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International opera singer returns to Chilton Primary



The community concert held at Chilton Primary School officially opened the new stage.

On Thursday 20th November, Chilton Primary School was privileged to welcome international opera singer Mr Ian Storey back to his former school, to officially open the newly

refurbished stage. The £17,000 stage and lighting was made possible due to funding received via the AAP and Councillor Christine Potts' Neighbourhood Budget, as well as contribu-

tions from school. Ian performed as part of a free community concert to which over 200 people attended.

Performances were also provided by local groups including New Dance Generation, Melanie Edmenson, FBEC, Greenfield Alex Kennedy and Durham College.

Chilton Primary School violinists, steel panners, drummers, choir and junior youth club also took to the stage and everyone enjoyed an appearance from special penguin guests!

A spokesperson for the school commented, "Hopefully, this will be the first of many similar events in the future."

Mr Storey, who has travelled the world and performed in many of its biggest opera houses commented, "It was great fun and I really, really enjoyed it."

"It was really interesting for me to see what the school is doing in regards to music. 'I'm an old boy from the school and I saw people there who I haven't seen for years and it was nice to open the new stage area.'"

Christmas deadlines

All classifieds for The Chapter Issue 707, dated 26th December, are to be submitted by Thursday 18th December at 12 noon.

The Chapter will be distributed on Tuesday 23rd December. There will be no Chapter on new year's week.

Remembering loved ones

A Memorial Christmas Carol Service is being held in St Luke's Church in Church Lane, Ferryhill, on Thursday 11th December. The Co-operative Funeralcare would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend the service, which begins at 7pm and will include Christmas readings, carols, candle lighting and the opportunity to place a memorial message on the Christmas tree in church. Refreshments will be served after the service. The Co-operative Funeralcare will again have

memorial Christmas trees in each of their funeral homes throughout December where tributes to loved ones may be placed. Call in at the funeral home in Parker Terrace, Ferryhill, to leave your tribute.

Funeralcare would also like to thank everyone who bought a hand made poppy from them this year. In the Ferryhill funeral home they raised £20.66 for the Royal British Legion and in total the area raised £278.77. For further details on the carol service call 01740 651329.

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Wife Natasha
Daughters Gabrielle, Charlotte
Brother to David, Geoff, Lynne and all your loving family and special friends
xxx



Derick Hughes

Died 30.11.2010

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Birthday Memories

Irene Bell

25th November



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30th November

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Birthdays

Ryan Gamsby

2nd December



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xxxx



Birthdays

Ryan Gamsby

2nd December

Happy 21st Birthday
Hugs and kisses



Love
Chloe
xxxx



Julie Mackley

(nee Neasham)

1.12.14

50th Birthday
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29th November



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Birthdays

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The checks are available for all makes and models of vehicle and MOTs can be carried out on cars, minibuses and commercial vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes.

For further details visit www.durham.gov.uk/MOT.

Banned from keeping horses

Warren O'Neill, of Ramsay Drive, Ferryhill, pleaded guilty to nine charges of failing to ensure the welfare of his animals when he appeared before Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court on Thursday 20th November.

The 24 year-old has been banned from keeping horses after the RSPCA found his animals, in stables near Middridge Lane in Shildon, with overgrown hooves, lice and liver disease.

All eight horses were in a very poor condition, however one piebald cob was in such a state the vet was forced to put it down.

The father-of-two

admitted two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to a protected animal by failing to seek veterinary care, between Friday 14th February and Saturday 1st March.

Kevin Campbell, prosecuting, described how the euthanised horse was suffering from a lice infestation, respiratory tract infection and symptoms of liver disease.

He continued, "The horse was very subdued and weak, the hooves were enlarged with crumbly frogs and a foul smell."

"There was nasal discharge coming from the horse and it clearly had problems breathing."

The remaining horses are

now being cared for by the RSPCA.

O'Neill, who was unrepresented, said he had owned horses all his life and visited the stables daily. In defence he said, "All horses have lice at that time of year and the vet said there was no sign of them being lame. I would have done something if there was."

"I want the horses back. I am willing to work with the RSPCA."

The power line subcontractor was sentenced to 20 weeks in custody suspended for two years with a two years community order, which includes probation supervision and 100 hours of unpaid work.



