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Outgoing Ferryhill Mayor makes final presentations



Outgoing Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, presents Ferryhill Girl Guides with a cheque for £1,805. Ferryhill Town Youth received a similar amount.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, made her final presentation on Thursday 14th May 2015.

When Cllr Crathorne began her year in office as Mayor, she chose to raise money for Ferryhill Town Youth FC and Ferryhill Girl Guides.

Fundraising events have been held throughout the year. These included charity nights, a carol service and a charity dinner.

A presentation took place at the Annual Town Meeting where the Mayor handed over cheques to Mr Dave Foster of Ferryhill Town Youth FC and Mrs Fisher of Ferryhill Girl Guides.

Both charities were able to pick up a cheque for £1,805 each.

Speaking after the presentation Cllr Crathorne said: "I have had an extremely busy year but I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting new people and representing Ferryhill as mayor.

"When I first became mayor it was my aim to do something for the youth of our town.

"I am so pleased I have been able to do this by donating such a fantastic amount to two very worthy causes which will help so many young people.

"I would like to thank the people of Ferryhill who

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Ferryhill History Society talk

The next meeting of The Ferryhill History Society will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th May at the Eldon Arms, Ferryhill Station.

The speaker will be Chris Lloyd, editor of *Echo Memories* in the Northern Echo, always a popular speaker.

His topic will be "P&B: The Wonder Factory" in which

he will explain the arrival of Paton and Baldwin to Darlington and how the company expanded in the town to create the largest wool factory in the world. In the 1950s it needed to bus workers in from across County Durham to meet the worldwide demand for its products, using film stars to promote its fashion designs. All are welcome.

Tenlands residents to host market stall

On Friday 29th May Tenlands Care Home residents and their families will be holding a market stall in Ferryhill Village Market from 9am.

They will be selling good quality second hand clothes, some new clothes and a variety of household items.

A spokesperson said:

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Lauren joins constabulary's safer neighbourhoods unit



Lauren Wray is set to become a familiar face around Ferryhill and Chilton as she joins Durham Constabulary's safer neighbourhoods unit.

A new recruit to the policing team in south Durham plans to bring fresh ideas to make the communities she will be serving even safer. Lauren Wray, 22, from Peterlee, has recently been recruited to the safer neighbourhoods unit for Chilton, Newton Aycliffe,

Sedgefield, Shildon, Spennymoor and Ferryhill. Lauren said: "I joined Durham Constabulary as part of the business administration apprenticeship scheme six months ago. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time with the organisation and when the opportunity to apply for the position within the safer neighbourhood unit came up I jumped at it. "My previous jobs have been public facing, working in customer service and sales, and I'm looking forward to putting the skills I developed in those roles into practice again as I get out and about to meet members of the community and offer advice on how they can stay safe."

Sergeant Jayne Burdett-Hoseason said: "I am delighted to welcome Lauren to our team. She is perfectly equipped to handle the challenges that her new role will bring. "Lauren will be focusing on our existing strong Neighbourhood Watch schemes throughout these areas and assisting residents in starting up new schemes. "She will be working closely with the neighbourhood policing teams through community events and Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings, and is already making her introductions with existing Neighbourhood Watch coordinators in her area. "Lauren will bring fresh eyes and ideas to community safety. "She has already started getting out and meeting people in the locations she will serve and I look forward to seeing the positive impact her hard work will no doubt deliver."

Children and the staff will take part walking around Ferryhill. "The children and staff all have sponsor forms and any of them can be sponsored."

Race for Life walk by Cleves Cross School

Cleves Cross Primary School will be the venue for a 'Simply Scrumptious' seaside themed fundraising Family Coffee Morning on Saturday 13 June from 10am-1pm. The event will include an ice cream parlour, sandcastle

building, paddling pools, games, raffles, and bric-a-brac stalls. Anyone wishing to hire a table to sell unwanted household items should contact the school or college on 01388 720911 or 720255. Tables are £5 each.

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Mayor presentation

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have supported me over the last year, either by coming along to events or by donating prizes. Without this support it would never have been possible to raise this amount for my charities."

Meanwhile, the new mayor of Chilton has been elected to office. Councillor Elizabeth Bruce will once again take the post for the forthcoming civic year.

The Mayor will be accompanied by her Consort, Councillor Alan Bruce. The deputy Mayor is Councillor Chris Harris. A number of fundraising dates have already been added to the new mayor's calendar. Saturday 25th July is the date set for the Fun Day. Monday 7th December will be the Civic Carol Service and Friday, 18th March 2016 will be the date of the Mayor's annual Civic Dinner. Invitations and further details will be sent out prior to each event.

