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LOCAL GIRL COMPLETES GREAT NORTH RUN



Gayle looking delighted with her medal, shortly after finishing the race.

Ferryhill girl, Gayle Askwith, joined over 50,000 other runners recently when she took part in the Great North Run. Gayle, who works for an internet Estate Agents in Durham, put in a massive amount of miles in preparation for her first attempt at the event, which she finished in a speedy 2 hours and 19 minutes. Her family are extremely proud of her for entering and completing the run, and also for the £400 she raised for the National Deaf Society for Children, her chosen charity. Gayle is now training for the 2009 Great North Run. Well done Gayle!

RESIDENTS PROTEST OVER PROPOSED VODOFONE MAST

Ferryhill residents are petitioning against plans for a proposed mobile phone mast, following fears of health risks to the local population.

Vodafone is hoping to install the 12m Streetwork Pole with three antennas, as well as an 'ancillary ground base development,' on the grass verge on Raby Road, close to the junction with Brancepeth Road.

The mast is part of a plan for the mobile phone company to increase its 3G coverage in the area.

Residents, especially in the immediate vicinity of the site, are concerned at the impact the mast may have on people's health, although Vodafone claim that it is completely safe.

The chosen location is in close proximity to both Broom Cottages Primary School and Cleves Cross Primary School, and although they are both outside the recommended distance of 400m, they are still close enough to cause concern to parents.

Other concerns include the influence the pole may have on already declining property values and the visual impact to the area. Many alternative sites were considered, such as the open space to the rear of Ferryhill Leisure Centre, the rear of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Conyers Terrace and the field next to Cleves Avenue, although these were dismissed, claiming that they would not provide enough coverage or that the chosen location on Raby Road would provide a higher level of screening from surrounding trees.

In its planning application Vodafone stated, "Having undertaken a thorough search of the area, it is our considered opinion that the proposed site is the only option available in terms of providing the required level of coverage, having a willing site provider and minimising impact on character and visual amenity of the surrounding area." Consultation letters were sent out



Local resident Darran Kirkby, who has begun a petition against the mast, stands on the spot where it may be built.

to residents in September, giving them just 14 days to respond with any objections they may have had. The company received 77 letters, raising concerns such as those previously mentioned, as well as an email from Phil Wilson, MP for Sedgefield, who was also concerned about health issues.

One resident in particular, a Mr. Darran Kirkby, was incensed by the proposal, especially since only

38 people were sent the pre-planning application letters meaning that many residents were left unaware of the situation. Mr. Kirkby has since begun a petition to stop the installation going ahead. To sign the petition or to pick up a letter which can be sent to Sedgefield Borough Council by November 11th, contact Mr. Kirkby at 54 Raby Road or call him on 01740 652520.

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COUNCILS TO LAY WREATHS AT BERLIN WAR CEMETERY

As Remembrance Sunday draws closer, we are reminded of those who have tragically lost their lives during war time.

Despite there being fewer people with actual memories of the First and Second World Wars, more recent wars such as Northern Ireland, The Falklands, The Gulf and Afghanistan have continued to claim the lives of many servicemen and women. There has, in fact, only been one year since the end of World War II where no soldier, sailor or airman from British armed services has lost their lives.

This year, 54 members of St. Luke's Parish will be visiting the War Cemetery in Berlin to lay wreaths for the first time on the grave of Sergeant (Flight Engineer) William Laverick, originally of Cornforth. He was shot down on December 29th, 1945 over Doberitz in East Germany, then re-interred in Berlin. Sergeant Laverick was a member of 35 Squadron RAF and died aged 24.

Members of St. Luke's will also visit the grave of Ferryhill's Sergeant Herbert Howson of 429 Squadron, who was shot down on January 29th, 1944, aged just 20.

Accompanying members of St. Luke's Parish are William Laverick's nephew, Richard Fiskell, who runs the Air Training Corps in Newton Aycliffe, as well as Dr. Drew, Chairman of Cornforth Parish Council, who will lay a wreath on Cornforth's behalf, and also Harry Slater, St. Luke's Church Warden who will lay a wreath on behalf of Ferryhill Town Council.

