



FBEC careers provision goes from strength to strength



Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College is bucking the national trend of negative reports about schools' careers advice.

Over the last two years there have been several negative reports about the poor Careers Education Information Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) delivered nationally in schools. However this is definitely not the case at FBEC. The school strongly

believes that it is vitally important that young people have access to good, realistic information, advice and guidance about the full range of career pathways available to them.

In recent times there have been a number of significant changes in education, employment and training. These include: Raising the Participation Age to 18; new learning pathways and the requirement for students to continue to study Mathematics and English after compulsory education if not achieved at GCSE grade C or above; all of which impact on young people making decisions about their future. A lot of work has taken place to develop the careers provision at FBEC over the past two years and this has resulted in numerous positive outcomes. The school was proudly profiled in "County Durham Good Practice Guide for CEIAG". This guide was developed as a practical resource to support the delivery of

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Chilton success in Bloom Awards

Chilton Town Council members were delighted to hear that, at the recent Northumbria in Bloom 2015 presentation, the Town Council were successful in three categories, winning a Silver Gilt in the Small Town category, Silver in Religious Establishments through Chilton Cemetery, and Gold in the Parks category through the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground. A spokesperson for the council said, "Special thanks go to all involved in the floral displays, particularly our grounds maintenance contractor, SE Landscaping, and Durham County Council.

always actively seeking to engage with local residents, businesses, schools, groups and the wider community to further enhance the town and improve relationships.

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"Members would like to congratulate Chilton Care Home who were also awarded Gold in the Day Centre and Hospices category."

Residents' meeting

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Great Grandad



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Family still grieving after diagnosis error

A new report published this week by the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has re-opened wounds for the family of the late Maurice Wright from Ferryhill, who passed away two years ago. The family say they are still grieving after mistakes in his diagnosis left them with unanswered questions. The report states that the top three reasons for hospital complaints in the last year were poor communication, errors in diagnosis and poor treatment. Maurice, 79, who died from a pulmonary embolism, was misdiagnosed twice by medical staff at Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. His family say he was repeatedly let down by medical staff who first diagnosed him with cancer when he was admitted to hospital in March 2013 before then correctly diagnosing a blood clot on the lung and then, after another hospital admission, again wrongly diagnosing pulmonary fibrosis - scarring on the lungs. Although the final mistake was later corrected, Mr Wright's sons, Gary and

Stephen, say the errors were symptomatic of the treatment their father received in the months before he died in June 2013. As well as the double misdiagnosis, other mistakes included: losing Mr Wright's hearing aid, leaving him unable to understand staff; failing to begin a suitable palliative care pathway; consultants ignoring requests by Mr Wright's family to discuss his condition and an uncaring attitude displayed by nurses and consultants. Mr Wright's daughter-in-law, Beverley, said, "Had he been given the right treatment, could he have been with us for a few more years? We just don't know. "He was such a smart, gentle man and he deserved better. His care was diabolical." Mr Wright's son, Gary added, "The Trust apologised, but that doesn't answer all the questions we have. "Their motto is 'with you all the way', but they weren't with him all the way, and they weren't with us."

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FBEC careers

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high quality careers education, information, advice and guidance to young people. The guide profiled the schools provision as an effective model of CEIAG practice which could be replicated in other schools. The Careers Coordinator, Miss Hanson, was also successfully nominated as a North East Combined Authority CEIAG Champion, which has allowed the school to further share and develop its extraordinary commitment to CEIAG provision and the young people who attend FBEC. As part of this commitment the school is in the process of completing the "Inspiring IAG" award. This award is a CEIAG quality award, nationally validated by The Quality in Careers Standard (QICS). The award is made up of three stages and the school has already successfully been awarded

stage one and is starting the process of stage two. The award enables the school to gain recognition for its provision and good practice, supports continuous progress in an ever changing climate and has enabled us to further develop strong relationships with a vast range of post 16 providers.

Miss Hanson (Careers Coordinator) said, "CEIAG is becoming increasingly important because twenty-first-century life places complex demands on young people, so enabling students to become self-confident, skilled and career-ready must be an essential part of their education."

"Opportunities to engage in career-related learning while gaining transferable life-long skills is fundamental for young people to make the successful transition from school to post 16 provision."

WI Harrogate outing

On Friday, 4th September, members and guests of the Ferryhill Women's Institute had their outing to Harrogate Centennial Fair for the Women's Institute.

"What a fantastic day everyone had," said Institute President, Sylvia Bell. "Anyone who did not go to Harrogate missed a memorable day."