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Ferryhill Village WI

On Wednesday 5th December, which will be held in Ferryhill Community Centre. Members and guests of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute celebrated their 87th Birthday with a street party theme. Entertainment was provided by local vocalist Siobhan McCavanagh, and members also enjoyed a ham salad followed by fresh cream cakes and birthday cake. Everyone enjoyed the evening. The next meeting of the WI will be the Christmas Party on Wednesday 3rd

December, which will be held in Ferryhill Community Centre. Members will be entertained by children from the Broom School. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm prompt with the children set to perform first. A Christmas Market will follow, which was a great success last year. Everyone will be made very welcome. A spokesperson said, "Come early so as not to miss the children. I am sure the night will finish the year off nicely!"

Building blocks stolen

Between Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th October, three pallets of concrete building blocks were stolen from a secure compound on the Dean and Chapter Industrial Estate, Ferryhill, to the value of approximately £500. If anyone has any information in relation to this crime contact Durham Constabulary on 101 and ask for PC2106 BARCLAY. Information can be given anonymously.

Bishop Paul commissions Food Bank



Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Durham, celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church and gave the Food Bank his blessing.

On Thursday 6th November, Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Durham, visited the Deanery of Sedgefield. As part of his visit, he celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's. Rev. Lumsdon took the opportunity to ask the volunteers who run the Food Bank to attend, so that the Bishop could

commission it and give it his blessing. The service was well attended with around 35 people from Churches Together. The Bishop commented, "Food banks make me happy and angry at the same time. "Happy because as Christian people in Ferryhill

you are looking after those less fortunate than ourselves. But at the same time angry because people are in that position in the first place." Bishop Paul then visited other parishes in the Deanery returning later in the evening, where he held an open forum in St. Luke's Parish Centre.

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29 November 1956

The government issued details of its plans for rationing petrol.

30 November 1982

A letter bomb exploded inside the 10 Downing Street.

1 December 1990

Construction workers drilled through the final wall of rock to join the two halves of the Channel Tunnel linking Britain to France.

2 December 1977

South African police were cleared of blame in the death of black consciousness leader Steve Biko who died while in detention.

3 December 1984

Hundreds of people died from the effects of toxic gases which leaked from a chemical factory near the central Indian city of Bhopal.

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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 Ferryhill 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.

Motorcyclist collides with van



The scene of the accident which occurred on the A167 in Ferryhill.

On Friday 21st November, a 53 year-old motorcyclist from Newton Aycliffe suffered potential spinal and pelvic fractures after he collided with a van

on the A167 in Ferryhill, heading towards Thinford. The male was air lifted to James Cook hospital for treatment. The van driver was unhurt.

Local pub supports mayor's charities

Staff at the Greyhound in Ferryhill are supporting the Mayor of the town, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, by holding a Charity Night to, raise funds for the Mayors Charities, which are Ferryhill Town Youth Football Club and Ferryhill Girl Guides.

The Charity Night will

be held on Friday 12th December at 7pm. Tickets for the event are £5 each and will include a hot beef bun.

Tickets are available from Ferryhill Town Hall and The Greyhound. Throughout the evening there will be a raffle, disco and karaoke.

"Please come along and

support this event which will benefit the youth of Ferryhill", said a spokesperson.

If any local businesses or residents would like to donate a prize for the raffle, donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Greyhound or the Town Hall.

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Successful appeal

Following a successful appeal for information regarding vehicles that had wing mirrors damaged in Ferryhill two weeks ago, police were able to identify a male youth who has since been arrested and charged with Criminal Damage. He will be appearing before South Durham Magistrates in the coming weeks.

Santa's Grotto

Enter CIC will once again be hosting a magical Santa's Grotto event this year. The event will take place at The Enter Centre on Saturday 13th December. Book your child's place now for a magical event jam packed with festive activities.

Go and meet Santa and all his friends where every child will receive a special gift from Santa. For more information and to book a place, call 01740 655437 or visit www.entercic.org.