Norman Dunn, as an ex-RAF member, will also be laying a wreath on behalf of St. Luke's Church.

The site of the Berlin War Cemetery was selected by the British Occupation Authorities and War Graves Commission in 1945, soon after the hostilities of World War II ceased.

The great majority of those buried in the Berlin War Cemetery were airmen who lost their lives in air raids over Berlin and Eastern Germany. The Cemetery



The Berlin War Cemetery.

contains 3,594 graves. Leader of Ferryhill Town Council, Councillor Pat McCourt, who will be laying the wreath at Ferryhill's War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday before they are taken to the Berlin War Cemetery, said, "It is a great honour to lay this wreath and I would urge all residents of Ferryhill to attend the Remembrance Sunday Parade on November

9th, in order to commemorate those servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of the freedom and democracy that we all enjoy today."

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LOCAL SCHOOL WINS TOP NATIONAL AWARD

Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School has become recipients of a prestigious national award in recognition of its use of state of the art technology.

The school became finalists in the Handheld Learning Awards 2008, after making effective use of Mobile Learning with Personal Digital Assistants for the last three years, later winning the Primary Practitioner Award. The PDA's, which are basically mini-computers, have been used by pupils at the school since 2005, when they became involved in the Durham LA 24/7 Learning Project.

The handheld devices allow for 'anywhere,' 'anytime' learning, with access to the internet and software such as 'Big Bus,' which offers subjects such as English, Geography, History, IT, Maths, Music and Science. The school's headteacher, Chris Young, praises the



(Left to Right) Paul Hodgkinson, Linda English, Fiona Brown and Chris Young with their prestigious award.

devices, commenting that a wide range of benefits were emerging as a result of the PDA's. These include increased enthusiasm in lessons, (particularly with boys,) increased involvement with parents who enjoy using the devices and improved

standards of reading comprehension.

Twelve schools in total were nominated for the award in County Durham, with hundreds more from across Britain. The school was informed that they made it into the final three in their category when someone from The Times newspaper called the them.

Fiona Brown, year 6 teacher, Linda English, ICT co-ordinator and year 6 teacher, and headteacher, Chris Young, travelled to London on October 13th to represent the school, not knowing for definite that they would be the eventual winners.

Mr Young told the Chapter, "To win this prestigious Handheld Technology Award is in itself a tremendous achievement and recognition of the achievements of everyone involved with this innovative project. It's a long way from chalk and talk to click and walk!"

Mr Young would also like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mrs English and Mrs Brown, for all their hard work on the project, and also to Paul Hodgkinson, Advisor for Information Communication Technology for County Durham, who has been instrumental in making the scheme such a success.

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Where possible, those families who have suffered bereavement during the last year have been contacted

personally, although anyone affected by bereavement, no matter how long ago, is welcome to attend.

Refreshments will follow. Reverend Pullan politely requests that anyone who is hoping to attend contacts him on 01388 815198.

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BANNED DRIVER TO FACE MAGISTRATES' COURT TRIAL

The Pre-Trial Review Hearing was listed to take place before local Magistrates last week in the case of a banned driver who has denied being behind the wheel of a vehicle on two separate occasions.

Thirty four year-old Barry Anderson, of Poplar Terrace in West Cornforth, faces two charges of 'driving whilst disqualified' and two of 'having no Insurance', all of which he denied at a previous Hearing at the South Durham Magistrates' Court in Newton Aycliffe.

The first incident is alleged to have occurred on April 10th this year in West Cornforth's Linden Road when Anderson is said to have been driving a Vauxhall Vectra, whilst the second incident is said to have occurred some 18 days later on April 28th, again in Linden Road, however on this occasion, the vehicle involved was a Peugeot 406. Should Anderson continue to maintain his innocence of the charges, he will ultimately face a trial at a Magistrates' Court.

