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Double delight for Celtic after derby day Cup Final win



Ferryhill Celtic FC celebrate their Heart Foundation Cup Final win over local rivals Ferryhill Dynamos after a 3-0 win on Sunday 30th April.

Ferryhill Celtic FC clinched a league and cup double after an emphatic win over their local rivals, Ferryhill Dynamos in the Bishop

Auckland Heart Foundation Cup Final. The match was played at Spennymoor Town's Brewery Field on Sunday 30th April, just 24

hours after the ground had witnessed the host club earn their third promotion in four years for a place in the National League North. Celtic went into the cup final as Division One champions after clinching their own fourth straight promotion through the divisions of the Durham & District Sunday League. However, they were mindful that Dynamos had been the only team to beat them in this year's league campaign, as well as knocking them out of the JD Taxis Cup in a thrilling semi-final - a trophy Dynamos went on to win 3-0 against East Rainton FC.

It would prove a familiar scoreline by the end of the afternoon, but this time in favour of the league champions. Playing down the famous Brewery Field slope in the first half, Celtic dominated the play and deservedly took the lead in the 10th minute when Jay White

LADDER Centre says thanks

The Ferryhill LADDER Centre has offered a big 'Thank You' to the Co-op in Ferryhill for providing the community with the opportunity to vote for them when they spent their money at the store.

A spokesperson said: "We would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for us as Alex Carter was presented with a cheque for a fantastic £2,571.84 on Wednesday 19th April.

"This money will be used for new seats in the public area of the building and with match funding will also provide new seating in

the office.

"We would like to thank Ferryhill Mayor, Peter Atkinson for selecting us as one of the three charities he raised funds for throughout the civic year.

"The LADDER Centre, the Great North Air Ambulance and St Luke's Church each received £2,644 from the Mayor's fund.

"Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to Carol and family and friends who helped, supported and worked hard to achieve this wonderful amount of money, which supports the community in many different ways."

Literary Institute hosts Spring Fair

A Spring Fair will be taking place at Dean Bank Literary Institute on Friday 12th May, between 9am and 1pm.

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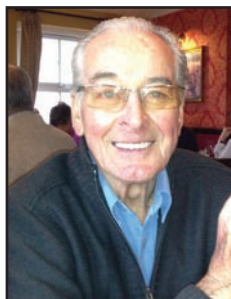
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All about local people ...

Passed Away

Joseph Batty

3rd May



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We miss you more each day,
Life is not the same for us,
Since you were called away



Love from Caren, Tony,
Shawn & Gavin
xxx

Birthdays

John Robert Neasham

6.5.67



Happy 50th John,
Have a great day



All my love,
Mam
xxx

Birthdays

John Neasham

Happy Birthday



Purrs from Poppy & Daisy
xxx

John Robert Neasham

50th Birthday - 6th May

Happy half century our
darling John!



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x Auntie BarBs x

John Neasham

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John!



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from your cousins
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(350 in dog years)

John Neasham

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Bethany Burdess

13 on 3.5.17

Happy Birthday Beth



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3rd May

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Birthdays

Liam Rhys Talbot

7.5.17



Happy 9th Birthday



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John Neasham

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Beat the Street proving a big success in Ferryhill and Chilton



Beat the Street, which has turned Ferrhill and Chilton into a giant game, has seen thousands of people competing for prizes in the walking and cycling challenge.

Beat the Street is proving to be a huge success in County Durham with 45,000 miles travelled in just four weeks.

Beat the Street is an innovative walking and cycling challenge that has encouraged more than 7,000 people to get active by turning Ferryhill, Chilton and Chester le Street into a giant game.

Thirty schools and teams in all three areas are competing against each other to see who can travel the furthest and take home hundreds of pounds of sport and fitness equipment after Wednesday 17th May.

After four weeks of walking, running and cycling - Chester-le-Street Church of England Primary School and 1st Ouston Rainbows are on top of the leaderboards with more than 6,000 miles between them. If they stay on top of the leaderboards by the end of the challenge then they could take home £400 of sports and fitness equipment supplied by De-

cathlon.

In addition to competing for prizes, players are also racing around the world to help children's charity Heel & Toe receive up to £750. Residents were tasked with travelling 50,000 miles.

The game has already had a huge impact for people with selfie competitions, popular walks around their community and many other events as part of Beat the Street.

Lorraine Rasmussen, Engagement Manager for Beat the Street, said: "We have heard loads of amazing

stories about how people have been enjoying Beat the Street during the past four weeks.

