



Building Society helps local poet sell out his anthology



Darlington Building Society's Ellie Durham with Vince Elsbury

Local poet and long standing Darlington Building Society member, Vince Elsbury, is celebrating the sale of the remaining 30 copies of his anthology of poems entitled "A Poet Among the Pitmen," thanks to the generosity of the Society.

All the proceeds from the book are being donated to

the Intensive Therapy Unit, Ward One, at Darlington Memorial Hospital where Vince's late wife passed away in 2011.

When Darlington Building Society heard Vince had 30 remaining books from his print run of 350 it stepped in and purchased them all, then gave them back to Vince to

hand out as free gifts to local people who would really appreciate them.

The anthology of poems takes as its theme the memories of Vince as a child growing up in Chilton in the 1950s, Vince having been born in 1944. As he states in the Introduction to the anthology, "My name is Vince Elsbury, a Chilton lad and, like all Chilton lads and lasses, proud of it!"

Sheena Hunter, Darlington District Manager based at the Society's Darlington Tubwell Row branch said, "I would encourage people to seek out a copy of this excellent book of poems as it encompasses a time gone by and the different lives people lived in the 1950s. Anyone with knowledge of Chilton during that time will see memories come flooding back."

Vince said, "I am most grateful to Darlington Building Society for purchasing the few remaining copies of my book. I am even more grateful that they have handed them back to me so I can donate them for local people to enjoy. "In addition I would like to thank my other sponsors for their support, in particular Hydram Engineering, Sheltee Industrial Maintenance and the Wheatsheaf, Chilton."

Christmas deadline

The deadline for all classifieds and adverts for the Christmas week edition, issue 707, is Thursday 18th December at 12 noon. Classifieds may be left at Fer-

ryhill and Chilton libraries or emailed to thechapter@talk21.com.

Chapter issue 708 will be published on January 9th 2015.

Library closure

Ferryhill Library will close at 5pm and will re-open on Monday 22nd December Monday 5th January.

Coffee and broth morning

The staff at The Churches Together Food Bank in Ferryhill held a coffee and broth morning on Saturday 29th November, raising over £300 to boost food bank funds.

A spokesperson said, "We would like to offer our thanks to all who worked so hard, those who donated items for the various stalls and those

who donated money.

"A special thank you to all those who came and spent your money! We couldn't manage without you."

The food bank will open on Monday 22nd and Monday 29th December from 10.30am till noon on both days. The food bank will not be open on the Thursdays of these two weeks.

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BOXING DAY.....	CLOSED
SATURDAY 27TH.....	CLOSED
SUNDAY 28TH.....	CLOSED
MONDAY 29TH.....	9AM-7PM
TUESDAY 30TH.....	9AM-7PM
NEW YEARS EVE.....	9AM-2PM
NEW YEARS DAY.....	CLOSED
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Ferryhill's Annual Christmas Fayre

Once again Ferryhill Town Council and the Ferryhill 2000 Committee played host to Ferryhill's Annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 28th November.

The event commenced with a Craft Fayre in St Luke's Parish Centre, which was well attended by both buyers and sellers. Carol singing at St Luke's Church was followed by a candle lit parade led by Santa Claus in his sleigh, which ended at Ferryhill Town Hall where children from the local schools held a carol service in the Town Hall gardens. At 4.30pm Miss Amber McGowan from Dean Bank Primary School switched on the Ferryhill Christmas Lights.

Santa's Grotto was located in the E Café which proved to be very popular with the younger children who attended the event. In conjunction with this a fun fair was held on the Town Centre car park and this too was well supported. All of these events were enjoyed by hundreds of Ferryhill residents and their families who attended the various activities.



Miss Amber McGowan switching on the Ferryhill Christmas Lights.

The Mayor, Councillor Pauline Crathorne commented that this was once again a successful Christmas Fayre which was well attended and enjoyed by

many of the residents of Ferryhill. This support was appreciated by members of the 2000 Committee and the Town Council who organised the event.