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Chilton Residents Association meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents Association will be held on Tuesday 26th May at 7pm in The Wheat-sheaf, Chilton.

A spokesperson said: "Everyone is welcome. Please come along and help make Chilton a better place to live."

Pats Puppets at Ferryhill Library

Ferryhill Town Council has arranged for Pats Puppets to visit Ferryhill Library on Thursday 28th May from 2-3pm.

"The session is suitable for children aged from 3 years to 11 years and is free of charge," said a spokesperson.

A free leaflet advertising the complete programme of events for the 2015 school holidays, organised by Ferryhill Town Council in partnership with Ferryhill Branch Library, is available from Ferryhill Library and Ferryhill Town Hall.



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Ferryhill Annual Town Meeting and awards presentation



Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College Head Teacher, Kevin Brennan delivers a presentation at the annual Ferryhill Town Meeting, held last Thursday, 14th May.

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The Annual Ferryhill Town Meeting was held at St Luke's Parish Rooms on Thursday 14th May with over 50 people attending the event.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for the residents of Ferryhill to discover what is happening in their local community as well as being an opportunity to have any questions that they may have answered.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Pauline Crathorne officially opened the meeting and one of the first orders of business was the presentation of the mayor's charity cheques, which were presented to the Ferryhill Town Youth Football and Ferryhill Girl Guides.

Civic Awards for Community Initiative were then presented to Miss Joanne Cant and Miss Katherine Wright. Mrs Joyce Nunn received

the Good Neighbour Award and Mr Laurence O'Brien received the award for Care in the Community.

After the awards, presentations were made by Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College, the police, town clerk, AAP and the E-Café. The Mayor closed the meeting by thanking each of the groups for their excellent presentations and the public for their attendance.

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 week. All bin collections in the county will remain as usual during the week commencing 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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Private landlords are being encouraged to sign up to a new accreditation scheme which offers them advice and support as well as peace of mind for tenants. Having proved successful during a six month pilot in the Stanley area, Durham County Council's voluntary Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme is now being rolled out across County Durham.

The scheme requires landlords to meet a code of practice, meaning tenants, or those looking to rent, know their landlord offers good quality and well managed accommodation. Landlords who sign up to the scheme will get guidance on best practice as well as access to a tenant referencing service and assistance in cases of anti-social behaviour, among many other benefits. Those that meet the code of practice will also be

added to the council's Durham Key Options website, the main gateway for people seeking social housing, and be made aware of tenants looking for rental properties in the county.

Cllr Eddie Tomlinson, Cabinet member for housing, said: "The Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme is a win-win situation for the rental market in County Durham.

"It provides help and support to landlords and

also reassures tenants and those looking for somewhere to rent that the accommodation is well managed and of a good standard."

Landlords who are interested in the scheme can find out more and download an application pack at www.durham.gov.uk/landlordaccreditation.

Tenants and prospective tenants can find out more about the scheme by contacting privatesectorhousing@durham.gov.uk.



Plea to save Bowling Club

Shildon Indoor Bowling Club, which is situated in the Sunnydale Leisure Centre in Shildon, but which has over one hundred members from across the area, including Ferryhill and Chilton, is urgently seeking a club chairman and a club secretary for the 2015/16 season.

Both positions are voluntary but come with a small honorarium.

The club is in danger of folding if the new secretary and chairman are not in place by Tuesday 30th June. Anyone able to help should contact the current club secretary, Tommy Turnbull on 01388 661023.

Police ask for help to trace would-be thieves

At approximately 11pm on Thursday 7th May, attempts were made to break into Duncombe Stores in Duncombe Terrace, Ferryhill.

A police spokesperson described the incident while asking the public and local businesses for assistance in tracing the would-be burglars: "Persons unknown are believed to have been

on the roof of the shop when they were disturbed by the security alarm going off.

"Were you in the area at that time? Did you see anything? Do you live locally and have CCTV that might assist us with our enquiries? "If so, please can you contact us on 101 and quote crime reference number SL1500667."

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Flytippers beware: new cameras proving successful



Ian Hoult (left), Cllr Brian Stephens, Oliver Sherratt, head of direct services and Dave Riseley, neighbourhood protection enforcement manager, with the new CCTV cameras.

Seventeen suspected fly-tipping cases are being investigated after 24 extra CCTV cameras were set up throughout County Durham. Durham County Council has installed the additional cameras at various hotspots in a bid to deter people from flytipping and to provide crucial evidence when prosecuting those who do.

