



MP visits primary school's Eco group



Phil Wilson MP with members of Chilton Primary Eco Group.

Children at Chilton Primary School are leading the way in making their school more environmentally friendly, and last week local MP Phil Wilson visited to see what the students were up to. Set up around five years ago, the Chilton Primary Eco Group is made up of students from all year

groups who come together to discuss ways in which the school could save energy. Speaking to Mr Wilson, the children told him about the numerous eco issues around the school, and explained the initiatives they have created. One such innovative initiative is to place red and

green stickers by light switches across the school to let other students know which lights need to be switched on and which don't. The school has also had solar panels installed, saving it £1,000 in the first year alone.

Future initiatives which the children have planned include planting fruit and vegetables in the courtyard and installing sensory taps to reduce the school's water usage. In addition, children have also taken part in national and global campaigns such as *Switch Off Fortnight* and *World Earth Hour*, both of which aim to raise awareness of energy usage. Speaking afterward, Mr Wilson said, "It is great to see the children take such an active interest in eco issues, and caring about the environment. As the children told me, what happens to the environment impacts us all so it is important we look after it. It is a fantastic initiative set up by Chilton Primary School, and I hope to have a trip back once some of their vegetables have grown!"

Nominations in for local elections

Nominations have been published by Durham County Council for the forthcoming County and Parish elections on Thursday 4th May. The Chilton Division will be contested by two prospective candidates fighting for just one seat at County Hall. Labour candidate Christine Potts will face John Sandles of the Conservative Party. The Ferryhill division looks to be hotly contested with eight candidates vying for just three spots. The Labour Party have put forward three candidates; John Lindsay, Peter Atkinson and Carole Atkinson, while Douglas Neill Hutley will stand for the Conservative Party. Brian Avery, David Farry, Laura Wayman and Joe Makepeace have also put themselves forward as Independent candidates. Three candidates are standing in the Bishop Middleham and Cornforth Division, where one seat is up for grabs. They are Deane Brett, Independent, Pauline Crathorne, Labour,

and David Evans, Conservative. Meanwhile, in the Parish elections, 13 candidates have been nominated for the 12 seats available; seven Independent and six Labour. In the Broom Ward of Ferryhill, 15 candidates will fight it out for just 8 seats; 7 Independents and 8 Labour, while in the Ferryhill and Dean Bank Ward 11 candidates will campaign for the 7 available seats; 9 Independents and 2 Labour. However there will be no Parish Election in the Ferryhill Station Ward as the two seats, being uncontested, are automatically awarded to the only two candidates, John Lindsay and Margaret Walton, both representing the Labour Party. In Bishop Middleham only five candidates have put themselves forward for the nine available seats, while in Cornforth there are 17 candidates for the available 15 seats.

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Jonathan Gardner

April 16th

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April 16th

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College plans to open youth club

Members of Chilton Community College and School Governors have met to look at children and young people's provisions in Chilton to see if they can re-establish a youth and junior club, as well as to examine other positive activities for young residents to take part in. At the moment the College has sessions for St John's Ambulance (Mondays), Taekwondo (Tuesdays & Fridays), sports coaching (Thursdays) and the junior film club (Saturdays). St Aidan's Church Hall provides a home for First Chilton Scouts (Mondays and Wednesdays) and Melanie's School of Dance (Thursdays,

Fridays and Saturdays).

Finally, Chilton Community Sports and Social Club have started a family games night for parents and young people aged 14 to 17 years (Tuesdays).

The College hopes to have a youth and junior club session up and running by September and will be working with the Area Action Partnership and relevant partners to put this in place, as well as examining ways to put on more junior sports coaching and workshops for drama and music.

Anyone interested in helping out should contact the college on 01388 720911.



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Very big quiz night for Miners' Gala



Members of Ferryhill Banner Group with the Mainsforth Colliery Banner at Beamish.

