Chilton Gala Day is almost here!

Mayor of Chilton Councillor Maureen Errington with 2010’s Miss Chilton, Courtney Naylor. The Car pictured is a Morris 10/4 Cour -

Tenlands future remains uncertain

Landlords have finally pulled the plug on care home giant Southern Cross, with Tenlands Care Centre on Wood Lane, Ferryhill, being just one of the homes affected by the situation.

Landlords of 250 of the 752 homes have agreed to take back the centres to run themselves, however it is as yet unclear as to whether Tenlands is among this number. The remaining 502 homes are caught up in negotiations with owners which could take months.

The company’s financial crisis came to light earlier this year when they were faced with rising rent costs and lower fees. The company has now been forced to shut down after landlords refused to restructure rental agreements.

Southern Cross said final details of the plan had yet to be settled, but all payments to trade creditors and staff are to be kept up to help with the transition to new owners or operators and maintain continuity of care.

Chief executive of the Darlington-based company, Jamie Buchan said, “My objective is to continue to provide excellent care to every resident and to manage the programme of transition professionally.”

Daniel Smith, Chairman of the Southern Cross Landlords’ Committee tried to reassure residents and their families that the quality of care provided by the new landlords would remain high.

He stated, “Unless you are an operator, the landlords are not getting involved in care delivery. Southern Cross are the current operators and the landlords will find new operators.

“It is a highly regulated industry. So you cannot impose a small charge on some attractions including the fun fair rides. For further details on any of the above, telephone Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.
In Memoriam

Peggy Mitchell
14.7.10
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Birthday Memories

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Just pain and suffering that we gain
But when God takes us, One by one
The chain will link again.

Tantie Bacie
Your Daughter Dianna, Harold & Francesca

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Lots of love and hugs,
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Birthday Memories

Pearl
July 17th
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Displays at Chilton Library

Chilton Library has three new adult displays. The first is a collection of Jeannie Johnson books, including Like an Evening Gone, which tells the story of the Strong family, who are wealthy, arrogant, decadent and ruthless. They have a string of sugar plantations in Barbados and a stately home near Bristol, and in one single night the actions of one generation alter the family's legacy forever.

The second display is a selection of Debbie Macomber books, including Outlaw by Angus Donald, which is described as a gripping, action-packed historical thriller that delves deep into the fascinating legend of Robin Hood."

Summer Fayre

Broom Cottages Infant & Junior School will be holding its annual Summer Fayre on Friday 15th July, between 3.15pm and 5.30pm. "Come along and join in the fun," encouraged a spokesman.

Due in court

Terry Joe Tyers, aged 18 years of Byron Road, Chilton, was due before Magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face two charges.

It is alleged that Tyers drove a Ford Transit in Craddock Street, Spennymoor without insurance or a test certificate on 9th February this year.

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Thefts of vehicle equipment

Police are asking motorists and members of the public to be vigilant and take preventative measures to help combat thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles. Thefts have mainly targeted 4x4 vehicles and commercial vehicles where ground clearance makes it easier to access the catalytic converter. Several vehicles have been attacked in various locations throughout County Durham in the past few days, but often motorists don’t become aware of the crime until they drive off in their vehicle.

People are encouraged to report any suspicious incidents to police. What may appear at first glance to be someone under a vehicle making a repair could well be a thief stealing a catalytic converter. Motorists are also encouraged to take some or all of the following measures to help protect their vehicle against this type of theft:
- Wherever possible park your vehicle in a locked garage or in an area where there is good levels of street lighting. Park your vehicle in an area where CCTV in operation and wherever possible use a ‘Park Mark’ approved car park.
- Purchase a catalytic converter protective sleeve available from various internet sites.
- Have your catalytic converter permanently marked with an identification number so it will be easier to trace if it is stolen.
- Anyone with any information about these thefts is asked to contact Durham Constabulary on 0345 60 60 365.

Men stabbed dog with potato peeler & left it for dead

Two local men could be facing a jail term after causing a dog extreme suffering with their botched attempts to kill it.

Andrew Painter, 32, and Kevin Varty, 43, tried to break the animal’s neck after it suffered a fractured leg in a road traffic accident. However when they failed to kill the lurcher, Painter then proceeded to stab it with a potato peeler.

The dog was found on a grassy area in Ferryhill after a member of the public alerted the RSPCA. It is now being re-homed after having its leg amputated. Painter, who was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the offence, admitted two counts of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal after it was hit by the car. Varty, of High Street, Ferryhill, and Painter, of Willow Road, admitted failing to seek proper veterinary care and causing unnecessary suffering to the animal after it was hit by the car.

