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CDFHS wins public vote for ITV's People's Millions



**Chilton based County Durham Furniture Help Scheme won the public vote as part of
ITV's People's Millions competition, securing £49,983 for their Rural Refurb project.**

On Tuesday 25th November the Chilton based County Durham Furniture Help Scheme won the public vote as part of ITV's People's Millions competition, Tyne Tees region, for their new Rural Refurb project.

The Rural Refurb project aims to provide training and work experience for individuals from rural and economically deprived areas. Training will include stripping of paint, varnish, sanding, minor woodwork,

use of tools, general hand skills, repainting and spraying. Individuals will be taken through a full range of activities as part of a structured experience-gaining programme, and their progress documented.

A spokesperson said, "Thank you all for taking the time to vote for our project Rural Refurb. Your support is very much appreciated by those here at CDFHS. All of your votes supported us in securing £49,983 which will be used to fund a new van for our ever growing operations, upgrade one of our workers to full time on the project and also create places for apprentice workers. It will also pay for an assortment of tools to produce better quality work."

The People's Millions is a partnership between Big Lottery Fund and ITV, where the public help decide which local community projects get up to £50,000 of National Lottery funding. Dawn Austwick, Big Lottery Fund chief executive commented, "People's Millions is a great way for local people to get behind projects doing great things."

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.

Chilton Banner's Christmas fundraising

Chilton Banner's annual Christmas fundraising social took place on Saturday 6th December in Chilton and Windlestone Workingmen's Club.

The afternoon event was a huge success and resulted in raising a grand total of £329.00, which will help with the cost of taking the banner into Durham for the

2015 Miners' Gala.

The Banner Committee would like to thank the Club for providing the venue, the vocalist Kenny for his first class entertainment and especially everyone who went along and supported the event, which has now become a welcome tradition in Chilton during the run up to Christmas.



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x



In Memoriam

Glen John Basham

16th December

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Nephew
Sadly missed



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Dear Grandson Glen
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x

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Joanne and Derek
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Glen Basham

16.12.12

Your presence I miss
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Loving you always
Forgetting you never



Suzanne and Gary
xx



Shirley Mundell

10th December

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Love and miss you Shirley



Betty and Gordon

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Glenda Attwood

8.12.2014

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Miss you loads



Love from Derek, Janet
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Birthdays

Nicola Jane Gardner

16th December



Happy 30th Birthday
Nicola



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From Mam, Dad and Alfie
xxx

Nicola Gardner

30 on the 16th December

Happy Birthday Nic



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Molly
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Endeavour Woodcrafts enjoy successful Christmas Fayre



Deputy Mayor of Ferryhill Mr Ken Campbell with Louise Killip, Manager of Endeavour Woodcrafts.

Endeavour Woodcrafts have expressed their appreciation to customers old and new for their support at their recent Christmas Open Day in November. The fayre was opened by Deputy Mayor of Ferryhill Mr Ken Campbell, and

Radio Tees were in attendance with a live broadcast. Endeavour Woodcrafts would also like to thank all who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola. All prizes have now been claimed by lucky winners. A spokesperson said, "The day was very suc-

cessful and everyone is now working really hard to ensure all the orders are completed in time for Santa Claus coming! "Thank you for your continued support of Endeavour and we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy 2015."

Christmas Carol Service

All Saints Catholic Church on Dean Road, Ferryhill is holding a Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 14th December, commencing at 3pm.

The event will also feature Durham Constabulary Band, a raffle and tombola. Tea, coffee and mince pies will also be available. Everyone is welcome.

Tyre fire in Ferryhill Station

Fire crews were called to Ferryhill Station High Street at 9pm on Wednesday 3rd December, after a fire broke out in a building storing tyres.

The building, known as The Goods Yard, was alight when fire crews arrived, but the blaze was brought under control within the hour.

Dawn Davies, who lives nearby with her 11 year-old disabled son said, "I was bathing my son and I heard bang bang."

Ms Davies said that she

stayed indoors, but had difficulty breathing as a result of the smoke and fumes coming from the fire. She has lived near the site for 25 years but said that in the last couple of years the fire service has visited the establishment on a number of occasions.

