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“USE YOUR VOTE” SAY TENANT BOARD MEMBERS

Sedgefield Borough Council tenants are being urged to use their vote to decide the future of their homes.

The tenants who sit on the shadow board of Sedgefield Borough Homes have posted their ballot papers and are now encouraging fellow tenants to do the same.

They were joined by Councillor Agnes Armstrong, Leader of the Council, as they posted their votes on the Council's proposal to transfer the ownership and management of its homes to Sedgefield Borough Homes.

Urging Council tenants not to waste their vote, the tenant board members said: “Deciding on transfer is one of the most important decisions that we will be asked to make about the future of our homes.”

“We've used our votes and hope that all Sedgefield Borough Council tenants will use theirs before the ballot closes.”

Councillor Armstrong said, “This has been a massive



Tenant Shadow Board members Bernd Bangel, Emily Jones, Alan Cargill and Joanne Jackson.

consultation exercise and the Council wants as many tenants as possible to have their say.”

“It's not too late to vote. My message to Council tenants is please don't waste your chance to have your say on shaping the future of homes and services in Sedgefield Borough.”

Tenants have until August 1st to return their ballot papers. If there is a 'yes' vote – all

homes will transfer to Sedgefield Borough Homes in early 2009 and the £100 million investment will start. “If there is a 'no' vote – all homes will remain with Sedgefield Borough Council until April 2009. After this date, the ownership and management of all homes will pass to the new Council for the whole of the County Durham area. The decision to set up a new Council has already been taken.

If tenants have any questions about the transfer proposal they can ring the Council's freephone on 0800 066 5697 or the independent tenants' advisor, PEP, on 0800 328 0845.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It has become known to The Chapter that a letter printed in the previous issue, signed by Councillor Pauline Crathorne, was in fact a forgery. Councillor Crathorne was on holiday from June 11th to June 25th. She did not write the letter and had no knowledge of it being written, hence the views expressed were not her own.

In light of this incident, any readers who wish to send a letter to the Editor must provide contact details, including a phone number, so that authenticity can be established.

The Chapter apologises for any distress this may have caused.

SEDGEFIELD LANDLORDS ACCREDITATION SCHEME

Sedgefield Borough Council has recently launched their Landlords Accreditation Scheme, an initiative which is hoped will benefit both landlords and tenants. The scheme aims to improve private sector housing conditions, whilst recognising landlords who provide good quality accommodation. Benefits to landlords will include positive publicity, free tenancy agreements, free inventory, anti social behaviour assistance and housing support and advice. They will also get free advertising of properties on the Council website.

To go hand in hand with the Landlords Accreditation Scheme the 'Good Tenants Scheme' has also been introduced, which will enable anyone seeking privately rented accommodation

within the Borough to apply and become recognised as a 'Good Tenant'.

The scheme is voluntary for tenants and once approved, all tenants will be issued with a Good Tenants 'Passport.' Enrolment onto the scheme will last for a period of 12 months and be renewed yearly. Benefits of the scheme include the provision of a free tenant referencing service.

If more than one tenant is interested in renting a particular property, landlords can identify accredited tenants which will give these tenants a competitive edge.

Any tenants wanting more information or an application pack should contact goodtenantscheme@sedgefield.gov.uk or landlordaccreditation@sedgefield.gov.uk or call 01388 816166 ext 4426/4662.

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I'll never forget you.
Loving wife, Vera.

BILLY TOAS
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since you left us.
Always in our thoughts.
We will never forget you.
Sons Darron and Simon.

BILLY TOAS
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Reunited with Son, Garry.
Love Joan and Billy.

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CAR DEALER ADMITS POSSESSION OFFENCES

A local car dealer who was seen by Police to be speeding along the A167 road, was ultimately discovered to be in possession of a quantity of drugs when he was apprehended at the McDonalds Drive-Through' at Thinford.

