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of our wonderful community



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Nicole's dream holiday to come true!



Michelle Abbs pictured with Nicole (to the right of Michelle), Brooke and Kyle Agar.

The Ferryhill community has pulled together to send Nicole Agar and her siblings on an exciting and well-deserved trip to Disneyland Florida.

Michelle Abbs, who spent a

lot of time and effort fundraising for the eight-year-old, who has been given the all clear after suffering a brain tumour, said: "I am over the moon that we have made their dream come

true.

"I would like to give a massive thank you to everybody who helped with the charity night at Ferryhill Hub on Saturday 11th June (a night designed to raise the last of the funds for Nicole's dream holiday).

"Special thanks go to singer John Holmes, Simon Emery and Dave Athey from Ferryhill Hub for making the event possible.

"Also a massive thanks to all local businesses for the 87 amazing raffle prizes.

"The event on Saturday raised a massive £1,600 and the target for the holiday was £6,200 so, once all money is collected in, we will have smashed the target by a few hundred pounds.

"I would like to also thank the people of Ferryhill and anybody else who has helped me make this happen by donating, no matter how small the donation.

"I really do appreciate it

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St Luke's Summer Fair calls all children

St Luke's Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd July in the Parish Centre. The main feature of the event will be the children's fancy dress competition and there will be a prize for the winner.

The fair will be opened by Mrs Norman (wife of Rev. Gary Norman) at 10.30am and boasts a host of games and competitions, as well

as numerous stalls selling many items such as cakes, books, toiletries and gifts. Refreshments, both hot and cold, will be available throughout the fair for visitors to enjoy.

A spokesperson for St Luke's said: "Everyone is very welcome, so come along and meet, or make, friends and have some fun."

Successful fundraising event

Visitors to an event held by Denehurst Nursing Home to raise money for the Residents' Fund and Marie Curie have all helped to raise a "fantastic amount" for both causes.

A spokesperson said: "We would like to give special thanks to Ferryhill Stage Society and the following local businesses who very kindly donated raffle prizes:

Bronzing Beauty, Ladbroke, FIORI, Cutting Loose, Post Boy, Llewellyn's, Essence, Ferrydec, I Fry, Manor House, Spendwise, Thinford Nurseries and Surtees Arms.

"We'd also like to give a huge thank you to Councillor John Lindsay and Councillor Pauline Crathorne for their funding contribution."

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All about local people ...



In Memoriam

Olive and Keith Walker

Miss you so much



Love Ann, Maisy
& Ruby xxx



Brian McKenna

14.6.14

Gone but not forgotten
Although we are apart,
your spirit lives with me



Forever in my heart
Love Ann, family
& Maisy xx

In Memoriam

Margaret Brazier

18/06/2015

Mam, we wish our lives
together with you
never had to end
You were a special Mother
and Grandma
Our dearest friend
We miss you more
and more each day
And love you more than
words can say

Reunited with
husband, Herbert
Our Dad and Granda



Love Denise, Kenneth
Andrew & Stacey, Trudy
Dave and Abby

Birthdays

Ageing gracefully?? Never!!

20th June



Lots of love on your
65th Birthday



Birthdays

Nathan Wilson

June 16th



Hope you have a brilliant
18th Birthday



Love you loads,
Mam, Simon
& Liam x

Birthdays

John Poulson

21st June



Wishing you a happy
21st Birthday



All our love always
Mam & Dad
xxx

Birthdays

Lucy Mae Robinson

22/06/2013



Happy 3rd Birthday



Lots of love,
Mammy, Daddy
& Family
xxx

Charlotte Laverick

17th June



Happy 18th Birthday



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Dad
Adam &
Nathan

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18th June



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15 June

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Drivers urged to stick to 30mph speed limit



Speeding, as well as endangering children, can result in a fine and penalty points.

On Thursday 19th May, members of Chilton Primary School 'Rights and Respecting' team, and Glenys from Approach Too were outside on duty at 8.30am with PCSO David Evans checking to see if people were travelling at the right speed on the front street.

