Ken, 81, moved to Brunel Street, Dean Bank, when he was 15 years-old, while Sylvia, 80, moved to the same street when she was 18 months-old, living just five doors away from each other. They first met in 1947 when Sylvia was ba-

bysitting for Ken's brother and sister.

After leaving school, Ken started at Coulson's in Merrington Lane as an apprentice plater and riveter. Three years later he was called up for his National Service in the RAF. He then worked at Smart & Browns, Spennymoor for 33 years, becoming an assistant foreman. He left at 55 years-old and worked at the Eden Arms, Rushyford as Head Porter.

Sylvia, nee Trotter, started as a paper girl in the village from 11 to 15 years-old. She then started work at Ferryhill Clothing Factory before moving on to Thorns in Spennymoor.

After they married, the couple moved to Wood Lane where they stayed for four years before moving to their current address in Raby Road.

The lovely couple have two daughters, Maureen and Carol, and a son, Kevin, as well as five grandchil-

dren; Oliver, Jonathan, Ben Adam and Katie.

In earlier times, Ken was chairman/secretary of Durham County Darts team, playing for The Travellers Rest in Spennymoor. He has been an avid Sunderland supporter for the last 70 years.

Sylvia is a brilliant cross stitcher and attends the Chat & Craft Group at the Institute. Over the years she has been involved in the Christmas shoe box appeal sending gifts to underprivileged children.

The couple are also members of the Dido Club. The spritely pair celebrated their wonderful occasion with a river cruise to Holland and Belgium and then a meal with family and friends at The Village Inn in Kirk Merrington.

The pair said they have loved and respected each other, and they are both immensely proud of their family, who have done them both proud.



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College pocket rocket ignites army interest

A new pocket rocket simulator designed and built by Darlington College has ignited the interest of the Army, who hope it will recreate the pressure of disarming a bomb on the front line.

An Army Representative, Captain Dave Hamilton, based at 102 Battalion REME, Newton Aycliffe, has been sufficiently impressed to send photographs of the device to all of the Army Reserve Centres in the North East. It was indicated that the devices could be purchased as training aids for the units.

Following on from the successful project to construct a full size Inert Device Simulator for Captain Hamilton's unit, 102 Battalion, Project Leader and Army Reservist, Steve Corner, from Ferryhill, conceived the idea to manufacture a 'baby' device using different technology and enlisted the help of fellow engineering tutors, Dennis McCabe and Dave Penghilly.

Dennis and Dave designed and manufactured the metalwork for the device, which was then painted by bodyshop spray paint tutor James Ditchburn.

Steve designed the electronics for the device by using a Mitsubishi Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) and spent a number of weeks developing the PLC ladder programme.

The 'baby' simulator is an educational tool for young students and involves them determining the 'safe' wire to cut before a very audible siren and flashing light are activated. Successful 'deactivation' is in-



Steven Corner, Electrical & Electronics Tutor at Darlington College and resident of Ferryhill.

dictated by a recognisable tune being played from an installed sound card. Captain Hamilton asked to view the device early this year and was so impressed he suggested that he would like to purchase several from Darlington College if we could drive down the initial price of £300.

This gave the project team renewed vigour and they came up with the idea to replace the programmable logic controller with the latest Raspberry Pi mini computer. The latter costs £25; the former £300! It would be a major cost saving to the project if the team could develop the software for the Pi to replace the PLC.

The team approached

Darlington College information technology tutor, Simon Blood, and gave him the new design brief; to design and develop the Pi software and hardware to replicate the functions of the PLC.

Simon has given two of his students the task as part of their project assignment and it is well under way. It is anticipated that the new potential selling price would be £180.

Dennis and Dave have already started work on 'baby' version 2 ready for installation of the new mini computer technology. This project has developed into a challenging technical and entrepreneurial activity that has been met with great enthusiasm, innovation and team work.

Mayor's Civic Dinner

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, hosted her main civic function on Thursday 17th April at Chilton & Windlestone Workingmen's Club. The event was well attended by many civic dignitaries from across the County and other invited guests.

During the evening, a number of fundraising activities took place to raise money for the Mayor's charities; local NSPCC and projects within Chilton. Councillor Bruce commented, "I would like to

extend my sincere thanks to everyone who attended, the caterers for a superb meal, the entertainers 'Betcha by Golly Wow' for first class entertainment, Chilton Workingmen's Club, everyone who has donated prizes and of course all those people who kindly assisted with the event.

It is thanks to the support and generosity of all those involved that a further £504.50 was raised on the evening which will now be added to my chosen charities".



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Big Spring Clean for Ferryhill Carrs Nature Reserve



A litterpick will take place at the Ferryhill Carrs Nature Reserve on Sunday 27th April.

