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Running start for Beat the Street in Ferryhill



Beat the Street is underway in Ferryhill and Chilton where dozens of teams are competing to top the leaderboard, which also includes teams from Chester le Street.

Beat the Street - County Durham's giant walking and cycling initiative - has got off to a running start with residents in the Ferryhill, Chilton and Chester-le-Street areas travelling 250

times the length of the River Wear within the first few days of the challenge. More than 6,000 people have walked and cycled 15,000 miles in just seven days for Beat the Street -

a free competition which challenges people to see how far they can travel in return for points and prizes. Taking place until 17th May, Beat the Street is transforming the community into a giant game with players tapping special sensors called Beat Boxes dotted across the town.

Thousands of people have already gotten involved, with schools and teams competing against each other to see who can journey the furthest and win up to £400 worth of sport and fitness equipment.

The initiative is being delivered by Intelligent Health on behalf of Durham County Council. Lorraine Rasmussen, Engagement Manager for Beat the Street, said: "Beat the Street has got off to a running start in County Durham. We are delighted to see so many people walking, running and cycling for the competition. "There is still time to get involved - pick up a card from your leisure centre or library and start tapping!" To find out where your nearest distribution centre is - visit beatthestreet.me/clsferryhill.

No changes to bin collections

Bin collections will remain the same in Ferryhill and Chilton over the Easter bank holiday period. Householders should put out their refuse, recycling and garden waste bins at the kerbside on their normal collection day. This includes Good Friday - 14th April - when refuse and recycling crews are working as usual. Residents wanting to know

their bin collection days can enter their house number and postcode into the 'My Durham' section of the council website - www.durham.gov.uk. For more information on bin collections visit www.durham.gov.uk/bins. For more information on what rubbish or recycling items go in which bin, visit www.durham.gov.uk/what-goeswhere.

Visit the new DLI collection

A free open day is taking place in Spennymoor for enthusiasts of the Durham Light Infantry collection. The event is taking place at Seven Hills Unit 1, Greenhills Business Park, Enterprise Way, on Tuesday 11th April, between 10am and 1pm.

Visitors can view the new DLI collection and research & study area for family activities, behind the scenes tours of the stores and the chance to meet volunteers. Booking is advised by emailing dlicollectionsenquiries@durham.gov.uk.

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April 3rd (peacefully in his sleep) of Chilton, Stephen, aged 84 years.

Dearly loved Husband of Sylvia, a much loved Dad of Diane, Stephen, Deborah and Sean. Also a loving Father-in-Law, Granda and Great Granda.

Would friends please meet at Wear Valley Crematorium on Tuesday April 11th for a service and committal at 10am. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu may be left in the collection plate provided for Howlish Hall Nursing Home.

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Neighbourscoop Watchers send strong message to community



Parent Sarah James and pupils from Cleves Cross and Dean Bank Primary Schools come together to launch their Neighbourscoop Watch Banner outside Ferryhill Town Hall.

Children from Primary Schools in Ferryhill and Chilton are sending out a strong message to their community. Nearly 700 pupils from Cleves Cross, Chilton, Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station Primary Schools have signed their NeighbourScoop Watch banner, asking people to help keep their community safe and clean by picking up their dog mess. Glenys, from Approach Too said, "The children

have told us that they are happier and healthier when they play outside with their friends. One of the things that sometimes spoils this is dog mess that hasn't been picked up. The idea of the banner is to ask the community to support their campaign and to keep their streets safe and clean for everyone."

The banner will be displayed around different schools in Ferryhill and

Chilton over the next few months.

Anyone wanting to support the children's campaign can pick up Neighbourscoop Watch window stickers for free from Ferryhill Town Hall (thanks to Child's Play Nursery) and if you would like the banner displayed in an area which has dog mess problems, contact Glenys at Approach Too by emailing glenys@approachtoo.uk.

Landlord ordered to pay over £800 for licence breaches

A landlord who breached his licence by failing to provide a gas safety certificate and details relating to his tenants has been ordered to pay over £800.

Stephen Halliday, 50, of Bingley in Yorkshire, has also ended up with a criminal record having been successfully prosecuted by Durham County Council over the three breaches of his property licence.

The council designated Dean Bank at Ferryhill as an area for licensing of landlords in 2013, in order to ensure that properties are managed appropriately and licensed in accordance with the Housing Act.

Newton Aycliffe magistrates heard how Halliday's property at Faraday Street falls within the area for selective licensing and that he obtained a licence as required in 2015.

Conditions of the licence require him to supply, on request, a copy of a gas safety certificate for the property to the council as well as the results of tenancy reference checks.

Halliday is also required to notify the council of changes in tenancy.

The court heard how the appropriate documentation was requested by letter on 25th November and 22nd December 2016.

