ST JOHN’S PUPILS REMEMBER

IN COMMEMORATION of 100 years since the end of the First World War, pupils at St John’s CofE (Aided) Primary School on Jubilee Road have worked extremely hard on creating a tribute to those who lost their lives.

Families also collected empty plastic bottles, which the children then transformed into poppies for a beautifully poignant display outside at the school gates.

Hi Level Teaching Assistants Lisa Turnbull and Julie Oxenham spearheaded the project, which involved every single pupil and member of staff.

Lisa said, “What started out as a small display idea ended up as a massive whole-school project. “We are both honoured and privileged that our school families have been so dedicated in helping us create this amazing commemoration.

“Once again, thank you to everyone who participated, especially the pupils themselves, for whom it has been an excellent learning opportunity.”

Year 4 pupil Lexie commented, “It was really exciting to see all of the old things”, while Aylar said, “It’s been good to know about other people’s families and history.”

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Passed Away

Enid Wilson
(New Walton) 5.11.18, Aged 77

Passed away suddenly after a short illness

Family and friends to meet at Wear Valley Crematorium, Wednesday 21st November, 10.30am. Family flowers only.

(Walton family motto) “Go Forward”

In Memoriam

Trudy Horlock
November 18th

Beloved memories of a dear Mam, Nana & Great Grandma

Sad are the hearts that loved you,
Sad are the tears that fall,
Living our lives without you,
Is the saddest part of all.
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true
And when we needed someone
We could always depend on you.

Those special years will never return
When we were all together
But the love we have within our hearts
Will stay with us forever xxx

From Daughters, Sons-in-Law, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

In Memoriam

Ian Ellis
17.11.11

If I could have a lifetime wish
A dream that could come true
I’d pray to God with all my heart
For yesterday, and you

Love always and forever, Janice xx

In Memoriam

Audrey Waller
16th November 2009

You never asked for much in life
Your heart was true and tender,
You simply lived for those you loved
And those you loved remember

Sadly missed, Ken, David, John & Ritchie

In Memoriam

Evelyn Bennett
14th November

Have a brilliant day Puddin’
Love from Mammy & Daddy

In Memoriam

Evelyn Bennett
14th November

Happy 3rd Birthday to our beautiful little best friend

Evelyn Bennett
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Happy 3rd Birthday to our happy Tuesday girl

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**MONDAY CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEARS**

**THE MONDAY** Club have celebrated 25 years with a meal at the Burtree Inn on 5th November.

The club was established in Shildon Centre in 1993 to provide social afternoons for people in the town who were housebound.

The club is still going strong, providing transport for members from their homes to Lilburn Community Lounge, thanks to Shildon Community Bus and volunteers.

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**Birthdays**

**Holly Scott**
21.11.00

Happy 18th Birthday to our amazing daughter! So proud of the beautiful young lady you have become

18!

All our love always, Mam, Dad & Mia

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**SHILDON CELEBRATES FIFTY DINE AND DANCES**

AGE UK County Durham is inviting people to join them at the Shildon Civic Hall for an extra special Christmas afternoon.

The Shildon Dine and Dance is celebrating five years at the Civic Hall and the event in December will be the 50th Dine and Dance to be held at the venue.

A freshly cooked Christmas lunch with tea, coffee and mince pie will be followed by two hours of live organ music for dancing or singing along.

Chris Fletcher, Development Manager for Age UK County Durham said: “The Dine and Dance is a wonderful partnership between the Civic Hall team and our Come Eat Together project team.

Andrea Goldie, the Development Worker and her wonderful team of local volunteers June Marshall, Myrtle Thompson and Doreen Sadler put in a lot of effort and we are so pleased it is a success.

“All our Come Eat Together activities are particularly designed for people who live alone or would like to extend their social circle. We have seen many friendships develop over the years and are delighted that our project is such a great success. We wish all our members a very merry Christmas.”

There will be a display of photographs from the past five years, and a special Christmas raffle.

The event takes place on Wednesday 5th December and starts at 12 noon. Entry is £6.

To book a place contact Andrea Goldie on 0191 374 6577 or email cet@ageukcountydurham.org.uk.

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**BYERLEY ROAD PRE-SCHOOLERS LEARN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE POPPY**

On Monday 12th November the children from Byerley Road Pre-School enjoyed finding out about the significance of the poppy, and joined in making a special poppy picture. They then took the picture to Redworth Road Cenotaph, where they joined in a full two-minute silence to remember the fallen soldiers.
Letters to the Editor...

