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Ferryhill and Chilton celebrate Beat the Street!



Participants in the Ferryhill and Chilton Beat the Street game came together for a celebration event at Broom Cottages Primary School this week.

On Monday 26th June, Street across Ferryhill and community groups and schools came together to celebrate their wonderful participation in Beat the Street both communities into

a giant walking, running and cycling game with residents racing around tapping special Beat Boxes on lampposts to collect points.

Local schools and community groups created teams and competed against each other to see who could travel the furthest to win some fantastic prizes.

At a celebration event at Broom Cottages Primary School, children and staff from schools and representatives from 1st Chilton Scouts, New Dance Generation and the LADDER Centre picked up their prizes and celebrated the end of the seven-week game.

Special recognition was awarded to local lady, Val Watson, who completed an amazing 71 miles during the project.

Val spoke positively of how the game brought her great benefits, including losing one stone in weight, feeling better and making friends on route.

Val's inspiring talk ended with the message that

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MND Association asks for your support

Motor neurone disease (MND) is a fatal rapidly progressing disease that affects the brain and spinal cord, attacking the nerves that control movement so muscles no longer work. It kills a third of people within a year and more than half within two years of diagnosis.

It's a devastating disease that affects up to 5,000 adults in the UK at any one time and kills six people every day. There is no cure. The MND Association is the only national charity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland focused on MND care, research and campaigning. The Durham and Darlington Group, which has recently been re-formed, helps local people living with MND and their families in a number of ways, including providing trained volunteers who visit people with MND in their homes to provide information and support, local support meetings and

financial support to provide essential equipment and services.

The group welcomes new volunteers, who can become involved in a number of ways, whether it be helping at fund-raising events, sponsoring other volunteers, helping to raise awareness of the disease or providing support to people living with MND. Forthcoming events include:

- Walk To D'Feet - a sponsored walk taking place at Hardwick Country Park on Sunday 16th July at 11am;
- General Knowledge Quiz at Ferryhill Catholic Club on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm;
- Live Music Day at Mainsforth Community Centre - 2pm to 11pm on 16th September.

If you would like to be involved in the group or for further information, contact Geoff Sheldon on 07923 832139 or Joan Hutchinson on 07548 107509.

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All about local people ...

Birthdays

Christopher Waters
24th June



Happy 18th Christopher



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& Katey
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Birthdays

Emily Pegler
June 28th

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Birthday

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All our love,
Mam & Brett
xxx

Emily Pegler
June 28th

Happy Birthday Teenager



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Ethel Parker and family
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FBEC students impress at science challenge



FBEC Year 8 students, Andreea Cicu and James Corrigan receive their awards for the Robotics Challenge.

Twelve Year 8 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College attended "The Durham Science Challenge" at New College Durham recently.

Pupils took part in three workshops aimed at encouraging students to pursue Science-based careers.

Students were paired with members from other schools and asked to carry out a series of STEM based activities. The tasks ranged from using E - Fit software to discover

the identity of a sneaky teacher criminal, using software to programme a robot through a course and designing and building a car using limited materials and their knowledge of torque.

First place in the E - Fit challenge was won by Abigail and Holly Newton who outright beat competitor schools including Staindrop and Parkside. The robotics challenge was again won by FBEC students James Corrigan and Andreea Cicu beating stiff competition from

other schools who had prior experience of the software used. Honourable mentions must also go to Leo Maughan and Tyler Rothery as first runners up in the build a car challenge.

Science teacher Mr Knaggs commented; "Today's event has been excellent! The students have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have worked exceptionally well with pupils from other local schools. Fantastic results overall with these challenging tasks".

Beat the Street comes to an end

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everyone should make time for themselves to be active and reap the rewards. Beat the Street is an initiative run by Intelligent Health on behalf of Durham County Council.

Lorraine Rasmussen from Intelligent Health said: "Congratulations to each and every person who had taken part in Beat the Street.

"The competition has been very much the talk of the town for the past few weeks and we've heard from many people who



The live game has ended, but Beat the Street will continue to post advice on the game's Facebook page.

say they will miss the Beat Boxes.

"However, if you've enjoyed Beat the Street, please keep up the great

work and continue to walk, cycle and stay active.

"We hope you've enjoyed it!"

Although the live game has finished, Beat the Street has not disappeared!

Beat the Street will be releasing information on ways to keep active on the Facebook page: *Beat the Street Ferryhill* and in *The Chapter*.

For more information, contact Lorraine Rasmussen, Engagement Manager on either 07584 703813 or by email at lorraine.rasmussen@intelligenthealth.co.uk.