"It has never been as big as this before.

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13 December 1577

Sir Francis Drake set sail from Plymouth, England, on his round-the-world voyage.

14 December 2012

Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting: Twenty-eight people, including the gunman, were killed in Sandy Hook, Connecticut.

15 December 2001

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Ferryhill Beat Teams have recently received a number of reports from School Crossing Patrols in the area of motorists failing to stop when directed to do so. Driving through a school crossing point poses a significant risk to the safety of people crossing the road, particularly young and vulnerable people.

School Crossing Patrols have the legal authority to stop traffic for anyone who needs assistance to cross a busy road, this authority is not restricted to children nor is it restricted to any particu-

lar times of the day. School Crossing Patrols displaying the stop sign have the same authority as a police officer to stop traffic. Failure to stop is an Endorsable Fixed Penalty offence and can result in 3 points on a driving licence in addition to a fine. Local School Crossing Patrol staff have been instructed to report any driver who fails to stop to the Police.

A spokesperson said, "Please help make our roads a safer place, particularly for our young children and those that help to look after them".

Garden Waste Scheme

The number of County Durham residents signed-up to the extended garden waste collection scheme has already topped the 15,000 mark. Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Cllr Brian Stephens, said, "These are early days but the initial feedback is hugely supportive."

"There is still plenty of time for others to subscribe and it is really good that we are able to offer the service to even more households."

By signing up for a £20 annual fee, residents receive 16 fortnightly col-

lections between spring and autumn. Anyone opting to take up a three year subscription will get a discounted rate of £50. Rotters will continue to work in partnership with Durham County Council in Teesdale in 2015 and the same annual fee applies. Residents are reminded they need to subscribe before 1st February to get all garden waste collections in 2015.

To find out if a property is eligible for garden waste collections and to sign up to the service, go to www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 03000 261 000.

Christmas Fair

Kirk Merrington's Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday 13th December, from 10am-2pm.

There will be stalls, tombolas, festive food and drinks, games for children and a visit from Santa.

International opportunities at FBEC

On Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd December, Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College were joined by 10 Dutch students and their teachers from their partner school 'Comenius College' in Capelle aan der IJssel, Rotterdam.

The Dutch College is currently working with the school to develop a new Business Studies course.

In September Mrs Johnson, Director of Learning for Modern Foreign Languages at FBEC, was asked to set up a collaborative project. The Dutch partner school asked to send some students and teachers to learn from FBEC and to find out how their highly

successful 'Future Business Magnates' programme was delivered.

During the visit eight Dutch students and two teachers worked with eight Year 9 students from FBEC, supported by their Business Studies teacher Miss McGuiggan. The students received lessons and were given tasks which led to four groups of Dutch and English students working together to create a new product on the theme of 'light'.

By the end of Thursday afternoon, four groups presented their innovative products along with advertising, websites, and cash flow.

A spokesperson said, "The presentations were precise and professional and the products truly innovative."

"The eight FBEC students were an absolute credit to the school and worked conscientiously with their Dutch peers to pass on their thorough knowledge of the process."

"The students were; Lucy Henderson, Lucy Jameson, Emily Roddam, Brynny Maughan, Rachel Hawman, Chloe O'Brien, Adam Batey and Sam Keenan."

"As a result of their hard work, they have been invited back to visit the school in Rotterdam which they hope to do in the near future."

Christmas criminal damage Campaign

In the lead up to the festive season, Durham Constabulary has launched an initiative using beer mats within local pubs to highlight the consequences of committing criminal damage against vehicles within the Spennymoor and Ferryhill area.

This initiative follows a rise in reported incidents within the area and the issue being identified as priority by residents at a Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting in Ferryhill. Intelligence reports highlighted the majority of incidents identified alcohol as a factor and had occurred following closing time on weekends in streets near to public houses.

