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Celebration event marks new equipment at Broom Rec



Ferryhill Town Council is hosting a free public event on Saturday 6th May to celebrate the installation of new outdoor fitness equipment at the Broom Rec.

Ferryhill Town Council is hosting a celebration event in the King George V Playing Field, known locally as the Broom Rec. The free event will be held on Saturday 6th May from 11am to 2pm and will include small show rides, smaller children's inflatables,

children's entertainer, face painting, stalls and refreshments.

Thanks to external funding and donations being secured, the playing field has already seen the existing changing facilities being refurbished and outdoor fitness equipment being installed.

By the time of the event residents can also expect to see new play equipment, seating, picnic benches and entrance gates installed at the playing field.

The Mayor of Ferryhill said: "The new play area, outdoor fitness equipment and refurbished changing facilities have all helped to totally transform the playing field, providing a much more welcoming place for children and families to enjoy for years to come."

For more information about this project, contact Karen Younghusband or Ray Seymour at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157 or email kyounghusband@ferryhill.gov.uk.

Art & Photography competition opens

Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 Committee are inviting residents to submit entries for the town's annual Art and Photography exhibition, due to be held in the upstairs room of Ferryhill Town Hall between Monday 31st July and Friday 11th August. A spokesperson for the Town Council said: "This annual exhibition gives local artists and photographers the chance to showcase their talents and also to sell their work. "Visitors to the exhibition will also have the opportunity to vote for their favourite pieces of work in

each of four competition categories".

The categories are: Best Artwork by under 18s; Best Artwork by Over 18s; Best Photograph by Under 18s and Best Photograph by Over 18s.

Winners will each receive a prize and certificate.

Application forms to submit exhibits are available from the Town Hall.

Prospective entrants should note that the closing date to submit application forms is Friday 7th July.

For more information about the exhibition, contact Miss Nikki Rees at the Town Hall on 01740 652157.

Brunches are back!

St Luke's Friday Brunches will recommence, after the Easter holiday, on Friday April 28th.

A spokesperson for the church said: "All your favourites will be on offer,

from full brunch to bacon butties!

"There will also be cakes for those with a sweet tooth, and why not play a board game to pass the time?"

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29.4.2010

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Phil, Joe, Anna & Etta



In Memoriam

Kenneth W Nelson

24.04.16

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stairway
And memories a lane,
I'd walk right up to Heaven
And bring you home again
Son



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Mam
xxx

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Ted, Dela & John George

Would like to thank family
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party a most enjoyable day.
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lovely cards and gifts Ted
received. Also a special
thanks to the caterers and
bar staff at the Catholic
Club for all their hard work
throughout the day.

Next WI speaker is the big cheese

On Wednesday 5th April, members of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute held their Annual General Meeting.

They had a very funny and interesting talk from Freda Laverick, the WIA who was officiating on the night. The members also enjoyed a pie and pea supper. Members voted Sylvia Bell as President for another year. This will be the ninth year in office for Sylvia and she thanked everyone for their confidence in her ability to produce another

interesting and varied programme.

The group's next meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 3rd May at 6.30pm when the speaker will be Simon Raine from Weardale Cheese. Simon produced the Durham County Centenary Cheese and he will be taking a selection of his products along for the ladies to taste and purchase.

"Everyone will be made very welcome," said a spokesperson.

Kenny Nelson



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Minnie Flockett

24.4.07

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6.5.12

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DCC meets heads as Teaching Assistants review continues

Durham County Council has started to hold meetings with headteachers and trade unions from this week, to match teaching assistants to a proposed new grading structure, as part of a wider package being worked on with TAs and their trade union representatives.

Meetings are required with each school to obtain their agreement on what is proposed prior to a revised offer being made.

This follows extensive work by recognised trade unions and the council to review the roles and responsibilities of teaching assistants working in schools across the county.

John Hewitt, Durham County Council's Director of Resources, said: "The work we have been doing included reviewing job descriptions and job record documents with teaching assistant representatives to recognise fully the varied work undertaken by teaching assistants at all levels.