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INCIDENT AT LOCAL FARM ENDS AT CROWN COURT

Two Spennymoor teenagers who terrorised an elderly couple will ultimately face a Crown Court trial after the Committal Hearing was listed to take place before local Magistrates last week. The matter will now be dealt with by a Crown Court. When the two Defendants first appeared before the South Durham Magistrates' Court in Newton Aycliffe on August 27th, they withheld their pleas to a joint charge of 'affray', the offence allegedly being committed in Ferryhill on August 17th. At that Hearing, 19 year-old Hugh Raymond Frederick Holmes of Tudhoe Moor, and 18 year-old Sean Yarrow, of Mount Pleasant Court, both in Spennymoor, heard

Mr. Toby Thomas, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, request the sitting Magistrates to decline jurisdiction in the matter. Mr. Thomas told the court that the two defendants went to a farm situated on the Dean Bank to Kirk Merrington road and, upon the return of the farmer and his wife, the two teenagers were discovered in the farmyard. When the pair's request to go ferreting on the farmer's land was refused, the teenagers became agitated and committed an assault upon the farmer's wife. Concluding, Mr. Thomas stated that sticks were used in the incident against the

elderly victims and there was also a dog running around. After Mr. Lawrence Petterson, appearing on behalf of Holmes, told the court that his client denied the allegations as set out by Mr. Thomas, the sitting Magistrates agreed that their sentencing powers were insufficient and duly ordered that the case should be dealt with by a Crown Court. Both teenagers were handed conditional bail, the conditions being not to enter Ferryhill, not to interfere with prosecution witnesses and not to communicate with each other, however exceptions to the condition not to enter Ferryhill were granted in the case of each defendant.

WIN A Wii IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

Chilton and Ferryhill Libraries, along with others in the area, are giving customers the chance to win a Nintendo Wii and Wii Fit package, worth over £175. From Monday, October 27th until Sunday, November 30th, the seven library groups in the western area of County Durham will each be giving away the console prize. Entry to the competition is free and is open to both adults and children. To enter, all customers

need to do is check out six or more books at any one time. People can enter as many times as they like, although they can only do so once a day! The draw for the winners will take place on Monday, December 1st. "If you're not already a member of the library, this is a great added reason to join. It's free, very quick and easy, just bring some identification with you when you come along," said a representative of the libraries.

SWIM, SWIM AND SWIM AGAIN!

Sedgefield Borough Council, with County Durham Primary Care Trust, is introducing discounted swimming sessions in the coming weeks. The programmes get underway on Monday, November 3rd, and will run until the end of February 2009. The pool-based sessions offer a variety of activities aimed at a cross-section of different customers. The sessions are designed to encourage participation in regular exercise for people of all abilities, young and old. For further information, contact Sue Rogerson, Swimming Development

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Popular barmaid of Chilton and Windlestone W.M.C, Brenda Lowerson, is holding a Halloween Party Night at the club on Friday, October 31st. Brenda is celebrating 30 years of service to the club, and would like to invite all friends and customers, old and new, to the party in an effort to raise funds for her two favourite charities. Admission to the show costs just £2 per person, with all proceeds going to Motor Neurone Disease and The British Heart Foundation. Doors open at 7.00pm, and entertainment will be provided by award-winning vocalist, Dave Lee Michael, and popular duo, 2 Way Street. There will also be raffles, a

tombola, bingo and a prize for the best fancy dress costume. Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary of the club, said, "It has been a great pleasure to organise this show on behalf of such a popular member of staff. This show not only lets a lot of familiar faces meet up for a fantastic night out, it will also raise much needed funds for two excellent causes."

TICKLED PINK TOTAL

The Asda store in Spennymoor would like to thank its customers and colleagues for their involvement in the 2008 Breast Cancer Care Appeal. The final total raised was £6,500. A finale of 'Tickled' will take place at 3.00pm on October 30th with a performance of "Leader of the Pack" at the store front.

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PRISON STILL A POSSIBILITY FOR CHILTON MAN

A Chilton man who carried out attacks on a Police Officer and Police Community Support Officer was due to return to court last week to be sentenced, with a custodial sentence still being a possibility. On his previous appearance before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe, 21 year-old Gary Thomas George, of Dale Street in Chilton, entered

'Guilty' pleas to charges of 'assaulting a Police Officer', 'assaulting a Police Officer' and 'resisting a Police Officer in the execution of his duty'.

