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Centenary celebration party for Mary



Mary Raine celebrated her 100th birthday at Tenlands Care Home last weekend.

Mary Raine, born on 31st January 1915, celebrated her centenary with a party at the Tenlands Care Home on her 100th birthday.

Mary was born in Byers Green and also grew up there. She moved away to London where she worked in service, cooking

and cleaning for a lovely family. The family she worked for were very good friends with T E Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia - who became a personal friend.

When she moved back to the North East, Lawrence gave Mary a handbag and a pair of scissors as a keepsake.

Mary married Robert Raine on 15th August 1937 and later had one daughter, who they also named Mary. Their daughter, married Colin on the 16th March 1957 and had one son named Phillip, who married Alyson and they gave Mary a great grandson called Sam.

Mary's hobbies include singing, listening to music and playing bingo, cards and dominoes. She never drank, other than the occasional shandy, but in later life she now enjoys a whisky with good old fashioned fish and chips.

Mary has been a resident at Tenlands for just over a year and keeps the staff on their toes, says Home Administrator, Joh Hudson.

Veterans charity awareness night

Veterans at Ease, a small charity which was set up in 2010 by founder Garreth Murrell, is to hold an awareness evening to inform the public of the charity's activities and how it helps the local community.

The event, which takes place at Ferryhill Station Royal British Legion Club from 8pm (doors open 7.30pm) on Wednesday 11th February, will consist of a talk by Mr Murrell about the charity and what they do, how they help veterans and their family.

The charity helps individuals with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other combat stress related issues by promoting the benefits of Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP). It is estimated that up to 90,000 veterans in the community could be suffering adjustment issues. A spokesperson for the charity explained that NLP is a treatment that works

within a few weeks rather than years: "It begins with informal chats and a question and answer session over a cuppa."

"Part of the way NLP works is by turning negative issues into positives and making it work for the individual."

"The sessions can be for as long as the individual wants. For some it works straight away while others require more time."

"The client's family are welcome too so that they can overcome any issues they have with understanding what their loved one is going through."

"People can come back time after time if they feel the need to and no one is ever turned away."

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Betty Brewster

3/2/12

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From Glenys, Malcolm & Family
xx



Keith Gowton

6/2/2014

When this day comes around every year I think about all the things that we shared. It makes me happy and it makes me sad, but that you were in my life at all makes me glad.



Loving Wife Shirley

Keith Gowton

6/2/2014

Twelve long months since my dear dad passed away. I dedicate this to him, I cherish the past we had but miss the future we will not have.



Love, Denise, Ian, Nathan and Ellie

Birthday Memories

Lee Richardson

4th Feb 1971

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7th Feb

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The Porajmos – a County Hall exhibition by FBEC students



FBEC students were commended for presenting an important exhibition commemorating the history of the Roma Gypsies during the Second World War.

On 21st January, a talented group of students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College led an exhibition which took place at County Hall in Durham. The Porajmos Exhibition was created to commemorate the Roma gypsies who lost their lives in the Second World War and to raise awareness of gypsy discrimination by the Nazi party between 1939-45. Previously, this group of students, selected by Mrs Shearer (Director of Learning, History at the College) were trained by two ambassadors of the Porajmos exhibition. One member of County Hall who witnessed the students deliver the exhibition stated: "It was fantastic

that such a young group of students had gained so much knowledge. They taught me a few things myself". One of the students, Bryany Maughan said: "The Porajmos Exhibition has helped me to gain confidence in speaking to people as well as increasing my knowledge of the subject." The recent showing of the Porajmos was a great chance for 9A1 students to perfect their delivery, as they have another important presentation at Durham Cathedral on World Memorial Day. It was an excellent opportunity for the FBEC students to thrive in front of a big audience.

On returning to school the group received a letter from Rachel Shimmin, Corporate Director Children and Adult Services, praising the work she had witnessed: "What made the exhibition particularly powerful was the excellent commentary from the pupils," she said. "Their knowledge of the subject was amazing and they had clearly taken the time to reflect on and understand the horrific events they were describing. "The pupils ably represented the school and were a real credit to the school and themselves". This article was written by Ethan Todd and Adam Batey, two members of the Porajmos exhibition.