"Our next meeting will be held in Ferryhill Community Centre on Wednesday evening, 7th October at

6.30pm, when our demonstrator will be Joan Hall.

"Joan will be showing us all the old art of proddy mat making. Members will get the chance to try their hands at the craft."

"We will also be having our Harvest Evening, including a 'bring and buy' stall and refreshments."

"We are looking forward to seeing all members and any guests."

"Everyone will be made very welcome."

Diamond day for Ferryhill couple



Edward and Margaret Lawson were joined by Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, bearing gifts on the occasion of their Diamond wedding anniversary.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, was proud to present a lovely bouquet of flowers and a glass tumbler on behalf of the council to Edward and Margaret Lawson, who were celebrating 60 happy years together.

They were married at Holy Trinity Church, West Cornforth on 17th September 1955. Edward, 84, known as Eddie, was born in East Howle and went to Dean Bank School.

His wife Margaret, 79, was born nearby in West Cornforth.

Eddie left school at 14 years of age and started work at Mainsforth Colliery, where he stayed for four years until he was called up for National Service.

After his stint in the forces he returned to Mainsforth, caring for six pit ponies.

When the colliery closed he retrained and became a tool room grinder, working at Torrington's, Darlington then Black & Decker, Spennymoor and Parnaby's in Chilton.

Margaret left school at 15

years of age and trained to be a shorthand typist at Stockton College.

She worked in the offices of Toothill Furniture, Aycliffe and Thrislington Colliery. She later went to Dean & Chapter, working for the Agent Manager until her daughter came along, eventually returning to work part time at Derek Parnaby's, West Cornforth. The lovely couple met at Eddie's friend's birthday party one Sunday, the day before Margaret was starting her new job.

After getting married they moved to West Cornforth, then Bishop Middleham, and then Linden Road, Ferryhill in 1984, before settling into their current

home in Morpeth Close six years ago.

They have one daughter, Wendy, one grandchild, Laura, and one great grandchild, Mason.

In earlier times they loved to holiday abroad and take Scarlett Band bus tours.

They were also keen sequence dancers at West Cornforth.

Eddie liked his carpet bowls and Margaret still goes to car boot sales.

They still attend the Salvation Army in West Cornforth regularly.

The sprightly couple celebrated their special occasion with a meal with family and friends at The Village Inn, Kirk Merrington.

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International award for local woman



Dr. Patricia Bryans accepts the Prize for Research Excellence in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr. Patricia Bryans was honoured recently at a ceremony held in Kuala Lumpur, at the 44th International Federation for Training and Development Organisations. Dr. Bryans was proud to receive the Prize for

Research Excellence, on behalf of her research colleagues Professor Sharon Mavin of Roehampton University, Dr. Janine Williams of the University of Bradford and Dr. Nicola Patterson of Northumbria University.

The group's research involved interviewing some of the most senior and influential women on the boards of companies to learn the lessons of their success.

Their academic paper won the coveted prize and was also *Overall Joint Winner* at the convention, which was sponsored, in part, by the Dubai Police Academy. Trish originally hails from Ferryhill and attended St. Anthony's R.C. Grammar School, Sunderland, with her sister, Joan.

She continued on to Sixth Form at St. John's R.C. Comprehensive in Bishop Auckland, where her father, Ted Brennan, taught alongside her brother, John Brennan, who was later head teacher at Coxhoe.

Dr. Bryans, who previously lectured at the Universities of Northumbria, Durham and Newcastle, is a board member of Finchale College and presently holds the post of Reader in Leadership and Management at the University of Sunderland.

Poetry Corner

Ferryhill Place Goodbye

by Brian O'Brian, Ferryhill

Ferryhill, that place where I live and have lived
nigh on 40 years
Oh so long, some say too long, where there
used to be a pit colliery
Which now has long gone, the memories for oh
so many live on
Those days have gone although the miners'
homes still stand strong
Bessemer, Beaumont, Willow, Lime, streets I
have lived in at some time
Where I have played, laughed, cried and many
have died
Where they look forward to Market Day at the
end of the week to seek
Out that bargain while my ma would go up
The Bank for the shopping
Of the day and say, "I'll see if I can get owt for
nowt today"
Full of memories and ghosts of the past I can
see in my mind's eye
That make me cry. I think I'll leave tomorrow,
yes tomorrow I'll go making memories anew,
Ferryhill goodbye, goodbye to you.

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Letters Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I recently went out walking in Ferryhill with my Granddaughter.

The route I took was along Dean Road, up into Darlington Road and then into the Market Place.