Ferryhill Banner Group are hosting a fundraiser to raise cash for the forthcoming Durham Miners' Gala weekend, and Chapter readers are invited to go along and join the annual *Very Big Quiz Night*. Durham Miners' Gala,

which is being held on Saturday 8th July, is a long standing tradition where Ferryhill residents proudly display miners' banners and Ferryhill Town Band performs.

The *Very Big Quiz* is taking place at the The Surtees

Arms in Ferryhill Station on Saturday 29th April at 8pm. Teams should not be more than 6 people at £1 a head. All money raised will help provide buses for the band and Gala supporters, and a buffet for everyone returning to the pub.

Police urge motorists to park respectfully

Following a number of complaints regarding the manner of parking around Ferryhill, local officers are politely reminding residents that parking near a junction or on yellow lines is an offence and causes an obstruction to other road users and pedestrians. A spokesperson for Ferryhill police said, "Parking in this way could cause an accident. Please bare in mind the following when parking your vehicle:"

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Yours faithfully,
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Ferryhill Civic Awards

Do you know someone who has gone that extra mile to help your community? Then Ferryhill Town Council wants to hear from you.

The Civic Awards are an opportunity to officially recognise the commitment and hard work of the most deserving.

Once a year Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, requests residents and voluntary organisations nominate those unsung heroes who do so much to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill. This year the awards are open to young people of Ferryhill

as well as adults, so if you know a resident or young person of Ferryhill who has performed some act or helped in some way to benefit others living in the town, or any other action which has achieved success in any field, then why not nominate them for one of the Ferryhill Civic Awards.

Awards are for 'Care in the Community', 'Working with Young People', 'Caring for the Environment' and 'Deserving Young People'.

Nomination forms are available from Ferryhill Town Hall. All applications are to be returned by Monday 24th July 2017.

Coffee morning

A Coffee Morning will be taking place at the Royal British Legion in Ferryhill Station on Tuesday 18th April, between 10.30am

and 12.30pm.

All residents of Ferryhill and Ferryhill Station are welcome to go along and enjoy a chat.

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Local bands tune up to record poignant track for Kynren



L-R Andrew Hall, Conductor of Ferryhill Town Band, Jake Bright, Music Director and Daniem Boissunot, Deputy Executive Producer for Eleven Arches.

Eleven Arches, the production company behind the open-air live action spectacular 'Kynren - an epic tale of England' has joined forces with Spennymoor and Ferryhill Town Bands to record the commemorative hymn *Gresford*, also known as *The Miners' Hymn*, to include in the soundtrack for the 2017 show.

The hymn, written by miner Robert Saint from Hebburn, South Tyneside, remains popular with many colliery brass bands, and is played at annual Miners' Picnics around the North of England, including at the Durham Miners' Gala.

The newly-recorded track will be used in a revised scene which features Durham Cathedral.

The recording took place in the magnificent surroundings of Durham Cathedral - where the acoustics provided a truly authentic setting to capture the

evocative tune.

Eleven Arches' Music Director, Jake Bright, hopes that the new recording will add authenticity and poignancy to the scene whilst resonating with the audience.

Jake said, "There is something very special about being able to record an original piece of music in the very place that is inherently linked with the hymn. Every note of music for Kynren, other than this particular scene, had been written especially for the show. It seemed impersonal to simply license an existing recording, so we took the opportunity to make the most of the local talent and history - the fact that the Cathedral has one of the best acoustics in the country is a bonus!"

"The Durham Cathedral

scene is a very important moment in the show - one which has a huge connection with the North East. Teaming up with two local bands will make the scene even more powerful and poignant for us and for the audience. It's all about engaging with the story, the history, and the people involved. That's why Kynren exists in the first place, after all!"

Durham Cathedral, which sits grandly next to the Castle in the medieval city, is a Christian Church of the Anglican Communion, the shrine of St Cuthbert, the seat of the Bishop of Durham and a focus of pilgrimage and spirituality in North East England.

