Primary school pupils launch poop scoop campaign

Pupils from Ferryhill and Chilton’s primary schools are so fed up trying to dodge dog poop on their way to school that they have set up a campaign to try to raise awareness about the problem. Hannah, Erin, Harry, Maya, Lee, Ethan, Callum, Tiegan, Lucy, Rowan, Ben, Brodie, Sunny and Leo wrote to the Chapter to say: “We are the Rights Respecting Ambassadors at Cleves Cross Primary School and we are working with Approach Too and all the primary schools in Ferryhill and Chilton to let everyone know about our campaign to improve the area we live in by trying to get everyone to clean up the dog mess. “We are passionate about our right to have clean streets and parks to play in and we want all dog owners to meet their responsibilities to poop scoop after their pets. “We hate walking to school and getting the stinky mess on our shoes. We don’t like playing on fields that can make us ill. “To help us achieve our goal to clean up the lovely community we live in we want everyone to join us in our campaign. So, remember to poop scoop every time. “Watch out for our fantastic posters and campaign video coming soon to a place near you. You can also keep up to date with our campaign at Approachtoo.uk or the ApproachToo facebook page.”

Funding available for green fingers

Funding is open to green-fingered groups in Chilton and Ferryhill to help them spruce up their communities. Durham County Council is making up to £500 available to organisations to put towards environmental improvements. Anyone who would like to apply for the cash must be willing to take part in the Royal Horticultural Society’s It’s Your Neighbourhood scheme, which gives smaller community groups the chance to get involved in the wider Britain in Bloom activities. The free initiative also allows volunteer-led gardening groups to take part in projects that are relevant to local issues, such as cleaning up a park, revamping a run-down back lane or adding floral or planting displays to outdoor open spaces. Examples of schemes which were previously awarded funding included a community garden, conservation of a closed burial ground and planting of wildflowers, bulbs and shrubs and planting of fruit trees and fruit hedges to encourage people to grow food and promote wildlife. All the projects will be recognised at an awards ceremony later this month. Any groups wishing to apply for the funding will receive guidance and support from the council’s Civic Pride and Clean and Green teams. Cllr Brian Stephens, Cabinet member for neighbourhoods and local partnerships, Durham County Council, said: “We would encourage any community groups in the county wanting to make a positive change to their environment to apply for the funding.” Applications are open between 1st October and 13th November. Forms are available online from Durham County Council or by calling 03000 261 000.


In Memoriam

Ann-Carr Jewett
Died October 1997
It is lonely here without you, I miss you more each day. For life is not the same to me, Since you were called away, If I could have one lifetime wish, One dream that could come true, I would pray to God with all my heart, For yesterday and you. Also my father JW and my mother Elizabeth Anne. Also my brothers Cecil, Lawrence & Louise.

Thinking of you always,
Ray

Dorothy Garrett
Died 7-10-2014
One year has passed Never forgotten Miss the crack Love you always Forget you never.

From,
Pat, Derick, Paula, David, Graham, Clair, David, Clair, Naomi, Dane, Chloe, Ryan, Jack, Luna.

Dorothy Garrett
Passed away 7-10-2014
A loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. Always remembered, always in our thoughts, always loved.

By,
Jen and Dave, Gareth, Mary and Mikey, Alex and Katie.

Bethany Thompson
9th Oct
Happy 16th Birthday
16!
Love,
Mam, Ethan, Maddison, Lauren, Adam

Liam Taylor
8/10/1965
Happy 50th Birthday Liam
Lots of Love from,
Mam, Dad, Leanne & Nana Woods

Lost

Jay Rothwell
8th October
Happy 50th Birthday Son
50!
My love as always,
Mam x

Jay Rothwell
8th October
Happy 50th Jay
50!
Love you always,
Penny, John & Tegan

Classifieds
All about local people...

Birthday

Maureen Wall
7th October
Thinking of you on your birthday
Love always,
Keith, Pamela, John, Keith, Jackie, Adam, Hannah and Nathan

Acknowledgments

The family of the late Alice Louisa Beer would like to thank family and friends for the love and kindness shown in our time of sadness. Thanks to the staff of North Durham Hospital and also the drivers from Kwik Cabs for their caring attitude over many years. Thanks to Terry Stephenson for releasing us from the organisation burdens. Finally, the family would like to thank Les Lewis for the lovely thoughtful service which brought Alice’s long life into context. We’re sure Alice, like us, would have been smiling at the short but happy account of her 96 years.