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Crimestoppers charity joins the fight against fly-tipping

Crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is pledging its support to a campaign across Durham that could see the public rewarded for reporting fly-tipping across the county, and is asking the public to fill in the missing pieces of information.

For the first time in its 26 year history, the independent charity is partnering the campaign, in conjunction with Durham County Council, to target fly-tippers across County Durham.

Crimestoppers offer people the opportunity to report crime completely anonymously - and they could even get a cash reward. The charity has increased its support of the campaign, as it is now evident that nationally this particular crime has increased over the last year. Dave Hunter for Crimestoppers said: "This is a worrying crime, as the individual's show no respect for other people, the environment, or indeed

the safety of children, as many of these unlicensed dumps have potentially hazardous materials contained within them.

"Most concerning is the fact that a number of these fly-tippers have links to other criminality. We would encourage members of the community to give us this information in complete anonymity. In 26 years we have handled over 1.5 million calls about crime and not once has the caller been identified - such is our guarantee to the public."

Fly-tipping is a criminal offence punishable by 12 months in prison if convicted at a Magistrates Court, or up to five years if convicted in a Crown Court. Oliver Sherratt, Head of Direct Services at Durham County Council said: "We very much welcome Crimestoppers joining our anti-flytipping campaign. With the whole community on board, and working together, we can dramati-

cally reduce this hazardous and unsightly environmental crime across our county."

Also, the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner Ron Hogg has thrown the support of his office behind this ground-breaking campaign. He said "Fly-tipping is illegal and anti-social, and there is no excuse for people to simply dump their unwanted rubbish or household furniture on the streets. This issue has an impact on communities, partner agencies and the environment as well. I am pleased to give this campaign my full support."

Members of the public are eligible to claim a reward of up to £1000 if their information given to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 leads to a successful arrest and charge. They can also complete an anonymous online form on the Crimestoppers website www.crimestoppers-uk.org, but rewards cannot be claimed this way.



Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg with Dave Hunter of Crimestoppers.



Can you fill in the missing pieces so we can catch the fly-tippers?

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FBEC recognised as leading NE school



The Department for Education has recognised FBEC as one of the region's leading schools.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College is celebrating being recognised by the government's Department for Education (DfE) as one of the top schools in the North East.

Mr Brennan, Headteacher, said: "I am extremely proud of this achievement and it recognises all of the hard work that staff and students put in day in and day out".

There is statistically no better performing school in this group that is within a 75 mile radius (DfE, 2015) "The DfE performance

tables show that we are rapidly improving as a school. The essence of any improvement is the care and support we offer to our students which OFSTED recently judged to be Outstanding. Students enjoy life at the school as we are fortunate to have so many diligent students with us at the moment".

Mr Freeman, the school's Assistant Headteacher for Raising Achievement said: "This is a tremendous accolade and the students should be justifiably proud".

Victoria Cross information appeal

An appeal for information about County Durham's First World War heroes has been launched.

The DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery is putting together an exhibition about the ten men who were born in the county or served with the Durham Light Infantry and received the Victoria Cross for their actions during the conflict.

All ten men performed extraordinary acts of courage, risking, and in many cases losing, their own lives in the process.

Members of the public who have connections to the men, or who own memorabilia relating to them, are urged to contact the museum.

It is hoped that their help can ensure the exhibition offers as full a picture as possible of the men and their lives.

Gillian Kirkbride, DLI Museum and Durham Art Gallery manager and curator, said: "We have already made contact with the families of some of the men but we are keen to hear from as many more as possible.

"Whether you're related to a VC recipient or have other links, we would really like to share your stories and learn more about any artefacts or memorabilia you may have that relates to any of the men.

"This is the first time we



Ten DLI or County Durham men were awarded the Victoria Cross in the First World War. The DLI Museum is looking for as much information as possible about the heroes.

have attempted to tell the stories of all ten men together so we want to do everything we can to give as full and accurate a picture as possible."

