



Ferryhill shoe box appeal declared a huge success



A small part of the large team of helpers with some of the 1,028 shoe boxes that were collected and donated to charities in Romania.

Once again the Ferryhill Shoe Box Appeal, in association with the Methodist Church has been declared

a huge success. This ever-popular appeal has grown over the years and again this year there

has been a very generous response from donors within Ferryhill and surrounding communities.

A spokesperson for the appeal organisers said: "To all donors, be they schools, churches, chat and craft clubs or private individuals, the organising team for the appeal wish to extend their heartfelt and sincere thanks for their extreme generosity. "We would also like to thank all those who helped in any way during the shoe box week.

"Also a big thank you to the young people from Enter CIC for their assistance in carrying out the shoe boxes to the awaiting transport on Sunday night. "The total number of boxes dispatched was 1,028 together with £1,113 towards the transport costs. It is planned for the boxes to be sent to Romania."

The Chapter would like to extend our grateful thanks to the Shoe Box Appeal organisers for their very kind donation to our costs.

Temporary road closures

Ferryhill's Annual Christmas Fayre will once again involve a candlelit procession which will commence at 4pm on Friday 25th November from St. Luke's Church.

The procession will move along Church Lane, turning right onto the unnamed road between Church Lane and Market Street (between The White Horse Pub and Natwest Bank) and then turn right again along a section of Market Street before finally congregating outside the Town Hall gardens.

There will be temporary closures in place as follows;

- Church Lane & the unnamed road next to Natwest Bank will be closed from 4.00pm to 4.30pm.
- To cater for the safety of spectators watching

the carol singing in the Town Hall Gardens there will also be a road closure from the entrance to Market Street next to the Post Boy Public House along to the unnamed road in front of Ferryhill Town Hall, between Market Street and North Street and a partial closure of Chapel Terrace from 4pm until 5.30pm.

To accommodate this closure, temporary bus stops will be situated outside Ferryhill Workingmen's Club, B & M Bargain Stores and Llewellyn's Wine Bar.

All roads will reopen once the event has concluded.

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Marie Dunlavey

23.11.13

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Today we look at your photo, at a face so loving and true, no wonder our hearts are breaking, losing a Daughter like you



Sent with everlasting love,
Mam & Dad
x

Marie Dunlavey

23.11.13

God looked around His garden and found an empty space, then he looked down upon his Earth and saw your tired face

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best



Miss you forever,
Love you millions,
John, Kay, Lois & Lula
xxxx

Marie Dunlavey

23.11.13

A little message
Sweet and tender
She's our Mam
And we'll always remember



Love always,
Leon & Lauarna
xx

Marie Dunlavey

Always thinking of you
Marie, you are missed and
loved so much



"Shine bright up there"
Love Mick, Helen
& family
x

In Memoriam

Marie Dunlavey

23.11.13

I have a Guardian Angel in
Heaven, I call her my Sister



Love forever,
Curly & Cruze

David Anthony Newell

23rd November 2015

I cannot believe a year has
passed since you, my loving
Son, were taken away from
us at such a young age



Forever in my thoughts,
Your loving Mam,
Rest in Peace

David Anthony Newell

23rd November 2015

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wonderful Brother, sadly
taken far too soon



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forgotten,
Bernie, Pete & Adam

David Anthony Newell

23rd November 2015

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dear Brother, forever loved,
forever missed



Angela, Bob
& Helen

David Newell

23rd November 2015

Special memories
of a dear Brother



Love Kevin, Lorraine
& Louis
xxx

In Memoriam

Nora Hewitt

16th November

Beloved Mam of
Mary & Nancy



Brian Alliston Nora Hewitt

Missed Husband
& Mam of Eileen



Wilf Robinson

28.11.15

Remembering you Dad on
this, your first year away
from us



Love, your girls

Birthday Memories

William Troup Cockayne

23rd November



Thinking of a special
Dad, Grandad and Great
Grandad on what would
have been his 100th
Birthday

Also remembering a dear
Mum, Annie Cockayne



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Love Lynda, Darran, Lisa,
Patrick, Olivia & Gabriel

Birthday Memories

Marie Dunlavey

19.11.86

Happy 30th Birthday Marie,
not a day goes by we don't
think of you



Love John, Kay, Lois & Lula
xxxx

The Chapter would like to
sincerely apologise to the
family of Marie Dunlavey
for the error in their
Memoriam notice in last
week's issue.

