

COUNTY TROPHY TIE FALLS FOUL OF WEATHER

Cornforth United's Durham County Trophy tie away to Billingham Town Reserves, which was scheduled to take place last weekend, was one of many local football fixtures to be adversely affected by last week's blast of winter weather. When the game is ultimately played, United will hope to inflict a defeat on their Jack Hatfield Sports Teesside Football League Second Division hosts, currently in

mid-table in that League, and progress to the Competition's next Round. Meanwhile, in the Carcraft Durham Alliance League, Cornforth are currently in fifth spot and nine points behind the League leaders Whitehill F.C., however United do have three games in hand of Whitehill which, if all three turn out to be victories, will result in them being level on points with Whitehill.

MIXED FORTUNES FOR FERRYHILL'S INDOOR BOWLERS

Two County Competitions for indoor bowlers commenced recently and there were mixed fortunes for two Ferryhill bowlers taking part.

In the Durham County Inter-Club Championship, Ferryhill's J. Taylor overcame the challenge from neighbouring Spennymoor bowler, S. Sherwood, however it was somewhat different in

the Veterans Champion of Champions event, where Ferryhill's J. Maddison suffered a defeat at the hands of O. McFadden from Houghton.

In the Indoor Bowls Veterans' League, Ferryhill, playing in League 4 of the Competition, are currently struggling in second-to-last place in the table, having gained only one victory out of four games played so far.

FERRYHILL MAN FACING COMMUNITY PENALTY

A Ferryhill man was due to return to a local Magistrates' Court recently in order to be sentenced for a motoring-related offence to which he had pleaded 'Guilty' at an earlier court appearance. On November 5th, 27 year-old Wayne Thomas Gowton, of Hawthorn Terrace in Ferryhill, entered his 'Guilty' plea to a charge

of 'failing to supply a specimen of breath', the offence being committed in Newton Aycliffe on October 25th this year. As a result of his plea, the sitting Magistrates requested that the Probation Service prepare a full Pre-Sentence Report upon Gowton, giving a steering of a Community Penalty for that Report.

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CLUB HOSTS PRESENTATION NIGHT AND TAKES THE TITLE

The Annual Presentation Evening of the C.I.U. Games League was, this year, hosted by Ferryhill Workingmen's Club who proceeded to take the League's overall title.

The presentations were made by the Durham County Branch President, Colin Armstrong, and Executive Member, Geoff Atkinson, with League Secretary, Steve Wray, acting as M.C. Ferryhill Club took both the Team Darts and Team Pool League winners' titles to be crowned the overall Champions, with Tindale Crescent W.M.C. the runners-up.

In the Double Leagues, Ferryhill again took the Darts title and were joint runners-up with Crook Belle Vue in the Pool, this being sufficient to hand the Club

its second overall Championship of the evening ahead of Crook Belle Vue and New Brancepeth. The Captains' Section saw Ferryhill Station W.M.C. joint runners-up in the Dominoes League, whilst Ferryhill took the Pool League. The overall Captains' League was won by Newfield, with Ferryhill in second place.

Ferryhill's Simon Corbridge was joint runner-up in the Pool Player of the Year Competition together with Chris Kitch of Tindale Crescent W.M.C. Steve Wray of Ferryhill W.M.C., who took the Pool Player of the Year title, finished the season as runner-up in the Pool Singles Championship, whilst

Ferryhill's Phill Nixon and Ray Scott were runners-up in the Darts Doubles Championship.

Steve Wray also featured alongside Joe Wray as runners-up in the Dominoes Doubles Championship and Simon Corbridge and Ronnie Hornsby, also from Ferryhill W.M.C., were runners-up in the Pool Doubles Championship.

The Triella Championship was claimed by Ray Scott, Geordie Harris and Neil Bowtell from the Ferryhill Club.

Ferryhill's Tony Nixon took the League's Individual Darts Player of the Year title with 16 wins from 18 games, whilst Phill Nixon was equal second alongside Paul Knighton of Newfield with 15 wins apiece.

LOCAL PLAYERS SET OUT IN C.I.U. DOMINOES CHAMPIONSHIP

A number of local dominoes players are all set to take part in the First Round of the C.I.U. Singles Dominoes Championship and these include :-

J. Miller (Chilton & Windlestone) v B. Jones (Horden Labour & Trades); T. Vayro (Chilton & W) v A. Richardson (Ferryhill); L. Milburn (New Brancepeth) v

F. Tutin (Chilton & W); E. Campbell (Chilton & W) v T. Ward (Cockton Hill); I. Heaviside (Ferryhill) v A. Hindson (Tanfield Lea); A. Lithgow (Cockton Hill) v S. Wray (Ferryhill); K. Wilkinson (Ferryhill) v D. Brown Jnr (Trimdon Colliery & Deaf Hill); D.

