



Ferryhill Mayor hands over cheques to chosen charities



Mayor of Ferryhill, Cllr Peter Atkinson, right, presents a cheque for £2,644 to Ben McWilliams of the Great North Air Ambulance service.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, is nearing the end of his Councillor Peter Atkinson, year in office and one of his

final duties was to present his chosen charities with the monies raised throughout the year.

When Cllr Atkinson began his second year in office as Mayor there was no doubt in his mind that his main charity would be the Great North Air Ambulance because of the excellent service they provide around the North East.

He also chose to support two local good causes: St Luke's Church and Ferryhill LADDER Centre because of the great work they do in the community.

Numerous fundraising events have been held throughout the year including a quiz night, Tess Tickle Cabaret Evening, a Band Concert, Carol Service, Charity Burns Night and a Boxing Day Dip.

Together, the events raised the fantastic total of £7,932. A presentation took place recently during which the

Well loved WI member passes away

Ferryhill Village Women's Institute members are saddened to report the loss of one of their very special members to cancer.

President, Sylvia Bell said: "Margaret Rowley was our Secretary and Treasurer for 25 years, although she was a WI member for years before becoming Secretary.

"She just stepped down from this position in early 2016 due to her ill health.

"Margaret was a very big help to myself between 2009 and 2016 when I was

voted on as President.

"She always kept myself and the rest of the committee in check at all the committee meetings.

"At our meeting this week all Margaret's fellow members and friends held a minute's silence.

"Margaret's funeral will be held at the Methodist Chapel in Ferryhill Market Place at 1.45pm on the 12th May and we would appreciate it if as many members of our Institute could be present to do a guard of honour for Margaret."

Chilton Residents' Association meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents' Association will be their AGM, to be held on Tuesday 30th May at The Pavilion, Miners Welfare Recreation Ground, Chilton at 7pm.

"If you are interested and have any ideas on how to help make Chilton a better place to live, please come along and join us," said a spokesperson, adding, "all are welcome."

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Passed Away

Stanley White

Passed away on April 28, aged 87 years. Funeral service was held at Durham Crematorium.



Birthdays

Peter Jones

You are so special
Happy 70th Birthday Dad



Love from,
Debbie & Troy

Birthdays

Paige Glaister

May 13th

Happy 13th Birthday to our special Granddaughter



Lots always,
Grandma and Granda
xxx

Acknowledgements

Christine Potts

I would like to thank the residents of Chilton, Windlestone and Rushyford who gave their support to me during the recent County Council election. Please be assured that I will, as your local elected member, continue to do my very best for the benefit of our community.

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Birthdays

Peter Jones

May 12th



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Love,
Kennedy, Izzy & Jackson

Peter Jones

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Love,
Lyndsey & Graham

Acknowledgements

Carmedy

Sylvia and the family of the late Stephen would like to thank family and friends for the messages of condolence and donations for Howlish Hall Nursing Home following his death. Special thanks to Sharon Davidson for a lovely service and Gordon Fletcher funeral directors.

Event safety information for organisers

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Lost

A pearl and coral necklace was lost on Wednesday 3rd May between Dean Bank Catholic Club and Broom Road. The owner would like it back, as it is of sentimental value to her. If you find it, please ring 01740 655475.

Chilton Residents' Association meeting

The Ferryhill Six have recently been busy making Easter Crafts and would like to thank Cath Mason and Jo Barber for their fantastic help with sales. The total raised was £150 and this money has been donated to the Helping Hands Project run by Pauline

O'Brien, Parent Support Advisor at The Woodlands School in Ferryhill. "We have a stall at the Spring Fair in Dean Bank Institute on Friday 12th May. All the usual goodies and bargains will be available," said Ferryhill Six member, Zena Roddam.

St Aidan's celebrates 87th birthday

St. Aidan's Church in Chilton is hosting a birthday party to celebrate the church's 87th year on Saturday May 13th from 3.30pm. "We will be having a Barbeque and screening a re-imagining of the Classic

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Cllr Peter Atkinson presents cheques to the Ferryhill LADDER Centre, above and St Luke's Church, below.

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Mayor handed over cheques to Ben McWilliams of the Great North Air Ambulance, Reverend Gary Norman and members of St Luke's Church and Kath Merrington and Christine Hall from Ferryhill LADDER Centre. The three groups received £2,644 each.

Speaking after the presentation Cllr Atkinson said: "I have had an extremely busy year but I have thoroughly enjoyed representing Ferryhill as Mayor. "I would like to thank the people of Ferryhill who have supported me over the last year, either by coming along to events or by donating prizes.