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Ferryhill set for annual parade of miners' banners



The Mainsforth Colliery banner is paraded through Ferryhill ahead of the annual Durham Miners' Gala which is expected to be bigger than ever this year.

On Friday 7th July at 7pm the Dean & Chapter Banner will be paraded around Ferryhill.

Led by Ferryhill Town Band, the banner will be paraded from the Aged Miners' homes at Dean Bank down to the Market Place.

On Saturday 8th July at 8am, the Mainsforth Colliery Banner, again led

by Ferryhill Town Band, will be paraded from the Surtees Arms Public House along to Mainsforth Community Centre.

After the parade the banners will be transported to Durham for the 132nd Annual Miners' Gala.

Road closures will be in force for the duration of these parades and will be

marshalled by the local police and members of Ferryhill Town Council.

The Durham Miners' Gala is considered the largest political gathering in Europe and this year is expected to be bigger than ever with Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn, who also attended last year, once again addressing the crowd.

Ferryhill Community Hub set to be renamed

Known previously as the Ferryhill Community Hub, the facility is now being run by a new committee and trustees.

It will shortly be renamed the Ferryhill Sport and Education Centre and the officials are looking at ways to increase activity. One idea being considered is the introduction of a monthly table top sale to be held in the sports hall, probably from 10am-12 noon on Saturdays.

Before firm plans can be made, some idea of interest is required, so organisers are asking anyone who has unwanted items to sell and are interested in booking a table to contact either the centre on 01740 654123 or Ken Tait on 01740 657740. As soon as the level of interest is known dates can be set.

This Saturday from 10am-12 noon there will be an open morning with the public invited to pop in to have

a look at the facilities on offer and have a chat with some of the officials.

The centre has facilities for party bookings, a sports hall and rooms for meetings and conferences. There is also an indoor bowls club and boxing club who are seeking new members.

"If you are looking for somewhere to hold your birthday, anniversary or Christmas party then call in and have a look," said a spokesperson.

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Councillor surgery

Councillor Peter Atkinson is to hold a local surgery on Monday 17th July, between 6pm and 7pm, at Ferryhill Town Hall. Peter will be accompanied

by some Labour Town Councillors. "There's no need for an appointment, just pop in," said Peter. "All matters are treated confidentially."

Celebrating 20 years of Harry Potter

Harry Potter fans are invited to magic themselves back to the beginning of the boy wizard's adventures this month. Durham County Council libraries are joining libraries across the country in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the publication of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by making the story available on loan as an ebook. The ebook will be available from Monday 26th June to Sunday 9th July.

Library users can also join in the anniversary celebrations on social media by using #HarryPotter20. Members of the council's library service can borrow a wide range of ebooks, which are available to download free of charge to a PC or mobile device. All that is needed is a library card and an internet connection. Simply visit libraryonline.durham.gov.uk and log in with your library card number.

Made of money?

An informal and friendly session offering hints and tips on how to make ends meet is taking place at Dean Bank Children's Centre next month. The *Made of Money?*

session will be held between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Monday 3rd July. To book a place, contact the Children's Centre on 03000 269 021.

Ferryhill WI enjoy flower arranging

On Wednesday 7th June members of Ferryhill Village Women's Institute were given a 'brilliant' flower arranging workshop by Susan Davies. Some of the members took up the challenge and enjoyed trying to produce a flower arrangement. A spokesperson for the group commented, "Can I just remind members that there is no meeting on 5th July as some of the members are going on our annual outing to Egglestone Hall Gardens, then

onto Bowes WI where their members will be making our lunch. "After lunch members can either have a look round Bowes Museum or just enjoy a bit of retail therapy in Barnard Castle. "We leave Ferryhill Market Place at 9.30am." The next meeting will be held in Dean Bank Community Centre on Wednesday 2nd August at 6.30pm, when the speaker will be Lyn Hobson and members will also be treated to strawberries and cream.

Chilton pupils hear creepy tales along Whitby's cliffs



Year 6 pupils from Chilton Primary School listen to spooky stories narrated by Dr Crank with the famous Whitby Abbey in the background.

Year 6 pupils from Chilton Primary School visited Whitby on Thursday 22nd June, for a trip linked to the book *Room 13*. The novel centres around a group of friends on a school trip, who stay in a creepy

guest house on Whitby's West Cliff. Aspiring reporter Harvey commented: "When we arrived at Whitby, we met Dr Crank who took us on a walk around the West Cliff and told us some spooky

ghost stories. "After that we went and had our lunch from the fish and chip shop: it was delicious! On the afternoon, we went onto the beach. The sea was cold but we still enjoyed it."

