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Residents' group donates remaining funds to charities



The demise of Sedgfield Residents' Federation has led to a windfall for Great North Air Ambulance Service and Northumbria Blood Bikes.

A disbanded residents' bank account to support group has donated the remaining £1,500 in its local charities.

Sedgfield Residents' Federation folded last year due to falling membership, but it was determined to do one last good deed before calling it a day. The group decided to donate its remaining reserves to charity and, after holding a vote, decided to split the money between the Great North Air Ambulance Service and Northumbria Blood Bikes. On Monday, April 20th, members handed over a cheque for £1,000 to the Air Ambulance and just over £500 to the Blood Bikes, a charity which delivers urgent blood and medical supplies out of hours between the region's hospitals. Christine Hall, former chairman and secretary, said: "The air ambulance does such amazing work and we wanted to give something back. "We had also heard about the work of the blood bikes and were keen to support them too."

Ferryhill councillor to attend Garden Party

Long serving Ferryhill town councillor and blind Army veteran, Councillor Brian Gibson, will meet the Queen when he attends the royal garden party at Buckingham Palace with his wife Pauline on Thursday 4th June. The councillor is a member of the Blind Veterans UK group and is a former lance corporal who joined the military at the age of 19, spending six years in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), four of them based in Germany. Cllr Gibson, who is blind in one eye and only partially sighted in the other, began to have problems with his eyesight shortly after leaving the military. He was elected to the town

council in 2007. He said: "I'm looking forward to the garden party. I never expected to be invited to it and it was a pleasant surprise to be asked. "I enjoyed my time in the Army and we received the invitation through the Blind Veterans group." This year marks the centenary of Blind Veterans UK and the garden party is one of the events being held to commemorate the anniversary. David Bassom, of Blind Veterans UK, said: "We are very proud of our 100 years of service. "The Buckingham Palace Garden Party is a wonderful way for the blind and vision-impaired veterans we support to celebrate this."



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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

Lyn Roberts

Five years since
you went away,
Love and miss you
every day



Love Dorothy, Ronnie
& family
xxx



Bob Holmes

May 1st 2014

Beautiful memories
treasured forever,
Of the love and happiness
we shared together



Always in our thoughts,
Loving Wife Anne & family
xxx

Bob Holmes

Dad

In our hearts every day,
Miss you



Love Thersese
Graham

Bob Holmes

Grandad

Here today, gone tomorrow
Being loved and loved,
Wish you were still here
Grandad, you were the best
by far



Lots of love,
Jack
xx

Bob Holmes

(Dyker)
01-05-14

In laughter and in sorrow
In sunshine and in rain,
I know you're watching
over us
Until we meet again



Love from Christine
& Craig
xxx



In Memoriam

Bob Holmes

Dad

Always on our mind
Forever in our hearts



Love John & Stacey

Bob Holmes

Treasured memories of a
good friend and work mate



Miss you Bob,
From Pam, John & family



Linden Roberts

30.04.2010

Its 5 years since you left us
but it still hurts like it was
yesterday.

Hope you are behaving up
there Mam!
We miss you every day
but get comfort from your
Robin that comes to visit.



Love always,
Karen, Barbara, Jonathan,
Andrew, Paige, India,
Shannon, Piper
& Brooklyn
xxxx
Gone but not forgotten

Birthdays

Lewis Myers

1st May 1997



Happy 18th Birthday Son

18!

Lots of love,
Mam & Josh
xxxx

Birthdays

Lewis Myers

1st May



To a special Grandson on
your 18th Birthday



With love from
Grandma & Granda
xxxx

Lewis Myers

1st May



To a special Nephew
Happy 18th Birthday



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Paul & Kai
xxxx



Michael Whittaker

2nd May

Happy 21st Birthday
Michael



Lots of love,
Mam, Dad & Ben
xxxx

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Birthdays

Michael Whittaker

2nd May

Happy 21st Birthday
Michael



Lots of love,
Gran & Granda
xxxx

Michael Whittaker

2nd May

Happy 21st Birthday Mike



Lots of love,
Nana & Granda

Birthdays

Frances Golightly

Sunday 3rd May



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Middleham, Ferryhill Station and Rushyford.

