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History World War I Roadshow at Broom Cottages



Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College attend a World War I roadshow event featured at Broom Cottages Primary School.

On Friday 26th September, Mrs Shearer and her 9A1 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College visited Broom Cottages Primary School in Ferryhill, to view a remarkable World War I Roadshow exhibit.

Three experts on the Great War, dressed in traditional uniforms worn by German and English soldiers from 1914-1918, spoke about the events which occurred in World War I, what the soldiers endured, the equipment they used and what

they had to wear.

Experts presented replicas of weapons which were used by the soldiers, such as rifles, pistols and explosive equipment including grenades and shrapnel shells. Students were given a demonstration of how soldiers would have used and loaded the rifles and were shown how gas masks were used. Another highlight included how soldiers attached bayonets (the small knife or sword planted on the end of a rifle used to fend off charging enemies).

The class also learned about the efforts women faced during the four years of war, how they created ammunition and bombs and how they lost their lives in the unstable factories, one of which was based locally in Newton Aycliffe.

The three World War I enthusiasts also told personal stories about their family members during the War. A spokesperson commented, "All the students thoroughly enjoyed the day and learnt so much about World War I. Mrs Shearer was 'delighted' to see the class so excited. We would like to give a huge thank you Broom Cottages and the three men who led the Roadshow."

Spiritualist Awareness Group

Ferryhill Spiritualist Awareness Group, located in the Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute, holds an Open Circle every Tuesday from 7pm. The first Tuesday of the month will feature a special night of Clairvoyance, and on Tuesday 7th October will feature Damien Grazer, one of the best North East

mediums. Entry is £2 and includes a cupcake and a hot drink.

"Come along and meet our team, a friendly welcome is guaranteed," said a spokesperson.

For more information or to book your place, telephone John Pattinson, Circle Leader, on 07884 128531.

Autumn Fair

An autumn fair will be held at the Dean Bank Community Centre on Friday 24th October from 10am to 1pm.

Nearly new clothes, brick-a-brack, jewellery, bags, hand-made jams, cakes, pies, Christmas goods and hand-made cards will be on sale. There will also be a Tombola, raffle and tin

food stall.

A percentage of the takings will be donated to charities such as The Great North Air Ambulance and Children's Cancer Trust.

Refreshments will be available and entry is free.

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Also my Father, James William, my Mother Elizabeth Anne. My Brothers Cecil, Lawrence and Louvaine



*Always thinking of you
Ray*



Olive Walker

1.10.2010

Dear Sis
Miss you more each day



*Love always
Ann & Family
xx*

Birthday Memories

Sylvia Vickers

6.10.1916 - 26.07.2013

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*By your loving Husband
Les
xxx*



Maureen Wall

7th October

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*Love always
Keith, Pamela, John, Keith,
Jackie, Adam, Hannah and
Nathan
xxx*



Birthdays

Ryan & Jack Eltringham

8th October 2004



10 Today
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gorgeous boys and
amazing Brothers



*All our love
Mum, Dad & Chloe
xxx*

Ryan & Jack Eltringham

8.10.04



Happy 10th Birthday



*Love & Kisses
Grandad, Nanna, Auntie
Bebbie, Cam*



Harry Robinson

5.10.2006

Happy 8th Birthday Harry



*Lots of love
from Dad, Danielle & Ellie
xxx*

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Harry Robinson

5.10.2006

Happy 8th Birthday Harry



*Love you loads
Grandma, Granda, Aunties,
Uncles & Cousins
xxx*



Matthew Benson

6.10.1996



Happy 18th Matthew
Have a lovely nice Birthday



*Lots of love from
Mam, Michael and Sophie
xxxxxxx*



Jack Gash

13th October



Happy 16th Birthday
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A fond farewell



The mayor of Chilton, councillor Elizabeth Bruce, presented a bouquet of flowers to retiring long-term Chilton postmistress Margaret Blair, accompanied by her husband Robert Blair.

On Wednesday 24th September over 50 people attended Windlestone Methodist Church Hall for a fond farewell tea party, held in honour of the for retiring Chilton postmistress.

Margaret Blair began working for the Post Office alongside her father at Mount Pleasant in Spennymoor in 1995, when she was just 16 years-old. He went on to buy Chilton P.O. in Durham Road, which Margaret bought it from him in 1973.