In responding to these concerns, and to the victims who have suffered

damage to their vehicles, the Force is building on its successful 'Respect Your Street' campaign to reduce ASB and criminal damage in the area. The initiative includes positive action through use of social media and poster campaigns, including partnership working with local landlords to highlight consequences with a hard hitting message on beer mats. Funding for the initiative has been met by the local Councillors and Area Action Partnership. People who commit criminal damage will not only receive a criminal record but can expect at least a £90 fixed penalty notice or a custodial sentence. For further information on PACT meetings within the local area, visit www.durham.police.uk or to report any incidents,

dial 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

There have been two weekends recently where mindless damage has been caused in Ferryhill. On 31st October vehicles were damaged with someone kicking wingmirrors off parked cars. One male was identified and charged to court for 6 incidents of criminal damage to motor vehicles. On 30th November several vehicles, gates of properties and fencing was mindlessly damaged. Those responsible have yet to be identified. Insp Dave Barker said, "Someone in your community has damaged your property and we are looking for your help to identify person(s) responsible." Contact 101 with any information, incident number SL1402062.



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Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College donated perennial shrubs to residents at Chilton Care Home.

Students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College have been sowing seeds of joy amongst residents at Chilton Care Home by donating perennial shrubs.

The Year 9 students have been working on various horticultural projects, known as the HAGGRID project, with Durham Agency Against Crime, supported by Durham Constabulary. The main focus of the project has allowed students to develop a piece of waste land near Chilton Primary School, which now benefits from having raised beds, a poly tunnel and a potting shed.

A couple of weeks ago they were set a new task

of planting pots donated from Durham Police, originally seized in drug raids, minus the cannabis plant evidence.

Each tub was planted with perennial shrubs and winter bedding. The group decided that they would donate the 14 flowering plants to Chilton Care Home. This was very fitting due to Christmas approaching and the group felt like the gift represented the local youth giving something back to its older generation.

The HAGGRID project is run by Durham Agency Against Crime and supported by Durham Constabulary. It's main focus is to work with groups of local school

children across the county to develop waste land into community gardens/spaces. For the past five years the project has been working with numerous groups from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College which has seen them win inter generational awards, youth work awards and environment awards, as well as three from the Royal Horticultural Society. PC Iain Robertson, the Project Coordinator said, "We are always keen for our young people to be seen in a positive light with other generations. The residents and staff were over the moon with the gift and very thankful to the young people from FBEC."

Warrant issued for arrest

Susan Bolas of Albert Street, Chilton, who is currently serving two suspended sentence orders, failed to appear at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court as required and a warrant was issued

for her arrest.

The 34 year-old faces a charge that, on 10th November, in Ferryhill, she assaulted another woman. Bolas has a history of failing to attend on a number of matters.

Methodist Church thank supporters

Windlestone Methodist Chapel in Chilton would like to say a big thank you to all who supported their Christmas Fair, which took place on Saturday 22nd November.

On the night they raised £585. Raffle prize numbers still not claimed are: 596, 789, 541, 770, 763. Doll no. 03961. Contact: 01388 721 749 or 01388 720 096.

Table top success

Dean Bank Institute would like to thank all who supported their Table Top Sale and Bonmarché Fashion show. On the night £500 was raised, all of which will be spent on the building and the continuance of its work. Three raffle prizes are still to be claimed:

ticket 121 (orange) for Cream of Barley Whisky, ticket 122 (orange) Trolley Bag, ticket 289 (orange) piece of Wedgewood. A spokesperson said, "Thank you to all, especially our volunteer workers, we could not do without you."

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Santa visits Ferryhill Village WI Ferryhill goes Glee

On Wednesday 3rd December, members and guests of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute held their Christmas Party. Entertainment was provided by children from Broom Cottages Primary School, who were said to be 'absolutely fabulous'. After Santa rewarded all the children with presents. The Ferryhill Village WI also held a Christmas market where members and guests could purchase gifts. The next meeting is the Annual Night Out at the Village Inn, Kirk Merrington. A spokesperson said, "Would all members and guests who have booked their meal please make sure you are seated at The Village Inn before 6.30pm on Wednesday 7th January 2015." "May I take this opportunity in wishing all members and guests a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2015." "Looking forward to seeing you all on 7th January."



