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FBEC students raise over £1,000 in 'Chores for Charity' classes



Students at FBEC raised over £1,000 as part of their Life Skills 'Chores For Charities' classes. The money has been used to help various local people and charities.

Students at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC) have raised a massive £1,070 to help local people and charities as part of their Life Skills classes at the school. The money raised has been

split to create hampers for neighbours of the school, Christmas presents to donate to the children at Tree Tops Children's Ward, University of North Durham Hospital, food donations to Ferryhill Food Bank at St. Lukes Church, Ferryhill, Stray Aid in Coxhoe, Heugh Gun Battery Museum in Hartlepool and the North East Air Ambulance.

A spokesperson for the school explained: "Teachers use the class to show students that it is important to be active citizens; to think about other people, about their behaviour within their community and to help out the community in which they live."

"The class also gives students opportunities to develop their own skills to prepare them for life after school."

"Students throughout Key Stage 3 recently participated in their Life Skills Chores For Charity

MERRY CHRISTMAS From The Chapter

Everyone at The Chapter would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude for the support we've received from our readers, advertisers and volunteers throughout the year.

Firstly, we'd like to thank our advertisers for keeping our non-profit community newspaper going. Please continue to show your solid support! We'd also like to acknowledge everyone at Addo Print (in Newton Aycliffe). A particular thank you goes to John Brennan and Mabel Hanmer for their services to the paper.

But it is our readers who are most deserving of our appreciation; without your news and information, continued support and demand for The Chapter we simply could not exist. Please continue to send in your news and we look forward to seeing you all again for our first issue of next year on Friday 8th January.

2015 has been a year of change for The Chapter. Editor, Stephanie Bennett and her husband, Michael, have recently become proud parents to beautiful Evelyn.

While Stephanie is on maternity leave, Archie has taken over editorial duties, and Vita has joined as an apprentice to provide an extra helping hand!

Merry Christmas! From Jeff, Steph, Archie, Les, Sarah and Vita at The Chapter.

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Classifieds

All about local people ...



In Memoriam

Dennis Taylor

24-12-12

Three years since you
passed away
In my heart you will always
stay
Loved and missed every
day



Lyn

Dennis Taylor

24-12-12

Always in our thoughts Dad
Love & miss you



Brian, Anthony, Paul &
families

Diane Dodds

28/12/2014

Mam and Nana
Also remembering Dad and
Grandad Sammy (5/4/1989)

You can shed tears that she
has gone
Or you can smile because
she has lived

You can close your eyes and
pray that she'll come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all she has left
Your heart can be empty,
because you can't see her
Or you can be full of the
love that you shared
You can turn your back
on tomorrow and live
yesterday

Or you can be happy for
tomorrow because of
yesterday

You can remember her only
that she's gone
Or you can cherish her
memory and let her live on
You can cry and close your
mind, be empty and turn
back

Or you can do what she'd
want, smile, open your eyes
Love can go on



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Love all your family

Kenny Richardson and Les Flatman

Always remembered



Chilton

In Memoriam

Brian McKenna

Our second year without
you
It will never be the same
We think about you every
day
Love and miss you



Ann & Maisy xxx

Olive & Keith Walker

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memories of both of you
Wish you were here
Miss you so much



Love Ann & Maisy xxx

John Benson (Benny)

29th December

Every day
Loved and missed
So much



Always,
Hazel xx

Tommy Simpson

December 26th 1999

Treasured memories of a
Dear Husband, Dad and
Grandad



Love you
Joyce and Family xx

Birthday Memories

Frank Dunn

December 23rd

Birthday wishes to my
darling Husband on what
would have been your 80th
birthday

Loving you aways
Missing you always



All my love
Your Syb xx

Frank Dunn

December 23rd

Birthday wishes to our
lovely Dad



Lynn and
Gerald xx

Christmas Memories

Craig Anthony Porter

21-10-75 - 28-9-13

Dear Craig, If we shed
a secret tear and often
breath a sigh, forgive us
for we miss you more as
another Christmas goes by.



