



Commemorative Blue Plaque to Sid Chaplin at Ferryhill



Left to right: Councillor Neil Foster, Michael Chaplin and Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Peter Atkinson next to Sid Chaplin's commemorative blue plaque.

On Saturday 24th September, a commemorative blue plaque to Sid Chaplin was unveiled, organised by his son, Michael Chaplin, the Ferryhill History Society

and Durham County Council.

Sid Chaplin, who worked at Dean and Chapter Colliery, was considered to be one of the finest writers working in the north in the 20th century.

His early work brilliantly captured the life of miners and the community spirit the coal mines created in the villages in which he grew up.

Chaplin's work included the BBC series *When the Boat Comes In* and also inspired the iconic stage musical *Close the Coalhouse Door*. The blue plaque was unveiled at 9 Gladstone Terrace, Sid's home in the 1940s/50s.

The event was attended by Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Peter Atkinson and Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration and culture.

Mayor Atkinson said: "This is not only a tremendous accolade for Sid Chaplin but

Scout Group thanks everyone for support

The 1st Chilton Scout Group would like to thank the committee, bar staff and members of the Chilton Catholic club for all the help and support they gave them when hosting their charity night on Friday 23rd September.

Group Scout Leader, Tom Johnson said: "We could not have done it without you, especially Sam who arranged the artist and compered the evening, and everyone else who bought

tickets for the event, raffle tickets or made donations to the evening.

"It was fantastic with everyone enjoying themselves and raising the fantastic sum of £515 for the scouts. The money will go toward our goal of purchasing a minibus so the youngsters can travel further, opening up more opportunities in scouting adventures. We once again want to give our monstrous thanks to you all."

Ferryhill couple win pot plant competition

A Ferryhill couple has won the 2016 Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Association (DAMHA) Pot Plant competition.

Karl and Patricia Kavanagh's garden, in Dean Bank, surpassed dozens of entries received for the competition this year.

Mrs Kavanagh said: "We were so pleased when we discovered we had won because, having seen the standard of gardens which have won in the past, it was so unexpected."

Patricia and Karl won £50 and are already planning to retain their title next year.

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Brian Joseph Avery

8.10.63 - 2.10.15

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To have you as my brother
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Rest in peace Brian



Love always,
Sister Anne,
Brother-in-law Carl and
Nephew Lee
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In Memoriam

Brian Joseph Avery

8.10.63 - 2.10.15

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Rest in peace Brian



Love you always
Sister Margaret, Brother-in-
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Brian Joseph Avery

8.10.63 - 2.10.15

We miss you more than
words can say
Loved and remembered
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Rest in peace Uncle Brian



Love Justine, John, Callum,
Kia xxxxx



Craig Anthony Porter

21-10-75 - 28-09-13

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October 4th



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Girls from Chilton, Dean Bank, Cleves Cross, Ferryhill Station and West Cornforth had an exciting day at Sedgefield NETPark as they continue their role as Science Ambassadors. The girls, supported by mentors from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC), experimented, investigated and discovered the amazing science behind space. Using NETPark as an inspirational venue, the girls came together to take part in new science based activities and to learn more about presentation skills before planning an event that they will run in their own school.

The day, organised by Approach Too, DR (RE) SEARCH and Business Durham, aimed to encourage girls by building their confidence and by making them aware of the opportunities science can offer. Dr Jenny Search from DR (RE) SEARCH said: "It was great fun working with the young science ambassadors at NETPark. "They experimented like real scientists, asked lots of questions and have come up with some excellent ideas for events back

at their own schools. "I'm really looking forward to working with them over the next year and watching them inspire others in their local communities." Glenys from Approach Too added: "The children in our classrooms today will need to be the scientists

of tomorrow. "So we are working together to open the doors to a world of opportunities and possibilities which come from pursuing science subjects and careers. "As always, the children rose to the challenge."

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FBEC reaches new levels with IT and computing GCSE results



Ryler Johnson, Chloe O'Brian, and Dane Willis have all achieved 100% in one of the exams, whilst Lewis Smurthwaite and Bryany Maughan have achieved 100% across two of the years' exams.

Students at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College (FBEC) have a long history of first class IT and Computing results at GCSE level.