From there I went down past the Manor House and all the way down Wood Lane.

I have to say it was such a pleasure to see all the hanging baskets and flower beds in full bloom and so colourful.

The Town Hall and the Market Place are especially well presented.

My congratulations to Ray Seymour and all his hard working team for creating such a wonderful display.

Your sincerely,
Sid Gaskill
Linden Road, Ferryhill

New drop-in group

A new drop-in group is to begin at the LADDER Centre in Coniston Road, Ferryhill on Monday afternoons from 1.30pm until 3.30pm.

The group, which is for people over 16 years old, will be offering support with topics such as healthy eating, stopping smoking, physical activity, mental wellbeing, and finding volunteering opportunities. Health Trainer, Jacklyn

McCourt, who will be leading the group said, "The drop-in will be every Monday, starting on September 28th.

"For more information pop in to see us, or find us on Facebook by searching for 'County Durham Wellbeing For Life Service'.

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Bear and Butterfly comes to Ferryhill's Enter Centre

A play for young children and families telling the story of an unlikely friendship between a bear and a caterpillar comes to the stage at Enter CIC on Monday, 19th October.

Bear & Butterfly, based on a story by Gordon Poad, is a collaboration between Theatre Hullabaloo, one of the UK's principal children's theatre companies, and Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, Cumbria, one of Britain's leading regional theatres.

One day, Bear's life changes forever when, deep in the branches of the tree he hears the munching and a crunching of a bright green Caterpillar.

Bear and Caterpillar soon become the best of friends, Caterpillar munching happily through tales of Bear's younger life catching fish, raising cubs and being big, strong and fierce.

But one day Caterpillar stops munching and looks sick. Bear cares for his friend and lays him on a pile of dry leaves, promising him that he'll get better soon.

Bear fears he will lose his friend but, as if by magic, Caterpillar grows and stretches and from the leaves emerges as a beautiful butterfly.

Can Bear come to terms with this new version of his friend who flies high above the trees and has stories of



A charming tale of love, loss and friendship, Bear and Butterfly comes to Ferryhill's Enter Centre on Monday 19th October.

his own?

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The tour concludes with ten days of performances in Keswick in the run-up to Christmas.

Tickets for the performance at Enter CIC are £6, or £20.00 for a family ticket (four people), and can be purchased by calling 01740 655437.

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This inspired an interest in weddings and the class visited St. Luke's Church where Reverend Lumsden

talked the children through a church wedding while one of the parents gave an insight into multi-cultural weddings.

The group then made invitations, designed and made a wedding dress, played in role play, designed a menu, collected parents' photographs and, of course, made

a three tier wedding cake! This all culminated in families and little learners from the two year provision joining the group for a marriage celebration, which included singing wedding songs. The class thoroughly enjoyed the reception, dancing the afternoon away.

Give Hunger the Boot!

St Luke's in Ferryhill will be holding a harvest weekend of celebration and fund raising for Farm Africa.

The theme of the Harvest Festival is "Give Hunger the Boot" and those attending the 9.30am service on Sunday 27th September are invited to wear wellies. On Sunday evening there is to be a Songs of Praise service at 6pm where the West Cornforth Salvation Army will join the congregation.

On Monday, 28th September

at 7pm, there will be a Harvest Supper in the centre with all the donated produce being auctioned.

A spokesperson for the church said, "Anyone wishing to donate produce is asked to bring it to the Friday lunch or on Saturday morning when it will decorate the church ready for the Harvest Festival."

Farm Africa is a charity which helps African farmers grow themselves out of poverty with the aim of ending hunger forever.

Ferryhill History Society meeting

The next meeting of the Ferryhill History Society will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 30th September, at The Eldon Arms in Ferryhill Station.

The guest speaker will be Bernard Hope, whose specialist research has been

into World War II history. His talk is entitled *Prisoners of the British* and highlights five specific individuals and their experiences as German prisoners of war in Britain.

All are welcome to attend the evening.

