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Ferryhill family walk from home to hospice to raise cancer funds



The family of the late Paul Crathorne arrive at St Cuthbert's Hospice after completing a six-mile sponsored walk from his home to the hospice where he passed away last June.

The family of the late Paul Crathorne from Ferryhill, who passed away from stomach cancer in June last year, have completed a sponsored walk to raise funds for St Cuthbert's Hospice in Durham, which cared for him before he died aged 63.

Mr Crathorne's widow, Karen completed the six-mile walk from the family home to the hospice alongside son James, daughter-in-law Elizabeth Salmons, niece Gemma Wanless and sisters-in-law Tracey Woods, and Ferryhill Town Mayor Pauline Crathorne.

Mrs Crathorne said: "It meant a lot to us to be able to do this walk together as a family in Paul's memory. "I would like to thank everyone who has sponsored us."

She said: "The hospice is a fantastic place, a real home from home.

"Nothing was ever too much trouble for the nurses, they were so kind and thoughtful.

"Paul said it was like staying in a five-star hotel."

The family were thanked for their fundraising efforts by Jade McArdle, Community and Events Fundraiser at St Cuthbert's Hospice, which needs £1.3m a year to care for people in County Durham.

Dedicated pupils wanted for awards

The most dedicated pupils in County Durham are wanted for a special celebration event.

Durham County Council is trying to track down teenagers in their final year of secondary school and children in their last year of primary who have a 100 per cent attendance record.

Those pupils, who have not missed even a half day in class throughout their whole secondary or primary career, will be invited to a special celebration event.

The evening, at Durham County Cricket Club, will include an awards presentation and photographs.

Families who think their child may have a 100 per cent attendance record to date should contact their child's school.

Durham County Council is also contacting schools direct in order to identify eligible pupils.

To be eligible for an award, the attendance must continue to be 100 per cent until the pupil's official leaving date in the summer.

Bank holiday classified deadlines

On May Day (bank holiday Monday 2nd May), all classifieds for issue 776 of the *Chapter* (dated 6th May 2016) will be received in the Ferryhill and Chilton

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If you are sending a classified via an email, the deadline for this is 11am on Monday 2nd May.

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In Memoriam

Sheila Lister

April 14th

God has you in his arms
I have you in my heart



Your loving Daughter,
Elizabeth

Birthday Memories

Michael (Mick) Watson

14/04/1964

They say there is a reason
They say that time will heal
But neither time nor reason
Will change the way we feel
For no-one knows the
heartache
That lies behind our smiles.

We have broken down and
cried

We want to tell you
something
So there won't be any
doubt

We wish that we could tell
you

That we love you very
much

And give you a big hug
For you are so special to us
Because you are our big
bruv

Happy Birthday Mick



Love Sue & Ang
Always loved, never
forgotten xxx

Birthdays

Auntie Tia

Happy Birthday



Love you lots,
Havanah, Odin
Hagan & Beau x

Birthdays

Sophie Walters

15 April



Happy first Birthday



Love Mam Lisa, late Dad
David, Grandad Norman,
Grandma Denise, Grandma
Jacket Spud, late Grandad
Albert and both families

Acknowledgements

Doris Slater

8-3-1915 - 20-3-2016

Doris's family would like
to thank everyone for
all cards, messages and
flowers received and
donations to the chapel
which totalled £420.
Also thanks to Deacon
Sue Peat for a very
moving service and for all
who attended.
Thanks to Fletchers
Undertakers for their
help and guidance at this
sad time.
Doris will always be kept
close in our hearts.



Terry & Betty Rounsley

Would like to thank family
& friends for all the lovely
cards and gifts received
for their Golden Wedding

Birthday Memories

Michael (Mick) Watson

14th April 1964

In our home there is a
photo more precious than
gold

And to those who love and
lost you, your memory will
never grow old

Today we look at your
photo, at a face so lovely
No wonder our hearts are
breaking, losing a son like
you

Each day we pray that
when our lives are through
that God will take our
hands and lead us straight
to you

Thinking of you on your
birthday Michael son



Love always,
Mam & Dad xxx

Birthdays

Tia Moffatt

14-4-00



Sweet 16



Love you,
Mam & Dad x

Our little sis Tia

Happy sixteenth

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Love Merrick & Amy
Daggon & Caroline
Jade xxx



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16th April

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Baby Princess



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Nana & Granda
xxx

Darcy-bey Proudfoot-Freeman

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to our gorgeous niece



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Wuzzy & Jay
xxx



Announcements

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Mayor's charity dinner raises funds for local causes



Mayor, Councillor Pauline Crathorne and Consort Alan Hodgson with Deputy Mayor Councillor Peter Atkinson and Consort Carole Atkinson.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Mrs Pauline Crathorne hosted her Charity Dinner on Friday 8th April 2016 at the Masonic Hall in Ferryhill. The evening was supported by civic guests from around the County, local Councillors, community representatives and friends. Cllr Crathorne said: "The night was very successful and raised £1,007 for my chosen charities. "I'd like to thank everyone for attending, Vivienne at the Masonic Hall and her staff for once again excelling with the food and service, entertainer, Jacey Taylor for an excellent performance and Eddie Serrell for taking photographs. "I hope everyone had a great evening and special

thanks go to those who have supported me in my Mayoral Year, including local businesses, family and friends, fellow Councillors and staff who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola, and all those who helped out on the evening." The monies raised from the evening will be donated to Ferryhill Town Band and St Cuthbert's Hospice.

