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of our wonderful community



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County Durham Flag promotes Chilton around the world



The County Durham Flag promoting County Durham and Chilton in New Zealand with Maori Warriors.

During December, Chilton Entrepreneur and Conservationist Gareth Welsh was in the Southern Hemisphere assisting with the preservation of endangered wildlife and their habitat. Gareth, who is the owner of Butterfly World at Preston Park, Stockton-on-Tees, advised on the protection of many at-risk

plants and, in particular, the insects and butterflies in the Solomon Islands, Australia and New Zealand. Under licence he was also able to bring back to Butterfly World rare foliage and plants to assist with the conservation of endangered butterflies, moths and insects.

On his visit to the other side of the world Gareth took along a number of County Durham flags, which he left proudly flying in these far flung places, and so promoting County Durham and Chilton where the flag designers, twins Katie and Holly Moffatt reside.

So far the flag has reached the Maori Warriors in New Zealand, Santa Isabel Island and Guadalacanal in the Solomon Islands and Brisbane in Australia.

At the end of January Gareth will travel to Brazil and Argentina to assist with the conservation of the rain forests in the South American continent, and he is again taking a number of County Durham flags to proudly fly over there.

Christmas Eve Fundraising

Ferryhill Town Band have a tradition where every Christmas Eve, members of the band travel to various pubs in the local area to collect for a nominated charity. This year was no different, although the band set off earlier than usual in order to visit additional pubs by request. The band started in Ferryhill at The Dean and Chapter

before moving on to The County at Aycliffe Village, followed by The Surtees Arms, The Ship Inn, The Frog and Ferret, The Green Tree, and finally The Ash Tree. A spokesperson said, "Thanks go to each venue for allowing us to play and collect, and to everyone that donated. "We managed to raise £437.12 which will go to Parkinsons."

Jan has done it again

Local girl and avid fundraiser, Jan Whitehouse has been raising more money for charity, this time raising funds for the Great North Air Ambulance at the Ferryhill branch of B&M Bargains. As it was Christmas, Jan

was dressed as an elf and raised £318 from customers. She also donated £22 herself, making a grand total of £340. Jan would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed.

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In Memoriam

Mary Green

5th Jan 2014

In memory of our mother

Our mother, an iron lady
She had a heart of gold
said everyone who came to
her home

She was the head of our
family

A very strong lady who
endured so much in her life
and just got on with it and
words remembered are:
You never miss the water
till the well runs dry.

This is so true
Love you forever



From Sons, Daughters,
Partners and Grand children



Maureen McKenna

January 9th 2007

Always loved and in our
thoughts



John, Lisa and Family



Trish Wlodarczak

(Mam)

Died: 9th January 2012

There's a face that is
always with us, there's
a voice we long to hear,
there's a smile we will
always remember, of the
Mam we loved so dear



In our hearts always,
Love forever
Ian & Tracy

Trish Wlodarczak

In loving memory of a dear
Grandma

Time slips slowly by but our
love for you will never die
You're in our thoughts
every day



Love forever Grandma,
Jordan & Danika
xx

In Memoriam

Trish Wlodarczak

In our hearts you will
always stay, loved and
remembered every day



Love forever
Your loving Husband
Jan
Lisa, John & Connor



John Campbell

11.01.14

Loving Husband and Dad.

One year today we had to
part with the one we loved
with all our hearts. You
left us beautiful memories,
your love is still our guide.
Although we cannot see
you, you're always by our
side.



Love and miss you forever
Kathleen & Neil

John Campbell

11.01.14

Treasured memories of a
dear Brother, Brother-in-
Law & Uncle

God saw you getting
weary he said John close
your eyes.

You left a place no one
can fill

We miss you John and
always will



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by all the family

Birthdays

Riley-Jay Bruce

6th January

Happy 2nd Birthday to our
amazing little man



Lots of love and kisses
Mammy & Daddy
xxx



Birthdays

Riley-Jay Bruce

Happy 2nd Birthday to our
special Grandson Riley-Jay.



Lots of love big boy,
Nana & Granda
xxx

Riley-Jay Bruce

Happy 2nd Birthday to my
darling Great Grandson



Love Great Grandma
xxx



Teenager

Josh Gamsby

7th January



Happy 13th Birthday Son



Lots of love,
Mam and Dad
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Josh Gamsby

7th January

Happy 13th Birthday



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Ryan & Chloe
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Teenager at last

Kai Atkinson

12.1.15

Happy 13th Birthday Son



Love you loads
From Mam & Paul
xxxx

Birthdays

Kai Atkinson

12.1.15

Happy 13th Birthday Kai



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FBEC win Vex Robotics challenge second year running



Year 9 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College win the Vex Robotics challenge second year in a row.