The authority is now warning would-be waste criminals that if they dump waste there is a bigger chance than ever of them being caught red handed on camera thanks to the extra cameras.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "It is encouraging to see that the additional CCTV cameras are proving effective."

"We hope this sends a strong message to everyone to think twice before dumping rubbish as you never know where our cameras are and who might be watching."

In the south of the county three suspected flytipping incidents recorded on camera have been

progressed for prosecution with two other cases under investigation.

In the north of the county six incidents have been progressed for prosecution and five are under investigation. In addition, the council's neighbourhood wardens, who investigate flytipping, have completed specialist enhanced training.

The training involved gathering and logging evidence from the scene, establishing lines of enquiry and interviewing witnesses, conducting Police and Criminal Evidence (PACE) interviews and improving statement writing and preparing files for court.

As well as the specialist training and extra cameras, neighbourhood wardens and police carry out regular stop and check exercises to make sure waste carriers are licensed and have the correct paperwork for the waste they are carrying. Eight waste carriers have been stopped in May - three did not have the correct paperwork and were issued with a notice requiring them to provide this paperwork.

One waste carrier was handed an £80 fixed penalty notice for throwing the notice away and littering.

Ian Hoult, neighbourhood protection manager, said: "The new cameras and specialist training for staff are yet more examples of our commitment to deterring the minority who dump waste illegally and spoil our environment."

"Since the launch of Operation Stop It in November last year we have already reported a decrease in flytipping incidents but we will keep working hard to stop these crimes in our county."

"While education is our priority we do also prosecute offenders as a last resort so we would urge all residents and businesses to dispose of their waste properly and legally."

Flytipping can be reported online at www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping or by calling 03000 261000.

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Vince's poetry raises funds for Darlington Memorial Hospital



Vince Elsbury, whose poems have been a regular feature in *The Chapter* over the years, hands over a cheque for £1,900 to Darlington Memorial Hospital.

Chilton-born poet, Vince Elsbury, handed a cheque for £1,900 to the Intensive Care Unit at Darlington Memorial Hospital recently. The money raised was the proceeds from his sold out book of poems, *A Poet among the Pitmen*, an anthology of poems which takes as its theme the

memories of Vince as a child growing up in Chilton in the 1950s, Vince having been born in 1944. As reported in *The Chapter* last November (issue 706), Darlington Building Society bought the final remaining 30 copies of the book, allowing Vince to reach his grand total of £1,900 raised

for the hospital.

Vince handed the cheque over to nurses and doctors at the unit on Tuesday 5th May and said: "I would like to thank all of my sponsors for their support, in particular Hydram Engineering, Sheltee Industrial Maintenance and the Wheatsheaf, Chilton."

Intergeneration invitation

Chilton Primary School is inviting residents aged 60 and over to a free inter-generation event on Friday 19th June, from 1pm to 3pm.

Activities include taking part in a global learning game with livin, playing the Who Wants to be a

Millionaire Quiz game with representatives from the police and joining Jan from Season to Taste who will be cooking multicultural cuisine.

Places are limited to 20 residents. To book, telephone the school on 01388 720255.

Dean Bank courses

The Dean Bank Institute is hosting a number of training courses in June. There will be a Food Hygiene course on Friday 12th June from 9am to 4pm and a First Aid Course on

Friday 26th June, 9am to 4pm.

For further details or to book a place on a course, call 01740 657221 or send an email to: dbfinstitute@googlemail.com.

Invite to Chilton Town Council AGM

Chilton residents are invited to attend the Town Council AGM on Tuesday 26th May to discuss any issues they would like to raise. The AGM will take

place at Chilton & Windlestone Workingmen's Club, commencing at 7pm.

For further information call in to Chilton Town Council or telephone 01388 721788.

Now Open at Bamboozles

Opened in Easter 2015, Bamboozles Adventure World is now offering hours of indoor AND outdoor fun for families.

Charlie's Barnyard is the newest addition to Bamboozles and has a variety of animals to entertain and intrigue youngsters: cute micro pigs, donkeys, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs and the ever popular meerkats are sure to be a hit with your children!

Once you have fed the animals, there is also a crazy golf course, a maze and a giant sandpit to enjoy! And, if the weather is good, you can sit outside on our picnic benches and enjoy one of our 'Charlie's Choc Milkshakes'!!

If the weather calls for indoor play, then simply step inside for trampolines, Go Karts, climbing wall, an indoor sports court and obstacle inflatable play, as well as our three separate play frames for babies, toddlers and juniors!

For the grown ups... sit back and relax in our café and take advantage of our FREE Wi-Fi.