Disappointingly, they found that some drivers weren't adhering to the speed limit.

A spokesperson said: "The children feel it is important to make people aware that it is a 30mph zone and they need to keep to this speed. "It is not safe for children to be crossing the road to school while there are

speeding cars. In future, we would like people to slow down so there aren't as many hazards to children. If drivers

continue to speed, it could lead to a fine and penalty points. Please change the way you are driving for the sake of others."

Care Home Open Day celebrations

Denehurst Nursing Home is inviting members of the public to join their celebration of National Care Home Open Day on Friday 17th June. There will be a coffee morning and bake sale, which will take place between 10am and 12pm. This offers an opportunity to observe the standard of

care and support offered.

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Events at Chilton Care Centre

Chilton Care Centre celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday this week. Residents wore their best tiaras and crowns and were entertained by Jean who sang them songs from the 1950's and reminisced about the olden days. The residents thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's entertainment before sitting down to afternoon tea. On Thursday, Bert the dog

visited and had a great time being fussed over, patted, and groomed by the residents.

This week, the centre will be baking cupcakes in aid of Alzheimer's society in preparation for National Care Home Open Day on Friday 17th June.

The cupcakes will be sold on the day to generate a small donation for the Alzheimer's Society.

Matters stood down

Kai Aaron Barker, aged 20, of Howe Hills Plantation, Sedgfield, appeared before Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court to face charges after being found driving whilst disqualified. Barker, whose VW Bora was stopped on the A167, had taken the vehicle without the driver's consent and was without insurance. However, the court was

made aware that the defendant was due to appear in court on 23rd June to face charges of dangerous driving, aggravated vehicle taking and of having no insurance relating to an incident on 26th May.

Matters were stood down in order to pursue the possibility of putting all matters together before the court on 23rd June.

Driver disqualified

Alan Pearson, 38, of Lichfield Road, West Cornforth, was disqualified from driving for twelve months after pleading guilty to a charge of driving whilst over the legal drug limit.

Pearson was stopped by police at around 9am on the morning of 12th April whilst driving his white Ford Transit Van on Tursdale Road. Police were in the area to check on vehicles

which had been fly-tipping and, when they stopped Pearson, they smelt cannabis on his breath and clothing. Pearson was cooperative and told police that he had smoked cannabis at a party on the previous evening but had thought that he was perfectly fit to drive. In addition to the driving ban, magistrates at Newton Aycliffe imposed fines and costs of £215.

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June film at Chilton Community College

The Chilton Community College Film Club will be showing the recent cinema remake of the classic sitcom *Dads Army*.

The film sees the Walmington-on-Sea Home Guard Platoon deal with a visiting female journalist and a German spy as World War II draws to its conclusion. The film boasts an all-star, inspiring British cast which includes Toby Jones, Bill Nighy, Bill Paterson, Michael Gambon and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

The film will be shown on Friday 24th June at 6pm.

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

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

Pie and pea supper at All Saints Church

All Saints Catholic Club at All Saints Church in Dean Road, Ferryhill is holding a pie and pea supper on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.45pm.

The supper also includes bingo and a raffle and admission is just £3 each.

Tickets are available from W.C.G and everyone is welcome to attend.

Armed Forces Day flag-raising event

A Special Armed Forces Day flag will be raised at the Ferryhill Town Council flag pole on Friday 24th June at 10am and will remain flying until Monday 27th June.

The event will commence at 9.45am with a short service by Mr Les Lewis, representing St Luke's Church, and a short speech

by the Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Peter Atkinson. The flag will be flown in unison with other flags across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man in a universal show of support, honouring Britain's Armed Forces past, present and future.

Anyone wishing to attend the flag-raising event is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards in the Town Council Conference Room.

The official date for the celebrations of Armed Forces Day is Saturday 25th June when various events will be held throughout the United Kingdom.

For more information log onto armedforcesday.org.uk which lists all the events throughout the country.

