Norman and Isabel celebrate a Diamond Anniversary

In March 1951 he joined the RAF for his three years service for which he worked for the Air Ministry at Middleton St George before moving back into the bus industry at Wilkinson Services in Sedgefield. He later became a postman and spent 16 years as a driver for Ferryhill Clothing Factory before finally working for Durham County Social Services as a coach driver. Isabel worked at Kleeman Plastics in Aycliffe Trading Estate until she was 18 before moving to Tallents, also in Aycliffe. She had a three year break after the birth of the couple’s son, William (himself now married to Karen with his own son, Johnathan). Returning to Tallents, Isabel retired in 1994 after 25 years service to the company. In earlier times the couple enjoyed holidays at Silthos in Cumbria where they had a static caravan for 32 years. After retirement they used to spend a month in Benidorm twice a year. Norman is also involved in St Luke’s Church, which they both still attend, where he is licensed to give Holy Communion and is also the licensee of the church’s bar. Isabel loved to knit and was also a keen driver of her red MG Midget sports car. The couple celebrated their special occasion with family and friends at the Bay Horse in Middridge.

Local residents are being offered the opportunity to take the lead in improving their community. The 4 Together Partnership currently has one vacancy for a public representative and one vacancy for a business representative to sit on its board. The Area Action Partnership (AAP) is responsible for delivering local priorities in the Ferryhill, Chilton, West Crompton and Bishop Middleham areas. The new board members will play an active role in local projects and consultation and bring their skills and knowledge to help continue the success of the 4 Together Partnership. Applicants will be required to attend six board meetings a year as well as forum events and other activities. Anyone aged 16 years and over who lives, works, volunteers or studies in the 4 Together Partnership area is eligible to apply for the post. The deadline for applications is Friday 3rd April. For more information or an application pack contact Paula Stockport, AAP support officer, on 03000 267 212 or email paula.stockport@durham.gov.uk. The 4 Together AAP is one of 14 Area Action Partnerships set up by Durham County Council in 2009 to help the authority better engage with residents.

Concert cancelled

Readers are asked to note that the Ferryhill Town Band Concert, which was due to be held on Saturday 18th April, in Ferryhill Workingmens Club in aid of the Ferryhill Mayor’s charities, has been cancelled.

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Cabinet give go ahead for closure of 28 Children’s Centres

Proposals for the future of County Durham’s children’s centres were given the go-ahead on Wednesday 18th March, meaning that 28 children’s centres in the area will close.

Durham County Council’s Cabinet accepted the plans for a new approach to providing childcare services for the under-fives, which they say is designed to improve the lives of some of the county’s most vulnerable children and their families.

Plans will see the emphasis shift from specialist buildings to community venues, in a drive to reach families which most need support. A consultation on proposals took place over a three month period last year and all comments and submissions were considered by Cabinet.

Durham County Council say, “The recommendations are designed to ensure the under-fives, particularly in the most deprived areas of the county, are ready for school life. The paper outlines how, despite some successes, the current reliance on children’s centres has failed to deliver the improvements hoped for.”

Services will be taken farther into communities, focussing on the places families already go. It is hoped this will be beneficial to parents who would no longer be expected to travel to specialist venues. Some of the proposed community venues for service delivery include Chilton Community College, Ferryhill Clinic, Henderson Community House, One Point Hub and The LADDER Centre, although these venues will need to be risk assessed and meet the needs of families.

The Council’s Children’s Centres are currently arranged in five localities. This is to ensure that all areas have a proportion of Children’s Centres consistent with their levels of deprivation. No change is proposed to these arrangements.

Within the 5 localities, Children’s Centres are grouped into 16 ‘clusters’, with each of the 16 clusters having a “Main” Children’s Centre. One Children’s Centre building in each cluster, (with the exception of the Coundon cluster, which is currently being integrated with the Bishop Auckland cluster) will be retained, thereby reducing the number of centres from 43 to 15.

The plans will see the council retain these 15 specialist fixed venue Children’s Centres, with the remaining 28 centres either transferring to schools and nurseries or being used for alternative purposes.

