



MRI scanner appeal – hospitals need your support



Bishop Auckland and Darlington Memorial hospitals have launched a £2.5m fundraising appeal to help buy the latest state-of-the-art MRI scanners.

A fundraising appeal has been launched to bring the latest state-of-the-art MRI scanning technology to Darlington Memorial and Bishop Auckland Hospitals. The appeal, which is being

run by the official Charity of County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, aims to raise £2.5m for two new scanners which will provide much improved images and a

better experience for patients.

Dr Elizabeth Loney, Clinical Director for Radiology, explains, "MRI scans are particularly good at looking at soft tissues.

"Tremendous advances in technology over recent years mean they can be enormously helpful in diagnosing cancer, heart conditions, strokes and many other health issues.

"Scans can also give doctors information that previously required the patient to undergo surgery or another invasive procedure as part of the investigation of their symptoms. Crucially, MRI scanners don't use radiation, unlike x-rays.

"MRI scans are so useful we're doing more of them each year. In the last year alone the number of MRI scans has increased by 11%. "In the past, some patients have been unable to tolerate the noise or have felt claustrophobic during the scan which can result in it being abandoned.

"An MRI scan can take between 30 minutes and

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Brunch with a Bishop at St Luke's

On Saturday March 4th readers can enjoy *Brunch with a Bishop* at St Luke's Church where Bishop John Hayden will attend as one of 20 Bishops who are visiting different areas of the diocese.

The visits will be part of the *Talking Jesus* initiative, which is being rolled out across the area from 2nd-5th March. The project has evolved from research showing that people wanted to find out more about Jesus, church and faith.

The brunch will be free and to book a seat, call 01740 655232 or 01388 309072.

As part of the local programme of events Holy Trinity, West Cornforth will be holding an *Angel Drive* and *Bishop's Bingo* with Bishop Paul Butler on Thursday 2nd March starting at 5pm.

A spokesperson for the church said "A warm welcome, and a hot breakfast, awaits everyone who comes along to meet the Bishop in a relaxed and informal setting".

Boogie Beat class

Dean Bank Institute will be holding a *Boogie Beat Thursday* on 23rd February from 1-2pm for families with children aged 0-5 years from the Ferryhill, Chilton, Fishburn, Trimdon and Sedgfield areas.

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Friends please meet for funeral service at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill on Friday February 17th at 11.15am, followed by burial at Bishopwearmouth Cemetery, Sunderland. Family flowers only please. If desired, donations for Macmillan Cancer Support may be given on the plate in church.

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Invitation to Bishop Middleham Village Hall Open Day



Bishop Middleham Village Hall committee are all set to welcome visitors to their Open Day on Saturday 18th February.

Bishop Middleham Village Hall committee is inviting readers of the *Chapter* to go along and sample free taster sessions and demonstrations at its Open Day on Saturday 18th February, from 10am-2pm.

"There are lots of activities to try out," said a spokesperson, "so come and spend the day finding out about complimentary therapies, textile workshops, IT for beginners, a variety of exercise and dance classes and have fun learning languages and playing games in the Conversational Café.

"There is lots to do at the hall, so bring your diary as there will be signing up sheets for all new events."

The day will also include a free prize draw, while there will be a small charge for

refreshments and a raffle. Free transport is also available from Ferryhill, Chilton Cornforth and Fishburn, which can be arranged by calling 01740 652660 to book a seat.

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Dates for Ferryhill Labour surgeries

Town and County Labour Councillors for Ferryhill will be holding a Surgery once a fortnight in Ferryhill Town Hall Council Chamber, 10am - 12noon. The dates of the Councillors Surgery are: Friday 17th February from 10am-12 noon; Friday 3rd March, from 10am - 12 noon and Friday 17th March, from 10am - 12 noon. No appointment is neces-

sary.

Councillors make themselves available at the surgery to give local residents the opportunity to discuss any local issues.