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Dean Bank Residents' Association celebrate royal birthday



The afternoon tea was attended by people in Ferryhill who are of a similar age to the Queen and a range of entertainment was enjoyed.

On Monday 6th June, Dean Bank Residents' Association hosted an afternoon tea celebrating the Queen's birthday along with people in Ferryhill of a similar age (including the oldest guest, John Richardson, who is the grand old age of 100).

Good wishes had been sent to the Queen. Her reply was read out as were the good wishes of Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield.

Visitors were also happy to see Peter Atkinson, the new Mayor of Ferryhill, in attendance.

There was entertainment by Gloria Wills with a sing-along and funny stories. Nancy Hardy also read out a poem.

A group of fab ladies dressed in wrap around pinnies and turbans (just like they used to wear) line danced and a superb band of ladies waited on tables, looking after the guests. George Miller, resplendent in his Tartan Trews, Glengary Bonnet and

medals, also got a warm welcome. The event ended with a toast and the national anthem with everyone in good voice. A spokesperson said: "A great afternoon was had."

"Thanks to everyone who came and those that helped."

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THE EU REFERENDUM

British voters are about to take part in one of the most important decisions taken in this country for a generation. The UK joined the European Union in 1973. Voters are now being asked if they wish to remain a member or if they wish to leave. We asked both sides of the debate to provide the voters of Ferryhill and Chilton with the reasons why they think Britain should remain or leave. Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgfield writes here for the remain campaign while local businessman, John Elliott, founder dehumidifier manufacturer Ebac argues the case for Britain to leave the European Union.



Phil Wilson MP

IT IS IN Britain's interest to stay a member of the European Union for jobs, prosperity and security.

Top leave campaigners will tell you should we leave they will invest in our NHS, and reduce immigration.

What they won't tell you is they are the Eton-educated elite, responsible for the Bedroom Tax and Foodbanks. They believe in privatising the NHS, and have been telling non-EU migrants should the UK leave it will be easier for their family members to get a visa.

Leave campaigners however, have admitted leaving the EU will make our economy weaker. The Bank of England has been clear leaving will cause an economic shock. Leaving could cost our economy over £40 billion, dwarfing the UK's £7 billion EU contribution.

With a weaker economy and no access to the single market, companies will undoubtedly begin investing elsewhere within the European Union, meaning less jobs for this generation and the next.

Top leave campaigners don't tell you this because as millionaires, a weak economy leading to loss of jobs and

dramatic fall in public finances (which are needed to fund our NHS), will not affect them. The fact families might be £4,000 worse off if we leave the EU doesn't matter to them.

Leave campaigners continuously fail to put forward an alternative to EU membership, because they have no idea what the alternative is. But they don't mind not knowing, because it isn't their jobs and livelihoods on the line.

The North East's biggest employer Nissan, and the regions fastest growing employer Hitachi have both said leaving the EU could lead them to scaling back their UK investment. These companies and jobs, are here because of our relationship with the EU. Hitachi have made it clear that they came to the UK as a gateway to the EU single market.

Across the region there are 100,000 jobs related to our EU membership. The EU has been our safety net against Tory governments who continually ravage public services and our rights. The North East receives nearly £600 million from EU structural funding which creates jobs and supports development across our region.

In addition the EU protects you at work. The EU Working Time Directive ensures employers can't exploit workers by forcing them to work extra hours.

It introduced maternity leave, a progressive piece of EU legislation ensuring you can have time off work when having a baby without being at risk of losing your job.

It has also given you the right to 4 weeks paid holiday, and lowered the cost of your mobile phone bill.

The leave campaigns claim 'leaving will allow us to take back control' is nonsensical. To access the EU single market of 500 million consumers, which leave campaigners want to do, we will have to pay into the EU and accept EU rules, including the freedom of movement, except we will have forfeited our right to have our say.

Leaving puts jobs, rights, the economy, and the future of our country at risk, at a time when the Great British nation should be leading, not leaving Europe.

For these reasons, and more, I will be voting for the UK remain a Member of the EU on 23rd June.



