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Funding helps Enter CIC purchase new vehicle



Enter CIC Director, Andrea Flynn with Cllr Brian Avery, who donated £20,569 to the group to allow them to buy a new van to help transport essential equipment.

Enter CIC, Ferryhill's award-winning performing arts theatre group was celebrating recently after receiving funding from Ferryhill County Council-

lor, Brian Avery which has enabled them to purchase a vehicle and to cover some costs associated with workshop leaders. Many of Enter CIC's perfor-

mance initiatives require them to transport technical equipment, costumes and crew from one venue or rehearsal space to another.

The vehicle is a huge asset to the group and the local community it serves as it will make the transportation of essential, and often unwieldy, technical items much easier.

Andrea Flynn from Enter CIC said: "The support from Councillor Avery is wonderful and will make a huge difference to the way we can support our community's young people, adult volunteers and, particularly, our older customers who often can't come to us due to mobility issues.

"It helps us to maintain the opportunities we provide in Ferryhill and support our sustainability in keeping costs down, so we can focus more of our income on providing the very best, aspirational experiences for our community's young people.

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History Society cancels calendar

The Ferryhill History Society, which has produced a calendar for the last ten years, has taken the difficult decision to cancel future publications. A spokesperson for the Society said: "Reluctantly, faced with increasing production costs and declining sales, the decision has been taken to no longer publish a calendar in the future in its present form. "Ferryhill History Society would like to thank the Ferryhill Chapter for the support they have given the Society in promoting the calendar. "We must thank all the individuals and companies

who have contributed drawings and pictures for reproduction in the ten calendars from 2008 until 2017.

"We would also like to thank the advertisers, retailers and individuals who have given their money and time in helping to produce and sell the calendars.

"We hope that the calendars have given their recipients as much pleasure as we have had from their production.

"Finally, to all the individuals, near and far, thank you for buying them. Without your support the venture would have failed a long time ago."

Mother's Day service

St Luke's Church, Ferryhill will be holding a Family Service in the Church Centre on Sunday March 26th at 9.30am for Mothering Sunday. A spokesperson for

the church said: "This will be a perfect way to start the celebration of this special day. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to come along and join in".

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Roy Hopper

9th March peacefully at home in Dean Bank, Ferryhill, aged 55 years



Dearly loved Husband of Sharon, loving Dad to Tom and Amy Rose and a much-loved Brother, Brother-in-Law, Uncle, Cousin and friend to many.



Service to be held at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill, on Monday 20th March, 1.45pm, followed by committal at Durham Crematorium. All welcome for refreshments afterwards at Ferryhill Workingmen's Club.

In Memoriam

Carol Dunlavy

22.3.15

When I am sad and lonely and things are going wrong, I seem to hear you whisper, 'Cheer up and carry on'. Each time I see your photograph you seem to smile and say, Don't cry, I'm only sleeping, we'll meet again some day'.



From loving Husband, Kevin



Thomas Harwood

Died 18th March

A year has passed since you went away, But you are loved and remembered every day



Loving Dad, Granda, Great Granda
xxxx



In Memoriam

Derrick Patterson

23.03.2016



My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow, For what it meant to lose you Derrick, No one will ever know



Loved always, Hazel

Derrick Patterson

23.03.2016

Remembering a special Dad and Granda, But that is nothing new, For no day dawns and no day ends, Without a thought of you



Loved forever, Neil, Elaine, Ross & Fern

Anniversary Memories

Frank

March 16th 1957

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Loving you always, Missing you always, All my love, Your Syb
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Birthdays

Kaitlyn Collins

18th March



Happy 16th Birthday



Lots of love, Mam
xxx

Kaitlyn Louise Collins

18.3.01



Happy 16th Birthday



Love, Nana & Uncle Steven
xxx



Kole Dickson

15th March



A big Happy 9th Birthday to our Son Kole



Lots of love, From Mam, Dad, Kaitlyn & Sol
xxx

Anniversaries

Eric & Joyce Campbell

18.3.17

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Childrens' speeding campaign hits home with drivers



Mr Malkin with Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Mini Police pupils Jackson Mclean, Maisie Smilie, Jack Wilkinson and Abbie Shaw.