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I would like the residents of Ferryhill to know the true facts regarding my personal life as a Ferryhill Town Councillor.

Sadly my husband passed away 10 years ago and I now have a new partner and he lives in West Cornforth.

I will, in due course, be moving to West Cornforth. This does not mean, as the Fair Party leaflet would imply, that I am deserting Ferryhill and in no way will it stop me from performing my duties as a Town or County Councillor for the residents of Ferryhill.

As Councillor Gibson and the Fair Party are aware, from the last Town council meeting and his correspondence with the electoral office, I comply with government legislation which clearly states that a candidate can stand for election if they live in the parish/community area or within three miles and therefore I am within my rights to be a Councillor.

I was born in Dean Bank and my heart is in Ferryhill and I will always work hard for the residents.

I have been Mayor for the last two years and will be very proud to represent Ferryhill wherever I go.

My charities for last year were Ferryhill Town Youth Football, the Girl Guides, St Cuthbert's Hospice and Ferryhill Town Band and I will continue to carry out my duties to the best of my abilities.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Pauline Crathorne.

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank all who contributed to the Spring Fair on Friday 1st April at Dean Bank Institute, especially the ladies who helped on the stalls and Chris for his help.

£650 was raised and the charities to benefit from certain stalls' contributions include: Air Ambulance, Cancer Research, Help for Heroes and the Shoe Box Appeal.

There are some raffle prizes which have not yet been claimed. The ticket numbers are: 353, 378 and 224.

Thank you all for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Ellen Smith, address supplied.

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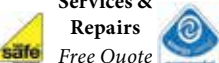
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'Catch a Scratcher' raids reveal risks of illegal tattooists



Some of the tools and equipment used by unregistered tattooists recovered during a raid on three properties in County Durham recently.

Raids on three properties in County Durham by council officers have resulted in two people being prosecuted, one accepting a caution and two other illegal operators voluntarily surrendering their equipment.

The action, taken by Durham County Council's Environmental Health and Consumer Protection Team, was carried out as part of the 'Catch a Scratcher' campaign.

Illegal tattooing by unregistered tattooists or 'scratchers' can result in scarring, infections and increase the risk of blood borne infections such as HIV and Hepatitis B.

During the raids, officers seized over 30 bags of equipment including 15 tattoo machines and hundreds of needles, many of which were out of date.

Other tattooing equipment was also found at the properties including a treatment bed and chair, inks, sharps boxes and a fast food bucket that was being used to store contaminated waste.

Officers were also concerned that no suitable sterilization measures were in place at these premises. Joanne Waller, Head of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection said: "Illegal tattooing carried out by 'scratchers' puts members of the public at an increased risk of catching infections or being scarred by poor tattooing practice. "Unregistered tattooists are trading illegally and I strongly advise anyone who is thinking of getting

a tattoo not to use these unregulated operators.

"We'd urge anyone with any concerns regarding any tattooist who is, or isn't registered to contact us.

"Members of the public should only use premises that have been registered with the local authority." Registered tattooists operating in County Durham can be found by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/tattooists. The 'Catch a Scratcher' campaign is ongoing. Anyone with information on illegal tattooing should report it to the council's Safety and Occupational Health Team on 03000 261016, emailing ehcp@durham.gov.uk or by using 'Report it' on the council's website.

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Sedgefield Community College gains national recognition



Analysis of the exceptional performance of Sedgefield Community College pupils has shown that the school ranks in the top ten per cent nationally for high average grades.

Sedgefield Community College has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2015 performance by the Schools, Students and Teachers network (SSAT). Educational Outcomes data analysis from SSAT has shown that the school is in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for high average grades achieved by students and the top 20% nationally for progress made by pupils between their Key Stage 2 results at primary school and their Key Stage 4 results. The school's SSAT Educa-

tional Outcomes awards will be presented at a regional celebration event held to draw attention to the work of high-achieving, improving and innovating schools and teachers. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT said: "It's my great pleasure to commend Sedgefield Community College on their excellent 2015 performance, and to have the opportunity to highlight and share their great work at the SSAT Educational Outcomes celebration evening. "I have the privilege of

visiting lots of schools and I am always impressed by the creativity of teachers engaging and inspiring their students. "I hope that SSAT's Educational Outcomes awards will highlight the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Sedgefield Community College. "Recognising and sharing successes like this is at the heart of SSAT's mission, so I'm delighted to congratulate Sedgefield Community College on their achievement."