For a number of years results in the department have been judged to be outstanding and yet in this year's GCSEs results, released in August, it was very clear that the school

had reached a new level. Incredibly, 77% of the 81 students achieved an A* or an A, with many students exceeding their target by three grades.

Mrs Attle, Head of IT at the school said: "The results are amazing.

"The students have demonstrated an exceptionally high level of skill to achieve the top grades."

Not to be outdone, the current year 10 students, who started the course last year, are performing at a similar level with five students having already achieved perfect scores in exams along the way.

Mr Brennan, Headteacher at the school, described the results of both Year 10 and Year 11 students as "simply stunning".

This week in History

26 September 1580

English seaman Francis Drake returns to Plymouth, England, in the Golden Hind, becoming the first British navigator to sail the earth.

27 September 1960

Sylvia Pankhurst, British suffragette and international socialist, dies in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the age of 78.

28 September 1918

In an incident that would go down in the lore of WW1 history—although details are still unclear— a British soldier declines to shoot a wounded German soldier, sparing the life of a 29-year-old Hitler.

29 September 1758

Horatio Nelson, Britain's most celebrated naval hero, is born in Burnham Thorpe, England

30 September 1399

Henry Bolingbroke is proclaimed King Henry IV of England upon the abdication of King Richard II.

1 October 1936

During the Spanish Civil War, General Francisco Franco is named head of the rebel Nationalist government in Spain.

Medals won at the Chilton Flower and Leek Show



G Parsons secured first, second and third places for the chrysanthemums intermediate.

This year's Chilton Flower and Leek Show, held on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September at the Wheatsheaf, was a huge success with various contestants taking home gold, silver and bronze medals.

In the leeks section, Mr M Alworth Snr came first, Mr M Alworth Jr placed second and Mr D Earl won third place.

The flower section was broken into many categories.

Silver and bronze medals were won by G Parsons for the chrysanthemums.

A silver medal was won by L Ord and a bronze was won by G Parsons for the dahlias and Mr G Parsons won the best exhibit in the show.

For the carnations, D Earl came first and K Earl came

second and third.

For the gladioli, R Megson came first and second and G Parsons placed third.

For the 'dahlias small decs' category, G Parsons won first place and L Ord placed second.

For the dahlias poms, L Ord came first, G Parsons won second and T Johnson followed with third.

For the chrysanthemums single sprays, M Aldren won first, J Howard won second and G Wilkinson came in third.

For the chrysanthemums double sprays, G Parsons won first and J Howard won second and third place.

For the chrysanthemums intermediate, G Parsons swept the board, securing first, second and third places.

For the chrysanthemum incurve, G Parsons again won first place but second and third place went to J Howard.

The organisers wish to thank everyone involved for their help and support in the organisation of this successful show.

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Plaque honours Sid Chaplin

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also for Ferryhill. Ferryhill's heritage is steeped in the mining industry and many landmarks and organisations exist today because of the town's links to the coal mining industry."

After the unveiling, guests attended Mainsforth Community Centre for the launch of Michael Chaplin's book *Home: My Durham* which traces his father's early life in a collection of stories about villages which meant so much to him.

Michael said: "I'm absolutely delighted that the life and writings of my father are being recognised in this way.

"Throughout his career he brilliantly captured what it meant to be a miner and live in the communities that shaped the culture of the entire North East.

"It fills me with pride to know that, with the plaque and a new book bringing together his greatest works, the history of both my father and the region he loved so much will live on." Cllr Neil Foster, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for economic regeneration and culture, said: "The coal mines are an intrinsic part of our history, culture and - as anyone who attends the Miners' Gala will be able to tell you - what continues to shape who we are to this day.

"So we're extremely proud to be able to create a lasting tribute to Sid Chaplin, one of County Durham's leading writers and a man who devoted his life to capturing and sharing one of the things that makes our county, and region, so special."

Chilton Library's coffee morning

Chilton Library is having a Macmillan coffee morning on Monday 3rd October from 10am onwards.