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PETER AND SHIRLEY CELEBRATE FIFTY HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER

Peter and Shirley Agar, from Bowes Close in Ferryhill, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a special visit from the Mayor of their home town, Councillor Amy Patchett.

Sixty-nine year-old Peter, who was born in Bishop Middleham, married Shirley, 71, at St. Luke's Church on December 6th, 1958, two years after they met at The Ranch picture house in Ferryhill.

Peter moved to North Terrace in Mainsforth when he was 14 years-old, whilst Shirley, who was born in Spennymoor, relocated to Dean Bank with her family when she was 19 years of age.

After tying the knot, the couple moved into a colliery house in East Howle, later moving to Hylton Road and finally



The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Amy Patchett, presented the happy couple with gifts to mark their special occasion.

settling in Bowes Close in 1976. Peter worked at Mainsforth Pit for seven years after leaving school, later becoming a bus driver for Martindales, TMS (Trimdon Motor Services) before retiring after thirty years in the business.

Shirley worked at Seamen in Spennymoor for around seven years after leaving school, later working at Smart and Brown for six years. She returned to the same company several years later after starting her family, staying for twenty years as a Line Leader.

Shirley also worked in the bar in Ferryhill Leisure Centre for three years, from 1989.

The couple have one son, Tony, who also lives in Ferryhill. Peter enjoys socialising in Ferryhill Station W.M.C. and used to be fond of his gardening. Shirley liked to dabble in cross-stitching and embroidery and enjoys reading and doing cross-words.

The happy couple celebrated their Golden Anniversary with a family meal at the Cross Keys in Bishop Middleham on Saturday, December 6th. Councillor Patchett visited the couple on their special day and presented them with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a pair of champagne glasses.

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PRIMARY STUDENTS TAKE PART IN MATHS CHALLENGE

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The sessions are designed for the more able and talented pupils to challenge their mathematical abilities. This first session was attended by a total of 16 pupils and focused on circles, in

particular the relationship between the diameter of the circle and its circumference. Two more sessions will be held after Christmas, on January 26th and on March 23rd, where the pupils will be investigating correlation and algebra. The final part of the mathematical links between the College and the partner primaries will take place in July when teams from each school will participate in the annual Key Stage 2 Maths Challenge.

THE ADVENTURES OF SINBAD IN FERRYHILL STATION

Ferryhill Stage Society will be performing 'The Adventures of Sinbad' on Thursday, 18th, Friday, 19th and Saturday 20th December.

There will be two showings per day with the matinee commencing at 2.30pm and the evening show at 7.15pm.

The production will be staged at Mainsforth and District Community Centre in Ferryhill Station.

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**HOSPICE
RAFFLE**

The Butterwick House Children's Hospice, North Tees, held a Christmas Raffle at Chilton and Windlestone W.M.C. recently. The event raised a grand total of £116 for the Hospice. Thanks go to Mrs Tracey McManers for her hard work.

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The Chilton Poppy Appeal, which raises money for the British Legion, this year totalled a massive £975.74. Organisers would like to thank all who contributed to this worthy cause.

THANKS!

The Chapter would like to thank St. Aidan's Church in Chilton for their kind donation of £20 to the newspaper. All donations are always very helpful and very much appreciated.

**STRAY
AID**

Stray Aid, a charity based in Coxhoe which rehomes strays and unwanted pets, are thanking residents of Chilton and the surrounding area who responded to posters which asked for items of bedding for the Rescue Centre.

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Following his entry of 'Not Guilty' pleas to the charges when he appeared before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe on October 23rd. The offences are alleged to have been committed in Chilton's Keats Road back on April 24th this year. Should Nawaz maintain his innocence of the offences, he will ultimately face a Magistrates' Court trial.

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Please note all courses will run subject to sufficient numbers enrolling on an individual course

LOCAL GROUPS RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ferryhill Town Council has recently provided financial support to two local organisations.

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Amy Patchett, presented Ferryhill Town Band with a cheque for £1,000.

Eric Schlosser was on hand to receive the donation from the Town Council on behalf of the Town Band.

"The Band always make themselves available for the Town Council at various events, i.e. The Miner's Gala, the Christmas Fayre, the Mayor's Carol Service and the Summer Gala, and this is very much appreciated," said a spokesperson for the Council.

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The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Amy Patchett, presented the cheque for £1000 to Eric Schlosser from Ferryhill Town Band.

of the band.

A second presentation also took place, where the Mayor presented Mr Tim Pinkney, Deputy Head Teacher at Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College, with a cheque for £100.

Pupils from the school have hosted an exhibition of displays illustrating the life and death of Anne Frank and the school will be the centre for all aspects relating to the exhibition. Ferryhill will be recognised throughout the

North-East for hosting the event, as well as in Europe. Mr Pinkney is now raising money to help a group of young people from the College fund a trip to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam.