Love you forever,
Mam, Dad and Ryan
xxxxxx

Craig Anthony Porter

Missing you at Christmas
and always



Love
Leah, Bill, Keira & Gracie
Natalie, Michael, Jude,
Millie & Evie
xx

Kelvin Bradley

Missed Xmas and
every day



Holly and Katie

Birthdays

Olivia Hopper

16th December



Happy 13th Birthday

13!

All our love from,
Mam, Ian & Erin
xxxxxxx

Birthdays

Vicky Askew

23rd December

Happy 21st Princess
Have a fantastic day
Lots of love always and
forever

21!

Mam, Adam & Tico
xxx

Vicky Askew

23rd December

Hip Hip Hooray
21 today



Lots of love always
Nana and Granda xxx

Rachael Caitlin Farley

5/1/98



Happy 18th Birthday



Love
Mam, Dad,
Samantha & Ryan xx

Rachael Caitlin Farley

5/1/98



Happy 18th Birthday



Lots of love,
Nana Gamsby x

Birthdays

Jack Bell



Happy 21st Birthday Jack



All our love,
Mam & Paul xxx

Jack Bell



Happy 21st Jack



Love
Hydee & Ray
x x

Jack Bell



Happy 21st Jack



Luv
Laura xxx

Jack Bell

21st



Happy Birthday Daddy!

Lots of loves, huggies &
kissies, Riley



xxx
xx
x

Classifieds

All about local people ...

Birthdays

Jack Bell



Happy 21st Birthday Jack



Lots of love,
Grandma & Granda xx

Birthdays

Ray Hamilton



Happy 80th



All our love,
Paul, Diane, Jack,
Hydee, Ray & Riley
xxx

Jack Bell

Happy 21st Birthday Great
Grandson No.1



Lots of love
lucky Grandma xxx

Ray Hamilton

Happy 80th Birthday



Love,
Colin & Vera
x

Jack Bell

Happy 21st Jack



love
Uncle Marc, Auntie Trish,
Charlotte & Harry

Ray Hamilton

Happy 80th Birthday



Love
Gary, Jayne,
Jack & Sam
xx

Jack Bell

Happy 21st Birthday Jack



love,
Uncle Graham,
Gail & Lewis

Connor Sumerson

23/12



Happy Birthday
Connor
18 years old



Lots of love from,
Mam, Dad
and Brother Todd
xxx

Ray Hamilton



Happy 80th Birthday Ray



Love always
Reena
xxx

NAME THAT TUNE

Can you identify the Christmas songs from these lyrics?

1. Sinatra was swinging, all the drunks they were singing.
2. Mary Bradley waits at home, in the nuclear fallout zone.
3. When we finally kiss good night, how I'll hate going out in the storm.
4. I don't need to hang my stocking, there upon the fireplace.
5. There's lots of room for him in our two car garage.
6. There's a world outside your window, and it's a world of dread and fear.
7. Welcome to my Christmas song, I'd like to thank you for the year.
8. With every Christmas card I write, may your days be merry and bright.
9. My friend the world will share this special night, because it's Christmas.
10. There'll be parties for hosting, marshmallows for toasting and caroling out in the snow.
11. A face on a lover with a fire in his heart.
12. Now the frosty paws appear, and they've frozen up my ear.
13. I want a yacht and really that's not a lot, been an angel all year.
14. "Bah, humbug!" No, that's too strong cause it is my favorite holiday.
15. A time for living, a time for believing, a time for trusting, not deceiving.
16. She didn't see me creep, down the stairs to have a peek.
17. From now on, our troubles will be out of sight.
18. So this is Christmas and what have you done, another year over and a new one just begun.

Answers on page 8

Christmas Wishes

Elaine, Bob & Family

Would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
All the best for 2016.