However, Halliday did not

provide any of the documents and was prosecuted for failing to comply with the conditions of his licence.

The landlord failed to attend court but was found guilty in his absence.

Halliday was fined £440, ordered to pay costs of £330 and a victim surcharge of £44, a total of £814.

Sarah Robson, the council's head of economic development and housing, said: "Selective licensing is in place to ensure properties are managed appropriately and licensed in accordance with the law which benefits both tenants and the wider local community.

"While the vast majority of landlords comply with the conditions of the selective licensing scheme, this case should serve as a warning that we will take action where there are breaches." More information about the designation is available at: www.durham.gov.uk/article/2883/Dean-Bank-Ferryhill-selective-licensing-area.

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Events proving popular at Endeavour



The Mother's Day Coffee Morning at Endeavour Woodcrafts proved very popular.

Endeavour Woodcrafts in Ferryhill have thanked all who attended their Mother's Day Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th March.

A spokesperson said, "We had a lovely day and its so pleasing to have the support of the people of Ferryhill, including the

Mayor and his wife.

"Also, our Messy Play sessions are proving very popular on alternative Monday mornings between 9.30-11.30am, the next session is Monday 3rd April. Please book a place by calling Jo on 01740 657676. "There is a place available for he over 50's men only

woodworking session this Friday, while the monthly family woodworking classes are fully booked until Saturday 8th July when we will be making a wooden trug for the garden." Call Alan on 01740 657676 to book a place on any of the above sessions.

Easter crafts & snacks

Following the success of the latest Holiday Club at St Luke's Parish Centre in Ferryhill, there is to be an Easter afternoon of crafts and snacks on Thursday 13th April, between 2.30pm and 4pm.

The event is open to children from 5 to 13 years, although children under 8 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Due to the popularity of the event, booking is essential. Contact Vicar Gary on 01740 655232 or via Facebook St Luke's Church page.

On Saturday 15th April, at 5pm, there is to be a special Easter Eve Family Service.

A spokesperson for the church said, "Everyone is welcome to come and

enjoy the joy of Easter and sample the homemade refreshments and an Easter Egg hunt!"

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor

I just wanted to let people know that we had a very successful "Pizza and Pop" night held on 24th March at Ferryhill Community Hub.

We had 46 children aged 7-11 years old in attendance who all behaved beautifully.

We got stacks of ideas of what activities they would like to see in the Hub. We are busy working on putting permanent sessions on in the near future.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who helped make these nights a success.

Without them this would not be possible. To volunteer your time to these sessions you can contact me on 01740 654123.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Graham, by email

Dear Editor,

The Chapter published an excellent article on the 24th March called 'Local artist and author release children's book'.

It was about Derek Slater's *The Coal Mine*.

The book is published and available as print on demand from North East picture book publisher Rockpool Children's Books.

The article generated a lot of interest, but some had difficulty accessing the book online.

First and foremost I'd like to apologise for this.

Access may have been declined for one of two reasons. First, the book underwent an amendment and as this was being implicated the printer briefly blocked it's access.

Secondly, the web address featured in the article had a 'dot' at the end of the address which if applied would result in an error message. The address is www.rockpool.alburybooks.com

Once again, thank you to everyone for their interest, and I apologise for any inconvenience.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Trotter,

Publisher and Creative Director, Rockpool Children's Books.

Enter CIC perform for Broadway & West End dignitaries

Forty young people who attend Enter CIC's performing arts programme recently participated in the inaugural European Junior Musical Theatre Celebration, where their performance of *Aladdin* impressed international adjudicators and guest judges from Broadway and the West End.

The event was held at The Curve Theatre in Leicester, where Enter CIC students spent the first half of the day presenting their scenes from the Broadway Junior productions of *Aladdin* to fellow guests and a specially-selected panel of Adjudicators, including directors Lotte Wakeham, Steven Dexter and Racky Plews, as well as iTheatrics' founder Timothy Allen McDonald and colleagues Steven G. Kennedy and Marty Johnson.

Enter CIC were the first group to perform at the event and they received wonderful feedback:

Marty Johnson, Resident Director of iTheatrics, Broadway said, "I'm very lucky that I get to do this across the world for iTheatrics and for this to be the very first thing that I've ever seen at our first JTC Europe was outstanding. You guys had so much energy and such focus and poise right from the start.

"You were so professional with everything you were



Members of Enter CIC were told that 'the power they have is incredible'.

doing, it was so great. You had such command of what you were saying. The power you guys have is incredible."