"With three weeks left to go, we have lot more surprises in store with more prizes, chances to score bonus points and Beat Box Hullabaloo which will see Beat Boxes across Chester-le-Street and Ferryhill making new and unusual sounds."

To find out about what is coming up during the rest of the Beat the Street challenge, visit <https://beat-thestreet.me/clsferryhill>.

Search is on for young illustrators

Approach Too, the not for profit community organisation working to inspire children in Ferryhill and Chilton, is searching for budding young artists aged from 5 to 16 years.

"We are looking for young

illustrators for our book of stories about Ferryhill and Chilton," said Glenys Newby.

To get in touch, email glenys@approachtoo.uk or contact Approach Too through its Facebook page.

Food bank change of date

Ferryhill Food Bank, which is based in St Luke's Church, will be moving days again this 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.

Community college AGM

Chilton Community College will be holding its AGM on Monday 5th June at 4.30pm in the Primary School. The Chairman will present the annual report and accounts and the election for the 2017/18 manage-

ment committee will take place.

If anyone is interested in attending, they are kindly asked to notify the Chairman on 01388 720911 or by emailing chiltoncollege@gmail.com

Annual town meeting

Chilton Town Council is holding this year's Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 25th May, from 7pm at Chilton & Windlestone Sports & Social Club.

A spokesperson for the council said: "Residents are invited to come along and express any concerns and suggest improvements to enhance the town."

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Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Ferryhill Banner Group, we would like to thank everyone who supported us at our annual fundraising Quiz Night at the Surtees Arms on the 29th April, which was hosted by Alan Hogg (landlord of the Surtees Arms).

We raised a magnificent £130, which all goes towards providing support for the Durham Miners' Gala weekend at Ferryhill.

Details of our next fund raiser "The Race Night" will be available soon which is planned to take place on Saturday evening 20th May at the Surtees Arms, Ferryhill Station.

Best Regards,

Peter Atkinson

On Behalf of the Ferryhill Banner Group,
Stratford Gardens, Ferryhill.

Dear Editor

As a result of comments on the Ferryhill Politics Facebook group, it is clear that the desire of the community is to hold a music festival in Ferryhill.

The Ferryhill Community Action Group (FCAAG) would like to invite anyone who is interested in being actively involved with organising Ferryfest 2018 to attend the first steering group meeting, which is being held at 7:00pm on Friday 12 May at The Eldon Arms.

Due to the overwhelming amount of interest in this event, please confirm your attendance via this link on Face Book: <https://www.facebook.com/events/655072454700635/> or via a Facebook message to FCAAG.

We look forward to seeing you on 12 May.

Yours sincerely

Jacqueline Cansella,

Chair: Ferryhill Community Action Group

Police issue warning over speeding



Almost 80 drivers per day were caught driving too fast in a recent week-long crackdown on speeding drivers across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington.

A week-long crackdown on speeding drivers saw almost 80 drivers per day caught going too fast across Cleveland, County Durham and Darlington. The Cleveland and Durham joint specialist operations unit (CDSOU) launched the operation on Monday, April 17th in support of a Europe-wide campaign aimed at reducing speeds and improving safety for all road-users.

And in just seven days a total of 557 drivers were found to be breaking the speed limits across the two force areas.

The total consisted of 257 recorded by officers out on patrol and 300 caught on equipment used by the unit's safety camera vans.

Depending on how far they were exceeding the limit, the offenders will either have been invited to go on a speed awareness course, issued with a fixed penalty fine or in the most serious cases, face prosecution. Insp Jon Curtis, from Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit, said: "The number of drivers caught speeding demonstrates that enforcement action remains absolutely essential.

"Too many motorists are continuing to drive in an unacceptable, unsafe manner and putting lives at risk.

"Excess speed is one of the biggest single causes of all road collisions not only in our area, but na-

tionally and remains one of our #fatal4.

"People in Cleveland and Durham can therefore expect to see more operations like this over the coming months."

Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner Ron Hogg said: "This really demonstrates that Durham Constabulary is serious about apprehending speeding drivers who are putting our communities at risk. "Improving road safety is one the objectives in my Police, Crime and Victims' Plan.

"By working together with local communities and partners on initiatives such as Community Speed-watch, we can making our roads a safer place."



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Taxi driver prosecuted after refusing to take assistance dog



A West Cornforth taxi driver has been left with a criminal record after refusing to carry a passenger with an assistance dog - an offence under the Equality Act 2010.

A taxi driver has been left with a criminal record after refusing to let a passenger with an assistance dog into his vehicle.