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Poetry Corner

Christmas Past

By Nancy Hardy, Ferryhill

*It was a cold and frosty winter's morn
We crept downstairs at the break of dawn
Shivering with excitement, or was it the cold?
No central heating in those days of old.*

*We put on the light, surveyed the scene
Without a doubt, Santa had been
Arranged on the sofa in nice neat stacks
A piece of paper with our name the stack did not lack!*

*An apple, an orange, some nuts
and some sweets
A bar of chocolate completed the treats
Books and games came our way
Dressing up dolls, cardboard cut outs
What can I say?*

*Jigsaws, puzzle books, crayons and paints
Toys designed to keep you entertained
Sometimes a torch, though there is no doubt
By morning new batteries were needed
The light had gone out!*

*After breakfast, we walked up the street
Off to our Grandma's where the
family would meet
Christmas dinner was a treat
And then a 'home made' tea
made the day complete*

*Homeward bound we made our way
Our next visit to Grandma was New Year's Day
Ginger wine, home made spice
and a rhyme we would say
Wishing her good health, wealth and happiness
and a place in Heaven
The same rhyme was repeated
by no less than seven!*

*Grandma sat as we stood in line
Each reciting that very same rhyme
Grandma said it was a pleasure
And told us that we were her treasure.*

FBEC charity fundraisers

From page 1

extended homework task. "Students were asked to complete chores for family, neighbours and friends over a six week period with donations given for the chores completed. "Students completed a skills evidence booklet that will be kept for their year 11 Careers Record of Achievement showing that they can be financially capable over a period of time as well as developing their own skills, helping other people and their local area. "A huge well done to the students in year 7, 8 and 9 in taking part in the

Chores for Charity after raising a massive £1,070 to help local people and charities. "Thank you so much to parents and families that have supported our students in doing this very important money raising homework. "We could not have done this without your support. Thank you to everyone for your continued support, especially parents and families and the staff of Poundstretcher, Peterlee for their excellent customer service, helping supply and load up the donations." Meanwhile, staff and students got the charity

bug once again by creating cakes for a bake sale which was then followed by a charity lunch for staff. All donations given were in aid of SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Air Force Association). The charity is the oldest Forces charity in the country, having supported the British military family since 1885. It provides lifelong support for members of the Forces and their families. "Staff and students raised a brilliant £213 for the charity," said a spokesperson. For more information on the charity visit ssafa.org.uk.

Christmas bin collections

Residents in Ferryhill and Chilton are being advised of arrangements for bin collections over the festive period. Collection arrangements will remain the same for all residents whose rubbish and recycling bins are emptied on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. This includes both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, which fall on a Thursday, when normal collections will take place. However, collections which normally happen on a Friday will change during the Christmas and New Year weeks.

Collections which would have taken place on Friday 25th December will instead be done on Monday 28th December. And instead of Friday 1st January, rubbish and recycling collections will take place on Monday 4th January. Normal collections will resume on Tuesday 5th January. There will also be changes to the council's bulky waste collections, which will not take place between Monday 21st December and Monday 4th January. Residents who have bulky items to dispose of are

reminded that they should ensure anyone they employ to take items away is properly licensed to help prevent flytipping. People can arrange to have their real Christmas tree collected free of charge by contacting the council on 03000 261 000 before Friday 8th January. Residents are urged to double check their dates over the festive period and are reminded to put their bins out by 7am on their collection day. People can find more information and download a bin collection calendar by entering their post code on the My Durham section of the council's website at www.durham.gov.uk.

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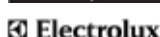
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A Christmas Message from The Mayor of Ferryhill

It was a great honour to be re-elected as Mayor of Ferryhill for the Civic year 2015-2016. The good causes I am raising money for this year are St. Cuthbert's Hospice and Ferryhill Town Band.

It has been a great pleasure to represent the residents of Ferryhill at many events in Ferryhill and our wider community and it has been a privilege to meet so many lovely residents with special birthdays and anniversaries.

As Mayor there have been many events that stand out this year, especially supporting our local schools and all the children. I was so proud to be invited to Endeavour Woodcrafts to open the Christmas Fayre, a brilliant group of people who help in the Community, helping with Ferryhill in Bloom and making wooden gifts to sell to help support their group. Well done to all involved.

