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Schoolchildren continue bulb planting project into 5th year



Children of Chilton Primary School planted bulbs with teacher Alison Berry and Mayor of Chilton, Cllr Elizabeth Bruce.

Chilton Primary School's year two pupils once again assisted the town's Mayor, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce with planting spring bulbs on Tuesday 18th October.

The daffodil and crocus bulbs were planted on grass verges to the rear of Eden Terrace, close to the Health Centre.

The annual event, sup-

ported by Shildon-based gardening company SE Landscapes, is in its fifth year and it is thought it will take six more years to complete the planting across the entire village.

The 34 pupils aided in the project last year, then in Year 1, when they planted bulbs in the grass verges adjacent to the Charlie Wayman Playing Fields.

This year, five older boys from Windlestone School also gave a helping hand.

"I would like to thank the teachers at the school, the staff of S E Landscapes and of course the children for all their hard work," said Cllr Bruce. "It's always a great pleasure to plant bulbs with Chilton Primary School."

"Hopefully the children and residents will enjoy the array of colour when the bulbs flower in the spring," said a spokesperson for Chilton Town Council.

"We would also like to thank Chilton Primary School and all those involved in the bulb planting."

A festival of Christmas trees

A Festival of Christmas Trees will be on display this December at the Ferryhill Hub on Lambton Road.

Organisers are inviting local groups, businesses, organisations, schools, nurseries and individuals to get creative and decorate a Christmas tree.

Your tree will then be on display at a wonderful Festival of Christmas Trees which will be open for the public and community to enjoy on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December, between 10am and 3pm.

A spokesperson for the event commented, "This wonderful community

event celebrates the true spirit of Christmas. As well as celebrating Christmas, your tree can be a unique celebration of your group, organisation, business or school.

"The community will vote for their favourite tree and you could even raffle off your tree to raise money for your group or even donate to a charity.

"So get creative and have fun."

Entry forms are available from Approach Too by emailing Glenys@approach-too.uk.

Closing date for all entries is Friday 18th November.

Coffee morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church is to hold a 'Special Coffee Morning' on Friday 28th October, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

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All are welcome and admission is free.



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xxx

James H. Meek

31.10.96

You are still in our thoughts
Dad and Granda Jim, every
day and will always be



Terry, Pamela & Craig
xxx

Jimmy (Jimbo) Meek

October 31st 1996

A loving Dad, Grandad and
friend

Sadly missed and always in
our hearts



Love Julie, Paul & family
xxxx

James Harrison Meek

31st October 1996

20 Years today Dad
Still love and miss you



All my love,
Valerie
xxx

James Harrison Meek

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Granda Jim



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Helen, John, Emma &
families
xxx

James Harrison Meek

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Birthdays

Dalton Northway

1.11.03



To my loving boy Dalton,
Happy 13th Birthday



Love from Mam & Doug
xxx

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Remembrance services in Ferryhill

A flag lowering ceremony will take place at Ferryhill Town Hall Cenotaph at 11am on Friday 11th November, with members of the Town Council, council staff and local schools attending the event.

Members of the public are also welcome to attend. The programme for the event is as follows:

10.45am - School children and Councillors arrive;
10.50am - The vicar addresses the congregation;
11am - Flag lowered with two minutes' silence;
11.02am - Congregation plant crosses in planter;
11.10am - Vicar addresses congregation;
11.15am - Event ends.
Refreshments will be

served in the Town Hall after the event.

Ferryhill Town Council will also be holding a Remembrance Sunday Parade, church service and wreath laying ceremony on Sunday 13th November and all residents of Ferryhill are invited to attend. The programme of events is as follows:

9.30am - Parade gathers in Market Place Car Park*;
9.45am - Parade leaves for St Luke's Church;
10am - Service;
10.50am - Leaves church and marches to the Cenotaph;
11am - Service, wreath laying and last post.

*In the event of wet weather the parade will gather inside the Church Hall.

Any groups, clubs or societies who are not presently involved in the Remembrance Sunday Parade or Remembrance Day Friday and who wish to take part should contact the Town Hall on 01740 652157 as soon as possible.

To coincide with Remembrance Sunday, the Heritage Centre at Duncombe Cemetery will be open to members of the public from 10am to 4pm.

The history of Ferryhill and the surrounding area will be on display with members of the history society being available to help and advise visitors to the centre.