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Child’s Play highly commended at Nursery World Awards

The Nursery World Awards are the most prestigious event in the early years calendar, which is reflected by the fact that the big night is typically attended by over 1000 guests, with a mixture of all early years professionals.

The winners of the 2015 awards were unveiled at the Brewery in London on Saturday 26th September. Host, Barney Harwood, a presenter on the popular children’s television programme, Blue Peter, conducted the ceremony.

Host, Barney said, “The e-portal system on the nursery’s website means parents are more involved and informed about their child’s progress and development. “By logging in with their username and password, parents can read observations made by nursery staff about their child, comment on their progress and upload their own images from a mobile device or computer wherever they are.”

Amy Dinsley, receive their award from Blue Peter presenter, Barney Howard.

Colette Longbottom
Durham County Council

Poppies available at Ferryhill Town Hall

The areas of the Flanders and Picardy saw some of the most appalling fighting of World War One. There was complete devastation. Where homes, farms and countryside had been, a sea of mud and carnage engulfed everything.

One thing, however, did survive each year: the warm weather brought up poppies. Their vibrant colour in this mud and desolation gave heart and hope to the soldiers fighting in the trenches, and so the poppy became a symbol of hope and remembrance.

The poppy became recognised as an important reminder of the war and in Britain under the guidance of Mayor George Howson MC, a small group of disabled servicemen started to make artificial poppies.

So the Poppy Appeal, as we know it, spread from small beginnings into the powerful and successful movement that it is today. All money raised by the Poppy Appeal still goes to helping service and ex-servicemen and their wives and their dependants in times of need through the Royal British Legion’s Benevolent Fund.

Poppies will be on sale throughout Ferryhill from Saturday 24th October and will be available at most business outlets. Anyone wishing to purchase car poppies, large poppies, wooden crosses or enamel poppy badges can do so from Ferryhill Town Hall.

This year the 2015 enamel poppy badges are a limited issue and will be sold on a first come basis. They are available now, so anyone wishing to purchase a badge should do so at their earliest convenience. Any business outlets within Ferryhill who did not receive poppies and collecting tins last year who would wish to participate in this year’s appeal should contact John Rogerson at the Town Hall on 01740 652157 before Monday 19th October.

St Aidan’s social

St. Aidan’s Church, Chilton is holding a Social and Supper Evening with pie and peas on Tuesday 13th October at 7pm. Entertainment will be provided by the Sedgefield Hand Bell Ringers. A spokesperson for the church said, “Please come along and join in this fun night. Tickets are just £5 and available from any member of the social committee. You can also book by calling 01388 721174. “Thank you for your continued support.”

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Chilton Colliery Banner fundraiser

A social event was held on Saturday afternoon, 3rd October, in the Wheatsheaf, Chilton, to raise funds for the Chilton banner to Durham for the annual Miners’ Gala next summer. A spokesperson for the Chilton Banner Committee said, “The afternoon was, as usual, a huge success and resulted in a grand total of £340 being raised. The afternoon was, as usual, a huge success and resulted in a grand total of £340 being raised.”

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More than 200 vehicles were left either unsecured or with items of value on display when officers carried out force-wide car security checks this week. Police officers, PCSOs and neighbourhood watch volunteers all took part in the patrols, which were carried out across County Durham and Darlington.

The aim of the operation was to highlight the consistently high numbers of vehicles that are left vulnerable to thieves, and offer suitable crime prevention advice to those motorists.

More than 1,200 vehicles were checked and in total 220 were found to have valuables left in view, or were unsecured.

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Ashton said, “We know that a key contributing factor in vehicle crime is unsecured property - whether that is valuable items left in sight or doors being left open - that's why we are running regular patrols to remind people to leave their property secure.

“This week's patrols were co-ordinated across the force area in an attempt to get a true reflection of the scale of the issue. We are hoping that by drawing attention to the problem, we might be able to increase awareness of the steps people can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of car crime, thus reducing thefts.

“We have produced some handy flyers with simple steps people can take to prevent being targeted by thieves, which can be obtained by calling 101 and asking to speak to a member of the nearest neighbourhood police team.”

Among the items left in view of the thieves were sat nav systems, handbags, purses, mobile phones, tablet computers and a toolbox.

Items such as this laptop bag left on display encourages opportunistic thieves, warn Durham Constabulary.