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Preparations underway for Ferryhill summer fayre



Pipers and Princesses from Frozen at last year's Summer Fayre.

Ferryhill 2000 Committee, in conjunction with Ferryhill Town Council, will be holding the Annual Summer Fayre at Dean Bank Park on Sunday 9th July, from 11am to 4pm. There will be arena events which will consist of a dog show, line dancing, the Glee Club singers and entertainers plus 'Meet my Mascot' children's enter-

tainers.

There will also be an infant/junior fun fair, free face painting and children's entertainment by Mr Abro, stalls, refreshments, quad bikes, a junior football knockout competition and a display of vintage vehicles.

Entry to the event is free and parking facilities are available at the event.

Anyone wishing to have a stall at the Summer Fayre, provide static attractions or take part in the arena events should contact John Rogerson at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157. Application forms are available from the Town Hall.

Please note the allocation of tombola stalls is already taken.

FBEC students encourage girls to pursue science

Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College's science ambassadors, Holly Newton, Abigail Newton, Gemma Arrand, Emma Hawman, Eden Barrass and Andreea Cicu, have taken part in a year-long project with scientists from Net Park.

The main aim of the project is to encourage girls to become more interested in science and as a result have more female scientists.

Over the year the girls

have mentored the primary school pupils involved and helped out at the events. They also used the skills gained from the events to deliver a science roadshow to School, performing experiments such as blobs in a bottle, UV bracelets and balloon rockets.

This week the girls were invited to the final celebration ceremony for the project where they held a presentation explaining what they have learnt and

where they would like to go next.

Miss Denham said, "Well done to all of the students involved. I was very proud and their ideas were amazing! The free buffet afterwards went down a treat with the students!" Gemma, one of the ambassadors said, "I really enjoyed being able to learn new experiments and then see the younger ones' reactions when we showed them it."

April activities at Tenlands

Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill will be holding a series of events throughout April and any members of the community are welcome to go along and join in.

On Easter Sunday, 16th April, an entertainer will be performing at 2pm.

Every Tuesday morning at 11am an hour-long exercise class takes place.

On Thursday 27th April

there will be a Coffee & Cake Morning, from 10.30am till 12 noon costing £1, while later that afternoon, at 2pm, there will be a Puppet Show for the adults, with songs from everyone's favourite musicals.

"Please feel free to join us, our doors are open anytime," said a spokesperson for Tenlands.

Methodist Easter services

Ferryhill Methodist Church will hold a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7pm, led by Reverend David Hall.

A Good Friday Service will take place at 10.30am led by Reverend Sue Wigham, while on Easter Sunday a Service will take place at 10.30am, led by Mr. Phil Mason, and a Communion Service, led by Reverend

Sue Wigham, will take place at 6pm.

The church is also holding a special Spring Coffee Morning on Friday 21st April, from 9.30-11.30am.

There will be a variety of stalls including cakes, games, tombola and raffle. The usual teas and coffees will also be available.

Entry is free and all are welcome.

PACT meeting changes

Due to unforeseen circumstances, West Cornforth PACT meetings will now be held on the first Wednesday of every other month, at 5pm at Sure Start / West Cornforth Primary School. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May. The Bishop Middleham

Beat Surgery will also be changing to the first Wednesday of the month at St Michael's Church, from 6.30pm - 7.30pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd May.

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Annual town meeting

Ferryhill Town Council would like to invite members of the public to this year's Annual Town Meeting, which will be taking place from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday 27th April at St Luke's Parish Centre. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for local groups to share their plans for the forthcoming year whilst also reflecting on their recent successes. The meeting will help to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between the town's various stakeholders and will encourage partnership working between everyone. Representatives from the

following local organisations will be giving presentations: Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College, Durham Police, Ferryhill Town Council, Area Action Partnership and the 2000 Committee. Prior to the meeting commencing the Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Peter Atkinson, will be presenting the Mayor's charity cheques to his chosen charities. Following the meeting tea and biscuits will be served. At this point a further opportunity will be provided for people to exchange information on an informal basis.

