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Donations sought for educational space programme



Funding is required for a variety of materials which will be used to get schools across the UK to join the not-for-profit Lunar Mission One's Pilot Education Scheme. The t-shirts, pictured above, are just one example of the items which have been designed but need donations to be turned into reality.

Lunar Mission One (LM1), an organisation which seeks to provide UK schools with a space educational programme, is in need of funding.

A few months ago in the *Chapter* (Issue 775), there was a story centred on a Ferryhill 'Moon volunteer' who was seeking to engage local schools in the Lunar Mission One Pilot Education Scheme.

The scheme plans to involve UK students in

sending a robotic spacecraft to land on the South Pole of the Moon, which will drill into the surface of the Moon, collecting and analysing lunar rock dating up to 4.5 billion years in age.

After this is achieved, a digital time capsule from Earth, which could last for billions of years, will be placed in the borehole.

Students from UK schools, including schools in Ferryhill and Chilton, will be able to freely contribute to the information in the Life on Earth archive, which will contain a database of information from human civilisation to the history of the world and biological life on Earth.

Students can record and learn about their local area, its culture, history, geography and wildlife.

They can also learn, and even contribute to, the science and engineering of the mission itself, such as the technology of the archive, the lunar science and the instruments to be carried, the spacecraft's robotics and drilling, the

Ferryhill Carrs tidied away

In a display of community spirit and thoughtfulness, the litter dumps at the Ferryhill Carrs Reserve mentioned in last week's issue of the *Chapter* (787), have been tidied away!

A frequent visitor of the nature reserve, whose photographs showed the extent of the littering problem last week, was astounded to find that someone had cleaned up the majority of the mess made at the area during a recent stroll through the reserve with his wife.

They were planning on

clearing up the mess themselves but were impressed to find that someone had got there first, leaving only remaining bits of glass, paper and tins to be picked up. It is believed (but not made certain) that the mystery cleaner was inspired by the articles about the littering problem at the nature reserve featured in previous issues of the *Chapter*.

"Someone must have read the *Chapter* and took it upon themselves to go and pick up the carnage before us," said the visitor.

Chilton Gala success

The Chilton Gala, which took place on Saturday 23rd July, was described as a "successful and enjoyable day". The event was opened by John and Ruth from Denham Printers and Councillor Christine Potts. A spokesperson for the Gala Committee said: "I would

like to thank all concerned who helped to make it a successful and enjoyable day. A special thanks to Leanne and staff from Chilton Co-operative for their donations and help on the day. We'd also like to thank Paul Jackson from Northern By-Gone Society."

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Kelvin Bradley

Always remembered



Holly & Katie



Claire Avery

27.7.2002

Claire, a million times we've needed you, and a million times we've cried, If love alone could have saved you, You would never have died

It broke our hearts to lose you, the day God took you home



Love you forever,
Mam, Graham, Kelly,
Nicola & Nyomi
xxx

Birthday Memories

Christine Temple

1.8.56

To my dear sister, remembering you on your 60th birthday and always



Love Pat & family
xxx

Christine Temple

1.8.56

Thinking of you on this special birthday and every day



Loved dearly,
John & sons, Carl & Reece
xx

Christine Temple

1.8.56

Remembering you on your 60th Birthday



Loved, never forgotten,
Loving sister Kay & Paul
and Alison & Thomas



Birthdays

Alharnie Wilson



Happy 18th Birthday to my beautiful daughter



Love you all the world,
Mam, Temp, Mackenzie,
T.J & Megan
xxxx

Alharnie Jade Wilson



Happy 18th Birthday



Much loved Granddaughter
of Nana Pat & Grandad Cog
xxx

Alharnie Jade

1.8.2016

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Granddaughter



From Grandma & Grandad
Forrester
xxxxx

Alharnie

1.8.2016

Happy 18th Birthday



All our love,
Auntie Rhonda, Jason,
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xxxxx



Birthdays

Alharnie



Happy 18th Birthday
Have a lovely day



All our love,
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Alfie Meek

29th July



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Happy 13th Birthday



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Kevin Newell

2nd August



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FBEC students enjoy range of activities for 'Big Learning' day



Year 8 students from FBEC enjoyed an Animal Awareness day where they got to interact with some incredible, exotic creatures.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC) marked their termly 'Big Learning' day on Thursday 14th July with a variety of activities designed to enhance the school curriculum and allow students to experience something different.

