



Oh yes they do: Chilton Primary pupils visit Durham Gala panto

Save yourself from debt this Christmas



Cllr Christine Potts (left) and Chilton Mayor, Elizabeth Bruce (right) helped fund a day at the theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk for Chilton Primary School's pupils.

Chilton Primary School was almost empty on Tuesday 6th December as pupils from Reception to Year 6 travelled to the Gala Theatre in Durham to watch the pantomime *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

The trip was organised by Chilton Primary Friends, the schools' PTA group. A spokesperson said: "The children absolutely loved the pantomime and were

very well behaved and looked very smart in their school uniforms, they were a credit to the school.

The trip was financed by a donation from Chilton County Councillor, Christine Potts' Neighbourhood Budget Fund, which not only allowed the pantomime trip to go ahead but also for Llewellyns Punch & Judy to put on two shows: one for morning and one for afternoon nursery children.

The spokesperson added: "We would like to say a big thank you to Councillor Potts on behalf of everyone at Chilton Primary School.

"We would also like to say a big thank you to Chilton Mayor, Elizabeth Bruce who donated money towards the cost of the travel from her charity fundraising and to Sharon and the girls from Chilton Community Sports and Social Club for their hard work organising discos to raise money towards the cost of the travel.

"Without all of these people and Chilton Primary Friends this fun day would not have been possible."

In the run-up to Christmas, Durham County Council is encouraging everyone to speak to their local credit union to avoid giving themselves the unwanted gift of debt this year.

With weekly payment stores charging several times the actual value of goods, and payday lenders offering easy money at exorbitant rates of interest, people are being encouraged to save themselves from unfair and unmanageable debt.

The council is working with Prince Bishops Community Bank and the North East First Credit Union, the two main credit unions for County Durham, to help spread the word that they can offer sensible loans and effective savings to their members.

As part of its support for the credit unions, the council has funded a new Apprentice-themed promotional video to alert people to the dangers of using

weekly payment stores. It highlights how a loan from a credit union could save Christmas shoppers £1,000 by allowing them to buy a £500 iPad outright instead of signing up for weekly payments and eventually shelling out over £1,500 for the same item.

People can save with confidence with County Durham's credit unions as, like all banks and building societies, they are regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority, the Financial Conduct Authority and are part of the Bank of England's financial compensation scheme.

They currently have over £3 million deposited and council staff alone have saved and borrowed over £750,000 over the last three years through a salary savings scheme.

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The Christmas edition of The Chapter will be distributed on **Tuesday 20th December**.

The deadline for submissions left at Ferryhill or Chilton Library for this issue will be 11.45am on **Saturday 17th December**.

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The youngsters at Childsplay Nursery enjoyed taking a look inside a police car when the Ferryhill Beat Team visited.

Officers from Ferryhill Beat Team attended Childsplay Nursery in Ferryhill recently, where they carried out some police

work with the children. "They got to try out our uniforms and we took their fingerprints, just for fun!" said an officer.

The children all said they enjoyed working with the police and even managed to have a turn in the police car.

Get together for a cuppa & a chat

Ferryhill Station Residents' Association is organising regular get-togethers for local residents, to be held in The British Legion on Tuesdays between 10.30am and 1pm.

and a cuppa even a game of bingo," encouraged organisers.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th December.

Contact Margaret Walton for further details on 01740 652994.

Police cell damage

On Saturday 17th September, Carl Blower was in custody at Bishop Auckland Police Station regarding a matter which is still under investigation.

Magistrates at Newton Aycliffe last week heard that, during his 23 hours in custody Blower became

frustrated and, using the zip on his jacket, he gouged a hole in the plaster wall.

The 28 year-old, of Raby Road, Ferryhill, was sentenced to a 6 months conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85 costs and £20 victim support surcharge.

Ferryhill Six support local groups

The Ferryhill Six fundraising group were delighted to visit the Little Treasures group in Dean Bank Institute recently, where they met Michelle, Laura and Donna and donated £250 to support the initiative for local families.