David Nattrass, 64, of Oswald Close, West Cornforth, was caught telling a woman he would not take her fare because he had nowhere to put her assistance dog, as part of an operation carried out by Durham County Council. Following complaints by members of the public that guide dogs had been refused by taxi drivers within Durham, the council carried out a test purchasing exercise with volunteers and their dogs to assess whether there was a problem in the area.

On Friday 11th November last year, at around 10.30pm, a volunteer and her assistance dog approached a white Renault Megane at the night-time rank on Leazes Road in Durham City, accompanied by a Fair Trading officer

who was wearing audio and video recording equipment. After being asked by the officer to take them to another location in Durham, the driver enquired about the dog and where he was going to put it.

The officer replied that the dog could go in the front passenger footwell, but the driver stated that he was on duty until 3am and that the car would have to be cleaned afterwards and refused to take them.

The second vehicle on the rank accepted the fare. After establishing Nattrass as the driver of the vehicle, he was invited to attend interview under caution, during which time he admitted he had refused the fare.

The Equality Act 2010 places a duty on taxi drivers to carry guide dogs and other assistance dogs at no extra cost, while the driver must not treat the passenger any less favourably because of their im-

pairment.

At Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court, Nattrass pleaded guilty and apologised for his actions and was given a six-month conditional discharge.

He was also ordered to pay partial costs of £100 and a victim surcharge, all of which must be paid in seven days.

Joanne Waller, Durham County Council's Head of Environment, Health and Consumer Protection said: "Refusing to carry a passenger with an assistance dog is an offence under the Equality Act 2010.

"While we know the vast majority of the drivers we licence comply with this legislation, this prosecution proves we will take action against anyone who does not.

"It is unacceptable for drivers not to carry passengers with assistance dogs and this man now has a criminal record as a result of his actions."

Rider dies in motocross crash

Police were forced to close down a quad and motocross event on Sunday 30th April, on land next to Low Hardwick Farm near Sedgfield, after one rider was killed and another seriously injured in two separate incidents.

The first happened shortly after 1pm and involved a male rider, Thomas Brown, 27, from Barnard Castle, who came off his bike and suffered critical injuries.

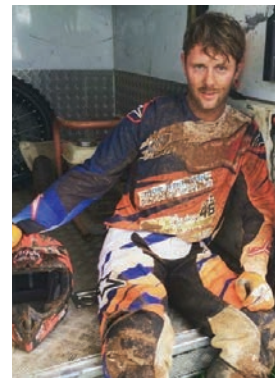
He was taken by air ambulance to the James Cook Hospital in Middlesbrough but was confirmed dead shortly after arrival.

Thomas worked on his family's farm and had been involved in motocross since the age of eight.

His mother, father and his two sisters have said they are 'devastated' by what happened.

A second rider was then hurt in a separate incident which happened just before 2.10pm.

The female rider, aged 30 from the Sedgfield area, remains in hospital but her injuries are not considered to be life-threatening.



Thomas Brown, 27, had been involved in motocross since the age of eight.

Police therefore took the decision on safety grounds to close down the privately-run event, which involved around 100 participants and 300 spectators. Supt Mick Bird said: "We are understand the formal investigation is likely to be led by the local authority but we are carrying out initial enquiries into the circumstances.

"With two very serious incidents within little more than an hour, we felt there was little choice but to bring the event to a close."

Whist drive

There will be a Whist and Domino Drive on Saturday May 6th from 2pm in the Community Centre at Kirk

Merrington. Entrance is £2, which includes refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Charity Games Day for autism group

On Saturday, 6th May, Andrew Agar is holding a Charity Games Day at Ferryhill Station Club which will include pool, darts and dominoes.

The entry fee for each game is £3 and all competitors must be registered before the games begin at 12:30pm. Half the entry fee will go to the winner

and half will go to Little Treasures, a support group in Ferryhill, Peterlee and Framwellgate Moor supporting families and children with autism.

"Everybody is welcome," said Andrew, "and all monies raised will go towards new specialist equipment for the children and towards group days out.

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Sports & Thai boxing at Chilton College

Durham County Council Culture and Sports coaches will be holding a one hour multi-sports session for young people from 12 years plus at Chilton Community College on a Thursday evening from 6-7pm.

This will operate during term time only and will be available until Christmas.

A spokesperson said: "Anyone interested should just come on down and join in. There is no charge for the sessions.

