



Pupils help to create a service to remember



Pupils from Chilton Primary school united for a simultaneous release of red balloons from the school field and from the memorial to mark the armistice.

Chilton youngsters joined veterans in a special Armistice Day service on Tuesday 11th November, where a new granite memorial plaque was unveiled in honour of those

who lost their lives in the First World War and other conflicts. During a moving service the memorial was unveiled by Peter Cook, deputy lieutenant for County Durham.

The black memorial plaque, which features a poppy, is mounted at Hutton House, Durham Road in Chilton. Christine Potts, Durham County councillor for Chilton, made the £2,050 project possible through the neighbourhood budget. The whole of Chilton Primary school also united for a simultaneous release of red balloons from the school field and from the memorial at 11am to mark the armistice.

The children have also made visits this week to the Catholic Church and Methodist Chapel to view the exhibitions of memorabilia.

Mrs A Pybus-Coates, Headteacher of Chilton Primary School, said on behalf of the school, "I would like to pass on our thanks to all those who have worked so hard in the preceding months to make all these events come to such a successful fruition."

Paul Gray, clerk for Chilton Town Council said, "I think that it was a successful day. The tribute is a fitting memorial to those who have died fighting in war."

Chilton Christmas lights switch-on

With Christmas quickly approaching, Chilton Town Council would like to invite residents to Chilton's official switch-on of the town's Christmas lights.

This year's switch-on is planned for Friday 28th November and will be performed by the Mayor, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce and this year's Gala Princess Alexis Banks. Festivities will commence from 6.30pm at the Town

Square with the official switch-on at 7pm.

During the event local school children from Chilton Primary School will be singing Christmas carols and members of St Aidan's Church will be circulating with sweet mince pies and refreshments.

Also on site will be a catering van and a small children's ride, and of course the event would not be complete without a visit from Santa.

Methodist Church Christmas Fair

Windlestone Methodist Church on Durham Road, Chilton is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November, between 11am and 2pm.

There will be stalls, cakes,

home produce, tombola, raffle, knitwear, Christmas flower arrangement and refreshments available. Everyone is welcome.

A spokesperson said, "Your Christmas starts here."

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Birthday Memories

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19.11.86 23.11.13

Birthday memoriam, also 1 year since we lost you. Miss and love you so much Marie, it's just not the same without you



Love always
Warren and Channy
xx

Birthday Memories

(Sister)

Marie Dunlavy
19.11.86 23.11.13

Remembering you is easy
I do it every day
But missing you is
heartache that never goes
away
Love you always



Love John, Kay
xxxx

Birthday Memories

Louis Blatchford
19th November

Sing with the angels, dance
with the stars on your
Birthday Son



Love
Mam, Matthew, John

Birthdays

Courtney Nelson
19th November



16

Have a great Birthday!



Love & kisses
Mam, Dad, Jessica & Ollie
xxx

Birthday Memories

Marie Dunlavy
23.11.13

It has been a lonely year
without you
A million times I've cried
If my love could have saved
you
You never would have died



Andrew, Katrina, Bradley
and Cruze

Marie Dunlavy
23.11.13

No one sees my broken
heart that lies beneath my
smile
Many times I've needed
you, many times I've cried
You left behind beautiful
memories, your love is still
my guide
And although I cannot see
you, you're always by my
side



Loved and adored
Michael (Gonger)
Leon & Lavarna

Marie Dunlavy

Thinking of you on your
28th Birthday



Love John, Kay, Lois, Lula
xxxx

Louis Blatchford

19th November

With tears in my heart I
whisper Happy Birthday
Louis, I miss and love you



Nana Eileen

Courtney Nelson

19.11.14

16th Birthday
Hope you have a fab 16th



Love
Uncle John, Auntie Vicky,
Aleisha, Georgia, Jasmine
xxxxx

Marie Dunlavy
23.11.13

It's hard to put on paper
The feelings we have inside
Of a broken hearted family
That has missed you since
you died
To us you were so special
What more is there to say
We only wish within our
hearts
That you were here today
With tears we saw you
suffer
As we watched you fade
away
Our hearts were almost
broken, as you fought so
hard to stay
We knew you had to leave
us, but you never went
alone
For part of us went with
you, the day you left your
home



Love forever
Mam & Dad

Marie Dunlavy
19.11.86 23.11.13

Birthday memoriam, also 1 year ago since we lost you. My heart still aches in sadness, my silent tears still flow, for what it means to lose you Marie, no one will ever know
My special Niece and best friend, never be able to describe how much I miss you
Always in my heart