Year 7 students at FBEC spent the day at Hamsterley Forest, taking part in bush crafts, river studies and a range of games.

The activities were designed to develop essential enterprise skills such as team work, problem solving and communication.

Miss Herron, Director of Learning of Physical Education, said: "The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and their behaviour was excellent. "The annual trip to Hamsterley is always a fun and interactive day for the Year 7 students."

Year 8 students participated in an Animal Awareness

Day, which consisted of four different sessions delivered by Jays Animal Encounters, Walworth Castle Birds of Prey, Durham Wildlife- Rainton Meadows and the RSPCA. The sessions proved to be very popular, giving students the chance to get close to some incredible, exotic creatures such as meerkats.

Fortunately, the weather was excellent on the day and continued to stay that way long enough for the Birds of Prey show at the end of the school day, from Tori Goodall, the Head Falconer from Walworth Castle Birds of Prey.

"The Big Learning Day was really cool," said student, Ryan Hopps, "I conquered my fear of holding a scorpion."

"I loved the birds of prey and Jays animals."

Year 9 students didn't miss out on the fun, enjoying a range of science-based

workshops delivered by a local businesses such as Thorn Lighting and Hydram Engineering.

Popular activities included a virtual reality tour of a computer simulated universe from Durham University, and STEM based activities from the RAF.

Sally Johnson, Business and Learning Officer from Durham Education Partnership, said: "The Science of Our Lives event gave the students a fantastic opportunity to see at first-hand what scientists do in the workplace."

"A variety of workshops provided an interactive, informative and fun way of making students aware of how relevant science is in our everyday lives".

A spokesperson said: "Well done to all students involved in the day and a big thank you to Durham Education Partnership and the FBEC staff for organising such a fun and exciting day."

Call for end: fires and litter in nature sites



Yet another nature site, enjoyed by visitors, has been vandalised with rubbish and smouldering fires. People visiting such sites are encouraged to be mindful of the wildlife that could be destroyed by the mindless treatment of their habitats.

The remains of a fire were found smouldering away at 5.30pm on Sunday 24th July at Ferryhill Low Hill House Farm Wood (which is a short walk from the Dean and Chapter Industrial Estate). Littering and fire lighting has taken place at the site for weeks but this picture confirms the behaviour at its worst.

A spokesperson said: "I assume it's school-age teenagers.

"There are beer cans and smashed bottles scattered across the whole site in the small wooded areas and week after week it's getting worse."

"I fear that I will go there one morning to find what I class as a nature reserve, devastated by fire."

"There is a diverse range of wildlife and wild flowers and all this could be destroyed by a few mindless drunk individuals."

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Kids can win a Kindle in Reading Challenge Art and Photography exhibition at the Town Hall

Chilton Library is inviting children to join in on this year's *The Big Friendly Read - Summer Reading Challenge* to have fun making crafts with Roald Dahl-themed activities. Full craft sessions cost £1 for each child.

A spokesperson said: "Or why not drop in for colouring and word searches and find out what's going on and when?"

This year's summer reading challenge will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth and has been supported by County Durham Libraries in collaboration with The Roald Dahl Literacy Estate.

Featuring some of Roald Dahl's best-loved characters and the amazing artwork of his principal illustrator Sir Quentin Blake, *The Big Friendly Read - Summer Reading Challenge* will encourage reading on a (Big Friendly) giant scale! Anne Davison, Growing and Learning manager with Durham County Council said: "We are backing The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge by rolling it out in all our libraries."

