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Endeavour launches new woodwork course for over 60s



Endeavour Woodcrafts is now offering woodwork courses for over 60s once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. In the first course, students learned to make a wooden planter.

On one Tuesday afternoon each month, from 1pm-3pm, Endeavour Woodcrafts offers a free two-hour course as part of its latest funded project for over 60s in Ferryhill. The Ferryhill-based Community Interest Company offers a day service to adults in the County Durham area, providing

training in woodwork in a real manufacturing environment.

Individuals are involved in all aspects of the manufacturing and selling process, learning new skills and also developing life and social skills.

As well as offering courses, the service also offers a free pick up and drop off door-to-door service and the course will have a break for light refreshments, which are included. Places, however, are strictly limited and offered on a first come first served basis.

Subjects include: wood-working; card design and making; Christmas wreaths and table centrepieces.

The first course - making a wooden planter - took place on Tuesday 25th August.

The service is looking to fill next month's course, which is design and card making, and which will take place on Tuesday 29th September. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Louise Killip on 01740 657676 for more details.

Still time to apply for community grants

Groups which support employment and education, young people and the elderly have until 11th September to apply for grants of up to £5,000.

The 4 Together Partnership has set aside a pot of £24,000 of its area budget provided by Durham County Council to be used to fund projects within the Ferryhill, Chilton, West Cornforth and Bishop Middleham areas.

Grants are available of between £500 and £5,000 for projects that meet the partnership's priorities for 2015/16, which are:

- Employment, job prospects, education and training;

- Activities for children and young people;
- Older people.

Applications are open until Friday 11th September 2015 and can only be for capital items - anyone who is unsure whether they meet the criteria can contact the team for more information.

The decision on which projects will receive funding will be by a public vote which will take place at the 4 Together Forum event to be held on Saturday, 14th November.

For more information about the 4 Together Partnership call 03000 267 540 or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.



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Lee Richardson

25 August 2004

11 years ago you left us
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day, if only dreams could
come true.



Love you forever,
Mam & Dad
xxxx

Birthdays

Abbie Stephenson

25th August

Happy 21st Birthday

21

Love always,
Nanna
xxx

Birthdays

Kelsey Wise

Happy 18th Birthday Kelsey



Love Aunty Julie,
Raegan & Leon
xx

Birthdays

Lacey-Lou Blatchford

Happy 2nd Birthday darling



Love Nana I

Congratulations

Maddison & Brown

Congratulations Sophie &
Richie on your Engagement



Love Uncle Wayne
& Auntie Lesley
xxx

Birthdays

Darren Brown

3rd September



Happy 50th
to a wonderful Son

50!

Love and best wishes
to you always,
Mam & Dad
xx

Kelsey Wise



Happy 18th Birthday

18!

Love Mam & Dad
xx

Kelsey Wise



Happy 18th Kelsey

18!

Lots of love,
Grandma & Granda
x

Alfie Willetts

6th September

Happy 16th Birthday



Love from Gran
xxx

Missing

Missing Cat



Went missing in Ferryhill on
27.8.2015 from Chestnut
Avenue. May hide in
bushes. She is wearing a
black collar with diamonds
and red name tag on with
contact details. £250
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Congratulations Sophie &
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Mam, Geoff & Kira
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Abbie Stephenson

25.08.94



Happy 21st Birthday



Love always,
Mam, Michael,
Kelsie & Buddy
xxx

Kelsey Wise



Happy 18th Birthday Kelsey

18!

Love Aunty Lou,
Uncle Andy & family
xx

Cyril Davies

7th September



Have a wonderful 90th
Birthday celebration Dad,
from all the family

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Charity to hold fundraising event in Ferryhill Station



North East based charity, Veterans at Ease, is to host a series of fundraising events in Ferryhill Station, beginning with a live music event on 5th September.

North East based charity, Veterans at Ease, is holding a fundraising event to support its work with veterans who are suffering from the symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder following military service. Evidence has shown that the majority of service men and women do not seek help with regard to combat related stress issues until 10-14 years after the event, reports the charity. It goes on to say that; "Considering the United Kingdom's recent military commitments in Iraq, Northern Ireland and Afghanistan - with the numbers at any one time being as high as over 15,000 - the figure for those potentially suffering from their experiences

whilst on active service is substantial," A live music night featuring the talents of Stevie Fothergill will be held on Saturday 5th September at the Royal British Legion on Linden Terrace in Ferryhill Station. Doors will open at 7.30pm with the entertainment starting at 8.15pm. Tickets are available from Clair on 07557 989 416 or from behind the bar. In addition, the charity will be launching a 'Handbags and Sandbags', Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September at the same venue. The event, to take place from 9am to 11am, is being held to raise awareness of the work the charity does with veterans and their

family members as well as raising funds to be able to provide therapy to those who are living with mental ill-health. "This event will be repeated on Friday 30th October and Friday 27th November, so save the dates in your diary," said Events and Volunteer Co-ordinator, Clair Johnston. Veterans at Ease is a registered charity which helps veterans, serving military personnel and their families to deal with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other combat stress related issues. It is committed to help anyone who feels that he or she needs its support whether they have been diagnosed with PTSD or not.

