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Enter CIC presents *The Gaiety Afternoon* for over 60's

Deadline for primary school places looms



The Gershwin Gang, who have played before Her Majesty the Queen and at other high profile events, will be entertaining over 60's at the Enter Centre later in the month.

Last year Ferryhill's Enter CIC rolled out a number of events for the over 60's. "We are continuing this service with our Tuesday

afternoon events," said CIC Director, Andrea Flynn. "We are delighted to announce that, on Tuesday 26th January, we are

hosting a traditional tea dance at the Enter Centre complete with live music from The Gershwin Gang and all the wonderful trappings of yesteryear. This will be a very special occasion."

The Gershwin Gang is a jazz band with more than 20 years' experience of performing at weddings, private parties and corporate events.

As well as their regular events, the band has played for the Queen, Rolls Royce, Harrods, Selfridges and at the Hampton Court Flower Show.

Their speciality is the music of the American Songbook: the works of Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Fred Astaire, Nat King Cole and of course, George Gershwin.

The event commences at 12.30pm and finishes at 3pm.

"The entertainment will run from 12.45pm - 2.30pm, which," said Andrea, "will hopefully be helpful for any

Parents in Ferryhill and Chilton are reminded that they are running out of time to apply for primary school places for their children.

The deadline for people to apply for places for September 2016 is Friday, 15th January.

Parents can apply online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where forms and full details are available.

Forms can also be requested by phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the School Admissions and

Transport Team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ. If posting, the forms should be sent back by 'Royal Mail Signed for' or 'Royal Mail Special Delivery'.

A spokesperson said: "The offer of a place will be made to parents on Monday, 18th April.

"If you applied online, you will receive an offer email. If you did not apply online you will receive an offer letter.

"These should arrive by no later than Monday 18th or Tuesday 19th April."

Dance yourselves fit

A non-intimidating dance fitness class suitable for anyone is available at Chilton Community College every Monday night from 7.15pm - 8.15pm and at St Aidan's Church Hall, Chilton on a Tuesday night at the same time.

It costs £4 per session and is a fun way to lose weight and tone up. The session fuses old and new tunes to get you up and moving and a grooving.

For further information contact Sharon on 07515 408572.

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Passed Away

Brian Guy

Formerly of Chilton, passed away 20th Dec 2015 at home in Selsey, aged 79



In Memoriam

Jean Rothwell

16/1/2010

Love and miss you every day



Jason & Family
xxx

Jean Rothwell

January 16th

Someone very special is in my heart today
Never for a moment is she ever far away
"Miss you My Friend"



Margaret
xx

Gladys Smith

January 12th

A much missed Mam, Gran & Granny
Remembered with love always



Margaret, Keith, Family
x x x

Violet Bainbridge

16-1-15

Thinking of you today and always



Love Norma
xx

Precious Memories

Violet Bainbridge (Mam & Nana)

16, 01, 2015

Loved, missed always



Jill, Jason,
Jason Jnr, Ruby, Izzy xxxx

In Memoriam

Loving Memories

Violet Bainbridge (Mam & Nana)

16, 01, 15

Loved, missed always



Tracy & Nev
Family xxx

Violet Bainbridge (Mam & Nana)

Our Beautiful Mam
No longer with us

A year today you were taken away
But in my heart you'll always stay
Not only my Mam but my best friend
Loved and cherished to the very end
Loved & missed
So very dearly



Corrina & Brodie
x x x

Violet Bainbridge

1948-2015

Our Mam, Nanna and Greatnanna

Loved and missed so much
In our hearts you will always stay



Love
Joanne, Marc, Shane,
Chantelle, Gary x x x x
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William Hall (Billy)

January 11th

Always in our thoughts Dad
Loved and missed



Michelle, Graham, John

Trish Wlodarczak

Died January 9th 2012

In loving memory of a dear Grandma x
Time slips slowly by but our love for you will never die x
You're in our thoughts every day



Love forever Grandma,
Jordan, Danika
x

In Memoriam

Trish Wlodarczak (Mam)

Died January 9th 2012

There's a face that is always with us, there's a voice we long to hear, there's a smile we will always remember, of the Mam we loved so dear xx



In our hearts always
Love forever,
Ian & Tracy

Birthdays

Georgie Roberts

19th January



Happy 16th Fuzzy
Love you millions



Dad, Mam, Reece, Ruby
XXX

Colin

19th January



Happy Birthday, Sexy 60!