Appearing before the South

WHY NOT JOIN THE LIBRARY?

Ferryhill Library has recently re-opened after being closed for refurbishment.

The library has been decorated and now benefits from automatic doors, providing easier access.

A spokesperson for the library said, "Why not come along and join your library? Its free to join and if you take three books on your first visit you can also have a free library bag."

Any adult reader who takes at least 4 books out in one visit will be entered into a draw for a £10 book token. "So why not pay us a visit? We have lots of new books for you to choose from," the spokesperson continued.

CRAFT FAIR

Brancepeth Castle will be holding a three-day craft fair at this end of this month, where over 100 different crafts will be displayed.

Amongst the items available to see and buy are knitwear, leatherware, china, glass, fabric craft, pottery, jewellery, decoupage and stationery.

Admission costs £2 for adults, £1 for OAP's and children go free when accompanied by an adult.

The event will be held on Friday, July 25th, from 10.00am to 5.00pm, Saturday, July 26th, from 10.00am to 6.00pm, and Sunday, July 27th, from 12 noon to 5.00pm.

RAFFLE WINNER

Chilton Library held a raffle recently as part of their healthy eating promotion. The winner of the Summer Fruits Raffle was Miss Elizabeth Jaques.

Durham Magistrates recently was 25 year-old David Hodgson, of Dale Street in Chilton. Hodgson entered 'Guilty' pleas to charges of 'possession of 15 grammes of Cannabis Leaf - a Class C drug' and 'possession of a quantity of a steroid Nandralone Decanote - a Class C drug', the offences being committed in early June. Officers smelt cannabis in the vehicle and a search revealed small plastic bags

containing Cannabis Leaf, whereupon the driver, Hodgson, was arrested. A subsequent search of the Defendant's home uncovered the steroid Nandralone. Hodgson was handed a 12 month Conditional Discharge and ordered to pay Court costs of £43. Concluding, the Chairman of the Bench warned Hodgson that "drugs and steroids are the road to nowhere."

COMMITTAL HEARING LISTED IN WOUNDING CASE

A Committal Hearing, which automatically sends a case to be dealt with by a Crown Court, was listed to be heard by local Magistrates last week.

When the case involving 40 year-old Colin Meek was first heard by the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe in early May, the sitting Magistrates determined that this was a matter which should be dealt with by a Crown Court and duly ordered an adjournment to allow time for the Committal papers to be prepared by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Meek, of Back Coronation Terrace in Coxhoe, faces a charge of 'unlawful and malicious wounding', the offence allegedly being

committed on February 15th this year in Spennymoor. Meek's next Court appearance in connection with this matter will now be at a Crown Court, the venue and date to be determined.

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REMEMBER THE KIDS CLUB TRIP YEARLY OUTING?

Ex-Chilton resident Vince Elsbury who now lives in Darlington sent The Chapter one of his poems for readers to enjoy.

KIDS CLUB TRIP

As the day approaches,
Coach owner wonders if he's
enough coaches.
He may have to hire from
other firms,
Hope they are valeted and
free from germs.
Committee men ready,
pockets with cash in,
Coaches lined up in military
fashion,
Kids on seats, awaiting their
treats.
Buses coloured in red, blue and
green,
Strangers may think, such a

remarkable scene,
There must be three score or
more
Loaded to the bus door.
Destination Shields or
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Every parent hoping a warm
day.
On arrival, the husband says,
he's a thirst,
No! Wife says lets get tent
and chairs first,
Then you can nip to the town
For your bottle of brown.
Tent and chairs erected
After a nice place selected.
The bairns counting boats and
ships,
There's a shout from Ben askin'
for chips.
Another request, can we have a
plodge,

Then have a ride on the cars that
you dodge?
Dad's now back from the pub,
asking for grub,
Mother says you're not late, we've
saved you some bait.
The watch says four, and its time
to go
Nearly all the tents and chairs
lifted, and everyone shifted.
A while around the shows, before
the bus goes.
Everyone singing on the bus,
never no trouble or fuss.
Homeward bound everyone,
thankful, a warm day in the sun.
Then the kids washed and fed,
each and everyone put to bed.
For Mother it's a night by the
telly,
Dad, he's off to put more beer in
his belly.