Little Treasures was set up earlier this year by a local mam who wanted to help other parents of children with autism.

Sessions for parent support will place on the second

Saturday of every month, from 10.30am to 12 noon, while sessions for parents and children (siblings also welcome) are held on the fourth Saturday of the month, also between 10.30am and 12 noon. Both sessions are £3.

The Ferryhill Six also visited The British Legion and donated £200 to the new 'Chat & Cuppa' group being set up by Ferryhill Station Residents' Association (see details above).

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The Patchwork Quilt

By Nancy Hardy, Ferryhill

*In the 1800s my Grandma's dream
Was to make a quilt, sewing a fine seam.
Time passed on, the quilt three parts complete
Banished to the cupboard
To take a back seat.*

*In the mid 1900s
The quilt once more saw the light of day
I decided 'I' would finish it, come what may!
A little more done but not complete
The quilt put away, folded and neat.*

*In the 1960s as Ward Sister Winterton Ward 3,
I talked of the quilt that was never to be.
One lady offered to complete it
True to her word she was to be...*

*The quilt was completed by Edie, a lady on
Ward 3*

*Now complete what can I do?
With a quilt that had taken many years to do.
My Grandmother has one, the quilt complete
My memories of Winterton will always be
sweet.*

*Can anyone help? It's a problem to me.
But I don't want it to sit in the cupboard
For no one to see!*

Glitz & Glam Ball for Kyran and scouts

Local ladies, Michaela Peacock and Clare Foster are organising a Charity Glitz and Glam Ball in aid of Kyran Richmond & Battens Disease and for Chilton Scouts group. The event will take place at Chilton Club Hall on Saturday 11th February 2017 from 6.30pm-11.00pm and tickets, priced at £5 each are already on sale. The entertainment will include a Disco and raffle.

Food will also be available. "Come along and have a great night and raise funds for two local charities. And ladies, it's a chance to wear your posh frocks (its a glitz and glam ball after all)," said Michaela and Clare. Tickets are available from the club, the organizers and the scout leaders. Donations of prizes are most welcome. Contact Chilton Club with details.

Let's talk rubbish (and recycling)



(L to R) Rachel Gatland (DCC), Megan Johnson, Nicola Shorten (DCC), Jessica Wainwright, Jane Brown, Lewis Barron, Kelly Newton, Ruth Smith (DCC), Ellie Fleetham, Vicky Bell (DCC), Emily Borland and Tom Leake.

Members of Durham County Council's strategic waste management team have been speaking to schools and community groups about the rubbish and recycling collected in County Durham and what happens to it. Pupils at West Cornforth Primary School have been learning more about the 240,000 tonnes of household waste produced annually in County Durham. They heard that this

amount could fill Durham Cathedral five times over but that only 40 per cent of it was recycled, reused and composted. Jill Hodgson, headteacher at West Cornforth Primary School said: "The children were engaged, listened carefully and asked a lot of sensible questions. They learnt a lot of new and interesting facts. Hopefully, they will share the information when they return home."

The team are available to come to any school or group and give a free presentation on what can and can't be recycled, where the waste goes and what it's made into. This is to better educate and inspire the next generation of recyclers to take the lead in their responsibility to the environment. They also cover topics such as home composting, reducing food waste and reusing items including furniture schemes. Every attendee will also receive a Recycling around Your Home leaflet with lots of good ideas to share with friends, family and colleagues. The team is taking bookings now for the next 12 months. To secure yours email wasteaware@durham.gov.uk or call 03000 266 102.

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History society calendar - an ideal stocking filler

There is still time to grab a copy of Ferryhill History Society's calendar for 2017 - the ideal stocking filler this Christmas.

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 calendar.

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



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

life, at work and at play. The cast of the *East Howle 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.

Feel good this New Year

A Feel Good Course will be starting on Monday 16th January, between 9.30am and 12 noon at Dean Bank Institute for 8 weekly sessions.

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help you feel more calm and relaxed.

Booking is essential for the course and creche, as there are only 12 places available.

To book contact Dean Bank Children's Centre on 03000 269 021.