"In an addition to this the Thai Boxing Club, who previously trained at the Bowling Green Hut, now have sessions at the college on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7pm till 8pm.

"There is a charge to take part but just come on down and speak with the coach and they will explain what is needed."

For more information on either activity, contact the college on 01388 720911.

Ferryhill-born chef causes chorizo stir

Ferryhill-born Michelin Star chef, Shaun Rankin has caused a stir on social media after his pronunciation of chorizo on the BBC series, *Masterchef*, left Ferryhill Mayor, Peter Atkinson leaping to his defence.

Rankin, who runs London restaurant, Ormer Mayfair, pronounced the Spanish sausage "sho-ree-zo", to the consternation of many viewers, who took to twitter to express their dismay.

One user, calling himself God of Coffee said: "This guy is a #michelin star chef yet can't pronounce chorizo?"

Cllr Atkinson, defended Rankin, suggesting his North East accent may have played a part in the controversy.



Shaun Rankin runs a Michelin star restaurant in London.

"There will be a bit of a difference in a few words that he says now and again and from the North-East we sometimes emphasise our 'o's," he said. "I get similar questions about what I say. I'm all for anybody from Ferryhill doing well in any particular field. It's all positive for Ferryhill."

Hand made benches donated to Ferryhill and Chilton



Course attendees and service users at Endeavour Woodcrafts hand over two hand made benches to the communities of Ferryhill and Chilton.

Ferryhill and Chilton mayors, Peter Atkinson and Elizabeth Bruce visited Endeavour Woodcrafts on Friday 28th April for the presentation of two community benches made by the Over 50's Men only woodworking group. The project was funded

by Ferryhill AAP with the support of Durham County Council.

The towns' mayors received the fabulous hand crafted benches but their actual sitting has not yet been decided.

Alan Curry, Workwork Support Worker at En-

deavour Woodcrafts said: "Everyone on the course has worked very hard to produce these benches with Graham Peel and Chester Nadolski, two of the workers, coming along to hand over the benches on behalf of members of the course."

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This week in History

4 May 1994

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat reached agreement in Cairo on Palestinian self-rule. Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish extremist the following year.

5 May 1816

The first published poem by 20-year-old John Keats, who would go on to become a master of the Romantic sonnet, appears in *The Examiner*. He died of tuberculosis just five years later.

6 May 1937

The airship *Hindenburg*, the largest dirigible ever built and the pride of Nazi Germany, bursts into flames in Lakehurst, New Jersey, killing 36 passengers and crewmembers.

7 May 1902

Martinique's Mount Pele begins the deadliest volcanic eruption of the 20th century. The city of Saint Pierre, known as the Paris of the Caribbean, is wiped off the map.

8 May 1945

Western Europe and the United States celebrate Victory in Europe Day as German troops throughout the continent finally lay down their arms as the Nazi war machine is defeated.

9 May 1671

Thomas Blood, an Irish adventurer better known as "Captain Blood," is captured attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London.

US Girls Easter Festival was bouncing!



Activities at the US Girls Festival included didi cars races, above, and sum suits, below.

Over forty young women from the Sedgefield area attended an activity festival over the Easter holidays. Eighteen of those were students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College. They participated in a Crossfit session delivered by Terry Anderson from Crossfit All Out. The staff from Sedgefield Schools Sports Partnership organised a number of team events to take place

throughout the day, mostly involving didi car races and inflatable fun. Party Time Inflatables provided Bouncy Boxing, Gladiator Duel and Air Juggler. Alongside these activities was Giant Jenga and Connect 4. The event also hosted a disco with all the latest tunes and a photo booth where the young people were allowed unlimited photos and use of the props! Lunch was provided in the form of a buffet.

FBEC Student, Molly Bromley said: "Today has been awesome, thank you". Maya Askwith added: "It's been great fun, the sumo suits were hard work but funny". Overall, the event, organised by, FBEC Learning Support Centre worker, Miss Langdale was judged a great success. US Girls sessions are held at FBEC on a Monday after school and are open to all female students.



Poetry Corner

The Mirror

By Paul Latheron, Ferryhill

Mirror, mirror on the living room wall

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Success of taster days, despite Arctic blasts



Lots of new recruits enjoyed the fun, and the games, at the Croquet Club's recent taster sessions at the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground in Chilton.

The Croquet Club, newly relocated to the Miners Welfare Recreation Ground at Chilton, ran three free taster sessions over the past two weeks. Despite the weather change, with blasts from the Arctic, there was a good turnout with people from Newton Aycliffe and Coxhoe, as well as more local neighbourhoods. Within ten minutes of getting used to actually

hitting balls, new recruits were playing a game helped by experienced club members.