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Maureen Errington, will be holding a charity night on Friday 19th September at Chilton Workingmen’s Club.

Thefts of vehicle equipment

On average, around 40 catalytic converters are stolen from vehicles in the UK every day. These devices are targeted for their value, which can range from £200 to £800.

To help deter these crimes, motorists are advised to:
- Park in garages or Covered Car Parks.
- Use a lockable garage or a High Security garage.
- Use key locks on your vehicle.
- Use catalytic converter protective sleeves.

Special guest at Baptist Church

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Police keen to find roof rack owner

Police are trying to trace the owner of a car roof rack which was recovered during a recent operation targeting metal theft. The Operation Hansel metal theft team of the Road Policing Unit recently stopped a vehicle, arrested and gave a police caution to two males carrying scrap. On board their vehicle was a large roof rack which they admit to picking up in a side street in a small village or town between Shildon and Peterlee, which was possibly West Cornforth.

Police need to speak with the original owner of the aluminium, silver roof rack. Anyone with information is urged to contact Durham Constabulary on 0345 60 60 365 and ask for the Cleveland and Durham Specialist Operations Unit at Spennymoor police station.

An Experience of engineering at Edinburgh University

Four year 10 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College recently experienced life at University first hand. The students, Nadine Berry, Lauren Gash, Hannah Littley and Kieran Hornsby, spent three days attending lectures at Edinburgh University and sampling everything the city has to offer. During the sessions the students built rockets and robot components and tested their designs against students from other schools, culminating in a spectacular finale. On their return to school Nadine said that she had an amazing time meeting new friends and taking part in new activities. This was reinforced by Kieran’s comments that he had a really good time seeing what University is like. All the students agreed this was a fantastic opportunity and it has solidified their ambitions to attend University in the future.

Residents across County Durham are being offered the chance to make a difference in their local area. The ‘4 Together Partnership Board’ - one of 14 Area Action Partnerships (AAP) set up by Durham County Council - is looking for new members who will then get to help shape how the AAP spends its money and set its priorities. The deadline for applications is Friday July 15th. For more information or for an application pack, please contact Helen Pinkney, Support Officer, on 0191 383 3000 or e-mail fouraap@durham.gov.uk.

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Ferryhill philatelic display

Ferryhill Philatelic Society currently has a collection of stamps and postal history on display at Ferryhill Library. A selection of books on collectables are also available to borrow to complement the display. The group meets ten months of the year at St Luke’s Parish Centre. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September at 7pm. New member are always welcome. For more information contact J Dent on 01740 651294.

Parks issue 50 verbal warnings

Over the past month the PACT Priority for the Ferryhill area has been speeding in general. From this the police have issued 50 verbal warnings, 21 Speed Watch letters, 25 endorsable Fixed Penalty Notices, 3 persons reported for summons. The Police will continue their patrols of Ferryhill on a regular basis and would like to remind all drivers to adhere to the speed limits.

A memorial bench has been placed at the entrance to King James I Academy in Bishop Auckland in remembrance of ex-pupils Robert Winterbone, who recently passed away. Brothers Robert and Michael from Ferryhill, who were former students at the school, both suffered from Muscular Dystrophy. “During their time at King James I they were an inspiration to other students and took an active part in school life,” said a spokesman for the school.

Charity asks residents to make £8.5m fundraiser biggest ever

A leading cancer charity is asking people in Ferryhill and Chilton to help raise £8.5m to celebrate the 21st birthday of its biggest fundraising event.

Macmillan Cancer Support wants locals to raise £58,000 from the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning to contribute to the charity’s record-breaking fundraising target. The event, launched in 1990, and has grown to become the charity’s largest fundraising event, generating millions to fund vital cancer services.

Macmillan’s fundraiser for County Durham Michelle Muir is asking local people to help make this year’s event the biggest ever.

Michelle said, “The World’s Biggest Coffee Morning is always really popular, probably because it’s a really easy event to take part in. “This is the event’s 21st birthday and Macmillan’s 100th birthday so we are determined to raise money than ever and make this year’s coffee morning our biggest ever.”

The idea behind the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning is that people hold their own coffee morning in their homes, work places or local community. They ask for donations in return for drinks and cakes and then pass on the proceeds to Macmillan.

Michelle added, “Some people hold just a small event with friends, while others go all out and organise a big community party. “Every pound raised matters so we really hope even more people with sign up to hold a coffee morning this year.”

Although the official World’s Biggest Coffee Morning day is Friday, September 30th, Macmillan is happy for people to hold events on a day that suits them.