The court heard that the charges arose out of an incident in Chilton on September 20th this year. After the sitting Magistrates heard a brief outline of the facts, they requested the Probation Service to prepare a full Pre-Sentence Report on George, giving a steering for the report which would leave the ultimate sentencing Bench with all options, including the imposition of a custodial sentence.

TREASURE HUNT

Below is the amended entry form from issue 390 of The Chapter, please discard it and use the one below, as there is now a name and address section. There is a £10 prize for the winner in each age group.

Halloween Treasure Hunt



Friday 31st October 2008
Ferryhill Market



Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Identify the 8 Halloween objects hidden on various stalls around the market

Halloween Object	Type of stall
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.

Please return all completed entries to the Post Box in the Town Hall by 3pm on Friday 31st October
Winners will be notified by Friday 7th November

HALLOWEEN QUIZ

13 spooky questions just for fun

- The festival of Halloween was first celebrated by which ancient tribe?
- By which title are The Simpsons Halloween specials known?
- The fear of Halloween is known by which other name?
- Which famous Halloween party game originated from a custom to establish who would get married first?
- What is the collective noun for a group of witches?
- In which two continents might you find vampire bats?
- Which horror creature is also known as a lycanthrope?
- What ghostly phenomena gets its name from the German for noisy spirit?
- Name the author of Dracula.
- The Romans called Halloween Pomona Day. Who or what was Pomona?
- With which horror film would you associate the character of Leatherface?
- In the film "Halloween", for how many years was the killer locked up in an asylum before he escaped?
- Which country celebrates "the day of the dead" instead of Halloween, which includes passing a live person in a coffin through streets?

1. The Celts. 2. Treehouse of Horror. 3. Scream. 4. Bobbing for Apples. 5. Germany. 6. North America and South America. 7. The Wolf Man. 8. Poltergeist. 9. Bram Stoker. 10. The place where evil spirits dwell. 11. Texas. 12. Mexico. 13. Halloween.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF BETTER IN CHILTON?

A free 'Look After Your Health Course' is being offered to Chilton residents. The course, which is accredited by the Open College Network North-East Region and funded by Sedgefield Communities for Health, is being held at the Chilton Sure Start Centre, starting Thursday, November 6th.

The course is free to residents of Sedgefield Borough and suitable for anyone who would like to learn more about and improve their own health and learn how to reduce the risks of some common health

problems. No formal qualifications are needed, although those attending will need a basic level of literacy.

"We will use a range of fun and interactive methods of learning, which makes it hugely enjoyable as well as informative," said a spokesperson for the course. Topics include how to reduce the risk of diabetes, heart disease and strokes, how to reduce the risks of cancer, how to spot the early warning signs and cancer screening, the safe use of alcohol, common sexual health concerns, reducing

stress levels and common infectious illnesses.

The tutor, Pam Cooper, is highly experienced, with a special interest in cancer prevention, heart disease and stress management.

The course will run from 9.30am to 12.15pm on Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th of November, and the 4th and 11th of December.

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COUNCIL HOLD OFF SPENDING GRANT MONEY

Ferryhill Town Council have been praised by the Big Lottery Fund for choosing to hold back on a project to redevelop Dean Bank Park. The Council made the decision to delay spending the £70,000 due to repeated acts of vandalism in the park recently, and are planning to review the situation there, a process which could take up

to a year to complete. Fears that the grant money will be lost if the project is held up for too long have been curbed, however, as the Big Lottery Fund has assured the Council that the money is safe. A spokesperson for the fund said, "The grant is safe and if there are any issues over vandalism, then the action makes a lot of sense."

RESIDENTS CAN REPORT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Dean Bank Residents' Association would like to remind local residents that Three Rivers Housing operate an out of hours service in both Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station, which can be used to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour or noise nuisance.