60!

Birthdays

Gary Williams

15th January

Happy 50th birthday
Dad



Love from,
Shaun, Liam,
Nathan and Pamela
xxx

Gary Williams

15th January

Congratulations on your
50th Birthday, Son



Lots of Love
from, Mam
xxx

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Agnes Walker

Wish to thank all relatives, friends, and family members for their many cards and messages of condolence since their sad loss.

Thanks also to the staff of Denehurst Care Home who gave their care to Agnes for approximately four years, to whom we are grateful.

Sharon Davidson provided a beautiful Humanist funeral service at Durham Crematorium, appreciated by all.

Thanks go to the staff at the Masonic Hall, Ferryhill for providing a wonderful reception

Finally, but by no means least, our thanks go to Terry Stephenson, undertaker, and staff for their utmost care and considerations in providing the funeral arrangements.

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Ferryhill Wheelers celebrate 90th anniversary with charity ride



Some of the members of Ferryhill Wheelers, who will mark their 90th anniversary with a fundraising cycle ride later in the year in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

Ferryhill Wheelers Cycling Group is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year and will mark the occasion with a 300 mile charity ride in aid of Help for Heroes.

Ride 300, as the charity cycle is to be called, will take place over two days in July, setting off from Ferryhill on Saturday 23rd and returning at the end of the next day. The cyclists will visit Catterick *en route*, where they will visit the Help For Heroes rehabilitation centre and meet up with its users. Some may join the cyclists for part of the ride.

Around thirty members of the 130-strong club have signed up for the challenge so far.

Committee member, Dougan Collins, who has been a member of Ferryhill Wheelers for ten years, said: "Cycling over 150 miles on two consecutive days and with 6,000m

of climbing is a big ask of everyone. It is not an easy route.

"We wanted to do something to promote Ferryhill and the club and get a bit of interest going.

"We chose Help For Heroes because it is a good, worthwhile cause."

Volunteers are being sought to help out during the event with food stops,

collecting donations *en route*, dispensing water bottles and driving support vehicles.

For information about joining the club, or to volunteer during Ride 300, visit ferryhillwheelers.org.uk or search for Ferryhill Wheelers CC on Facebook. To donate towards Ride 300, visit justgiving.com/Ferryhill-Wheelers.

Gershwin Gang

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grandparents that would need to leave early to pick up grandchildren from school.

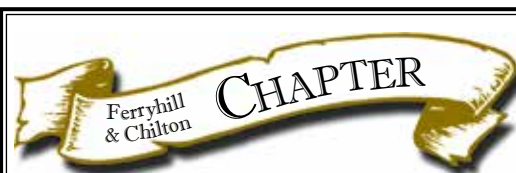
"However, everyone is welcome to stay much later for company and chat."

The programme has been part funded by Enter CIC and the 4 Together Partnership enabling a reduced

ticket price of £3.50.

Free transport is available for any elderly person residing in the Four Together Partnership area (Ferryhill, Chilton, Cornforth and Bishop Middleham) who would be prevented from attending this event due to mobility issues.

To book tickets, call 01740 655437.



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Bishop Middleham Ward - Beat Surgery

Thursday 4th February, 6.30pm - 7.30pm,
St Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham

CONTACT: PCSO Hobson

West Cornforth Ward

Thursday 3rd March, 5pm - 6pm
Sure Start, West Cornforth

CONTACTS: PC Barclay, PCSO Hobson on 101.

Broom & Ferryhill Station Ward

Wednesday 3rd February 6pm - 7pm
Ferryhill Town Hall, Ferryhill Market Place

CONTACTS: PC Beacom, PCSO Armstrong on 101.

Chilton Ward

Thursday 21st January, 7pm - 8pm
Chilton & Windlestone WMC

CONTACT: PC 2510 Robins and PCSO 7747 Lines on 101.

Ferryhill Town & Dean Bank Ward

Wednesday 3rd February, 6pm - 7pm
Ferryhill Town Hall, Ferryhill Market Place

CONTACTS: PC Metcalfe, PCSO Tate on 101.

"We are very keen to ensure that we are tackling issues which matter to you in your community.

With our colleagues in the local authority, we have developed PACT meetings to ensure that you have a chance to engage with local officers from your beat team."

Taekwondo sessions

Taekwondo sessions for five-year-olds and upwards are available at Chilton Community College on Tuesday evenings from 5.30pm until 6.30pm and Friday evenings from 6pm until 7.30pm.