The Labour Councillors usually available to speak to are Councillors Pauline Crathorne, John Lindsay, Kath Conroy, Zena Roddam and Bernie Lamb, however, others may be available on the day.

Over 80 youths turn up for pizza & pop

On Friday 10th February a whopping 80-plus children attended a taster session with free pizza and pop at Ferryhill Hub.

The event was held by local volunteers with the hopes of drawing youngsters in from the streets and finding out what activities they would like to see taking place in the community building.

One of the organisers, Michelle Abbs, commented, "It was lovely to see the building busy and full of life. We had children aged 11-15.

"I think I speak on behalf of all volunteers when I say we were very nervous about the event because of everything that has been

going on in our village with the youth lately.

"But all the children were well mannered and well behaved.

"It was a massive success with some brilliant ideas on what they would like to do in the future.

"I personally would like to thank David Rothwell for his kind donation of £250 because, without this, we wouldn't have been able to get this off the ground and the kids into the building.

"If anybody would like to donate any money to fund further events to get these kids and hopefully more off the streets and out of bother, please get in touch with Kate Graham at The Hub or on Facebook."

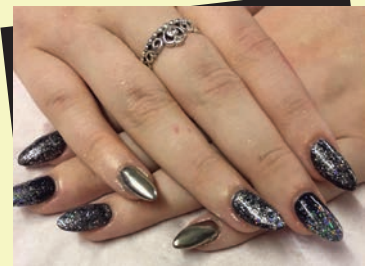


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Poetry Corner

Take a deep breath

By anonymous, Ferryhill

Look to the left, look to the right,
Now is the time not many in sight
Reach in my pocket, palm of the fist
Then up to the lips, for a very brief kiss

It sticks out my mouth just under my nose
I grip it firmly, control where it goes
Don't let it droop, don't let it dangle
It's important to maintain the angle of dangle
You say I look foolish, well maybe that's true
But would you swap me places, cause I would
with you

I keep on sucking though my lips pucker and
taper

I'm not a smoker, I'm a habitual vaper
No matter the health risks you get it as well
I share it with all, though for you it's like hell
You can't complain, I'm not breaking the law
So shut up, inhale, stop being a bore

Wait for a court case to give a solution
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Council's double success at Keep Britain Tidy Awards



Operation Stop It was launched in 2014 in response to an increase in flytipping incidents.

Durham County Council has 'cleaned up' at the Keep Britain Tidy Awards, taking home prizes for best local authority and best campaign.

The awards, staged in Leeds on Thursday 9th February, celebrate the achievements of local authorities, businesses and land managers in improving the quality of public spaces through campaigns, innovations and partnerships. The local authority of the year prize was in recognition of the council's commitment to "improving and protecting the environment often involving the local community, from its new wildflower verges, to recycling promotion and support for numerous 'in bloom' groups around the county".

Alongside this, the council was also commended for the innovative ways it tackles the minority who spoil the environment, such as widespread use of CCTV in hotspot areas.

Operation Stop It won the Environmental Campaign of the Year accolade, having led to a 22 per cent reduction in flytipping across the county and saving more than £104,000 in clean-up and disposal costs.

Terry Collins, Durham County Council's Chief Executive, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won these two awards.

"We take our responsibility as guardian of our beautiful county very seriously and it is gratifying to receive national recognition for our efforts."

Operation Stop It was launched in September 2014 in response to an increase in flytipping incidents of more than 40 per cent between 2012/13 and 2014/15.

The campaign, which sees the council working in partnership with Durham Constabulary, the Environment Agency, and Crimestoppers, seeks to educate residents and businesses on their responsibility to dispose of their rubbish correctly and to take action against those who break the law.

Flytipping has fallen by more 22 per cent since Operation Stop It began, with this equivalent to 3,494 fewer incidents.

The campaign sees CCTV cameras deployed across the county playing a key part in catching flytippers.