Public invited to attend Ferryhill Annual Town Meeting

Ferryhill Town Council is inviting the public to this year's Annual Town Meeting, which will be taking place from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, 14th May at St Luke's Parish Centre. A spokesperson said: "The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for local groups to share their plans for the forthcoming year whilst also reflecting on their recent successes."

"The meeting will help to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between the town's various stakeholders and will encourage partnership working between everyone." Representatives from the following local organisations will be giving presentations: Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College, the Police, AAP, LADDER Centre, E Cafe and Ferryhill Town Council.

Prior to the meeting commencing the Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Craythorne, will be presenting the Mayor's Charity Cheques to her chosen charities and Civic Awards to residents of Ferryhill. Following the meeting tea and biscuits will be served. At this point a further opportunity will be provided for people to exchange information on an informal basis.

Ferryhill Six plant sale

The Ferryhill Six are holding a Charity Plant Sale on Saturday 2nd May raising funds for Enter CIC. The sale will start at 10am at the entrance to Cleves Court Estate in Ferryhill. There will be a variety of

summer bedding plants and assorted perennials. A spokesperson for the group said: "There are lots of bargains for sale and we look forward to meeting new and regular customers at the event."

Town band concert

St Bartholomew's Church, Sunderland Bridge, Croxdale will be hosting a concert on Sunday 10th May at 5pm by the award-winning Ferryhill Town

Band. A spokesperson said: "Tickets are available on the door for £5 or by calling 01740 654204 or 07974 967285."

Classic Car and Bike meeting

A Classic Car and Bike meeting has been arranged to take place at Chilton on Friday evening, 22nd May,

from 5.30pm. The event will take place on the old A167 road outside the cemetery. Hot and cold food catering will be available throughout the event. Anyone interested in participating, or looking for more information, should contact Geoff on 07963 408447 or 01388 720362.

Classified deadline - Bank Holiday

Please note that classified adverts for our next issue (issue 725, dated 8th May) must be submitted to the libraries at Ferryhill and Chilton by 11.30am on Saturday 2nd May. Emails can be accepted up to 10am on Monday 4th May.

Whist and dominoes

There will be a Rainbow Whist and Domino Drive on Saturday May 2nd at 2pm in the Community Centre at Kirk Merrington. Admission is £2 which includes refreshments. Everybody is welcome.

Bon Marche show

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a Bon Marche Fashion Show on Tuesday May 5th at 7.00pm. "Come along and see the new fashion range modelled by our very own models," said a spokesperson, adding that all are welcome and entry is free.

Rearranged time for food bank

Due to the general election taking place on Thursday 7th May, and St Luke's Centre being used for the same, this week the food bank will instead open on Tuesday 5th May from 10.30am to 12 noon.

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PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Bishop Middleham & Cornforth Ward

Thursday 7th May, 2pm, Cross Keys, Bishop Middleham

Previous issues - Evidence of Poaching taking place at the Nature Reserve at Bishop Middleham. Youths gathering at Elvet Close & Maughan Close, throwing items and causing a nuisance to elderly residents. Contacts: PC Barclay, PCSO Hobson on 101.

Broom & Ferryhill Station Ward

Wednesday 6th May, 6pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Some residents on Bertha Street acting in an anti-social manner. They are acting in a rowdy manner and being noisy. Contacts: PC Beacom, PCSO Tate on 101.

Chilton Ward

Thursday 21st May, 7pm, Chilton & Windlestone WMC

For any information about the next meeting, or priorities you wish to discuss, contact PC Robins on non-emergency number, 101.

Ferryhill Town & Dean Bank Ward

Wednesday 6th May, 6pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - No priorities. Contacts: PC Metcalfe, PCSO Tyler-Kilburn on 101.