Santa visited Children from Broom Cottages Primary School at the Ferryhill Village WI Christmas Party.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College has recently launched a Glee Club, taking place every Wednesday after school, where students will be involved in a wide range of singing and performance based activities. Mrs Fardoe, Director of Learning for Music at the College said, "The club is for anyone who likes to perform and is designed to help students build 'stage' confidence".

Morgan Clark, a Year 7 student who attends the club commented, "Glee Club is good because you can share performance ideas. It's good to make new friends and you can express your feelings through song." Mrs Fardoe hopes that her performers will be ready to hit the stage in the summer term to host a musical of hits from the decades.

Ferryhill Methodist Church

The Ferryhill Methodist Church encourages residents to look out for them in Ferryhill Market Place on Friday 19th December, where they will be giving away candy-canes. Later that evening they will be touring the local pubs and singing carols in aid of Tabitha's Toys, a charity which was set up in memory of a little girl from Weardale called Tabitha Lees-Moore, who sadly died when she was three years-old. The charity seeks to help other severely disabled children by lending special toys and setting up sensory rooms to make their short lives happier. The Methodist Church is

also supporting this charity over Christmas at the annual Carol Service and Christmas Eve service. The Carol Service will be held on Sunday 21st December at 6pm and will be led by Rev Andrew Robinson. "Please come and join us," said a spokesperson. The service will be followed by coffee, tea, mince pies and biscuits. Everyone is also invited to the Christmas Eve Communion Service on Wednesday 24th December at 7pm and to a service on Sunday 28th December at 10.30am led by Mrs Chris Spink. There will be no evening service on 28th December.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Can I please through the Chapter say, "congratulations and a huge thank you to a wonderful and very talented group of ladies."

The ladies of Dean Bank Chat and Craft Group, and their friends who help and support them every year, "they know who they are", filled a record 212 shoe boxes. They also had Table Top Sales to raise the money for their transport.

As well as the knitwear for the shoeboxes over 100 jumpers and 50 blankets were sent along with 3 van loads of aid. Thanks a million to you all and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kind Regards,
Ann - Spokesperson for Dean Bank Chat and Craft Group

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Surprise donation



The Ferryhill Six presented Helen Andrews of Park House, Sherburn with a surprise donation of £500.

The Ferryhill Six fundraising group were delighted to visit Park House in Sherburn recently to catch up with Helen Andrews and the staff, and have a look at the go kart which was bought with their donation of £500 in the summer. They were

thrilled to present Helen with another cheque for £500 as a Christmas surprise. Park House does an excellent job providing respite care for children with disabilities living in County Durham. A spokesperson said, "We would like to pass on a

massive thank you to all our supporters and customers, without you none of this would be possible.

"Merry Christmas and our very best wishes for 2015, from the Ferryhill Six: Anne, Audrey, Doreen, Enid, Joyce and Zena."

Drunk after driving claim

David Tilley, aged 32 of Grasmere Road, Ferryhill, appeared before the District Judge at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court recently to face a charge of being unfit to drive due to alcohol. This charge was dropped and a new charge laid of being over the legal limit of alcohol whilst driving. The court heard that at 2am on the morning of 8th November, a member of the public contacted the police stating that a "drunk driver" was on the road in

Durham, heading towards Spennymoor. At 2.20am a police patrol car received a call from the control room and, on checking the licence plate of the Mini Countryman, traced it to Tilley's home address. On arriving at the defendant's home they found the vehicle parked, with the engine running, lights on and the door open. A female answered the door and invited officers in where they found Tilley asleep on the sofa. Police reported Tilley as saying,

"I'm shocking. I've never done anything like this before. I'm a ****head." Later in interview he answered no comment to questions and made no reference to drinking after driving. At 2.35am Tilley was arrested and found to have 74 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. However, Tilley pleaded not guilty to the new charge and maintains that he consumed alcohol after driving. He will return before the court on 13th January.

Window smashed

Ferryhill Police are appealing for witnesses after a window was smashed in Darlington Road on Monday 1st December,

between 7pm and 7.15pm. If you have any information in relation to this, contact PC 2510 Robins on 101.