2015 saw the development of the new Cricket Pavilion at Mainsforth. This project was an excellent example of what can be achieved when the local community work in partnership with the Town Council. This was recognised at the Environment Awards where the project received a commendation. Ferryhill Town Council will continue to make improvements to the local community in 2016 making Ferryhill a better place to live and work.

I would just like to say that Christmas is a special time for family and friends and to remember those who cannot be with us and others who are less fortunate than ourselves at this time. I would like to encourage people to remember to care for each other during the festive period, in particular the elderly.

On behalf of myself and my family and the staff at Ferryhill Town Council, it gives me great pleasure to wish all residents a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Councillor Pauline Crathorne



Thirty trees to go in Recreation Ground

A decision has been reached by Chilton Town Council to remove approximately thirty trees from the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton due to health and safety concerns. A spokesperson said: "The Town Council have sought professional advice from a tree surgeon who has

advised that the trees are diseased.

"The trees will be replaced and work is expected to commence soon."

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A Christmas Message from The Mayor of Chilton

In May it was an honour to be re-elected as Mayor for the Civic Year 2015 – 2016.

Since then I have had the privilege to represent the residents of Chilton at a variety of events within Chilton and around our region.

I would like to thank the Chapter and everyone who has supported or helped me. A special thanks must go to all the staff and pupils of Chilton Primary School who have attended many community events. All the children entered a competition in school to design a Christmas card for me. There was a prize for every class winner and Lucy Armstrong from year 6 (pictured right) was the overall winner.

On behalf of myself, my family and everyone at Chilton Town Council, it gives me very great pleasure to wish all readers a joyous festive season and a New Year of peace and happiness.

Councillor Elizabeth Bruce



Christmas Anagrams

Can you unscramble these Christmas Anagrams?
(Answers on pg 8)

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TGFI

TASAN

ERDRIENE

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NAME THE CHRISTMAS FILM

All these films have a Christmas theme. Can you name them all?



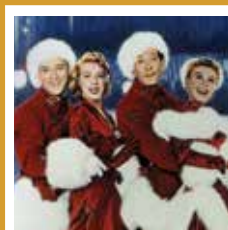
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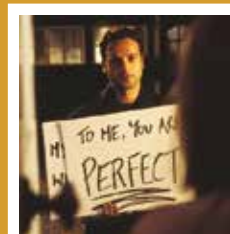
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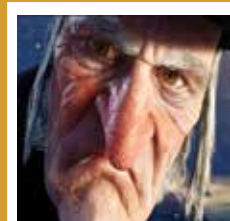
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15.....

Answers on page 8

Bus services over the holiday period

For those looking to use public transport over the festive period, services will finish on Christmas Eve at 7pm and there will be no bus services on Christmas Day or on Boxing Day. Then, from Monday 28th until New Year's Eve, Arriva will be operating a Saturday level of service. On New Year's Eve, services will begin to shut down from 6pm with the last bus finishing at 7pm. There will be no buses on New Year's Day and services at all bus com-

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Meeting discusses future of DLI collection

Councillors have received reassurance that plans for the future of the DLI collection will provide a fitting and lasting tribute to the regiment.

In a near two hour public session, the council's cabinet member for economic regeneration, arts and culture Cllr Neil Foster, corporate director for neighbourhoods Terry Collins, head of culture and sport Steve Howell, and chair of the DLI Trustees James Ramsbotham, moved to allay many of the fears expressed since the move away from the collection's current Aykley Heads home was announced in October. Through both a comprehensive presentation and responses to questions the meeting heard that, among other plans:

- The DLI collection will be kept together, not broken

up, and be more publically accessible than before.

- This will include a free exhibition on the History of the DLI - compared to a £5.45 adult entry fee for the current museum - lasting for at least five years.
- The proposals will include a new, not currently available, "on demand" service for families who wish to see artefacts at Sevenhills.
- Moving the collection will allow curators to spend more time focussing on their work, rather than having to deal with an aging building.
- With the museum vacated the building will be assessed and, if appropriate, declared surplus to the requirements by the council. At that stage it would then be considered for other alternative uses

- but while there are no current plans for the site or the building, there is a strong aspiration to maintain the landscape.