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Mixed emotions at Mainsforth

The North East Premier Cricket League management meeting, held on Wednesday night, 16th September, decided that DCL winners Esh Winning did not meet the Premier League criteria, and duly informed Mainsforth that, following their inspection, they met the requirements and that they would be involved in a promotion play off to be played three days later at South Hetton. On arrival at South Hetton, unexpected overnight rain resulted in the game being played on a very wet, soft and green wicket. South Hetton batted first and were soon in trouble, and with the score on 20 for 5, the prospect of a short game and a win for Mainsforth looked on the cards. However, as batting conditions improved, the South Hetton tail went into

overdrive and at the end of their 45 overs they had a challenging 158 runs on the board. In reply Mainsforth regularly lost wickets and were eventually bowled out for 137. This result means that the jubilant South Hetton side preserved their Premier League status in 2016 and Mainsforth had the Tom Burn Cup Final to look forward to the following day. Conditions for the Tom Burn Final were cold and damp and a challenge for the batsmen. Batting first, Mainsforth toiled to 83 all out, using only 24 of the available 28 overs. The Esh reply was soon in trouble when Lawlor, the league's leading run scorer, was dismissed in the first over. The bowling combination

of Barnes and Lower were always in control and what looked impossible at tea time became reality when the final Esh wicket fell with the score on 44. The major contributor, who was also awarded the man-of-the-match trophy, was Jon Barnes who took 6 wickets for 19 runs in 11 overs. In his speech, skipper Andrew Allen thanked all the club's players this season, along with the scorers and volunteers for their work during what has been a memorable season. The annual presentation night takes place on Saturday, 25th September, in the new clubhouse at the Mainsforth Road ground. The presentation of awards will be coupled with female vocalist Jess Woods. Starting at 7.15pm, everyone is welcome to go along.

Under 7s through

Ferryhill Town Youth under 7s entertained Cleveland in the League Cup on Sunday at Dean Bank Rec. Ferryhill started brightly with some good passing moves, and took the lead with a long range effort from Zak Lauder. Cleveland levelled the tie on the stroke of half time.

The second half was end to end but it was Ferryhill's Jayden Wilkinson who notched the winning goal and his first this season. Cleveland pressed near the end but Ferryhill stood firm. Ben Dargue was man-of-the-match. Next up is Aycliffe away on Sunday 27th September.

Dynamos through in thriller

On Sunday, 20th September, Ferryhill Dynamos visited Sunderland Harbour View for their County Cup Second Round tie. The Dynamos started the game very well, creating a number of chances in the opening 30 minutes, but were finding it difficult to score past an in-form Harbour keeper. Tom Olley and Davey Gibson both hit the woodwork and when, on 30 minutes, the Harbours scored from a corner after their first attack, it was looking like it wasn't going to be the Dynamos' day. However, the setback seemed to fire up the Dynamos who levelled within minutes from a corner of their own, free scoring centre midfielder Jonathan Mason grabbing the equaliser. Mason has now scored seven goals in his last five games. The second half turned into a scrappy affair with only one chance of note created when Stephen Ward became the third Dynamo to hit the woodwork with a

spectacular free kick. The game headed into extra time and it looked like a wonderful strike from the edge of the box by man-of-the-match Tom Olley had snatched the game for the Dynamos before a moment of controversy in the final seconds. With the last kick of the game, a deflected effort from a Harbour striker was cleared off the line by Mark Brown, but to the Dynamos' dismay and the general bemusement of the watching crowd, the referee awarded a goal to send the game to penalties. Successful penalties from Mason, Brown, Ward, Dave Hall, and Marco Oswald left the Dynamos' fate in the hands of keeper Ryan Farley, whose diving save sent the Ferryhill club deservedly into the next round. The Dynamos next game is a home match at Mainsforth Sports Complex where they face league leaders Durham Seniors. Kick-off is 10.30am on Sunday 27th September.

Under 8s put in improved performances in League Cup

After last week's heavy defeat the team were looking to bounce back in the league cup against Seaton Carew Tigers at Dean Bank Rec. It was a nice morning for football and there was good support for both sides. The two sides started well and it was a very even contest with the game going from end to end. Seaton broke the deadlock and took a 1-0 lead into half time. At the start of the second half, Ferryhill came out flying. George, Noah and

Zach battled to win the ball and they all broke forward to set up 3 quick goals for Aaron F (2) while Zach got one for himself. Seaton came back and scored 2 quick goals themselves. With the game looking to go into extra time and with the last kick of the game, Seaton won the ball in Ferryhill's half and scored the winner to break Ferryhill hearts. Man-of-the-match was Aaron F, closely followed by Aidan who made some great saves. In the second game Ferryhill fielded a completely

new line up and all players worked hard to get into the game. A foraging run down the right by Kole was followed by a great cross to set up Carlton for a finish at the back post from close range before Seaton Carew ran out 6-1 winners. Man-of-the-match for Ferryhill was Jamie who played the second half in goal and made some great stops. The side now returns to league duties at home to Hartlepool Youth next Sunday, 27th September, at Dean Bank Rec.

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