Broom Cottages Nursery raise funds for Ghanaian children

Pupils at Broom Cottages Nursery in Ferryhill recently took part in the Sport Relief Mile and raised over £1,200 for children in Ghana. The nursery also represents Ghana in the school Olympics each year as Sharon O’Kell (who is part of the foundation stage team at the nursery) has a son who lives and works in Ghana.

Sharon travelled to Ghana during the Easter holidays and visited Dzorwulu Special School to hand over the £1,234 raised through the kindness of family and friends who sponsored the nursery’s obstacle course. During Sharon’s trip, she was able to provide flour, rice, oil and tomatoes which will last for a considerable time. The children also enjoyed a home cooked meal of jollof, rice, chicken, coleslaw and a refreshing drink.

A spokesperson from the nursery said: “It was heart-warming and emotional to know that we can reach across the world and help children who are less fortunate than our own. “The school [in Ghana] asked Sharon to express their thanks and to say they will remember everyone at Broom Cottages in their prayers. “The nursery would also like to thank our wonderful community, families and friends for their magnificent support; parents, and children to have a theme for another visitor to come into the school and for the children to have a heart-warming and emotional day.”

Local pupils learn about cats

Caroline Burden, a representative of a national charity that protects cats, visited schools in Ferryhill and Chilton to pass feline knowledge onto some of the next generation.

Pupils from Ferryhill Station Primary School, Broom Cottages Nursery, Dean Bank Primary School and Cleves Cross Primary School learned about looking after cats, how to be a responsible owner and even how to understand feline body language during the visits. Miss Burden said: “We want to get into more schools and more community groups to promote those messages. “It has gone really well; there have been some really positive responses from the schools. “The children really enjoyed it.”

Edward Jackson, headteacher at Ferryhill Station Primary School, said: “It provides the opportunity for another visitor to come into the school and for the children to have a theme to base their writing and learning around.” Schools interested in a visit from Cats Protection can email caroline.burden@cats.org.uk.

Volunteer at St Luke’s

The very popular Friday lunch at St Luke’s is staffed by volunteers and, because of the success of the coffee morning Friday lunches, more volunteers are required! A spokesperson said: “If you have an hour or so on a Friday, like meeting people, like being part of a team and want to make friends, please come along and meet the team!”

For the latest St Luke’s lunch menu see page 7.
Passed Away

Roger Vickers
(Roy)
29 April 2016
Sadly passed away on Friday 29th April 2016. A memorial service will be held at Ferryhill Masonic Hall on Monday 16th May at 11am. Friends welcome.

Birthdays

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Issue 776
Ferryhill & Chilton Chapter
FBEC pupils show they have the Skills to Shine

A group of Year 10 students from Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College recently took part in an extra-curricular project called Make £1 Grow.

The project was organised by social enterprise, Skills to Shine which provides schoolchildren with the skills they need to succeed in the workplace.

The students used the initial funding to buy ingredients and materials to produce hand crafted and home baked products which they sold at Ferryhill Market on 22nd April.

Lauren Cox, Lucy Henderson, Lucy Jameson, Tia Lingard and Bryany Maughan sold hand crafted and home baked produce as part of their ‘Make £1 Grow’ project.

Before market day, the students took part in a number of sessions after school such as advertising, public relations, budgeting and finance in order to learn and develop the skills needed in the workplace.

Overall the students made a large profit of over £50 from only one day at Ferryhill Market and completely sold out of stock!

They thoroughly enjoyed the day with a spokesperson for the group saying, “It was a fantastic experience and I have developed so many skills that will really help me in my future job”. “We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Hanson, Careers Co-ordinator at FBEC who organised and supervised the project.”

Miss Hanson said, “It’s extremely important for students to develop skills such as teamwork and communication because this will help them make the appropriate progression in their career journey. The students have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and we hope to continue projects such as this in the future”.

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Talented locals given a chance to shine

Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 Committee are joining forces to organise a citizenship awards scheme and an art and photography exhibition, to showcase and reward good and talented locals. Residents and organisations in Ferryhill are being urged to nominate people who have tried to improve the quality of life in the town to the Ferryhill Civic Awards. Young people, as well as adults, can now be chosen, and winners will be selected from four categories: care for the environment and deserving young people. If you wish to nominate, fill out the form below. If you wish to nominate more than one person, forms will be available at the Town Hall. Nominations should be for unpaid nominees only.

The Council and Committee are also accepting applications for the art and photography exhibition which will take place at Ferryhill Town Hall from Monday 1st August to Sunday 12th August. The deadline for applications (which you can collect from the Town Hall) is on 8th July. The imminent exhibition allows residents to nominate winners for four categories: best artwork by under 18s, best photograph by under 18s, best photograph by under 18s and best photograph by over 18s. A prize and certificate will go to the winner of each category. For more information about the exhibition, visit the Hall or call 01740 652157.