Throughout her time in Chilton Margaret has been a pillar of the community, supporting many worthwhile charities including PDSA, Blind, Help for Heroes, Air Ambulance and Butterwick Hospice - the list is endless.

She made her own greetings cards and personalised cards, selling them to customers, with all the profits donated to a selected charity.

She was also involved in the shoebox appeal and parcels

for soldiers, who have sent her numerous letters of thanks.

The farewell party was organised by two of her workers, Susan Maughan, who is taking over running the post office, and Jean Murray. Margaret said "They treat me as their adopted mother". Also present was Joan Otterwell another ex-worker, and Margaret was presented with a lovely spice cake specially made by Doris Dunn, another one of her ex employees.

Margaret has been married to Robert for 52 years. They met at Mount Pleasant Youth Club when she was 16 and he was 18. They have two sons and 7 grandchildren. They live in Millwood, Chilton, buying their home 8 years ago in readiness for Margaret's retirement.

The mayor of Chilton, councillor Elizabeth Bruce, was proud to present a lovely bouquet of flowers. She said, "On behalf of myself and Chilton Town Council I would like to thank you

for the wonderful service you have provided over the years to our community, and also for the help and guidance given to Susan Maughan to enable her to carry on as postmistress and keep our post office open".

After the speech Margaret said she has never had a 'do' like this since she got married to Robert. She said she has always been a sort of quite person, so she will not be changing now she has retired. She plans to possibly go away on holiday and look after her grandchildren and their dog.

The post office is now closed for modernisation of the network. It will provide a range of services including postage, banking, benefits and travel money at the new combination counter.

During the closure P.O. services are available at West End Post Office on Market Street, Ferryhill. Chilton P.O. will reopen at 1.00pm on Tuesday 7th October.

Drug possession

On Saturday 27th September a vehicle was stopped in Ferryhill as part of the current PACT priority. The occupants of the vehicle were both searched and a quantity of Cannabis was recovered. This was seized and the male has been dealt

with for possession of the drug.

This was a random stop check of a vehicle, which the police regularly do.

In the past few months random stop checks in area have also caught people with Heroin and other drugs.

Fashion Show

Chilton Care Centre is hosting a fashion show on Monday 6th October with Bon Marché at 2pm.

There will be tea and biscuits and everybody is more than welcome to attend.

St Luke's invites you!

St Luke's Church is inviting readers to a coffee morning where there will be an opportunity to contribute to the preparation for a Remembrance Event of the outbreak of WWI.

A spokesperson said, "All

ages will be welcome. There will be coffee, craft, knitting, crochet, art and lots of fun!"

The coffee morning will be held on Saturday 18th October, starting at 10am to 12 noon in St Luke's Centre.

Chapter trip to Bury

The Chapter's coach trip to Bury Market on November

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Special advisor for schools

Durham County Council has appointed a special advisor to tackle the issues of homophobia and transphobia in schools.

Elly Barnes is the founder and Chief Executive of Educate and Celebrate, recognised by OFSTED as providing "best practice" in delivering training to teachers throughout the country.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Advisor will be working with County Durham schools in a one year training programme. She said: "I am very excited to be continuing the Educate and Celebrate project in Durham and look forward to meeting with staff and students in participating schools."

"We will be focussing on training and curriculum and encouraging schools to be visible with their LGBT inclusive work such as displaying school

codes. If teachers hear any derogatory language, the school code on their walls works as a prompt to simply inform students that their use of language is unacceptable in their school."

Caroline O'Neill, head of education, Durham County Council, said: "Elly has extensive experience and a proven recipe for success in tackling these issues and we are delighted to have her on-board."

"No young person should be afraid of growing up to be who they want to be and we are fully committed to tackling homophobia and transphobia in schools and helping our young people feel happy and confident to celebrate who they are."

Educate and Celebrate have produced Challenging Homophobia in Primary Schools (CHIPS) to help schools to become LGBT friendly. It contains

20 illustrated books about diversity and different families along with lesson plans and activities.

Elly Barnes will work with primary and secondary schools across County Durham.

A national survey by Educate and Celebrate showed that 72 per cent of teachers would welcome training in these issues.