The ten Victoria Cross recipients and the dates of the action for which they received the VC are:

- Pte Thomas Kenny, DLI, 4 November, 1915;
- Lt Col Roland Bradford, DLI, 1 October, 1916;
- Pte Michael Heaviside, DLI, 6 May, 1917;
- Lt Cdr George Bradford, Royal Navy, 22-23 April, 1918;
- Lt George McKean, Canadian Infantry, 27-28 April, 1918;
- 2nd Lt John Youll, Northumberland Fusiliers, 15 June, 1918;
- Sgt William McNally, Yorkshire Regiment, 27-29 October, 1918;
- 2nd Lt Frederick Youens, DLI, 7 July, 1917;
- 2nd Lt (Acting Capt) Arthur Moore Lascelles, DLI, 3 December, 1917;
- Pte Thomas Young, DLI, 25-31 March, 1918.

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Ferryhill to benefit from £20m investment in new homes



Homes and communities organisation livin is investing £20m to build 190 new homes across the region over the next three years, including in Ferryhill.

Around 190 new homes are to be built across various sites in Durham and Darlington after homes and communities organisation livin confirmed an investment of approximately £20m over the next three years.

Areas across the county, such as Ferryhill and Newton Aycliffe, will benefit from the new homes for affordable rent as well as private sale, with construction at the first development location expected to start in September later this year at the Oak Tree Pub site in Newton Aycliffe.

The development will comprise eight two-bedroom apartments for affordable rent especially for

people aged 55 and over. North East based Gentoo Construction was recently named as the preferred construction partner on a three-year framework to provide the new homes for the region.

Both livin and Gentoo Construction have strong company values when it comes to supporting local communities and providing education and training opportunities, meaning the partnership will deliver much more to the local community than a typical construction contract.

Wayne Harris, executive director property and development for livin, said: "We have a track record of building high quality, affordable new homes to

meet the housing need and aspirations of our communities and recognise that investing in communities is integral to creating sustainable places to live and work."

Managing director of Gentoo Construction, Allan Thompson, added: "This is a huge win for us at Gentoo, and we are delighted to be named as livin's sole construction partner for the next three years.

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Chamber of Commerce meeting

The second meeting of the Ferryhill Chamber of Commerce will take place on Thursday 19th February at 5.30pm in Ferryhill Town Hall.

All local traders are invited to attend the meeting to bring forward any items for discussion.

A spokesperson said: "All

ideas and comments will be most welcome. It is hoped as many local traders as possible will attend the meeting and support this initiative.

"If you would like any further information about the Ferryhill Chamber of Commerce, contact the Town Hall on 01740 652157."

Good Samaritan saves Coffee Morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church were singing the praises of Cameron from Enter CIC for ensuring that the church's fundraising Coffee Morning went ahead last week.

A spokesperson for the church said: "Cameron cleared the snow so the

older people could enjoy their Friday morning coffee and chat.

"Thanks to Cameron the morning raised £150, which was donated to the Tiny Lives Special Care Baby Unit at Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary."

Witness appeal

During the evening of Thursday 22nd January, between 6pm and 7.30am the following morning, a nearside wing mirror was stolen from a white Ford Transit van parked in Opal Avenue, Chilton. Were

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National Libraries Day

Ferryhill Library is inviting readers to go along to celebrate National Libraries Day on Saturday 7th February at 10am.

A spokesperson said: "There will be a storytelling session for children told

by Valerie Watson.

"Come along dressed as your favourite storybook character if you like.

"There will also be colouring sheets of popular book characters available on the day."

Corrections

In last week's issue, in the article 'Partnership's relief at tax funding' we incorrectly stated that the taxing authority was Ferryhill Town Council. The taxing authority is Durham County Council.

In issue 709 'Docs offer

Saturday Appointments', West Cornforth Medical Centre was incorrectly listed as one of the centres opening on Saturdays. This Centre does not open on Saturdays.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Family "Fun"draising at Chilton College

A Family "Fun"draising coffee morning is due to take place on Saturday 14th February at Chilton Community College to help raise funds for Northumbria Blood Bikes.