MAN DENIES TRYING TO STEAL CASH FROM 91 YEAR-OLD WOMAN

A West Cornforth man denied attempting to steal money from a 91 year-old resident of a Care Home when he appeared before local Magistrates last week. 30 year-old John Robert Hudson, of Poplar Terrace in West Cornforth entered 'Not Guilty' pleas to two charges when he made an appearance before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe. The charges faced by Hudson

are 'attempted theft of a handbag' and 'theft of keys and fob valued at £1,000', and relate to alleged offences said to have been committed on April 20th this year in Spennymoor. Ms. Adrienne Harris, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, suggested to the Court that this was a matter which should be dealt with by a Crown Court, particularly in view of the age of the injured party in the case. This being 91

years-old. Ms. Harris stated that the injured party was in fact the grandmother of Hudson's partner who he knew kept an amount of cash in a handbag in her wardrobe. The keys and fob, the subject of the second charge, were the property of Hudson's partner, the fob being the means of accessing entrance to the Care Home via its front door. On the evening in question and unbeknown to his partner, Hudson took the fob and keys and went to the Care Home along with another male, leaving after a short time there. Ms. Harris then explained that Hudson returned to the Care Home, this time alone, however he was observed by a Care Assistant who alerted the Police. The Police, during their investigations, discovered that a handbag belonging to the 91 year-old woman was on the floor of the bedroom, having been taken out of the wardrobe. In conclusion, Ms. Harris told the Court that the C.P.S. maintain this to be a case in which there was a serious breach of trust, that there was a vulnerable victim and that the venture had been planned. After a brief discussion, the sitting Magistrates agreed to decline jurisdiction in the matter and set the Committal Hearing for August 27th at the Newton Aycliffe Court. Hudson was granted an extension of his unconditional bail until the date of the Committal Hearing.

FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL HOPE TO FLOURISH IN NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM



Ray Seymour, Works Manager with 'Northumbria in Bloom' Judge, Eileen Burn, at last years judging.

As the 'Northumbria in Bloom' judging date grows ever closer, Ferryhill Town Council eagerly await the outcome, as last year Ferryhill gained it's best ever results in the awards. After three years of finishing second in the Best Sports Ground category, Mainsforth Sports Complex finally picked up the prestigious award, as well as an RHS Gold Award. The Town as a whole finished second in the Town Category and won a Silver Gilt, this achievement being matched by Dean Bank Park which finished runner-up in the Park category and also received a Silver Gilt Award. The gardens at the Manor Public House, which in common with many local businesses, are managed in partnership with the Town Council, also picked up a Gold Award in the best Public House category. There were also two

community awards for the residents of Cleveland View and Hackworth Close. A spokesperson for the Town Council is hoping for the best, saying "This year we would like to do even better!" "The judging will take place on July 22nd at 9.30am so to make sure that we have a good chance of doing even better this year, please make sure that all rubbish is deposited correctly and that Ferryhill looks as pleasant as it could for the judges."

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ALLEGATION OF SERIOUS WOUNDING ADJOURNED

The Solicitor representing a Ferryhill teenager last week successfully requested a brief adjournment in the case, despite the fact that it was being heard by local Magistrates in a S.S.S.J. Court.

The aim of S.S.S.J. - "Simple, Speedy, Summary Justice" - Courts is to deal with the matters before them immediately wherever possible, thereby providing a rapid and less costly way of dealing with cases.

Appearing before the S.S.S.J. Court at the South Durham Magistrates' Court at Newton Aycliffe was 18 year-old Jonathan Mason, of Gregory Terrace in Ferryhill, where he was represented by Mr. Andrew Clinton.

