HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE CHAPTER

WELCOME TO THE first Chapter of a new decade! We would like to take this opportunity to thank our loyal readers and supporters, and particularly our advertisers and contributors, as well as all of our hard working deliverers and volunteers, for your continued support. It goes without saying that without all of your support, we simply would not exist.

As your community newspaper, we are here to showcase the great work that goes on in Ferryhill and Chilton and we look forward to all the exciting new developments in the coming year.

We are also keen to hear from readers and community groups who have any good news stories they would like to share with the community.

Remember it’s free to share your stories, whether they are milestone achievements by members of the local community or news from local charities or voluntary organisations.

We love to showcase the good news from the community, so please do get in touch.

Meanwhile, we would like to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Gary Anderson and Stewart Akenhead, team leaders refuse and recycling at Durham County Council.

COUNCIL OFFER TO RECYCLE YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREES, FOR FREE

RESIDENTS CAN receive a helping hand with their Christmas clear-out thanks to a free tree collection service.

Durham County Council are offering to pick up real Christmas trees for residents who book with the free service.

Bookings for real tree collections can be made from now, until Sunday 12th January. The trees will be collected over a two-week period, starting on Monday 13th January. To book a tree collection, visit www.durham.gov.uk/christmastreecollections.

John Shannon, strategic waste manager at Durham County Council said: “Not only does our service make life that little bit easier following the busy festive period, but collected real trees go on to be chipped and sent for composting, so that material can be used again to reduce any waste.”

Real trees can also be taken to any of our Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). For list of centres visit www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc.
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All about local people ...

Christmas Memories
Craig Blackwood
Sending Xmas wishes to our Craig in Heaven above. It’s nearly three years since you left us, still love and miss you more each day. Hope you are still singing and dancing with the Angels.

Love Mam, Dad, Dean & Nana. Lots of love and kisses from your little boy Elliott xxx

In Memoriam
Denise Richardson
3rd Jan 2017
You always had a smile to share Time to give And time to care, A loving nature Kind and true Is the way We will remember you

Loved always and forever, Husband Alan and all the family

Denise Richardson
‘Our Denise’
A much-loved niece, cousin and auntie Forever missed Forever young

Love always, Margaret, Keith & family xxx

In Memoriam
John Campbell
11.01.2014
Forever in our thoughts Always in our hearts

Kathleen & son Neil xx

Maureen McKenna
January 9th 2007
A dear wife and mother

Loved memories, John, Lisa & family

Birthday Memories
Terry Wing
13.01.20
Today would have been your special 70th birthday. No cards, no presents can I give, but though we are far apart I wish upon a star to carry my love to where you are.

All my love, Your wife Jean and family xx

Birthday
Kai Atkinson
12.01.20
Happy Birthday son

18!
Love from Mam xxx

Birthday
Kai Atkinson
12.01.20
Happy 18th Birthday Kai

18!
Lots of love, Grandma & Grandad xx

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RAIDS ON COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND ILLEGAL TV STREAMING

ILLEGAL TV streaming and trainers, clothes and make-up suspected of being counterfeit have been the subject of council raids, including in Ferryhill.

Durham County Council’s trading standards team has executed warrants at three houses, in relation to suspected ‘intellectual property crime.’

On Wednesday, 11th December, officers removed quantities of suspected counterfeit goods from a property in the Consett area.

A week later, on Wednesday, 18th December, they called at a property in the Chester-le-Street area in relation to the illegal streaming of subscription TV packages online – an offence under copyright law.

And on Thursday, 19th December, officers were at a property in the Ferryhill area in relation to the suspected supply of counterfeit goods, seizing items including trainers, clothing and make-up.

Investigations are ongoing into all three raids.

Owen Cleugh, the council’s consumer protection manager, said: “Intellectual property crime – be it selling counterfeit items or infringing copyright through illegal streaming – is damaging in two ways. It causes law abiding, tax-paying companies to lose out financially and can mean consumers receiving a lower quality product. In some cases of counterfeit goods they can also be more dangerous.

“We know in particular there is an upsurge in counterfeit activity in the lead-up to Christmas and we are pleased to have taken action to remove illegal items from the market.

“We would urge people not to buy items they suspect may be counterfeit and to report them via the Citizens Advice Consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.”

POLICE RECOVER PETROL GENERATOR

ON 13TH December, a small petrol generator was recovered by police in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill, which they suspect to be stolen.

If anyone in the area may have had a generator stolen prior to 13th December, they are urged to contact Ferryhill Police.