In 2014/15, the council successfully prosecuted four people for flytipping. This increased to 63 by 2015/16. Oliver Sherratt, the council's head of Direct Services, said: "We all have a responsibility for the local environment and these two accolades help demonstrate what can happen when councils, communities and other partners work effectively together."

"The campaign has led to a major reduction in this environmental blight and everyone involved in winning this award can be rightly proud of themselves."

Keep Britain Tidy Chief Executive Allison Ogden-Newton said: "The work that Durham County Council and other local authorities do to improve our environment is superb."

"I would like to congratulate Durham for its creativity, innovation and commitment to delivering quality services for its residents."

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A representative of Kynren will be talking to St Luke's Ladies Fellowship about the spectacular show.

On Thursday 23rd February St Luke's Ladies Fellowship will be hosting a talk with a representative from The Eleven Arches and Kynren. The open air show in Bishop Auckland is an epic

tale of England, which takes you on a captivating journey through 2,000 years of British history, myth and legend.

The event will start at 1.30pm and a spokesperson

said, "Everyone is welcome to come along and hear the speaker, Sarah Williams, describe the background and future of this wonderful local spectacular show."

Top Elvis act to visit Tenlands



Eddie Popescu will be performing as Elvis for his biggest fan, Doris.

An Elvis tribute act is set to rock Tenlands Care Home on Wednesday 1st March. Bev Poulson, activity coordinator, contacted the one and only Eddy Popescu to see if he would be interested in playing at the home after one of the residents, Doris, told staff that she was besotted by Elvis. Bev commented, "Doris has a photo frame of Elvis

by her side 24/7. I couldn't wait to tell her that Elvis would be attending next month. Her face lit up and she couldn't stop smiling.

"Eddy Popescu is one of the leading tributes to the King of Rock and Roll. He is always performing to packed houses, so we are so lucky to have him here at Tenlands. It will be an amazing afternoon."

Free pop-up cafe and movie

St Aidan's Church in Chilton will be hosting a pop-up cafe for children on Tuesday 21st February from 11am. The movie *Trolls* will

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The event is free to children and all are welcome to attend.

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DCC approve Chilton housing development

Durham County Council has approved a new housing development on agricultural land at Chilton, despite local opposition, including two petitions containign 456 names, 49 letters of objection and objections from local MP, Phil Wilson, local county councillor, Christine Potts, Durham Wildlife Trust and the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

The committee received one letter expressing support for the scheme. Councillors on DCC's Planning Committee voted by 9 to 4 in favour of the development.

Cllr Potts had stated her objection to be that she felt Chilton was becoming "significantly overdevel-

oped in a short space of time".

However, planning director Sandra Manson, who spoke on behalf of Avant Homes, said the scheme to build 92 houses on land east of Clare Lodge and Durham Road, with the potential to build a further 90 in the future, was "good quality" and would provide up to 460 jobs as well as other investments.

Committee chairman, Councillor Keith Davidson, said: "I think the whole committee has a lot of sympathy with the whole community and if there were some planning grounds on which we could refuse this we would be having a different debate."

Guides seek Active Kids vouchers

Ferryhill Guides are asking Sainsbury's shoppers to collect Active Kids vouchers and donate them to the group by leaving them at Ferryhill Library.

Vouchers can then be redeemed by the group for sports equipment.

The library is collecting vouchers on behalf of the guides until 30th June.

Evening of ministry

Immanuel Christian Fellowship is inviting readers to a special service at The Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute on Sunday 26th February, starting at 6pm. An evening of ministry will take place with Pastor Jéan-Pierre Dames of Oaks

of Righteousness Church, Eldon, followed by tea and coffee with a light buffet.

More information is available by calling 01740 657975, email icfworship1@yahoo.co.uk or visiting the Fellowship online at www.icfworship.co.uk.

Save a life, give blood

A blood drive will be taking place at St Luke's Church in Ferryhill on Tuesday 28th March, between 1.40pm and 4pm and again between 4.50pm and 7.10pm.