Michelle added, “The great thing about this event is that you can put your own twist on it and make sure it works for you. “You can hold your coffee morning whenever it suits you. We even have people who are holding their event at night and serving cocktails instead of coffee.”

The money raised from the event will be used to fund Macmillan’s support services for people with cancer and their families. To find out more about the World’s Biggest Coffee Morning visit www.maccmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246.

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**Mayor presents flag to local veteran**

The Special Armed Forces Day Flag that was raised on the Ferryhill Town Council flag pole on Friday 24th June and was flown until the following Monday. The flag was flown in unison with other flags that were raised across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man in a universal show of support, honouring Britain’s Armed Forces past, present and future. When the flag was lowered it was presented to Mr Alan Thompson, a local veteran who served in the Coldstream Guards 2nd Battalion for 12 years. Alan is also the Parade Marshal for the Remembrance Day Parades at Ferryhill. The date for the celebrations of the armed forces day was Saturday 25th June 2011 when various events were held throughout the UK.

**“Border line professional”**

Ben Hunter had never been in trouble before but a gambling addiction had left him in money difficulties and he was struggling to run his car. Egged on by some friends he then planned a series of offences which the District Judge at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court described as “border line professional”. The 19 year-old, of Aiden’s Walk, Ferryhill, stole registration plates from vehicles and fixed them using elastic bands over his own registration plates. He then filled up his tank at several service stations and drove off without paying. Hunter pleaded guilty to those who had encouraged him to commit the offences. Hunter will serve a 12 month community order and complete 40 hours of unpaid work as compensation. As a result, he has now taken charge of his financial affairs and that he had disassociated himself from those who had encouraged him to commit the offences. Hunter will serve a 12 month community order and complete 40 hours of unpaid work as well as paying £326.66 in compensation.

**Poetry Corner**

**Red Top blues**

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Residents urged to be on their guard against conmen callers

Residents are being warned to be aware of bogus callers after a Chilton woman was the victim of telephone conmen.

Maureen Richardson, from Bainbridge Row, received a telephone call from a man saying that there was a problem with her Santander credit card. He then went on to request Mrs Richardson’s bank details, along with £250, with the claim that she would then receive £2,500. The 52-year-old refused to pass on her information. Santander have stated that the caller was most likely to be a conman.

A spokesperson for Durham County Council urged people to check with the company concerned before passing on any details to callers requesting such information.

Man to face Crown Court after takeaway assault

Kevin Alex Dagga will appear at Durham Crown Court on 3rd August after the District Judge released him from Newton Court on 3rd August.

Kevin Alex Dagga will be charged with actual bodily harm.

The court heard that Dagga, 28, of Woodland Close, Chilton, had earlier pleaded guilty to assaulting a man, occasioning him actual bodily harm.

The court was shown CCTV footage of the incident, which occurred in a take-away in Ferryhill at around 2.20am on 18th December last year. The victim was seen at the head of the queue and, as he took possession of his food, (with his arms full and unable to protect himself) he was head butted and then wrestled to the floor by Dagga. Police attended and the victim was taken to Accident and Emergency but later discharged himself. It became apparent the next day, however, that his injuries needed further attention. He had several stitches and an operation to his upper lip and as a result will be left with a permanent scar.

The court heard that Dagga had relevant previous convictions and had indeed been imprisoned for two years in 2004.

The District Judge commented that this was an unprovoked sustained attack in which several blows had been rained down upon the victim.

Little Strikers sessions

New MGFA Little Strikers sessions will be starting in Ferryhill from this week. They will take place at Ferryhill Leisure Centre from Thursday 11th July, from 5pm to 6pm. The classes, which cost £4, are for 3-5-year-olds and involve around structured activity sessions with parent involvement. A spokesperson for the sessions said, “If you’ve got a footie mad tot or pre-schooler who just likes to have fun with a ball, then this is the perfect opportunity to develop your child’s skills and spend some quality time together.”

The Martin Gray Football Academy will also take place on Thursdays at Ferryhill Leisure Centre. Youngsters between 5 and 8 years-old can go along between 5.30pm and 6.30pm, while 9 to 12 year-olds can attend from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. For more information contact Martin Gray on 07738139194.

Mainsforth twice defeated

It was another defeat for Mainsforth on Saturday 9th July when they played Willington, who won by 116 runs. Mainsforth’s top batsman was P Cavanagh, who scored 32 runs. Glendale. Kick off is at 10.30 am at Broom Recreation Field. All support is welcome.

Pre-season friendly

Ferryhill Celtic FC will be playing a pre-season friendly match on Sunday 17th July against Houghton Glendale.

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