"These donations are an example of the Town Council's commitment to supporting local organisations working for the benefit of the community in Ferryhill," continued the spokesperson.

THE DAY SANTA SENT HIS HELPERS

The Chilton community came together to save the day last Thursday, December 4th, at the Senior Citizen's Christmas party.

Because of the terrible weather, there was trouble with the caterer, the entertainment and the heating in the club hall on the morning, but the party still went ahead thanks to people from the community who stepped in at the last minute. Chilton Club provided secondary heating and the caterer and the entertainment managed to get there in the end.

Guests, Partnership members, Residents Association members, the Mayor and his wife, bar staff, teachers and pupils from Windlestone School all helped to organise

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what turned into a very enjoyable event for all who attended.

Reece, from Windlestone School, entertained with a few songs to give the hired entertainment a break. Chris, Chair of the Chilton Community Partnership said, "The teachers and pupils on that day were brilliant, as everyone else was who helped on that day."

"The senior citizens braved the storm to attend the party. All I can say is a big thank you to everyone who brought the community spirit back into Chilton. Everyone had a merry old time and the day was a great success."

CHRISTMAS EDITION

Can readers please be aware that any articles or classifieds that they require to be in the Christmas Edition of The Chapter, need to be in by December 14th. Thank you.

CORNFORTH WOMAN LEFT CAR AFTER ACCIDENT

A Cornforth woman, who had been drinking, was involved in an accident in her car, after which she abandoned the vehicle and left the scene, local Magistrates heard. Appearing before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe, 37 year-old Paula Robins, of Poplar Terrace in West Cornforth, who was represented by Mr. Ben Pegan.

Robins faces charges of 'driving with excess alcohol' and 'failing to stop after an accident', the offences said to have been committed in Shildon's Albert Street on July 20th this year.

Mrs. Alison Nunn, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, told the court that the result of Robins' breath test was that she had 65 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, the legal drink-drive limit being 35 microgrammes.

Appearing alongside Robins

was 21 year-old Gary Bishoprick, of Dent Street in Shildon, who entered 'Guilty' pleas to charges of 'having no Insurance' and 'driving other than in accordance with a Driving Licence', the offences being committed on the same day as Robins.

Mrs. Alison Nunn told the court that, some time after Robins was involved in an accident and subsequently

left the scene, Bishoprick went to the Vauxhall Corsa motorcar and drove it to the car park of a local Public House.

Bishoprick, who was not represented in court by a Solicitor, told the sitting Magistrates that he had 'just decided to move the car'. He was fined £158, and ordered to pay the £15 Victim Surcharge and court costs of £43.

CHRISTMAS FAIR WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

The Dean Bank Primary and Nursery School Christmas Fair was this year organised by the Friends of the School, and it turned out to be a great success.

Despite the inclement weather, the Fair was well attended by families and friends of pupils. The event raised almost £700, which will be divided equally between the school fund and the Friends

of the School account, to support the ongoing school grounds project.

"I must thank everyone from the Friends group, school staff, pupils and other volunteers for all of the hard work and effort they put into organising and delivering such a successful event. It is much appreciated by everyone," said Headteacher, Chris Young.

Mr Young went on to thank organisers, saying, "Special thanks to Mrs. Jermy for all the baking she did and to Mrs. Watson, (great to see her back in school following her early retirement), and brother Trevor for providing games and other fund-raising activities. As always this was a real team effort that, again, showed that we have great support for our children here at Dean Bank."

The school's choir will be singing in the community this Christmas, with the first of these such events being held on Friday, December 12th from 11.00am at Ferryhill Town Hall, where everyone is welcome.

REWARD TO BE GIVEN FOR RETURN OF STOLEN GOODS

A popular couple who own a local business have put up a reward after being the victims of a burglary.

Lynne and Gordon Robinson, owners of shop '24' in Main Street, had the flat that they live in above the business burgled on Saturday. The thieves walked in the back door in daylight, walked up the stairs and went into the couple's son's, Lewis' room.

Lewis' laptop, mobile phone, his Xbox 360 and 35 games, including Rock Band and Guitar Heroes, were all stolen. It is thought that the burglars didn't go into any other rooms in the home.

Lynne said, "It's just so upsetting. He goes to school and he works and he buys all

of these things with his own money and then someone does this. Everywhere he goes people say how polite he is, he doesn't deserve this."

Lewis, 18, attends Durham School and is currently sitting his 'A'levels. He also works in McDonalds.

Lynne and Gordon are putting up flyers around the village detailing the stolen items and the reward that they have put up for the return of his goods. Lynne said, "The people in the village are lovely. They will help if they can."

If you have any information about this crime call the couple on 01740 655503, or alternatively call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

CAROL SINGING FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

Churches Together in Ferryhill will, once again, be Carolling around the Town Centre pubs.