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Do you know these siblings?
I am trying to trace a member of the Bowron family to hand over a photograph I have acquired. It shows a Lizzy Mary Bowron and John William Bowron, born 1917 and 1919. Their mother was Bertha Bowron (nee Coulthard) and in 1939 they were living in Byerley Road. Lizzie Mary married a Fred Gill and I believe had twins called Josephine and Verena?
Please contact the Crier with any information on 01388 775896 or email crier@swd.news.
Judith Parker

Residents of Shildon, Eldon and all local villages are invited to share their stories, which may become part of an Opera depicting the history of the local area.

WHAT’S YOUR STORY?

FOLLOWING THE very successful Whistle Stop Opera Tour last month, which visited Locomotion in Shildon, Northern Heartlands is returning the the area to explore the residents’ heritage.

The Opera was the first event in a long-term partnership with Opera North, culminating in 2020 with an original new Northern Heartlands opera, composed and created with the people of County Durham and telling the story of the history and heritage of the local area.

Northern Heartlands is one of sixteen Great Place Schemes in the UK funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Arts Council England. They are now starting the story gathering process and have three events coming up where they are asking people to go along and share their stories, memories and photographs of their town or village - and also enjoy some cake!

After gathering as much information as they can, they will then work with playwrights, film-makers and musicians to tell that story to the world.

The events take place at Witton Park Village Hall on Saturday 17th November at 10am; Eldon Lane One Stop Shop on Friday 30th November at 1pm and Binchester Community Centre on Friday 30th November at 7pm.

One of the people working with Northern Heartlands to bring these stories to life will be poet Tony Walsh. Tony read his poem This is the Place in Albert Square for the public vigil following the Manchester Arena bomb attack, where his performance was described as “the perfect symbol of the pride, passion and defiance of Manchester’s people.”

If you are unable to make any of the three events, Northern Heartlands would still like to hear from you. Email Anna at info@northernheartlands.org or call 01833 200 220. For more information visit www.northernheartlands.org.

Churches Together say thanks
Can I please say a huge thank you to all the Churches in the town for helping to mark the very special weekend of Remembrance.

Thanks to all who participated and those who visited to view exhibits. Special thanks to those who gave their time to make or display their items; Shildon Recall History Society, 1st Shildon Scouts, Methodist Parent & Toddlers, Salvation Army Band, St. John’s flower arrangers, also those serving doughnuts at the ‘tea van’ and showing newsreel footage. And let us not forget the tea makers serving refreshments within churches.

Local people were very supportive and it was wonderful to see the churches holding such a collaborative event.

‘Lest we forget’
Susan Horner
On behalf of Shildon Churches Together
Remembrance Sunday at Shildon

Photos: Tom Clegg

Lest we Forget
BUSINESSES INVITED TO MEET WITH CHAMBER OF TRADE

SHILDON CHAMBER of Trade are holding a meeting for businesses in the DL4 postcode area.

The event is scheduled to take place on Monday 19th November at 6.15pm in the Civic Hall.

A spokesperson said, “New members are welcome to come along and it is currently free to join, so even if you don’t have a shop on the high street or a factory and just work from home or are a local agent for a bigger firm, it would be good to see you.”

SHILDON COUPLE RENEW THEIR VOWS

On Saturday 3rd November, Peter and Lesley Gillan from Teesdale Walk renewed their wedding vows at St John’s Church, where they also tied the knot 34 years ago.

AAP BOARD MEETING

BISHOP AUCKLAND and Shildon Area Action Partnership Board meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd November, from 6-8pm at the Civic Hall, Shildon.

If you have any neighbourhood issues that you would like to be raised at the meeting, simply contact one of the team by Thursday 15th November. If you would like to attend the meeting contact a member of the team on 03000 268 663 or by emailing bishopshildon-naap@durham.gov.uk to register your place.

“Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, would like any further information, or have any special requirements for attending the meeting,” encouraged a spokesperson.

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS OF 2019 SCHOOL STARTERS

TIMOTHY HACKWORTH Primary School are holding an open day for parents of children starting school in September 2019 and in future years.

Parents are invited to go along on Tuesday 20th November when they can hear information about the school, visit the Reception classrooms and talk to the staff.