Readers may have seen the children's campaign highlighted in the *Chapter* recently urging motorists to reduce their speed through Ferryhill and Chilton and to "drive as if your kids live here."

Pupils at Cleves Cross Primary have also been carrying out speed checks with PCSO Louise Armstrong and Glenys from Approach Too.

Motorists caught exceeding the speed limit were sent letters by the police and pupils, highlighting the dangers of speeding.

It would appear the pupil's letters have had a

real impact. Pupils have received letters from drivers who exceeded the speed limit apologising and thanking pupils for raising their awareness.

One such driver was Mr Malkin who also agreed to meet pupils who sent out the letters.

Mr Malkin explained: "I genuinely think the letter I received off Jackson has had more effect on me than if I had received a fine from the police."

"The letter was beautifully written and it brought home how important it is to keep children safe on the roads."

Glenys from Approach Too added: "One of the things children continuously tell us is they are happiest when they play out with their friends."

"However, one of the things that concerns them and their parents is speeding drivers."

"Their campaign is aimed at making their community safer for everyone."

"We would like to say thank you to Mr Malkin who took the time to come in and speak with the children and to show the children that if they get involved, they really can bring about meaningful change for everyone."

Enter CIC secure funding

From page 1

"The van is multi-purpose and will enable us to transport both equipment and people."

"The vehicle will also help us to support future generations by reducing our carbon footprint. It is very fuel efficient and spills out fewer CO₂ emissions."

"It is important for us to set a good example and teach young people how to create a better world where they can grow and use their unique and valuable skills and talents."

"We are all very grateful to Councillor Avery and

the 4Together Area Action Partnership for their continued support".

Councillor Avery said: "It's wonderful to be able to support such a professional organisation as Enter CIC. It gives our youth an opportunity to acquire experience in the arts and culture sector which would ordinarily not have been available before Enter CIC arrived in the area."

"I would like to thank the Four Together Area Action Partnership for their continued support and dedicated work regarding all of the youth groups in our area."

Free Hub events

Ferryhill Hub will be hosting a free over 60s taster session on Thursday 23rd March from 10am-12 noon including coffee, cake and games morning. Local care homes

are welcome to go along.

Then, on Friday 24th, there will be another free *pizza and pop* drop-in from 5-7pm for 7-11 year olds. Call 07522 823959 for more details.

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Still time to register for garden waste

The first garden waste collections of 2017 take place soon but there's still time to make sure your house is included.

The first collection for those who have already subscribed to the service takes place between Tuesday 28th March and Friday 7th April followed by fortnightly collections until autumn when the collection season ends.

Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Local Partnerships said: "Nearly 60,000 residents have already signed up to receive garden waste collections in 2017 and we hope even more do so." Residents can still sign up for the service for a fee of £25.

Collection will start as soon as possible after a resident signs up and they will receive the remaining collections before the season ends.

To sign up to the service or find out if your property is eligible call 03000 261 000 or visit www.durham.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

Residents who have already

subscribed to the service are reminded to fix their bin sticker to the garden waste bin and put the bin out for collection by 7am on their relevant collection day.

Collection days can be found by going to www.durham.gov.uk/MyDurham and entering the postcode and property number.

The following items can go in the garden waste bin for composting: Grass cuttings; shrubs; leaves; weeds; flowers and bedding plants; hedge clippings; prunings and small branches.

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Dying to be Cool campaign targets schoolchildren



Fiona Gosling, whose 14-year-old son Cameron died from cold water shock in summer 2015, speaks to young people at a school assembly.