Over 6,000 blood donations are needed every day to treat patients in need across England. Approxi-

mately 200,000 new donors are needed every single year, as some donors can no longer give blood. Most people between the ages of 17-65 are able to give blood.

If you would like to donate, visit blood.co.uk to book a slot or call 0300 123 23 23.

Vacant allotments

East End Allotment Association in Ferryhill has a number of vacant plots for anyone interested in renting a garden.

"You can't beat the fresh air and exercise while

getting the extra reward of growing your own fresh food," said a spokesperson. Anyone interested in renting a plot should contact Bernie Lamb on 07795 553171.

Week of action catches drivers using mobile phones



A week-long campaign to clamp down on drivers using mobile phones saw 72 motorists caught in County Durham and a further 61 in Cleveland.

Police hope a 'week of action' will have made drivers think twice about using their mobile phones in the future.

During a week-long campaign, which began on Monday 23rd January, a total of 133 motorists were apprehended for using their mobile phones whilst driving: 61 of those in Cleveland and 72 in County Durham and Darlington.

The week of action, carried by the CDSOU (Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit) supported national activity co-ordinated by the NPCC (National Police Chiefs Council).

At present the offence carries a £100 fine and three penalty points. If the case goes to court the offender can also be disqualified from driving or riding, and get a maximum fine of £1,000. Drivers of buses or goods vehicles could get a maximum fine of £2,500.

However, in March the penalties will increase to 6 points and a £200 fine. This

could have a huge effect on new drivers in their probationary period, as their licence will be revoked if they receive six penalty points.

Research has found that being distracted by a phone while driving, regardless of whether it is being used to make calls, messages or going online can make a driver up to 25 times more likely to be involved in a collision.

Inspector Harry Simpson from the CDSOU, said: "We use both marked and unmarked cars during our operations and all are equipped with on-board cameras to record any offences."

"While I believe the vast majority of drivers on our roads are behaving sensibly, we still caught 133 drivers who were putting themselves and others at serious risk. These people will now have to deal with the consequences of their actions."

Ron Hogg, Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for County Durham and

Darlington said: "These results should really demonstrate that the Constabulary is serious about apprehending people who use their mobile phones whilst driving. The new penalties are a further deterrent and I call on Government, and our local partners, to reinforce the message that using a mobile phone whilst driving is a danger to everyone on the roads."

Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, Barry Coppinger, said: "I wholeheartedly support all road safety initiatives that can potentially save lives. I would urge anyone who may be tempted to use a mobile phone whilst driving to keep it out of reach or turn it off. No phone call is more important than a life - if you really need to take a call, pull over safely, park and switch your engine off before doing so."

The initiative was in support of a national awareness campaign and backed up by various messages on police social media accounts.

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Ferryhill man jailed for road rage attack

A Ferryhill man has been jailed for ten months for a road rage attack on the outskirts of the town last May.

Paul Henning, 47, of Church Road, Ferryhill, pleaded guilty to the attack in which his victim was punched in the face, suffering a fractured cheek bone.

The incident occurred as he both drove into Ferryhill on the A167, on 22nd May last year.

Phillip Morley, prosecuting, told Durham Crown Court that Henning had "tailgated" the other car, as they approached the town.

On entering Ferryhill, Henning overtook and then "aggressively" cut back in front of the other car, slightly clipping it as he did so. Both vehicles came to a stop and Henning got out of his car, shouting as he approached the other vehicle.

Before the other man was able to react, Henning punched him in the face.

Henning, who was found hiding in a downstairs cupboard by an officer who went to his home address a short time later, told police he had argued with his partner at the time and was in an emotionally charged state when he overtook the other car. He "saw red" and hit the other driver.

The court also heard that while on police bail for that offence, Henning breached a restraining order by gesturing and mouthing comments to an ex-partner



Paul Henning was jailed for a road rage attack in Ferryhill last year.

from his car, when she passed him in Spennymoor, on 1st July.