Plus entry to the Barnyard is included in our normal entry and birthday party prices!

Our animals are looking forward to meeting you in Charlie's Barnyard at Bamboozles Adventure world soon!

FBEC Year 8 girls win cricket final



Nikki l'Anson, Mica Crathorne, Emily Hughes, Charlotte Willetts, Courtney Wilson, Caitlyn Fellows, Olivia Gough and Nikita Wilkinson.

PE and Learning Coordinator for Year 8 at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, Mr Elliott, congratulated the school's year 8 girls for winning the Sedgefield Sports Partnership Cricket Competition. They faced stiff competition in the final from a strong Greenfield team

but won with a score of 49 compared to Greenfield's 26. The students involved, pictured above, were Nikki l'Anson, Mica Crathorne, Emily Hughes, Charlotte Willetts, Courtney Wilson, Caitlyn Fellows, Olivia Gough and Nikita Wilkinson.

Ferryhill Town Youth excel again

For the second weekend in a row, Ferryhill Town Youth Under 10s participated in a football tournament, this time in Ferryhill on Sunday 10th May, competing against teams from across the county. Once again, all of the players showed an outstanding display both on and off the pitch, playing some excellent games of

football and once again, reaching the tournament final and eventually coming runners up following a penalty shoot-out. Coach Graham Eltringham, along with all of the parents, took time to congratulate the players for achieving two runners up cups in as many weeks for Ferryhill Town Youth Football Club.

Mainsforth CC looking for players

Mainsforth Cricket Club is looking for players from Year 7 and Year 8 to play in its under 13 side. Coaching sessions are held at the cricket ground every

Friday from 4.30pm until 6pm. Anyone interested can go along on Friday evening or contact Tom Stoddart on 07850 187698.

Nathan achieves black belt



Ray Sawyer, left, with pupil, Nathan Garnett, the first of Ray's Chi Ferryhill Taekwondo Academy pupils to achieve a black belt.

Ray Sawyer is the head coach and owner of Warrior Box, Chi Ferryhill Taekwondo Academy based above Poundland in Ferryhill Village.

Ray founded the club in December 2012 as a means to teach classes every night of the week.

One of the first ever students, Nathan Garnett, has rapidly progressed through belt promotions with Double Promotions, Best of grade trophy accolades, Student of the Year

and various other accomplishments.

Recently, Nathan and Ray travelled to Mansfield, Nottingham to take part in the 101st Black Belt Dan Promotion Test.

Nathan successfully achieved his black belt, becoming the club's first student black belt.

Ray also walked away successful, being promoted to 3rd Dan Black Belt, just one grade short of 'Master' status which he now has to wait three years before he

can apply for.

The club operates every night of the week for ages 5+ and welcomes any ability.

New starters receive a one-week free trial and a free Taekwondo suit upon joining.

For further information, contact Ray Sawyer on 0191 580 11 77 or email info@warriorbox.co.uk.

The club's prospectus can also be downloaded from their website at www.warriorbox.co.uk.

First win for Mainsforth CC

With the previous three weeks' fixtures being affected by the weather, this was the first Saturday that games went ahead uninterrupted.

The first XI travelled to Horden and, batting first, built up a score of 124 all out. Top scorer was Jon Barnes with 66 not out.

This total never realistically looked enough to get a victory, however the team worked hard and Horden wickets started to fall.

With only 10 minutes remaining, Horden had two wickets in hand and needed 15 runs for victory. At this point the game could have been won by either side, or could have ended in a draw, with none of the spectators able to

forecast what was about to happen.

Jon Barnes, with the first ball of the last of his 12 overs, took a wicket and hopes of a victory were raised. Four balls later, the same bowler had a brilliant caught and bowled to secure an unlikely but thoroughly deserved win.

The club 2nd XI were in action at home and when Horden batted first, the home side bowled them out for 91 runs.

This target was always within reach for the home side, and it was achieved for the loss of one wicket. Brady Smith (38 not out) and John Sweeney (42 not out) saw the side home for a comfortable victory.

Work on the new clubhouse

is now in the final stages, and while there is still a lot of work to be completed, if no problems are encountered the plan is to have the new bar facility open on Friday night, 22nd May, for a 2nd XI League Cup tie against Hylton.

For an update on the clubhouse on Friday check the news section of the club website, or the club's Facebook page.

The following day (Sat 23rd) the 1st XI are at home to Durham City in a Readers Durham Cricket League Division One Fixture.

On Sunday (24th) the Under 11s are at home to Willington, starting at 9.30am, followed on Tuesday by the Under 15s playing at home against Etherley.