Pub raises £370 for Mayor's Charities

A Charity Night held on Friday 12th December in the Greyhound, Ferryhill, raised £370 for the Ferryhill Mayor's Charities.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, would like to thank everyone involved in organising the event, especially Liz from the Greyhound and her staff, Ian Brabham for providing the entertainment, everyone

who donated prizes for the raffle and all those who attended the charity night. The money raised will be divided between the Mayor's chosen charities which are Ferryhill Town Youth Football Club and Ferryhill Girl Guides.

It is hoped another Charity Night will be held in the Greyhound some time in January. This will be advertised nearer the time.

Christmas Card Competition

For the third consecutive year the Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, held a competition inviting children from Chilton Primary School to design the Town Council Christmas card. The Mayor attended a school assembly on Friday 5th December and presented each class winner with their prize, along with the overall winner Freya Franks.

Councillor Elizabeth Bruce commented, "I would like to thank Chilton Primary School for organising this year's Christmas card competition. It was really difficult for me to judge as all the entries were of a very high standard. Well done to Freya Franks whose design I chose. This will now be reproduced and used as the Council's Christmas card."

Chilton Town Council closure

The Chilton Town Council office will be closed over the festive period. The office will close at 3pm on Friday 19th December 2014 and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2015 at

9am.

In the event of an emergency telephone 07918 685 895. The council would like to wish all readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mother found in car six times over the alcohol limit

A mother from Ferryhill who was found slumped over her steering wheel at almost six times over the legal alcohol limit was recently spared jail.

Julie Foster, 30, of Stanhope Close, Ferryhill, was found by police on Tuesday 4th November in her car.

Police were forced to break a window of her Peugeot 207 when she failed to respond to requests to unlock the car doors.

John Garside, prosecuting at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court, said that the officers feared for her safety. He said, "The defendant was in the driver's seat and slumped over the steering wheel of the Peugeot 207 in Auckland Road, Ferryhill.

"On closer inspection it became clear the defend-

ant was wearing a seatbelt and the keys were in the ignition."

Tests later revealed 202 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 microgrammes.

Foster admitted being in charge of a vehicle while above the legal limit last month and the case was adjourned pending probation reports.

John Turner, mitigating, said, "This is a lady of previous good character, a lady who has had serious mental health problems since she was a young girl. "However she has not given into them and has taken steps throughout her life to address them.

"She resorted to alcohol in 2012 and has become alcohol dependant. Despite this, she has

managed to bring up her child and keep her job."

On Tuesday 11th December at Newton Magistrates Court Foster was sentenced to 12 weeks in custody, suspended for 12 months, during which time she will be supervised by the probation service for four months. She was also disqualified from driving for 12 months and was ordered to pay £85 in costs and a further £85 victim surcharge.

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Council support Ladder Centre



(l to r) Emma Gowling of The LADDER Centre with Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne.

Ferryhill Town Council has once again provided financial support to The LADDER Centre in Ferryhill.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, presented Emma Gowling of the LADDER Centre with a cheque for £800. The

grant will be used towards running costs for the services provided to the local community.

This donation is an example of the Town Council's commitment to supporting local organisations working for the benefit of the community in Ferryhill.

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Beware the 'twelve scams of Christmas'

Online shoppers are being warned not to fall victim to any of the 'twelve scams of Christmas'.

With time running out to get those all-important presents under the tree before the big day, many people will be heading online to snap up some festive bargains.

But Durham County Council's consumer protection team is warning residents to beware of the major threats posed when shopping online.

It's part of the national 'Twelve scams of Christmas' campaign, which has been launched by various agencies including the National Trading Standards eCrime Team, Action Fraud, GetSafeOnline, Crimestoppers and more to protect online shoppers. People are now being advised to watch out for the following 12 scams online:

- Online shopping fraud - use online retailers and brands you know and trust as bogus websites advertise poor quality counterfeit goods and services or items that may never arrive.
- Christmas ecards - if you receive an anonymous ecard, better to play it safe and delete the email as it could be infected with a virus which can affect your computer or

mobile device without your knowledge.