Ferryhill Civic Awards 2016 Nomination Form

I hereby propose:

Name: .................................................. Address: .................................................................
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Events Officer
FERRYHILL TOWN HALL
FERRYHILL
DL17 8JL

Ferryhill hub raises thousands for Butterwick Hospice

Lyndsey Barnes from Butterwick (pictured on the right) accepting the cheque for £2343.50, from Katie Graham, representing the Ferryhill Hub.

The Ferryhill Hub recently presented Butterwick Hospice with a cheque for a generous £2343.50. A number of auctions, raffles and charity games were held in order to raise the money for the hospice. A spokesperson for Butterwick said: “We would like to give thanks to Christopher Bell, the organiser, and Mr Dave Athey for raising the money along with numerous other personnel and businesses involved in the Hub. We would like to thank all those who contributed, for raising this money- we look forward to bigger and better collaborations in the future.”

Whist and Dominoes

There will be a Whist and Domino Drive in the Community Centre at Kirk Merlington on Saturday May 7th at 2pm. The cost is £2 and includes refreshments.

Ferryhill Station WMC

Saturday 7th May
DISCO 7pm - 11.30pm

Saturday 21st May
MADNESS TRIBUTE
Doors open at 7pm
Tickets on sale at the Club and Kelly’s Newsagent £5 each
People in County Durham are being urged to join Durham County Council’s community alarm service that supports vulnerable residents of all ages. Care Connect assists people in maintaining their independence in their own home, providing a monitoring and response service to people’s homes 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, offering assistance and reassurance whenever it is needed.

The service is vital for anybody who believes they are at risk, or vulnerable and their families want security and peace of mind.

People may know of a neighbour or friend who is at risk or socially isolated and the Care Connect service can offer assistance and support these people when in need.

Customers are provided with a unit alarm system and pendant, which is installed in their homes, and when the alert button is pressed for assistance a call is placed directly to Care Connect’s Control Room.

The service operates 24/7 so staff are always available to offer support and assistance, to dispatch Responders to a customer’s home, or to contact the emergency services when necessary.

There is a small weekly charge for the service, but this will be discussed with customers prior to coming on to the service.

The service helps around 15,000 households across County Durham and has recently retained its Accreditation to the Telecare Services Association (TSA) Code of Practice, being one of less than 10% of members to achieve ‘Platinum Member Status’ (European Technical Specification) for the community alarm and Telecare services it provides.

Care Connect promotes independence through the use of technology so people can remain in their own homes as long as possible.

Where a customer is assessed as needing additional support, equipment known as Telecare can be installed, giving carers and families peace of mind. Customers who do not wish to go through a social care assessment can agree a private arrangement with Care Connect to have Telecare equipment installed.

There are numerous types of equipment available and include items for people who are at risk of falling, have dementia (or some memory loss), are deaf, blind, or have epilepsy.

An example of this technology is a fall detector for people who are frail and/or at risk of falling. The device is unobtrusive and worn about the person and will identify a genuine fall and immediately alert the Control Room so appropriate action can be taken.

For more information about the service, visit Care Connect’s website at www.durham.gov.uk/careconnect or telephone 03000 262 195 or send an email to care.connect@durham.gov.uk.
Ferryhill Banner Group to raise funds for Miners Gala weekend

The Ferryhill Banner group is hosting a “Race Night” at the Surtees Arms Public House on Saturday 14th May with the first race commencing at 8pm. The night will raise funds for the activities around the Durham Miners Gala weekend in Ferryhill and Durham. A spokesperson said: “Come along and enjoy a small flutter with great company. It promises to be a great evening!”

The new “Pull-Up Banners”, kindly donated by the Durham Area Banners Association, will also be on display on the evening. The banners provide a little history about Dean and Chapter Colliery and Mainsforth Colliery, and will also be on display at Durham Miners Gala on Saturday 9th July. The Durham Area Banners Association is providing all banner groups in the Durham Area with the pull-up banners of their respective collieries.

The plan is to then display all the banners in a marquee at Durham Miners Gala on 9th July, with an estimated forty banners on display!

Charity pageant

On Sunday 5th June at 2pm, New Dance Generation is hosting the Miss Ferryhill Charity Beauty Pageant of 2016 at Ferryhill Hub. The event seeks to raise donations on towards a young cancer patient’s dream holiday. Nicole Agar (mentioned in issue 774 of the Chapter) suffers from a brain tumour and is battling ongoing treatment. The local girl’s wish is to go on a family holiday to Disneyland and the charity beauty pageant will help contribute to the cost of that holiday.

Head adjudicator at the event is triple title holder Lyndsey Beckwith, who is Miss British Empire Grampian, Miss Year Aberdeen and Miss Global Beauty! Lyndsey, alongside two other special guests, will judge three rounds: natural beauty, Disney theme, and evening and ball gowns. Each participant will receive a prize and title. However, only four contestants will win crowns. Prizes for winners include a specially designed sash, a tiara, a photo shoot and a goodie bag. A contestant from the following divisions will be crowned: Mini Miss Ferryhill (ages 3-6), Little Miss Ferryhill (7-10), Miss Ferryhill (11+) and Miss Charitable for anyone who raises the most money for Nicole! Participation as a contestant costs £15. Otherwise, tickets are £4 in advance and £5 on the door and can be purchased from New Dance Generation Studio in Ferryhill Hub.