Lots of fun was had by all and there were some great achievements using previously undiscovered skills; one lady surprised everyone (not least herself) by scoring a hoop with a shot from 25 yards away! "Apologies if her shouts of delight disturbed anyone in nearby houses," said a

spokesperson for the club, adding: "The sessions have produced a crop of new members who will be learning by playing on regular club days.

"If you missed the taster days and would like to have a go, call either 01388 720074 or 488666 to arrange or just call in on one of our club afternoons, usually Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. You will be sure of a friendly welcome."

Double-winning season for Ferryhill Celtic

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outfought Marco Oswald in a race for a long through ball before blasting home an unstoppable left foot shot. It took another 25 minutes for Celtic's dominance to be further rewarded after a kick out by Dynamos keeper, Ryan Farley was returned by Nathan Carr and neatly flicked to Kyle Wren by White before being work inside, into the path of Liam Pearson who unleashed another unsavable shot high into the net from 25 yards.

A determined Dynamos came out from the half time break resolute on making a game of it in front of a large crowd and had the best of the opening exchanges of the second half. A free kick by Vinny Gash for Dynamos on the hour mark was well saved by Kris Carr.

From the resulting corner, Celtic were able to break forward after a fresh air kick by Gash.

A cross into the box by White was eventually cleared to Luke Thompson who met the ball a full 35 yards from goal and

bulleted an emphatic half volley through a crowd of players and into the bottom corner for the best of three high quality goals in the game.

The strike knocked the stuffing out of Dynamos who had were unable to regain the momentum of the opening period of the second half and Celtic's lead remained untroubled to the final whistle.

Celtic will complete their league campaign on Thursday, 4th May with a home match against second place Washington Cross Keys. Kick off is 6.30pm.

No joy for Mainsforth against Burnmoor

On Saturday 29th April, Mainsforth's 1st XI travelled up to play a strong looking Burnmoor CC.

Skipper Rob Chismon returned to the side and on winning the toss decided to bat first.

Chismon opened the innings with Ryan Dawson and the pair did well to get through 10 overs of very probing bowling from the Burnmoor opening attack.

Dawson was the first to fall, lbw to the evergreen Steven Meeks. Chismon fell shortly after, caught in the slips. Brady Smith top scored with a fine 46, but wickets fell regularly and the innings closed 146 all out.

In reply Burnmoor didn't have things all their own way and Mainsforth's South African bowler, Anton Muller pitched in with a couple of early wickets.

Burnmoor found themselves 71-4 at one stage and if the umpires had given a good shout for an lbw and a very close run out decision, they could have been further in the mire. Ryan Dawson bowled 11 tidy overs, taking one wicket for 24 runs. Unfortunately for Mainsforth a fine 77-run 5th wicket stand saw the home side to victory.

On the same afternoon the 2nd XI played hosts to Burnmoor's seconds.

Burnmoor decided to bat first and racked up an impressive 209-6 declared. Zak Strange was the pick of the bowlers finishing with two wickets for 48 runs from his 12 overs.

In reply, Mainsforth got off to a steady start Adam Thirlaway (30)

and Matthew Cowell (26) putting together a fine second wicket stand of 50, but once they had both been dismissed there was little more resistance from the remaining batsman and the innings finished 98 all out.

On Monday 24th April the u15's had their opening game of the season at home to Bishop Auckland CC.

Mainsforth batted first and made 99-6 from their 20 overs, skipper Lachlan Marron hitting a fine 50.

In reply Bishop reached 101-2 from 14 overs giving the visitors a comfortable win. But on a bitterly cold evening there were some very encouraging performances from a very young Mainsforth side.

On Wednesday 26th April the u13's were at home against Crook CC.

Mainsforth batted first and compiled a very respectable 99-2 from 20 overs. Skipper Connal "Mad Dog" Marron top scoring with an undefeated 30 and was ably assisted by Alex Austin (26) and Ben Thirlaway (23 not out).

In reply, Crook never got to grips with some fine Mainsforth bowling and their innings closed on 47-8 from 20 overs.

The pick of the home side bowlers were George Waterworth (two wickets for three runs), Sam Waterworth (2-8) and Connal Marron (3-5).

This Saturday, 6th May the 1st XI welcome Willington CC to Morrison Terrace for a 1pm start and on Tuesday 9th May the under 18's have their first game at home to Evenwood with a 6pm start.

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