Within the ‘Ferryhill Cluster’, Dean Bank Children’s Centre has been retained as the centre which will be retained, meaning services at Chilton Children’s Centre and Fishburn Children’s Centre will be transferred to an alternative provider.

Under the new proposals, Durham County Council expect to save around £1 million.

Cllr Ossie Johnson, Cabinet member for children and young people’s services, Durham County Council, said, “We are committed to providing high quality services to support families and their young children to be both healthy and ready for school, so that they can achieve their full potential.

“We recognise that children’s centres play an important part in this and we propose to change the way we work to target support to children and families who need it most.”

Cllr Lucy Howells said, “It’s about improving services and it’s important that the community understands that this is a transformation - the service is not disappearing.

“We should not be frightened to transform our services and do things differently if we are going to get a better outcome.”

Dunlavey
(Nee Carr)
Carol (of Ferryhill), formerly of Chester Le Street, died March 19th aged 58 years, peacefully with her family around her at St Cuthbert’s Hospice, Durham.

Devoted Wife of Kevin, much loved Sister, Sister-in-Law and dear friend to many.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to St Cuthbert’s Hospice, Durham, collection plate in Church. Funeral All Saints Church, Dean Road, Ferryhill on Monday 30th March at 10am followed by cremation at Durham.

In Memoriam

Jackie Raw
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John Campbell
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Have a great day
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21 years
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Love Dad & Kaiden

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Cameron, Millie-Rose

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Movements Arrangements
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Cheque thanks

Everyone at the Chapter would like to express heartfelt thanks to St Luke’s Church, Ferryhill, for their very generous donation to the Chapter funds recently. The church selected the Chapter as its group of choice to receive a donation from its Friday Lunches and presented the paper with a cheque for £205.

Chapter Editor, Stephanie Bennett said: “We are immensely grateful to the volunteers at St. Luke’s for this very kind gesture and wish to thank them for their thoughtful and generous donation.”

WI enjoy dancers

On Wednesday 4th March, members and guests of Ferryhill Village WI were entertained by Hannah’s Street Dancers. President of the WI, Sylvia Bell said: “What a fantastic bunch of ladies, girls and boys they were. They were very talented and all credit goes to Hannah who has obviously done a good job teaching them all. The youngest of them was a little girl of three years and what a brilliant little dancer she was. She kept time with all the other dancers who were older than her. “Our next meeting will be held in the Ferryhill Community Centre on Wednesday 1st April at 6.30pm,” added Sylvia. “This will be our AGM and all members are asked to bring their own cutlery as it is also a fish and chip supper - otherwise they will be using plastic cutlery.”

Church to hold special coffee morning

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding a ‘Special Coffee Morning’ on Friday April 10th from 9.30am until 11.30am.

There will be a number of stalls including home-made cakes, bric-a-brac and tombola. All are welcome to go along.

Returned survey nets Susan £50

During 2014, Ferryhill Town Council asked all households to respond to a survey of the services it provides local residents. All completed surveys were entered into a prize draw with the lucky winner being rewarded with a cheque for £50.

Town Mayor, Councillor Pauline Crathorne, presented the cheque to Mrs Susan Ferry at the Town Hall on Thursday, 19th March. A spokesperson said: “Ferryhill Town Council would like to thank all residents who took part in the 2014 survey and would also like to congratulate Mrs Ferry.”

“Ferryhill Town Council endeavours to carry out similar surveys of its services on a yearly basis. The Town Council would therefore urge all residents to complete any such surveys, the results of which will help to determine future projects for the town.”

VIVO set for Easter concert

Village Voices (VIVO), the Ferryhill based singing group, are once again presenting their Easter Concert, to be held in Ferryhill Methodist Chapel on Tuesday evening, 31st March, at 7pm.

A spokesperson for the group said: “Everyone will be made very welcome and we are sure as usual the public will enjoy a variety of songs to suit everyone. “The price of tickets is £3 per adult and £2 for children. Tickets can be obtained from any of our choir members or you can just pay at the door. “Please come along and have a great night of entertainment. “All proceeds go to charities. The group is looking forward to welcoming you all.”