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Three car crash in Ferryhill



Debris was strewn across the road when three vehicles were in collision in Ferryhill.

A local woman required hospital treatment after being injured in a car accident at Conyers Terrace in Ferryhill on the morning of Friday 28th August. The police were assisted at the scene by fire service and ambulance teams. A police spokesperson said: "Police received a call about a three-vehicle collision at 9.45am.

"One woman driver of a Toyota Yaris, aged in her mid-30s, was injured and taken to James Cook Hospital. Her condition was not life-threatening." The other vehicles involved in the collision were a Fiat Panda, driven by a man and a Ford driven by a woman. Police confirmed that neither of the other drivers was hurt in the accident.

New company asks alumni to help raise local aspirations

Are you able to offer your knowledge and expertise to inspire current students in Ferryhill and Chilton and help them make informed choices in order to achieve their goals?

Approach Too is a new not-for-profit company in the Ferryhill and Chilton area which aims to work with local schools to create more opportunities for children and young people in the area.

"The idea is to provide activities and opportunities for children and young people that raise aspirations," says founder, Glenys Newby. "The hope is by developing community and business links we will strengthen our community. "We want to celebrate the achievements, careers and experiences of former students with current students.

"We are looking for former pupils and students from all the schools in Ferryhill and Chilton who are willing to share their experiences of work, university, skills, and expertise with current students in order to inspire and raise aspirations.

"We are looking for people from all walks of life.

"We are interested in hearing from people who feel they could spare some time to come and talk to a group of students about



Approach Too is a new company set up to help bring aspiration to youngsters in Ferryhill and Chilton.

their career; providing information about what they do in their job, how they trained for it and how they progressed in their work." Approach Too is also looking for people who can spare a few minutes to mentor a current student who is considering applying to a particular course or career. "This mentoring could be by e-mail or face-to-face," said Glenys.

"We are interested to hear from anyone who would be willing to lead discussions on university life, gap years, apprenticeships or on being an employer.

"Perhaps you can record a short video about your job or even your life at university," suggested Glenys.

Anyone who is interested in helping can visit the group's website at approachtoo.uk where there is an Alumni page.

"By joining the alumni network, you will be able to keep in touch with what is happening at your old schools but also help current students," said Glenys.

"By signing up we may ask you to help, but don't worry, there's no problem if you can't!"

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5 September 1960 Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) wins the gold medal in the light heavyweight boxing competition at the Olympic Games in Rome.	6 September 1997 The Funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales takes place in London. Well over a million people lined the streets.	7 September 2012 A series of earthquakes in Yunnan, China, kills 89 people and injures 800 others.

Offensive weapon charge

Harjit Singh, aged 55, of Mill Lane, Billingham, was due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face a charge of possessing an offensive weapon in a public place and of using threatening words and behaviour. The incident is alleged to have taken place on 5th August, in the Xtra Local Store, in High Street, West Cornforth.

Rainbow whist and domino drive

There will be a Rainbow Whist and Domino Drive in the Community Centre, Kirk Merrington, on Saturday September 5th at 2pm. The admission is £2. Refreshments are included and everyone is welcome.

Thank you for your donation

Everyone at the Chapter would like to thank Chilton and Windlestone Banner Committee for their kind and generous donation to Chapter funds. The donation will go towards the running costs of the paper.

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Feryemount Care Home among council sites being sold off



Feryemount Care Home, which closed last year, is one of a number of assets being sold off by Durham County Council.

The closed Feryemount Care Home in Ferryhill is one of several sites across the county that Durham County Council has decided to sell for redevelopment. The council has listed fifteen sites, including care homes, community centres and primary schools for sale. Some of the buildings are being described as 'suitable for residential development', including the Feryemount care home.

The council took the decision to close the care home at a cabinet meeting in April last year, in the face of a public outcry, but cited a wide range of factors in addition to the responses to the consultation on closure including significant financial pressure due to government funding cuts. Feryemount House is described in the particulars of the sale as having been constructed in 1970 and refurbished in 1993. It com-

prises a two storey building of brick and tile, containing 29 bed spaces and is advertised as suitable to be retained as a care home or for redevelopment. The closing date for applications to purchase the site is Monday, 12th October 2015. Interested parties can view details of the property on the 'Land and Properties for Sale' section of the Durham County Council website.