Police warn drivers to secure vehicles and hide valuables.
The Child Who Saved Christmas is on sale via Amazon and is also available in libraries across the county.

“It is the night before Christmas and evil Yggdrasil, the Nordic Tree God, desires the magical powers of Santa Claus. Can Santa, and his loyal elves stop Yggdrasill’s evil plan? ... Or will children everywhere wake on Christmas morning with no presents left by Santa Claus?” That is the question Ferryhill author, Steven Corner hopes will raise funds for charity. You only really appreciate the cover of a book, if you are holding it in your hands,” said Stephen. “A lot of work goes into the front cover to not only sell the book, but to want to interact with it.”

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Children’s half term entertainment

Ferryhill Town Council has organised for Animal Story to return to Ferryhill Library on Thursday 29th October from 2pm - 3pm with their 'Hoots Halloween’ session.

There are only 35 places available for this session, so parents are encouraged to book tickets, which are available from Ferryhill Library.

A spokesperson said, “This session is suitable for children aged from 3 to 11 years and is free of charge so why not bring your children along and join in the fun.”

Dear Editor,

Thank you so very much to the residents and friends of “The Garth”, Ferryhill, on Monday 21st September, our working group with our friends, who so willingly supported our cause of Macmillan Cancer Support, raised an amount of £360.

Everyone, workers and friends, were so very kind. We had a wonderful Coffee Morning full of friendship and care.

Yours sincerely,
Nancy Clarey, on behalf of The Garth Working Group

Dear Editor,

I would like to extend a special word of thanks to Assistant Manageress Rachel Hull, also Megan, Candice and all staff at the B&M store in Ferryhill for their superb help and assistance with the recent raffle held for the Peoples’ Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA).

Also, thanks to all customers who bought tickets. The magnificent sum of £305.38 was raised – many thanks again.

Yours sincerely,
Geoffrey Gregg, Tursdale

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for including our article about our AGM in last week’s paper (Recognition plays major part in 1st Ferryhill Scout Group AGM, Issue 746).

We hoped you would be able to clarify in your issue this week that the person named in your article on page 6 (Ex-scoutmaster back behind bars) has at no time had any connection with the 1st Ferryhill Scout Group.

We appreciate that your article makes it clear, but as we work towards building a good rapport with the good people of Ferryhill, we would hate to have our reputation tarnished by this.

Yours sincerely,
Donald Park, Ist Ferryhill Scout Group

Editor says: We are happy to confirm that the person named in the article on page 6 last week was not linked in any way to Ferryhill scouts, or to Ferryhill (other than residing there since leaving prison) and hope that parents and youngsters in Ferryhill continue to enjoy their good relationship with the 1st Ferryhill Scout Group.
New teams to support children, young people and families

New teams are being set up to support children, young people and their families across County Durham, including in Ferryhill. The Families First teams will include social workers, family support workers and other specialist staff who will work alongside staff in the One Point Service and be based at OnePoint Hubs.

Durham County Council believes the ten new teams will enable it to best ensure that children and young people have the best chances in life. Carole Payne, Durham County Council’s head of children’s services, said: “We want all children to be happy, healthy and achieve their full potential so we’ve been looking at how we can do things differently to best support families in the county.

“The new Families First teams will mean that workers are based in the community and will have more time to build strong, professional relationships with children, young people and families. “They will also have knowledge of local organisations that may be able to provide additional help and support if needed.” Parents and young people who are involved with council services have provided their views, supported by Investing in Children, an organisation that promotes the human rights of children and young people, to help in the development of the new teams. The service was officially launched on Tuesday, 29th September, with the first teams already up-and-running in Peterlee, Seaham and Chester-le-Street.

The remaining seven, including Ferryhill’s OnePoint Hub in Broom Road, will be in place by February 2016. Anyone with a concern about a child or young person living in County Durham can call the First Contact Service on 03000 26 79 79.

This week in History

7 October 1949
Less than five months after Great Britain, the US, and France established the Federal Republic of Germany, the Democratic Republic or East Germany is proclaimed within the Soviet occupation zone.

10 October 2004
Actor Christopher Reeve, famous for his starring role in four Superman films, died from heart failure at the age of 52. Reeve, was paralysed in 1995 as the result of a horse-riding accident.

11 October 1968
Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, is launched with three as- tronauts aboard. The crew conducted an 11-day orbit of Earth, transmitting the first live television broadcasts from orbit.