Poetry Corner

A Secular Christmas

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Lord Santa's reindeer fly.*

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Religious history's seen as fable
The Nativity takes on a different slant -
Santa was born in a stable!*

*Archangel Gabriel, the Holy messenger
Brings hope, then, (somewhat cynically)
Takes up his new position
On top a fibre optic tree.*

*It seems to me, at this time of year
We pay lip service to tradition
Old values of our Christmas past
Are a present day contradiction.*

*What we give - judged by weight, size and cost-
(Fuelled by the recipient's greed)
Seems more important than why we give
Or what we endeavour to achieve.*

*The turkey is our competitive edge
Flaunt ostentatiously on our table
It's the martyr to our secular Christmas -
When Santa was born in a stable.*

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Ferryhill Indoor Bowls ladies team secure confident victory

For the second week running Durham IBC was the venue for Ferryhill's inter club fixture.

This time it was the turn of the ladies to try and better the men and defeat their opponents on their own green.

Although this was a friendly game, both sides fielded a strong team and it was Ferryhill who came out on top.

Shirley Maughan, Margaret Richardson and Rhona Richardson led the way with a comfortable eight shot victory and in doing so lost only three ends. Ruby Airey's rink pulled off a narrow win in a very low scoring game. Scoring one shot on each of the

last two ends they scraped home by one shot. Unfortunately Joan Harker's rink were unable to make it three wins. Despite a run of seven losing ends they only lost out by three shots.

The final score of 4-1 to Ferryhill was a very creditable performance.

The men's senior team earned their long awaited win with a home victory over fellow strugglers Houghton IBC.

At one stage it looked as though all five points were going to the home side as all three rinks were in front well into the match. Bob Jefferson's rink were ahead all the way and pulled off a nine shot

victory whilst Walter Latimer's rink fought back from 10-11 at the 11th end to pull clear and win by 5 shots.

Unfortunately the usually reliable rink of skip Colin Larcombe failed to gain the victory needed mainly due to a disastrous 11th end where they dropped seven shots giving themselves too much to do and eventually losing by 4 shots. With the 2 points for the overall aggregate score going to the home side a 4-1 victory to Ferryhill is just what was needed to restore confidence.

Final Scores: R Jefferson 20-11 T Burt, C Larcombe 18-22 B Pythian, W Latimer 17-12 T Ainsley.

Ferryhill Celtic

Ferryhill Celtic travelled to Aycliffe in the last 16 of the Heart Foundation Cup at the weekend, where they played a very good and experienced Aycliffe club.

The Celtic, once again backed by another strong away following, started in determined fashion and it only took 10 minutes for them to take an early lead, when a Luke Thompson flick found Jonny Agar in the box who turned his man and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom corner. The Celtic continued to pile on the pressure, and after 25 minutes it could have been 2, when the impressive Liam Pearson hit a 25 yard free kick inches wide. It was now one way traffic and, just before half time, the Celtic should have doubled their tally when the prolific Jonny Agar again turned his man in the box only to see his shot skim the outside of the post. The score was 1-0 to the Celtic at half time.

After the break the Celtic got straight back into their stride and, after great work from Liam Taylor on the left, he found the outstanding Luke Thompson who made no mistake at

the back post 2-0. The Celtic incredibly went 3-0 up when the commanding Dan Mitton played in Jonny Agar, who slotted the ball past the helpless Aycliffe keeper. The Celtic were now rampant and in the 70th minute the magical Jay White played in Luke Thompson who kept his cool and went round the keeper and slotted the ball into an empty net. Jonny Agar then got his deserved hatrick when he was fouled in the box. After he picked himself up he made no mistake from the spot. Aycliffe got 1 back with 10 minutes remaining, but the Celtic weren't going to be denied and rounded off a truly wonderful display when Kurt Seymour finished from the edge of the box, after great work from Mark Burnett and Jay White, 6-1. In the closing minutes Celtic nearly had 7 with Conner Pearson going close but the score remained 6-1 at the final whistle.

Man-of-the-match Luke Thompson.

The Celtic are in another quarter final on Sunday away against Waldrige Park.

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