The number to contact in such a case is 0191 384 11 22 and a member of staff will aim to attend the incident within twenty minutes, however this number can only be used to report incidents caused by Three Rivers residents.

To discuss with Three Rivers any issues you may have, contact Lorna Casey on 0191 375 3727 or visit her at the new Neighbourhood Office at Dean Bank on a Wednesday morning.

CASE ADJOURNED DUE TO LACK OF INTERPRETER

Due to a misunderstanding between the Police and the South Durham Magistrates' Court in Newton Aycliffe, a case involving a Latvian Defendant was unable to proceed last week.

The court heard that, due to the misunderstanding, an interpreter was not present to assist in 21 year-old Tomas Jovaisa's understanding of the proceedings.

Jovaisa, of Windlestone Park, Rushyford, was scheduled to appear before Deputy District Judge Hayes, sitting at the Newton Aycliffe court, in connection with two charges, these being 'using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour' and 'possessing a weapon for discharging gas or noxious

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1997: Nineteen year-old British au pair, Louise Woodward, was found guilty by a court in America of murdering 8 month-old Matthew Eappen.

1971: An IRA bomb exploded at the top of the Post Office Tower in London.

1959: American actor Val Kilmer, star of 'Top Gun' and 'Batman Forever' was born.

1955: Princess Margaret called off her planned marriage to the divorced Group Captain Peter Townsend.

1926: Magician Harry Houdini died of peritonitis, having been punched in the appendix two weeks earlier.

1892: Arthur Conan Doyle's The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, was published.

liquid without the authority of the Secretary of State'.

It is understood that the item referred to in the second charge faced by Jovaisa is, in fact, a pepper spray and the offences are alleged to have been committed in Newton Aycliffe on October 12th.

Ms Zoe Passfield, representing Jovaisa, explained to the court that a Latvian interpreter was not present to assist the defendant and, therefore, an adjournment was a regrettable necessity.

Granting Jovaisa an extension of his unconditional bail, Deputy District Judge Hayes agreed to adjourn the case until November 12th to allow for an interpreter to be arranged.

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FERRYHILL TOWN COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Civic Amenities Committee -

Wednesday 5th November, 2008
at 7.00pm in Ferryhill Town Hall

Recreation Committee -

Wednesday 5th November, 2008
following Civic Amenities Committee

Town Council

Wednesday 19th Nov, 2008 at 7.00pm in Ferryhill Town Hall

Finance Committee

Wednesday 19th November, 2008, following Town Council
Members of the public may attend the above meetings

OTHER MEETINGS

Ferryhill 2000 Committee

Wednesday 5th November, 2008 at 6.00pm
at Ferryhill Town Hall.

Members of the public are invited to participate in this meeting



Letter to the Editor

This correspondent writes in regard to a FAIR Party leaflet which he received.....

Dear Editor

I feel I must respond to the recent illegal FAIR Party leaflet that has been delivered around Ferryhill.

The FAIR party seem to think that the people of Ferryhill are less intelligent than they are. The FAIR party leaflet claims that the FAIR party have achieved much, but the reality is that every one of their claims of success are Labour Party successes.

It is the Labour Party Councillors who for 7 years have worked tirelessly to get over a million pounds of funding for our new sports facility, the FAIR parties only involvement was to

hamper this with their continuous letters of complaint, they did not even support this project in their election leaflets.

The Ferryhill Labour Councillors said we would keep Council tax rises to a maximum of 2.9% three years ago, we have achieved this every year since. The FAIR party have not come up with a single idea to reduce this since being elected. All they have done is take money away from projects with their hundreds of letters and complaints to the Council. These have cost the Ferryhill Tax payers over £30,000.

The FAIR party recently

made 4 various complaints about the Town Council, each one costs over £2000 and every one has been investigated by various independent bodies and found to be a waste of taxpayers money.

Labour Councillors continue to be positive and deliver on projects like new Town Centre toilets, the new sports facility and the regeneration of Dean Bank Park all the FAIR party seems to be able to do is breed negativity. Why not try working with us instead of against the interests of the Town?

Councillor Bernie Lamb,
Chestnut Avenue,
Ferryhill.