New curling sessions for blind residents

In conjunction with Blind Life In Durham, the Community Hub is to host an introductory session of New Age Curling for people with visual impairment. The two hour session will be held on Tuesday 26th April commencing at

1.30pm in the Community Hub Sports Hall. A spokesperson said: "No matter what your degree of sight loss is you are invited to attend and coaching and advice will be on hand. "Refreshments are also available."

Tea at St Aidan's

St Aidan's Church in Chilton is holding a 'fabulous tea afternoon' on Saturday 23rd April from 2pm to 5pm. A spokesperson said:

"Please come along and join us. "Tickets are on sale at £6.50. Please phone 01388 721174/ 720429 to purchase."

Residents' AGM

The next meeting of Chilton Residents' Association will be its AGM, to held on Tuesday 26th April at the

Pavilion, Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

First plant sale of 2016 for Ferryhill Six

Local fundraisers, the Ferryhill Six are holding their first Plant Sale of the year

on Saturday 16th April at 10am at the entrance to Cleves Court Estate in Ferryhill.

"There will be a variety of spring flowering plants and perennials for sale and as always lots of bargains," said a spokesperson for the fundraising group.

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Update on fundraising night

Two sisters from Ferryhill, Lauren Sproates and Danielle Jackson, will be heading the charity night for Parkinson's UK at Mainsforth Community Centre on Saturday 23rd April, in the hope of raising £1,500 for the disease, which afflicts their father, Bill Holsworth.

Bill, who ran the night for the last two years, is content to hand over hosting responsibilities to his daughters as his illness now makes it difficult for him to host the event.

Lauren said: "Parkinson's has affected us all as a family so we want to help raise awareness and funds for Parkinson's UK."

"We feel it is a very important charity that is sometimes overlooked."

"It will be a great night guaranteed to get people laughing, dancing and singing and all for a great cause."

The event will be headlined by *The Northern Boyz* who will be doing a 60s, 70s and 80s music tribute. There will also be refreshments, raffles, tombolas and Irish bingo.

Abby Robinson, North

East and Cumbria regional fundraiser at Parkinson's UK said: "I'd like to wish Lauren and family the very best of luck with the fundraising evening."

"The last two that Bill held were fantastic and I hope their story will inspire others to come along and sing the night away."

"As the UK Parkinson's support and research charity, we're leading the work to find a cure, and we're closer than ever."

"But our work is dependent on donations." All proceeds raised on the night will go towards Parkinson's UK.

Tickets to the fun-filled event cost £6 each and can be purchased at the following outlets: Colin's Fish Bar (Ferryhill Station), Essence Hairdressers (Main St. Ferryhill), and The House Beauty Salon (Cheapside, Spennymoor). Alternatively, you can call 07814 965 724 or pay at the door.

The event, which runs from 7pm-midnight coincides with Parkinson's Awareness week which spans from Wednesday 20th to Tuesday 26th April.

Witness appeal

Between Sunday 3rd April and Tuesday 5th April, a gate that allows access between Bessemer Street and Napier Court in Ferryhill was removed from its fittings and stolen. If anyone has witnessed anything in connection to

this or and believes they have information that might be useful, contact Durham Police on 101 quoting incident number SL1600831 or contact the Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team based at Ferryhill Police Office.



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL
APRIL MEETINGS
2000 Committee*
Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 6.15pm in Ferryhill Town Hall*
Council
Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 7pm*
Finance, Planning & General Purpose
Wednesday 20 April 2016 following Council **
Property, Environment & Recreation**
Wednesday 20 April 2016 following Finance **
*Members of the public are invited to participate in these meetings
**Members of the public may attend these meetings

Film Night at Chilton Community College Film Club



Chilton Community College Film Club's latest screening on Friday 22nd April will be the British comedy, *What we did on our Holiday*. The show begins at 6pm.

For its next screening, Chilton Community College Film Club presents *What we did on our Holiday*.

The film stars Rosamund Pike, David Tennant and Billy Connolly in a family comedy written and directed by Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin (creators of *Outnumbered*).

As Doug (Tennant), his wife Abi (Pike) and their three children prepare to travel up to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie (Connolly)'s birthday, they fail to give their children a list of things that are to be

kept secret.

While their offspring set about telling Grandpa and Grandma (Annette Crosbie) the ins and outs of their lives down in London, including intimate details of arguments their parents have had, Doug and Abi try to put aside their differences and have an enjoyable weekend.