"Reading is a life-long pleasure so it's important to build good learning habits with younger readers early in their lives."

All the books chosen celebrate friendship, mischief and invention - the most common themes explored



Young reader Megan Swann is all set for the Big Friendly Read challenge.

in Dahl's much loved books and represented by characters such as *Willy Wonka*, *Matilda*, *The Twits* and of course *The BFG*.

Children can take books from their local library and note their progress on the website at <http://summer-readingchallenge.org.uk/>. If they complete this by September 1st, they will be entered into a competition to win an Amazon Kindle. The Summer Reading Challenge is produced by The Reading Agency and only County Durham library users will be eligible for the Kindle competition.

Research from The Reading Agency shows that children who read six books across the summer holidays would maintain their reading standard while those that don't would see a dip in reading ability.

Fans of art and photography can pop along to the Ferryhill Town Hall from Monday 1st to Friday 12th August to view this year's Art and Photography Exhibition.

The exhibition will give local artists and photographers the chance to showcase their talents and sell their work.

There is also an opportunity for visitors this year to vote for their favourite pieces of work in two categories: Best Artwork and Best Photograph.

Anyone interested in more



Last year's winners, Mrs Jan Todd (far left) and Mr Ken Tooby with the then Mayor, Councillor Pauline Craythone.

information about the exhibition, can contact Nikki Rees at the Town Hall on 01740 652157.

FBEC ambassadors deliver science show to primary school

The Key Stage 3 Science Ambassadors from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC) have been visiting King Street Primary school in Spennymoor this week, with Miss Denham, FBEC's transition co-ordinator, to work with Year 3 and 4 students.

The Ambassadors delivered a science roadshow across two mornings which included interesting experiments such as balloon rockets, UV bracelets and blobs in a bottle.

The students did a fantastic job delivering the roadshow and had a professional attitude at all times. Staff from the primary school commented on their maturity throughout the roadshow. A spokesperson

said: "Well done to Emma Tannis, Abigail Newton and Hawman, Eden Barrass, Gemma Arrand, Nikeria Holly Newton."

Stall raises £182.50 for Christmas lights

Members of Chilton Town Council wish to thank Christine Reay & Councillor Malcolm Reay & friends who recently held a stall at the town's Annual Gala.

A spokesperson said: "Thanks to their efforts and everyone who supported them. They raised £182.50 which will be

donated to the Towns Christmas Lights.

"Also thanks to Councillor L. Dixon who has sold over 50 pens in aid of the Christmas Lights."

Town Council pens are available from the Council offices for £1 each with profit going towards the Christmas Lights.

RBL meeting

In response to the County

Durham plan, a meeting will be held in the Royal British Legion Club at Ferryhill Station on Wednesday 3rd August from 6pm until 8pm.

The meeting is designed to help all residents complete the consultation response form.

Local councillors will be on-hand on the night to assist residents with the response forms.

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Presentation evening at the Royal British Legion



The presentation night saw the honouring of decorated World War Two veteran George Miller (centre) with an award, presented by the Deputy Chairman of Durham County Council.

On Thursday 14th July, Ferryhill Station branch of the Royal British Legion held their presentation night, which was described by an attendant as "excellent to witness".

The highlight of the evening was the Deputy Chairman of Durham County Council, Mike Dixon, presenting the "Durham County Tie" to 94-year-old George Miller. The award was in recognition of George's outstanding military record and service to the Ferryhill community and British Legion.

Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Peter Atkinson spoke a few words of praise for George

- who also received a copy of his biography, *A Soldier's Tale*, by local author and British Legion Vice Chairman, Gerald Slack - commending his record of achievement.

Also present at the event were long-term British Legion members John Pirt, Bill Thistlewaite and Ronnie Musgrave, as well as Mary Dixon, the wife and consort of Mike Dixon. Ninety-five-year-old John Pirt was a founding member of the Ferryhill branch of the Legion and one of the county's oldest surviving deep coal miners.