This correspondent asks readers about the identity of the walking Roman.....

Dear Editor,

Does anybody have any idea who the walking Roman is?

I have seen him on numerous occasions walking down the A1 between Thinford and Ferryhill (usually on a

Sunday morning.)

He is usually dressed in either a full red or black roman outfit. Who is this guy??

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DO YOU KNOW ANY 'SASY' PEOPLE?

Do you know someone whose efforts have shone this year? Do you know a young person who has carried out lots of volunteering work unnoticed during 2008? Do you know a young carer who has become the key person of aid for a family member, relative, or friend? Is there an unsung hero in your club or group who deserves to be recognised for their efforts? Do you know someone who has excelled in their chosen sport in 2008? Do you know someone who deserves to be rewarded for his or her own special achievements? Are there any sports clubs

or youth clubs/groups in your community who should be rewarded for what they have done in 2008?

Do you know an individual or group who has overcome a major obstacle or disadvantage to achieve outstanding entrepreneurial success?

Nominations are now being invited for the Sedgefield Awards for Sensational Youth 2008.

The SASY awards were introduced to recognise the enormous achievements and invaluable contributions young people make right across the borough on a daily basis.

"This is your chance to stand up and say "thank you" to those young people," said a spokesperson for the awards.

This year sees a new category being added to the nominations with the introduction of 'Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2008'.

This award is open to groups or individuals who have achieved entrepreneurial success in their chosen field. The individual or group could have achieved success through the creation of a new business, or through a social enterprise,

community or voluntary initiative, or a helped a charitable organisation achieve commercial success. Last years' judging panel was overwhelmed with the talent and tremendous expertise that exists within the borough's youth. It is hoped that the 2008 nominations will exceed all expectations. For further information on all of the SASY categories, and to obtain a SASY nomination form, call Sedgefield Borough Council's Leisure Services Department on (01388) 816166, or visit www.sedgefield.gov.uk/sasy. The closing date for nominations is December 31st, 2008.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT COURSE

Chilton Library is holding a Christmas Craft Course for parents and their children. The sessions will begin on Thursday, November 6th, from 5.00pm and will run for four weeks. A party will also be held on Thursday, December 4th, for everyone who has taken part.

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CONTINUING GLOOM FOR CHILTON WMC F.C.

In the First Division of the Durham and District Sunday Football League, Chilton WMC continue to struggle, languishing at the bottom of the table alongside Burnmoor Cricket & Football Club. As if that was not sufficient, the Club bowed out of two Cup Competitions on two consecutive weekends recently. In the Preliminary Round of the NTL Transport League Cup, the Club lost narrowly by one goal to nil, whilst the following weekend, West Rainton F.C. dumped the Club out of the JD Taxis Guards Cup at the First Round stage by a 4 - 1 margin.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR FERRYHILL SIDES IN COUNTY CUP

There were differing fortunes for the two Ferryhill sides competing in the Third Preliminary Round of the Durham County AVEC Sunday Cup Competition recently. Ferryhill Black Bull lost narrowly by two goals to one to Sunderland Heppies to go out of the Competition, whereas Ferryhill W.M.C. maintained the town's interest in the Cup by defeating Houghton Mill All Stars 1 - 0. Ferryhill W.M.C., who play in the Premier Division of the Durham and District Sunday League, last weekend entertained Langley Park W.M.C., the result being a 3 - 3 draw. The point lifts Ferryhill W.M.C. to four points and third from bottom spot in the Division table, two points ahead of their visitors who are next-to-bottom in the table.

