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FERRYHILL COUPLE STILL DANCING AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF MARRIAGE

A couple who met at a dance in Ferryhill some 54 years ago are still 'tripping the light fantastic' at the same club. Lawrence and Brenda Simpson, from Raby Road, met at the Toc H Dance held for under 18's at Ferryhill W.M.C., where they still attend a Club Dance every week. Lawrence, 70, was born in East Howle and Brenda, 69, in nearby Spennymoor. The happy couple were married on November 1st, 1958, at the Holy Innocence Church in Low Spennymoor. Lawrence started work at Westools Engineering in St. Helens, serving his time as a mechanical engineer. "In those days, I had to travel on three separate buses just to get to work," said Lawrence.



Ferryhill Town Mayor, Amy Patchett, presented Lawrence and Brenda with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a crystal glass.

In 1962, he went to Tallents Engineering then Eaton Axles, both in Newton Aycliffe, and finally to Black & Decker in Spennymoor where he stayed for 29 years. Brenda worked for 15 years at Fergusons Lighting, (which later changed its

name to Thorn Lighting,) and then at Black & Decker for 28 years. The couple have two sons, Gary and Keith, and one daughter, Karen, who all live locally. They also have five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They both love taking holidays and especially enjoyed the seven cruises they have been on. They are also fond of their frequent dances at Ferryhill W.M.C. and the Catholic Club. The happy couple are going to Blackpool for a dancing holiday shortly, a twice-yearly event they attend. They had a pleasant surprise last Wednesday evening when they walked into the Club Dance Hall as friends of the couple had laid on a special spread, with a celebratory cake and greetings cards. Lawrence likes playing bowls, both indoor and outdoor, and Brenda likes her knitting. To finalise the celebration, there was a special meal organised for eighteen family members at Shafto's in Spennymoor on Saturday, November 1st.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF BISHOP AUCKLAND HOSPITAL

Ferryhill and Chilton Residents will have the opportunity to air their views about the proposed plans for Bishop Auckland General Hospital. A meeting is being held on Tuesday, December 2nd from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in the Clevesferye Suite at Ferryhill Leisure Centre. The meeting is one of sixteen taking place throughout November and December. They have been organised by NHS County Durham and the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust as part of a 14 week consultation period regarding changes to services at three hospitals. The proposals include downgrading Bishop Auckland's Accident and Emergency Department to a 24 hour Urgent Care Centre.

The majority of current Accident and Emergency patients would still be able to be treated at Bishop Auckland, however, anyone with serious or life threatening injuries would have to be treated at Darlington. David Gallagher, Director of Corporate Strategies, Services and Relations at NHS County Durham said, "No decision will be made about the proposals until local people have had the chance to have their say on them. Only then will we be able to decide if and how to take this work forward, taking account of the opinions expressed as part of this consultation." Places at the meetings are limited and therefore must be booked. Anyone wishing to attend should call 08001214874, or email comments@seizingthefuture.org.uk.

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Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill 2000 Committee are inviting residents and businesses of Ferryhill to take part in a competition to find the town's best Christmas Lights. The competition will comprise two categories, 'Residential' and 'Business,' with the winners of each category being awarded with a hamper full of Christmas goodies. Entry into the competition is completely free and judging will take place on Friday, December 12th, with a presentation event being held at the Town Hall the following Friday, December 19th. Anyone interested in taking part in the competition should fill in the form below and return it to Karen Emerson at Ferryhill Town Hall.

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**CHRISTMAS
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Forms must be returned by no later than
Monday 1st December 2008
Judging will take place Friday, 12th December 2008

VODAFONE BACK DOWN OVER PHONE MAST PLANS

Plans to erect a 12m Streetwork Pole on Raby Road in Ferryhill have been repealed by mobile phone company, Vodafone. The plans were fiercely opposed by nearby residents, who feared the negative influence the mast may have on people's health, as well as the visual impact and the repercussions this may have on their property values. Vodafone chose this particular site to improve

their 3G coverage as they claimed that it was the only option available in terms of providing the required level of coverage. The company has since withdraw their application, however, as the Local Planning Authority had concerns over the visual impact of the development on the residential area. One resident in particular, Mr. Darran Kirkby, was especially delighted with the decision, having began a petition against the plans. Mr. Kirkby told the Chapter, "You can appreciate that all the people who campaigned for this are very relived and pleased with the decision. I would like to give my appreciation and thanks to all those people who gave their help and support."