School to lose lollipop crossing

Chilton Primary School is to lose one of its lollipop crossings after Durham County Council decided, in light of a local consultation, to "disestablish the School Crossing Patrol site on the A167 outside [Chilton] Working Men's Club," reports the school in its latest newsletter.

Citing a reduced number of children using the crossing and a decrease in the volume of traffic, council officers also suggested that the crossing may be reinstated in the future if the need arises.

The school's newsletter advises parents to: "Please ensure that if your child used this crossing previously, that they now cross using the School Crossing Patrol which is remaining further along the road." Durham County Council's

head of technical services, John Reed said: "The decision to remove the school crossing patrol at Chilton Primary School has been taken following a survey of its use and after consultation with the school and local elected members. "The Council provides school crossing patrols over above that recommended by national guidance based on the numbers of children crossing and cars passing a site.

"However, the numbers of children crossing and the cars passing this site has fallen below our enhanced service level.

"Should the numbers of children crossing and the cars passing this site increase in the future then we will re-instate a school crossing patrol in line with our policy."

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16 December 1961

In Boston Harbour, a group of Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbour in the infamous Boston tea Party incident.

17 December 1976

Near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Orville and Wilbur Wright make the first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft. The plane, stayed aloft for 12 seconds and covered 120 feet.

18 December 1620

The British ship Mayflower docks at modern-day Plymouth, Massachusetts, and its passengers prepared to begin their new settlement, Plymouth Colony.

19 December 1998

After nearly 14 hours of debate, politicians approve two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice.

20 December 1963

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Christmas fun, crafts and activities



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December at 5pm. A spokesperson for the church said: "Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape or ribbon, sweets, dried fruit and a candle which symbolises Jesus's light in the world and will be carried at the Christmas Eve service." Booking for the holiday club is essential. Contact the vicar, Gary Norman on 01740 655232 or email him at garynorman266@btinternet.com. (Note that there are no dashes in the email address.)

Christmas council closures

Ferryhill Town Council office will be closed over the festive period. The Town Hall will close at 12 noon on Friday 23rd December 2016 and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 8.30am. Chilton Town Council will

also close on Friday 23rd December, at 3pm, and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January at 9am. Members and staff at both Ferryhill and Chilton Town Councils wish all readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sign up now for garden waste collection in 2017

Residents can now sign up for next year's garden waste collection service. The fortnightly service will run between spring and autumn with 17 collections, starting in March 2017. Subscriptions are available throughout the year for an annual fee of £25, although residents must subscribe before Tuesday 14th February 2017 to guarantee receiving all 17 collections. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, said: "Over 70,000 households subscribed to the garden waste collection service in 2016 and we're pleased to announce the start of subscriptions for 2017. "The annual fee has increased to £25 compared to last year's subscription

of £20. This is to ensure the service can continue despite current financial pressures." Over the next couple of months, the council will be contacting eligible households by email or letter with details of how to subscribe. In order to subscribe, residents must use the letter sent to their home regarding the 2017 service as garden waste reference numbers are unique to each property. Subscriptions made using a different letter or last year's letter or reference number will not be registered for garden waste collections. Residents can also visit www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste to see if their property is eligible and to sign up. They will receive a green

bin sticker and a collection calendar. Calendars will be issued from January. Those who have previously subscribed for three years will automatically receive their bin sticker and calendar in January. Garden waste collections in Teesdale are provided by Rotters Composting. Residents should contact Rotters at www.rotters.org or call 01833 690 022. Garden waste collections do not take place during the winter months. However, people can still recycle their garden waste during the winter period by taking it to household waste recycling centres or composting it at home. For more information on garden waste collections in County Durham, visit www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste or call 03000 26 1000.