"There is clarity on the responsibilities of each role and these have now been evaluated against the new grading structure."

The upcoming phase of work will see the council meet with head teachers and recognised trade union representatives in over 240

schools across the county in order to match all 2,500 teaching assistants to the proposed new grading structure. This phase is expected to be complete by 26th May.

In a bulletin to its Teaching Assistant members last week, UNISON said: "This will be a significant undertaking given the number of schools in Durham; nevertheless, UNISON continue to press the need for an urgent resolution, and therefore, the agreed timeline for this exercise is between the Easter and May half terms.

"A UNISON representative will be present at every meeting in addition to representatives from HR".

However the briefing went on to warn TAs that the dispute remained ongoing: "It is important to remember that the new grading structure alone will not resolve the dispute and we are continuing negotiations with DCC around weeks and hours.

"The purpose of aligning Teaching Assistants to a new grading structure is to reflect the feedback provided by UNISON Teaching Assistants around your duties and responsibilities — the need for which has been clear since our first consultation meetings with members.

"This then provides a more accurate base to ensure the weeks and hours worked also reflect your actual experience of carrying out the role.

"Again, the complete package will not be agreed or implemented without a ballot of UNISON members".

UNISON has arranged a series of cluster meetings to update Teaching Assistants on progress to date and to receive the views of TAs.

For TAs in the Ferryhill and Chilton areas, the nearest meetings geographically will take place on Friday 28th April from 4.30pm—5.30pm at County Hall, Durham and on Tuesday 2nd May from 4.30pm—5.30pm in the Sycamore Suite at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre.

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FACT: Cllr Crathorne made no secret of moving to West Cornforth, which is well within the legally allowed radius of Ferryhill to remain a Councillor here. She continued to diligently carry out her role as a Town and County Councillor for Ferryhill and attended her last meeting at Ferryhill Town Council on Wednesday 20 April.

FACT: Not ONE FAIR councillor attended the last Town Council meeting of the year (see photo)!

FAIR candidates imply that financial irregularities exist at Ferryhill Town Council.

FACT: Year on year since 2012 external financial audit results have improved to the point where Ferryhill Town Council's financial transaction records and related security measures now have Full Assurance (the highest level of assurance).

FACT: In the face of brutal Tory cuts to DCC's budget FTC have kept the council tax as low as possible.

All agendas, reports and minutes are available for the public to view on Ferryhill Town Council's website and members of the public are always welcome to attend Ferryhill Town Council meetings.

FACT: Over many years, numerous unnecessary Freedom of Information requests, made by a certain Town Councillor, have been a major financial burden to Ferryhill Town Council. Whilst any Councillor is allowed access to Ferryhill Town Council information (unless restricted by the Data Protection Act) tens of thousands of pounds and hundreds of hours of officers' time has been needlessly spent dealing with these requests.

FACT: Valuable police time and resources have also been wasted by the same Town Councillor on needlessly reporting pro-active members of the public with spurious allegations.

FACT: *Far from being in decline, Labour Party membership has increased.* Since the announcement of the General Election thousands of new Labour members have signed up, with 2,500 within the first 24hrs.

One of the benefits of Peter & Carole Atkinson standing as County Councillors is they have both pledged funding to The Ladder Centre and community volunteer groups at the Hub from their Member Initiative Funds.

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Can you knit, crochet or sew?



A West Cornforth man is hoping to succeed with an ambitious volunteer-led project to create a handmade field of poppies in commemoration of soldiers killed in the Great War.

Are you able to knit, crochet, or sew?

That is the question being asked of Ferryhill and Chilton crafters in the hope of persuading volunteers to help hand make thousands of Flanders poppies.

It is hoped to gather at least 6,353 handmade poppies to represent each boy or man from County Durham who died in the First World War.

And if possible, the big ambition is to increase the number to 19,240 to represent the number of British soldiers killed on July 1st, 1916 during the first day of the Battle of the Somme.