John "went down the

pit" aged just fourteen and worked at Mainsforth Colliery until its closure in the late 1960s.

This was followed by 12-years working in seams at Blackhall Colliery.

Bill Thistlewaite, who is in his ninetieth year, served in the RAF, achieving the rank of sergeant.

Initially serving as a 'tail gunner' in the Lancaster and Halifax Bombers, Bill went on to serve in the RAF transport corps.

After moving to Ferryhill in 1976, Bill continued his long-term commitment to the British Legion by serving as Treasurer to the Ferryhill Branch.

Funding sought for educational space programme

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spaceflight from launch to precision landing, the future of space exploration and the future of humankind and the Earth. There will also be opportunities for pupils to create artistic, musical and social contributions to the project in order to celebrate the human race's creativity and inventiveness in all its different aspects, which could be included in the Life on Earth record.

LM1 is a team of volunteers from all walks of life who are deeply passionate about space and education and, as well as involving

UK students in genuine space missions, look to support STEM subjects in local schools.

However, they need some help in funding their Pilot Education Scheme for UK Schools and are, therefore, asking for donations. More specifically, money is being sought for making posters, children's t-shirts, information packs, a website, stationery, and even a robot mascot which will be taken to school halls around the UK to get children actively involved in joining up with LM1.

The above items have been designed by a university as part of a separate university project, but

because LM1 is a not-for-profit organisation made up of volunteers, funding is needed to turn these designs into reality.

The leftover funds will be used to pay for the hire of school halls for events to show teachers and children the benefits of the Pilot Education Scheme.

Donations of all amounts will receive a digital certificate as a thank you and proof of their contribution to LM1. A special, personalised digital certificate will be created by LM1 and issued to donators of £15 or over.

Donations can be made at gofundme.com/uk-spaceeducation.

National Road Victim Awareness Day

August is just around the corner; the month for National Road Victim Awareness: the thirty-one days when people in the UK are encouraged to spare a thought for all those who have died or been injured in a road accident.

As well as commemorating the lost and injured, the day is about thinking of ways to make roads in the community safer, especially for local schoolchildren who will be on their summer holidays, which could be spent riding bikes or playing on the street.

The Ferryhill and Chilton areas have had their share of road problems which community groups, organisations and schools have tried to tackle.

In May, children from Chilton Primary School, in collaboration with Approach Too and PCSO David Evans, were outside on duty making sure that drivers were travelling at the right speed in a 30mph zone outside the school.

Local school children have

also made a 'Drive Safely' video which can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/approachttoo/>.

In an accompanying message, Glenys encouraged road users to be extra careful of children this month.

She said: "Remember, children are our most vulnerable road-users because of their age and the fact that they are not able to recognise danger like adults."

"So make sure you pay extra attention when children are nearby and slow down to cope with the unexpected." According to the most recent statistical release at www.gov.uk, there were 1,732 reported road deaths in the UK in 2015 and a total of 186,209 casualties of all severities, not including the accidents which went unreported.

Despite this being a percentage decrease from previous years, there is still some way to go in making roads safer for people in the UK.

Charity bag pack

A charity bag pack will be taking place on Saturday 30th July at B&M Bargains at Market Place, Ferryhill. Volunteers from Zombie Trikers Durham, in as-

sociation with The Purple Ladies, will be offering to pack bags for customers from 11am-3pm in order to raise funds for a very worthy cause.

PCSO surgery update

There will be no PCSO beat surgery at St Luke's, Ferryhill on Friday August 5th 2016.

Summer Fayre

Chilton Care Centre will be holding its Summer Fayre on Saturday 20th August.

At 2.30pm there is a special Hi-Di-Hi themed professional show with hot dogs and candy floss. Everybody is welcome and tickets

are £1. There will also be raffles, tombola, cake and bottle stalls, name the bear and much more. The Care Centre looks forward to welcoming family, friends and residents of Chilton and Ferryhill.