Ferryhill, Chilton and West Cornforth Christmas Church Services

Ferryhill

St Luke's Church:

December 23rd	10.30am-12.30pm	Christmas Holiday Club (see left)
December 24th	5pm	Christingle and Crib Family Service
December 24th	11.15pm	Midnight Mass
December 25th	Christmas Day	Family Communion

Methodist Church:

December 18th	10.30am	Servive led by Janet Barrett
December 18th	6pm	Family Carol Service
December 24th	7pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service

Chilton

St Aidan's Church:

December 24th	4pm	Christingle Family Service
December 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Christmas Eve Service
December 25th	9am	Christmas Day Service

West Cornforth

Holy Trinity Church:

December 17th	10am-12pm	Christmas Holiday Club (see left)
December 18th	5pm	Christingle Service
December 24th	7pm	Carols and Communion

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Have your say...

Dear Editor,

Could I thank Enter CIC for their kind invitation to the magnificent Bowes Museum on Saturday evening for their Christmas performance and the Sunday evening at the Methodist Chapel in Ferryhill?

Both were truly brilliant performances. It does lift your spirits when you see our children putting their heart and soul into their performances in a truly positive way.

Quite a number of our established performers are now at university, but I am delighted that more children have taken their place.

Enter CIC is a great base and start for our children to shape a positive future from themselves.

I have read in recent weeks, problems involving groups of children & young people in Ferryhill in relation to anti-social behaviour, hopefully these problems will be addressed in the near future.

Ferryhill is a large town with magnificent schools and cooperative head teachers and police whom I am assured will help to resolve the issues, to stamp out the problems.

We have some of the best facilities in Ferryhill I've seen for many years including cricket, football, parks, leisure facilities and community centres. Surely we can channel our children into worthwhile pursuits.

We must keep positive and work together for the future of our children via our excellent local service providers and Durham County Council, through our local 4 Together Partnership, who are always willing to be involved.

Your sincerely,
Councillor Brian Avery

Dear Editor,

The problem of young people gathering in large gangs and causing problems for the residents of Ferryhill throughout our town is now at totally unacceptable levels.

In an effort to secure a joint response to this major problem the Ferryhill Community Partnership have decided that their 19th December meeting will have an open discussion about the said problem.

Subsequently the police have agreed to send a representative to the meeting and resident groups along with local businesses are also asked to send representatives.

The meeting will be held in the Ferryhill Dean Bank Institute commencing at 7pm.

Yours sincerely,
Councillor B. Gibson (personal capacity)
Ferryhill Community Partnership Secretary

Dear Editor,

On Saturday evening some young men came to the house to return my wallet, which they'd found in the street.

Needless to say I didn't even realise that I'd dropped it and so was, obviously, very relieved to have it returned.

However, I was so taken aback by it all that I feel now I didn't express my gratitude as fully as I should have.

So I would like to say, here in The Chapter, that I am extremely grateful to those young men for their honest behaviour. It just goes to prove that there are many such people around.

I still can't believe I was so fortunate. So many, many thanks once again to those young men.

Yours sincerely,
Name and address supplied

Dear Editor,

Ferryhill Food Bank would like to say a very big thank you to all who have so generously supported it during 2016.

These include: Tenlands Nursing Home, AMRP, Lawson's Animal Feeds, Dean Bank School, Cleves Cross School, Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, Woodlands School, Ferryhill Churches & West Cornforth and Ferryhill Womens' Institute.

Lastly to members of the public who have also so generously given, we are truly overwhelmed by the magnificent support.

May I take this opportunity to wish all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely,
Janet McDonagh,
Co-ordinator, Ferryhill Food Bank.

Dear Editor,

With reference to a story in The Chapter, Issue 805, regarding the Ferryhill Community Partnership complaining about the proposed development of houses and a foodstore because it will spoil their view, well, when you buy a house or bungalow you are not guaranteed the same view for the rest of your lives. ('Community group submits objection to development', Chapter 805, Friday 25th November, page 6.)

And as for building on greenfield sites, houses and bungalows are being built on such sites all over the county.

Chilton is doing its bit to try and ease the lack of affordable homes and, may I point out, it is the government who are obligated to build houses, not Durham County Council.

They say that the Town Centre will suffer as shops will have to close. At least 75% of residents shop outside of town anyway at places like Spennymoor, which has five supermarkets, or Aycliffe, which has three food stores.