A spokesperson said: "Come and join us for a

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 My new laptop is now my greatest friend
 Your cheery glow sends my worries away
 The tip tap of your keys as sweet as the rain
 Endless sites to ponder I can do anything
 Play music, save files, it can talk and beep
 So then I can fall asleep
 As the screen began to fade and I shut you down
 And closed your cover all you need is a little rest
 I have a new laptop you know

'Rocking and Rolling'

By Velma Dixon

She's rocking and rolling
 She's going ten pin bowling
 As she waits to play her frame
 See how much she loves the game
 All the pins are standing tall
 She just can't wait to see them fall
 She's rocking and rolling
 She's going ten pin bowling
 Her bowling's as smooth as butter
 She's never in the gutter
 Strike after strike - her score gets higher
 In here head this girl's on fire
 She's rocking and rolling
 She's ten pin bowling
 As the ball leaves her hand
 Increasing speed - where will it land
 It hits the king pin, hear the clatter
 See them fall - see them scatter
 She's rocking and rolling
 She's been ten pin bowling

Free download of children's fiction book by local author

Steven Corner, a Ferryhill based author who has published several books, is releasing his latest title as a free download from Amazon Kindle in an attempt to encourage children to read more in the run up to Halloween.

The new book, which is free only for a short period, is called *Twelve Ghouls of Halloween* and follows Mia and Jaelyn who set off from their home in Nightmare Mansion to go on a quest to outwit the Twelve Ghouls of Halloween and save the traditional celebration from oblivion!

The book can be found by searching for 'Steven J Corner Kindle books' on the Amazon website.

Steven Corner's other publications include: *A Dream from the Somme*, *The Whispering Pegasus*, *The Child who saved Christmas*



The front cover of the book, which can be downloaded on Kindle for free.

and *Cinq Heures*, and can be purchased from either Amazon or Waterstones. The author said: "I am hoping schools in Ferryhill will download and encourage their students to read in the run up to Halloween."

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Health Trainers can support

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Council calls to halt cuts to pharmacies

Durham County Council is calling on the government to rethink its planned cutbacks to community pharmacy funding, in a bid to save what it deems to be a vital resource for the people of County Durham.

At a meeting of full council on Wednesday 21 September, there was cross-party support for the motion, which sought to put pressure on central government to maintain a fully funded pharmacy service, at a time when it is considering cuts of six percent to community pharmacies.

At present, government minister, David Mowat, has delayed the decision on funding cuts to community pharmacies but Durham County Councillor Olwyn Gunn said: "This delay doesn't mean a stop to funding cuts, it could simply mean a stay of execution, so this motion is still of great importance.

"A six percent cut to community pharmacies could force as many as 3000 chemists to close, with staffing cuts and a reduction in the services they provide. This seems perverse and illogical at a time when our NHS and our GPs are stretched and when patients are being told to make better use of pharmacies as an alternative to seeing their doctor." Currently, community pharmacies not only dispense prescriptions,

but also offer vital health care including treatment for minor ailments, provide advice on drinking and smoking, undertake medicine reviews and run weight management programmes.

The council's portfolio holder for adult and health services, Cllr Lucy Hovvels, said: "Community pharmacies are a vital facility for the people of County Durham and a service that many of our most vulnerable residents simply could not do without. The cuts being imposed by central government would have a detrimental impact on our communities and this is something we will be pushing to fight against."

Continues... Mrs Gunn added: "Pharmacies are a crucial support in a creaking NHS and a pathway to increasing life expectancy in some of our most disadvantaged communities.

"If the funding cuts were to go ahead, it is inevitable that the hardest hit in our communities will be those people who have disabilities or health problems that make it difficult for them to get around and those who don't have transport of their own.

"To put it bluntly the proposed cuts are arbitrary, brutal and crude. They will lead to closures, cuts to services and loss of jobs. They will hurt the most vulnerable."

Sporting success for Enterprise Celtic maul Bishop Middleham in cup

The year 10 and 11 girls from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College competed in the County Cup Cricket semi-finals last week at Durham Cricket Club.

They competed against Consett Academy and Teesdale School.

The girls played some really good cricket and worked exceptionally well together as a team, but were unfortunate in both games.

The girls involved were Emily Hughes, Charlotte Willetts, Nikki l'Anson, Megan Wright, Hannah Wilkinson, Danielle Gargett, Brooke Pearson, Caitlin Fellows, Olivia Gough, Courtney Wilson and Nikita Wilkinson.

A spokesperson for the team said congratulated all the girls on their efforts.

In the same week, a number of year 7 students competed in the School Sports Partnership's Cross Country league.