The morning will be themed around "Health and Wellbeing" with an NHS Health worker attending to providing advice and undertake adult health checks. A volunteer from the Blood Bikes

will explain the service provided in the local area. "Taste for Success" will be cooking healthy snacks, available for purchase.

There will be a raffle, tombola, bottle top bingo, and refreshments with free children's activities (pool, table tennis, table football, colouring etc).

For more details, contact the College on 01388 720911 or 720255.

Endeavour Woodcrafts receive generous donation



Kevin Milburn and Terry Roddam of Ferryhill Workingmen's Club present Louise Killip of Endeavour Woodcrafts with a fundraising cheque for £151.

Endeavour Woodcrafts has received a donation of £151 from Ferryhill Workingmen's Club raised from a raffle organised over the Christmas period.

Mr Terry Roddam (Treasurer) and Mr Kevin (Skipper) Milburn (Captain of the Snooker B Team) are pictured presenting

the cheque to Louise Killip (Support Manager) of Endeavour.

The money will be added to a fund to be used towards the purchase of furniture for the dining area at Endeavour.

At the end of 2014 the service users and staff at Endeavour redecorated

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...

Ferryhill bowlers suffer setback

Looking to consolidate their position at the top of the newly formed Durham & District Interclub Triples League, Ferryhill travelled to the Oakleaf leisure centre to take on Great Aycliffe.

The sides met at Ferryhill in September last year and the home side took all eight points.

This time, however, the result was reversed providing a setback in Ferryhill's quest for the title.

Aycliffe started the better and at the halfway stage were ahead on all three rinks.

Bob Jefferson's rink, who were eight shots adrift, fought back and with one end to play were two in front. Unfortunately a bad last end saw the rink drop three shots to eventually lose by one.

There was another close call on rink two where skip Keith Seymour dropped four shots in the last two ends.

His opponents were fielding a player short so after deducting one third of their shots the Aycliffe rink were winners by two thirds of a shot.

Brian Johnstone's rink were always behind and unable to make up the deficit, losing out in the end by three shots.

It was a disappointing result for Ferryhill where the last end was the difference between them taking six points or losing 0-8.

In the end only five shots separated the two teams on the overall total shots score.

Final scores: R Jefferson 13-14, K Seymour 8 - 8 2/3, B Johnstone 10-13.

Recent court cases

The following cases were due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently.

Steven Birkin, aged 23, of High Street, West Cornforth, faces four charges arising out of alleged motoring offences.

Charges are that on 17th November, Birkin drove a Vauxhall Astra on the A167 in Durham City whilst being without insurance; that on 16th November he drove a Fiat Punto on York Hill Road, Spennymoor, whilst over the prescribed limit of alcohol and that he also had an accident, after which he failed to stop and report.

David Mark Bowry, aged 25, of West Street, Ferryhill, faces a charge of

criminal damage.

The alleged offence took place on 30th April when a window belonging to AMRP and valued at £168, was damaged.

Hayden James Price, aged 22, of Beech Parade, West Cornforth, faces a charge of theft.

It is alleged that on 23rd December, in Trimdon Grange, he stole a drain cover, belonging to Durham County Council and valued at £1250.

Stephen Michael Harker, aged 33, of High Street, Willington, faces four charges of possession of Class A and Class C drugs, with intent to supply.

The offences allegedly took place in Ferryhill on

28th August and involved heroin wraps and Diazepam tablets.

Kenneth Worley, aged 40, of Lyndhurst Road, Chilton, faces three charges of vehicle interference in Darlington on 15th January, involving a Range Rover, VW Jetta and Saab 93 and a further charge of the theft of a brown purse from a vehicle.

Worley also faces nine charges of fraud by false representation, as on the same day, he allegedly presented a stolen bank card at Skinnergate News, TRU Food and Wine, WH Smith, Whessoe News (three times), Marks & Spencer, Greggs and B & M Bargains stores.

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