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thinking of you every
minute of the day



Your Daughters Tracy,
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Birthdays

Matthew Gash

25.11.16

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Birthdays

Neil Spender

25th November

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Neil Spender

25th November

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Junior Club wins Heritage Lottery Fund support



The project has completed its filming scenes and will be edited over Christmas with a view to a premiere in January.

Chilton Community College has received £12,200 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, *Chilton Seventy-1*. Led by the Chilton young peoples' junior club, 'Chilton Seventy-1' is an intergenerational research project where young people will set out to explore the heritage and cultural traditions that emanated from the leisure and social activities that were available to young people in the early 1970s.

The heritage project will focus specifically on what the young people of 1971 did for leisure outside of school hours, during weekends and holidays. The young people involved in the junior club have quizzed local residents and historians in order to create a short documentary film. Commenting on the award, College Chair, Andy Coulthard said: "We are thrilled and thankful to have received the support of the Heritage

Lottery Fund and we are confident the project will support our young people to be active citizens with a greater pride in the town's heritage." The project has completed its filming scenes and will be edited over Christmas with a view to a premiere in January. The College would like to thank Brian Wise from Ucre8 and Ben Race of Capture Films who have led on the development of the project alongside the young people.



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Kisses for Christmas

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Items such as tinned or non-perishable food, tea, coffee and new toys, toiletries and bedding could make a difference to the lives of children and adults who may find themselves

homeless or living in poverty in our area this Christmas.

Any items donated, no matter how small, will be gratefully received at the Co-op's funeral home in Parker Terrace, Ferryhill and will be passed on to The Salvation Army for distribution in the week before Christmas.

For further details call 01740 651329.

Residents meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents' Association will be held on Tuesday 29th November at 7pm at The Pavilion,

Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton.

"Come along to help make Chilton a better place," encouraged a spokesperson.

Witnesses sought to Chop Suey assault

On Thursday 29th October, at around 8.30pm, a man was assaulted in Chilton by an unknown assailant.

The victim left the Sainsbury's Local store on Durham Road and headed up onto Eden Terrace. There was then an altercation within the A1 Chop Suey House before the offender left the scene. The man in question is described as a white male, with a 'bodybuilding'

physique, wearing black shorts, black t-shirt and white trainers and aged around 35 years.

Police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed this incident, particularly three youths who may have witnessed the events whilst waiting for a bus outside of the Sainsbury's store.

Anyone with any information should call 101 quoting ref no: CRI00020534.

Mini police visit officer training centre

On Wednesday 16th November, the West Cornforth 'Mini Police' enjoyed a visit to the police training centre, where they were given a tour and shown police riot gear, as well as rooms that the police use for practice scenarios for new police recruits.

Everyone enjoyed visiting the training centre and even one of the local Ferryhill beat officers, PCSO 7431 Hobson, joined in the fun.

West Cornforth 'Mini Police' were shown where new police recruits practice potential scenarios.



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Teaching Assistants set to strike again

Two unions representing the majority of Teaching Assistants in County Durham, UNISON and ATL have announced a new two-day strike action which will affect schools across the county, including in Ferryhill and Chilton. A spokesperson for County Durham Teaching Assistants Activists Committee said: "County Durham Teaching Assistants will be taking further strike action on 23rd and 24th November following Durham County Council's failure to withdraw plans to sack 2,700 teaching assistants and impose a 23% pay cut on re-engaged staff. "Strike action will include further picketing of schools and another mass demonstration." Over 1,000 teaching assistants descended on County Hall in a major demonstration on Wednesday 9th November while over 80 picket lines were attended the previous day. This time over 100 official picket lines have been registered for Wednesday 23rd and another mass demonstration is being organised for Thursday at County Hall. By Tuesday 22nd November, almost 100 schools had reported that they would be fully or partially closed. Emma Parker, ATL's district secretary in Durham, said: "We urge Durham Council to get around the table and negotiate a fair deal for its teaching assistants. TAs in Durham do not want to go on strike, and they certainly don't want to disrupt children's education, but the Council's failure to negotiate has left them with little option. "How can a Labour-run Council justify cutting the pay of some of its lowest paid workers? Why is Durham Council refusing to look at fairer solutions such as paying its TAs the going rate for support staff in the north east? "Durham Council is ignoring the interests of children, who will lose out if thousands of dedicated, hard-working teaching assistants quit to work in higher-paying neighbouring areas or find other jobs so they can support their own families."