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College is one of several schools across the county hosing assemblies which aim to educate schoolchildren on the dangers of jumping into rivers without acclimatising. Durham County Council One Point service is once again organising assemblies as part of the Safe Durham Partnership's *Dying to be Cool* campaign, which seek to raise awareness among ten to sixteen-year-olds of cold water shock.

The assemblies will again feature County Durham mum Fiona Gosling, whose 14-year-old son Cameron died from cold water shock in summer 2015.

He jumped into the River Wear without getting his body used to the water temperature.

They will also feature representatives from County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, who will be showing schoolchildren the equipment used in water rescues.

Last year's assemblies took in six schools in the Bishop Auckland area, reaching 3,360 children.

So far this year, 12 assemblies have been arranged at ten schools and colleges across County Durham.

Cllr Joy Allen, the council's Cabinet member for safer communities, said: "Having sat through one of last year's assemblies, I know the impact they have on children but also the adults present. You could have heard a pin drop."

"We are extremely grateful to have Mrs Gosling and the fire service on board again

and would like to thank the schools that are allowing us to come in and give these assemblies.

"There is still an opportunity for other schools to host them if they wish."

Mrs Gosling said: "Life has never been the same for us as a family since Cameron died."

"By speaking about what happened, my hope is that children will be aware of the risks when jumping into rivers and that they are less likely to get into difficulty."

Keith Wanley, area manager community risk management for the fire and rescue service, said: "Our hope is that these awareness raising sessions will help to save lives and encourage people to stop and think before putting themselves in danger in this way."

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Endeavour Woodcraft's Over 50's men only woodworking sessions have proved so popular there is only one space left on the 31st March course.

Endeavour Woodcraft well received. There is only one space left on the over 50's men only woodworking course on 31st March and the pre-school Messy Play session has just two spaces left for Monday 20th March, from 9.30-11.30am. To book one of the remaining spaces on either session, contact Endeavour on 01740 657676.

Voters reminded to register for elections

People in Ferryhill and Chilton and across County Durham are being reminded that they need to be registered to vote if they wish to have their say in the forthcoming local elections.

County and parish council elections are due to take place on Thursday, 4th May.

Poll cards will be delivered to residents between Friday, 31st March and Monday, 3rd April.

Anyone currently listed on the electoral register and eligible to vote in this election will receive a poll card providing details of their allocated polling

station.

Anyone who is not registered is encouraged to register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote by Thursday, 13th April.

People who are listed on the electoral register can request a postal or proxy vote. The deadline for postal vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday, 18th April and for proxy vote applications is 5pm on Tuesday, 25th April.

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- Attractive kitchen
- Modern bathroom, EPC rating = D

NEW

Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I would like to send my appreciation to an unbelievably kind resident of Chilton.

My husband and I are frequent visitors to Chilton to visit our grandson.

On Friday 10th March we were walking past the Coop shop when we met a lady who told us that she had won £20 on a scratch card inside.

She was full of joy at this good fortune, telling us it would go into her kitty towards her holidays. We were more than happy to congratulate her and after a bit of a chat we all set off on our separate ways.

"Oh, just a minute," we hear and back comes the lady and gives our grandson £1 of her winnings

That £1 is the most precious pound I have ever held. We can't stop thinking about it. A thousand pounds wouldn't have been more thrilling than that pound coin was.

Thank you, lovely lady, you have renewed my faith with your extreme kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Bernie Cawston, Scarborough

Dear Editor,

I would like to congratulate and thank everyone who attended, helped out and performed at our charity fund raising show on Friday 10th March at Mainsforth Community Centre.

The show 'Tess Tickle and the Dragettes' (all local ladies - see picture) was sold out for weeks before and Tess did not disappoint the audience with a fabulous show.



The evening raised a magnificent total of £1,100 for the Mayor of Ferryhill's charity fund supporting The Great North Air Ambulance, The Ferryhill Ladder Centre and St Luke's Church, Ferryhill.