'The adventure starts here,' say Ferryhill Scout Group

"We do some pretty amazing things in scouting," said 1st Ferryhill Scout Group Leader, Malcolm Turnbull, "but for us, adventure is a way of life and not just an activity or expedition. "The Scout Group is a great place to get involved in something that really does make a difference to young lives, building con-

fidence and self-esteem," adds Malcolm. "We do this by learning through adventure and fun; by trying out new skills and stretching ourselves. "Too many children grow up without experiencing real challenge and adventure," says Malcolm, which is where Ferryhill Scout Group have something to offer.

The Scout Group holds sessions for 10½ - 14 year-olds on Tuesdays from 7pm-9pm; for 8-10½ on Thursdays (6-7.30pm) and 6-8 year-olds on Fridays from 5.45-7pm. Anyone interested in joining the group in time for the new term in September - including adult volunteers - should call Malcolm on 07908 155097.

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Community Energy event at Chilton

Chilton Green Energy Foundation are hosting a Community Energy event at Chilton Workingmen's Club on Thursday 10th September to promote community energy projects.

The event will showcase successful projects that have been implemented across County Durham, outlining the problems and pitfalls and highlighting the benefits of installing renewable technologies and

energy efficient products. A spokesperson said: "Do come along to the event if you are keen to develop a community energy project and discuss your options with experienced organisations, or just come along to see what opportunities are available to create a more sustainable community." Anyone interested can book by email at admin@durham.ac.uk or by calling 0191 334 2649.

False imprisonment charge

Chilton man, Josh Stobbs, of Ford Terrace, has appeared in court charged with assaulting and imprisoning his ex-girlfriend. The twenty-one year old was also charged with arson and causing unnecessary suffering to a seven-

week-old border collie pup. The offences allegedly took place on August 22nd and 23rd. Stobbs was remanded in custody and is due to appear at Durham Crown Court on Tuesday September 8th at 10am.



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The Chapter is inviting readers along on its annual coach trip to Bury Market on Saturday 28th November.

The market houses over 300 stalls selling everything from food and drinks, to electronics and clothing. Readers may also be

interested in a trip on the nearby East Lancs Railway, which requires a separate booking via www.eastlancsrailway.org.uk.

The Heritage Railway runs Santa Specials trains, visited by Father Christmas, and featuring a brass band and carol singing.

The fare for the trip is £12.50, and the coach will pick up from Chilton Wheat-sheaf, Ferryhill Bus Station and Ferryhill Station. To book your place, phone Les on (01388) 775896. All proceeds from the trip will go towards the running costs of the paper.

Have you registered to vote?

Households across Ferryhill, Chilton and the surrounding areas will soon receive letters asking them to check information held on the electoral register. The letters will be sent to residents who have not yet responded to Durham County Council's earlier request for people to confirm their details.

It is important to respond to the request for information, even if there has been no change to the details held on the register.

Voters must be listed on the electoral register if they wish to vote in local and national elections including parish, county council and general elec-

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Ahead of this, the Home Office is undertaking a review to identify options for the future of the 101 service.

A key part of the review

will be the views of the public, and the Home Office is keen to hear what people think about the 101 non-emergency number.

Feedback will be used to help ensure it continues to meet the needs of the public. On a typical day, the force communications

centre at Durham police HQ handles between 600-900 calls via 101, with anywhere up to a further 300 coming in via '999'. A survey is available via the Home Office website at <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/s/TJMYR/>

Mayor's Charity night set for Workingmen's club

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Mrs Pauline Crathorne is holding a Charity Night in Ferryhill Workingmen's Club on Friday 20th November, from 7.15pm until 11pm. Tickets are £5 each and are available from Ferryhill Town Hall.

All funds raised will be donated to Ferryhill Town Band and St Cuthberts Hospice.

A spokesperson for the Mayor said: "Please come along and support this event, which will benefit the youth of Ferryhill.

"If any local businesses

or residents would like to donate a prize for the raffle, any donations would be greatly appreciated and can be left at Ferryhill Town Hall.

"Further details about the event will be available shortly," added the spokesperson.

PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Bishop Middleham Ward

Thursday 3rd September, 2pm, Cross Keys, Bishop Middleham

Previous issues - Evidence of Poaching taking place at the Nature Reserve at Bishop Middleham.

Local Contacts (101)

PC Ken Barclay, PCSO Mary Hobson.

West Cornforth Ward

Thursday 3rd September, 5pm, Sure Start, West Cornforth

Previous issues - Youths gathering at Elvet Close & Maughan Close, throwing items and causing a nuisance to elderly residents. Contacts: PC Barclay, PCSO Hobson on 101.

Local Contacts (101)

PC Ken Barclay, PCSO Mary Hobson.