For the second year running, Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College entered the Vex Robotics challenge. The challenge involves 8 schools from across County Durham competing in 8 rounds of events such as Robot Wars, timed runs and obstacle courses. The FBEC team started the competition as the underdogs, with a lower

budget and less time to prepare compared to the others. FBEC's team started off well, winning all of the first 6 rounds but had a disastrous last event with the robot sustaining severe mechanical failures. However, in spite of this, the team managed to win for the 2nd year running. Mr Rae, the Design Technology teacher said,

"Great driving from Adam and Matthew especially and a great back up from Ethan and Sam as the pit crew. All of the students performed really well and worked as a great team. "Well done to the Year 9 team - Bryany Maughn Emily Roddam, Lucy Jameson, Sam Keenen, Jordan Jackson, Ethan Wier, Matthew Stockill, Adam Batey and Olivia Asquith."

Free Brass Band Workshop

Ferryhill Town Band are pleased to announce a brass workshop, which will be held on Saturday 17th January at Mainsforth Community Centre from 4pm. The workshop will be led by James Stretton, formerly a member of some of the UK's most well-known brass bands including Grimethorpe Colliery, Desford Colliery and The Black Dyke band. Somewhat unusually for a trumpeter, James also plays every member of the brass family and regularly tours his multi-brass shows and workshops under the "Brassed Up" title. His unique work can be seen on youtube on the orichalcum1 channel. This free workshop is available for brass musicians, beginner or advanced, to attend. In the evening, a concert will be performed by Ferryhill Town Band, including James along with the students to feature items rehearsed during the

workshop. Limited places are available for the workshop, so don't delay in registering your interest via the website; www.ferryhill-townband.org.uk/contact-us/workshop. Please note - replies will be given to entries submitted before Saturday 10th January. If you have any further enquires, email workshop@ferryhilltownband.org.uk.

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The Ferryhill Philosophers

A thought provoking radio drama entitled 'The Ferryhill Philosophers', was broadcast this week on BBC radio 4. The two-part drama set in Ferryhill was written by author, radio and television producer Michael Chaplin, who was originally from our region.

Micheal's father was also the influential author Sid Chaplin, who was originally born in Shildon and worked for many years in the Dean and Chapter Colliery in Ferryhill, writing between mining shifts.

The Ferryhill Philosophers features Joe Snowball, an unemployed ex-miner, and the Hon. Hermione Pink, a slightly disenchanted senior lecturer. Together, they wrestle with the collision between moral philosophy and the

sundry dilemmas encountered by the not-always-good people of Ferryhill, deprived of jobs, opportunities and the kind of ethical guidance once offered by the Methodist Church and the National Union of Mineworkers. Should a man bent on suicide be stopped - or allowed to do as he wishes? Should one always tell the truth even if it has bad consequences?

The philosophy is thought provoking, the unlikely partnership is intriguing, and the world of Ferryhill is a humorous, engaging and sometimes challenging place to visit.

The Ferryhill Philosophers aired on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th January at 2.15pm. For those who missed it, the show is also available on the BBC radio iplayer.

Ferryhill couple receive award for fighting bad health

Strevan Clough, 42 and his wife Kay, 51, both of Ferryhill, are active members of Endeavour Woodcraft CIC based at the Old Fire Station in Darlington Road. Endeavour Woodcrafts is a charitable organisation which helps people with learning difficulties and mental health problems to become independent, creative people by making wooden products.

Endeavour members are also able to attend Move4Life fitness sessions run by the Pioneering Care Partnership (PCP). Before Christmas Strevan and Kay participated in boxercise classes, which took place at the Endeavour Centre. This is where the enthusiastic duo shone as a true example to others and were crowned 'health champions'. Mr and Mrs Clough lost nearly a stone between them through the six-week duration of the course.

Mr Clough said, "We like to keep fit and eat foods that can help us to stay healthy. It is nice to take part in fitness at Endeavour because it is fun and we all work together."

"We are very happy to be the Endeavour Health Champions and we are going to help our friends



Husband and wife duo, Strevan and Kay Clough members of Endeavour Woodcrafts are named health champions.

at Endeavour to learn how to stay fit and eat better things."

Endeavour Woodcraft CIC support manager Louise Killip commented, "Obesity and the health problems that go with it are quite common amongst people with learning difficulties."

"Not only can it be harder to access activities, but often they are not getting the information or advice they need."

"Strevan and Kay were really keen to find out ways

they could live healthier and more active lives and it is wonderful that they will now be able to pass on their new skills to others." If you are interested in finding out more about Move4Life courses visit www.countydurhamsport.com/physical_activity/move4life.

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Slimming World representatives meet Peter Andre



Slimming World Consultants cuddle up to singer and TV presenter Peter Andre (from left to right): Alison Cusick, Joni Cooke, Davina Costello, Amanda Tate, Nicola Dale, Sally Dale and Judith Box.