also announced that teaching assistants will be taking Action Short of Strike (ASOS) from 25th November until 16th December. "From this date we are therefore instructing UNISON members covered by the [strike] ballot to work their contractual hours only, and only carry out duties that correspond to their grade and contract," said Unison's Durham branch in its latest bulletin to teaching assistants. UNISON general secretary Dave Prentis said: "Durham Council can no longer have any doubts about how seriously teaching assistants are taking this dispute. "Council plans to slash the salaries of its already low-paid staff are appalling and heartless. "Surely now councillors will see sense and get round the negotiating table with a proper offer. Teaching assistants hate the idea of inconveniencing parents but this is now the only way for school support workers to win the pay they deserve." After a previous two-day strike action on 9th and 10th November, Durham County Council Cabinet member for corporate services, Cllr Jane Brown suggested that there may be room for negotiation in the dispute but accused UNISON of failing to engage: "Our door remains open and we have reiterated that in an email to the union both regionally and nationally. "We are surprised that we have received no formal approach to meet and disappointed to hear reports suggesting that Dave Prentis said that he will not talk to the council unless we withdraw the dismissal and reengagement letters."

However, UNISON have re-

sponded to say that there is no prospect of meaningful talks while the threat of sackings remains alive. UNISON regional organiser Helen Metcalf said: "It is not possible to expect to negotiate unless Durham County Council removes the threat to sack teaching assistants on New Year's Eve.

"As soon as Durham County Council remove this immediate threat, we will be able to return to the table and open meaningful negotiations."

UNISON has also said that it is aware of reports that school heads are asking parents whose children have special education needs (SEN) to keep their children away from school for 'health and safety' reasons during strike days. One parent, speaking on social media said: "My disabled son in year 6 has had to miss 4 days of school because of this while the rest of his class are at school because there is no one-to-one care for him, yet he has to sit his SATs soon and he is already struggling a lot."

Helen Metcalf said: "We have heard of this and have raised our concerns with Durham Council, who have an Every Child Counts policy.

"We are also aware that some schools are being reported as having issues with first aid provision, and while instructions on this provision are guidelines only, with the ultimate decision resting with head teachers, the safety of children should clearly take precedence over schools remaining open." At the time of going to press, Durham County Council had yet to respond to the allegations.

For a full list of schools affected by the dispute, visit www.durham.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

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By Chris Donovan

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framed moon any day. The sand the sun the
ocean wave; what is paradise anyway?*

*I can't see, nor move, nor inflict the free of
life, the wooden man shouts not whisper, give
me the moon, make her my wife!*

*Let the sun rise over the wooden man, and set
in the mountain peak, not sangria or bored
warm beer, its wine decanted peace I seek.*

*Paradise gives me nothing, so unless you know
of my craic, the moonlight eyes are mine when
you turn and slowly look back.*

*The wooden man by the ocean says 'I pray for
the warmth you feel', not by the sun on your
sandy face; but the timeless moments of love
you steal.*

*Alas paradise gave me nothing, with the
wooden man I agree, If you're not the 'star
framed moon' then paradise is lost on me.*

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'Vanishing vernacular' Chilton Christmas lights

The next meeting of the Ferryhill History Society will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th November at the Eldon Arms in Ferryhill. The speaker will be Martin

Roberts with his talk *Vanishing Vernacular: The Hidden Gems of Ferryhill. A peer behind the facades of some of Ferryhill's older buildings*. As usual, all are welcome to attend.