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SPRINGERS JUMP FOR JOY OVER TOKEN FUNDS



Youngsters at the Sedgefield Springers Trampoline Club collected over 11,000 tokens, with the help of Ferryhill residents.

Sedgefield Springers Trampoline Club, which is based at Ferryhill Leisure Centre, has managed to raise hundreds of pounds simply by collecting tokens from a tabloid newspaper. The club's youngsters took part in the Sunday Sun Active Token Campaign, collecting 11,780 tokens, which means they are now entitled to claim a massive £747.23.

Judith Ayre, Chairperson for Sedgefield Springers was overjoyed, saying, "This is a fantastic amount of money for our small club and we are delighted." "I would like to say a special 'thank you' to all the people who supported Sedgefield Springers by collecting tokens, the staff at Ferryhill Leisure Centre and also the anonymous people who

kindly took the time to post tokens to the Leisure Centre. We are extremely grateful." The Sedgefield Springers offer recreational sessions at both Shildon and Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centres, as well as both recreational and club sessions at Ferryhill Leisure Centre. "Beginners and experienced bouncers are always welcome," says Judith. For more information, contact Head Coach, Kevin Young, on 0785 581 0817.

FIRST FOOT IN THE YARD WINS FIRST PLACE

The Surtees Arms in Ferryhill Station won 'Beer of the Festival' at an annual Beer Festival recently, with its very own ale, First Foot in the Yard.

The beer is brewed in the pub's Micro Brewery, Yard of Ale, and was the favourite tippie at the Darlington Arts Centre Rhythm 'n' Brews Beer Festival where real ale drinkers helped raise money

for the Great North Air Ambulance.

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Girls who campaigned to get more activities for young women aged 11 to 16 years across Sedgefield Borough are celebrating their successes.

'The Engaging Young Women's Project' started three years ago, aimed at helping more young women to get involved in sports. Throughout this time, girls have campaigned for change with the help of 'Investing in Children' which has led to the creation of girls' clubs and festivals across the Borough.

Sedgefield Borough Council also changed its policy to allow 11 to 14 year olds into their fitness suites. The project was funded by Sport England and ran in



Girl Power! Girls from across the borough when they met at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

partnership with Sedgefield all the hard work and Borough Council and the County Durham Primary Care Trust.

Sport Development Officer, Suzanne Richardson, said, "The last three years has exceeded expectations with

dedication the girls have put in and what they have achieved."

Activities are still ongoing and for further information call Suzanne Richardson on (01388) 816166 Ext. 4512.

DRIVING TEST PRICES TO RISE

Anyone in Ferryhill and Chilton and, in fact, the rest of the country, will be praying they pass first time if they are planning to take their Driving Test after March of next year, as they will be expected to pay around 12% more than if they do so earlier.

The Driving Standards Agency is planning on

adding practical test fees from an already pricey £56.50 to £63.50, as of March 30th, 2009.

Theory test prices will also rise slightly, from £30 to £31, although the fees for practical motorcycle test will remain unchanged, as these were increased in September of this year.

Chief Executive of the DSA,

Rosemary Thew, said, "The Driving Standards Agency has to cover its costs in providing driving and riding tests to learners throughout the country. We are already planning to make efficiency savings of £6m this year and plan further savings in 2009 and 2010."

Visit www.dsa.gov.uk for more information.

MAN KILLED EN-ROUTE TO FERRYHILL

A Spennymoor man was killed in the early hours of Sunday morning as he walked from Sedgefield to his father's house in Ferryhill.

Twenty nine year-old Denis John James Carr was struck by a car on the unlit A177 between Sedgefield and Coxhoe just an hour after police officers had advised him to take another route.

At around 3.00am, Mr. Carr, who was walking with his dog Lennox, was spotted by a taxi driver who then attempted to warn oncoming traffic by flashing his lights, however his efforts were futile, as Mr Carr was subsequently struck by a Vauxhall Corsa and was later declared dead at the scene.

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FERRYHILL'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE PROGRAMME

2.00pm - Show Rides and Craft Fayre
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3.45pm - Children from local Primary Schools congregate.