Love Pearl & Mal
xxx

Marie Dunlavy
"Forever Young"

To the brightest star in
the sky
Always thinking of you



Mick, Helen & Family

Louis Blatchford

19th November

Happy Birthday Sunshine
Boy



Love and miss you always
Louise and Terry

Gladys Smith

17th November

Happy Birthday to a lovely
Mam, Gran and Granny
Remembered always with
love



Margaret, Keith & Family
xx xx xx

Marie Dunlavy
19.11.86 23.11.13

Miss you Ree



Love
Keaton, Harvey, Keira
xxx

Marie Dunlavy

Thinking of you on this
your Birthday, 19th, and
memorial 23rd
Dear Lord up above give
our Marie all our love
Love and miss you every
single day



Ann & Clayton
Merrick & Amy
Daggon & Caroline
Jade & Tia
xxx

Fred Chapman

18th November

On what would have been
your 100th Birthday
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Your ever loving Wife Rita
& Family
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Margaret Mud



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(Aunt)
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party & let there be many
more



Lots of love
Tracey, Jeff, Kaitlyn, Sol
and Kole
xxx

Birthdays

David Banks

19th November

Happy 40th Birthday Son

40!

All our love
Mam & John
xxx

David Banks

19th November

Happy 40th Birthday David
Have a great day

40!

Love Adam, Andy and Eva
xxx

David Banks

19th November

Happy 40th Birthday
To our wonderful Uncle
David

40!

Love Becca, Amy and
Brandon
xxx

Birthdays

Glenys Glendon

11.11.14

Happy 60th Birthday
Congratulations on your
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Tenerife

60!

Love Anne, Kev & Shaun
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Atkinson

14th November

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Sophia
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Love Nana, Granda and
Auntie Kelly

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Furniture Help Scheme celebrates 10th anniversary



Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson, Managing Director Chris Palmer, and Company Secretary and business development manager Steve Mitton with members of the CDFHS.

CDFHS, County Durham Furniture Help Scheme, celebrated its 10th anniversary on Monday 17th November at their premises on Chilton Industrial Estate.

The scheme, set up in 2004, aims to help individuals and families on low incomes purchase affordable furniture, household items and electrical goods.

The charity is run local charity, run by a team of thirty plus volunteers, some of whom are disabled.

The scheme also offers a training programme to help people of all ages improve their employability, working very closely with organisations such as Shaw Trust.

In 2013/14, of the 145 indi-

viduals who went through the Employability Scheme, CDFHS was successful in helping 72 secure a job.

Sedgefield MP Phil Wilson who attended the event said, "The County Durham Furniture Help Scheme is a fantastic scheme and I am pleased to be able to support their work."

"It is therefore my pleasure to be a part of the celebrations to mark 10 years of this charity and I hope that the charity will grow from strength to strength, helping to provide the very basics every community needs, jobs and a nice home."

If you have any unwanted furniture, ornaments, pots &

pans, pictures, gas or electrical appliances, (working or not) including washing machines, vacuum cleaners, tumble driers, computers, curtains, bedding, clothes, shoes, paint or wallpaper, which are too good to throw away, call CDFHS who will come and collect the items from you. They also undertake house clearances.

County Durham Furniture Help Scheme is at Units 19 & 20 (Showrooms) & 12 & 18, Avenue 3, Chilton Industrial Estate, Co. Durham DL17 0PB. Tel No. 01388 721509. Email info@cdfhs.org.uk, website www.cdfhs.org.uk.

The opening hours are Mon-Fri 9am till 4pm Sat. 9am till 1pm.

Ferryhill Stage Society presents Snow White

Tickets are now on sale for the Ferryhill Stage Society's pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Shows will take place at Mainsforth Community Centre, Ferryhill Station, on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December at 7.15pm with a Matinee

taking place on Saturday 20th December at 2.15pm.

A spokesperson said, "Please come and support our young members who performed in our recent production of 'Annie' and did a fantastic job. They are taking the parts of the dwarfs, animals and townsfolk. We need to encourage

our junior members as they are the future of Ferryhill Stage Society."

Tickets are £6 per adult and £4 for children (14 and under) and are available from any society member or can be purchased by contacting the ticket agent, Mrs Harker on 01740 652551.

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Chrysanthemum & Vegetable Show



Graeme Cooke with his fantastic winning blooms at the show.

The Ferryhill and District Chrysanthemum and Vegetable Society held its 82nd Annual Show on Saturday 8th November at The Masonic Hall, North Street, Ferryhill. The Show was a great success, featuring an increase in the number of entries in many sections and all the exhibits were up to the usual high standards. The new members did particularly well and were a welcome feature of the

show.