Local Slimming World Consultants say meeting singer and TV presenter Peter Andre was the perfect way to get set for a super-slimming start to 2015.

The team, who run weekly Slimming World groups in and around Ferryhill, were thrilled to get a chance to cuddle up to Peter when he co-hosted the Slimming World Awards held in Birmingham recently.

Joni Cooke said meeting the Mysterious Girl and Insania singer was a wonderful way to round off what's been a great 12 months for Slimming World, as well as the perfect way to kick start another, "I'm so proud of all of our members. They've lost fantas-

tic amounts of weight throughout 2014, with many of them reaching their target weights and improving their health substantially.

Two-time celebrity dad-of-the-year Peter, who famously featured on the ITV show I'm a Celebrity in 2004, said he was delighted to meet the Slimming World Consultants at the event, which was held at Birmingham's International Convention Centre.

He added, "Being in the public eye there's a lot of scrutiny and if you put on even a pound or two the magazines and newspapers are extremely quick to point it out, so I've always tried to take care of myself and watch

my weight. However since becoming a dad I've realised it's about more than just looking good; it's much more important to me that I'm fit and healthy and setting a good example to my children. At the awards I met lots of people who've lost incredible amounts of weight and it has completely transformed their lives - and their families' lives too. They're eating more healthily and being more active, and so are their families. And every single one of them told me that they couldn't have made those changes without the support of their Slimming World group and their Consultant, so the people who run the groups are clearly very important."

Quarry proposal on public display

Residents in Ferryhill are being consulted on plans to extend the working life of Thrislington Quarry by another 15 years.

Lafarge Tarmac is seeking approval to secure the long-term future of the quarry, which extracts limestone and sand from the 150 hectare site. The site currently provides 165 jobs and it is estimated that it brings £10m a year into the local economy.

Durham County Council are drawing up proposals for the western end of the quarry. The site, which is split by the A1, already has approval for the eastern side of the site until 2045.

Residents living near the site are being consulted on the proposals and more than 7,000 home were delivered leaflets inviting them to a public display.

Lafarge Estate manager, David Atkinson said, "It is important to us that our neighbours get the opportunity to give us feedback

on our proposals to secure the long term future of Thrislington.

"It's a significant part of the local economy and an important supplier of construction materials for the whole region."

The planning application is within the current site boundaries and states that as the ore is removed the majority of the land will be restored to a mix of grassland and farmland.

Other activities which take place at Thrislington include a concrete plant, an aggregate recycling operation and an aggregate bagging plant.

Lafarge also hope to build a tunnel under the A1 to link to the east and west sections of the quarry in the near future.

The proposals are on public display on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th January at West Cornforth Community Centre on Station Road, from 2pm till 7pm, where staff will be on hand to answer any questions.

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11 January 1962

At least 2,000 people were killed after a massive avalanche of rocks and ice buried an entire mountain village in north-west Peru.

12 January 2001

The first foreigner to coach the England football team, Sven Goran Eriksson, began his new job.

13 January 1942

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14 January 2002

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Witness appeal

Overnight between Friday 26th and Saturday 27th December, a vehicle had its paintwork scratched on Albert Street, Chilton. If anyone has any information in regards to this incident, contact non-emergency number 101 and quote SL1402215. Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

After enjoying the Christmas pantomime at Ferryhill Institute on Friday evening (19th December) I was in the foyer browsing through the names of those workers killed at Mainsforth Colliery Memorial Plaque and looking for the name of a distant relative, Billy Hedley. My wife and I could not remember the year of the accident, we just talked about him loving his football and his cheerful disposition. It was therefore very poignant and touching to read Billy's memorial in the Chapter remembered by his team mates of Chilton Juniors Football Club fifty years on from the tragedy.

Yours sincerely, Bob West.
Dene Villas, Chilton.

Dear Editor,

Following the recent distribution by the Chapter of the Hub News, I have been contacted by a well respected and fully qualified badminton coach, Mr. Peter Walton, who wishes to begin badminton coaching, predominately junior, early in the New Year.

Anyone interested can attend a meeting which is to be held in the Hub on Monday 19th January, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor B. Gibson - Hub Chairman.

Dear Editor,

After many months of complaining about the immense cold in the extension part of the Ferryhill Hub, the most affected being the Bowls Club, Seconds Out and now the Dance Group, documents were produced by county engineers to determine where the problems are. To my delight Director Terry Collins has looked at this positively and realised the conditions users are enduring is not good enough. The documents outline various conditions the management board and the Ferryhill Partnership have to implement, e.g. regular health and safety checks and regular boiler maintenance by a recognised heating engineer. The conditions in the lease will have to be agreed by all parties. If all this is implemented Durham County Council will carry out the necessary repairs at an estimated cost of £7,300 as a one-off good will gesture where Durham County Council will foot the bill.

