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Busy day's fundraising for The Chapter at St Luke's

Enter CIC to perform at Durham Cathedral



Some of the volunteers at St Luke's Church who turn out every week to run the Friday Lunch service, including Rev Keith Lumsden, right.

St. Luke's Church in Ferryhill was the venue for a fundraising lunch in aid of this publication last Friday. The volunteers at St. Luke's have been organising a weekly Friday lunch ever since the new church hall

extension was completed thirty years ago. Initially the lunches were used to fund the repayment of the building, but now the church uses them to raise money for good causes. Friday's lunch consisted of

a starter (cream of chicken soup and a roll), main course (mince and dumplings) and a dessert (apple crumble and custard).

In addition there was home baking, a craft stall and a raffle, which included a donated prize from Endeavour Woodcrafts who also went along to show their support for The Chapter.

Rev. Keith Lumsden, who has been parish vicar for 28 years and retires in the summer, explained that the lunch usually runs from around 10am until 2pm and has a steady stream of customers throughout that time, all served by an army of up to thirty volunteers. Friday's lunch was especially busy, with Rev Lumsden suggesting that support for the paper was a contributing factor. The lunch raised a total of £205.

The Chapter's editor, Stephanie Bennett said: "We at the Chapter are tremendously grateful to St Luke's and to the Chapter's readers for supporting this fundraiser.

"The Chapter relies entirely on advertising and fundraising for its income."

Ferryhill's youth theatre company, Enter CIC, have been granted special rights to perform the hit West End musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* in Durham Cathedral this spring.

The performance will mark only the second time the world famous musical has been staged in a cathedral and Enter CIC directors had to seek permission from the licensing agency and Durham Cathedral to perform there.

Over 150 members of the theatre company will perform in the musical, which was penned by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, and audiences are being primed to expect a high energy production. Coincidentally, the West End version of the musical is also touring the country this year and as Enter CIC co-founder, Andrea Flynn said: "Normally when the professional production goes on tour they retract

the rights so it is a great privilege for us to have been given the go ahead.

"I like to think it is a testament to the high regard of which our young people are held and our reputation for staging high quality productions.

"Often, when people hear the words youth theatre they dismiss it as being amateur but these young people are extremely talented and committed.

"To perform at a World Heritage Site is a rare privilege and we are absolutely thrilled to have been given this opportunity."

The company has gained great acclaim for *The Wind Road Boys* and *Home Fires* in recent years, both playing at prestigious venues.

The production takes place on Thursday, April 9th, and Friday, April 10th, at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £15, are available online at entercic.org or by calling 01740 655437.

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In Memoriam

Roy Myers

28th February 2012

God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts



Love and miss you always,
Hilda, Paula, Andrew,
Ben & Sophie



Barry Gray

27.2.14



No one sees my
broken heart that lies
beneath my smile,
Many times I've needed
you, many times I've cried

You left behind beautiful
memories, your love
is still my guide,
And although I cannot
see you, you're always
by my side



Miss and love you
always Dad,
Kelly, Ross & Sienna Rose
xxx

Barry Gray

27.2.14



A year has passed
since you went away,
We think about you
every day



Love Amanda, Shane,
Barry, Shane

In Memoriam

Barry Gray

27.02.15

We thought of you with
love today, but that is
nothing new, we thought
about you yesterday and
days before that too

We think of you in silence,
we often speak your
name, now all we have are
memories and your picture
in a frame

Your memory is our
keepsake, which we will
never part, God has you in
his keeping, we have you in
our heart



Love you Dad & Grandad;
Shauna, Carl,
Courtney & Naomi
xxx



Hilda Tolson

3.3.14

Quietly today your memory
we treasure,
Loving you always Mam
Forgetting you never



From Eric, Doreen, David
& all the family



Lily Gargett

23.2.09

God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms
around you
And whispered,
come with me

A golden heart stopped
beating
Hard working hands
now rest,
God broke our hearts to
prove to us
He only takes the best