Admission is free and refreshments are available throughout the event.

Be a bright spark this bonfire season

People in Ferryhill and Chilton are being urged to play it safe in the run-up to bonfire night.

Durham County Council is working with other members of the Safe Durham Partnership to ensure residents have a safe and happy 5th November.

From 31st October, neighbourhood wardens will carry out extra patrols in hot spot areas to check for illegal bonfires, which will be removed. They will be on duty until 7th November. Meanwhile, representatives from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service (CDDFRS) will be visiting schools around the county to talk about the importance of staying safe around bonfires and fire-

works.

Members of the public are asked to play their part in the following ways:

- Only attend organised public firework displays. A list of events can be found at www.durham.gov.uk/fireworks.

- Anyone wishing to hold their own display is strongly urged to read firework instructions carefully and keep everyone at a safe distance.

- Only put rubbish and recycling bins out on the day of collection and return them as soon as possible to avoid any waste being used as fuel for bonfires.

- Ensure yards and gardens are clear of rubbish that could be set alight or used for bonfires.

- Don't buy fireworks from social media sites or from private houses as sellers are often unlicensed and the fireworks supplied can be both illegal and dangerous.

- Report the sale of fireworks to children or the sale of illegal fireworks, such as bangers and mini rockets, to Durham County Council's firework hotline on 03000 260 913.

- Report illegal bonfires by calling 03000 260 000.

- Remember that it is illegal for anyone under

the age of 18 to be in possession of fireworks in a public space.

Members of the council's trading standards team will be out and about visiting retailers over the coming weeks to offer advice about the safe storage and sale of fireworks.

Retailers and residents are also reminded that certain fireworks, including bangers, air bombs and jumping jacks, are banned in the UK. This is regardless of whether they are CE marked and approved for sale in other EU countries.

Andrew Allison, community safety manager for CDDFRS, said, "Fireworks can seriously injure and scar people for life if they are not treated with care.

It is important that they meet safety standards and they should also be stored properly. The smart way to stay safe is to go to an organised display. You'll see a lot more fireworks and it's a lot cheaper. If you are planning to use fireworks at home then please follow the firework safety code."

Ian Hoult, Durham County Council's neighbourhood protection manager, said: "Bonfire night is an exciting and fun time and we want to make sure that it's also safe for everyone involved."

Tenlands staff double target in Muddy Mayhem challenge



Deputy Manager Andrea Green and Chef Nicola Howarth completed the course alongside carers Joanne Walton and Victoria Stephenson.

Staff at Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill have raised over £700 for their residents by taking part in the Muddy Mayhem Challenge at Hardwick Park. The 5km outdoor obstacle course, which took place earlier this month, sees participants tackle cargo nets and climbing walls, tunnels, freezing open water and lots of other surprises.

Deputy Manager Andrea

Green and Chef Nicola Howarth completed the course alongside carers Joanne Walton and Victoria Stephenson. The ladies more than doubled their initial target of £350, raising a total of £740, which will fund activities and entertainment for their residents. Victoria Lee, Tenlands Care Home Manager said, "I am very proud of what our four team members

have achieved for our Residents' Comfort Fund. We were on the side-lines, cheering them on every step, slip and slide of the way. They have done fantastic." Glen Mason, the home's Managing Director commented, "Tenlands Muddy Mayhem Challenge was great. Organising memorable events like this is an important part of how we provide the kindest care."

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Youngsters promote healthy eating



Dean Bank pupils display their healthy packed lunch choices with the help of Ferryhill Co-op store's manager.

Pupils from Dean Bank, Cleves Cross and Ferryhill Station Primary Schools have been working alongside Approach Too and local shops to encourage people to eat more healthily.

The youngsters have created displays in shops around Ferryhill showing

what a healthy packed lunch box should look like, using produce and stock that can be purchased within the shop.

Glenys Newby, from Approach Too said, "Lunch is an important meal for everyone, to provide energy and nutrients to keep us going throughout

the afternoon.

"A packed lunch made at home can be a healthy and delicious choice. Pupils came up with the idea to go shopping in Ferryhill for the healthy items that can go into lunch boxes and then share these with the community so everyone can enjoy being healthier."

Deadline looms for secondary school applications

Parents in Ferryhill and Chilton are reminded that the deadline is looming to apply for secondary school places for their children.