- Auction fraud - while most items on sale in online auctions are genuine, fraudsters use the festive period as an opportunity to sell popular items at unrealistic prices. In reality, these items may not exist so research the seller before bidding.
- Holiday fraud - beware 'too good to miss' packages advertised on websites or social media. Always pay by credit card and if the seller doesn't accept, don't buy from them.
- Loan and investment scams - as the cost of Christmas rises, many may consider an online loan application. Do not pay advance fees and make sure to read any terms and conditions.
- Ticketing fraud - avoid ticket touting websites for concerts and sporting events by booking tickets from reputable sellers and online ticket providers.
- Donating to charity - be aware of fraudsters looking to exploit your charitable nature by stealing donations. Before you donate, visit the charity's website to make sure it is legitimate.
- Mobile malware/malicious apps - with many people receiving smartphones or tablets for Christmas, make sure the latest update is downloaded for increased protection and only download apps from official app stores.
- Money transfers - never send a money transfer for online purchases as an authentic online seller will only ask you to pay by card on a secure payment

page.

- Social media scams - do not hold too much personal information on social media accounts as fraudsters may advertise giveaways and offers on Facebook and Twitter, which when clicked can extract private details.
- Dating/romance fraud - many will sign up to an online dating website over the festive period, but be careful who you contact. If anyone asks for money to visit you, do not send it to them or provide bank or credit card details.

- Mobile payments - only save passwords or financial data onto your mobile phone if it is absolutely necessary and make sure your phone is password protected. As data is stored in the phone's memory, it can be compromised if the device is hacked.

Joanne Waller, head of environment, health and consumer protection at Durham County Council, said: "We know residents will be finishing off their Christmas shopping over the next couple of weeks so this is a timely reminder to be vigilant when buying online."

"By heeding these warnings, this will hopefully ensure that people purchase their gifts safely, allowing them to enjoy their Christmas without having to worry about becoming a victim of fraud."

Anyone who has fallen victim to an online fraud is urged to contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

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Play and Youth Work

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing funding through BBC Children in Need for the next 3 years to continue and grow our provision for children. New sessions and times will be running from January 2015 so please check our Facebook Page for more information.

Food Bank

We are a referral point for Ferryhill Food Bank and have seen this service become essential for some, we are grateful to those who volunteer both time and goods to this cause. Special thanks go to Rev Keith Lumsden for hosting the Food Bank and who does so much to advertise the fact that there is a great need for this service. Opening times for the Food Bank over Christmas is Monday 22nd & Monday 29th December 10am – 12 noon at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill.

Café

Our café is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am with lunches served from 12 noon – 1pm and take our available till 2pm, daily specials available. Please call in and see what's on offer.

Adult Learning

We have a range of new courses starting in January and these include: Start IT, Maths, DIY, Reiki, Charcoal and Pencil Drawing, IT for Employability and Digital Age Awareness. For more information on these courses please call in or phone on 01740 651639.

Job Club

Employability support continues to be a growing area job club support is available every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12 noon to 4 pm and Saturdays 9am – 12 noon. Mentoring support is also available. For more information or to make an appointment please call in or phone.

Over Christmas and New Year we have reduced access for Job Club

22nd, 23rd, 24th December opening hours are 9am – 12 noon

29th, 30th, 31st December opening hours are 9am – 12 noon

We will reopen on Monday 5th January 2015

For more information on any activity, course or even to find out where we are please phone on 01740 651639

We would also like to thank all of our funders who support the work that we do and these include: 4Together AAP, Children in Need, Big Lottery, County Durham Community Foundation, Members Money, Greggs Trust, Coop Community Grants and Livin. Without their support we would be unable deliver these services.



Christmas Coffee morning

Chilton Library is holding a Christmas Coffee Morning from 10am till 12 noon. The event is free but donations are welcome.

Poetry Corner

2P or not 2P

Sat on the bus needed the loo
All of a tizwas - what should I do?
Every mile we journeyed, the urge got stronger
Thought to myself can't hold on much longer.