Remembered forever,
Joe, Marie, Julie,
Steven & Mick
Plus Grandchildren



In Memoriam

Hilda Pirt

28.02.2010

Memories are a gift to
treasure, mine of you will
last forever



Always in our hearts,
John & family

Birthday Memories

Rhys Wayman

27th February



Happy 18th Birthday
Missing you with all our
hearts, sending all our
love and kisses on your
special day

Our hearts are with you
today and always



Love Mam & Kira
xx

Rhys Wayman

27th February

You would have been 18
today, miss you so much

Happy 18th Birthday
in Heaven



All our love,
Dad & Kira

Rhys Wayman

27th February

Happy 18th Birthday to you
in Heaven above

Sing with the Angels and
dance with the stars



Love you always,
Miss you forever,
Grandma
xxx

Birthday Memories

Rhys Wayman

27th February

Thinking of you today on
your 18th Birthday



All our love,
Nicola, Lewis & Josh
xxx

Rhys Wayman

27th February 97

Happy 18th Birthday Wayzy
We'll be having pint on
Friday for you mate!!



Love today and always,
From all the lads
xxxx
Never forgotten

Birthdays

Ann Mitton

21st February 2015



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70!

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Your loving Husband Jim,
Daughter Nicola,
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Gavin Batty



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Uncle Gavin

50!

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Tonton



Rose Bowden

3rd March



Happy 90th Birthday

90!

Love from all the family
xxx



Layton David Pick

26th February



Happy 5th Birthday



love Nanna & Grandad
xxx

Claims that streetlights decision could put children's lives at risk



The A167 is a high speed road which has seen a number of accidents and fatalities in previous years in the stretch between Ferryhill and Chilton.

Proposals by Durham County Council to remove streetlighting on a nine-mile stretch of the A167, which includes the section between Ferryhill, Chilton and the Rushyford roundabout, have led to condemnation from local councillors and parents.

There are fears that children could be killed walking to school if the council goes ahead with its plan to remove the lamp-posts on the A167 between the Cock of the North roundabout, at Durham, and Rushyford roundabout, near Chilton.

Last year, the county council voted to remove lights from some rural areas and to dim them elsewhere but critics claim the decision is putting cost cutting before lives.

At the moment, children who are outside of the limits for school buses must walk between Chilton and Ferryhill to get to school and youngsters also use the A167 route to get to the skatepark at Chilton.

The stretch of road between Ferryhill and Chilton has a history of bad accidents, which have included fatalities, and the community fears that turning off the lights will increase the risks.

County councillor Brian Avery, the Independent member for Ferryhill, said: "I'm absolutely appalled and angry that they are going to turn off these lights."

"This is a fast road and people speed down it. Children walk to school along it. There have been fatalities on this road and I would not want to see any more."

"The county council has not thought about the road it has just thought about how much money it can save."

Paul Gray, Chilton Town Council clerk, was due to meet county council officers about the issue last Monday, (23rd) but the meeting will now take place on Thursday (26th). He said: "This will leave

people walking in the pitch black on a night. I think we really need to push on this. "A lot of people, including children going to school, walk along that road."

"Chilton council is not against the county switching off the lights where necessary but I think a lot of people will be disappointed with this."

Phil Wilson, Labour MP for Sedgefield, is to contact the county council for details on the issue.

He said: "It is a designated walking route for school children and if the street lights are taken out it will make it dangerous."

"This has to be looked at in the context of budget cuts facing the council."

John Reed, head of technical services at the county council, said: "We're proposing to remove street lights in this area as part of our plans to reduce energy costs."

"We're waiting for more feedback as part of the consultation process before making a final decision."



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Presenting a "Spring Eggxtravaganza"

Ferryhill Stage Society will be treading the boards at Mainsforth Community Centre in March when they present a "Spring Eggxtravaganza".

As the name suggests, the stage will be set for an Easter themed performance which will take place over two days, on Friday 20th March at

7.15pm and a matinee show on Saturday 21st March at 2.15pm.

Tickets for the "Eggxtravaganza" are priced at £7 adults and £5 children 14 years and under. Tickets are available from any member of the society from ticket agent, Joan Harker, who can be contacted at 01740 652 551.

