



'Outstanding international teaching at Cleves Cross



Tori James, the youngest woman to climb Everest, presents the award to Cleves Cross pupils Jake Andrews and Freya Norman and head teacher Alison Lazenby.

Cleves Cross Primary School in Ferryhill is one of a dozen County Durham schools to have been recognised by the British Council for outstanding international teaching and learning. The council runs an award scheme recognising schools

which demonstrate a commitment to international learning and show how they work together with schools in other countries. During the programme, students learn about the importance of modern foreign language and different cultures across the world, with the hope that this will benefit them in the global workplace later in life. Fourteen schools from County Durham were presented with their awards by Tori James, the youngest woman to climb Everest, during a special ceremony held at the Tyneside Cinema in Newcastle. Cllr Ossie Johnson, Durham County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services said, "It's a superb achievement for our schools to be recognised for their international work. "In the modern world, it's becoming increasingly important for children to have an understanding of other countries and cultures."



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There are 10 key priority areas to choose from, but each AAP will need help to decide what priorities to concentrate their efforts and funding on. People have until Tuesday 13th December 2016 to vote for their area's pri-

orities and identify where money and resources should be spent first. Gordon Elliott, head of partnership and community engagement, said, "One of the AAPs' key roles is to help residents shape their community and with online voting already proving a success with school children, we hope even more people find it easier to get involved and help choose the priorities for their local area."

To vote, visit www.durham.gov.uk/consultation.

For more information about AAPs call 03000 262 056, email aap@durham.gov.uk or visit www.durham.gov.uk/AAPs.

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3.11.49

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Robert Mountford

2.11.16

Happy 70th Birthday to my
dear Husband Bob



Love and miss you,
From Wife Brenda & Sons
Philip & Andrew
xxx



Birthday Memories

Ashley Louise Milburn

Born 7.11.91

Died 21st June 2016

You are always in our hearts



Love David & Jayden
xxxx

Ashley Louise Milburn

Born 7.11.91

Died 21st June 2016

To a special Daughter and
Sister, we miss you so much



Love Dad, Cheryl & Martin
xxxx

Birthdays

Kiera Olivia Mason

3.11.16

Congratulations on your
18th Birthday, hope you
have a fantastic day

18!

Lots of love,
Grandma & Grandpa
xxx



Jake Swanson

2nd November

Happy 1st Birthday Son

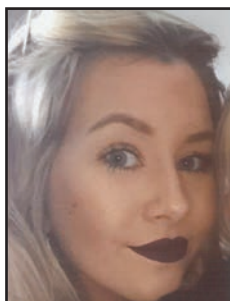


Lots of love,
From Mummy, Daddy & Ava
xxx

Birthdays

Keira Olivia Mason

3rd November



Happy 18th Birthday to our
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and out, we love you lots,
have a great time!

18!

Mam, Dad & Grace
xxx

Ashley Louise Milburn

Born 7.11.91

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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.

Ferryhill mother opens autism support groups

A local mam is hoping to help other parents of autistic children by opening a support group in Ferryhill. Michelle Abbs' son was diagnosed with autism when he was five years-old and, since then, Michelle says little support has been available to her and her family.

In the hopes of rectifying this she is welcoming other parents to her monthly groups at the Dean Bank In-

stitute (opposite Dean Bank Primary School). Sessions for parent support will take place on the second Saturday of every month, beginning 12th November from 10.30am to 12 noon, while sessions for parents and children (siblings also welcome) will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month, also between 10.30am and 12 noon.

Both sessions are £3 which will cover the cost of the

room hire, with any extra being put towards toys, games, tea & coffee and trips out. There will also be guest speakers who will give talks on a range of topics, including how to get more valuable sleep. Donations of sensory toys such as lights and lava lamps are also welcome.

For more information visit Michelle's Facebook page 'little treasures' or call her on 07749 681 130.

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Brighter Skies, a local group which raises funds for Alzheimer's Research, is to host a pantomime at St David's Church Hall in Tudhoe.

The production of Cinderella will be performed by a professional company on Monday 12th December, from 6.45pm.