In the distance a bright shining light
Next stop - a pub, the answer to my plight.
The driver stopped, I voiced my fears
He could see I was near to tears.

"Shall I wait for you?" "oh yes please."
Straight away I felt at ease.
It's said that drivers never care,
Not this one - He'd time to spare.

The question 2P or not 2P
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The horrific incident occurred on Saturday 6th December in Broom Park, in front of the owner's two young children.

Ferryhill Town Council were disgusted by what happened, and urge all dog owners to be responsible and ensure that when using the park areas to keep their dogs on a leash and preferably at all times for the safety of others.

If anyone has any information about the incident, or knows the owner of the dog responsible they are urged to call Ferryhill Police on 101.

Another ongoing problem in Ferryhill is dog fouling. Ferryhill Town Council receives

numerous complaints of dog fouling and this is not just an issue of courtesy and social responsibility, there are serious health implications that dog mess can have.

Dog faeces cause a significant threat to human health through toxocariasis, an infection caused by roundworm which lives in the intestines of dogs. Parasite eggs can be released in the faeces of infected dogs and if not cleaned up these eggs can become infective within 2-3 weeks.

Toxocariasis can occur when someone (usually a child) accidentally ingests small particles of contaminated soil. Symptoms include abdominal pain, cough, and headache and in extreme cases can result in permanent vision loss.

Dog faeces left on the

ground can contain harmful organisms that can be washed into the soil and into water supplies which in turn can lead to diarrhea, intestinal problems and kidney disorders.

Despite the extensive provision of disposal facilities, availability of dog waste bags, previous campaigns, information and education on the issue and the application of fines, dog fouling remains a widespread problem across the Council area.

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20 December 1995

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21 December 1937

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the world's first full-length animated feature, premieres at the Carthay Circle Theatre.

22 December 1972

The Chilean Air force found 14 survivors from a plane that crashed in the Argentine Andes two months earlier.

23 December 1992

A national newspaper published the Queen's Christmas speech two days ahead of schedule sparking a full investigation from the BBC.

24 December 1968

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Christmas bin collections

Bins will be emptied as normal up to and including Wednesday 24th December. Over Christmas and New

Year, the changes below will apply. Normal collections will resume from Tuesday 6th January 2015.

You can check your normal collection day by entering your address in the My Durham section at www.durham.gov.uk.

Normal Collection Days	Revised Christmas Collection Days	Revised New Year Collection Days
Tuesday	Collection as normal 23rd December 2014	Wednesday 31st December 2014
Wednesday	Collection as normal 24th December 2014	Friday 2nd January 2015
Thursday	Monday 29th December 2014	Saturday 3rd January 2015
Friday	Tuesday 30th December 2014	Monday 5th January 2015

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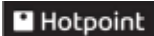
Ferryhill's last two games before the Christmas break both involved an away trip. The first came in the Durham and District Inter Club Triples League and the venue was once again Durham IBC. Ferryhill were looking to consolidate their position as league leaders and were successful with a hard fought 8-0 victory. B Johnstone's rink were comfortable winners restricting their opponents to only four scoring ends. On the other two rinks the result was in doubt right until the end, in fact, with only a few ends to play, it looked more likely that the home side would come out on top. But thanks to a late surge on both rinks, it was Ferryhill who took maximum points.

J Maddison's rink sealed their win with four shots on the penultimate end whilst R Jefferson skipped his rink to a one shot victory by taking six shots from the last three ends. Final scores : B Johnstone 20-5 J Taylor, J Maddison 12-9 A Pratt, R Jefferson 13-12 S Smith. In the second game in the County seniors inter league Ferryhill travelled to North Shields to take on last year's league winners the Parks, and unfortunately found the home side in formidable form. The Ferryhill bowlers did their best but fell to a 0-5 defeat with their three rinks managing to score only 19 shots between them. Final scores: R Jefferson 5-15 M Groundwater, W Latimer 8-27 P Dawson, K Seymour 6-19 B Houghton.

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