More information about the work of Educate and Celebrate is available on www.ellybarnes.com.

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Chopper tracks down moped



The moped used to commit a number of motoring offences.

On Monday 22nd September two males made off from police on a moped in Chilton. They later decamped from the vehicle and made off on foot across nearby fields. RPU, Local

Neighbourhood Officers and National Police Air Service Newcastle located the males nearby and they were reported to court for a number of motoring offences.

Immanuel Christian Fellowship

Immanuel Christian Fellowship, Ferryhill, is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th October, from 10am till 12 noon, at the Old

Fire Station, on Darlington Road.

"All are welcome for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits," said a spokesperson.

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Enter CIC go down the rabbit hole



Professional theatre group Metta Theatre will be performing at the Enter Centre in Ferryhill on Sunday 25th October.

Local theatre group, Enter CIC, will be hosting professional theatre company 'Metta Theatre' at their venue, as part of The Take Off Festival.

The group will be performing 'Alice,' a magical, moving WWI story about the real-life Alice in Wonderland, told through imaginative puppetry and

music.

The year is 1915, bombs rain down. Sheltering in her dusty cellar, Alice rediscovers her past amongst old lamp shades & moth-eaten christening gowns. Her son Alan, a WWI soldier, makes the same imaginary journey down the rabbit hole to escape the madness of

war, returning them both to a wonderland of talking rabbits, mad hatters and savage queens.

The suggested age for the show, which takes place at The Enter Centre in Ferryhill at 2pm on Saturday 25th October, is 11+.

Tickets are £5 and are available from Enter CIC, or by calling 01740 655437.

Ferryhill shop thefts

John Daniels was listed as being of no fixed abode, then as resident in Church Street, Ferryhill, but gave an address in Ferryhill Station when he appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court recently.

The 25 year-old faced charges that, on 4th August, he stole two jars of coffee valued at £7.98 from the Co-op Store and, on 5th September, he stole three DVDs valued at £29.97 from the Sainsbury store.

The court heard how a member of the public had drawn Co-op staff's attention to Daniels' behaviour and they reviewed CCTV footage. This showed him enter the store with two children and a pushchair. He was seen to place

the jars of coffee in the pushchair and then walk around the store as one of the children took the pushchair outside.

The Probation Service informed the court that Daniels had moved up to the area from London due to housing issues and that it is his intention to return to the south east.

Daniels was also found to be in breach of a suspended prison sentence, which the District Judge decided not to activate.

The defendant was sentenced to one month's extension to his current supervision order and ordered to pay compensation to both stores, the amounts being added to what he already owes the court.

Cycling accident

An incident took place during the early hours of Saturday 13th September, during which a man came off his cycle near to East Howle Bank, Ferryhill. A member of the public acted quickly and rang the emergency services, as he had serious injuries. Andy Hall, the man who was injured, has sent this message of thanks to the member of the public and also the emergency services for saving his life:

"I Would like to take the opportunity to thank the member of the public for coming to help me in my hour of need. Without you and the emergency services I would not be here now.

"Last Saturday at East Howle Bank about 5.30am you found me, I woke up in James Cook Hospital after being air lifted on Monday. From the bottom of my heart thank you from me and my whole family".

Healthwatch

Healthwatch is an independent consumer service created to gather and represent the views of the public. They play a role at both national and local level and will make sure that the views of the public, and people who use services, are taken into account.

Healthwatch County Durham meet at Ferryhill Library on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9.30am-11am and are available for you to talk to. For further information call 01325 375967 or visit www.healthwatchcountydurham.co.uk.

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The sound of the bagpipes, the kilts a-swirling
Are part of my history, genealogy unfurling
The headmaster at school to my brother did
complain

My boy don't you know how to spell your name?
My parents went to the school and made it quite
plain

The name is McLean

But can be pronounced McLane

On a holiday in Scotland the weather was dull

The days outing took us to the Isle of Mull
As the day progressed, the sun shone bright,
And beside the roadside a sign came in sight

"This is the seat of the Clan McLean"

I was following the footsteps where my ancestors
had been

So Scotland do not let us part,
You have a special place in my heart
Though British born think of me
Scotland is part of my ancestry.