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Chilton Community Cohesion Group

The Chilton Community Cohesion Group is a joint meeting, which takes place at Chilton Primary School, between local residents, schools and agencies such as the Police, Durham County Council, Fire and Rescue and Chilton Town Council.

Its main objectives are to improve the quality of life for all residents in Chilton and to project a positive image of the village to the wider community in the county.

At a recent meeting, there was a presentation on the Mini Police.

This is a scheme run between the police and local schools which gives young people the chance to take part in fun external activities while, at the same time, making a contribution to the local community.

It is already operating in 43 primary schools in Durham and, encouraged by the information, Chilton Primary are making a bid to join the

scheme so watch out later in the year for Mini Police! The real police told good news at the meeting: there was very little reported crime or ASBOs in Chilton in the last month or so.

Also good news is the increased expansion of the *Keep in the Know* scheme in Chilton.

There are more users in Chilton than anywhere else in the Ferryhill Police beat area and the number is expected to grow.

The Inter-generational Learning Event takes place on Wednesday 12th October between 1.15-3.15pm at Chilton Primary.

It is supported by both Chilton Primary and Windlestone schools and will be a great opportunity to share knowledge and skills across the generations, whilst having some fun and a cup of tea!

Look out for the flyers and a future notice in the *Chapter* and anyone who is interested can sign themselves up.

Last Night of the Proms charity event in September

Mayor of Ferryhill, Peter Atkinson, is inviting readers to a charity fundraising event entitled *Last Night of the Proms*, featuring Ferryhill Town Band.

The event, which will take place at St Luke's Church Hall, is scheduled for Friday 9th September.

Tickets are £5 and, as there is a limited capacity, anyone who is interested is advised to book early.

A spokesperson said: "It will be a great evening of waving your Union Jack, singing along to the nation's favourite traditional songs such as *Land of Hope and Glory* and *Rule Britannia*.

"Bring along any Union Jack-themed items to help ensure a great atmosphere."

The charity fundraising event is supporting The Great North Air Ambulance, The Ferryhill Ladder Centre and Ferryhill's St Luke's



A similar fundraising event was held last year which was described as a great success.

Church. The spokesperson added: "All three are very worth- while institutions who contribute so much to our community."

Chilton family fun day at Miners Welfare Recreation Ground

In order to promote the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, a 'Family Fun Day' is being held at the park on Saturday 20th August from 11am - 3pm, where The Mayor of Chilton, Cllr Elizabeth Bruce, will be hosting a coffee morning in the Pavilion.

A spokesperson said: "We would like to encourage visitors to come along and try the various activities located within the park."

"Plus you can get further information from groups who regularly use the park facilities including: Croquet Club, Thai Boxing and Sedgfield Tennis Club.

Also in attendance will be

the local Scout group and, hopefully, both the police and fire brigade.

For the younger visitors, children's entertainer *Llewellyn for Fun* will be performing Punch and

Judy Shows. There will also be face painting and balloon modelling.

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Friends of the Park receive cheque from Mayor. Back row from left: Mr L Potts, Mr P. Gray, Mrs M. Errington, Mrs M. Morley and Councillor B. Turner
Front row: Councillor C. Potts, Councillor E. Bruce - Mayor, Mrs M. Chapel, Ms F. Vitty

The Mayor of Chilton, Cllr Elizabeth Bruce would like to thank everyone who supported her during her civic year (2015-2016).

Thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, £909 was raised for two local groups. Recently The Friends of

the School were presented with a cheque for £400 and Friends of the Park were presented with a cheque for £509.

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the Ferryhill Community Action Group for organising the meeting at Ferryhill WMC on 19th July to discuss the DDC 10 year plan. It was well organised and attended, with latecomers having difficulty finding a seat. The committee answered questions raised by the public clearly and concisely.