Applications for the next academic year, which starts in September 2017, need to be made by 31st October 2016.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said, "We know that education is one of the most important aspects of a young person's life, and that for parents the decision of

where to send their children is a big one.

"In our county we benefit from many schools with superb facilities and dedicated, talented staff, and we hope that through our admissions system mums and dads can express their preferences which they believe will ensure their children enjoy a happy and successful continuation of their school career."

Applications can be made online, at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by post.

Forms can be requested by

phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the School Admissions and Transport Team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ.

If posting, the forms should be sent back using signed for or special delivery services. Offers of places will be made to parents on 1st March 2017.

If you apply online you will receive an offer email. If you apply by post you will receive an offer letter. These should arrive by no later than 1st or 2nd March 2017.

Have a say on local issues

Residents in Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local area action partnership holds their next meeting.

The 4 Together Partnership Board will be holding their Board meeting on Wednesday 2nd November, between 6pm and 8pm at West Cornforth Community Centre, and local people are invited to go along to observe proceedings.

Board members will be receiving a presentation on the recent Clinical Com-

missioning Group Urgent Care Services Consultation at the meeting.

People can raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the Board to address, these should ideally be put in writing and sent in advance.

If you would like to register to attend the Board meeting, call 03000 267210, or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk

The 4 Together Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

Thanksgiving & remembrance

Ferryhill Methodist Church will be holding its annual 'In Thanksgiving & Remembrance' service on Sunday, 6th November at 2.30pm.

The service, led by Deacon Sue Peat, will offer people a time of quiet reflection to give thanks to God for those people in our lives who have meant so much to us, and whose memory

will forever live on in our hearts and lives.

There will be an opportunity for loved ones' names to be read out and to light a candle or write a prayer in their memory.

The service is open to anyone who wishes to attend and light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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If so, then look no further than the Walk4Life project every Monday morning from 10am at the Ferryhill Ladder Centre.

A spokesperson for the weekly event said, "Our walks are a great opportunity for people to make their first steps towards being active and/or simply maintaining a healthy lifestyle. So whether you are recovering from illness or just want to be more active, Walk4life is for you."

"You can also meet new friends, at the same time

as exploring new routes in your local area in the safety of a group."

All walks are designed to last between 30-60 minutes and are led by trained walk leaders on safe, risk assessed routes.

The walks are free and organised for local people in their own community, although, in particular, are focusing on reaching people who are inactive, overweight and are at risk of Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease, however everyone is welcome.

For more information call 03000 262754 or 01740 651639.

White Horse charity evening supports Lung Cancer Unit



Peter Atkinson with Pamela Richardson of Ladbrokes, presenting a cheque for £250 to Mr Bob Reed, the partner of former Greyhound Landlady, Elaine O'Connor.

Christmas Fayre

Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC is hosting a Christmas Open Day on Saturday 19th November, from 10am to 2pm.

A spokesperson commented, "Please join us for our Xmas Fayre. You will

find a wonderful array of gifts and products to suit everyone. All our products are lovingly hand-made and many can be personalised."

There will also be a raffle, tombola and light refreshments.

On Friday 21st October Peter Atkinson, Mayor of Ferryhill, attended a Cancer Research Charity Evening at the White Horse public house.

Peter said, "It was a great night and the final total raised was £1,360. Landlady Karen Whittaker organised the event because a

friend and former landlady of the Greyhound, Elaine O'Connor, is seriously ill and Karen wanted to show her support for Elaine."

"There was a fantastic donation of £250 from Ladbrokes in Ferryhill and many items donated for auction from local people and businesses in the

area." Karen commented, "I would like to say a big thank you to Ladbrokes, Fiora Florists and all the businesses who contributed."

The funds will be donated to the Lung Cancer Unit at Bishop Auckland General Hospital.

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W.I. to host 89th birthday party

On Wednesday 5th October members of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute were given a very interesting talk from Lynne Defty on her father's life from a Telegram Boy to a Bomber Boy. Members also donated lots of goods for the Food Bank at St. Luke's in Ferryhill. The W.I.'s next meeting will be in the Community Centre on Wednesday 2nd

November at 6.30pm when they will be having their 89th Birthday Party, and members will have the opportunity to try their hand at quilting.

A member of the W.I. said, "Don't forget to bring a needle and thread with you! Looking forward to seeing everyone on the night. I am sure we will once again have a brilliant night."