Nancy Hardy (nee McLean)

College awarded grant to extend its links to Beirut



Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College has just been awarded over £3000 to extend its links with a school in Beirut.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College has just been awarded over £3000 to extend its links with a school in Beirut.

Last year Ferryhill students completed a joint project with students in Lebanon and shared work that described teenage life and culture in their own countries.

Mrs Johnson, Head of Lan-

guages at the College said, "We are very pleased to have received this award and we are looking forward to welcoming a headteacher and a colleague from the Lebanon early in the New Year."

Mr Brennan, Headteacher at the College said, "This is another excellent opportunity for students to meet people from across

the world. It strengthens the work carried out in the last few years where the College has liaised with visitors from the United States, Singapore, Thailand, Afghanistan and Africa.

"All credit is to go to Mrs Johnson who has sourced a significant amount of funding over the past few years to make such events possible".

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This week in History

3 October 1995

OJ Simpson was found not guilty of the murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman.

4 October 1957

Sputnik the Russian satellite was launched into space - it was the first man-made object ever to leave the Earth's atmosphere.

5 October 1968

Police used batons and water cannons to break up a civil rights march in Londonderry, Northern Ireland.

6 October 1854

The Great fire of Newcastle and Gateshead started shortly after midnight, leading to 53 deaths and hundreds injured.

7 October 2001

The United States began its military campaign, Operation Enduring Freedom, against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

8 October 2003

Actor, bodybuilder and Republican candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger was elected the 38th Governor of California

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Quad bike seized



The quad bike seized by police in Chilton on Friday 26th September.

On Friday 26th September officers seized a quad bike from a male who had been riding it around one of the estates in Chilton. The bike was seized under section 184 of the road traffic act (anti-social use of motor vehicle) and is the second one the male

has had taken off him in a week. "We will continue to monitor the area and deal with anyone found to be driving motor vehicles in an anti-social manner," said a spokesperson from the Spennymoor Neighbourhood Police Team.

Revised opening hours

Chilton Town Council wish to advise readers that the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground winter opening hours commence from Monday 29th September 2014 until 2nd May 2015. The park and facilities will be open weekdays from 10am-4pm but will be closed at weekends.



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An evening with Howard Linskey

Friends of Cleves Cross Primary School are inviting readers to enjoy an evening with popular Ferryhill author, Howard Linskey.

Howard rose to prominence when his debut novel 'The Drop' was chosen by The Times newspaper as one of its top five thrillers of the year in 2011.

He followed this with two more books featuring white collar gangster, David Blake; 'The Damage', which was a Times 'Best Summer Read', and most recently 'The Dead'.

The David Blake trilogy has also been optioned for a television series by Harry Potter producer David Barron, and is being adapted by 'Layer Cake' writer JJ Connolly.

Howard's next book, 'No Name Lane', is set in County Durham and features three new characters; a tabloid journalist, a local newspaper reporter and a police detective. It will be published in 2015. The event will take place



Ferryhill author, Howard Linskey will be at a Cleves Cross Primary School on Saturday 15th November.

at Cleves Cross Primary School on Saturday 15th November, from 7.30pm, when fans can hear Howard talk about his career so far, listen to excerpts from his new book and get involved

in an audience Q&A. Tickets cost £5 each and include a pie and peas supper. They are available to purchase from the school by calling 01740 651599.

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Chilton Ward

Thursday 16th October, 7pm - 8pm, Chilton & Windlestone WMC

Previous issues - Anti-social behaviour in Arthur Street, Albert Street and Prospect Terrace.

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 5th November, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Motorists are contravening the No Entry Signs on Church Lane, outside St Luke's Church.

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

Wednesday 5th November, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Vehicle nuisance and possible drug taking - Vehicles are parking up in Wasteland near to Durham Road Sweepers Unit in Dean and Chapter Industrial Estate. They are causing anti-social behaviour and it is believed they are smoking cannabis.

Bishop Middleham

Thursday 6th November, 2pm - 3pm, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

Previous issues - Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage to certain properties around Salisbury Crescent. Parking issues on High Street next to Cross Keys pub, various vehicles parking across drives and causing visible obstructions for vehicles and buses. Peak times on Wednesday evenings and Sunday lunchtimes.