The secretary would like to thank everyone who called in to view the exhibits and to those who kindly sponsored classes that ensures the show will continue next year. A spokesperson said, "Special thanks go to all members who participated and helped over the weekend."

Anyone interested in joining the Society can contact Jeff Cutting on 01740 652042.

Beetle Drive

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a Beetle Drive on Tuesday 25th November at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £3.00 which includes supper. All are welcome to go along and join in the fun.

Ferryhill Christmas Fayre

Ferryhill 2000 Committee & Ferryhill Town Council would like to invite residents to attend Ferryhill's annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November. The Fayre will commence at 2pm with Children's fair rides, refreshments, and Craft Fayre, which will once again take place indoors at St. Luke's Parish Centre.

A candle-lit procession involving children from the local Primary Schools will leave St. Luke's Church at 4pm.

The procession, which will be led by Santa's Sleigh, will make its way to the Town Hall gardens where carol singing will take place at 4.15pm.

The official switching on of the town's Christmas lights will then follow at 4.30pm. The honour of

switching on the lights this year will fall to a pupil from Dean Bank Primary School. Any adults and children wishing to take part in the procession are asked to meet at St. Luke's Church at 3.45pm where 'glow in the dark sticks' will be issued to all those taking part in the parade.

Santa has also promised to make an appearance again this year and will be visiting the E-Café from 4.30pm-6.00pm to meet local children and give out presents from his specially designed grotto. Tea and coffee will also be on sale in the E-Café and there will also be a chance to test your luck on the tombola.

For any queries about the Christmas Fayre call John Rogerson at Fer-

ryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157.

Programme of events:

2.00pm - 6pm - Show Rides on the Town Centre Car Park

2.00pm - 6pm - Craft Fayre at St. Luke's Parish Centre

3.30pm - Children from local primary schools congregate in St. Luke's Church for the Candlelit Procession.

4.00pm - Candlelit Procession leaves St. Luke's Church led by Santa's Sleigh.

4.15pm - Singing in the Town Hall Gardens

4.30pm - Official switch on of the town's Christmas lights and speech by the Mayor of Ferryhill

4.30pm - 6.00pm - Santa's Grotto in the E Café

6.00pm - Event closes.

Environment Awards 2014

The annual County Durham Environment Awards, which are now in their 25th year, recognise great design, environmental achievement and community spirit.

This year saw 119 entries in 12 different categories and the judges selected 53 projects or individuals they felt deserved recognition for their hard work, dedication and commitment to improving their surroundings.

Amongst them, Broom Cottages Primary School received a Commendation for their 'Broom Cottages Gets Growing' project, "For valuable achievements in improving the quality of the school environment and the oppor-

tunities this provides for learning activities."

The County Durham Furniture Help Scheme also received a 'Waste Management' award, "For the

outstanding contribution to the reduction of bulky waste in County Durham and the provision of employment training and skills development."

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Police break up organised crime St. Aidan's Fayre

The final gang member of an organised crime group who dealt in class A drugs across both the north east and north west of England has been sentenced at court.

Twelve gang members caught under Durham Constabulary's 'Operation Skyhawk' have already received prison sentences totalling more than 60 years.

On Monday 17th November at Teesside Crown Court Jonny Lee, aged 35 from Ferryhill, received a

two-year prison term after eventually pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

Lee and the others were caught as a result of a lengthy surveillance and evidence-gathering operation which culminated with 200 officers involved in early-morning raids at properties across County Durham and Merseyside in early February 2013.

Operation Skyhawk was an investigation conducted by Durham Constabulary into an Organised Crime Group

(OCG) linked to several regional crime groups operating within the north east and surrounding areas. The group was involved in the large scale supply of cocaine and cannabis, and associated money laundering offences from the proceeds of crime.

Anyone with information about drug dealing in their area is urged to ring police on 101. Or call the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 55511 if for any reason they would prefer not to contact the police.

On Saturday 29th November St. Aidan's Christmas Fayre is to be opened at 2pm by Canon Jon Bell.

There will be many stalls and attractions such as a tombola, home made

cakes, bric-a-brac, fancy goods, a grand raffle and craft stall. Refreshments will also be available.

"Please come along and join us," said a spokesperson.

Road closures and temporary bus stops

Due to the Ferryhill Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November the following road closures and temporary bus stops will be implemented:

- Market Street, Chapel Terrace (partial) and Church Road will be closed to all vehicles on Friday 28th November, from 4pm - 5.30pm approximately.