Xmas Fair

An Xmas Fair is to be held at Dean Bank Community Centre on Friday 2nd December, between 10am and 1pm.

There will be stalls selling jewellery, pies, scarves,

hand bags and ladies' wear, as well as bric-a-brac, a raffle and a tombola.

Refreshments will be available and entry is free.

To book a table contact Ellen on 01740 656872.

Vivo Christmas concert

Singing sensations Village Voices (Vivo) will be performing a Christmas Concert at Ferryhill Meth-

odist Chapel on Tuesday 13th December at 7pm.

Tickets cost £3 for adults and £2 for children.

Family Thursday recipe suggestion

Pupils from Chilton, Cleves Cross, Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station Primary Schools are busy promoting their Family Thursday Campaign (see *Children lead the way with Family Thursday*, *The Chapter*, issue 804) which encourages families to eat together one day a week.

They thought it would be lovely to share with their community their favourite recipes for everyone to enjoy.

The first recipe, suggested by Lewis, aged 9 and Sophia,

aged 4, from Cleves Cross Primary School is: *Slow Cooked Corned Beef Hash*.

Ingredients: Corned beef, carrots, potatoes, onion, beef stock and gravy granules.

Instructions: Chop up corned beef, potatoes, carrots and onion and put them in the slow cooker.

We usually use 2 or 3 tins of corned beef and two packs of sliced carrots.

We use one large onion and fill almost to the top with potatoes.

Cover the ingredients with boiling beef stock and cook in slow cooker for 3-4 hours on high or 8 hours on low.

We usually add a couple of tablespoons of gravy granules to thicken the juice slightly, then we mash it slightly and we like to use part baked bread rolls too.

If you have a favourite family recipe you would like to share, send it to Glenys@approachtoo.uk.

Chilton Town Christmas lights switch on is planned for Friday 25th November and will be performed by the Mayor, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce, who will be accompanied by this year's Gala Princess Lola Allan.

Festivities will commence at 6.30pm at the Town Square with the official

switch on at 7pm.

This year, Ferryhill Town Band will be performing during the event and there will be singing from Chilton Primary School Choir.

During the event members of St Aidan's Church will kindly be circulating with sweet mince pies and refreshments.

On site will be a catering van and a small fun fair ride. Of course the event would not be complete without a visit from Santa. Members of the Town Council would like to thank everyone involved with the Christmas Lights. For further information telephone Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.

Community group submits objection to development

Ferryhill Community Partnership has written to Durham County Council (DCC) to formally object to the proposed housing and associated development at Dean Road South, Ferryhill, as reported in *The Chapter* (Planning application for 140 homes, issue 803).

In its objection, sent to the Planning Department at County Hall, the Partnership say that: "In the absence of a County Plan, DCC should be guided by the content of the old Sedgefield Borough Plan which, it is understood, did not allow development on "greenfield sites".

It further contends that: "The exit from the proposed development onto the A167 would be extremely dangerous," and says that this element of its objection is supported by both County Councillor Brian Avery and Ferryhill Town Council, citing an email sent to the Planning Department by Cllr Avery on 17th November.

"The inclusion of a large food store, with a 150 parking spaces, within the proposed development will introduce the concept of 'out of town shopping' to the fringes of Ferryhill," it adds, concluding that: "Such an approach will inflict a great deal of harm to our Town Centre businesses and accelerate a decline which DCC is seeking to reverse."

In addition to the economic impact, the Partnership argues that "The development would cause a high level of localised harm to the area and have a negative impact on the visual outlook of local residents."

The Partnership also expressed concerns about development on greenfield sites as opposed to available brownfield sites, saying that historically this has led to anti-social problems in vacated areas: "Development on greenfield sites has proven to be a double edged sword for the older

parts of Ferryhill when residents vacate their terraced homes to move into new builds.

"These terraced houses are then purchased by absent landlords, some of whom then rent out the property to anyone regardless of the anti-social behaviour they bring with them."

"The proposed development will, it is felt, not encourage the development and regeneration of the brownfield sites that are available."

Property developer, Story Homes, is seeking permission to build 140 houses and a 1,600sqm discount food shop on the outskirts of Ferryhill.