'Litter Free Durham' is a group of volunteers who co-ordinate activities for the CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England). They are currently running a Big Spring Clean campaign throughout County Durham, between 7th April and 11th May. A spokesperson from Litter Free Durham said, "The Countryside Service has lots of volunteers who pick litter in their own time to

keep our countryside sites clean, inviting and safe for people and wildlife. "Every so often we do a blitz on areas where there is too much litter for one person to handle". On Sunday 27th April, from 10am-12noon, there will be a litterpick of the Ferryhill Carrs Nature Reserve and volunteers are needed to help improve the site and make unsightly rubbish a thing

of the past. All volunteers are asked to wear old clothes and sturdy footwear and prepare to get dirty. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are asked to meet at Duncombe Cemetery car park, Cleves Avenue, Ferryhill, DL17 8BN. For further information call 03000 264 589 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/countryside.

Poetry Corner

Backing Down

*It's really quite unnecessary
To maintain this inflexible stance,
An attitude born of ignorance,
Half-truths and intolerance.*

*Your anger with the world at large
Hostility toward your fellow man
The desire to be on your own right
now
Would seem a wider plan.*

*You never seem to understand
Or more importantly, fail to need
The offer of an open hand
The planting of a seed.*

*That half-way meeting point
A compromise of a sort
Is this too much for one to ask
Without evoking an angry retort?*

*Your reluctance to back down for once
And the impositions you are facing
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27 April 1992 Betty Boothroyd becomes the first ever woman to be elected Speaker of the British House of Commons.	28 April 1932 A vaccine for yellow fever is announced for use on humans.	29 April 1770 James Cook arrives at and names Botany Bay, Australia.

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Bin it right

Residents in Ferryhill and Chilton are being reminded to 'Bin it right' to make sure their recycling can continue to be used to make new products.

The six month 'Bin it right' campaign, starting this

month, will encourage residents to put the right items in the right bin to stop recyclable material being contaminated and spoiled by items that can't be recycled.

Recycling assistants will also be on hand to give advice to households in areas where recycling contamination is most common.

The majority of householders place the correct material in the right container and the amount collected for recycling has increased by over 30 per cent since the introduction of alternate weekly collections in 2012.

But last year, nearly 10 per cent of the total material collected for recycling was non-recyclable. This included nappies, pet

waste and food.

Councillor Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Durham County Council said, "It is essential that all items, from a used tin of beans or glass bottle to nappies and pet waste, are put in the right bin or box so recyclable materials are free from contamination and can be turned into other products.

"Recyclable items should be washed and squashed where possible and placed loose in the recycling bin without being bagged. Items that can't be recycled such as food, pet waste and nappies should be bagged and placed in the rubbish bin.

"We would like to thank residents for recycling

household waste items and hope to clear up any confusion about what goes where to give a better understanding of which items can and cannot be recycled. Contaminated material not only reduces recycling rates but also costs the authority about £100 a tonne in alternative disposal."

The awareness campaign forms part of an advisory system to improve recycling. Where there are repeated incidents of recycling contamination in household bins, residents will be notified directly by letter and the issue of a bin sticker.

Further information on what items go where is available at www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere or call 03000 26 1000.



Conor's Borneo Expedition



Conor will be travelling to Borneo to take part in community projects.

A local teenager has organised a charity night with the hopes of raising money for an expedition in Borneo.

In the summer of 2015, Conor will be travelling to Borneo with a group of fellow students from Whitworth Park School and Sixth Form College.

The trip will last for four weeks and whilst there, he will be working and living alongside a rural Sabahan community in basic accommodation and taking part in community projects, which will help improve the standards of living for local people. He will also be working on forest regeneration to help preserve and protect wildlife such as orangutans.

The cost of the trip is £3,960, which Conor is paying for through fundraising events and odd jobs such as a paper round and window cleaning for family and friends.

To help in his fundraising efforts, Conor has organ-

ised a charity night, which will take place on Friday 2nd May at Low Spennymoor WMC.

Entertainment will be provided by the UK's premier vocal harmony show, 'Ignite', featuring music from Olly Murs, Queen, Billy Ocean, Maroon 5 and many more. There will also be games and a raffle.

Tickets, costing £5, are available from Low Spennymoor WMC or from the Village News in Ferryhill Market Place. Alternatively, email conorsfundraising@live.co.uk.

"Your help and support would be most appreciated, as I feel I will not only be helping to improve the lives of the people and wildlife in Borneo, but I will gain various personal skills which will help to shape my own future," said Conor.

If you would like to donate to Conor's project, visit www.conorsborneoexpedition2015.weebly.com.