There are three times available: 9.30am, 1.15pm and 5pm.

DON’T FALL VICTIM TO THIEVES THIS WINTER

NOW THE clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in, are you doing everything you can to protect your property from opportunistic thieves?

Dark evenings can lead to a rise in burglaries, as a house which is in darkness can look empty to a passing criminal.

As part of Durham Constabulary’s Winter Nights campaign, residents are being urged to take these simple steps to help prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime this winter:

• Lock all windows and doors – even if you’re at home.
• A well-lit home gives the impression someone is in.
• Leave a light on or use timer switches so lights come on when it gets dark.
• Don’t leave valuables on show.
• Don’t leave your house and vehicle keys in the lock or on a side table in view of a window, making it easy for a thief to fish them through your letter-box.
• Don’t leave curtains closed during the day, only in the evening and over-night.
• If you have a house alarm, use it.
• Lock your car doors when leaving them unattended and remove all valuables.

To report any suspicious activity in your area, contact Durham Constabulary on 101, or call Crime-stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

MAN CAUSED BUS CRASH IN FIT OF ROAD RAGE

A MAN has been disqualified from driving for 18 months after causing a collision with a bus.

Nathan Matthews, of Dalton Crescent, Shildon, was given a 12 week prison sentence suspended for 12 months, and ordered to pay £515 in costs, as well as carry out 60 hours unpaid work.

The incident took place in March of this year on Middleton Road, Shildon, when the 21-year-old, in a fit of road rage, performed a u-turn on Central Parade and tail-gated the Arriva bus for around half a mile, before overtaking and braking harshly, resulting in the two vehicles colliding.

Despite claiming to have been trying to avoid an animal in the road, CCTV footage from the bus clearly showed Matthews driving in an aggressive and dangerous manner.

Charged with dangerous driving, Matthews pleaded not guilty, but was found guilty at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates’ Court on Tuesday, November 13th.

Investigating Officer Lee Tweddell, from Durham Constabulary Roads Policing Unit, said: “Fortunately there were no serious injuries in this incident, but someone could have very easily been hurt or killed by the way Matthews was driving that day. We’ve been able to gather a significant body of evidence during this investigation, and I hope this result shows that every effort will be made to prosecute those who drive without any regard for other members of the public.

“Dangerous driving is not something you can talk your way out of.”

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THREE BROTHERS GO TO WAR, ONLY TWO RETURN

PICTURED (RIGHT) are three Shildon brothers; Edgar, Alfred and Albert Cletheroe as they set out to fight for their country in the First World War.

The brothers, who hailed from Thomas Street, unusually all joined the Seaforth Highlanders, but while Edgar and Alfred were stationed together in the Middle East, Albert was sent to the front in France and was killed at Arras on 11th April 1917, aged 27 years.

Edgar’s son, Aubrey, who still lives in Shildon, kindly provided the photograph.

Aubrey visited his uncle’s grave in a story reported in the Crier in February 2016 and we remember Albert and all the fallen at this special anniversay.

MP’S BILL TACKLES UNFAIR MAINTENANCE FEES

HELEN GOODMAN, the Labour MP for Bishop Auckland has presented a private members bill in Parliament in an effort to tackle unfair maintenance fees.

The bill, which was presented by leaflet build developments.

The bill calls for measures to regulate the spilling fees charged to homeowners and aims to ensure that communal green spaces are properly looked after.

So-called “fleecehold” estate fees, which Ms Goodman described as a “private new-build tax,” primarily affect freehold owners on private housing developments.

Communal spaces on an estate, such as grass verges, play areas, trees and shrubs, are retained by developers instead of handed over to the local authority. Property companies then charge residents inflated fees for upkeep, or sell on the land to a property management company who collect these fees.

In her speech to the House of Commons, Ms Goodman spoke out against this practice, naming Middridge Vale in Shildon amongst the estates affected by uncapped management charges.

She spoke of residents on one estate being billed an annual total of £23,000 for a grass cutting service.

Although estate fees are often included as covenants to be observed in the transfer deeds on many freehold properties, many homeowners don’t know they exist until a bill arrives.

“This bill will cap and regulate estate maintenance fees,” said Ms Goodman, “to give people the security of knowing prices cannot increase indefinitely, thereby ending the money for nothing culture of property companies.”

The Freehold Properties (Management Charges and Shared Facilities) Bill will now go forward to a Second Reading, which is scheduled for 25th January 2019.