First Aid course

Dean Bank Institute in Ferryhill is offering many different activities at its centre, including a First Aid course on Friday 13th March which still has two places available.

Many of the activity groups at the Institute are keen to welcome new members, including: the over 50's light exercise class; the visually impaired group, which hosts a social evening; the art group, which meets

on a Sunday; the Stroke Association, which hosts a social event every two weeks and the yoga class.

The Institute also has its own café, the Café De Ferie, which is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for home cooked meals, on the premises.

For more information on the activities and to book the final two places on the First Aid course, call 01740 657 221.

Digital confidence courses at Chilton

Developing Digital Confidence is the theme of two courses starting on Tuesday 3rd March, from 6pm to 8pm at Chilton Community College.

The informative and useful workshops are designed to make everyone more comfortable with the digital world. The courses are free to adults aged 19 years and over.

The "Clickety Click" workshop includes topics such as "How to turn on a laptop/iPad", "Create e-mail accounts", "Use

online sites" and "How to stay safe online".

"Job Search and IT Support" is a workshop that will teach people about creating CVs, about how to access the Internet, and how to perform a universal jobsearch.

A spokesperson said, "Come along and speak to the tutors to see which workshops are right for you."

For more information contact the school on 01388 720255 or the college on 01388 720911.

Tax free status campaign backed by Ombudsman



Ferryhill Community Partnership, based at the former leisure centre on Lambton Road, has been at the centre of a dispute about its tax status.

The Local Government Ombudsman is supporting the bid by Ferryhill Community Partnership in its dispute with Durham County Council to secure tax-free status.

The Partnership took over the running of Ferryhill Community Hub two years ago and applied in 2013 for full non-domestic rate relief.

Durham County Council initially approved the partnership's bid for 80 per cent mandatory rate relief but rejected the application for a further 20 per cent discretionary relief.

The partnership appealed the decisions and the Local Government Ombudsman has given its support to the group.

Brian Gibson, secretary of the partnership, said:

"We've won the argument that we should have had the full rate of relief.

"We now await the council's decision on how it thinks the Ombudsman's decision should be applied in our case."

Any group which seeks full relief must fit into one of three categories, with the partnership insisting that two of the categories applied to them.

The ratepayer must be a charity whose premises are used for mainly charitable purposes; the premises must be occupied by groups whose main objectives are charitable; or the premises are wholly or mainly used for recreation by not for profit clubs.

The Ombudsman claimed that the council at first refused to explain why discretionary rate relief was

not being applied but that it later did so.

Paul Darby, head of finance at the council, said: "We're carefully considering the Ombudsman's views.

"We'll take this into account when reassessing the Ferryhill Community Hub's applications for rate relief."

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Chilton councillor installs smoke alarm to highlight safety

Chilton councillor, Christine Potts, who sits on County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority, hopes to set an example after finally getting a smoke alarm at home after more than twenty years without one. Cllr Potts had a smoke alarm fitted last week after a free home safety check by the fire service.

Although smoke alarms are quick to install, Cllr Potts feels it is an issue people ignore: "Really, being a member of the fire authority, I should set an example and have one installed in my own home. "There was a smoke alarm,



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or there had been one before when we moved in, but the previous owner took it out. "I thought we must get one in and 23 years have gone by and it's always been something I've been

meaning to do," she said. Home safety checks are a free service provided by County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service which could save lives. For details visit ddf.fire.gov.uk or call 0845 223422.

Ferryhill Chamber of Commerce meeting

The next meeting of the Ferryhill Chamber of Commerce will take place on Friday 20th March at 5.30pm in Ferryhill Town Hall.

A spokesperson for the chamber said: "All local

traders are invited to attend the meeting to bring forward any items for discussion. 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 office on 01740 652157."

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This week in History		
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28 February 1975 A London Underground train crashes at Moorgate, killing the driver and at least 29 passengers.	1 March 1966 Chancellor James Callaghan confirms the "historic and momentous" decision to change over to decimal coinage.	2 March 1970 Prime Minister of Rhodesia Ian Smith declares his country a republic, cutting its last link with the British Crown.