"The support I have received has been overwhelming and without this support it would never have been possible to raise this amount for my charities. "I would also like to thank my wife Carole, my daughter Nicola and my group of helpers for their continuous help and support".



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County and Parish Elections 2017

Elected Parish Councillors

Elected to Ferryhill Town Council

Candidate	Description
ALLEN, Dennis	Independent
ATKINSON, Carole	Labour Party
ATKINSON, Peter Bernard	Labour Party
BROWN, Mel	Independent
CAMPBELL, Ken	Labour Party
CONROY, Kath	Labour Party
RODDAM, Zena Nicolson	Labour Party
SMITH, Ann Lauraine	Independent
BARKER, Gordon	Independent
CANSELLA, Jacqueline Ann	Labour Party
FARRY, David	Independent
MAKEPEACE, Joe	Independent
SEYMOUR, Margaret Cynthia	Independent
SHEPPERD, Robert Allan	Labour Party
WAYMAN, Laura Leigh	Independent
RODDAM, Zena Nicolson	Labour Party
SMITH, Ann Lauraine	Independent
LINDSAY, John	Labour Party
WALTON, Margaret Joan	Labour Party

Elected to Cornforth Parish

Candidate	Description
BAKER, Colin	Labour Party
CRATHORNE, Pauline	Labour Party
DREW, Pat	Independent
DREW, Stephen Colin	Labour Party
GRAFTON, Jean	N/A
GRAFTON, Joseph	N/A
HODGSON, Alan	Labour Party
HODGSON, Joseph Colin	Labour Party
POOLE, Margaret Alison	Independent
POOLE, Richard	Independent
SIMPSON, Mick	Labour Party
TRAYNOR, Shirley	Labour Party
VAUGHAN, Rasheed	Labour Party
WALKER, Marie	N/A
WILSON, Ann	Independent

Elected to Bishop Middleham Parish

Candidate	Description
COOKE, Vic	N/A
DEXTER, Nicola Louise	N/A
MAUDE, Julie	N/A
NEVE, Harvey George	N/A
WEIR, Rachel Ann	N/A

Elected to Chilton Town Council

Candidate	Description
ALLANSON, Dave	Independent
BRUCE, Alan Raymond	Labour Party
BRUCE, Elizabeth Christine	Labour Party
CAIRNS, Julie	Labour Party
COLLINSON, Victor Ian	Labour Party
DAVIES, Peter	Independent
DIXON, Lily	Labour Party
DUPREY, Tonya	Independent
HOULIHAN, Jim	Independent
HUTCHINSON, Rebecca Margaret	Independent
WALSH, Daniel Patrick	Independent
YOUNG, Michael	Independent



FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL MAY MEETINGS

** Annual Council

Wednesday 17th May 2017 at 7pm

**Finance, Planning & General Purpose

Wednesday 17th May 2017 following Council

**Property, Environment & Recreation

Wednesday 17th May 2017 following Finance

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

County Council results

Ferryhill

Electorate: 8093, Ballot Papers Issued: 2397, Turnout: 29.62%

Candidate	Description	Votes
ATKINSON, Carole	Labour Party	722
ATKINSON, Peter Bernard	Labour Party	806 (Elected)
AVERY, Brian Francis	Independent	1127 (Elected)
FARRY, David	Independent	740
HUTLEY, Douglas Neill	Conservatives	367
LINDSAY, John	Labour Party	731
MAKEPEACE, Joe		834 (Elected)
WAYMAN, Laura Leigh	Independent	731

Bishop Middleham and Cornforth

Electorate: 2876, Ballot Papers Issued: 779, Turnout: 27.1%

Candidate	Description	Votes
BRETT, Deane Michelle	Independent	209
CRATHORNE, Pauline	Labour Party	351 (Elected)
EVANS, David Barry	Conservatives	212

Chilton

Electorate: 3174, Ballot Papers Issued: 923, Turnout: 29.08%

Candidate	Description	Votes
POTTS, Christine	Labour Party	622 (Elected)
SANDLES, John	Conservatives	291

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Letters Have your say...

Dear Editor,

The Go Ahead Club would like to thank the members of the dissolved Chilton Community Partnership for the kind donation of £1,371.47.

This means the children can go to the seaside and later in the year can enjoy a pantomime.

The Go Ahead Club, which is held once a month in Chilton Sports & Social Club, is for children with special needs and their family and friends.

Anyone interested in joining can phone Lynne on 01388 721762.