EASTER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

The Ferryhill & Chilton Chapter

Please note that classified messages and adverts for Issue 721, dated 10th April, must be in the libraries at Ferryhill and Chilton no later than 4pm on Thursday 2nd April.

Email messages should arrive no later than 10am on Monday 6th April.

VACANCY

We Currently have a vacancy for a full time Beauty Therapist at our Ferryhill Salon.

To apply please hand in a CV for the attention of Bev, Salon Manager. (01740) 652006
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Ferryhill Methodist Church Easter services

Ferryhill Methodist Church is holding Easter Services at the following times, to which all are invited: On Palm Sunday, 29th March, Mrs Joan Guy will take the 10.30am service while Reverend W. Tate will deliver the 6pm service.
• Maundy Thursday, 2nd April’s service will be at 7pm, by Reverend Andrew Robinson;
• Good Friday, 3rd April, Deacon Sue Peat will deliver the service, which takes place at 10.30am, and finally there will be two services on, Easter Sunday, 5th April. The first, at 10.30am will be delivered by Zena Smith while Reverend Andrew Robinson will take the 6pm service.

Residents Association meeting and AGM

The next meeting of Chilton Residents Association will take place on Tuesday 31st March at 7pm in The Wheatsheaf, Chilton. The public are welcome to attend and discuss any issues of concern.

The Annual General Meeting of Chilton Residents Association will take place on Tuesday 28th April at the Wheatsheaf, Chilton at 7pm when all officers and committee members are up for re-election. Nomination forms can be filled in on the night.

Civic dinner held

The Mayor of Chilton’s Civic Dinner was held on Friday 20th March at Chilton and Windlestone Workingmen’s Club.
The Mayor, Councillor Elizabeth Bruce said: “It was a fantastic evening with great company, entertainment and food. Thanks to the generosity of all those who organised, attended and supported the event by donating prizes, £643 was raised for the Northumbria Blood Bikes”.

B&M raise £400

B&M store in Ferryhill have been fundraising for Comic Relief and raised a magnificent total of £400. The staff wore red noses and tee shirts throughout the day. The management and staff would like to thank all customers who donated.

Burglar found in attic of empty home

A 22-year-old burglar from Ferryhill has been convicted of burglary-related offences for the ninth time at Durham Crown Court, after recently being caught by police while attempting to hide in the loft of an empty property in the town’s Davy Street. Police were alerted after a neighbour heard suspicious noises coming from the vacant property late in the evening of Sunday March 1st. Ian West, prosecuting, told the court that police with sniffer dogs were sent to the address later and discovered that entry appeared to have been gained following removal of a rear kitchen window. Mr West said that beading and the glass pane had been taken out to allow entry. No-one was initially detected in the building, but the intruder, Michael Kieran Gough, was eventually found in the loft. A search at the scene led to the recovery of a hacksaw and pipes leading to a boiler were found to have been cut. Gough was arrested and, when interviewed, told officers that he entered the house as a trespasser, but denied any intent to commit a burglary, claiming he only went into the loft to evade capture by police.

Judge Christopher Prince told Gough: “You have a bad record for offences of burglary and, in this case, you were hacking at piping in a house which was unoccupied at the time.” The Judge imposed the minimum three year sentence, deducting seven months for Gough’s early guilty plea.

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Robbers sought after booze theft

On the evening of Friday 13th March, the unidentified male in the lower photo and then, on Wednesday 18th March the above male, both entered the same Co-op Store at South Downs, Chilton and both stole two bottles of alcohol from the display shelf before running out of the store without making any attempt to pay.

A Durham police spokesperson said: “Enquiries are continuing, however if anyone identifies either of the males in the pictures, could you please contact any member of the Ferryhill NPT by calling 101 and quoting reference number SL1500418 for the photo above, and SL1500392 for the photo on the left.”

Teacher experiences effects of Syrian refugee crisis first hand

Clare Johnson was one of 15 UK teachers to visit Jordan to provide teaching assistance, funded by the British Council and UK aid, in the wake of the Syrian refugee crisis.

On the fourth anniversary of the start of the Syrian conflict, Clare Johnson from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, joined a group of British school teachers visiting Jordan last week to support teachers and school children affected by the conflict. The British Council organised the visit as part of the Connecting Classrooms programme.