Mason faces one charge, that of 'unlawfully and maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm', the offence said to have been committed in Ferryhill on September 1st last year. Mr. Clinton made his application to the sitting Magistrates for a short adjournment in the case to enable him to make an application for Legal Aid on

behalf of Mason and to allow him time to peruse the Advance Information handed to him by the Crown Prosecution Service and, thereafter, to take the Defendant's instructions.

The sitting Magistrates agreed to a seven day adjournment and Mason, who is employed by McDonald's and who has no previous convictions, was granted an extension of his unconditional bail until the case returns to the Newton Aycliffe Court on July 9th.

BREACH OF ORDER LEADS TO CUSTODY

A Ferryhill man who breached the terms of a Community Order was, last week, handed a jail term by local Magistrates.

33 year-old Jay Wayman, of Feversham Terrace in Ferryhill Station, had been made the subject of a Community Supervision Order after admitting offences of 'driving with excess alcohol', 'having no Insurance' and 'driving other than in accordance with a

BLAIR REMANDED IN CUSTODY IN CONNECTION WITH DIESEL RAID

The Leeholme man accused of the recent theft of diesel from a Bishop Middleham farm, together with other offences, last week made his first appearance before a Crown Court in connection with the charges.

21 year-old Tony Aaron Blair, of Leeholme Road in Leeholme, who is alleged to have carried out the raid in which a woman died, is yet to enter pleas to a number of charges and was further

remanded in custody by Judge Les Spittle sitting at the Teesside Crown Court.

Blair faces charges of 'theft of diesel', 'unlawful and malicious wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm', 'theft of a Mitsubishi L200 vehicle valued at £17,500', 'receiving stolen goods' and 'having no Insurance'.

During the raid on the East House Farm in Bishop Middleham, the wife of the farmer collapsed and died moments after telephoning Police and relatives to report the intruder on the premises. Blair was informed that the next stage in the proceedings would be a plea and case management Hearing which would now take place on August 29th.

Driving Licence' in April of this year.

Wayman admitted that he had failed to keep two Supervision appointments with the Probation Service which formed part of the twelve month Supervision Order.

As a result of the breach, Wayman was handed a four-month prison sentence, together with a further twelve month Community Supervision Order.

COFFEE CLUB

The Friendship Coffee Club meet on the last Friday of every month at the Coffee Bar in The Dolphin Centre, Darlington, from 10.30am. A spokesperson for the club said, "All are welcome. Why not meet new friends and make life more interesting?"

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Q: What did the alien say to the garden?

A: Take me to your wedding!

great day out for all the family, thanks to a £4,900 grant from 'Awards For All' plus a £300 donation from Sedgfield Borough Council. The organisers are aiming to attract a wide age group with various activities, attractions, exhibitions and stalls throughout the day, including a Falconry Display, Fire Brigade, Police, TA, Yesterdays Heroes, Ballonist, Face Painter, Classic Mini Car Display, Fun Fair rides and Steel Pans to name but a few. There will be a console competition for all the local

'console masters.'

Entry costs just £1.00 and the winner could bag themselves a new Nintendo DS Lite or Nintendo Wii. Any cowboys out there can go along and test their stamina on the Rodeo Bull! Throughout the day there will be a variety of stalls that visitors can browse around or purchase gifts.

For further information regarding the event, contact Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788 or visit the website www.chiltondurham-tc.gov.uk.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Mayor of Ferryhill has, in recent years, performed many presentations and opened many events around the town of Ferryhill.

If you are a member of an organisation and would like to arrange for the Mayor to open a fayre or make a presentation at a forthcoming event, then all you have to do is contact the Town Hall. Do you know of anyone celebrating a special wedding anniversary, either a golden wedding, diamond

wedding or even a 65th wedding anniversary? Or perhaps, you know of a person celebrating a 100th birthday. If so, why not inform Ferryhill Town Council. The Mayor of Ferryhill makes special visits to couples celebrating any of these anniversaries and presents them with a pair of champagne flutes and a bouquet of flowers on behalf of the Town Council.