Yours sincerely,

The Committee of the Go Ahead Club, Chilton

Dear Editor

I just had a full day at the Durham County Council election count to determine who will move forward as representatives of Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington as County Councillor.

Happily I have earned your support, and I am now eager to accept and if necessary confront the challenges the role of County Councillor brings.

I would like to thank all those who have kept faith with me, voted for me, and afforded me this marvellous opportunity.

This is where it begins and I promise Independent representation at County level, unfettered by party whips, or pre-ordained action. My independent status assures you of that.

I will continue to have monthly surgeries in the Town Hall with no appointments necessary, and I will continue to pursue those issues I have promised.

Once again thank you to the residents of residents of Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington for your trust and support. I will represent you faithfully, diligently, and honourably. Our villages and your opinions are my prime concern.

Yours sincerely,

Joe Makepeace

Dear Editor,

The Chilton Independent candidates would like to take this opportunity to thank Chilton residences for all the trust and support they have given the candidates in the recent election of town councillors.

With the result, all seven independent candidates were successfully elected.

Many thanks from all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

Chilton Independent Councillors

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the residents of Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington (for DCC) who placed their faith and trust in me to serve on Durham County Council and Ferryhill Town Council.

The road ahead will not be easy, however I can guarantee I will be working in our community and for our community 100%.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Atkinson

Dear Editor,

Could I thank all voters who supported me from Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington in the recent Durham County Council elections?

It's been a great honour to represent you for the last four years and I will endeavour to continue to fight to improve services and facilities for all.

Many magnificent projects have been successful through various Durham County Council budgets organised and administrated by the Area Action Partnership. I'm sure there will be more to come.

I'm very optimistic about the future, with many improvements in the pipeline, and I know if we can all work together we can make Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington an even better place for all.

Thanks once again,

Coun. Brian F Avery

Dear Editor,

Darlington Video Makers Group have found a new home at Aycliffe Village Hall in Aycliffe Village.

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Yours sincerely,

Darlington Video Makers Group



Chilton Town Council

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Tuesday 16th May
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High Tea at Tenlands Open Day



Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill will serve high tea when it opens its doors to the public on Friday 16th June.

On Friday 16th June, Tenlands Care Home in Ferryhill will open its doors to the public.

"Please feel free to come and have a look around and see what we are all about," said Home Administrator, Louise Lavin.

"Our doors will open at 10.30am and we will have a Tombola with some great prizes," she added. "Then on the afternoon we are charging £2.50 for an afternoon full of entertainment. "We will serve High Tea either in the dining room or in our garden, depending on the weather.

"The first £50 we raise on

the day will go to a charity our group, HC-One, have opted to sponsor and this will be for equipment for vulnerable elderly adults to help them lead a better active life.

"The rest of the money raised will go into our residents' fund.

"If you would like to attend an afternoon of High tea and entertainment please come along to Tenlands beforehand and purchase your tickets or you can ring and reserve your tickets on 01740 657201.

"We look forward to see people of Ferryhill and the surrounding areas."



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Billy Snaith captures Northern Area and British Challenge belts



Billy Snaith, centre, with the BBBofC Northern Area and the British Challenge belts captured this year.

Ferryhill boxer, Billy 'Too Sharp' Snaith has added the British Boxing Board of Control Northern Area belt and the British Challenge belt to his growing collection as he remains undefeated since turning professional two years ago. Billy is the first boxer from Ferryhill to capture the Northern Area welterweight title, a feat he and his corner are particularly proud of.

Snaith, 29, won the belt on points after a ten round bout against Hartlepool's Daniel Cope at Hardwick Hall on 22nd April.

"It's great to put Ferryhill on the boxing map," said Billy, "and to give local boxers and other ambitious people from the town inspiration.

Hard work and dedication are the key to Billy's success, he says: "Anything is possible if you want it enough. It's an amazing feeling to be the first Ferryhill lad to bring the Northern Area title belt back to the town".

Billy is undefeated after five bouts, winning all his fights so far on points, proving he has the necessary staying power.

The British Challenge belt was won in March in an eight-round fight against Michal Voskya at the Walker Activity Dome in Newcastle.

Voskya had previously lost to the highly rated Glaswegian boxer, Willie Limond. The victories mean Billy is now ranked 28th in Britain. "I would like to thank everyone who has helped me through the years to get where I am now," he said.

His next bout is due in September and his next ambition is to make it onto a live fight on television.

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Police appeal for witnesses to motocross accident



Police are appealing for witnesses of a fatal accident in which 27-year-old rider, Thomas Brown was killed at a motocross event in Sedgfield to come forward.