John Elliott

THIS REGION has a once in a lifetime opportunity to escape the failed concept that is the European Union. The upcoming referendum is our chance to make our economy stronger - that's the bottom line.

For as long as I can remember, we've been told the EU will get better - that costs and bureaucracy will be curtailed - but that hasn't materialised. David Cameron returned from Brussels in February with anything but fundamental change to benefit Britain. The EU courts are still in control of our borders and our laws, and the North East will continue to send £496m to the EU every year, instead of spending it on our priorities here.

The UK is the EU's fifth largest economy. If we vote to leave, we can leverage that position to build our economy further. We face a choice between regionalisation or globalisation, and as a strong economy we no longer stand to gain from the "fortress EU" approach in the same way other, weaker economies do. Western economies are no longer the only show in town, and we

should be looking to markets further afield to build relationships, without the prohibitive EU rules to stop us.

I have absolutely no doubt that following a vote to leave the EU, our country would secure trade agreements allowing us to supply the rest of Europe. It's in the very essence of trade agreements that they benefit both parties.

German manufacturers need to sell us their Mercedes, BMWs, Audis and VWs, and French producers need us to continue buying wine, cheese and farm produce. Britain is Europe's largest export market, ahead of the USA. To suggest we'd be risking losing these trade links, the manufacturers that create jobs here and the investment that comes with it, is laughable.

This type of scaremongering is exactly the same as when we decided not to join the Euro. As I recall, there was talk of losing six million jobs if we didn't join. Look what happened there.

In some parts of the EU, unemployment is 25% and youth unemployment is more than 50%. It's the

worst situation since the 1930s and the EU is ill equipped to deal with it. It suffers low growth, high unemployment, a dysfunctional currency and a culture that is not friendly to technology and entrepreneurs. Its regulatory system is based on a slow, broken 1950s bureaucracy that cannot fix problems fast.

If we leave, we will save the millions of pounds every year that are diverted for use by the EU. We can use those funds on our own terms to invest in things such as skills and infrastructure.

The UK is a net contributor to the EU. That means we pay in more than twice what we get back. By coming out of the EU Britain would not just be able to continue funding its domestic agencies and organisations that benefit from EU funds, but also make a substantial investment in the country.

Ask yourself which is safer: a vote for the permanent supremacy of EU law, or a vote to take back control? I know what my answer is, which is why I will vote Leave on June 23rd and take back control.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

May I offer many thanks to Dean Bank Residents' Association for organising a fantastic show to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The community officials, staff and volunteers must be congratulated for doing a fantastic job in looking after many elderly residents from Ferryhill.

There were many in their 80's, 90's and one gentlemen 100 not out.

All enjoyed a meal, tea, coffee, ginger wine and entertainment from Gloria who encouraged all to join in, which everyone did.

Secretary Joan Weston announced that she had written to the Queen, wishing her a happy birthday and telling her about the event the Residents Association were organising.

Never thinking that she would get a reply, she continued organising everything.

To her amazement, a letter of congratulations came back from the Head Lady in Waiting, on behalf of the Queen.

Everyone had a lovely day.

Well done Dean Bank Residents' Association.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Brian Avery

Nicole's wish comes true

From page 1

as we are all in the same boat. Considering Ferryhill is a small town and gets branded not being a nice place to live in. I think we

have done amazing as a community. Everybody has pulled together when it was needed and made this dream possible. Thank you to everybody from myself, Nicole, Brooke and Kyle."

Family service for Father's Day

A short family service will be held on Sunday 19th June at St Luke's Church. The interactive service will start at 9.30am and will be led by Rev. Gary

Norman and his bag of props!

A spokesperson said: "We hope to see lots of new faces enjoying this service of celebration."

Food bank date changed

Ferryhill Food Bank has rescheduled its food bank day as St Luke's Centre will be used for voting on Thursday 23rd June. A

spokesperson said: "We are moving to Wednesday 22nd June from 12.30 to 2pm. Everyone is welcome to attend."

First aid training offered in schools in Ferryhill and Chilton



The first aid training scheme was developed by Durham County Council's Safer Communities Team.