The special couple will then receive a copy of the photograph taken and details of the celebration will appear in The Chapter and The Town News.

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LITERARY INSTITUTE BIDS FOR DEVELOPMENTS

The Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute have submitted a bid to Sedgfield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme to help further the Community Centre.

The project will enable the institute to remove a wall which divides two rooms and replace it with sliding doors. This would leave the centre in the position to offer two medium sized rooms, each with a capacity of 20, or one

large room with a capacity of 40.

Presently, the institute has room to accommodate either 80 people or 18 people, and the improvements to the building would allow the centre to accommodate groups and organisations of between 18 and 40 people.

The Literary Institute invite any comments or suggestions from the community on this project. Contact 01740 657 221.

FAVOUR FOR YOUNG LADY BRINGS DRIVING BAN FOR FERRYHILL TEENAGER

A Ferryhill teenager who agreed to drive a female friend and her companions home because they were too drunk, last week paid the penalty for his gallantry.

His problems arose because he himself had also spent the evening drinking and when he was stopped by the Police whilst driving his female friend's car, he was found to be over the legal drink-drive limit.

As a result, 18 year-old Warren O'Neil, of Ramsay Drive in Ferryhill, made an appearance before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe where he entered 'Guilty' pleas to charges of 'driving with excess alcohol', 'having no Insurance' and 'driving other than in accordance with a Driving Licence'.

Ms. Adrienne Harris, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, told the Court that O'Neil did have previous convictions during 2007 and 2008 and these included motoring matters.

The Court heard that at around 3.00am on June 21st, Police Officers on patrol in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill saw a silver-grey Fiat Punto motorcar and recognised the driver as O'Neil.

Being unsure whether or not O'Neil had a Driving Licence, the Officers stopped the vehicle and immediately smelt alcohol on the driver's breath.

At this point, O'Neil admitted that he had been drinking and that he was a holder of a Provisional Driving Licence, whereupon he was duly arrested.

Appearing on behalf of the Defendant in his capacity as

Duty Solicitor, Mr. Liam Bryson stated that earlier in the evening, O'Neil had been to Bishop Auckland where he had had a few drinks.

He returned to Ferryhill where he encountered a female friend who asked him to take her and her friends home in her car because she was too drunk to drive.

Foolishly, O'Neil, who had not been driving during the evening, agreed to help out.

The sitting Magistrates fined O'Neil a total of £150 and disqualified him from driving for a period of 12 months.

He was also ordered to pay Court costs of £43 and the £15 Victim Surcharge and was offered a place on the Drink-Drivers' Rehabilitation Course, the successful completion of which would result in the period of his disqualification being reduced by 25% to 9 months.

Only three weeks previously, O'Neil had appeared before the South Durham

Magistrates, again in Newton Aycliffe, where he denied charges of 'assault', 'resisting a Police Constable in the execution of his duty' and 'using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour'. The charges arose out of an alleged incident in a Ferryhill Pizza shop in mid-February this year and while O'Neil admitted his presence in the establishment, he strongly denied committing the offences.

As a result, O'Neil is set to face a Magistrates' Court trial in Bishop Auckland on October 13th this year.

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CUSTODY STILL A POSSIBILITY FOR CHILTON MAN

A Chilton man was listed to appear before local Magistrates last week in order to be sentenced for three offences committed over twelve months ago in Bishop Auckland.

At an earlier Hearing before the South Durham Magistrates sitting in Newton Aycliffe, 25 year-old Keith Edward John Hirst, of Albert Street in Chilton, entered 'Guilty' pleas to charges of

'using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour', 'assaulting a Police Constable' and 'resisting a Police Constable in the execution of his duty'.