Food bank change of day

Ferryhill Food Bank, which is based in St Luke's Church, will be moving days for one week only.

The service will be closed on Thursday 20th April but will open instead on Friday 21st April, between 1.30pm and 3pm.

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The winners with their Easter Eggs.

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A spokesperson for the competition said, "Thank you so much for all of your efforts and also to Christine Hall from the Castle Residents' Association for

providing the prizes.

"Well done to everyone that entered, but special mention to the winners."

The winners this year were; **Nursery:** Jake, Sonny, Layla, Theodore, Louis.

Reception: Thomas, Daisy, Ava.

Year 1: Sam, Charlotte, Lexi, Faith.

Year 2: Archie, Isabella,

Evie.

Year 3: Sam, Finn, Leah.

Year 4: Holly, Abbie, Isobel.

Year 5: Erin, Oskar, Faith.

Year 6: Ben, Harry, Olivia.

All of the children have been given a Cream Egg as a special Easter gift from school and there were also some special awards for *eggcellent* effort in the competition!

CDFHS open this Easter

For the first time in many years, the County Durham Furniture Help Scheme (CDFHS) will be open over the coming Easter weekend: Friday, Saturday and Monday 10:30am-3pm. A spokesperson for the scheme said, "We will be continuing with issuing our loyalty card, offering a promotional 5% discount off our re-used goods with a total spend or balance of £10."

CDFHS has also introduced a range of locally sourced

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Students impress with project plans



'Living the Dream', Andreea, Emma and Anna secured £250 for Project Bookworm.

Two groups of year 8 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College have been working hard to progress through Stage 1 of the Key Fund process in a bid to raise £250.

The groups had an idea and went on to develop this through the 12 key skills that are laid out by the Key Fund to help them develop as individuals and as a group in a bid to achieve the £250 target.

Group 1 - Living The Dream - Project Bookworms; Anna White, Emma Hawman and Andreea Cicu. Their idea is in two parts. Part one is to take members of the

'Accelerated Reading after school Book Club' on a visit and tour of Newcastle City Library followed by lunch at ZarZar Bizzar.

Part two is to have local author and illustrator Liz Million visit the school to hold a literacy workshop with year 7 and 8 students. Group 2 - Boys R Us - Project Bubble Football; Riley Gibbons, Tyler Jackson and Corrie Wilson. Their idea is to hire a local company to go into their school and offer a 1 hour bubble football session to all male students in year 8. The groups went on to create unique presentations to show their journey

and to explain what their ideas were to the panel.

The panel of professionals that watched the presentations included: Mr Stephenson - Key Fund Facilitator from St John's RC School, Mr Pinkney - Deputy Head Teacher at FBEC and Alex Carter - Youth Worker for the LADDER Centre.

The presentations took place within school on Friday 24th March and both groups were successful in securing the £250 they aimed for. They will look to run their chosen projects in the summer term.

Miss Hanson, Year 8 Learning Co-ordinator said, "This has been a great project allowing year 8 students to build on some key skills, such as team work, communication and presentation skills.

"Both groups have done a lot of the work in their own time during lunches and after school working alongside Miss Langdale. Well done!"

Poetry Corner

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FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL APRIL MEETINGS

**Corporate Governance

Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 6pm

**Council

Wednesday 19th April 2017 at 7pm

**Finance, Planning & General Purpose

Wednesday 19th April 2017 following Council

*Members of the public are invited to participate in these meetings

**Members of the public may attend the above meetings

Indoor programme draws to a close



Peter Fletcher of Gordon Fletcher & Sons, the premier league sponsor, with the winning team from Gateshead.

The indoor inter club programme closed last week with the most important fixture being the last round of the prestigious Premier League, which was hosted by Ferryhill.

Although the club were well down the league table, their last game was crucial as the outcome decided the destination of the league title.

A victory over the current league leaders from Gateshead would probably hand the title to last year's winners Stanley IBC.