The cross country league will run over three Wednesdays at different events.

In the boys race, Daniel Rose finished 1st and Lee Richardson finished in 3rd position.

For the girls, Abigail Davison finished in 2nd position and Ruby Webster finished in 3rd position.

A spokesperson said: "Well done to the other year 7 runners involved."

"We are currently top of the league for both boys and girls based on

the results from the first event."

The second and third round will take place on Wednesday 28th September and Wednesday 12th October.

The year 10 and 11 girls started the netball season off with a great win over Sedgefield Community College, beating them by the overwhelming margin of 20-3.

A spokesperson said: "The girls demonstrated excellent team work and determination in the game."

"Well done to Brooke Pearson, Megan Wright, Beth Dixon, Keely Walton, Lucy Jameson, Olivia Gough, Emily Hughes, Charlotte Willetts, Rhiannon Atkinson, Nikita Wilkinson and Niamh Collins."

The cricket season may be at an end, but an unrelenting display of attacking football by Ferryhill Celtic saw Bishop Middleham dumped out of the JD Taxi's Cup by the proverbial cricket score.

As a cup tie the game was over long before the half time interval when Celtic returned to the dressing room five goals to the good without reply.

Mark Burnett, a Dane Eltringham double and goals from Luke Thompson and Kyle Wren ensured Celtic's name would be in the hat for the next round.

But rather than take their foot off the pedal and ease their way through the

second half, Celtic opted to keep playing their brand of attacking football and put a further six goals past a demoralised Bishop Middleham in the second half. Dane Eltringham completed his hat trick, Kyle Wren added another to double his tally, as did Mark Burnett. Kevin Hodgson grabbed a second half brace and Jay Smith rounded off the scoring for a thumping 11-0 victory.

Next up for Celtic is another cup tie, this time in the British Heart Foundation Trophy at home against Newton Aycliffe Navy Club on Sunday, 2nd October with kick off scheduled for 10:30am.

Mixed fortunes for Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9s

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9s travelled to play Billingham Juniors in a league game that turned out to be a tight affair.

Regular goalkeeper Aidan was missing through injury so Kole stepped up to help the team out and did a great job in a very close game.

There was plenty of attacking and work rate from both teams but little to show for it on the goals front.

Eventually the deadlock was broken by Billingham after their forward broke through and slotted the ball home for the only score of the first half.

The second half was almost identical with both sides evenly matched.

The Ferryhill lads went in search of an equaliser and in pushing forward to level the game, were caught out at the other end as Billingham broke forward and settled the match with their second of the game to give a final score of Billingham Juniors 2-0 Ferryhill Town Youth. Man of the Match for Ferryhill was stand-in keeper, Kole.

The second game was a different story as Ferryhill put pressure on the Billingham players from the kick off and their effort was rewarded immediately as

goals from Jonathan, Marc and Zach got Ferryhill off to a flyer.

It was one way traffic for the rest of the game as William, George and Jonathan drove forward to create two further goals for Marc to complete his hat-trick and a late goal from Jamie.

This rounded off a superb display by the Ferryhill boys which went some way to make up for the disappointment of the first game. Hat trick hero Marc took the Man of the Match award.

Dynamos through in cup thriller

Ferryhill Dynamos travelled to Hetton New Inn for a County Cup match sponsored by Securus Planning. Dynamos took an early lead when Andrew Agar tapped in a Reece Marshall cross.

Hetton replied with two goals to give them the advantage but Ferryhill were soon level when a mazy run from Stephen Ward was tapped in by Reece Marshall.

Then the Dynamos took the lead just before the break with a fierce drive from 12 yards by Andrew Agar.

The second half continued in the same vein when a sublime eight-man passing move was finished off with

a pinpoint header from Kurt Seymour.

Another team effort was finished by Kurt Seymour for Ferryhill's fifth, which looked to have put the result beyond any doubt.

However, Hetton were not finished yet and pulled two back to put themselves within a goal of a sensational comeback.

But Dynamos kept their cool and Man of the Match, Chris Devine conjured up a piece of magic with a stunning strike into the top corner from 25 yards to send the away side through with a 4-6 win.

Ferryhill Dynamos next game is at home to Barnard Castle in the British Heart Foundation Trophy.

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