At the earlier Hearing, the sitting Magistrates agreed that the Probation Service should be requested to prepare a full Pre-Sentence Report, giving a steering for that Report of a custodial sentence.

Whilst it is not a foregone conclusion that Hirst would receive a term of imprisonment for the offences, it still remained a possibility, dependent upon the contents of the Report and the decision of the sentencing Magistrates.

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APPEAL TO FARMERS TO INCREASE THE FARMWATCH MEMBERSHIP

Farm Watch currently have a number of farms and rural homes in Sedgefield Borough signed up to their scheme, but are currently looking to increase their numbers.

Farm Watch is a partnership between to police and the farming community which aims to encourage vigilance and communication, reducing crime in rural areas.

"Intelligence is a vital tool in crime reduction and members of the public can assist by providing information, no matter how trivial it may seem," said a spokesperson for the scheme.

"If a pattern arises as a result of the information received we can then act upon this and address the issue. By communicating with each other we can help to prevent many crimes from happening in the first place, thus making the community a safer and more crime free area," he spokesperson added.

New members will be invited to sign up to the Crime Ring computerised telephone system.

This is a free computerised message system which is used to circulate messages of suspicious incidents, crime trends and crime prevention information to members. If you would like to discuss

becoming a member of the Farm Watch scheme in Sedgefield Borough or would like more information, contact Mel Elliott, Community Liaison Officer on 01325 742755.



Letter to the Editor

This correspondent 'thoroughly enjoyed' the Ferryhill Fun Day, despite the weather.....

Dear Chapter,
Despite the appalling wet weather, I thoroughly enjoyed the Fun Day held this previous Sunday at Dean Bank 'Rec'.

It's the closest we've got in many years to a return of Carnival Day just like in the 1970s.

The young people carried on regardless and were real troopers. The African drum people were very nice and I found the Bollywood Dancing very entertaining.

I was dismayed, however, to see the 'Show Racism The Red Card' people returning to Ferryhill yet again. Racism in football? As if that was a

problem around here. The guest speaker even admitted, "It hasn't happened to me in England that many times"! . I also find it particularly distasteful that Phil Wilson MP, once again, had access to children so young to foist his politically correct nonsense upon them. At the same time, conditioning their innocent minds into accepting, without question, the failed concept of multiculturalism and its inevitable encroachment upon all our lives.

*Yours sincerely,
Andrew Fowler
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GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND!



Mark standing below 'Mount Doom,' the volcano used in the movie adaptation of JRR Tolkien's 'The Lord of the Rings.'

The Chapter was contacted recently by a born and bred 'Chiltonian,' now living and working in New Zealand. Mark Turner reads the Chapter regularly online, where he keeps up with the day-to-day goings on of his home town.

Mark is currently the Head of Business Studies at the prestigious Auckland Grammar School which was founded in 1869. He would like to say a big 'hello!' to his Grandparents, Dilys and Tom Crowther, who live in Ferryhill.

SHAMPOO THIEF AWAITS SENTENCING

A Ferryhill man jointly charged with stealing bottles of shampoo is currently in custody awaiting the preparation of Pre-Sentence Reports by the Probation Service.

The case involving 26 year-old Robert John Thornton and his co-accused, Robert Steven Thompson, 29, of Eldon Terrace in Ferryhill, originally came before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe two weeks ago.

On that occasion, Thompson failed to appear at Court, despite the presence of his Solicitor, and a Warrant for his arrest was requested by the

Crown Prosecution Service and granted by the sitting Magistrates.

The Magistrates heard that Thornton, of Newton Street in Ferryhill's Dean Bank area was, at the time, in the custody of Police at Bishop Auckland and, later the same day, he was brought to the Newton Aycliffe Court still in Police custody.

Thornton duly entered a 'Guilty' plea to the charge of 'theft of numerous bottles of shampoo valued at £53', the offence being committed by the two men at the Sainsburys Supermarket in Ferryhill June 15th.