The first session is free and is aimed at building confidence, courage and character.

"If you are interested, or you have children who like to have a go, then just pop along to one of the sessions and see how it goes," encouraged a spokesperson.

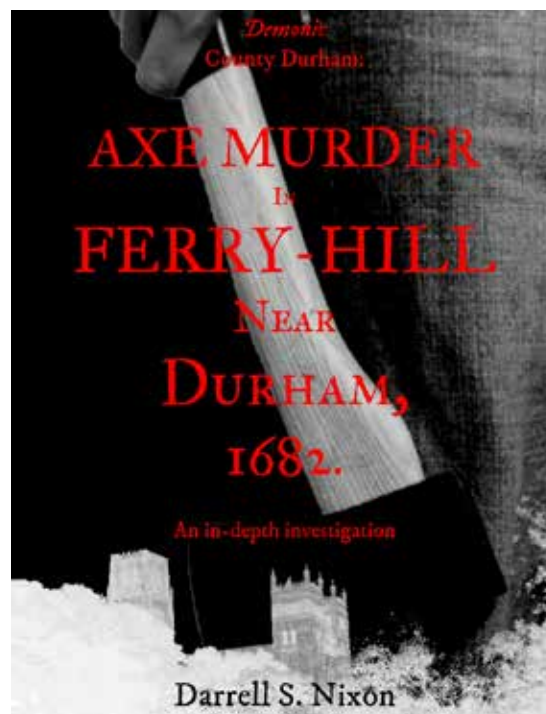
Book explores 300-year-old killings in Ferryhill

A Ferryhill-based author and historian has published his first book on Amazon Kindle in what he hopes will be a series on the theme of *Demonic County Durham*.

The book, *Axe Murder in Ferryhill Near Durham, 1682*, is based on research into Ferryhill's darkest killings - the 17th century Brass children murders. Over 300 years ago, Ferryhill played host to one of the most horrid and tragic murders in the county's history. A farm servant murdered the three children of his master in cold blood with an axe. It was described in a London print as the "most horrid and barbarous murder that has ever been heard in the North or elsewhere".

"I got into researching the murders after I discovered a theatrical play mentioned in James Dodd's *The History of the Urban District of Spennymoor*," said author, Darrell Nixon. "The book delves deeply into the society of the time and reveals some information that has never been known to the public before."

The book, which is priced at just £2.98, is on sale as an Amazon Kindle book with the electronic format meaning that Mr Nixon has been able to add interactive elements, allowing links to external websites



Darrell Nixon hopes to produce a series of books on the theme of 17th century Demonic County Durham.

which provide further reading. Sales of the book will be used for the upkeep of the ferryhillarchives.com website as well as financing additional publications in the series.

"I have also arranged with Durham County Record Office, to make the manuscript available for viewing purposes only," said Mr Nixon. "I received some great help in pulling the

information together, particularly from John Malkin for the article dated 1989 from the old Ferryhill community magazine *Ferryhill Facts*," he added.

Mr Nixon has a Facebook Page *Demonic County Durham*, which will provide additional information about new publications in the series, with two further books scheduled for the coming year.

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North East devolution vote set to get under way

Residents in Ferryhill, Chilton and across County Durham will be asked for their views on devolution when a county-wide poll begins this week.

The results will help to inform the decision over whether Durham County Council agrees to sign a final North East devolution agreement.

The agreement would see more decisions made locally and £30m a year additional funding made available to help bolster the region's economy. It would also see the introduction of a regional elected mayor.

People are being urged to take part in the poll, which includes four questions and can be returned by post or online.

Information packs and poll papers will be delivered to all those registered to vote in the county between Wednesday 13th January and Monday 18th January. The packs and questions have been compiled by Durham University and the poll is being conducted by Electoral Reform Services. All replies must be returned by 5pm on Monday 8th February and a decision on whether County Durham will sign up to a final devolution agreement is expected to be made by the end of February.

Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, said: "The proposed devolution agreement would change the way a number of key decisions are made



Information packs and poll papers will be sent out to all homes in the region from Wednesday 13th January.

in the North East.

"It would see more decisions about our economy, transport, jobs and housing development being made in the region instead of in London.

"Devolution would also see the introduction of a regional elected mayor, who would chair the North East Combined Authority. "We believe it is important that the people of County Durham are given the chance to give their views on whether this is the right thing to do."