Over one thousand children, including children from Chilton Primary School and Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, are set to benefit from life-saving first aid training thanks to a County Durham initiative. Durham County Council, in partnership with St John Ambulance, has organised and funded the scheme to teach children what to do in the case of an emergency. A total of 1,080 children and young people from primary schools to sixth form colleges, are taking part in the training sessions, which cover topics including: choking, resuscitation, severe bleeding and the recovery position.

The training scheme, which was developed by the council's Safer Communities Team, was originally only offered to secondary schools in the Durham County Council area, but was later extended to include primary schools as well.

Steve McCallan, Safer Communities Officer at Durham County Council, said: "Since we rolled the scheme out even further, the response rate has increased significantly and

we hope to provide the same scheme to many more schools.

"There are now 1,080 children and young people, countywide, who will have the skills to really make a difference in an emergency situation and, at a cost of just over £2.80 per student, this really is such a small price to pay to equip people to help save a life." During the three-hour training sessions, staff will also identify one or possibly two students who could become "first aid champions" for their respective school.

These champions will then work with St John Ambulance to promote first aid within the school and community, encourage others to sign up to courses and be offered support to set

up 'First Aid Clubs' within their schools.

St John Ambulance regional training manager, David Nicklen, said: "While our charity campaigns for first aid to become part of the school curriculum, support like this from Durham County Council is very welcome.

"It is helping to create a generation of life savers." Primary and secondary schools are also invited to take part in the St John Ambulance Big First Aid Lesson on Friday 17th June. This is a free, one-hour lesson live on the internet presented this year by children's TV medic, Dr Ranj. For more information about first aid training visit www.sja.co.uk, email north-east-training@sja.org.uk or telephone 01924 262726.

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Cleves Cross takes delivery of donated defibrillator



Edd Gardiner of Madathlon presents Jackie Whittaker of Friends of Cleves Cross with the defibrillator.

Cleves Cross Primary school expressed their thanks to Edd Gardiner and Emma Woodhall from Madathlon for donating a defibrillator to the school on Friday 10th June.

The friends of Cleves Cross also gave a massive thank you to Matthew Sibley and Broadgate Financial Management for their generous donation. Matthew said: "At Broadgate Financial Management, we donate a percentage of our salaries on a monthly basis to a charity or a cause that is close to our hearts."

"It gives me great pleasure to donate this cheque to the school for their appeal for a defibrillator as my daughter Poppy is a pupil at Cleves Cross."

"The money raised from all donations will pay for the Defibsafe which will ensure community access, the fitting of the defibsafe and defibrillator, insurance and maintenance costs."

"Watch this space for news of community defibrillator awareness sessions at Cleves Cross Primary School

too."

Madathlon is a charity who raises funds for life-saving equipment by setting themselves gruelling challenges. Edd created the Madathlon charity in honour of his sister Claire Gardiner, who was just 30 when she was diagnosed with a fatal

tumour. Anyone wishing to support them can make a donation by texting Mada12, then the amount, to 70070.

Alternatively, readers can contact the charity by searching "Madathlon" on Google, Twitter or Facebook.

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Sunderland Annual General Meeting

The Ferryhill Branch of Sunderland A.F.C. Supporters will be holding their Annual General Meeting at Ferryhill Club on Tuesday 28th June at 7.30pm. All branch members are welcome.

Ferryhill Catholic Club AGM

Ferryhill Catholic Club's Annual General Meeting is on Monday 18th July at 7pm in the club lounge. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Ferryhill Taekwondo Club gains nine Black Belts



After a very long and tiring day, all students were successful and walked away with their black belts, which was no easy feat!

Chi Ferryhill Taekwondo Academy, located above Charles Dickens at the Warrior Box in Ferryhill Village, recently took part in the British Taekwondo Dan Promotion Test. This test enables students to gain their black belt or upgrade to further black belt levels.

The academy had nine members participating in the test: Nathan Garnett, Adam Colledge, Paige Abbs, Daniella Bennet, Ben Colledge, Angela Harman, Karl Johnson, Anna White and Eleanor White.