Thornton also pleaded 'Guilty' to a charge of 'possession of a 5" bladed Kitchen Knife', this offence also occurring on the same date in Dean Bank's Newton Street.

Thornton was duly remanded in custody and will return to the Newton Aycliffe Court on July 9th when he will be sentenced for the two offences.

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W.I. MONTHLY MEETING

Ferryhill Village W.I. held their monthly meeting in Dean Bank Community Centre recently.

A 'delicious' faith supper was provided by members and the entertainment, by St. Cuthbert Singers, was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Anne Ankers gave an excellent report about her visit to Liverpool for the A.G.M.

Next month will be the annual outing on Wednesday, August 6th.

The coach will leave the market place at 1.00pm to visit the Weardale Folk Museum then to St. John's Chapel W.I. for tea.

There are still seats available, so any friends wishing to go should contact Mrs. A. Dent, President.

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Q. What starts with E, ends with E, but has only one letter?

A. An Envelope!

LOAN SHARKS DEBT LED TO DIESEL AND LAPTOP THEFT

Local Magistrates heard last week that a Ferryhill man resorted to stealing diesel and a laptop computer from his employers after he got into debt amounting to £2,000 with loan sharks.

21 year-old Ryan Wayman, of Mainsforth Road in Ferryhill, entered 'Guilty' pleas to two charges of 'theft' when he appeared before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Darlington last week.

The Court heard that Wayman, because he was unable to afford to buy fuel for his car, siphoned diesel from heavy goods vehicles which belonged to his employers, Norbert Dentressangle Transport Services.

The Darlington branch of the Company, where Wayman was employed, were alerted to the thefts by an anonymous message stating that "an employee, referred to as 'young Ryan', was stealing fuel".

As a result of the message, the Company employed a surveillance firm to monitor Wayman's movements, whereupon he was filmed taking a 17 tonne lorry to his home and siphoning the diesel from it.

As a result, Wayman was questioned by his employers and he readily admitted taking fuel on no more than four occasions and taking the Sony laptop computer, whereupon he was dismissed.

Appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, Mr. Bill Brabban told the Court that there was no evidence that Wayman had taken anything else from the Company during the two years he had been employed.

Mr. Brabban stated that the laptop computer, which was valued at £369, had been recovered, however the Company was unable to sell it as it had been used.

Appearing on behalf of Wayman, Ms. Helen Sabiston told the Court that Wayman was thoroughly ashamed of his actions and that they were completely out of character. Ms. Sabiston explained that

FUN DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

Dean Bank Residents' Association held a Fun Day on Sunday, July 6th.

The raffle, held on behalf of the Mayors, Amy Patchett's, chosen charity, raised £100. The winning ticket was Green 281 which was won by Denise Smith.

She received a £20 meat voucher.

Special thanks go to Len and Harry for donating the meat voucher.

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VANDALISM AGAIN AT STOREHOUSE ALLOTMENT SITE

Vandals have again struck at the Storehouse Allotment site in Dean Bank Ferryhill. A wall that borders the site and the A167 has been torn down for at least the sixth time in the past few months. The Town Council have had the wall repaired on several occasions, only to find the work undone very soon afterwards, thus costing the local taxpayer several hundreds of pounds. The rubble is also thrown onto the A167 causing a hazard for local motorists. Many allotment holders allege that the culprit is a fellow plot holder but so far, no one has been able to give a statement to the Council witnessing such activity. Portfolio holder for allotments, Councillor Crathorne, said "We have

spent a lot of money repairing the wall and fences around the site recently and would evict anyone who is a tenant and is causing this damage if we had statements to identify who the culprits are."