In its application, it says it wants to follow a "Green Village" principle, which will give residents the opportunity to grow their own food using on site allotments.

It says the scheme would also include affordable two, three and four bedroom homes.

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Operation Spruce Up arrives

An initiative is being launched to 'spruce up' front streets and town centres across County Durham.

Durham County Council has launched Operation Spruce Up, a 14 month pilot programme to give areas a thorough tidy up with rejuvenated landscaping, signs or benches. Teams from across the council's highway services, street cleansing, grounds maintenance and other departments will be combining and coordinating their activities to provide maximum impact in the selected areas. Residents, businesses, parish councils and schools will be adding their support too, helping to foster a strong sense of local pride.

The initiative will see one community in each of the council's 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAPs) having the spruce up each month, meaning either Ferryhill, Chilton, Cornforth or Bishop Middleham will be selected from the 4Together Partnership. If successful the programme could be rolled out to many more communities across the county in years to come.

Operation Spruce Up's first destination is centred around the area between St Andrew's Lane and the A688/B6288 roundabout at Spennymoor. Work there will involve Spennymoor AAP, Spennymoor Town

Council, local schools and other community groups. County councillors for both the Tudhoe and Spennymoor divisions are supporting the landscaping in the scheme through their neighbourhood initiative budgets.

It will include:

- A thorough cleanse of all road channels, gullies and weeding where required.
- A thorough cleanse and de-grease of pavements and removal of any graffiti.
- Sweeping by hand areas which machinery cannot reach.
- A full cleanse of street signs.
- Painting of street columns, railings and bollards, with over 300 in the area to be covered.
- The replacement of old shrub beds where required, mulching those to be retained, and clearing them of litter.
- Repair and paint or replacement of bins, bollards and benches.
- Prune/lift trees in particular those that overhang roads or impair drivers' vision.

The initiative will also involve local communities such as schools and shops in promoting environmental responsibility and participating in activities that might range from litter picking to replanting shrub beds.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Durham County Coun-

cil's portfolio holder for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "We are excited to be launching this new campaign and believe it will make a real difference to our towns and villages over the next 14 months.

"The appearance of our front streets and centres is so important in terms of the environment, strengthening people's pride in where they live and also attracting business.

"By having each Area Action Partnership involved, we will be ensuring that not only is the impact of the work felt countywide, but through them we can also engage with partners, combining resources and pooling our efforts."

Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of direct services, said: "Whilst our maintenance standards are amongst the best in the country, we do recognise the benefits of a thorough tidy up and refresh from time to time. This exciting initiative allows us to do this work, not in isolation, but with the local community by our side, ensuring what we deliver meets their needs."

To find out more about the campaign, visit www.durham.gov.uk/spruceup or search #SpruceUp or #LoveDurham on social media.

To find out more about the work of the council's civic pride team, visit www.durham.gov.uk/civicpride or email civicpride@durham.gov.uk

Christmas carol service

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Peter Atkinson and his consort, Mrs Carole Atkinson, would like to extend an invitation to local residents to attend the Christmas Carol Service, which will take place in St Luke's Church, Ferryhill on Monday 12th December at 7pm.

The Carol Service will

include performances by Ferryhill Town Band and local school children.

Refreshments will be available afterwards in the Church Hall.

All money raised from the collection will be donated to the Mayor's good causes which are The Great North Air Ambulance, Ferryhill LADDER Centre and St Luke's Church.

Ripon City Band concert

Thrislington Banner Group is to present a Christmas Concert by Ripon City Band at West Cornforth Community Centre next month. The show will take place on Friday 9th December, with doors opening at 7pm.

Tickets cost £3 for both adults and children (children must be accompanied by an adult).

Tickets are available from Committee Members or from Eileen or Bob on 01740 654534.



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Forster family do it again

Thai Boxers, Aidan Forster (15) of Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College and his sister, Amiee (9) of Broom Cottages Primary School, both fought on Sunday 20th November at Barnsley Metrodrome on the Sandee Super Show.

First up was Aidan whose original opponent pulled out of the fight and was replaced with a lad who had just been to the Worlds and won two world titles, so Aidan and his team knew this wasn't going to be a easy fight.