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Tenlands Celebrates the Queen's 89th Birthday



A cardboard Queen joined in the birthday celebrations at Tenlands Care Home.

On Tuesday 21st April, Tenlands Care Home threw a party to celebrate the Queen's birthday. A spokesperson for the home said: "The lovely Siobhan Viggors entertained us with her beautiful voice, which had our residents joining in singing and dancing in their seats. "Tenlands entrance hall was decorated with Union Jacks and a full cardboard cut-out of Her Majesty. "Our kitchen staff, Nicola Howarth and Emma Greener, laid on a delightful high tea including fresh cream scones. "A wonderful afternoon was had by all."



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Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Avery and Margaret Crabtree who came to my rescue when I fell in Darlington Road on Friday 17th April. They were very kind and took me to the surgery where I was seen by Emma, the nurse and Dr. Stevenson who attended to my wounds. I am pleased to say that I am on the road to recovery but appreciate very much the help that I received from all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Les Cross.

Address withheld on request.

VE Day commemorations

Ferryhill Town Council is inviting the public to the 70th Anniversary commemorations of VE Day, which will be held in the Town Hall gardens on Friday 8th May from 9.15pm.

Gas beacons will be lit throughout the country at 9.30pm to mark the occasion with the pro-

gramme of events for Ferryhill as follows:

9.15pm - Performance by the town band.

9.20pm - Short service by the Vicar of St Luke's, Reverend Keith Lumsdon.

9.25pm - A fanfare to announce the start of the Lighting Ceremony.

9.28pm - Tribute read by Councillor Brian Gibson.

9.30pm - Bugle call 'General Salute' followed by the lighting of the beacon by the Town Mayor, Councillor Pauline Crathorne.

9.35pm - Closing of Event by the Reverend Keith Lumsdon.

The beacon will stay lit for approximately one hour until 10.30pm.

County Council press ahead with lighting decision despite pleas



Durham County Council are proposing to remove lighting from the A167, which residents claim will endanger lives.

Ferryhill and Chilton campaigners have been left disappointed after Durham County Council confirmed that it is to press ahead with plans to remove street lights from stretches of the A167, despite concerns about safety expressed by residents.

The council has been consulting over proposals to cut carbon emissions and save money by removing lighting on the A167 from the Cock of the North roundabout to Newton Aycliffe.

Residents from Ferryhill

and Chilton communities have raised strong objections to the scheme, claiming that the loss of lighting will endanger the lives of children walking to school and to and from Chilton Skate Park on dark evenings.

However, an independent risk assessment has concluded that the removal of the lights would not impact on public safety.

Last week, local councillors received an email stating the council plans to go ahead with the scheme in their area.

A total of 85 street lights will be removed between the Thinford and Rushyford roundabouts.

John Reed, the council's head of technical services, said: "We have completed a thorough consultation with residents, businesses and other stakeholders in the area regarding these proposals and the feedback received has been taken into careful consideration.

"We have confirmed that we are only removing streets lights that are not required by British Standards and where it is safe to do so following a thorough risk assessment.

"We are not removing any street lights in residential areas, roundabouts, major junctions or where there are proven road safety and crime issues."

The council has already confirmed it will remove lights between Rushyford and Aycliffe Business Park. However, those between Aycliffe Young People's Centre and the Gretna Green Hotel will remain in place until investigations into a recent accident conclude.