Christmas Fair

Newton Aycliffe Village Primary School is holding its Christmas fair on Thursday 4th December, from 6pm-8pm. Go along for an evening of festive fun and a chance to see Santa in his grotto. Refreshments will be available, plus there will be a tombola and a raffle for a chance to win a host of fantastic prizes including 4 hotel overnight stays, meals out and

shopping vouchers. Raffle tickets can be bought on the night. Stalls include Christmas crafts, books, jewellery, accessories, sauces and jams, homemade chocolates and skin products. Plus there will be a special visit for the children from Frozen's Anna, Elsa and Olaf! "Come and join in the fun!" said a spokesperson. Everyone is welcome.

Carol Service

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce and her consort Councillor Alan Bruce, would like to invite residents to this year's annual Civic Carol Service. This year's service will be held on Monday 15th December at St Aidan's Church commencing at 7pm.

Ferryhill Town Band will be performing along with the school choir and steel pan group from Chilton Primary School. Afterwards refreshments will be available in the Church Hall. For further details telephone Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.

Businesswoman honoured at Entrepreneur Awards



Laura Leigh Wayman (second from left) from Ferryhill's Child's Play Private Nursery receives honours at the 15th annual North East Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards.

The achievements of the region's top female business leaders were celebrated at the 15th annual North East Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Awards recently. Wading through a record number of entries this time round, judges were looking for candidates who excelled at providing focused and clear leadership abilities while either running or playing key roles in North East businesses.

High quality entries came forward from a variety of sectors and the awards were held at Hilton Newcastle Gateshead, on Saturday 15th November. Laura Leigh Wayman, 25, who opened Child's Play Private Nursery almost two years ago in Ferryhill, celebrated an honour at the award event. She was also the Runner up for the prestigious Young Female Entrepreneur of the Year

2014. Laura said, "I was shocked to have made the final shortlist, I never would have thought we would be getting so much recognition after only being open for a short period of time. "I am honoured to be working with and surrounded by an amazing group of women and families who really do make Child's Play a fun and vibrant place to be."

E-Café youth provision

The Ferryhill E-café faces a reduction in services due to a shortage of funding. E-café youth facility is provided by Ferryhill Town Council with external funding for the youth coordinator position. The three year grant for the coordinator ends on 31st March 2015. A report was taken to

council on Wednesday 19th November 2014 with three options for consideration for the future of the provision of the E-café for the youth of Ferryhill. It was resolved at the meeting to agree to reduce the staffing level to two employees, a coordinator and a youth worker, and only aim the sessions at the older age

group, 11 - 18 yrs. The decision provides the opportunity for staff at the council and the E-café to do all possible to maintain this valuable provision within the centre of Ferryhill. If any local businesses are interested in providing funding for this service contact Ferryhill Town Council on 01740 652157.

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Able and talented pupils prove real cut above the rest



Year 9 students from FBEC achieved the very highest grades two years early for GCSE Media Studies.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College has received official confirmation that last year's Year 9 more able and talented students have proven themselves to be a real cut above the rest in GCSE Media Studies. Even though a number of the students were only 14 years-old at the time, many achieved the

very highest grades A*, A and B for course-work and a number went on to achieve similar grades overall. Headteacher Mr Brennan said, "to achieve the very highest grades two years early is simply amazing. It's a testament to all of the hard work from students and staff." Miss Barnaby said, "I am very proud of all of the

students. Achieving an A or a B grade means that students have performed better than 80% of students in England." "Hot on the heels of these students, the current Year 9 students are already trying to emulate these exceptional results. The minimum grade we are aiming for this year is an A!"

Chilton's Poppy Appeal

Chilton's Poppy Appeal for 2014 has raised a grand total of £1853.67 for the Royal British Legion. The local Poppy Appeal

Organiser commented, "We would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to such an important and truly worthwhile cause."

Bins out by 7am

From the beginning of December, people living in, Chilton, Crook, are being asked to make sure that they put their bin out by 7am, regardless of whether it is usually collected later in the day. This is due to the Heighington waste transfer station partially closing next month for renovation work and refuse and recycling crews having longer to travel to get the waste to alternative depots. Collection days remain the same but to ensure bins are collected they should be placed at the normal collection point by 7am on that day.