Ms Johnson visited Jordanian schools that host refugee children and participated in a conference attended by teachers from the refugee camp at Zaatar (who themselves are Syrian refugees). Ms Johnson said: “The ‘Connecting Classrooms’ programme has enabled me to witness first-hand the devastating effect of the Syrian conflict on their refugee population.

“Additionally I was able to see for myself the strain of educating the refugees in Lebanese and Jordanian schools.

“Most schools are now running two shifts as their numbers on roll have doubled with the influx of refugees. “Teachers are understandably struggling to cope and are not getting paid any extra to extend their working hours.

“British teachers were able to offer some resources, yet found it difficult to contemplate the increasing demands on their time and resources.”

Ms Johnson was one of 15 teachers from UK schools who joined an equivalent number of teachers from Jordanian and Lebanese schools with significant populations of Syrian refugee children.

During the visit, the teachers exchanged pupils’ work, compared their experiences of teaching in different contexts and discussed how to make effective use of ‘Connecting Classrooms’ resources in their classrooms.

More information about the Connecting Classrooms programme, which is funded by the British Council and UK aid, can be found online at www.britishcouncil.org/connectingclassrooms or by emailing schools@britishcouncil.org.
**Letters**

**Have your say...**

Dear Editor,

Could I, through your newspaper and on behalf of all members of Bugle, say a big heartfelt thank you to Ann Turner for organising another wonderful and varied year of entertainment and outings for us.

Thank you for all your selfless work, Ann, and looking forward to our 10th year.

Name and address withheld on request.

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**Easter Egg Hunt I**

Ferryhill Town Council, the 2000 Committee and the Friends of the Surtees Doorstep Green Community Group are inviting residents, and especially those with young children, to join an Easter Egg Hunt.

The event will be held at the Surtees Doorstep Green Park during the Easter Holidays, from 1-4pm on Wednesday 1st April.

Aimed predominantly at junior school children, there will be a bouncy castle, face painting and entertainment from Pat’s Puppets, all free.

There will also be a free Easter Egg Hunt for the first 50 children aged 11 years and under to register. There will also be a tombola stall and children’s games stall.

For more information about the event contact John Rogerson at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157.

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**Easter Egg Hunt II**

Denehurst Care Home will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 6th April at 2pm.

Tickets are on sale from the home with all family and friends of the residents welcome.

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**Witness appeal**

Ferryhill police are appealing to any local persons who may have been in Mcdonalds, Thinford on Saturday 7th March when a vehicle was damaged in the car park at around 1pm that afternoon.

Any potential witness to the incident should contact PC 1592 Moody of Ferryhill police office by dialling the non-emergency 101 number.

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**Banner group fundraising night**

The Ferryhill Banner Group is holding a fundraising event at the Surtees Arms in April.

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**Young engineers build bridges**

Budding engineers have been building bridges at a County Durham training centre as part of a nationwide celebration of apprenticeships.

More than 200 students from seven schools across the county have been enjoying the appliance of science in hands-on workshops with local employers at South West Durham Training.

The year 9 and 10 pupils enjoyed engineering and construction activities which included building a 55 ft long cable and suspension bridge provided by the Institute of Civil Engineers, bricklaying, robotic engineering and problem solving exercises.

The activities have been arranged to mark National Apprenticeship Week, a week-long nationwide celebration of apprenticeships and the positive impact they have on individuals, businesses and the wider economy co-ordinated by the National Apprenticeship Service.

The schools who took part were Bishop Barrington and King James I Academy in Bishop Auckland, Ferryhill Higher College, Greenfield School in Shildon, Sedgefield School, Woodham Academy in Newton Aycliffe and Whitworth Park School in Spennymoor.

Local employers involved at the SWDT events, jointly organised with strategic partner Bishop Auckland College, included Stockton-On-Tees based car parts manufacturer Nifco, which last month announced a £50m contract with Ford which has secured 350 jobs.

Nifco’s general manager (engineering) Andy Dunn, a former SWDT trainee who is a big advocate of apprenticeships, gave an inspirational talk to the students about the importance of skills development.