Election 2015

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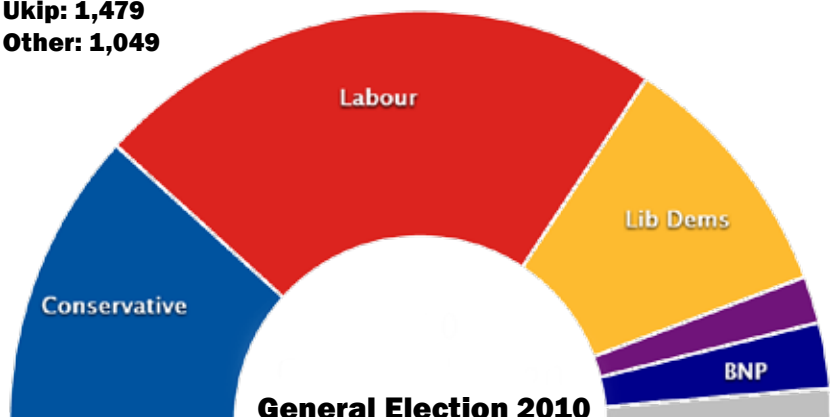


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Last time

Labour: 18,141
Conservative: 9,445
Lib Dem: 8,033
BNP: 2,075
Ukip: 1,479
Other: 1,049

Maj: 8,696 (21.6%)
Turnout: 62.14%



Polling stations

Polling stations are open between the hours of 7am and 10pm

Ferryhill Catholic Club, Dean Road, Ferryhill
St Lukes Parish Centre, Church Lane, Ferryhill
Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute, St Cuthberts Terrace, Ferryhill
Ferryhill Community Hub, Lambton Road, Ferryhill
Bishop Middleham Village Hall, Front Street, Bishop Middleham
Chilton Catholic Club, Sacred Heart Community Centre, Brooklyn Road, Chilton
Hutton House, Durham Road, Chilton
Royal British Legion Club, Back Linden Terrace, Ferryhill Station
Mainsforth Community Association, High Street, Ferryhill Station
Eden Arms Hotel, Rushyford

Constituency demographics

Born in the UK
97.4%
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(26 out of 632)

Unemployment
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Conclusion
Setting myself from the crowd -
Seclusion.....

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Nor for you to burdon me
boundaries 'round my garden
Barbed wire decorates my tree.

The isolation intentional
Parameters set in stone
Messages unequivocal
"I wish to be alone".

Inflexible contrivance
Lines drawn in the sand
Move me to the point of tears
Reject the offer of your hand.

Justification for the strategy
If one accepts the flaws
Don't bore me with your anecdotes
They've all been heard before.

livin shortlisted in Responsible Business Awards

Homes and communities business, livin, has been shortlisted in the 2015 Responsible Business Awards, run by Business in the Community.

The Responsible Business Awards is the most prestigious and respected awards championing responsible business in the UK and abroad.

It celebrates inspirational companies that are taking action to address social and environmental issues and transform their communities.

The Responsible Business Awards celebrate the variety of ways that businesses are making a difference - from investing in the wellbeing of employees, to helping young people develop skills, or supporting small businesses to grow. 145 companies have been shortlisted in total across the UK, across the 13 award categories.

livin was recognised for its

employability and training programme, *livin Futures* in the Jaguar Land Rover Inspiring Young Talent Award. Commenting, Alan Boddy, executive director, people and communities for livin, said: "We are really proud of the positive impact the livin Futures programme has achieved so far by inspiring and helping young people to gain skills and jobs."

"We're continuously adding to the programme and being shortlisted for this prestigious award is recognition that we have a high quality, high impact offer on which to build."

Stephen Howard, Chief Executive, Business in the Community said, "We congratulate livin for playing its part in creating a fairer society and more sustainable future."

"The shortlisted businesses publically demonstrate that business has a greater purpose than simply gener-

ating profit and are a great example to others."

All shortlisted companies will be celebrated through a series of Responsible Business Gala events taking place across the UK in June.

Of the shortlisted companies, a number will be chosen as Award Finalists to present their programme to a select group of senior business professionals in May for the chance to be crowned as overall winner in each category.

The award finalists will be announced on 2nd June.

Overall winners will be announced in London at Business in the Community's Annual Responsible Business Gala Dinner, in partnership with 2014 Responsible Business of the Year National Grid, on 7th July.

For further information about the 2015 shortlisted stories, visit www.bitc.org.uk/awards.