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which was no easy feat.

Nathan Garnett upgraded from 1st Dan to 2nd Dan black belt.

Angela, Ben and Adam are an inspirational mother-and-sons combo who started their Taekwondo journey together and now, a little over three years later, have all successfully gained their black belts.

Ray Sawyer, Head Coach of Chi Ferryhill Taekwondo Academy, said: "I am so proud of them all.

"Gaining your black belt is very hard and the standard to which they are held to on the test is very high.

"Having all the members pass is a testament to their hard work and dedication

throughout the past three years.

"I'm a very proud and happy coach and overjoyed to add nine new black belts to our Taekwondo club family.

"All nine members joined the club nearly three years ago when I first started the club and now to see them fulfil their journey to black belt is very rewarding."

The club is open every night of the week to ages 5+ from 5pm-6pm and 6pm-7pm.

For further information, contact Ray Sawyer on 0191 580 11 77 or through Facebook.com/warriorbox. Alternatively, readers can visit www.warriorbox.co.uk.

Mainsforth maul 2nd placed Willington

On Saturday 11th June, Willington CC were the visitors to Mainsforth.

First XI captain Garry Cummings won the toss and chose to let unbeaten Willington bat first.

It soon appeared to be the correct decision as the visitors top order found batting very difficult and wickets fell at regular intervals.

The main destroyer of the Willington innings was once again Jonny Barnes who returned the amazing figures of 15 overs, 12 maidens and 4 wickets for only 11 runs.

He was ably assisted by Matthew Brown (2-14) and Garry Cummings (2-49). The Willington lower order clawed their way over the hundred mark and the innings closed 118 all out.

Mainsforth's reply got off to a stutter start and at one stage they found themselves 55-4, but a fine 5th wicket unbeaten stand of 61 between club pro Shoaib Laghari (55 n.o) and Jonny Barnes (30 n.o) saw the side through to a fine 20 point win.

The 2nd XI travelled to play at Willington. Mainsforth batted first and soon found the opposition bowlers in fine form.

Wickets fell early in the innings and the only

batsmen to show any resistance were 14-year-old Lachlan Marron [29] and Curtis Bihari [25]. The innings closed on 116.

Willington in reply came out all guns blazing and reached their target inside 19 overs for the loss of 3 wickets.

Pick of the Mainsforth attack was Kev Strange 2-20.

On Thursday 9th June the u15's travelled to Tudhoe to play in a cup semi-final. Captain Zak Strange with won the toss and elected to bowl first.

It was a fine all-round bowling and fielding performance and Tudhoe were restricted to 87-7 from their 20 overs.

In reply, Mainsforth lost early wickets and found themselves 40-4, but an excellent 5th wicket stand between Brad Bihari (39 n.o) and Aidan Barker (25 n.o) saw the lads through to a well deserved victory. They will now meet Ushaw Moor in the final. The date for this meeting is to be confirmed.

The club is holding a fund-raising evening on Saturday 25th June, with top female vocalist Miss Jones appearing.

It is a pay-at-the-door event at £2 per head and commences at 8pm.

Cheryl Avery to compete in Rome

Sunday's 2016 IBFA (International Bodybuilding and Fitness Association) British Finals at the Lancastrian Suite in Gateshead, saw Ferryhill's Bodybuilder Cheryl Avery, who trains at Allsports Gym in Ferryhill, win 3rd place in the 'Toned Figure' category and receive an invite to the World Championships in Rome this October.

Cheryl was entered into the 'Toned Figure' class alongside twenty other competitors.

Each competitor had quali-

fied by winning or placing in the top three in earlier shows in their area.

Cheryl is over the moon with this result.

She said: "Going to Rome to experience the next part of my journey is just unbelievable!

"Thanks go to my trainer Sue Hall, hubby Steven for support and the tanning, Marty Yates Brown and Ryan Wade for running a smooth and organised show, and making sure we all were catered for all day."

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