Wheatsheaf hosts moped riders



Local residents Bobby Bowes and wife, Marjorie share a joke with National Auto Cycle Club riders during their coast to coast refreshment break at Ferryhill.

Saturday morning saw the Wheatsheaf at Chilton play host to the National Auto Cycle Club's annual coast to coast moped run, starting from Crimdon Dene and finishing at Whitehaven. The Wheatsheaf has welcomed riders for several years and this year was no exception with tea, coffee and nibbles being served by cheerful bar staff. Local riders included Brian

'Bomber' Ward riding a Puch machine, Gary Emerson on a Honda 50 and retired chief engineer, Henry Currie aboard an NSU Quickly. Once refreshed some riders seemed reluctant to start pedalling again, and a few machines needed coaxing into life. Local resident, Bobby Bowes (better known as Bossy) and wife, Marjorie

shared a joke and a laugh with two riders, saying Madge's chair was quicker off the mark than their bikes! After fond farewells the riders continued to Staindrop and on to Alston via Teesdale for an overnight stay. Sunday would take them over Hartside and into the Lake District to finish late afternoon in Whitehaven.

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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 our fund raising Race Night at the Surtees Arms on the 17th June. We raised a magnificent £410.

This money goes towards the expenditure around the Durham Miners' Gala weekend which includes the coach for supporters, the refreshments that we provide on our return for everyone and any additional costs maintaining our precious Miners' Banners of our former collieries of Dean and Chapter and Mainsforth.

A special thank you to the following local companies for their support; Tess Tickle, Colin's Fish Shop, Thinford Nursery, Windlestone Nursery, Kelly's Newsagent, TFM (Total Fire Maintenance), Colin Robinson (Decorators), Yard of Ale Brewery, Durham Road Sweepers Ltd, Walton's Concrete and The Ferryhill Six.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Atkinson

On behalf of the Ferryhill Banner Group.

Dear Editor,

Calling ALL Ferryhill business owners. Cllrs. Farry and Cansella would like to invite you to attend the inaugural meeting of Ferryhill Chamber of Trade (2017), taking place at 6pm on Thursday 6th July at the Manor House, Ferryhill.

Supported by officers from Durham County Council's Community Economic Development Team, we will assist in setting up the Chamber of Trade at this initial meeting, with terms of reference and information on how it will feed into local partners.

The objective of this unique opportunity is for all businesses operating in Ferryhill to have input on driving trade forward with guidance and possible funding.

The benefits to you as a member of this business led group are: free advice from DCC officers on how to maximise service delivery; business support as well as guidance on marketing; collaborative working; advertising; local networking; training; contact with other local businesses and information on how to access funding opportunities.

Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions prior to this meeting. David Farry, Mob: 0791 479 2316 / Jacqueline Cansella, Mob: 0776 338 0393

Yours sincerely,

Cllrs David Farry and Jacqueline Cansella

Dear Editor,

Re: Recent story about dog owners not picking up after their dogs.

Cleves Cross Estate has seen a vast increase in cats leaving their cat poo in gardens, ruining lawns and killing birds.

So let's pass some laws about irresponsible owners who leave them to roam about causing problems for other people.

Yours sincerely,

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Road closures

The annual Miners Gala Day is scheduled for Saturday 8th July. In order for the parade to run safely the residents in Chilton are

advised that there will be temporary road closures in place from 8am to 9.45am as indicated on the displayed signs.

Donate your child's old uniform

Ferryhill Hub volunteers are currently collecting school items which will be donated to local families who may be struggling to purchase the necessities themselves.

Volunteer Michelle Abbs told us, "We are accepting donations of old school uniforms, trousers, t-shirts, coats, blazers, jumpers, shoes, bags, packed lunch boxes and PE kits - literally everything a child needs to be kitted out for the start of school in September.

"Money is extremely tight for us all and a little

helping hand can go a long way for some families or single parents. We are hoping to collect in everybody's old school uniforms and distribute them to families in Ferryhill who may struggle with the cost of the new school year.

"So if anybody has any old uniforms for Broom Cottages, Dean Bank, Cleves Cross, FBEC or Ferryhill Station schools, the drop off point is Ferryhill Community Hub - the old Leisure Centre."

For more information, contact Michelle Abbs or Kate Graham via Facebook.

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Local Area Action Partnership AGM

Residents in Ferryhill, Chilton, Bishop Middleham and West Cornforth can find out how local issues are being tackled when the local Area Action Partnership holds their next meeting.

The 4 Together Partnership will be holding their AGM and Board meeting on Wednesday 5th July, between 6pm and 8pm, at Dean Bank & Ferryhill Literary Institute, and local people are invited to go along to observe proceedings.