No change to bank holiday bin collections

Residents in Ferryhill and Chilton are reminded that there are no changes to bin collections during the May bank holiday weeks.

All bin collections in the county will remain as usual during the weeks of Monday 4th and Monday 25th May.

Householders are asked to put their bins out near the

kerbside by 7am on their usual day.

This applies to refuse and recycling bins and also to garden waste collections for those who have subscribed to this service.

Residents can find out their collection details by entering their house number and postcode into 'My Durham' at www.durham.gov.uk or by calling 03000 261 000.

For advice on recycling or to find out what items go in which bin visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere and to subscribe to garden waste collections visit www.durham.gov.uk/garden-waste or call 03000 261 000.

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Breastfeeding Café at Ferryhill Health Centre

Mums who are breastfeeding, or pregnant and thinking about breastfeeding, are invited to go along to Ferryhill Health Centre and meet other like-minded local mums at the centre's

regular breastfeeding café. The meetings take place at the health centre, which is next to the Town Hall, each Thursday from 10am to 11.30am.

A spokesperson said:

"Professional advice and support is always available if you need it."

More information about the benefits of breastfeeding are available online at www.breastmilk.co.uk.

Stray dogs give 'paws up' to charity annual dog show

Stray Aid, who are dedicated to the welfare of stray and abandoned dogs throughout County Durham, are holding their Annual Dog Show and Gala Day at Hardwick Park on Sunday 24th May from 10am.

A spokesperson said: "The show and gala day will be a fun packed day for all the family, including refreshments, various stalls and a variety of different classes for you all to enter your fabulous dogs in."

"There will also be an

amazing demonstration from 'Paws Up', the retired police dogs team.

"Come along," added the spokesperson, "and help support Stray Aid to continue to care for and save the lives of stray or abandoned dogs."

New careers advice service for Chilton residents

Chilton has been identified as an area in need of a service to help residents with career advice.

A town council spokesperson said: "After discussions between The National Careers Service, living and Chilton Town Council, we are happy to advise that weekly sessions for residents

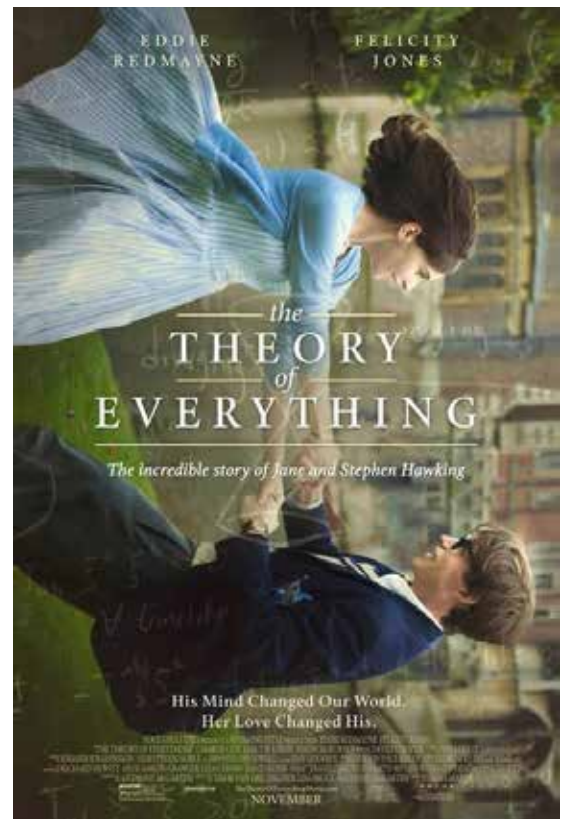
will be held in the council offices, starting Thursday 7th May.

"The sessions will be run by the National Careers Service and interested parties will be able to get help with: understanding the job market, different careers, developing CV and interview skills, finding

training courses and details to support your learning.

Appointments are available each Thursday at 1.15pm, 2.15pm, 3.15pm or 4.15pm. Anyone interested in booking an appointment should call Carly Merryweather on 07469 147584 or Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.