Tickets are £6 for adults and children aged 3 and

over. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are available by calling 0333 666 3366 (small fee applies), at brighterskiesfundraising.co.uk and from Croxdale Corner Shop in Croxdale or Clayton's Candy Corner in Spennymoor.

All proceeds will be donated to Alzheimer's Research UK.

Whist & dominoes

There will be a Whist and Domino Drive in the Community Centre at Kirk Merlington at 2pm on Saturday 5th November.

Admission is £2 which includes refreshments. "Everyone is welcome to attend," said a spokesperson.

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History society calendar 2017 now on sale

The history of Ferryhill goes back much further than the exploitation of coal in the 20th century. This reflection of the past has been highlighted in the Ferryhill History Society Calendar for 2017.

From grainy monochrome pictures taken in the 19th century to the multi-coloured images of the 21st century, the urge to record events continues.

The society is grateful to members of the public, both near and far, who loaned the pictures for the calendar.

This year Jan and Keith Jones from Surrey sent some fine pictures of Bevin Boys and their camp, which was built to the south of Dean Road in 1943. They were conscripted into the coal mines to replace the miners who had volunteered for service in the armed forces in 1939.

The camaraderie which was encouraged by the coal industry is reflected in other aspects of the community life, at work and at play. *The cast of the East Howle*



September's picture; Market Street, Ferryhill Village, c1900.

School Play, contributed by Barry Hopwood, *Ferryhill Station Pierettes*, contributed by Anne Lake, and *Market Day*, from Lynn and Gordon Robinson, all show the diverse activities which occurred in Ferryhill.

The November page is dedicated to the several hundred men and women and their families from Ferryhill who served their country in the many conflicts since the Ferryhill and Chilton War memorials were first dedicated.

The selection of photographs used in the 2017 calendar offer a representative view of the changes which have taken place over the decades.

The calendar is now on sale, priced at £3, and is available from the following outlets: The Eldon Arms, Wensley Terrace local store Chilton Lane, Mainsforth News, Colin's Chippy, Kelly's Newsagents, The Ladder Centre, Broom Cottage News, Ferrydec, Card Fayre, Lily C's and Thinford Nursery.

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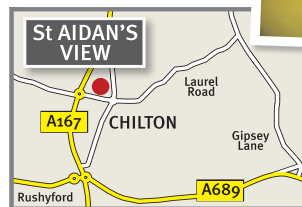
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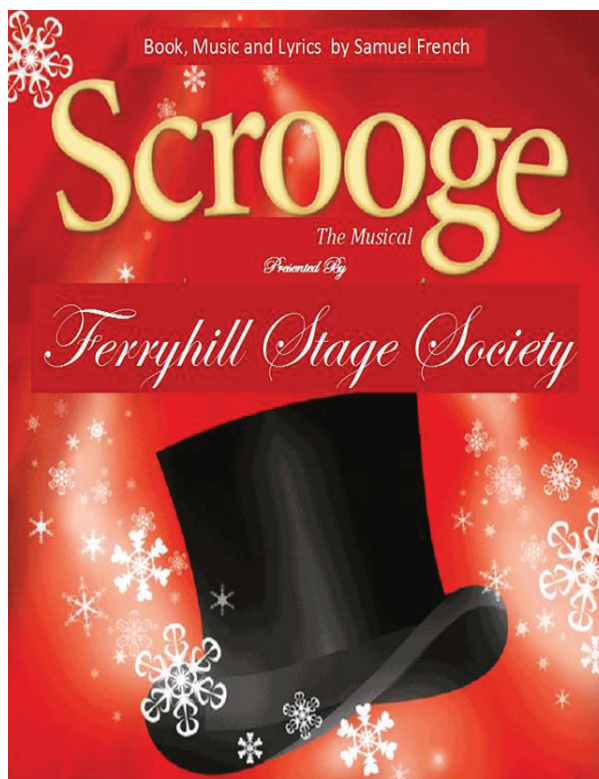
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Don't be a Scrooge this panto season

Ferryhill Stage Society is urging residents not to be like Scrooge this panto season and buy tickets for their latest performance. *Scrooge The Musical* will be staged at Mainsforth Community Centre in Ferryhill Station from Wednesday 23rd to Friday 25th November at 7.15pm, and again on Saturday 26th November at 2.15pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children under 16 years of age. They are available by calling Joan Harker on 01740 652551. A spokesperson for the Stage Society said, "Why don't you treat the family to a lovely festive musical this Christmas? Come and see our splendid cast performing *Scrooge The Musical*. A show for all ages!"