I was so proud to be involved with this show which showcased the very talented people we have living locally and what extremely generous residents we have.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Peter Atkinson,
Mayor of Ferryhill

190 years and still marching on!



George Miller and John Pirt enjoy a drink together at their 95th birthday celebration in the Royal British Legion, Ferryhill Station Branch.

Last Saturday evening, 11th March, witnessed a memorable birthday party at the Ferryhill Station Branch of the Royal British Legion.

The two birthday boys, John Pirt and George Miller, celebrated their 95th birthdays in the company of family and friends, at an event hosted by Councillor Margaret Walton and Legion Vice Chairman, Gerald Slack.

John and George, born only a matter of a few days apart in March 1922, are long term Legion members and have been enjoying a drink together at the Ferryhill Station Branch for almost 50 years.

John, born in West Cornforth, moved to Ferryhill in his early teens, after living for a brief period in East Howle. Like many others of his generation, he went down the pit at the tender age of fourteen. He was to spend the war years at Mainsforth, on reserved occupation, with coal

mining playing a vital part in the war effort; powering industry, the railways and shipping.

During the period 1940 to 1945 Mainsforth Colliery was one of the major employers in the region, with over 2,000 men working both above and below ground.

After the closure of Mainsforth Colliery in 1968, John transferred to Blackhall for 12 years, working the coal seams deep under the North Sea.

One of the region's oldest surviving deep coal miners, John is a founding member of the Ferryhill Station Branch and is well known in the local community, often to be seen riding his mobility scooter around the town.

Born in Peterhead, to an English father and Scottish mother, George joined the Gordon Highlanders in 1939. He transferred to the Maritime Royal Artillery, in February 1940, where he

served as a marine gunner until the end of 1943, on the highly dangerous Atlantic Convoys.

Rejoining the Highlanders in 1943, he served both in the UK and overseas until 1960, attaining the rank of Sergeant. After discharge in 1960, George returned to the ranks as a Regimental Sergeant Major, in a training capacity until 1968. Highly decorated, George's medals include the Atlantic Star and Canal Zone and Arabian Peninsular Bars.

On leaving the forces, in 1968, George became an active member of the Ferryhill Station Branch, where he still holds the position of Chairman and features prominently in his tartan trews on Remembrance Sunday.

George also acted as drill instructor between 1979 and 1983, to the Ferryhill Debonairs, one of the most successful jazz bands in the region.

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Elvis is in the building as Tenlands Care Home rocks

Residents at Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill enjoyed an American theme day recently.

The home was fully decked out in the stars and stripes and an American Diner dinner was on the menu.

Residents were also graced with the presence of rock and roll royalty in the form of much-revered Elvis impersonator, Eddy Popescu.

Eddy, who was crowned The European Elvis Gospel Champion in 2014 and a 2016 Elvis European Finalist, has entertained audiences all over the world and wowed residents and care home staff alike with most of the King's classic hits.

Andrea Green, Tenlands Care Home Deputy Home Manager, said: "Eddy's performance was superb - he's the best entertainer we've had at Tenlands in many years."

"He left everyone feeling as though they could have been in the front row at a show in Las Vegas!"



Hugely popular Elvis impersonator, Eddy Popescu, delighted Tenlands Care Home residents with his performance of all the King's greatest hits.

HC-One Regional Managing Director, Glen Mason, said: "It sounds as though our residents in Ferryhill have been enjoying a right treat!"

New classes at New Dance Generation

New Dance Generation, which has a studio at Ferryhill Hub, is offering two new classes to the children of Ferryhill.

The *Contemporary Technique* class will take place

on Monday evenings from 4.45pm-5.30pm, beginning on 27th March, while a Jazz class will begin on Saturday 1st April and continue each Saturday morning from 10.30am-11.30am.