GET IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT WITH A CHRISTMAS FAIR

ST MARK’S Church in Eldon will host a Christmas Fair on Saturday 17th November.

The festive event will be opened by Dame Dela Smith, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of County Durham.

On offer will be home-made sweets, crafts, gifts, many mixtures, a tombola and raffle.

Light lunches will be served from 12 noon with the fair opening at 1pm.

THE SALVATION Army on Cross Street will also be hosting a Christmas Fair on Saturday 17th November, from 11am - 1pm.

As well as coffee, cake and bric-a-brac, there will also be an opportunity for children to visit Santa’s Grotto.

REDWORTH HOUSE Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 1st December, from 1.30pm-4pm.

All are welcome to go along to the Care Home on Byerley Road.

If you would like to buy a table for the event, telephone Redworth House and book on 01388 777311.

HOLLY LODGE Care Home will host its Christmas Fair a little closer to Christmas, on Saturday 8th December, between 1.30pm and 4pm.

As well as Santa’s Grotto, there will be a tombola, raffle, various stalls, burgers, hot dogs, sweets and pop.

Everyone is welcome.

COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE AT ST MARK’S CHURCH

ST. MARK’S Church, Eldon is hosting a Community Carol Service on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served after the service for those who wish to stay and chat.

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MARTIN GRAY INVITES FANS TO SHILDON AFC OPEN EVENING

MARTIN GRAY has wasted no time taking steps towards building on Shildon AFC’s strong foundations to help them realise their full potential. Over the past week, Gray and chairman David Dent have met with Shildon’s long-standing board of directors, Shildon Development Centre CIC and key sponsorship partner Livin to discuss their future steps.

He has spoken with the players and coaching staff and made himself available at games, including the recent away match at Barton Town which saw Shildon return home with a 2-0 victory, sending them through to the next round of the FA Vase.

He was also at Tuesdays home league defeat to Dunston UTFC.

As part of the club’s next steps, Martin Gray has invited Shildon fans to an open Question and Answer session on Friday November 23rd from 7pm to 9pm at Dean Street.

Mr Gray said: “Shildon AFC are renowned for their strong community support and the introduction of a new face, in a new role, can cause some unrest and I understand some people may be sceptical and wonder what the agenda is.

“But I need the fans to understand that the agenda is simple.

“I want to make this football club successful and help achieve the chairman’s ambitions and we need to listen to them and work together.

“I want to provide reassurance and an open platform for fans to get to know me and see how I fit into their community and most importantly how we can work together to take the club forward.

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RUNNING CLUB PAY THEIR RESPECTS ON REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

SEVEN MEMBERS of SRAC took to the streets around Shildon last Sunday as a mark of respect.

Sarah Freeman, Helen Race, Hazel Johnson, Irene Ross, Cath McDonnell and Salv McDonnell took part in the 11k Remembrance Sunday Run which takes place around the country on the 11th Day of the 11th Month.

At the Shildon Cenotaph, Chris Griffiths laid a wreath on behalf of the club alongside other community groups.

Also on Sunday, Si Butterworth completed the Wooler Trail Marathon in a time of 7h 38m and Ian Rudge completed the Goathland Ultra Half Marathon which, according to Ian, was a mix of running, climbing and swimming!

On Sunday 4th November, four members of the club took part in the Leeds Abbey Dash 10k.

All ran very well with James Ross first home with a time of 59 minutes, followed by Viv Rudge (1h, 8s), Emma Flynn (1h, 7m) and John Gray (1h, 11m).

On Saturday 3rd November, Sue Cook celebrated her birthday by getting a personal best time of 29m, 30s at the Hackworth Park Run.

On the evening of the 3rd, Irene Ross and Helen Race showed that SRAC are not all about running by donning their wetsuits, jumping in the freezing water and taking part in the Fireworks 500m night swim at Capernwray Dive Centre.

Halloween night saw Janine Wilson, Helen Race, Shannon Ross, Donna Dunbar, Dan Jeffery, Irene Ross and Kat Aspey get into their scariest outfits and complete the Halloween 5K Night Trail.

On Sunday 21st October, Cath and Salv McDonnell completed the Appleby half marathon, with Salv coming in with a time of 1h 55m just ahead of Cath (2h, 1m) and Emma Flynn finished the Scarborough 10k in 1h, 8m.

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