- Church Lane and the road with no name next to Nat West Bank will be closed from 4pm to 4.10pm.

Temporary bus stops will be erected outside:

- Llewellyn's Wine Bar

(Main Street),

- B & M Store (Market Street),

- The Workingmen's Club (North Street).

All vehicles must use North Street. There will also be no access or exit from Nat West Car Park from 4pm to 4.10pm.

Alternative parking has been arranged at the Masonic Hall Car Park, 34 North Street, Ferryhill and residents are welcome to make use of this.

Anyone requiring further information should contact John Rogerson at Ferryhill Town Council on 01740 652157.

Shoe box appeal success

Once again the Ferryhill Shoe Box Appeal, in association with the Methodist Church, has been a huge success. This ever popular appeal has grown over the years and once again there has been a very generous response from donors within Ferryhill and the surrounding communities.

To all the donors, be they schools, churches, chat and craft clubs or private individuals, the organising team for the appeal wish to extend their heartfelt and sincere thanks for their extreme generosity.

They would also like to thank all those who helped in any way during shoe box week.

Also a big thank you to the young people from Enter CIC for their assistance in carrying out the shoe boxes to the awaiting transport.

The total number of boxes dispatched was 1,083 together with £939 towards transport costs.

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Cleves Cross Primary Fundraisers cycle 110 miles for Christmas Fayre charity

Cleves Cross Primary is to hold its ever popular Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm, where you can experience the very best in Christmas shopping all under one roof. Stalls include Yankee Candles, Mel's Sweets and Treats, Stuart Trotter books, stocking fillers, Village Bakery, Body Shop, personalised gifts, Christmas cards and flowers. There will also be the Parent Free Shop, lots of Christmas crafts and activities and of course, Santa's

Grotto.

There will also be a chance to enter the Christmas raffle, to win fabulous goods generously donated by stall holders.

The Christmas Café will be open, selling a variety of seasonal refreshments including hot chocolate, teas, coffees and mince pies.

A spokesperson said, "We have fabulous Christmas gift ideas and tasty treats to enjoy!

"It is all there for you. Everyone is welcome and admission is free".



Scott Weldon, Tina Craig, Bryan Craig and Kathy Weldon raise funds for The Great North Air Ambulance.

Three car collision

Police are appealing for witnesses after three cars were involved in a collision on the A167 near to Durham late on Monday 17th November.

At around 7.50pm the three cars, a VW Golf, a Vauxhall Astra and a Vauxhall Corsa were all travelling north on the A167 when the VW Golf left the carriageway just north of the Cock of the North roundabout and

collided with a tree.

The driver of the Golf, a 21 year-old man from Ferryhill, was taken to hospital with serious leg injuries.

The drivers of the two other vehicles, an 18 year-old man from Bishop Auckland and a 41 year-old man from West Auckland were arrested at the scene for dangerous driving. The Police can be contacted on 101.

Former Chilton residents Cathy and Scott Weldon, husband and wife, recently raised £1,000 for the Great North Air Ambulance and Epilepsy Research in memory of Scott's grandad, who supported the charity before he passed away.

To raise the funds Scott, 24, and brother-in-law Bryan Craig, 41, took part in a gruelling bike ride on Saturday 23rd August from

Chilton to Whitby then to Darlington, and back to Chilton, a round trip of 110 miles! The ride took 12 hours and 30 minutes to complete.

Cathy Weldon, 22, and Bryan's wife Tina, 25, added further funds with bake sales and raffles. Scott also volunteered to have his legs waxed for charity.

Mrs Weldon said, "We did this in honour of Scott's

nan and grandad. The Great North Air Ambulance was their favourite charity and everyone has been so generous and supportive of the cause."

In response Mandy Drake, head of fundraising at the Great North Air Ambulance said, "They have done an incredible job and have put a tremendous effort in to reach their fundraising target."

Chapter coach trip to Bury Market

The Chapter coach trip to Bury Market on Saturday 29th November will leave Chilton Wheatsheaf at 8.10am and Ferryhill Bus

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24 November 1991 Freddie Mercury died aged 45, just one day after he publicly announced he was HIV positive.	25 November 1963 The funeral of the assassinated President, John F Kennedy, took place in Washington.	26 November 1983 An armed gang carried out Britain's largest ever robbery, stealing over £25m worth of gold bullion from Brinks Mat Warehouse, Heathrow.

Memorial stone unveiling marks Operation Spoke 100th anniversary of WW1



Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colonel Arthur W Charlton TD and Miss Bryany Maughan, Miss Lucy Jameson and pupils from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College unveil the memorial stone.