- The site of the DLI Museum will see memorial benches remain, and that the council is open to exploring if a new permanent memorial could in the future be created at Aykley Heads.
- An extensive programme of events, including plays, musical performances and an interactive theatrical experience have been commissioned alongside the already announced History of the DLI and Somme 1916 exhibitions in the next 12 months.
- The art gallery currently housed alongside the collection will see exhibitions taken on a county wide tour in 2016 while a permanent home is found for it.

James Ramsbotham, the chair of the DLI Trustees, said he felt a "very heavy responsibility" to do the best for a collection that "means so much to so many people," but that the plans offered a "sustainable and exciting future."

"There is a much wider story to tell," he said. "And if we want to continue to engage people we have got to do something more dynamic to bring people back again and again."

"We need to refresh and be forward looking, much like the DLI was."

"We need to move away from a building that is in the wrong place and look to do things better, to do something that will ensure the DLI lives long in the hearts of the county."

The plans have been backed by the Army Museums Ogilby Trust (AMOT), an organisation that supports and promotes 139 regimental collections, including that of the DLI, which said it would work with all the interested parties and help where it can to create a secure future for the collection.

In a statement AMOT said: "We believe Durham's proposals demonstrate a clear commitment to the collection. Durham's proposals are quantifiably better than those for other collections at risk."

New Year adult learning courses

Thinking of making your New Year's resolution to learn a new skill, brush up on your maths or English or maybe get qualified for a whole new career?

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building and family fitness. Most courses are held in community venues, where they offer a friendly and welcoming learning environment.

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Cllr Maria Plews, Cabinet member for leisure, libraries and lifelong learning, said: "If you're looking to make a positive change in the New Year our courses are an ideal place to start. "Meet new people, feel more confident in your skills, get the new job you deserve or start a whole new direction in life."

"With courses on getting back into work, setting up your own business or a recognised qualification to take you onto a new level in your career, there really is something for everyone."

With courses starting in January, people are being encouraged to enrol now. The Spring Learning Guide is available to download at www.durham.gov.uk/adultlearning.

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Quiz Answers

CHRISTMAS ANAGRAMS

- (1) Candy (2) Gift (3) Santa (4) Reindeer (5) Stocking
(6) Present (7) Star (8) Bells (9) Sleigh (10) Decorations

NAME THAT TUNE

- (1) Fairytale of New York - The Pogues featuring Kirsty MacColl. (2) Stop the Cavalry - Jona Lewie. (3) Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow - Vaughn Monroe. (4) All I want for Christmas is you - Mariah Carey. (5) I want a Hippopotamus for Christmas - Gayla Peevey. (6) Do They Know its Christmas - Band Aid. (7) Step into Christmas - Elton John. (8) White Christmas - Irving Berlin. (9) Thank God its Christmas - Queen. (10) It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year - Andy Williams. (11) Last Christmas - WHAM! (12) I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day - Wizzard. (13) Santa Baby - Eartha Kitt. (14) Christmas Wrapping - The Waitresses. (15) Mistletoe and Wine - Cliff Richard. (16) I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus - Jimmy Boyd. (17) Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas - Judy Garland. (18) Happy Christmas (War is Over) - John Lennon.

NAME THE CHRISTMAS FILM

- (1) Home Alone - 1990. (2) Miracle on 34th Street - 1947. (3) Elf - 2003. (4) White Christmas - 1954. (5) How The Grinch Stole Christmas - 2000. (6) Love Actually - 2003. (7) The Santa Claus - 1994. (8) Its a Wonderful Life - 1946. (9) Nativity! - 2009. (10) The Nightmare Before Christmas - 1993. (11) A Christmas Carol - 2009. (12) Scrooged - 1988. (13) Christmas with the Kranks - 2004. (14) The Polar Express - 2004. (15) Jingle all the Way - 1996.



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