Henning admitted assault causing actual bodily harm, driving without due care and attention and with excess alcohol, and breaching a restraining order.

Lewis Kerr, mitigating, said the offences were committed at a time the defendant was drinking heavily due to mental turmoil in his life, for which he was taking anti-depressant medication: "He accepts the alcohol was, at the time, problematic, and

agreed his behaviour was unacceptable."

Jailing Henning, Judge Simon Hickey told him he picked on, "a completely innocent motorist", adding: "You do appear to have a short fuse and that's what worries me."

He imposed sentences for a total 15-months, but reduced them by a third due to the defendant's early guilty pleas.

Henning was also banned from driving for 30-months and the restraining order was made to run "indefinitely".



Hospitals launch MRI scanner appeal

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an hour - much longer than people may realise, so comfort is really important. Modern scanners have a choice of music the patient can listen to - they can even bring their own!

"We're re-developing the whole MRI suite at Darlington. Changing and waiting areas will provide greater privacy. Anaesthetic facilities will be improved which will particularly benefit children who can't lie still in the scanner.

"An MRI scanner is one of the most expensive pieces of equipment a hospital will ever purchase and with the NHS facing huge financial challenges we need to seek public help in buying them. We're lucky to have the support of Rotary Club Darlington with their great fundraising track record.

"We've already had donations from people happy with the care they or a loved one has received, regardless of whether they had a scan. We'd love the whole community, including individuals, companies, schools, sports clubs etc, to support us by holding events such as coffee mornings, cake sales and sponsored activities in aid of the Scanner Appeal.

"Every pound counts. After all, you never know when you or a loved one might need a scan.

"We're happy to offer support and advice and will be publicising events and fundraising on the CDDFT website."

There are a number of ways to make a donation to the MRI appeal or get involved:

- Visit the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust Charity 'justgiving' website at: <https://www.justgiving.com/cddft>.

- Send a cheque to: Cashiers, Darlington Memorial Hospital, Hollyhurst Road, Darlington, DL3 6HX. Please make cheques payable to: Co Durham & Darlington NHS FT Charity.

- Pick up a donation envelope with more information, from one of the waiting areas or wards.

- Text SCAN02 £10 to 70070 to donate to CDDFT.

- To discuss fundraising or for more information, ring 01325 743786 or email: cddft.charity@nhs.net

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Dated: 17 February 2017



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Dynamoses sink Celtic in five goal cup semi final thriller



Tom Olley (centre) wheels away after levelling for Ferryhill Dynamoses with a fierce strike into the roof of the net.

Photo: Tom Clegg.

Ferryhill Celtic and Dynamoses went face to face in the JD Taxis Guards Cup semi-final on Sunday 12th February, and it was the visiting Dynamoses who prevailed for the second time this season against their home town rivals, having beaten them in the league earlier in the season.

On a bitterly cold morning, peppered with sleet and snow showers, the match began at a fierce tempo, with both sides determined to impose themselves physically on the game.

Indeed, a less lenient referee could easily, and justifiably, have produced two red cards in the opening half hour.

In the 20th minute, Marco Oswald somehow escaped censure after flattening Jason White with an elbow to the side of the head before receiving a yellow card on the half hour for shoving Kevin Hodgson in retaliation when the Celtic player - who was also booked - could very easily have received his marching orders for a straight-legged, two footed tackle.

In between times, a football match broke out on the energy-sapping surface with Dynamoses creating the first real chance in the fourth minute when Vincent Gash, six yards from goal, pulled his shot wide of Kris Carr's

left hand post.

Celtic, pinned into their own half for much of the opening period, were awarded a penalty with their first foray into Dynamoses territory in the eighth minute, when Oswald crashed through the back of Jonny Agar as he attempted to control the ball.

The Celtic striker picked himself up and took the resulting spot kick, calmly sidefooting past Ryan Farley.

In a scrappy match, the visitors again took control of possession for much of the remainder of the first half, but failed to create any clear cut chances from open play, relying instead on set pieces to launch the ball into the danger area.