Work at the waste station is expected to last until March 2015. People can find their bin collection day by entering their house number and postcode into the "My Durham" section on Durham County Council's website: www.durham.gov.uk. Residents are also reminded to "Bin it Right", the campaign to reduce recycling contamination by putting the right waste items in the right bin. Further information about bins is available on www.durham.gov.uk/bins or by calling 03000 261 000.

Christmas craft and gift fair

A Christmas Craft and Gift Fair featuring over 25 stalls will take place at Windlestone School on Denebridge Row on Tuesday 2nd December. The fair will be officially opened by The Mayor of Chilton; Councillor Elizabeth Bruce at 4.30pm and will run until 6.30pm. Stalls will be selling a range of handmade and specially selected products, including gifts, cards, decora-

tions, knitwear cross stitch, candles, body art, nails, face painting, preserves, cakes and confectionery. "Pop along with the little ones for a visit with Santa, and join us for seasonal festive refreshments before you go," said a spokesperson. All proceeds will support local causes and will support the school's international work. Free entry, all welcome.

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...

Cup success for the Celtic

Ferryhill Celtic played in the Durham Cup-Winners' Cup quarter final on Sunday 23rd November against Lumley.

The Celtic looked lively from the start and it didn't take long for them to take the lead, with Nathen Carr going past his marker on the left and producing a low hard cross for the prolific Luke Thompson to coolly side foot the ball into the side netting.

Ten minutes later the Celtic took a 2-0 lead when the talented Jay White ran at pace with the ball, only for the Lumley defender to fall and drag the ball back with his hand, providing a penalty. Luke Thompson stepped up to fire the ball into the bottom corner of the goal. The Celtic and

Nathen Carr were now in full flow and he once again went past his marker with ease and produced another inch perfect pull-back for Luke Thompson to get his hat-trick. Celtic rounded off an exciting 1st half when Kurt Seymour finished with his head at the back post to make the half time score 4-0.

With the game all but won, the Celtic took their foot off the pedal in the second half and were punished after 60 minutes when a mix up in the box resulted in the Lumley midfielder firing in from just inside the box to score 4-1. The Celtic made sure there was to be no comeback when the outstanding Marco Linhart set away from his own box resulting in Jay White playing in Luke Thompson,

who coolly chipped the ball over the keeper, delivering Celtic's 5th goal and his 4th of the game. Credit goes to Lumley, they did not let their heads go down and with 10 minutes to go before the end they got a 2nd goal when Celtic scored an own goal from a corner kick. The Celtic finished the game on the front foot with Nathen Lawson and Connor Pearson both going close, but the game ended 5-2 to the Celtic. Man-of-the-match Dan Mitton.

The Celtic will now play their first semi-final of the season.

The Celtic play in the last 32 of the County Cup, at home, on Sunday against a very good Stockton side. "Come down and support us," said a spokesperson.

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Chilton Ward

Thursday 18th December, 7pm - 8pm, Chilton & Windlestone WMC

Previous issues - Anti-Social Behaviour in the area of Durham Road, from the bus stop outside of the library, the black path, The Pentlands and Pentlands Park.

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 3rd December, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - There has been a number of vehicle damages in the area of Church Lane. This has happened in the early hours of the morning.

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

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Bishop Middleham

Thursday 8th January, 2pm - 3pm, Cross Keys, 9 High Street

Previous issues - There has been an increase in criminal damage and antisocial behaviour around Hawthorne Terrace and Poplar Terrace, especially on evenings and weekends.

Poetry Corner

A Recycled Teenager?

I'll go out jogging in Lycra shorts,
Even the thought makes me feel out of sorts.

I dye my hair purple, blue or green
The grey or silver will not be seen.

I'll lie on my bed

And pull on my skin tight jeans

Now that's a sight never to be seen.

Eye shadow and lipstick of brilliant hues

I think I'd look great how about you?

I buy magazines with colourful ads,

Keep up with the fashion and all of the fads.

Loud music I'll play as I walk down the street.

Appearing in a trance as I move to the beat.

I'll have an i-pod, the latest mobile phone,
Which I'm sure will have a very distinctive ring
tone!

The one I own I can't work.. that's the truth,

My son says its easy, its completely foolproof.

But after all when all's said and done,

I'm not 18 I am 81!!

Nancy Hardy

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