To enter or for more information, email newdancegeneration@gmail.com or message New Dance Generation on Facebook.

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Auckland Croquet Club relocates to Chilton

After 18 years of playing at Bishop Auckland, Auckland Croquet Club is moving to Chilton Miners Welfare Recreation Ground. Auckland Croquet Club plays golf croquet, which is a version of croquet that is easy to learn and can be played at a social or competitive level.

Freda Vitty, who is a Chilton resident and a Friend of the Miners Welfare says “We are hoping to attract new members and anyone interested is welcome to come along on a club day to watch or have an introduction to the game. “The first three sessions will be free and after that will be priced at £4 until the £50 annual membership is paid.

“Members will then have access to the club play days, social events and full voting rights.”

Golf Croquet is a great game for all ages (under 14s must be accompanied by an adult) and people of all levels of fitness. It has been described as a good way to get fit as it involves steady walking on flat ground and a typical game lasts about 40 minutes.

Coaching will be given and, at first, new players will be paired with an experienced member so the game can be quickly learned and enjoyed. The club meets on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday afternoons. To find out more, just come along or contact a member on 01388 488666, 01388 834465 or 01388 720074.

St Aidan’s is 86!

St Aidan’s Church in Chilton is celebrating its 86th birthday on May 10th at 7pm with the New Yorkers. Tickets to the event, which promises a fabulous programme, cost £4 and can be purchased from social members by calling 01388 721174/ 01388720511. Alternatively, visitors can pay at the door.

St Luke’s Friday Lunch Menus

May 6th
Macaroni & cheese with crispy bacon
Apple crumble & custard

May 13th
Lasagne with garlic bread & salad
Eton Mess

May 20th
Christian Aid Week - meal to be announced

May 27th
Lemon sole with watercress sauce
Trifle

June 3rd
Pork Steak with mustard sauce
Banoffee Pie

June 10th
Gammon & Pineapple
Viennetta & Fruits of the Forest

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Wednesday 18th following AGM**

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Wednesday 18th following Council**

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Wednesday 18th following Finance**

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Mainsforth sail through Seaham Harbour

On a rain affected weekend which saw Mainsforth's 2nd XI game being cancelled the 1st XI travelled to Seaham Harbour on Saturday 30th April.

The match was reduced to 44/39 overs due to rain. Stand in skipper Nigel Milner won the toss and elected to put Seaham into bat.

The Mainsforth bowlers immediately made it very difficult for the Seaham batsmen, bowling a testing line and length. The wickets were shared with seven runs. 2-18, and G Cummings 3-46

Hawthorne contributed wickets for only seven runs. 8 maidens, two return figures of 14 overs, 8 maidens, two

The match was reduced to 27 overs due to further rain. They lost their first wicket on 18 which brought club professional, Shoaib Laghari to the crease. He set about knocking off the runs and was ably assisted by Robert Chismon and finished unbeaten on 41.

Laghari was dismissed for 46 and a further three wickets quickly fell but Mainsforth reached their target for the loss of three wickets and gained 20 points.

The two wins means the newly promoted side comfortably reached their target for the win. This Saturday, 7th May, the 1st XI are at home to Blaydon while the 2nd XI entertain Eppleton.

Mainsforth reached their opening three matches of the cricket season. Their unbeaten start to the season.

Mainsforth top North East Premier League Division One after their opening three matches. The two wins means the newly promoted side gained 20 points.

While the first week of the season on 16th April was washed out, the club played host to Tudhoe on 23rd April and the visitors were skittled for 62 all out. Mainsforth comfortably reached their target for the loss of three wickets and gained 20 points.

The two wins means the newly promoted side lead the table after their opening three matches. This Saturday, 7th May, the 1st XI are at home to Blaydon while the 2nd XI travel to South Shields. On Sunday, 8th May, the 3rd XI entertain Eppleton.

“Come along and support your local side and enjoy a drink,” said a club spokesperson.

Seconds out for annual boxing show

Seconds Out Boxing Academy in Ferryhill are holding their Annual Boxing Show on Saturday 7th May at Ferryhill Workingmens Club.

The event will include 14 Olympic-style boxing bouts with young people from Ferryhill and the surrounding areas going head to head with competitors from all over the North of England.

Featured bouts will include Ferryhill's 'Million Dollar Baby', Neve Lawson in her second bout and top of the bill will be Regan Eddy, who will be boxing bishop Auckland's Jimmy Tyers.

Ringside VIP tickets are available prior to the event at £15, standard tickets are £10 while paying on the door on the day is £12.

For advance tickets, contact Paul Eddy on 07767 872210.

Doors open at 12pm with boxing commencing at 1pm.