A save low down at his near post from Chris Devine in the final minute of the half was about all that Carr had to worry about.

Celtic were unfortunate not to double their lead early in the second period. Agar picked the ball up in his own half and strode forward on a lung-bursting run before collecting a one-two on the edge of the box and sliding his shot past Farley, only to see it rebound off the post and back into the arms of the grateful goalkeeper.

The miss proved a turning point in the game as Dynamoses equalised within

two minutes through Tom Olley.

A corner on the Celtic right caused confusion in the defence before Olley latched on to the ball and smashed home an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Immediately from the kick off, Celtic were awarded their second penalty when Agar was again taken down in the box and again converted the resulting spot kick.

The goal, so soon after levelling, could have proved a killer blow to Dynamoses, but the visitors continued to search for a way back into the game, which Celtic duly provided with a brief loss of concentration on the hour which turned the game on its head.

A misplaced header in the midfield was picked up and after a series of passes, fed to Gash who drilled his shot into the bottom corner.

The killer blow was struck three minutes later when Celtic conceded the game's third penalty substitute Jay Smith was harshly ruled to have handled in the box.

Captain, Jonathan Mason took responsibility and, sending the keeper the wrong way, sent the Dynamoses into April's final at New Ferens Park, where they will take on current Division One league leaders, West Rainton.

Seniors wait for win is over

It is three months since Ferryhill bowler's last win in the County Seniors Inter Club League, but it was well worth the wait.

To pull off a win against the big hitters of Stanley is always a big ask, but that is what the club did with a 3½ to 1½ points win that gave the club a massive confidence boost.

The majority of the points were secured thanks to an eight shots victory from the rink of H Richardson, K Tait, K Seymour and K Weallans as their win secured the rink point and also the two aggregate score points.

The rink were actually behind approaching half way but then went on to score sixteen shots from the next six to coast home.

Skip R Jefferson thought his rink was also going to take a point as they were a shot down at the last end but holding four.

Unfortunately, the home skip cut the score down to one with his last bowl making the scores level making it a drawn game with both rinks settling for a half point each.

Overall it was a very pleasing and moral boosting result.

Final scores: K Weallans 19-7 M English; R Jefferson 14-14 D Craig; C Larcombe 8-13 D Webb.

Ferryhill "B" squad played their next game in the prestigious Premier league against hosts Durham and despite a very creditable performance they lost out by five shots.

After ten of the eighteen ends the rink of K Tait, R Laing and K Seymour were well placed being two shots ahead.

Unfortunately, a disastrous run of seven ends without a score set them back too far and despite taking seven

shots from the last two ends it just wasn't enough to reduce the deficit.

Final score Durham 24-19 Ferryhill "B".

Results didn't improve in the next game a few days later when the club took on Aycliffe in the County Inter Club League.

The two home rinks and the two away all suffered defeat making it 0-10 to Aycliffe.

The closest of the club's rinks was the home squad skipped by D Hardwick who lost out by four shots, all coming from the last three ends.

Final scores: D Hardwick 12-16 P Edwards; K Weallans 8-20 S Land; C Larcombe 8-20 M Gleeson; M Ralphs 11-18 R Jones.

Despite a number of recent defeats the club were in confident mood when they entertained bottom club Sunderland in the seniors county inter league.

Having beaten the visitors 5-0 on their home green, the odds looked firmly in favour of a repeat performance.

Sunderland had other ideas, however and two of their rinks moved into a very early and extensive lead from which Ferryhill never recovered.

The other rink skipped by K Weallans looked likely to take a point as they were ahead with time running out.

Unfortunately they fell away towards the end and they too lost.

This 0-5 defeat was a major setback in the club's efforts to stay off the bottom of the league and, with only one game to play, it doesn't look promising.

Final scores: K Weallans 12-18 P Brickus; R Jefferson 14-19 J Jones; C Larcombe 9-18 F Froud.

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