CORNFORTH TRIUMPH IN THRILLING PENALTY SHOOT-OUT

Cornforth United, who are currently in fourth place in the Carcraft Durham Alliance League, took a break from League action last weekend to travel to Coundon and Leeholme in the Auckland Charity Cup. The hosts currently sit proudly at the top of Division One of the Frank Hudson Transport Crook and District League, having dropped only one point in the League so far this season. An extremely close encounter finished with the score standing at 2 - 2 when the referee blew his whistle at the end of a 30 minute period of extra time, thereby signalling a nerve-wracking penalty shoot-out at the end of which, the visitors, Cornforth, squeezed through to the next Round of the Competition 8 - 7. This weekend, United return to League action when they entertain the side who is currently propping up the Durham Alliance League, Durham Garden House, with a further three points from a victory being most welcome

FERRYHILL YOUTH SIDES HIT THE GOAL TRAIL

Three of the Ferryhill Town Youth Football Club sides in action last weekend certainly hit the goal trail, scoring a massive 26 goals between them.

The Under 11 side, which is sponsored by Kelly's News, travelled to North Yorkshire to meet Richmond and both sides attacked from the first whistle.

A goal following a goalmouth scramble put the home side in front at half-time however, Ferryhill's persistence in the second half resulted in a deserved equaliser by Ellis Slater.

Unfortunately for the visitors, Richmond regained the lead immediately and held on to win 2 - 1, with Alex Quinn being named as Ferryhill's Man-of-the-Match.

A game which produced no fewer than 14 goals occurred when the Under 12 side, sponsored by KW Joinery, travelled to Teesside to take on Norton & Stockton Ancients 'B' at Station

Road. The goals went in straight from the kick-off and at half-time, the home side led 4 - 2, with Ferryhill's scorers being Nathan Wall and Willis White.

The goal-fest continued after the interval and it was the visitors' turn to get the upper hand, scoring six goals without reply to make the score 8 - 4, without Wall taking his tally to 4, White completing his hat-trick and Ryan Wilkinson adding another.

Late on, 'The Ancients' added two more to their tally making the result 8 - 6 to Ferryhill, with the Man-of-the-Match Award being shared by Wall and White. It was one-way traffic when the Under 13 side visited Roker Rangers in the County Cup and put on an outstanding display of attacking football and

confident and composed defending to go through to the next Round of the Competition by 10 goals to 1.

The Ferryhill scorers were Carr (3), Dunlavy (3), Robinson (2), Knight & Walton.

Sponsored by Current Cable and Rydal Construction & Restoration, the Under 14 side were also in North Yorkshire to play their Richmond counterparts and, once again, goals came thick and fast to both sides.

After Loscombe and Brown netted for the visitors, Richmond scored three before Devine levelled the scores at 3 - 3 at half-time. In the second half, Devine, Brown, Olley and Henderson (2) made it 8 - 3 to Ferryhill before two late Richmond strikes gave a final score of 8 - 5 to the visitors from Co. Durham.

PARTNERSHIP TO HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Chilton Community Partnership is holding a Senior Citizens Party on Thursday, December 4th.

The event will be held in Chilton W.M.C. Hall from

1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Tickets cost just £1 and include entertainment, a buffet, free raffle and much more. Tickets are on sale at the Town Council Offices until Friday, October 31st.

in their quest to close the gap between themselves and the League leaders Seaham Kitchen Magic.

FOOTBALL SHORTS.....

Bishop Middleham Cross Keys' 2 - 1 victory away to Gilesgate Moor Hotel in the Durham Sunday League Division 2 leaves them on 7 points and in 6th spot in the table, whilst a 4 - 2 win at Chester-le-Street Plough Inn puts them into Round 2 of the Alan Smith Memorial Trophy.

In Division Four of the Durham Sunday League, *Ferryhill Surtees* are still on -3 points in the table following a 9 point deduction by the League

A spirited performance by *Ferryhill Celtic* in a Wear Valley Sunday League Division One fixture at home to leaders Coundon Cons in which they led twice, was not enough to take the points as the visitors ran out 4 - 2 winners to leave Celtic in fourth spot in the table.

Victories by 7 - 0 over Grindon Veterans and 3 - 0 over Darlington Croft respectively saw *Chilton Community College Over 40s* and *Ferryhill Greyhound*

Over 40s through to the next Round of the Villa Real Cup. Scorers for Chilton were Taylor (2), Hughes, Jackson, Davies, Proud and man-of-the-match Murryweather, whilst Young (2) and McQuade netted for Greyhound.

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