If you want a suit or a pair of shoes or jewellery you have to go outside the town.

I and many other residents I have talked to would gladly like a food store and other amenities.

So, if the Partnership continue to oppose the development, I myself will start a petition and forward it to DCC and, I can assure you, we will get a lot of signatures.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Scully, Ferryhill.

Send your letters to:
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First Floor, Shildon Town Council, Civic Hall Square,
Shildon DL4 1AH
Alternatively, drop your correspondence in to Ferryhill or Chilton libraries, or email us at: thechapter@talk21.com.
Name & address must be supplied but can be withheld from publication on request.

Celtic leap to second spot after comfortable away win

Ferryhill Celtic returned to winning ways after last week's derby day league defeat to Ferryhill Dynamos.

This time, the side were again away from home to Coxhoe Red Lion in the Durham & District Sunday League and a comprehensive win catapulted the side from fifth to second place, two points behind West Rainton, but with two games in hand over the leaders.

Celtic learned from last week's slow start, taking

the game to the home side from the opening whistle and creating chance after chance before finally making the breakthrough in the 15th minute when Anthony Phillipson lobbed the keeper for the only goal of the first period.

Celtic continued to dominate in the second half and were immediately rewarded when Jonny Agar slotted the ball past the keeper to within five minutes of the restart to double Celtic's lead.

With 15 minutes remain-

ing the visitors put the game beyond doubt when Jay Smith notched Celtic's third and, straight from the restart Phillipson doubled his tally for the day as he nodded home the fourth for a final score of 0-4.

Celtic's long road trip comes to an end after three months away from home on Sunday, 18th December, when they play host to fellow Division One side Pelaw Grange Dogs FC in the Heart Foundation Cup at the Broom Rec. Kick off is 10:30am.

Fourth win in a row for Under 9s

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9's ended the calendar year with their fourth win in a row.

On Sunday morning, 11th December, the under 9s faced local opposition in the form of Trimdon and got off to the worst possible start by conceding two early goals to the visitors.

Ferryhill then won a penalty but the Trimdon keeper stood tall, making a good save and there was no Ferryhill player on their toes to followed up the rebound, which was cleared to safety.

However, as the half progressed, Ferryhill grew in confidence, got a foothold in the game and started to dominate.

There was still chances for both sides but it was Fer-

ryhill that found the back of the net and clawed back the deficit with two good goals before the half time whistle.

With the first half fightback complete, the side came out for the second period in the mood and were in the ascendancy from the off.

The home side's fitness also played its part and as Trimdon started to tire, the goals kept coming for Ferryhill.

A smashing free kick from William and some cool finishing from Marc and Zach ensured Ferryhill took the points and momentum into the Christmas break.

Zach and William would both go on to complete a hatrick as the home side raced away to a final score of Ferryhill 7-2 Trimdon.

Darlington Young Bulls tamed by U10 matadors

Travelling away from home on Sunday 11th December, Ferryhill Town Youth Under 10s, who are in an excellent run of form, took on the Darlington Young Bulls for the first time this season.

The coaches and manager made a strategic change, starting Andrew Tocher to strengthen the midfield and provide additional passing options to the strikers - and it paid off beautifully.

From the first whistle the team pressed to shut down Young Bulls ability to play

and dominated the game. Ferryhill adopted a high defensive line that enabled all of the game to be played in the Young Bulls half of the pitch.

Penned in as Ferryhill passed and played, the goals began to flood in with Andrew, Rio, Owen, Mason and man-of-the-match Ewan all getting on to the scoresheet in an excellent 7-1 win.

Coach, Wayne Dobson said: "It was a great team effort and a show of how much the team have grown into

their game."

The second match saw every player in the squad take to the field and really begin to enjoy themselves as another flurry of goals secured another win 6-0. Mr Dobson added: "Every player gave their all, displaying their skills in shooting, passing and defending and deserved the two excellent victories."

The Under 10s squad consists of Kieron, Dominic, Kyle, Shay, Kacie, Declan, Mason, Rio, Owen, Andrew, Ollie, Kane and Ewan.

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