Scrooge The Musical will be staged at Mainsforth Community Centre at the end of November.

Christmas Open Day

Endeavour Woodcrafts CIC is hosting a Christmas Open Day on Saturday 19th November, from 10am to 2pm. A spokesperson commented, "Everyone is welcome to come and see and buy our wonderful range of

hand-made products for Christmas and for the home and garden. Also, our training shop is up and trading now, please come along and support us." There will also be a prize hamper draw, tombola and light refreshments.

Table top sale

The Ferryhill Six will be holding a stall at a Table Top Sale to be held in Chilton Workingmen's Club on Thursday 10th November. One of the ladies com-

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Have your say...

Dear Editor

Residents of Dean Road have recently received a letter from DCC regarding the proposed housing development south of Dean Road, inviting comments which must be received by 15th November. We believe that this outline planning permission for 140 new houses and a food store on greenfield affects the whole of Ferryhill. The Ferryhill Community Action Group would therefore like to invite residents to a meeting on 9th November 2016 at 7.30pm at The White Horse Public House, where the community can come together to discuss their views, where all opinions will be heard, and where information will be available and assistance will be on-hand to formulate individual responses.

Yours sincerely,
Maria Cansella
Secretary, FCAG

Dear Editor

I had a simple view of politics that relied upon this premise: you voted for the people you wanted to represent you, they then walked the corridors of power fulfilling that role, representing your wishes, and when necessary standing up against the majority to fight your corner. Why is it then that we continue losing many amenities; libraries, nurseries, Sure Start facilities? Even street lighting has been downgraded and, on the main road through our county, removed in some places. Ask your Councillor and you will get explanations that defy credulity. "I wasn't there for that vote." "We were told it was a waste of time to vote against it." "I was ill." "I was on holiday." "It was the cabinet's fault, they did it."

The latest outrage, robbing teaching assistants in the name of fairness, whilst protecting everyone else who doesn't work the full year. Councillors included. Shockingly voting to close the Durham DLI museum. Watch who develops this land.

I have reviewed my position, the ruling Labour Councillors are led by the officers of the council, many of whom earn £100 thousand plus whilst claiming austerity measures are to blame. By the way, throughout 'austerity' the council has amassed over £650 million in reserve, planned the new County Hall, wasted thousands in court cases, been forced to review the expensive county plan, and increased wages and pensions, the latter by £42 million drawn from reserves. No shortage there then.

Cllr Joe Makepeace.

Dear Editor

I'm writing to thank all those who donated and bought tickets for Captain Bennett's Medal Dedication. It was held on Friday 21st October in The Wheatsheaf pub in Chilton. It was an honour to see the large turnout of veterans and Chilton people.

Before the evening started a speech was made in respect of Captain George Frederick Bennett explaining his military career and his belief in the Methodist faith and helping his fellow man. At the end of the speech a bugler from 3 Rifles played The Last Post and a minute's silence was held in memory of our village's fallen and absent friends.

£585 was raised which was donated to Chilton Methodist Chapel on Sunday before service commenced. As a community, Chilton is second to none in helping each other and supporting Armed Forces.

E Slater, Chilton.

Dear Editor

The members of Windlestone Chapel would like to thank all the people who took part in the raffle at The Wheatsheaf in Chilton, which raised £585 in memory of Captain Bennett.

A very big thank you to the organisers. This money will be used for the up-keep of the Chapel.

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Mayor shows his spooky side at Halloween fund-raiser



Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Peter Atkinson (right), with his wife Carole and Quiz Master David Todd.