Fined for picking up knife after being beaten unconscious

A Ferryhill man, who was beaten unconscious, picked up a knife to frighten attackers and was subsequently fined £100 and given a conditional discharge.

Magistrates in Newton Aycliffe heard how Steven Paul Whitehead was attacked by a man 'three times the size of him', and, after regaining consciousness from a brutal beating, had picked up a 10 inch blade to frighten the assailant should he return.

The 36 year-old welder claimed his judgment was impaired as he was '11 out of 10 drunk'.

Police were called after concerned staff from a pizza shop had seen Whitehead staggering around in the street with blood pouring from facial injuries.

Warren Ridley, mitigating, said his client had been enjoying a trouble free night out when he was attacked in the street around 11pm on Saturday

5th April, and said that he realised his stupidity in picking the knife up and very quickly put it back on the ground.

Whitehead has refused to identify his attacker fearing future reprisals. He admitted possessing an offensive weapon and possessing 1.2g of cannabis, which police found in his wallet. He was given a 12 month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

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Claire Firbank and Richard McQuillan present the tasty treats to Carol James and Eva Taylor at Tenlands.

On Wednesday 16th April, Claire Firbank and Richard McQuillan from Co-op Funeral Care kindly donated hot cross buns

to Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill, which were greatly received by Chef Carol James and resident Eva Taylor.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Co-op for their continuous support," said a spokesperson.

Cancer support group

The next meeting of the recently formed Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is on Thursday 1st May at Neville Parade Methodist Church, from 6pm till 7.30pm.

The group is open to anyone who may have been affected by cancer. You could be the patient, the carer or relative. New members are welcome to join.

There will be two guest speakers on the night, firstly a local fireman who will give a talk about safety in your home, espe-

cially when you are ill. He will also give information on supplying smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. The second speaker will be Liz Cook who runs the Macmillan Information Centres at Newton Aycliffe and Peterlee.

The group is also planning to go on their first trip out on Sunday 11th May to Seaton Carew and Hartlepool Marina, calling for lunch.

If any company would like to support the group with funding please call Allison on 0776 225 8696.

Due in court

John Elliott, aged 48 of The Cotswolds, Chilton, was due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face a charge of theft by an employee.

The alleged offence is said to have taken place between 16th and 20th December 2013 and involved £2,253.39 cash belonging to Drinks Express.

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.

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

people to take part and are especially interested in children's rides and entertainers. Anyone who would like to contribute to this event should contact Paul on: 07432510400 or email: robiniho23@gmail.com.

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Chilton Ward

Tuesday 13th May, 6pm - 7pm, Chilton Town Council, Hutton House

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

Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Ward

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

Previous issues - Youths hanging around outside in Salisbury Crescent shouting and swearing and being abusive to residents. Also house parties spilling out on to the street.

Broom & Ferryhill Station

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

Previous issues - Anti-Social behaviour caused by tenants in Bertha Street

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

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

Previous issues - Anti-social behaviour by tenants in Bertha Street.

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The Ferryhill & Chilton Chapter

Contact Jeff Ridley on
(01388) 775896 or 0790 999 2731
or email thechapter@talk21.com

Cricket season gets underway

The 2014 cricket season gets underway for Mainsforth Cricket Club on Saturday 26th April, when the club's 1st XI are hosts to the 2013 league champions Burnmoor (wickets pitched 1.30pm).

Whilst a tough season lies ahead in the first division of the Durham Cricket League, the club are optimistic and are looking forward to a summer of attractive and competitive cricket.

Pakistani under 23 international Muhammad Nawaz is returning for a second season as the club profes-

sional and he is available for the first league game. The senior 2nd XI will be playing in the reverse fixture at Burnmoor on the same day.

Sunday 27th April sees the club's Under 11 side in action with a home league cup tie against Etherley (9.30am). On Wednesday 30th the under 13s travel to Shildon for a league cup tie (6pm).

The club hold coaching sessions (weather permitting) at the ground every Friday for junior players and, although the season

is almost underway, new players are always welcome.

The timings are under 11 and under 13, from 4.15pm through to 6pm, with under 15 and under 18 from 6pm to 8pm.

"Anyone interested, please come along to the relevant session," said a spokesperson.

Social membership at Mainsforth Cricket Club is only £2 per year, and on payment the member receives the club handbook with all contact and fixture details.

Class of '83

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 email at dione1967@yahoo.co.uk or find the 'Class of 83' on facebook.

Enamel poppies

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.

All money raised goes to the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund.

Chapter coach trip to Southport Flower Show



Make Southport Flower Show a highlight of your summer.

The Chapter is still taking names for a proposed coach trip to Southport Flower Show on Saturday 16th August.

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 en-

tertainment.

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.

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.

For more information about the event, visit www.southportflower-show.co.uk.

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