"This mindless vandalism must stop but we need the support of first-hand witnesses to give statements so we can lawfully evict those responsible. We have to ensure we have all the evidence before evicting. We are currently having to enforce an eviction through the Courts after it was resisted by Ferryhill Allotment Association." "This is costing the allotment site several thousands of pounds alone, money we would have rather spent on improving

security". "Town Council staff are also having to spend a lot of time dealing with liaising with the Police and the public whenever incidents like this happen, this has a cost and would be better spent on improving the site." The Town Council are also going to write to all plot holders and advise them that they must use the main security gates to enter and must not let anyone other than plot holders have access to the keys for the site, failure to comply will again lead to eviction. Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Town Hall on 01740 652157 so that arrangements can be made to make a written statement.

CHILTON ON THE WAY UP

In the 3rd Division of the Durham and District Men's Bowls League, Chilton have made some excellent progress in recent weeks, currently sitting in fifth place in the table but only five points adrift of Division leaders Blackhall. Chilton's progress has been helped by a tremendous 9 - 1 win away at Belmont and a 7 - 3 home victory over Blackhall recently, however they did slip up somewhat by only drawing 5 - 5 at Trimdon who are currently second bottom in the Division. There was no success however for Chilton's Veteran Bowlers in the 1st Round of the South-West Durham Veterans' League Team Knockout

Competition. They travelled to Langley Park but went down by a nine shot margin, 49 - 58. Two League defeats by Belmont and Spennymoor 'B' team, both by 8 - 0, have left Chilton on the 13 point mark in the League table. In a recent game in the South-West Durham Veterans Bowls League, Chilton's bowlers visited Bishop Auckland and came away with a tremendous whitewash victory by 8 - 0 over their hosts.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Chilton Community Partnership will be launching a Luncheon Club on Monday, July 14th at The Wheatsheaf from 12 noon till 2.00pm.

COFFEE MORNING

Henderson Community House in Coleridge Road, Chilton, hold a coffee morning each Thursday from 10.00am to 11.30am.

WILDFLOWER RAMBLING

The countryside staff from Sedgefield Borough Council are inviting Chapter readers to join them for a stroll around Aycliffe Nature Park. The walk will take place on July 20th and participants will be shown a variety of wildflowers and taught how to identify some of the more common species.

Walkers are asked to meet at the entrance to the site at 10.00am, cars can be parked nearby, just off Clarence Chare. "Please dress for the weather, bring refreshments and wear comfortable shoes," said a spokesperson for the Council. Staff also request that children under the age of 16 are accompanied by an adult.

CUP SUCCESSSES FOR LOCAL BOWLERS

In the Second Round of the League's Pairs Championship, K. Peters and A. Jones of Mainsforth were drawn to play away to Ridley and Easton of Ever Ready/Craghead, whilst their teammates K. Weallens and W. Maddison faced Milburn and Fishburn of Newton Hall. Both pairs were victorious and move through into the 3rd. Round of the Competition. The 1st Round of the League's Triples Championship saw a Langley Park trio lose out to Mainsforth's Weallans, Maddison and Jones.

There was also success for Mainsforth's bowlers in the 1st Round of the Hospital Cup, Weallans, Maddison and Peters overcoming their visitors from Nevilles Cross. Mainsforth's Veteran Bowlers were successful in the 1st Round of the Team Knockout Competition recently when they visited Shildon Rail 'B' and gained a comfortable 78 - 41 shots victory.

Following the draw for the 2nd Round, Mainsforth will have another trip, this time to Spennymoor to meet their

'C' team. In the Pairs Competition, the tie involving Mainsforth and their visitors Belmont was certainly an exciting one as, after 18 ends, the two teams could not be separated. In the end, it took a further three extra sudden-death ends before the visitors scored three shots to progress. Returning to League action in the South-West Durham Veterans' League, Mainsforth's 8 - 0 victory over visiting Wolsingham saw them gain equal fourth spot in the 2nd Division table with 20 points and this was followed up with a victory by 6 - 2 when they hosted the veteran bowlers of Spennymoor's 'B' team.

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