The proposed devolution agreement was negotiated with Government by

the North East Combined Authority, which is made up of the seven councils covering Gateshead, Newcastle, North and South Tyneside, Northumberland, Sunderland and County Durham.

It was signed in October 2015 and is conditional on further public consultation, the Government's spending review, legislation passing through Parliament and agreement by each of the seven councils involved in the combined authority.

Further information is available on the county council website at durham.gov.uk/consultation.



Cancer group meeting date

The next meeting of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group will be held on Thursday 4th February at 6pm at Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre.

Group organiser, Allison White said: "Firstly I would like to wish everyone Happy New Year.

"I would like to remind everyone that we don't have meetings in January and August so apologies to anyone who might have turned up last week.

"We tried doing January last year but only a few turned up so we decided not to have the meetings

in that month."

A small mini bus is used to provide free transport each month for anyone who would like to attend but does not have access to a car or who may be too ill to drive.

"The group organises trips and activities throughout the year," said Allison.

Anyone who is interested or would like further information should contact Allison on 07762 258696, by email on allisonwhite75@yahoo.co.uk or by visiting the group's website at www.greataycliffecancer-supportgroup.co.uk.



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL JANUARY MEETINGS

Extraordinary Council**

Monday 18th January 2016

At 7pm in Ferryhill Town Hall

Council**

Wednesday 27th January 2016 at 7.00pm

Finance, Planning & General Purpose**

Wednesday 27th January following Council

Property, Environment & Recreation**

Wednesday 27th January following Finance

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Letters

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Dear Editor,

This morning I got out of bed with that urge to do something different, something that would make me stand out.

I left my pyjamas on, tucked the bottom of my pyjama trousers in my socks and put my slippers on.

I then put my dressing gown on, lit a roll up, grabbed a walking stick and an elbow crutch, and went down the Co-op on my mobility scooter wearing a pair of dark sunglasses and a straw hat.

Halfway to the shops I realised I wouldn't fool anyone, people were staring at me and whispering about me, so I turned around and went home...

Who wears sun glasses and a straw hat in the winter? I would have stood out like a sore thumb.

Yours Sincerely,

Name and address supplied

Mayor available for events

The Mayor of Ferryhill has in recent years performed many presentations and opened many events around the town of Ferryhill.

Members of an organisation who would like to arrange for the Mayor to open a fayre or make a presentation at a forthcoming event

can contact the Town Hall. Also, anyone who knows someone celebrating a special wedding anniversary, or who is acquainted with someone soon to celebrate their centennial birthday can inform Ferryhill Town Council. The Mayor makes special visits to couples celebrat-

ing any of these anniversaries and presents them with a gift and a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Town Council.

A spokesperson said: "To make arrangements for the Mayor to visit any of the above special events, contact the Town Hall on 01740 652157."

This week in History

14 January 1894

Joseph Conrad returns to London to settle down after a long career at sea and begins a new career as a writer. He wrote his most famous story, *Heart of Darkness* in 1902.

15 January 1559

Elizabeth Tudor, the 25-year-old daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, is crowned Queen Elizabeth I at Westminster Abbey, two months after the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary.

16 January 1979

Faced with an army mutiny and violent demonstrations against his rule, Mohammad Reza Shah Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran since 1941, is forced to flee the country.

17 January 1977

Gary Gilmore, convicted in the double murder of an elderly couple, becomes the first person to be executed in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

18 January 1912

After a two-month ordeal, the expedition of British explorer Robert Falcon Scott arrives at the South Pole only to find that Roald Amundsen had preceded them by just over a month.

19 January 1809

poet, author and literary critic Edgar Allan Poe, who became famous for dark horror stories like *The Fall of the House of Usher* is born in Boston, Massachusetts.



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Foster carers make a real difference to the lives of children and young people across County Durham.

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Information Events:

Saturday 16 January, between 10.30am and 2.00pm

Monday 18 January, between 11.00am and 6.30pm

Both events will be held at County Hall, Durham.



Contact us:

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Free road safety training vouchers for young drivers



Young drivers in Ferryhill, Chilton and across County Durham can benefit from extra road safety training thanks to a free voucher scheme.

The *Excelerate* programme is designed to target the three main types of crashes young people are involved in by providing training at five key stages. Durham County Council co-ordinates and delivers the training on behalf of the County Durham and Darlington Road Safety Partnership.