What we did on our Holiday has been described by various critics as 'Hilarious', 'British comedy at its best', and 'warm, witty and delightfully entertaining'.

The film will be shown at the college on Friday 22nd April at 6pm.

The film is for adults only and will cost £3 for a member and £4 for a non member (it costs just £1 to become a Film Club member) and includes refreshments.

A spokesperson for the Film Club said: "Please give us a quick ring on 01388 720911 between 5.30pm and 8pm on any weekday or email us at chiltoncollegenew@gmail.com so that we know how many film goers to expect."

SUPPORT FOR CARERS

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The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in Ferryhill



The Queen, who will turn 90 this year, is pictured lighting a beacon last year to commemorate the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

Ferryhill Town Council will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday on Thursday 21st April by lighting a beacon in the Town Hall gardens at 7.30pm. This will be followed by light refreshments in the Town Hall. The Queen's birthday will trigger a day of celebrations around the country with His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales and

the Duchess of Cornwall lighting the Principle Beacon at Windsor Castle to mark Her Majesty's 90th. This will be followed by the lighting of a number of beacons along the long walk in Windsor's Great Park including one at the Copper Horse and then over 1,000 beacons will be lit throughout the United Kingdom, Channel

Islands, Isle of Man and UK overseas territories to celebrate the landmark birthday. The Army Cadet Force are taking special gas fuelled beacons to the top of the four highest peaks in the UK: Ben Nevis, Mount Snowdon, Scarfell Pike and Slieve Donard. All residents of Ferryhill are invited to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event.

Soil testing available

Shildon Gardens & Allotments Guild has made arrangements with a company to carry out soil testing for members. About half a cup of soil from three depths is required. The sample should then be taken to

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Sport

Local leagues, competitions and events...



Mainsforth in bloom



Local resident, Gordon Ball sent us this colourful photograph on Saturday 9th April of spring flowers in bloom at Mainsforth Sports Complex, with Mainsforth Cricket Club pavilion in the background. "I hope you like it," said Gordon.

Celtic on the brink of title glory after win at Bede Lodge

Ferryhill Celtic are within one win of being crowned champions of Durham and District Sunday League Division Two in their first season in the league after a 2-1 away win at Bede Lodge Social Club, coupled with other results favouring the table-toppers.

Celtic, who gained promotion after finishing in second spot in Division Three last season, have taken the league by storm, soaring to the top after an unbeaten season so far. They are now within three points of claiming the title and joining Ferryhill Dynamos in Division One next season.

Celtic travelled to Durham on Thursday 7th April as they continued to catch up on games in hand and, as in recent matches, the game followed a familiar pattern with the league leaders pressing from the kick off but falling behind early in the game.

After just ten minutes, Bede Lodge took the lead

and the visitors spent the remainder of the half pressuring the home defence in their search for an equaliser.

The pressure paid off when, with five minutes remaining in the half, Dane Eltringham was fouled in the box.

On form goalscorer, Andrew Agar stepped forward to slot home the resulting penalty and send the sides into the break on level terms.

Celtic began the second half in typical attacking fashion, looking for the winner that would take them closer still to winning the Division Two championship at the first attempt. Midway through the half, it was Andrew Agar who again found the route to goal, dribbling past three defenders before slotting home the winner - his ninth goal in five games.

Meanwhile, the only other sides capable of passing Celtic, Langley Park and Washington Cricket Club,

both suffered midweek losses leaving the door open for Celtic to win the league at home should they beat Langley Park next Sunday, 17th April.

Celtic could have won the league away from home last Sunday, 10th April with victory over Washington, but the hosts were unable to turn out a team and the match was postponed.

And Celtic could yet be virtually assured of the title should Washington drop more than two points this midweek when they play three times in four days.

That scenario would leave second placed Framwellgate Moor as the only side capable of catching Celtic on points from their final two games, but with a surely insurmountable 34 goal difference between the sides.

Kick off for what Celtic will hope is followed by a title-winning party on Sunday is 10.30am at the King George V Recreation Ground.

Friday 15th April 2016

PACT MEETINGS

Police & Communities Together

Bishop Middleham Ward - Beat Surgery

**Thursday 5th May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm,
St Michael's Church, Bishop Middleham**

CONTACT: PCSO Hobson on 101

West Cornforth Ward

**Thursday 5th May, 5pm - 6pm
Sure Start, West Cornforth**

CONTACTS: PC Barclay, PCSO Hobson on 101.

Broom & Ferryhill Station Ward

**Wednesday 4th May, 6pm - 7pm
Ferryhill Town Hall, Ferryhill Market Place**

CONTACTS: PC Beacom, PCSO Armstrong on 101.

Chilton Ward

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

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

Ferryhill Town & Dean Bank Ward

**Wednesday 4th May, 6pm - 7pm
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CONTACTS: PC Metcalfe, PCSO Tate on 101.

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