The poppies will be brought together to create a net,

like a field of poppies, to be displayed in West Cornforth around Remembrance Day in November as an especially poignant tribute to mark the centenary of the First World War and the lives of Durham soldiers lost.

Andy Denholm, from West Cornforth, who is spearheading the campaign, said: "It doesn't matter what experience or skill someone has, how many or what style they make, be it knitted, crocheted, felted or whatever.

"The more that want to help the better and when it is made they can look at it and say: 'I made part of that'.

"The poppies symbolise a life and a soldier. They can all be different just as the men and boys who died were.

"It's an opportunity for everyone to help honour those brave volunteers who made the ultimate sacrifice."

There are free patterns available from Ferry Dec in Market Street and wool is available to purchase in the Post Office and from B&M in Ferryhill.

All completed poppies can be left with Mr Denholm or at Ferry Dec for collection. For more information, contact Andy Denholm on 07891 204260 or by email at andydenholm@gmail.com.

Friday folk night

On Friday 5th May there is to be a Folk Evening and sing-along in St Luke's Parish Centre.

The evening will be led by Rev'd Jim Benton-Evans, who is involved with the music scene in Edinburgh and the Borders. He took a sabbatical last summer and wrote his first album, *What Is It That We Are Part Of, What Is It That We Are*, which is due for release this month.

A spokesperson for the event said, "This will

be a night of music and singing. If you can play a guitar or fiddle bring it along and join in the fun!"

The bar will be open and there will be a selection of free snacks.

Tickets are £3 for adults, under 16s are free. For more information, or to book seats, contact Gary on 01740 655232 or email garynorman266@btinternet.com.

The event starts at 7pm, doors open at 6.30pm

Residents' meeting

Ferryhill Station and Chilton Lane Residents' Association (FSCLRA) will hold their next meeting at the Royal British Legion

on Tuesday 2nd May, from 6.30pm.

The group will be discussing potential trips away, among other items.



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Food bank change of date

Ferryhill Food Bank, which is based in St Luke's Church, will be moving days again next week due to the building being used as a polling station for the County and Parish elections. The service will be closed on Thursday 4th May but will open instead on Wednesday 3rd May, between 12.30pm and 2pm. Normal opening hours - Thursdays between 10.30am and 12 noon - will resume the following week.

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Public and businesses invited to enter Ferryhill in Bloom 2017

Following the success of previous years, Ferryhill Town Council would like to invite green fingered residents of Ferryhill to enter the town's Ferryhill in Bloom Competition 2017. The categories this year are: Front Garden, Back Garden, Back Yard and Commercial Properties. Judging is scheduled to take place on 25th and 26th July, with winners being officially announced during an evening ceremony to be held at the Freemasons on Tuesday 12th September, from 7pm to 9pm.

A spokesperson commented, "Ferryhill Town Council would like to say a big thank you to Thinford Nurseries for once again sponsoring this event. Their contribution is much appreciated."

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Families are being invited to discover their ancestors through a series of sessions at Durham County Record Office.

Over the next two months, the Record Office's Branching Out programme will explore civilians in the Second World War, how to trace ancestors before 1800 and electoral registers.

Dawn Layland, education and outreach archivist for Durham County Council, said: "A lot of people struggle to make time for their family history, but in just two hours, you can find out more about

your ancestors and, with expert help, spend an hour working on your own research."

The sessions - which cost £10 each - are part of a regular series that is designed for people who've already begun tracing their family tree or who have attended one of the Record Office's beginners' courses. The first session, Tracing Ancestors Before 1800, takes place twice on Thursday 27th April, from 10am to noon and 6pm to 8pm.

It is followed by Civilian Ancestors in the Second World War, from 6pm

to 8pm on Tuesday 23rd May and 10am to noon on Thursday 25th May.

A third session, Electoral Registers and Trade Directories, will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday 13th June and 10am to noon on Thursday 15th June.

The Record Office also runs regular beginners' family history courses - costing £30 per person - which consist of three weekly sessions. The next course is in June.

To book, or for more information, call 03000 267626 or email record.office@durham.gov.uk.

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.