At 10am on Tuesday 11th November a Memorial Stone to mark the 100th Anniversary of the commencement of the 1st World War was unveiled at the Garden of Remembrance at Duncombe Cemetery. The stone was unveiled by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Colonel Arthur W Charlton TD, and two pupils from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, Miss Bryany Maughan and Miss Lucy Jameson. Reverend Keith Lumsden led a service of dedication and blessing of the Memorial Stone. Town Councillors, local school

children and members of the public were in attendance. Wreaths were laid by Colonel Charlton on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant, and Mr George Miller, on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Those in attendance placed wooden poppy crosses at the Memorial Stone to mark the occasion. The unveiling of the Memorial was the final event in a programme of Centennial events which were organised by the Ferryhill 2000 Committee in partnership with Ferryhill Town Council, and included the refurbishment of the town's War Memorial, a

display by the Ferryhill History Society in the old Chapel at Duncombe Cemetery, a Church Service at St. Luke's Church, a 1st World War re-enactment event involving the 'Time Bandits' and Ferryhill History Society, and the production of a booklet by the Ferryhill E-Café Youth Group comparing life then and now. A spokesperson said, "A huge thank you goes to County Councillors Pauline Crathorne and Pat McCourt who both contributed funding from their Neighbourhood Budgets through the AAP to enable these events to take place."

Operation Spoke

Ferryhill Police are organising an Operation Spoke Event on Sunday 7th December, from 10am to 1pm. A spokesperson commented, "This is a great opportunity for you to get your bicycle

security marked for free! "Simply take your bike to Ferryhill Police Station where a Police Community Support Officer will mark it and register it to our national database."

History Society

Ferryhill History Society's next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th November at The Eldon Arms, Ferryhill Station. The speaker will be Neil Straughan with his illustrated talk "The Long Road Home". Straughan's father served in the 51st Highland Division during World War Two. Following the fall of France in 1940, his unit was captured at Valery en Caux; he sub-

sequently escaped on route to a prisoner of war camp and went on the run. Some six months and 2,500 miles later, having crossed France and Spain, he was able to return from Gibraltar to England. This remarkable tale offers an insight into one of the less well publicised stories of World War Two. Please note this is a different speaker than previously announced.

Bargains and Fashion Show

A fantastic week of bargains and novelties are available at the Dean Bank Institute in two upcoming events. On Friday 21st November over 16 stalls will offer toys, fashion, raffle, nik-nafs, crafts, home produce and many other bargains. Tea and coffee will be available in Café De Ferie and doors will be open from

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Ferryhill Indoor Bowls

Ferryhill Indoor Bowls Club were in action in the County Inter Leagues with two games in the space of three days.

The games involved Durham IBC as the opposition and in both cases Ferryhill suffered heavy defeats.

The first was an away game in the Vets County Inter League in which Ferryhill travelled to Durham and saw the away side take only one point. Playing on Durham's newly installed carpet the visitors found it difficult to judge the pace of the green and, apart from Colin Larcombe's rink, the club came away with only the one point losing

out 1-4.

Bob Jefferson was unlucky not to add another point, after being 12-1 down the team fought back, losing out in the end by only one shot.

Final Scores: R Jefferson 15-16, C Larcombe 14-10, W Latimer 5-20.

The standard Inter Club League the following Sunday was next up with three rinks playing at Durham and three rinks at home. Once again the Durham club served up a lesson in bowling and inflicted another heavy defeat on the game's Ferryhill bowlers.

The home rinks fared

better losing by only 9 shots overall and taking one point, which came from the rink of Simpson, Cummings, Wilson and Brown who won 27-17.

The away rinks however suffered a similar fate to those that played on the Friday and drew a blank. They found the hosts in tremendous form losing a very one sided game 38-107 overall.

Final scores: Home rinks I Brown 27-17 J Layland, K Weallans 12-24 J Burnip, B Johnstone 17-24 G Alderson. Away rinks: C Larcombe 15-28 D Christie, D Hardwick 13-41 A Musgrove, R Jefferson 10-38 C Stevenson.

Ferryhill Dynamos take on top team

Ferryhill Dynamos took on top of the table Chester the Britannia in what looked to be a one sided affair. The first half saw both teams create chances with the Britannia taking one of theirs, leading at half time 1-0.

The Dynamos pulled one back after the break when

a Britannia defender sliced a corner into his own net. The game continued to be fairly even until the Britannia snatched victory in the dying minutes. Ferryhill's man of the match was terrier-like wing back Dan Taylor. Next game is away to Houghton Chilton Lodge.



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