Vehicles damaged

Police are asking all residents in the Ferryhill area to be aware that there have been a recent spate of damages committed to vehicles in the Dean Bank area of town.

These took place mainly

on Neale Street and Owen Street, but have also occurred in other areas.

Police are asking the public to be vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police on the non-emergency number, 101.

Town Youth host race night

Ferryhill Town Youth FC Under 11s are to hold a Race Night with the aim of raising funds for new equipment.

The event will be held at the Dean & Chapter pub on Friday 4th November, 7pm - 10.30pm.

Coach Andy Dunn commented, "The event is to raise funds for new equipment and future tournaments. These are a great

bunch of lads so why not come along, have a few drinks and a cracking night? "There are also some fantastic prizes available on the night including tickets for the dogs, a Pandora necklace, Jimmy Choo perfume and lots more.

"The is a great opportunity to help your local team continue and grow." The event is open to everyone (18+).

Town invited to candle-lit procession

Ferryhill 2000 Committee & Ferryhill Town Council would like to invite residents to attend Ferryhill's annual Christmas Fayre on Friday 25th November.

The Fayre, which is organised by Ferryhill 2000 Committee in partnership with Ferryhill Town Council, will commence at 2pm with Children's fair rides, refreshments and a Craft Fayre, which this year will take place indoors at St. Luke's Parish Centre.

A candle-lit procession involving children from the local primary schools will leave St. Luke's Church at 4pm. The procession will be led by Father Christmas and will make its way to the Town Hall gardens where carol singing will take place at 4.15pm.

The official switching on of the town's Christmas lights will then follow at 4.30pm. Any adults and children wishing to take part in the procession are asked to meet at St. Luke's Church at 3.45pm. Because battery operated candles are no longer available, the 2000 Committee will issue free glow sticks to anyone taking part in the procession.

Santa has also promised to make an appearance again this year and will be visiting the former E-Café from 3.30pm-6pm to meet local children and give out presents in a specially-designed grotto.

Free face painting for children and tea & coffee (at a small charge) will also be available in the former E-Café building,

with all proceeds going to the Mayor's Charity.

An organiser of the event said, "Stalls are still up for grabs at this years' Craft Fayre so why not book your stall now and offer your goods for sale? This is a popular event with stalls often being taken up very quickly therefore please book early to avoid disappointment."

Stalls are available at a price of £20 with a limited number of charity stalls also being available at a reduced rate of £10. Tables and chairs will be provided as a matter of course.

Anyone interested in holding a stall at this years' event, or for any queries about the Christmas Fayre, should contact Karen Younghusband at Ferryhill Town Hall on (01740) 652157.

Popular band to play charity event



JD and the Woodsmen will perform at Newton Aycliffe WMC on 5th November.

Popular local band, JD and the Woodsmen, are to headline at a charity event in aid of Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group.

The band, who play a mix of up-beat funk, soul and rock 'n' roll, will perform at Newton Aycliffe WMC on Sheraton Road on Saturday

5th November.

Doors open at 7pm and tickets, costing £4, are available from the Club or from Sharon on 07896 511 171.

Great Aycliffe Cancer Support Group is friendly social group which welcomes anyone in the area who has

been affected by cancer. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month, with exception of August and January, from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Youth Centre in Newton Aycliffe.

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Have your say...

Dear Editor,

It is the centenary of the Battle of the Somme and we must remember all of the men, our best men, who fought in hellish conditions which left many of those who survived with terrible injuries, both mentally and physically.

In today's world it is clear to see we have put ourselves in a similar position to the beginning of the First and Second World Wars, which means all those lives lost were wasted.

War is evolution in reverse and too many people appear to be educated but lack common sense.

It is long past the time to apply common sense to all our decisions and put an end to war, so are we to continue replacing human seeds with poppy seeds?

Yours sincerely,

A Curle,

Ferryhill.

Ferryhill drug driver banned

A Ferryhill driver has been banned from the roads for 12 months after he admitted to driving whilst under the influence of ecstasy, cannabis and diazepam.

Dale Williams, of Derwent Road, also admitted to driving otherwise in accordance with a licence, having no insurance and failing to surrender to bail. The 23 year-old was stopped by police in his Vauxhall Astra on the A167 near Newton Aycliffe where he failed the roadside drug test.

In mitigation, John Turner told the court that Williams thought he would be safe to drive after having had a night 'out drinking' the evening before.