He said, “We recruited our first apprentices for several years in 2011 and the impact they have had on the business has been significant. It is absolutely vital to invest in the skills and development of young people. Ensuring that we have young, hungry and talented individuals in our workforce is crucial to help meet our ambitious growth plans, and I have seen plenty of evidence of that here today.”

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Celtic lose out in extra time nailbiter

Ferryhill Celtic played in the quarter final of the Heart Foundation Cup against Durham Premier champions Pelton and it turned out to be a hard fought blood and thunder game.

Celtic went into the game in good form having scored 13 goals in their last two games, but this was always going to be a hard test. It was Celtic who started the stronger, with a mazy Shane Todd run which ended in a shot that stung the keeper’s hands, the highlight of the opening period.

For the next ten minutes, Celtic enjoyed the majority of the possession and with 17 minutes on the clock took a deserved lead when Shane Todd again went on a great run. The Pelton keeper could only parry his close range shot, and the majestic Jay White followed up on the half volley to give Celtic the lead.

The remainder of the half was very even with both sides missing chances until five minutes before the break when Pelton were awarded a penalty, which was coolly tucked away for a 1-1 half time score.

In the second half Celtic started to get a foot hold on the game, enjoying a good spell of possession and creating a number of good chances, but each time Celtic keeper Kris Carr stood strong, pulling off a string of wonderful saves.

Celtic were starting to look tired but showed big hearts with Dan Mitton, Peter Robson, Ben Clarey and Neil Bell defending like lions and in between the Celtic created chances of their own. Luke Thompson went closest with a header which the Pelton keeper managed to hold on to and with no breakthrough, the game went to extra time.

In the first period, Pelton were on top and ten minutes in they were again awarded a penalty which this time looked to be very harsh, with the Celtic defender getting a good strong foot on the ball, but was adjudged to have challenged from behind.

Once again it was tucked away to give Pelton the lead. Celtic then showed a lot of heart and for the final 15 minutes they threw everything at the desperately defending Pelton with Jay White and Shane Todd both going close, but it was not to be and Pelton survived to make the semi final.

Noah overcomes partisan crowd to claim national title

Teenage bowler, Noah Cummings, 17, from Ferryhill, has put the town on the map after winning the Under 18 National Singles title for indoor bowling at Spalding in Lincolnshire.

Noah, who has recently moved to Chilton, had to overcome a partisan crowd in a nail biting final where he was bowling against local hero and England Under 18 colleague, Jordan Philpott.

Jordan, from Spalding, had the support of the packed crowd behind him, bowling as he was on his home green.

However, Noah, who plays for Darlington Bowling Club, was in fine form from the outset and, despite an excellent effort from the home town bowler, he couldn’t quite match Noah’s consistency and it was Noah who went on to win the title by two sets to nil.

Noah adds the accomplishment to the Under 16 Singles title which he won previously.

He was also selected to bowl for England at Under 24 level last year and is currently the skip of the national team in which Jordan is a team mate.

Spalding Indoor Bowls Club sporting congratulated Noah on his win after their home bowler was denied the second place in succession, while the Noah’s home green eagerly celebrated the latest addition to his impressive list of victories.

A spokesperson for Darlington Bowling Club said: “Noah played like a Trojan to win, once again putting his home town and the club on the map.

“Well done, Noah, you did us all proud!”

Veterans help Dynamoes win

Ferryhill Dynamoes had to drag two veterans, 47 year-old David Newby and 42 year-old Nigel Milner, out in order to field a team to play Sunday’s fixture.

The patched up side put on a good display against second placed Chester the Britannia.

The first half started slowly with both sides feeling each other out, but after about half an hour, a sublime 50 yard ball from Callum Walton found top scorer Reece Marshall who did what he does best and drilled the ball home.

At the other end goal keeper, Ryan Farley pulled off a good save to thwart the Brits.

The second half was again an equal affair but with Ferryhill starting to tire the Britannia pushed everybody forward to get an equaliser.

Farley, though, was in outstanding form and pulled off a string of world class saves and the Dynamoes, with the help of their veterans, held out for a deserved single goal win.

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