The generator has been fully inclusive – the Town Council to look at the potential for extending its range of inclusive play, not only at Mainsforth but to other parks in the town.

Ferryhill Town Council would like to say a huge thank you to Councillor Makepeace and the 4Together Partnership for funding this project, which will provide a valuable piece of play equipment that all of the town’s children can enjoy.

Councillor Makepeace said: “I am thrilled to have been able to support this project, which will benefit the town’s children for years to come.”

Anyone with any questions or feedback regarding this or any other project being developed by Ferryhill Town Council should contact Karen Younghusband at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157 or email kyounghusband@ferryhill.gov.uk.

INCLUSIVE ROUNDBOUGHT ALSO INSTALLED AT MAINSFORTH

FERRYHILL TOWN Council is pleased to announce that thanks to a grant of £10,030 being secured through the Neighbourhood Budget of Councillor Joe Makepeace, via the 4Together Partnership, enabled a much needed CCTV system to be installed around the Cricket Pavilion, at the Complex.

Ferryhill Town Council and Mainsforth Cricket Club who also contributed £450 towards the project would like to say a huge thank you to Councillor Makepeace and the 4Together Partnership for contributing funds towards this project.

Councillor Makepeace said: “Following a spate of incidents at Mainsforth Sports Complex, I was thrilled to be able to help out and support this project, which will provide a much needed security system, to help tackle the problems recently encountered.”

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In relation to suspected counterfeit items selling counterfeit items – be that selling counterfeit make-up suspected of being counterfeit have been the subject of council raids, including in Ferryhill.

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What’s Your Tipple?
By Velma Dixon, Ferryhill

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If I drink much more it’ll go to my head
Celebration time and the drink is flowing
My eyes are blurred, my nose is glowering

A little drop of whisky - a little drop of rum
My head, it’s banging like a big brass drum
A little drop of brandy - a little drop of wine
No more for me cos I don’t feel fine

A little drop of vodka - a little drop of gin
Drinking is a mug’s game, you shouldn’t begin
Pass me a bowl, I’m feeling quite sick
I really must eat, that’ll do the trick

A little drop of white - a little drop of red
I fear that soon I’ll be banished to my shed
It’s really time, I’m sure you’ll agree
What I need is a nice cup of tea!

The deadline is approaching to apply for primary school places for this September.

PARENTS IN County Durham are being reminded they are running out of time to apply for primary school places for their children.

The deadline for applications for the next academic year, which starts in September 2020, is Wednesday 15th January 2020.

In order for a child to be eligible to start school in September 2020, the child’s birthday must fall between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham County Council’s Cabinet member for children and young people’s services, said: “For parents, the decision of where to send their child is, understandably, a big one. We would urge parents to make sure they apply by the deadline as a late application greatly reduces chances of getting into a preferred school.”

Applications can be made online at www.durham.gov.uk/school-admissions or by post. If posting, the forms should be sent back using signed postal services.

Application forms can also be requested by phoning 03000 265896 or by writing to the school places and admissions team at Durham County Council, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UJ.

Offers of places will be made to parents on 16th April 2020.

For applications completed online, offers will be received by email. For applications sent by post, offers will be received by letter. These should arrive no later than 18 April 2020.

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SLIMMING WORLD CONSULTANTS READY TO WELCOME YOU IN 2020

LOCAL SLIMMING world consultants have successfully supported members to lose 2,640 stone during 2019, and are ready to help new members begin their weight loss journey in 2020.

One in four adults has an obese BMI of 30 or more, which could put their health at risk. Obesity has increased from 15% of adults in 1993 to 27% today.

Through its powerful combination of group support, a generous flexible eating plan and an incremental activity programme, Slimming World motivates and supports members to lose and keep off 10% of their body weight, recognising their achievements through its Club 10 programme.

The Club 10 programme recognises the significant health benefits of losing and maintaining a 10% weight loss. Members who lose 10% of their starting weight receive a Club 10 award. When they have sustained their 10% weight loss for 10 weeks (or continued to lose weight) they are rewarded with a free week’s attendance at Slimming World. The award provides members with an incentive to reach and maintain their 10% target and helps to cement the habits to maintain their weight loss in the long term.

Losing weight can help reduce your risk of developing many health conditions, such as Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, some cancers, breathlessness, fertility problems, asthma and reduce depression and anxiety.

With this in mind, local consultants are urging anyone who wants to lose weight and lead a healthier lifestyle to go along and find out more.