A new scheme has now been launched giving young people aged up to 25 the opportunity to download free vouchers to use for the training after they pass their driving test.

The vouchers, which have no expiry date, will also be available during 2016 from a number of outlets throughout County Durham and Darlington.

Paul Watson, road safety manager, said: "We would urge any young drivers who have recently passed their test to take advantage of the free safety training on offer - it's free and can reduce the risk of accidents."

"We would also encourage any family members and friends of young drivers to let them know about the scheme."

"Nine per cent of all driving licences are held by young drivers but according to research they are involved in 40 per cent of fatal road crashes on our roads."

"The *Excelerate* young

driver course looks at the three main kinds of crashes involving young drivers and works with them to help them to protect themselves and others while they're behind the wheel."

Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Ron Hogg funds the *Excelerate* programme and has lent his support to the voucher scheme.

He said: "Improving road safety is one of the key areas I am focusing on in my Police and Crime Plan."

"This is an excellent course for young people as it will help them to forge a sensible attitude to their driving and prepare them for a safer future on our roads."

"This is also an ideal opportunity which parents can take advantage of and enrol new drivers in their family on to the free training course."

For more information, and to download a voucher, visit exceleratedurham.com or durham.gov.uk/roadsafety.

Poetry Corner

What Did I See?

by Nancy Hardy, Ferryhill

It was early morning

Long before dawning

Through my window I looked at the sky

A cloudless sky before my eyes

No stars to be seen not a starry night

But one large brilliant star was in my sight.

It could be a satellite, one person said

Or a space station you saw up ahead.

Maybe the North Star, another reply

But it wasn't in the north that thought went by.

I looked at the "star" and began to wonder

What could I see there up yonder?

The time of the year came to mind

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Ferryhill bowlers start the new year in style

The new year programme for Ferryhill Indoor Bowls Club (IBC) started on Monday 4th January and proved to be a very busy week for the Ferryhill bowlers.

On top of the normal league programme the club travelled to Houghton IBC for their next game in the Vets Inter Club League and revenge was sweet.

Having taken a 1-4 beating at home to Houghton earlier in the season, Ferryhill showed what they are capable of, returning home with a 5-0 victory.

This was a very closely fought game, however. With only four ends left to play, Houghton had the edge as only E Hope's rink were in front.

However, from hereon in, Ferryhill dug in and moved ahead with a thrilling comeback.

R Jefferson's rink won

three of the last four ends to win by four shots; K Weallan's side won all their last four ends to edge home by two and E Hope's rink completed the rout by taking a single shot victory in a very close finish.

Final scores: E Hope 16-15 T Baister; R Jefferson 16-12 R Thorpe; K Weallans 15-13 F Kell.

Following this, two days later the club hosted the annual game against the county vice presidents and the end result was a win for Ferryhill.

Of the four rinks taking part, two were winners, one was a drawn game and

the fourth lost.

Overall the club were winners by 22 shots.

Move on one day and Sunday saw the next fixture in this busy programme: a County Inter Club match against near neighbours, Spennymoor.

This league sees three rinks play at home and three away.

The points were shared six each, but Ferryhill were unlucky not to take more as two rinks away from home were winners and two of the home rinks likewise. However, Ferryhill lost out on the overall aggregate score by eleven shots.

Youth Boxing Championships



The Regional round of the England Boxing Youth Championships for the Tyne Tees and Wear area will take place at Chilton Community College on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th January.

The tournament is for male and female boxers born in 1998 and 1999 and the winners in the area will compete in the pre-quarter finals in the North West Region in February, followed by the quarters, semis and finals, which will be held in Sheffield later in the year.

"This is an opportunity for

the region's young boxers to demonstrate their sporting skills and strive to be the best in their weight category," said a spokesperson. "The Championships has both male and female entries at this time and the organisers are looking forward to an exciting two days of competition."

Doors are open from 1pm on the Saturday and on the Sunday with adult tickets priced at £15 per person and under 16s at £5 per person.

Tickets will also be available on the day.

Cricket Club fundraiser

Mainsforth Cricket Club are holding a fundraising event on Saturday 30th January from 7pm.

First class singer, Andrew Kerry, will be performing and there will also be a raffle draw.

Tickets for the event are just £3 and are available from Andrew on 07747 828 426 or from Joanne on 07979 933 958.

"Come along and help raise funds to support the club," said a spokesperson.

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