RBL coffee morning

Ferryhill Station Royal British Legion will be hosting a regular free fortnightly coffee morning, organised by the Residents Association of Ferryhill Station, for all residents of Ferryhill and Ferryhill

Station, from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

The first coffee morning will be on Tuesday 21st March and will run fortnightly thereafter. All are welcome to go along for a chat and a game of bingo.

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Chef cooks up prize-winning feast at Chilton Care Centre

Och aye! A County Durham care home has triumphed in a national competition to find the best Burns supper menu – thanks to its chef, who is a native Scot. Kyle Long, who heads up the kitchen at Chilton Care Centre, in Chilton, has just heard that he has won second place in a national competition for his mouth-watering offering to commemorate the birth of Scotland's most famous poet.

"I'm very happy – although as a Scot I'm gutted I wasn't first," joked Mr Long, aged 37.

E Foods – a major on-line supplier to care homes, hotels and catering firms across the UK – awarded his menu, served up at Chilton Care Centre's Burns Night at the end of January, the £50 runner-up prize.

It featured a starter of cullen skink – a soup made from smoked haddock poached in milk with potatoes and spring onion – followed by "haggis, neeps and tatties" fortified with Scotch whisky.

Next came chicken Balmoral – stuffed with haggis and wrapped in smoky bacon – complete with buttered baby vegetables and fondant potatoes.



Kyle Long, head chef at Chilton Care Centre, has won second place in a national competition.

Pudding was "clootie dumplings" – a suet based dish with sultanas, similar to a spotted Dick.

"I did put on an alternative of mince and dumplings for those who didn't fancy haggis but most of the 36 residents eating that night tried the Scottish fare and loved it," said Mr Long, who originally came from Inverkeithing in Fife.

"I'm pleased about that because of my Scottish roots."

Mr Long has worked at Chilton Care Centre, which is run by St Philip's Care, for about five years, after moving to the area with his

wife, Jennifer. He leads a team of five kitchen staff, who serve meals for up to 40 people a day.

Home manager Linda Fitzgerald said: "We're delighted to have won second place in this national competition and very proud of our chef, Kyle. We will spend the prize money on something in the kitchen for the benefit of our residents but haven't yet decided what that will be." The purpose-built centre has 40 en suite bedrooms and organises regular activities for its residents, including the Burns Night that led to the prize.

Celtic into Cup Semi-final

Ferryhill Celtic travelled the short distance to Newton Aycliffe for their latest bid at cup progression when they took on The Huntsman of Wear Valley Sunday League Division One in the Durham County FA Heart Foundation Cup quarter finals.

The tie was originally scheduled for Sunday 26th February but was postponed due to bad weather, taking place instead on Sunday 12th March.

Celtic recorded a straightforward 2-0 victory with goals from Jonny Agar and Neil Bell to put them into the semi-finals, where they will host Division Three side, Chester-Le-Street Garden House at home on Sunday 19th March.

Kick off in the tie will be 10:30am with the mouth-watering prospect of an all-Ferryhill final to look forward to if Ferryhill Dynamos can overcome tough semi-final opponents in Premier League Houghton Town, on the same day.

Meanwhile, Celtic have closed to within three points of West Rainton

at the top of Durham & District Sunday League Division One after an emphatic 6-2 home win over Chester-le-Street Whitehills on the same day (Sunday 5th March) as the leaders and third place Washington Cross Keys cancelled each other out in a 1-1 draw.

Goals from Kyle Wren, a double from Jason White and a hat-trick from Jonathan Agar made short work of Whitehills, whose goals from Stephen Fisher and James Cattell were mere consolations.

With just the three points separating them from the leaders, Celtic, who have played 13, have four games in hand and a superior goal difference ahead of the scheduled top of the table clash at the Broom Rec on Sunday 26th March.

Ferryhill Dynamos, in the meantime, have slipped to fifth place in the league, ten points behind their local rivals after playing the same number of games, but eleven off the top after suffering a 2-0 loss at Coxhoe Red Lion last Sunday, 12th March.

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