It was like a breath of fresh air to attend a meeting without political bias, when the only topic on the agenda was to help the people of Ferryhill to improve their town.

Yours faithfully,

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Blaydon never at the races as 1st XI romp to victory

On Saturday 23rd July Mainsforth's 1st XI travelled up to face Blaydon CC. The journey through was hampered by very heavy traffic either going to the air show or the Metro meaning the toss had to be conceded, Mainsforth batting first. Wickets fell quickly at the top of the order and at one stage the side were 22 for 4. A superb 5th wicket stand between club pro Shoaib Laghari [132 n.o] and Jonny Barnes [78] saw the side over the 200 mark, further runs from Nigel "I hit it ump" Milner [39 n.o] let captain Garry Cummings declare on 284-6 off 45 overs. Blaydon in reply had 60 overs to bat but never looked like getting anywhere near the huge target and were eventually bowled out for 162, Laghari excelling again with 5 wkts for 32 runs. The win gave the 1sts a superb 30 point haul. On the same day the 2nd XI were at home to a strong South Shields side. Mainsforth were put into bat and wickets began to fall at regular intervals, the side limped their way to 99 all out. Kev Strange top scoring with 21. South Shields made very light work of the run chase finishing on 103-3, leaving the 2nds with just one point from the game.



Mainsforth's pro Shoaib Laghari who had a fantastic performance scoring 132 not out and taking 5 wickets in the win against Blaydon.

On Sunday 24th July the 3rd team were at home to Willington CC. Captain Jamie "jugal" Appleby invited the visitors to bat first and it soon proved to be an excellent decision Willington being bowled out for 104. The pick of the bowlers being Danny "Shanghai" Hooper 2-2 and 12 year old Connal "Mad dog" Marron 2-5. Mainsforth chased down the target for the loss of 3 wickets. Lachlan Marron [40 n.o] Appleby [34] and Adam Thirlaway [22 n.o] getting the bulk of the runs. It was a fine all round performance by the young side. On Monday 18th July the

u15's travelled to play Esh Winning. Mainsforth batted first and rattled up a very impressive 160-5 from their 20 overs. L. Marron [53 n.o] and A. Barker [28] being the pick of the batsman. In reply Esh finished on 104-5, C. Marron starring with 3-21 from his 4 overs. The win leaves the u15's still undefeated in the league. This Saturday the 1sts are at home to Brandon. 1pm start and the following day the 3rds entertain Felling CC 1.30pm start.

Children's summer activities in Chilton

Staff of the Junior Club at Chilton Community College will be holding six morning summer activity sessions at the College on Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Wednesday 24th August. The sessions will start at 10am and finish at 12 noon and will include arts and crafts, sports and cooking. Each session costs just £1 and are for children aged eight to twelve years. Places are limited so

anyone who wants to book their child on any of the days can contact the college on 01388 720911 between 5.30pm and 8pm. A spokesperson said: "We will need your child's name, your telephone number, the dates you wish them to attend and an email address so we can send you a parental consent and child medical forms."

"A big thanks to Cllr Potts for funding the purchase of the food for the cooking from her Members Initiative Fund."

Ferryhill Celtic secure a 10-0 victory

Ferryhill Celtic played away against The Hub in the final round of a local tournament. With Celtic already into the final, this game was all about fitness. Celtic started off on the right foot, scoring three goals after 15 minutes. The goals came from

Dane Eltringham, Mark Brunett and Jason White. Five minutes later, Luke Thompson's header put Celtic 4-0 into half time. The second half saw Celtic strengthen their lead with a Dane Eltringham hat-trick and a good performance from both "Jays" (Jason White and Jay Smith).

Celtic could have had a stonewall penalty, which was not granted, however the Ferryhill Celtics scored a further two goals from Dane Eltringham and, just before full time, Anthony Phillips made Celtic 10-0 at full time. Other results include: Bishop Middleham (1-5) Chilton; Legion (8-3) Legends.

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