12 October 1915
49-year-old British nurse Edith Cavell is executed by a German firing squad in Brussels after being sentenced to death for helping British and French prisoners-of-war and Belgians looking to serve the Allies to escape.

Tomorrow

by Edith Whitfield (aged 94), Ferryhill

A house is made of bricks and beams

A home is made of love and dreams

It’s filled with happiness and pleasure

Among the things we’ll always treasure

But things will change as years go by

The house is silent, it gives a sigh

Your family go their lives to lead

But will still be there in case you need

Just wipe those tears and smile and say

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Richard O'Neill is in training for his first professional fight later this month in Dunston.

Richard O’Neill, a promising boxer from Ferryhill, is getting ready for his first professional fight. The fight will be held at the Federation Brewery in Dunston, Gateshead on Saturday 17th October.

Richard, 29, from Conyers Terrace, is training religiously to a physical demanding regime on a daily basis. His passion for boxing over-takes all, giving him the determination and will power required to succeed at what he wants to achieve in the sport.

Richard works full time at Elancy Docwra and manages to train two hours daily, six days a week. His passion for boxing started as a teenager when he would box in the garage of his mother’s home on a boxing bag and train on weights.

He has since trained and boxed with various gyms in the area, Ferryhill Mainsforth being one he was trained on his own before moving on to Newton Acyliffe ABC with Les Gibbon and Ian Dunbar where he had various amateur fights, losing just one bout whilst training with the club.

Richard then moved to Spenymoor Boxing Academy in order to gain more experience and better himself, knowing that the club had a good reputation and has produced lots of local talent.

As a result, Richard was given the opportunity of travelling to Canada to box with other members of the club and gained the desired experience along the way for which he thanks head coach Robert Ellis, Mickey Thompson, Stuart Macrone and Darren Smalls.

Richard has now been signed up with Gus Robinson’s development squad in Hartlepool where he aims, with the support of head coach Peter Cope and trainer Alan Temple, to achieve success in professional boxing.

He said, “I am grateful for all support I have received from my family, my partner Sarah Jayne and my friends.”

Tickets for the bout are priced at £35 and there will be a bus leaving from Ferryhill Village.

Anyone interested in purchasing a ticket should contact Richard on 07711 085635 or Tracy Hodgson on 07523 176855.

Both can also be contacted online via their Facebook pages.

Ferryhill Youth sides progress in cup tournaments

Ferryhill Town Youth’s under 7s, under 8s and under 9s were all celebrating progression in their various cup tournaments last week.

The under 7s took on Norton Amber in the league Cup with Ferryhill starting brightly and being rewarded with a goal from a long range effort from Ben Dargue. Norton pulled a goal back but found themselves behind again at the break courtesy of a goal from Jayden Wilkinson.

The second half was end to end, but Ferryhill made sure of the win after some good work from Conner Chaytor was finished off well by Zak Lauder and they progress into the last 16 of the competition.

In the second game, Ferryhill were well beaten, despite some good tackling from Oliver Heaviside and Fin Cooper.

Ferryhill’s goal came from a through ball by Cole Phillips, which was put away neatly by Jude Tracey.

The under 7s are at home this Sunday, 11th October, when they will entertain Darlington Locomotives.

Next up were the Under 8s, who played Middleton Knights at Dean Bank Rec in the Challenge Cup.

Ferryhill started brightly with George and Zach sweeping up in defence and breaking forward to assist Aaron and Jamie any chance they could.

After some excellent first half football and clinical finishing, Ferryhill went into the break 4-0 ahead. Ferryhill kept the pressure on in the second half and played well throughout.

Kole and Carlton came on in the second half to freshen things up and see the game out.

Ferryhill deservedly progressed to the next round with a 9-2 victory. Goals came from Aarav F (5), Zach (3) and one for Jamie.

Zach was named Man of the Match but Ferryhill’s manager named all players as his Men of the Match as he couldn’t single anyone out.

It was also a quieter day between the posts for Aidan who did his job well. The second game was a much more even contest with a new team fielded for Ferryhill.

In an end to end game, Aaron S and Addison worked hard in defence and Lewis was dynamic in midfield.

Kole was able to pick the ball up and make his trademark runs to burst into the box.

The second half saw Sam, Jonathan and Aidan enter the field and also a debut from William helped towards Ferryhill running out 4-3 winners.

The highlight of the game was a stunning free kick from Lewis who was also named Man of the Match due to his technique and skill on the ball.

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