(THIRLMERE ROAD, FERRYHILL)
(TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

The Council, on 18.02.15 made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, to close to all vehicular traffic a 95m length of Thirlmere Road (from no 40) to no 13 Derwent Road, Ferryhill to enable new flood alleviation sewer and manhole works to be undertaken. The maximum duration of the temporary closure under the Order is 18 months and is required from 02.03.15 for 4 weeks. However, on rare occasions, alternative dates for closures may be necessary and these will be signed accordingly. **Alternative route:** from the northern side of the closure from Derwent Road, westerly along Grasmere Road and a) southerly via Coniston Road to Thirlmere Road, or b) crossing Coniston Road onto Darlington Road then southerly onto A167 and easterly along Dean Road to the southern side of the closure, and vice versa.

Dated: 25 February 2015

Colette Longbottom
Head of Legal & Democratic Services
County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

Log on at the library Ferryhill hosts English Youth Boxing Championships

It's not just books on offer at the library next month when a computer course aimed at helping people brush up their online skills begins.

Cornforth Library is offering a four week course, running every Tuesday between 1pm and 3pm from 3rd March.

It is £25 for the course, which is suitable for both beginners and those wanting to enhance their skills. Topics covered include word processing, email, browsing the internet and online shopping.

Call in to the library or call 03000 269529 to book a place.

Have a say on local issues

Residents in Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership meets next month.

The 4 Together partnership board will meet on Wednesday, 4th March, between 6pm and 8pm at West Cornforth Community Centre and residents are invited to go along to observe proceedings.

People can also raise any neighbourhood issues they would like the board to address; these should be put in writing and sent in

advance to: Area Action Partnership - 4 Together Partnership, 3-5 Haig Terrace, Dean Bank, Ferryhill, County Durham DL17 8NR.

The board will be receiving presentations on the Honours System, and the River Skerne Landscape Partnership restoration project.

A spokesperson said, "If you would like to register to attend the meeting, please contact 03000 267210 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk."



Ferryhill Community Hub hosted the 2015 England Boxing Youth Championships over three days last weekend with men and women both competing for the first time.

Young boxers from across England descended on Ferryhill for the England Boxing Youth Championships last weekend.

The finals of the 2015 Youth Championships saw four women and ten men crowned England Boxing champion, following three days of boxing at the Ferryhill Community Hub, organised by local boxing club, Seconds Out which runs from the venue.

This year's competition marked the first time that both men and women competed in the event,

and the England coaches witnessed a high standard from the early stages of the tournament.

The quarter finals took place on Friday with the winners progressing to Saturday's semi finals. The winners were eventually crowned on Sunday evening.

Speaking after the tournament, Paul Eddy, co-founder and secretary of Seconds Out said: "It was an excellent weekend with an exceptional standard of boxing."

"I would like to thank the

Ferryhill Hub for allowing us to host the championships at the venue and I would also like to thank the people of Ferryhill for coming along and supporting the event and especially for the impeccable behaviour of everyone which was a credit to the town."

A spokesperson for England Boxing said: "Congratulations to all of the boxers who made it to the finals. "England Boxing would like to thank all of the volunteers and officials who helped to make the event a success."



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Kaitlyn reaches Miss England semi finals



Kaitlyn Hemmings from Ferryhill featured in issue 711 of The Chapter as she attempted to reach the semi finals of the Miss England beauty contest.

In issue 711 of The Chapter, we featured Ferryhill lovely, Kaitlyn Hemmings as she appealed for local voters to help her reach the semi finals stage of this year's Miss England contest. We are pleased to report that with the help of the community, Kaitlyn has succeeded in reaching the later stages of the competition.

The contest proved a tough one with the judges finally announcing a tie for first between Kaitlyn and another contestant, with both reaching the semi final stage, which will take place at Kelham Hall in Nottinghamshire on Friday 12th June.

Kaitlyn said, "I would like to thank everyone who voted for me in the public vote."