I hope everyone will work in haste to achieve this and give the people of Ferryhill a lovely warm centre where they can enjoy their sport and activities.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor Brian Avery - Durham County Council.

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Chairman's Medal nominations

There's still time to make nominations for the Chairman's Medal. Durham County Council is looking for individuals or organisations that have done something special for their community. The Chairman's Medal is the highest honour the council can bestow and Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) are looking for nominations from across the county in the run-up to a major presentation event.

The medal has been County Durham's top civic award since it was introduced in 2007 and Durham County Council Chairman, Cllr John Robinson, JP, will be holding a ceremony in March to award chosen 'individuals for voluntary effort or 'outstanding charitable organisations'.

Cllr Robinson said, "We have had a fantastic response so far, but there's still time for more nominations. If anyone knows an individual or organisation they believe will merit consideration, get in touch."

There will be 14 winners,



The Chairman's Medal - the highest honour the council can bestow.

representing each AAP area across the county and the Chairman is working with the AAPs. He added, "I want the presentation night to be a celebration of the achievements and effort that people of our county put in every day. I am keen also to try and highlight through this event the excellent work undertaken by the County Durham emergency services."

The deadline for nominations

is Friday 16th January. Forward completed forms to the Chairman's Office, Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UF.

Anyone can nominate an organisation or individual for a medal, but act quickly as time is running out.

For more information log on to: www.durham.gov.uk/ChairmansMedal Email: chairmansoffice@durham.gov.uk or call 03000 268 828.

Poetry Corner

Goodbye Jaques Farm

By Vince Elsbury

Goodbye Jaques Farm
Many many years old
Tasks carried out,
In varied weather hot and cold
Whether feeding beast
With straw and hay
Harvest gathered in
During many a fine day
School boys earning money
Potato picking week
But, by Friday back very weak
Farming names, Edgar, Alf and Reg
Cultivating crops and veg
Some lads raiding orchard for apple
Remember end of west Chilton Old Chapel
Next to farm, the football field
Where games won, drawn or lost
Some matches put off due to snow and frost
Also ponds with toads and frogs
Sadly no more on farm with yapping dogs
Goodbye to part of west Chilton history
Why demolished? Such a mystery.

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Wednesday 7th January
2pm – 7pm

Thursday 8th January
10am – 3pm

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Ferryhill Celtic in the County Cup quarter finals

Ferryhill Celtic were back in action at the weekend when they travelled to Sunderland to play Hilton, to stake a place in the last 8 of the County Cup.

The Celtic backed by strong away support started the game with real intent being first to every ball, and it didn't take long for their first chance when a Ben Clary through-ball found Kurt Seymour, who managed to play a one two on the edge of the box. He then turned and hit, but the Hilton keeper stood strong. Next to try his luck was Luke Thompson, who shot from the edge of the box on the 30th minute mark only for it to go wide. Shortly after, the impressive John Makepeace put an inch perfect ball into the box which found the talented Kurt Seymour, who fired the ball into the roof of the net, 1-0 to the

Celtic. Five minutes later it was very nearly 2 when a Liam Taylor cross was inches away from finding Liam Pearson. With the goal at his mercy and with a couple of minutes remaining in the first half, Kurt Seymour again combined with Jay White, but once again the keeper made an impressive save.

The second half took on the same pattern as the first with the Celtic looking determined, and within a couple of minutes the majestic Jay White went past his marker and delivered a ball into the box, only for a last ditch block stopped Kurt Seymour from finding the net. Not deterred in the 70th minute he found himself with the ball at his feet on the edge of the box and he hit an unstoppable shot which flew into the top corner of the net.

To Hilton's credit they kept fighting to the end and with 10 minutes remaining their number 9 hit a 30 yard shot which looked like it could be goal bound, but the Ferryhill number 1 keeper Kris Carr pulled off a remarkable fingertip save. Determined Daniel Mitton, Neil bell and Marco Linhart stood strong and, in the very last minute, Nathen Lawson broke away down the right and played an inch perfect ball into the edge of the box which found Shane Todd, but his shot went inches wide. On the final whistle it was the Celtic who were celebrating a famous victory and booked their place into the quarter final of the County Cup. Man-of-the-match Jay White.

The Celtic are at home on Sunday in the quarter finals of the Durham Cup Winners Cup, kick of 10:30am.

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Broom & Ferryhill Station

Wednesday 7th January, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

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

Ferryhill Town and Dean Bank

Wednesday 7th January, 6pm - 7pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

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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.

Chilton Ward

Thursday 22nd January, 7pm - 8pm, Chilton & Windlestone WMC

Previous issues - Persons are riding off-road bikes along Durham Road.