Nominations requested for 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 'Serving Young People'.

Nomination forms are available from Ferryhill Town Hall.

All applications are to be returned by Monday 24th July 2017.

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Old time footballers



The photograph of Dean Bank Villa FC is believed to have been taken in 1923. Do any readers recognise any of the players and officials?

The *Chapter* is grateful to John Brennan for providing a copy of this photograph depicting the very successful Dean Bank Villa football team.

John says that the photo

is believed to have been taken in 1923 and asks: "Do you recognise anyone in the photograph?"

"Bob Bowtell, who worked at Dean & Chapter Colliery and lived in Barrington

Terrace, played outside left in the side and is pictured in the middle row, second from the right," adds John.

If you do know anyone, please do get in touch.

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Celtic complete away fixtures with win

The new Durham & District Sunday League Division One champions, Ferryhill Celtic travelled to third place West Rainton - who spent many weeks leading the division - for their final away game of the season. Celtic found themselves quickly up against it when the visitors took the lead immediately from the opening kick off.

But the visitors battled their way back into the game and were rewarded with an equaliser when Jay Smith tapped home on the half hour. Celtic continued to press their hosts and went ahead just as half time approached.

The champions learned from their slow start to the game and added a further two goals to power into what seemed an unassailable three goal lead.

However, the hosts and long time league leaders were not yet done and with ten minutes remaining, pulled a goal back to reduce the deficit. Another

goal took the lead down to just one goal and suddenly Celtic, instead of cruising home to a comfortable victory were clinging on.

But it all proved too late for the home side and Celtic were able to record their fifteenth win from eighteen games. Mark Burnett, Anthony Phillipson and Marco Linhart were the other scorers for Celtic.

Next up for Celtic, and for Ferryhill, is an eagerly awaited local derby cup final as the league winners take on Ferryhill Dynamos - the only side to beat them in the league this season - in the British Heart Foundation Cup Final, which takes place at Spennymoor Town's Brewery Field on Sunday 30th April, kicking off at 11am. Entry is just £2 adults and £1 concessions.

Dynamos also have the distinction of knocking Celtic out of the JD Taxis Cup at the semi-final stage, so there is plenty more than just the silverware to play for.

Town Youth to host annual tournament

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 10s are busily preparing to host their annual tournament on the 6th May.

"With ten teams coming along to take part from across the region, we're all very excited about the event," said youth coach, Wayne Dobson.

The young team moves up from a 7 versus 7 format to 9 versus 9 which also includes the introduction of offside.

The tournament will help the side prepare for the coming season as U11s.

"We are hoping to get different stalls and bouncy castles along to entertain the kids too," added Wayne, who also pointed out that Ferryhill Town Youth is keen to hear from youngsters of all ages as it prepares for next season. And playing football, says

Wayne, is also a great way to alleviate the boredom and loneliness that young people often suffer unnoticed.

"A new report by the NSPCC has recorded a sharp rise in children struggling with loneliness," he said. "Loneliness sees children as young as six calling the NSPCC for help. "But we have a fabulous bunch of kids here at Ferryhill Town Youth FC and football is so much more than knocking a ball around.

"It's social interaction, team building, enjoyment, fulfilling exercise and developing mates, buddies, pals, friends.

"All age ranges are welcome to come along to our training sessions and get involved with the club".

This week in History

27 April 1961 Sierra Leone is granted its independence from the United Kingdom, with Milton Margai as the first Prime Minister.	28 April 1967 Vietnam War: Boxer Muhammad Ali refuses his induction into the United States Army and is subsequently stripped of his championship and license.	29 April 1483 Gran Canaria, the main island of the Canary Islands is conquered by the Kingdom of Castile.
30 April 1789 On the balcony of Federal Hall on Wall Street in New York City, George Washington takes the oath of office to become the first elected President of the United States.	1 May 1961 The Prime Minister of Cuba, Fidel Castro, proclaims Cuba a socialist nation and abolishes elections.	2 May 1611 The King James Version of the Bible is published for the first time in London, England, by printer Robert Barker.