4.00pm - Candlelit Procession leaves St. Luke's Church led by a Stilt Reindeer and followed by the Ferryhill Falcons Juvenile Jazzband.

4.15pm - Singing in the Town Hall Gardens.

4.30pm - Official switch-on of the Town's Christmas Lights and speech by the Mayor of Ferryhill.

4.45pm - Singin in the Town Hall Gardens.

5.00pm - Demonstration by the Ferryhill Falcons Juvenile Jazz Band in the Market Place car park.

5.00pm - 7.00pm - Children's Disco at the Manor House.

7.00pm - 8.00pm - A performance from the Ferryhill Town Band in the Manor House Gardens and Mulled Wine to be served.

Above is the official programme of events for Ferryhill's Christmas Fayre.

Preparations are almost complete for Ferryhill's Annual Christmas Fayre.

The Ferryhill 2000 Committee and Ferryhill Town Council have booked a number of attractions for this year's event, which will be taking place on Friday, November 28th, from 2.00pm to 8.00pm.

There will be fayre rides and a Jazz Band in the Market Place and a children's disco in the Manor House. There will also be a Craft Fayre in St. Luke's Parish Centre from 2.00pm to 6.00pm.

Santa will be making a special appearance in the E-Cafe, where a special grotto will be set up ready for his visit.

2000 COMMITTEE BURNT BY PRICE OF CANDLES!

Although arrangements for this year's Christmas Fayre are now almost finalised, there were a few minor problems that needed to be ironed out by the Ferryhill 2000 Committee.

One such set-back was the fact that the company who previously supplied the battery-powered candles for the procession have since stopped manufacturing the item.

This meant that an alternative supplier needed to be found, however none could be found that was quite as cheap!

The cost per candle is now £1.57, however they have already been advertised at £1, which means each candle will make a loss of 57p!

The committee concluded that the price of the candles will definitely need to rise next year!

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Chilton and Ferryhill St. John's Ambulance will be holding an open night at its Headquarters in Chilton on Monday, November 10th. The will be displays about their work and members will show some of the equipment that is used. "We would particularly like people to attend who were once members at Chilton and the old Dean and Chapter Division at Ferryhill," says a spokesperson for the volunteer group, "This is because we are hopefully going to compile a Roll of Honour to old members next year and require their details so their awards can be checked on the National St. John database." Refreshments will be available on the night and anyone is welcome to attend between 7.30pm and 9.00pm.

76TH SHOW

Ferryhill Chrysanthemum and Horticultural Society will be holding their 76th Annual Show at the Masonic Hall in Main Street, Ferryhill, on Saturday, November 8th. Two of the club's members, Mr. Tommy Johnson and Mr. Roy Charlton, have been exhibiting chrysanthemums for over forty years. All members of the public are welcome to attend the event, which will take place from 2.15pm to 9.00pm, entry being free.

Anyone who would like to join the society and grow chrysanthemums or vegetables should contact Jeff Culting on 01740 652042.

FERRYHILL CIVIC AWARDS

Once a year, Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, asks residents and voluntary organisations to nominate those unsung heroes who do so much to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill. If you know a resident of Ferryhill who has done some act or helped in some way to benefit others living in the town, or any other action which has achieved success in any field, then why not nominate them for one of the Ferryhill Civic Awards using the nomination form below. If you wish to nominate more than one person, simply photocopy the form. Alternatively, additional forms are available from the Town Hall.



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Drift, Turisdale, Tudhoe Park, Whitworth Park, Leasingthorne and Chilton Collieries, although any would enhance my collection. I would be most grateful for any help you could give me.

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METHODIST CHURCH KEEP ON RAISING THAT ROOF

Ferryhill Methodist Church in Market Street has added over £1000 to their 'Raise

the Roof' campaign by holding a Fayre recently.

Members of the congregation are aiming to raise £90,000, which they need in order to repair the church roof.

"Many thanks to all those who turned out on a cold Saturday morning," said Margaret Foxall from the church. The winning ticket for the Christmas cake was no. 457, a Mr. Brian White, and for the Hamper, no. 510, Mrs Doreen Popple.

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Standing there all the while
but with nothing to say,

He constantly catches my
eye.