Still time to nominate for Ferryhill Civic Awards

Once a year Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, requests residents and voluntary organisations to nominate those unsung heroes who do so much to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill.

This year the awards are open to young people as well as adults, so if you

know a resident or young person in Ferryhill who has performed some act or helped in some way to benefit others living in the town, or has achieved success in any field, then why not nominate them for one of the Ferryhill Civic Awards?

Awards are for;

- Care in the Community
- Working with Young

People

- Caring for the Environment

- Deserving Young People.

Please use the nomination form below.

If you wish to nominate more than one person additional forms are available from the Town Hall.

All applications are to be returned by Friday 27th March 2015.

FERRYHILL CIVIC AWARD 2015 NOMINATION FORM

I hereby propose:

Name:

Address:

To receive a Civic Award for services to the Town and to the people of Ferryhill as detailed below:-

Details of Service Provided:

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Number of years service provided.....

Any other relevant information.....

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For any other information please use a separate sheet of paper.

I certify that the details given are correct, that I have not been influenced or canvassed in any way and that the person nominated has no knowledge of the present application. I understand that all matters relating to the nomination are confidential and that, should the present nomination fail, it may be re-submitted after the expiry of twelve months.

PROPOSER:

Name: (Please print) Signature:

Address:

Tel:

SECONDER:

Name: (Please print)..... Signature:

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Ferryhill Celtic slump to defeat Walking football in rare league match

Ferryhill Celtic travelled to Hetton to play their first league game for months and it turned out to be one of the worst performances for many a season.

The below par Celtic, perhaps sapped of adrenaline after two high profile cup ties, disappointed the large travelling support that had turned up in freezing conditions.

The side never got going for most of the match and were a goal down after just 10 mins when very poor marking resulted in Hetton

having a free header from a corner kick which looped into the net.

Another factor in the performance was that Celtic were missing three or four players on the day.

The resulting lack of cohesion didn't prevent Celtic from controlling the bulk of the play and they managed to create half a dozen excellent chances to equalise, but the home side held out until the break and it was Hetton who managed to increase their lead with a second goal just after the

hour mark.

Celtic continued to control possession without causing the Hetton side any great concern until Celtic man-of-the-match, Jay White gave them hope when he reduced the deficit with just 10 mins remaining. But in the end the Celtic performance on the day was not enough to justify escaping with a result.

Celtic's next match is also away from home with the team and supporters meeting outside of Llewellyns on Sunday at 9am.



Walking football sessions will take place at the Ferryhill Hub from Thursday 5th March between 2-3pm.

Walking Football, a slow-paced version of the beautiful game aimed at the over 55s, has arrived in Ferryhill. Sessions of the popular new version of the game will be held in the Ferryhill Hub on Thursday afternoons between 2-3pm, starting 5th March.

Walking Football is designed to help people keep an active lifestyle despite their age, as well

as getting those back playing football who had to stop due to injuries.

As the name suggests, Walking Football is non-contact and anyone that sprints, runs or jogs while the ball is in play will be penalised with a free-kick awarded to the other team. For more information call Terry on 01740 238635 or the Ferryhill Hub on 01740 654123.

Mixed results for Ferryhill's indoor bowlers

The Ferryhill bowlers were in action last week in the County Vets Inter Club League with a home game against Durham IBC, and were looking for a reversal of the away tie when they were soundly beaten 0-5. Durham sent a very strong side but Ferryhill were in a determined mood and pulled off a deserved 4-1

victory.

It was very nearly a 5-0 as their losing rink only lost out by one shot.

Keith Seymour's rink scored an emphatic 13 shot win over their opponents who managed to score on only three ends.

Walter Latimer skipped his rink to an eleven shot winning margin and was

helped on the way by two scoring ends of five and six. Bob Jefferson's rink looked to be out of it at the twelfth end losing by nine shots.

However, a late surge produced eight shots from the last four ends for the home side who eventually lost out by just one shot.

Overall it was a great performance from Ferryhill. Final scores: R Jefferson 13-14 A Musgrave; W Latimer 21-10 B Richardson and K Seymour 18-5 J Layfield.

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