Turner stated, "He thought a good night's sleep would mean he was all right. He thought, I have taken drugs the day before but I am fine."

Williams was disqualified for a year and fined £120. He was also ordered to pay £80 for failing to surrender to bail, a victim surcharge of £30 and costs of £85.



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A win and a draw for Ferryhill Under 9s

Ferryhill Under 9s travelled to Darlington last Sunday morning to play Spraire Lad's Hawks in what turned out to be a very close affair. Ferryhill did a lot of early pressing and did not seem to be phased by the previous week's heavy defeat.

A couple of close efforts went begging for Ferryhill as they tried to break the deadlock. They were then awarded a corner.

William put a dangerous ball into the area and an unfortunate touch from the Darlington defender put it past his own goal keeper. Some solid defending from the whole team kept the chances for Darlington to a minimum.

Half time 1-0 to Ferryhill. The second half started much the same with Aidan making some good saves, assured defending from Noah and William with

George mopping up any loose balls and setting Ferryhill on the attack.

Zach, Marc and Jamie pushed on and what looked to be a stonewall penalty was given as a free kick outside of the box! Unfortunately the chance wasn't converted.

Jonathan came on to add some more energy into the team and was soon in the wars again after a collision. Into the last couple of minutes Ferryhill were caught out on the counter attack. The ball was only cleared as far as a Darlington attacker, who scored an unstoppable shot into the top corner to score an equaliser.

That's how the game ended along with torrential rain! Spraire Lad's Hawks 1-1 Ferryhill.

The second game saw Addison and Carlton Noah and William with

they formed a formidable partnership at the back, blocking and clearing everything thrown at them, playing good football from the back, always trying to find a team mate.

Jonathan went in goal and looked assured when he was called upon. Ferryhill attacked early and were rewarded with two quick breaks and good finishes from the left hand side by Zach.

Ferryhill kept Darlington out well and were the team looking to get forward when they could.

Zach went in search of his hat-trick but it wasn't to be.

Darlington scored a late consolation goal but Ferryhill won the game 2-1.

Two very good games and some terrible weather. Next week the boys are at home to Hartlepool Pools Youth.

Prestigious tournament at The Greyhound



Finalists Davy Dodds and Linda Ithurralde.

Opponents' keeper ensures a draw for Under 11s

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 11s played their most recent fixture against Norton and Stockton Ancients.

From the first whistle on a difficult pitch Ferryhill were at it, moving the ball really well and attacking the opposition. The deadlock was finally broken when Harry

scored making it 1-0. The team could have been three or four up by this point, but Norton's keeper was excellent.

Then, from probably the only two attacks, Ancients scored two.

Ferryhill were losing until Harry went clean through again and finished well making it 2-2 at half-time.

In the second half Ferryhill had Stockton pinned in their own half but their keeper was still on form.

Then came the sucker-punch long ball over and Stockton scored.

Ferryhill never gave up though and in the last minute Will scored the equaliser.

Celtic take the match in extra time

Ferryhill Celtic were away to New Brancepeth in the Alan Smith Trophy in their most recent match, playing with just ten men for the entire game.

Celtic started off with a few chances but with a man down they had to play from the back and attack, but it was Brancepeth who scored with 20 minutes gone and Ferryhill went to half-time 1-0 down.

The second half started off with Celtic pushing for an equaliser and found one ten minutes into the second half with a Luke Thompson header, but it was short lived as with ten minutes to go Brancepeth found the net to make it 2-1.

Celtic continued to pile on the pressure however, and just two minutes later another goal from Luke

Thompson took the tie into extra time.

With five minutes to go in second half of extra time Anthony Phillipson put Celtic in the hat for the last 8.

Celtic's next game is this Sunday against Sunderland Pottes TS in the first round of the Country Cup.

Meet at the Dean and Chapter pub at 9am if you are interested in going.

The Greyhound pub in Ferryhill was the host venue for the Autumn Open Darts Tournament recently, which attracted 49 of the region's best players, including County and International players, former PDC Tour players and a World Champion, who competed against each other for substantial cash prizes. The standard of play

was exceptional and the players enjoyed support from a very knowledgeable and appreciative audience in the custom-built darts room in The Greyhound.

The final was contested by former PDC Tour player Davy Dodds and 2009 Winmau World Masters Women's Champion Linda Ithurralde, with Davy Dodds the eventual winner.

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