Accident investigators are making a renewed appeal for witnesses to the incident at a motocross event on the Bank Holiday weekend which led to the death of 27-year-old Thomas Brown.

Thomas, who was from Barnard Castle died from the injuries he sustained when he came off his orange coloured KTM offroad bike, on a track at Low Hardwick Farm, near Sedgfield.

The accident happened on the late morning of Sunday, 30th April.

A joint investigation involving the police and Durham County Council is taking place into the circumstances, with support from the collision investigation team from Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit (CDSOU).

Sgt Phil Grieve, from the CDSOU said "We would like to hear from anyone who was at the event, whether

they were a spectator or also taking part.

"If they have photographs or video footage that could also be potentially very useful.

"Even if they did not see Thomas come off his bike we still want them to contact us so we can ensure nothing is missed." Anyone with information which could help is asked to call the collision unit on 0191 375 2159, or police via 101.

Applications open for Gala stalls

As everyone in Chilton will know, this year's Gala is set to take place on Saturday 22nd July.

Forms are now available for charity fundraising stalls and craft and business

stalls.

Anyone interested in renting a stall should contact any member of the gala committee or telephone 01388 721745 for details.

Spring Fair

There will be a Spring Fair at Dean Bank Institute on Friday 12th May from 9am until 1pm.

The Fair will include a

variety of stalls, with some raising funds for charities.

Tables are £5 and can be booked by calling Ellen on 01740 656872.

Annual Meeting

Chilton Town Council's Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 25th May from 7pm at Chilton & Windlestone Sports and Social Club.

Resident are invited to

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Mainsforth Thirds trounce Burnmoor CC

On Saturday 6th May, Mainsforth's 1st XI welcomed table topping Willington CC to Morrison Terrace.

Willington won the toss and chose to bat first on what looked like a lovely wicket. Their decision soon looked to be the correct one as the ball disappeared to the boundary on a regular basis.

Anton Muller and Curtis Bihari both picked up two wickets during the innings and captain Rob Chismon bowled eight tidy overs for 21 runs. Willington declared their innings 256-4.

In reply, Mainsforth lost an early wicket, but an excellent 2nd wicket stand of 115 between Chismon (44) and Muller (64) looked to set up the home side for a good crack at the large run chase, but unfortunately once they were both dismissed wickets tumbled very quickly. Brad Bihari chipped in with a useful 19, but the innings closed 155 all out.

On the same afternoon the 2nd XI travelled up to Willington.

Captain Micky Bowron won the toss and chose to bat first. Mainsforth's batsmen were soon in trouble and apart from A Thirlaway (28), no one got to grips

with some fine bowling and the 2nds were bowled out for 93.

In reply Willington knocked the runs off for the loss of no wickets.

On Sunday 7th May the 3rd XI travelled to play Burnmoor CC.

Batting first, Mainsforth posted a challenging 198-9 thanks mainly to Ryan Dawson (60) and Jack Thirlaway (49).

Burnmoor in reply could only muster 111 all out, the main destroyer being Aaron 'Earl' Bromley with three wickets.

This Saturday the 2nds are at home to Burnopfield (1pm start) and the following day the 3rds entertain Felling (1.30pm start). Starting Saturday May 27th, Mainsforth Cricket Club will be holding an 8-week cricket coaching course for 5- to 8-year-olds which is aimed at giving youngsters their first taste of the game in a fun atmosphere. Each child receives their own personal kit to use throughout the course, which will run from 10am-11am on Saturday mornings and is overseen by a level 2 coach and a team of volunteer activators.

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Champions finish season with win

Durham & District Sunday League Division One champions, Ferryhill Celtic were at home against second place Washington Cross Keys for their final game of the season on Thursday 4th May.

The first half started off well for the champions, who were aiming to finish the season unbeaten at home, when Jay White opened the scoring in the tenth minute.

The lead was doubled in the 20th minute when Peter Robson cleverly lobbed the visiting keeper.

However, Cross Keys halved the deficit just before break to keep themselves in the match and give themselves a chance to blemish the home side's record.

However, Celtic were in no mood to allow their visitors that opportunity and, midway through the second half, restored their two goal advantage through Mark Burnett.

Cross Keys were unable to respond and the runaway champions held on to complete an undefeated home season.

Celtic finish their season on 53 points, a full 12 points clear of second place Cross Keys.

Interestingly, local rivals, Ferryhill Dynamos, who will finish 3rd or 4th, were the only side Celtic failed to beat in the league, inflicting their only defeat - a 2-0 loss away from home - as well as holding them to a 3-3 draw at home.

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