The Board will also be receiving an update from Mr

Ron Hogg, County Durham's Police Crime & Victims' Commissioner at the meeting.

People can raise any local neighbourhood or policing issues that they would like the Board to address, these should ideally be put in writing and sent in advance. If you would like to register to attend the Board meeting, contact 03000 267210, or email fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

The 4 Together Partnership is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009.

'When I grow up...'

Since January, Chance Drama has been providing a safe and fun environment to provide singing, acting and dancing lessons to the youth of Ferryhill and surrounding areas.

Volunteer teacher, Darcy Golightly commented, "As well as studying for my A-Levels, being a part-time dance teacher and finding time for my family and friends - I am producing Ferryhill Stage Society's first junior show.

"I am so grateful for this opportunity that has been given to me at such a young age of 17, and I am so thankful for the talented juniors that are involved. "We are reaching out to the community to come along and support us at

our upcoming show, *When I Grow Up*, a fun medley displaying our youngsters' hopes and dreams.

"From *Revolting Children*, to *Somewhere Only We Know* - you will not be disappointed with our choice of uplifting, humorous and monumental song choices, aiming to make our audience give us giggles, tears of joy and of course, applause!"

The show takes place on Friday 28th July at 7pm and Saturday 29th July from 2pm at Mainsforth Community Hall. Tickets cost £6 for adults and £3 for under 16s.

Contact Joan Harker on 01740 652551 for tickets. Visit *Ferryhill Stage Society - Juniors* on Facebook.

Homestay drop ins

Sedgefield Homestay, part of the Stonham Home Group, provides free housing-related support and advice on issues such as claiming benefits, budgeting your finances, finding education and training courses and getting in touch with other services.

Advisors will be available at Chilton foodbank in St Aidan's Church on Mondays from 10am-12noon; at Ferryhill foodbank in St Luke's Church on Thursdays from 10.30am-12noon and at the Cornforth Partnership at 68 High Street, West Cornforth from 9.30am-11am on Fridays.

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Officers talk to students about the dangers of deliberate fires



The Cleves Cross and Dean Bank Primary School students with Fire Service officers and PCSO Louise Armstrong.

Pupils from Cleves Cross and Dean Bank Primary Schools came together to hear a safety message from the Fire Service about deliberate fires and water safety recently.

Deliberate fires often spike around the time of school holidays, particularly the long summer break. The Fire Service talked to the children about how fires

set deliberately have a significant effect on the local economy, damage the environment, destroy property and can, in the worst cases, take someone's life.

The talk also emphasised the importance of keeping safe around open water. PCSO Louise Armstrong said, "We have had an increase in deliberate fires

in the Ferryhill area over the last few weeks, connected with anti-social behaviour by local youths. The Police have worked alongside the fire service to speak to Year 6 pupils in the local schools before the summer holidays about the dangers of setting these fires and also safety when playing around water."

This week in History

28 June 1914

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife Sophie are assassinated in Sarajevo; this is the casus belli of World War I.

29 June 1786

Alexander Macdonell and over five hundred Roman Catholic highlanders leave Scotland to settle in Glen-garry County, Ontario.

30 June 1937

The world's first emergency telephone number, 999, is introduced in London

1 July 1990

German reunification: East Germany accepts the Deutsche Mark as its currency, thus uniting the economies of East and West Germany.

2 July 1822

Thirty-five slaves are hanged in South Carolina, including Denmark Vesey, after being accused of organizing a slave rebellion.

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INDESIT

Mini-Police are breathalysed by Durham Constabulary



Mini-Police from Chilton Primary School learn what happens when a driver has to take a breath test in their latest meeting with Durham Constabulary.

We are grateful to Jack and Chloe, from Chilton Primary School, for sending us the following report about the school Mini-Police's latest meeting with Durham Constabulary:

We met the police dogs called Jet and Ben - then we went outside to do a breath test and sit inside the police vehicles, which was lots of fun!

Finally we met another two of the force's police dogs, called Elmo and Toby, but they were in cages because they might bite.

On Wednesday 8th June the school's Mini-Police met with members of the Police Force. The police helicopter was due to come but sadly it did not land because it was broken (sick - being serviced) but we still had a great time.

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Co-op shoplifters sought

Police are appealing for help in tracing two shoplifters.

The couple, pictured, entered the Co-op store on Market Street, Ferryhill on Thursday 4th May when they concealed meat and other items in a bag before leaving without making payment.

The male is described as 5'10 in height with short dark hair, of medium build and wearing a dark jacket and grey hoodie.