During the afternoon, Enter CIC students participated in interactive workshops with artists from the West End productions of Disney's *The Lion King*, *Matilda* and *Wicked*. A highlight of the event was a special Questions & Answer segment with Joanne Clifton, winner of the latest edition of *Strictly Come Dancing*, now touring the UK in the title role of *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

The event concluded with a Showcase concert fea-

turing Broadway and West End standards, performed by West End stars Liam Doyle (*Wicked*, *Mamma Mia!*), Sophie Linder-Lee (*Wicked*, *Mamma Mia!*), Sam Lupton (*Little Shop of Horrors*, *Starting Here*, *Starting Now*) and Kayleigh McKnight (*Les Misérables*, *Bend It Like Beckham*) led by Musical Director Kris Rawlinson.

Enter CIC provide a wide and varied programme of performing arts and have a very busy year ahead. If anyone would like to find out more information about how to get involved, call Enter CIC's office on 01740 655437.

Children's entertainment for Easter Holidays

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Ferryhill Town Council has organised for Eileen Glenton to hold a storytelling session at Ferryhill Library on Thursday 13th April, from 2pm - 3pm.

On Thursday 20th April Mr Abro will be visiting the library with his Magical Zone from 2pm - 3pm.

These sessions are

suitable for children aged from 3 years to 11 years and are free of charge, so why not take your children along and join in the fun.

A free leaflet advertising the programme of events organised by Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill Branch Library, for the 2017

school holidays, is available from the Town Hall and Ferryhill Library.

A full list of the children's entertainment taking place during the 2017 school holidays is also available on Ferryhill Town Council's website at www.ferryhill.gov.uk.

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Ferryhill couple celebrate 60 happy years together

The Mayor of Ferryhill was delighted to visit a local couple on 30th March - their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. John and Cynthia Rothwell tied the knot at St Luke's Church in 1957, having met at a Ferryhill Station Dance in the Welfare Hall. John, known to family and friends as Jack, has lived in Ferryhill all his life while his wife is originally from Bishop Middleham.

Jack, who will soon turn 85, began his working life in the Dean and Chapter Pit, later moving on to Fishburn Pit, before Metal Bridge and Easington. He retired 30 years ago after clocking up 41 years as an Overman. Cynthia, 80, worked as a Carer for the County Council for over 25 years.

In their retirement Jack enjoys his garden, while Cynthia still attends St Luke's Church, where the couple were married 60 years ago.

The happy couple have two children as well as several grandchildren, with whom they celebrated their special occasion at Bowburn Hall.



Cynthia and Jack Rothwell received a welcome visit from the Mayor of Ferryhill, who presented the couple with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a glass tumbler.

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Meatloaf	Fri 14 th July - Sun 16 th July
Soul & Motown	Fri 28 th July - Sun 30 th July

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Easter fair

A Charity Easter Fair will be taking place on Thursday 13th April at 1pm in The Garth, Ferryhill, in aid of the Alzheimer's and Dementia society. "Please come along to support us if you can," said

a spokesperson. "We will be having an Easter bonnet and paste egg competition to be judged by the Mayor of Ferryhill. There will also be raffles, a tombola, brick-a-brac stall and refreshments.

Man beat partner with plastic pole

A Ferryhill Station man has been imprisoned for almost a year after assaulting his partner and biting a police officer. Jason Crompton, from Wensley Terrace, had returned intoxicated to the home he shared with his partner late on 24th February this year. An ensuing row then resulted in the 44 year-old punching his victim in the face and grabbing her hair, before kicking her in the back - causing her to fall down some stairs - and striking her across the head with a plastic pole so violently that it snapped. The woman ran outside and hid behind a police car as it pulled up in the street. When officers attempted to arrest Crompton he bit a female policewoman on the hand and kicked her male colleague in the shin and foot. Crompton later denied the assaults and made no comment in police inter-



Jason Crompton's violent domestic abuse has placed him behind bars.

view. Durham Crown Court heard how the pair had been in an on-off relationship for several years with previous occurrences of violent episodes resulting in the imposition of a restraining order in 2013, which stated that he was prohibited from harassing or using unlawful violence against the woman. Crompton admitted assault by beating, two counts of assaulting a police officer, resisting a police officer and breaching a restraining order. Judge Deborah Sherwin imposed sentences totalling 14 months, reducing it by four months due to his immediate guilty pleas at Magistrates' Court. His barrister, Zoe Passfield, stated that Crompton aimed to make the most of his time in prison to work with agencies to address his drinking.

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Seconds out as boxers raise funds for Kyran



Kyran Richmond at the boxing gym in Mainsforth which has been named after him, with some of the boxers who will be raising funds on his behalf in a May fundraiser.

On Friday 5th May, The Kyran Richmond Gymnasium (Mainsforth Boxing & Fitness Club) will be hosting its first annual charity boxing night for the Kyran Richmond Fund at Bishop Auckland Rugby Club. The fundraiser has been dubbed *The Battle of the Dam*. The event is to raise awareness and money for Kyran who suffers from a

rare illness called Juvenile Batten Disease. Despite his illness, Kyran attends the gym that was named after him in 2016. He visits every Friday and is a inspirational member and friend to everyone who attends. All the boxers are currently in a intense training regime for the event and are willing to do their best to represent the foundation.