However, Aidan fought brilliantly, knocking his opponent out in the second round and winning the fight by TKO to take the English title.

Amiee fought an Irish girl who she had already fought a draw with in February, so both girls were going for the win. Her opponent had also just been to the Worlds and won an amazing six world titles.



Siblings Aimee and Aidan Forster continue to add to their ever growing list of Thai Boxing titles.

Amiee fought five rounds of pure thai boxing, winning by a unanimous decision to become the new Five Nations champion, making her the best boxer in

Northern Ireland, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England.

Aidan and Amiee train at Shildon under Gary McAlister at Phoenix Thai Boxing.

Under 9s warm to the task against Leven

On a bitterly cold morning Ferryhill Town Youth Unders 9s faced Leven Whites at the Rec.

The pitch was playable but heavy and this seems to give the home side an advantage as they adapt their game well.

However, the visitors were ahead within 30 seconds as Ferryhill reacted slowly to the first whistle.

But once the home side found their feet they took the game to Leven and pressured their defenders, leading to some good opportunities.

Zach got on the end of one and scored from close range for a 1-1 half time score.

The pitch was cutting up badly so Ferryhill used the good ground to launch their attacks. William produced some good balls forward which George, Marc and Zach fed off.

Jamie used his trickery to create some space for others and the energy and

the pressure paid off as Ferryhill scored two good goals through Jamie and Marc.

Leven kept on going, responding immediately to bring the deficit back to one.

But Ferryhill went up the other end and restored their lead before extending it when Zach scored his second and his side's 4th for a well deserved 4-2 victory.

The second game was a muddy encounter and Ferryhill used their large squad to make plenty of changes.

Jamie played the game in goal behind a defence of Aaron and Addison. The 'double As' were everywhere, tackling, bursting forward and playing some great passes.

Reuban was non stop in midfield and scored a well deserved goal with support from the solid Sam and busy Aidan who got around the ball as much as he

could.

Kole played up front and used his strength on many occasions to take on the Leven defence but it was to no avail as Leven played some good controlled football to create chances, which they put away well. The final score was Ferryhill 1-4 Leven Whites.

Ferryhill move onto their next game in good heart away to Stockton West End. The football club is looking for Christmas hamper donations which can be donated via the coaches, managers and supporters. They are also on the lookout for new players, particularly from school years 1 and 2 to join the development and under 7's squad.

A spokesperson said: "Anyone interested in joining can go along to the club on a Saturday morning from 9am or alternatively can call 07817 760144 for more information. We look forward to seeing you."

Aggregates get the better of Ferryhill

Ferryhill IBC were at home to Darlington in their latest game in the Durham & District Triples and were looking to make home advantage count and take maximum points.

However the strong Darlington side made life difficult and left with five of the eight points.

Both teams won one rink each and in the third there was a very close contest with the rinks inseparable. There was never more than one shot between the teams until the final three ends where having been one ahead Ferryhill dropped three shots but then recovered to take two at the last to draw the game.

Unfortunately though, Darlington took the overall aggregate score points thanks to an eleven shot win by Darlington skip G Temple's rink and were awarded the match 5-3.

Scores: H Wilson 7-18 G Temple; R Jefferson 18-9; J Gleghorn 11-11 P Weatherell.

In the Premier League, Ferryhill's "A" and "B" teams played each other and the "A" team, consisting of G Black, J Maddison and K Weallans were worthy winners.

The "B" team were never

close and despite a late rally they were beaten 12-20.

The County Inter Club League against Shildon, which features two rinks at home and two away, was a very closely contested match.

Ferryhill's home rinks were both winners.

Skip C Larcombe's rink won by 8 shots whilst H Wilson's rink took four shots from the last two ends to win by one.

However, while the home rinks took four points, the away rinks were unable to match them, losing both rinks and the aggregate score points, resulting in an overall 4-6 defeat.

Scores: C Larcombe 18-10 K Walker; H Wilson 18-17 D Simpson; M Ralphs 8-24 W Maddison; K Weallans 10-22 W Dixon.

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