On Remembrance Sunday

with Bugles and Drums
And banner held high 'til they

sway,
I think of his struggle and all

that he won
And pray we don't give it

away.

By Albert Curle,

Ferryhill.

'CHILDREN IN NEED' FUN DAY

The Asda store in Spennymoor will be holding a big fundraiser in the store's foyer on Saturday, November 15th.

On sale on the day will be hotdogs, homemade cakes and pies, Tracy's special

toffee, John's delicious chocolates and various hand-knitted items by Brenda and Christine, all of whom are Asda colleagues.

All proceeds will go towards the BBC's 'Children In Need' Charity.

FINAL EVENT AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Ferryhill Baptist Church are holding their sixth and final event of their Centenary Celebrations next weekend.

On Saturday, November 15th, the church will be holding a Songs of Praise event, led by members of

Westgate Road Baptist Church in Newcastle.

Reverend John Claydon will also be in attendance.

There will be light refreshments after the event, which will take place from 7.00pm.

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THE HISTORY OF FERRYHILL IN PICTURES

The Friendship with Art Group is holding an Exhibition on Tuesday, November 11th at the Dean Bank Literary Institute in Dean Road from 10.00am until 4.00pm. The theme for the event is a small part of the history of Ferryhill and surrounding areas. The group has produced just under forty canvasses which will ultimately be given to Community Centres and Nursing Homes in the town. The aim is to distribute the

history pictures to as many people as possible. "The historical heritage is disappearing to the detriment of future generations who will be deprived of sight or knowledge," says a spokesperson for the Exhibition. With this in mind, the group has produced the canvasses in a book form and are planning to present a book to each of the five schools within the Ferryhill area. A presentation of the books will also take place at the Exhibition at 11.00am.

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HAVE YOU GOT TIME TO SPARE?

The Citizens Advice Bureau, who operate across Sedgefield Borough, is looking for people who would like to give their time to volunteer for the service.

The CAB Service offers free advice and information and, although some posts are paid, many roles are carried out by volunteers. Citizens Advice offer professional training in a number of roles and many of their volunteers go on to

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Chilton Library is holding a Christmas Crafts Course throughout November, on Thursdays from 5.00pm.

The course is based on family learning, meaning parents will stay and help their child during the sessions.

Those who are interested in joining should contact Kathleen or Tory at the Library on 01388 720251.

FAMILY DISCO

The Mainsforth and District Community Association will be holding a Family Disco in the Community Centre on Saturday, November 15th, from 7.00pm to 11.30pm with Hi-Lites Disco.

"All are welcome," said a spokesperson for the event.

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find similar paid work. Pauline Chambers, the Sedgefield CAB Service Manager, said, "Volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds and we are looking for new volunteers from the age of 16 upwards to train in a number of roles, such as advisers, clerical officers, advice support officers, IT and communication workers and fundraisers amongst others."

"You don't need any qualifications and you will be paid travel expenses to and from your place of work so you are not out of pocket. Whether you have an hour a week or several hours a week, the CAB may be able to use your time to give back to your community in some way, whether you want to gain experience or no longer work

because of disablement or retirement and want to continue to do something useful, we can use you."

If you would like an application pack which includes an application form and information on the various roles on offer, telephone the Spennymoor Office on 01388420147 (administration line) and ask for Mrs Sandra Richardson and a pack will be sent out to you in the post. Alternatively, write to Mrs S. Richardson, Citizens Advice Bureau, 12 High Street, Spennymoor, Co Durham DL16 6DB

The Sedgefield Citizens Advice Bureau dealt with over 33,000 enquiries last year and helped clients manage over £11 million pounds worth of debt.

UNDER 11'S MANAGE COMFORTABLE 4 - 2 WIN

Ferryhill Town Youth Under 11's, sponsored by Kellys News, played away to Middleton Rangers in the Challenge Cup recently and were quickly two goals up, with Lewis Topping scoring both.

Middleton pulled a goal back

but soon after, Alex Quinn scored, making it 3-1.

In the second half, Gabe Rowland scored to make it 4-1. Middleton managed another goal but Ferryhill were comfortable winners with Man-of-the-Match going to Alex Quinn.

ON THIS DAY.... NOV 7TH

2000: Hilary Clinton was elected as a Senator for New York making her the only ever First Leader to win an elected office in American history.

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