The event will commence at 6pm with the first bout in the ring at 7pm. Along with the bouts there will be an auction and a raffle of signed sports memorabilia. All boxers have tickets for sale and sponsorship forms. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated. There will also be tickets available from the gym, priced at £25 per ticket.

Jamie Tinkler to star in Ferryhill fundraiser

Mainsforth Community Centre in Ferryhill Station is to host a fundraising evening in aid of Parkinson's UK. The event will take place on Saturday 22nd April, from 7pm - midnight, and will feature the brilliant Jamie Tinkler - star of Pop Idol and the X Factor

- and top comedian Rudi West. Last year's event raised a phenomenal £3,200 for the charity. A spokesperson commented, "Thanks to everyone who supported the event last year and we hope to see you again this year for a great night

of entertainment. "If any business or individual would like to donate raffle prizes or would like to make a donation, call 07814 965 724. Tickets, costing £6, are available from Colin's Fish Bar or by calling 07814 965724.

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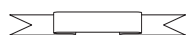
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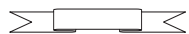
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Croquet Club to host free taster sessions



The Croquet Club can be found at Chilton Miners Welfare Recreation Ground. They are offering free taster sessions over the coming weeks.

The Croquet Club, based at Chilton Miners Welfare Recreation Ground (opposite the Nisa filling station on A167), is offering free taster sessions on Saturday 8th April and Saturday 22nd April between 3pm and 5pm, and also on Wednesday 26th April between 6.30pm and 8pm.

A spokesperson for the club said: "The form of croquet we play is quick to pick up. Our members are friendly, welcoming and eager to help newcomers to learn, progress and become part of the group."

"It is a sport that can be played at several levels: for fun, fitness and friend-

ship, and in local competitions, both team and individual. Do come along and give it a go."

Anyone who would like more information can call 01388 720074 or 01388 488666, or alternatively, you can contact the club by email at frevit@tesco.net.

Winning run continues for U9s

On Sunday morning (2nd April), Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9's travelled to Leven Whites looking to continue their good run of form, and so they did with two more excellent wins. The first game saw an evenly contested first half with Ferryhill's Zach scoring on the stroke of half time.

The second half was much the same although Ferryhill found their shooting boots. First Marc doubled the lead with a curling shot from

the edge of the box before George tapped home from close range and finally Jonathan shot through a crowd of players for a final score of Leven White 0-4 Ferryhill Town Youth.

The next game took a similar pattern, flowing from end to end. Ferryhill took the lead in slightly bizarre fashion when Kole's shot smashed into the top corner of the frame and bounced out. The players continued to play on, but the referee

awarded the goal.

Leven then equalised before Kole and Jonathan, scored for Ferryhill. Leven pulled one back but couldn't find an equaliser. The team will play their last game of the season at home to Darlington Spraire Lads Hawks at the Rec on Sunday 9th April.

High fives as Celtic go clear at the top

Ferryhill Celtic have moved clear at the top of the Durham & District Sunday League after a convincing 5-0 thumping Pelaw Grange Dogs FC at the King George V Recreation Ground.

Celtic climbed to level at the top of the table last week after beating the league leaders, West Rainton, but with the former leaders on a break this week, Celtic took full advantage to open up a gap at the head of the table. However, with Washington Cross Keys also winning 4-2 away from home at Framwellgate Moor, the gap is just one point, with West Rainton slipping to third.

But with Washington having played two games more and West Rainton three more, Celtic's lead also comes with the added comfort of games in hand over their main title rivals. Celtic started off on the front foot against Pelaw Dogs and quickly opened the scoring when Jonathan Agar connected with a Jay White cross in the 10th minute which flew into the top left corner of the visitors' net.

The home side were unable to capitalise further on their first half dominance before the break, but that would change in a second half in which possession was also translated into goals.

Anthony Phillipson doubled Celtic's lead before Jay White turned from provider into goalscorer to notch a third.

Luke Thompson was next on the scoresheet for the rampant Celtic before Agar capped a fine team performance with the fifth.

Celtic travel to Framwellgate Moor WMC for their next league match next Sunday with the usual kick off time of 10:30am.

Ferryhill Dynamos, the town's other side competing in the same division, slid to fifth in the table after a 4-2 away defeat at New Brancepeth WMC.

A home draw by Chester le Street Hida Park saw them move a point ahead of the Dynamos who have played 15 games, the same number as Celtic and less than every other team above them. Wins in their games in hand would see them up to third in the table.

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