A Charity Quiz Night took place at the Royal British Legion Club in Ferryhill Station on Saturday 29th October. It was a huge success, raising £455 for my Mayor's charity fund. The Mayor, Cllr Peter Atkinson said, "I would like to thank the many

local businesses who kindly donated prizes, The Manor House, The White Horse, B&M Bargains, Pizza Time, BayLeaves, Sweet Retreat and Ferryhill WMC.

"The Quiz Master Mr David Todd of Ferryhill was excellent with his presen-

tation of his Halloween-themed quiz, and many of the people who attended dressed for the occasion (including myself) which contributed to a great evening.

"I want to thank everyone who helped and attended this tremendous evening."

Fair hearing for Ferryhill

Ferryhill Town Councillor Joe Makepeace will hold a surgery on Friday 11th November at 2pm in the Council Chamber in Ferryhill Town Hall.

Councillor Makepeace will be available at the surgery to give local residents the opportunity to discuss any local issues. No appointment is necessary.

Helping the homeless

A member of staff from Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill was so distressed to hear the plight of homeless women who are forced to use charity shop rags as sanitary wear, she has taken it upon herself to help. Bev Poulson read the story in The Big Issue, the magazine sold by homeless people across the country. She said, "I was appalled to think that this happens in this day and age and how degraded those ladies must feel, so on my Facebook page I advertised for people to help me collect and fill bags with sanitary wear and toiletries. My

page went mad with people wanting to help. This actually touched so many people.

"A lady from Chilton, Lesley Hewitt, brought me 27 bags in total. Jane Whittaker from JBS Lingerie in Ferryhill Village also donated boxes of pants and other undergarments."

Anyone who would like to help Bev can contact her on Facebook or call 07921 013 540.

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Lachlan received prestigious award

At the NEPL Junior Cricket Presentation held at Chester-le-Street CC on Tuesday 25th October, Mainsforth's Under 15s were presented with the League Plaque Winners' Trophy for their excellent performances in the cup competition. There was also an individual award for the U15's Player of the Tournament, which was won by Mainsforth's wicket keeper and batsman, Lachlan Marron. Lachlan's award, which was presented to him by former Durham cricketer Gareth Breeze, was fully justified for his season long dedication, commitment and performances.

The club is holding a fundraising quiz night in the club house on Saturday 26th November from 7.30pm. All are welcome.



Lachlan Marron receives his award for Player of the Tournament from former Durham cricketer, Gareth Breeze.

Celtic progress to next round

Ferryhill Celtic were away to Sunderland Ts Potters in the Country Cup in their most recent match. The first half started off with both teams creating chances, but it took till the 43rd minute for Celtic to score though a wonder goal by Jonathan Ager. Half time 1-0 to Celtic. The second half started off

much the same with both teams trying to score, but nothing came of the half and the match finished 1-0 to send Celtic through to the next round.

The team's next game is against Burnside WMC away in the last eight of the Alan Smith Trophy with a 10.30am kick off on Sunday.

Under 9s

Ferryhill Under 9s played a good Hartlepool side last weekend.

Hartlepool scored two early goals but, thanks to numerous saves from Aidan and some excellent defending from Carlton and Noah, the score stayed 2-0 at half time.

The midfield three of William, Jonathan and Marc worked tirelessly and up front Kole closed down the Hartlepool defenders throughout the half, nearly scoring the goal his effort deserved.

The second half was very similar with Hartlepool only adding one more goal, while Ferryhill created a few chances of their own. Jonathon and Marc came off injured with Addison and Aaron replacing them. They worked hard and got

in some very important tackles.

The game finished 3-0 to Hartlepool, man-of-the-match Aidan.

The second game started with Kole in goal, Carlton and Aaron in defence and Ruben making his debut in midfield with Addison, and William and Marc up front. It was a great first half performance from everyone with goals from Marc and Ruben making it 2-0 at half time.

In the second half Hartlepool played really well scoring five goals. Final score 5-2 to Hartlepool. Man-of-the-match went to Carlton for his excellent defending. A special mention goes to Jonathon who unfortunately went off injured after the ball hit him in the face giving him a bloody nose.

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