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Churches Carol singing in pubs
A huge thank you to all who supported the carol singing pub crawl around Ferryhill Village.
The amount raised was £353.49. This was made up to £400 by a generous donor and will be sent to the cancer unit at Durham Hospital.
Many thanks, Brenda Simpson

Remembering our friend
Like many of your readers we were both saddened and pained to hear that Tommy Garrett had passed away.
Tom was, for us, a very close friend, a fellow armed forces veteran and, during his terms in office, a dedicated Ferryhill Town Councillor.
Unfortunately we cannot attend his cremation ceremony on Friday as we will both be at James Cook Hospital, where Brian will be receiving the third of his 30 scheduled sessions of Radiotherapy.
We will always remember Tommy as a very close friend and a man who was proud to have served his country and his town.

Rest in peace dear friend, rest in peace.
Yours sincerely, John Blowes and Brian Gibson.

FERRYHILL MEMORIAL COMMEMORATES WWII FALLEN

FERRYHILL TOWN Council would like to convey a huge thank you to Councillor Joe Makepeace for contributing £153.046 from his Neighbourhood Budget monies via the 4Together Partnership, to manufacture and install a memorial plaque in the Town Hall garden. The plaque has been installed to commemorate Armed Forces personnel, who paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, and is situated next to the fallen soldier Cenotaph.
Town Mayor, Councillor Joe Makepeace said “I am thrilled to have been able to support this project. It is important to remember the great sacrifice that our fallen heroes have made.”

For more information about this or any project being delivered by Ferryhill Town Council contact Karen Younghusband at Ferryhill Town Hall on 01740 652157 or email kyounghusband@ferryhill.gov.uk.

NEW FENCING PROVIDES SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR DOG WALKERS

FERRYHILL TOWN Council have expressed their appreciation to Councillor Brian Avery for contributing £153.046 from his Neighbourhood Budget monies via the 4 Together Partnership, towards improvements to the designated dog walking area, at Dean Bank Recreation Park.
Improvements have enabled the manufacture and installation of a much needed security fence around the dog walking area, which will ensure the safety of off leash dogs using the facility in the future. The project will be completed next year with the installation of kissing gates.
Councillor Avery said: “I am thrilled to have been able to contribute towards this project, which will ensure that the designated dog walking area at Dean Bank Park provides a much safer and secure environment for dogs to run free of their leads.”
“It is my intention to help fund further improvements to the area, using money from my allocated Neighbourhood Budget for 2020/2021, to replace the old and worn footpath leading from Dean Bank Park to the A167 next year.”
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Ferryhill Town Youth Under 11s were delighted to show off their new kit ahead of their first game of the new year last weekend. The game was the side’s ninth of the season and it ended honours even against Skelton Reds. Ferryhill’s goalscorers were Leon, Whitty and Jayden, with Leon also picking up the Man of the Match award. The new strips are sponsored by local businessman, Dave Allen of Durham Utilities Ltd. In a joint statement, the team’s coaches, Scott Phillips, Peter Wilkinson and Carl Dargue said: “We as coaches, as well as the parents and kids, are very lucky to have local companies sponsoring us and on behalf of everyone, we would like to thank Dave and his family for their generosity.

U13s EASE TO VICTORY OVER AYCLIFFE

FERRYHILL U13s faced an Aycliffe side with a similar record this season with the opportunity to overtake them in the league. Ferryhill dominated from start to finish, with almost unstoppable goalkeeping by Reece and a solid defensive performance by Dominic, James and Andrew.

A controlled and hard-working central midfield trio of Mason, Dillon and Matthew allowed Logan to press high from wide positions and feed the forwards with some good crossing which Owen and Kyle feasted on with some clinical finishing to give Ferryhill a 2-0 half time lead.

In the second half, Aycliffe piled on the pressure, but Ferryhill remained strong and quick on the counter. Owen scored his second after a goalmouth scramble before team captain Dillon superbly curled a David Beckham-esque 20 yard freekick in off the post.

Ferryhill had many more opportunities to score, but the final goal of the game came from Aycliffe after a rare defensive error by the home side. It was a very small negative in an otherwise superb performance.

Coach, Michael Lee Toas said: “It was impossible to pick a player of the match for Ferryhill, quality performances all round.”

The side’s next game is at 10am on 12th January at Dean Bank Rec against Blackwell Rangers.

Team training takes place on Thursdays from 5-6pm at Ferryhill Leisure Centre and costs £3 per session. New players are always welcome to go along.