Broom & Ferryhill Station Ward

Wednesday 4th November, 6pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

Previous issues - Anti Social Behaviour around Croft Gardens and Mills Buildings.

Local Contacts (101)

PC Ian Beacom, PCSO Laura Tate.

Chilton Ward

Thursday 17th September, 7pm, Chilton & Windlestone WMC

Youths drinking and setting fires in Millwood Woods.

Local Contacts (101)

PC Michael Robins.

Ferryhill Town & Dean Bank Ward

Wednesday 7th October, 6pm, Ferryhill Town Hall

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The isolation is intentional

Parameters set in stone

The message unequivocal

"I wish to be alone".

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Lines drawn deeply in the sand

Move me to the point of tears

I reject your open hand.

Inflate your chest before you speak

Demonstrating unjustified arrogance

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Tensions run high at Mainsforth Cricket Club



There was plenty of excitement at Mainsforth on Bank Holiday Monday when the home side took three wickets in the final two overs to secure an unlikely win. Photo: Tom Clegg

On Saturday, 29th August, league leaders Esh Winning were the visitors to Mainsforth in a Readers Durham Cricket League 1st division fixture.

The visitors needed to avoid defeat to virtually guarantee them winning the league.

Winning the toss, Mainsforth captain Andrew Allen put the visitors in to bat. The Esh innings was affected by rain and closed on 182 for 7 in 48 overs.

With 43 overs available the Mainsforth batsmen were always behind the required run rate, closing with 155 runs on the board for the loss of 7 wickets.

The resulting draw gave the home side a disappointing 8 point return.

Bank Holiday Monday saw the club's rearranged game with Horden take place at a cold and damp Mainsforth ground.

Overnight rain meant that batting was always going to be difficult on a green wicket.

Horden won the toss and

elected to bowl first. The home side's batsmen worked hard but runs were difficult to come by.

When the last wicket fell in the 36th over the Mainsforth score was on 134.

Top scorer was Andrew Allen with 22, supported well by Brady Smith and Martin Lower with 18 runs each.

During the tea break the heavens opened again and it appeared that there would be very little chance of completing the game.

With the game scheduled to finish at 7pm, and a minimum of 25 overs having to be bowled, the rain eased at 5.30pm and play resumed.

The Mainsforth bowling attack were quickly successful as Jon Barnes took the first wicket with his first ball.

The Horden batsmen never settled and wickets were falling regularly, but time was also running out.

With a possible two overs remaining, Horden still had three wickets in hand, and

a draw looked the most likely outcome.

After a short rest Jon Barnes returned to bowl his last over and in casual style took two wickets without conceding a run.

There was just time for one more over and with the last Horden batsmen at the crease the job fell to Martin Lower.

An unbelievable result was achieved when an LBW appeal on his second ball saw the umpire raise his finger.

A game which half an hour earlier looked like being a certain draw produced another exciting finish and a well deserved victory for the home side.

The resulting 21 points moved Mainsforth back up to second position in the league table.

On Saturday, 5th September, the 1st XI travel to Boldon CA with the club 2nd XI at home in the corresponding fixture.

Spectators are asked to note that all Saturday games now start at 1pm.

Bird In Hand worth five in the net

Ferryhill Celtic entertained Bird In Hand on Thursday night 27th August, in a strange encounter.

After a half in which Celtic dominated, without really looking like breaking the deadlock against a very hard working spirited Bird In Hand team performance, the sides went in to the break with the score deadlocked at 0-0.

The second half was a different story with Shane Todd in scintillating form coming off the bench and within minutes setting up Celtic's opener with a great run and cross for the prolific Luke Thompson to head home.

Two minutes later the lead was doubled with Thompson again firing home after great work from Jay White.

The game was as good as over when Liam Pearson smartly finished from close range, and before long, Thompson scored his hat-trick goal, smashing in a 30 yard drive.

The second half rout was complete when man of the match Jay White rounded off the scoring to make it 5-0 at full time.

Next up was Coxhoe Red Lion on Sunday, 30th August, with Celtic turning in their best performance of the season so far.

They dominated the game from the first minute to the last, playing fantastic one touch football, opening the scoring in the 10th minute through Luke Thompson, who finished off a great three man move.

After 20 minutes it was two for Thompson and for Celtic when the striker was on the end of a Liam Taylor cross.

The lively Shane Todd was then brought down in the box and Luke Thompson coolly stepped up to score his second hat-trick of the week.

Shane Todd still had time to score Celtic's fourth before half time.

After the break, Celtic were relentless and on the hour they made it five when Shane Todd scored his second.

The game was fittingly rounded off when captain marvel, Neil Bell struck a sweet half volley into the bottom corner to leave the final score as Celtic 6 Coxhoe Red Lion 0.

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