The female is around 5'5 in height, medium build with long blonde hair tied up in a bun, wearing black trousers and a blue jacket. Anyone who may be able to identify either of the pair is urged to contact PC 394 Metcalfe at Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101.



Police would like to speak to the man and woman pictured in regards to the theft of meat and other items from Ferryhill's Co-op store.

Change of day for Chilton Beat Surgery

Chilton's local Beat Surgery, held in Hutton House, has now been changed from every Wednesday to every Thursday at 1pm. A local officer will be on hand to discuss any issues you may have. Monthly PACT meetings also take place at Chilton Workingmen's Club, with the next one being held on Thursday 20th July at 7pm.

Residents' meetings

A meeting of Dean Bank Residents' Association will take place on Monday 3rd July from 7pm in the Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute.

Meanwhile, Ferryhill Station & Chilton Lane Residents' Association will meet at the Royal British Legion at 6.30pm on Tuesday 4th July.

Whist drive

There will be a Whist and Domino Drive in the Community Centre at Kirk Mer- rington at 2pm on Saturday

July 1st. Entrance is £2 which includes refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Summer coffee morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a Summer Coffee Morning on Friday 7th July, from 9.30am to 11.30am. There will be a variety of

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Enterprising FBEC students enjoy a game of Bubble Football



Year 8 students at FBEC get ready to enjoy a game of Bubble Football after three students persuaded Bubbleball UK boss, Matthew Hope to bring the game to the school.

Three students in Year 8 at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College: Riley Gibbons, Tyler Jackson and Corrie Wilson, worked together on a small project with an idea of providing a fun sporting activity for their peers.

They presented their idea to a panel of professionals in order to successfully gain funding from the Key Fund, which invests in community and social enterprises in the north.

They approached Matthew Hope, Managing Director of Bubbleball UK, to explain their situation and their funding total.

Bubbleball, or Bubble Football, is a fun twist on the world's favourite sport which involves players being strapped into a large inflatable bubble that will cover them from the thighs upward, creating plenty of hilarity as players challenge each other like never before.

The students found Mr Hope a delight to deal with and while the cost of Bubble Football was con-

siderably higher than their funding, he was impressed by their drive to provide an activity for their peers and agreed to run a full day's session at the school.

Mr Hope said: "To be approached by students who have the drive and passion to provide something for others was refreshing."

"They explained their ideas and limited amount of funds and because they had been through such a vigorous process to prove they were dedicated, I felt that it was a great opportunity to give something back to the community."

Ferryhill Celtic reunion planned

Ferryhill Celtic FC has been running as a football club since 1968. Now Keith Lloyd and Les Heavside are looking to reunite ex-players, committee members, fans and even ex-opponents who may be interested in catching up and remembering their days at the club.

"We are looking to do this

possibly starting late afternoon one midweek day in July or August this year and would need people to get in touch to say if they are interested," said Keith.

To get in touch, contact Keith on 01740 656659, 07759 247722 or by email on keith.lloyd1953@gmail.com or call Les Heavside on 01740 654649.

"It's been a great day with over 50 students taking part. And on one of the hottest days of the year too, so it was a very sweaty occasion!" joked David.

Ferryhill Town Youth to launch U23s side

Ferryhill Town Youth has announced the formation of a new team.

Ferryhill Town Under 23s will be the first time the club has ventured into the adult game.

The team will be playing in the Durham FA U23 League commencing on 3rd September.

The aim of the team is to provide a platform for the youth players to develop their footballing skills within the club rather than having to leave at the age of seventeen when the only realistic option available to them would be to represent local pub teams.

The team is looking for players both male and female who are aged 23 years or under on 31st August 2017. The minimum age is 16.

The team is also looking for any form of sponsorship, including a strip sponsor.

Training for the new season will commence on Saturday 15th July at Dean Bank Rec. Interested players or sponsors should contact team coach, Richie Willetts on 07434 083 035 or via email at merles@btinter.net.com.

Alternatively, contact club secretary Dave Foster on 07772 665074.

Town Youth Under 9s and 10s tourney

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 9's and 10's are set to host a football tournament on Sunday 2nd July.

It starts at 10am at Dean Bank Rec with teams from across the region taking part.

As well as the football there will also be a bouncy castle, raffle, tombola, food, drink and sweets.

The Police dog section will

be there and the 'Interceptors' of TV fame are also scheduled to go along.

A spokesperson for the tournament organisers appealed to the public and to the local business community saying: "We would still welcome raffle prizes and, if any local businesses were interested, we would be delighted to welcome new sponsors."



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