Film night at Chilton College



Chilton Community College will be holding a film night on Friday 15th May from 6pm. The chosen film is *The Theory of Everything*, the story of Stephen Hawking and his wife Jane, his diagnosis of Motor Neuron

disease and his success in physics. Tickets, which cost just £3, can be purchased by calling the college on 01388 720255 or 720911. Refreshments will be served.

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Frustrating day for Mainsforth Cricket Club

Following a week of superb weather, the first day of the 2015 cricket season was almost a complete washout.

No play was possible in the 2nd XI home game against Crook Town as it rained non stop for most of the afternoon.

The 1st XI travelled to Crook and after the start was delayed by two hours, Crook batted first and were bowled out for 96 runs in the last of their reduced 37 overs.

Of the Mainsforth bowlers, Martin Lower was the leading wicket taker with figures of 5 for 32.

He was well supported by Gary Cummings (3 for 9) and new signing Jon Barnes bowled 9 overs, of which 7 were maidens and a total of four runs were scored in his other two overs.

The Mainsforth reply looked a little nervous and what looked like an easy target soon became a struggle to rescue something from the game.

The last two Mainsforth batsmen at the crease were juniors, Curtis Bihari and Jon Colledge, who both batted superbly to hold on during what was a tense final three overs.

The innings closed on 86 for 9, but as Mainsforth had only 32 overs to bat, their superior run rate gave them 12 league points compared to Crook's 7 points.

On Saturday (2nd May) the first XI are at home against Hylton, the match starting at 1.30pm.

Showcase your sports club by sending your sports stories to **The Chapter**

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CAB opening hours

Citizens Advice Bureau June; 3rd July; 17th July; sessions will take place at 31st July. Ferryhill Town Hall from 10am to 1pm on each of the following Fridays: For more information, or to book an appointment, call the Bureau's Adviceline on 03444 111 444, Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm.

Registration for Bark in the Park now open

Butterwick Hospice Care are inviting supporters old and new to take along their four legged friends and put their best paw forward for charity.

A pleasant, fun-filled route has been devised, set in the idyllic surroundings of Hardwick Country Park in Sedgfield, for dogs and their owners to take part in a 'Bark in the Park' event. The event will take place on Sunday 14th June commencing at 11am, and will cover a 3km route.

Activities, advice and stalls guaranteed to get tails wagging will run from 10am, when registration opens and owners can collect their "woofie goodie bag". Entrants who pledge to have their dog sponsored for £50 plus will receive a special 'Bark in the Park' V.I.P. canvas bag of goodies. Upon completion each dog will receive their own "dog tag" which can be attached to their

collar as a lasting memento of this great event.

There will be show case activities and tricks from the County Durham based dog training company "Have a Good Dog" who will be able to advise on effective training methods, behaviour consultations as well as fun and agility displays. Other exhibitors include dog grooming, food balance and nutrition, specialist portrait dog photography, veterinary advice, and much more.

Entry is just £5 per dog and Butterwick Hospice request that entrants try to raise essential funds by raising sponsorship via family, friends and colleagues by giving your pooch a pound to complete the route and the opportunity to set up a "just giving" page.

If you have any special stories about your treasured pet then include the

details on your page along with a photograph.

"This is a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy the sights and sounds of your local lake and park with your canine companion, said a spokesperson. "There are picnic areas available as well as on site café facilities to enjoy once you have completed the event.

"Entrants must register in advance. To sign up, complete the online registration form at www.butterwick.org.uk/barkinthepark.

"Alternatively you can ring Butterwick Hospice on 01388 603003 or e-mail lynnalbury@butterwick.org.uk."

Stories with Strings Attached

Ferryhill Library is hosting a Fool's Gold presentation called 'Stories with Strings Attached' - a performance of acoustic folk music and

stories. The show will take place on Thursday, 30th April from 10.30am. Admission to the event is free.



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