For much of the game Ferryhill looked capable of providing the upset as the rink

of J Maddison, K Weallans and C Larcombe led halfway through. However, Gateshead were in no mood to lose their grip on the title and pulled clear over the last few ends to win by six shots.

After the games Peter Fletcher, director of Gordon Fletcher and Sons, who are the league sponsors, presented the trophy and cash prizes.

The following day Ferryhill travelled to Durham for their last game in the Durham & District triples league.

The club were hoping for

some success to brighten up what has been an indifferent season but unfortunately this result didn't help. Halfway in it looked likely that they would return with a share of the points but the later stages of the match turned in favour of Durham who ran out 8-0 winners.

Final scores: S Maughan 14-15 R Edgell, R Jefferson 11-15 J Taylor, C Larcombe 5-13 R Dixon.

Attention will now turn to the summer league programme as many members return to their outdoor clubs.

Disappointing result ends top season

On a bright and sunny Sunday morning Ferryhill Under 9s hosted Spraire Lads Hawks at the Rec in the final game of the season.

Spraire started brightly and nearly caught Ferryhill out early, but some solid tackling from Zach, Noah and Carlton kept them out. Aidan was called into action soon afterwards and produced a good save low down.

It was Ferryhill who struck first though after soaking up some pressure. Great work from George down the right set up a chance which Mark took well.

It was one way traffic now as another well worked move saw Zach on the end of it to make it 2-0 to the home team.

Straight from the restart Darlington pulled one back, their mid-fielder took the ball past three players to score a fine solo goal.

The response was a good one from the home team as Kole was able to hold a defender off and score to make it 3-1 and that's how

the half ended.

The second half was Darlington's in terms of goals although Ferryhill created some good positions but couldn't find the net.

Spraire Lads scored early and it spurred them onto another. Jamie and Reuban came on to replace some tired legs but late in the game Darlington scored another with little time for Ferryhill to respond.

The final score was Ferryhill Town Youth 3-4 Darlington Spraire Lads Hawks.

The second game was evenly contested too, Aidan came out of goal to take up a role in midfield and Zach and Reuban shared the goal-keeping job with good effect.

Unfortunately, after plenty of good football and chances created, the home team couldn't find the net. It was Darlington who had their shooting boots on and scored three times with no reply.

It was a disappointing result but it couldn't spoil the terrific season they've had.

Celtic promoted to Premier League

Ferryhill Celtic have been promoted to the Premier League after a 7-1 win over Framwellgate WMC.

The Celtic started strong in the first half and with 15 minutes gone a Luke Thompson shot from the halfway line went in while the keeper was off his goal line. Another three goals followed in the first half putting Celtic 4-0 up at half time.

The 2nd half started off with another two goals from Ferryhill. Framwellgate pulled one back but a goal from Dan Mitton put the result at Celtic 7-1 Framwellgate.

The next game is this Sunday away to new Brancepeth with a normal kick-off time of 10.30am.

This week in History

12 April 1992 The Euro Disney Resort officially opens with its theme park Euro Disneyland; the resort and its park's name are subsequently changed to Disneyland Paris.	13 April 1829 The Roman Catholic Relief Act 1829 gives Roman Catholics in the United Kingdom the right to vote and to sit in Parliament.	14 April 1471 In England, the Yorkists under Edward IV defeat the Lancastrians under the Earl of Warwick at the Battle of Barnet; the Earl is killed and Edward IV resumes the throne.
15 April 1912 The British passenger liner RMS Titanic sinks in the North Atlantic at 2:20 a.m., two hours and forty minutes after hitting an iceberg.	16 April 1943 Albert Hofmann accidentally discovers the hallucinogenic effects of the research drug LSD. He intentionally takes the drug three days later on April 19th.	17 April 1949 At midnight 26 Irish counties officially leave the British Commonwealth. A 21-gun salute on O'Connell Bridge, Dublin, ushers in the Republic of Ireland.

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