The group will meet at 7.00pm on Friday, December 12th in the Market Place. All money raised will be donated to the Butterwick Children's Hospice for seriously ill local children.

"Please support this effort, you are more than welcome to join us, whether you

attend church or not," said a spokesperson for Churches Together.

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LOCAL HISTORIAN FINDS GREAT EXCUSE TO VISIT EVERY PUB IN THE AREA!

A local history enthusiast has recently had a book published, which local pub-goers are sure to love.

The 124 page book, written by Bob Hall of Spennymoor, is entitled 'Public Houses of Spennymoor & Neighbourhood,' and includes the history of pubs in Chilton, Ferryhill and Rushyford, from the Black Bull to the now demolished Bay Horse.

Every ale-house has a conjoining photograph and a brief history of the business and the licensees. Bob said of his work, "I have been delighted at the initial response, though so far it has been by word of mouth.

"I believe that the book goes some way to providing a pictorial and anecdotal history and allows the discerning

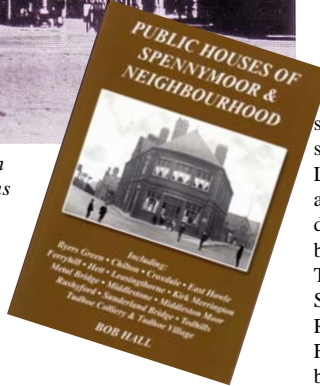


(Above) The Black Bull in Ferryhill, pictured as it was in 1934.

(Right) Bob Hall's new book.

reader to follow some of the developments in the towns in which these public houses are located."

The book is available now from Harpers Newsagents in Market Street, Ferryhill, priced at £10.



SUFFER FROM STRESS?

Ferryhill's Ladder Centre is to be holding Relaxation Classes in January, which are aimed at helping people who are suffering from stress, anxiety and other problems. The classes will be held on Thursday mornings and there will be a £10 charge.

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SANTA TO MEET LOCAL CHILDREN

Children from across the Borough are being invited to the Sedgefield Borough Council Offices at Green Lane in Spennymoor on Friday, December 12th, to meet a very special person.

For those children who arrive at 4.30pm, they will be able to meet Santa Claus, who is

making a special visit. As an extra treat, the children will be able to help themselves to hotdogs and soft drinks and will also receive a selection box.

A number of pantomime characters will also be attending to lend Santa a helping hand.

ADJOURNMENT GRANTED

The inability of a Defendant to provide wage slips in order to make a successful application for Legal Aid resulted in the adjournment of an alleged domestic violence allegation by local Magistrates recently.

Thirty year-old Jody Ronald Slee, who gave his address as Ravensworth Road in Ferryhill when he appeared before the South Durham Magistrates sitting at Newton Aycliffe, is facing a charge of 'assault occasioning actual bodily harm', the offence said to have been committed in Ferryhill on October 26th this year.

Mr. Graham Ablett, appearing on behalf of Slee, **CHRISTMAS DANCE**

Ferryhill Working Men's Club will be holding a Christmas Dance on Friday, December 12th from 7.00pm.

There will be a grand raffle and bingo as well as 'the best' music.

All proceeds will be in aid of Ferryhill Methodist Church's Raise the Roof Fund.

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LOCAL KIDS PRESS FOR VILLAGE SKATING FACILITIES

Local youngsters are currently in the forefront of a project to create a skate park in their village.

The group of young people from Chilton got together to approach both a local Residents' Association and a number of local Councillors with their idea before launching a petition with the aim of proving that the demand for such a facility was there.

The idea came about when the youngsters decided to propose the addition of a skate park to the recent developments which have taken place in the village.

The petition was signed by around 100 people who agreed that the whole community would benefit if the local youngsters were provided with somewhere they could skate.

The youngsters are being assisted in the project by Sedgefield Borough Council's Children and Young People's Participation Officer, Andy Coulthard, and two options are being explored.

Firstly, ramps from a mobile Skate Park not being used by the Borough Council could be moved to Chilton where they would be stored by the Chilton Town Council and

then be set up for use with both bicycles and skates.

The group is also hoping to secure money from Sedgefield Borough Council's Koolcash grants scheme in order to provide a Supervisor to run the temporary Saturday morning sessions. In the meantime, the group is continuing to work on designs for a permanent skate park as well as exploring funding options, such as applying for grants and capitalising upon the area's ongoing regeneration by tapping into funds which have already been pledged for the community.

F.B.E.C's GOT EVEN MORE TALENT

Tuesday, December 2nd, saw Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College's second talent show in 6 months, and after another hugely successful evening, it looks like F.B.E.C's shows are here to stay!

After the success of last year's charity show, the number of students auditioning this year more than doubled and for the first time in four years, the show completely sold out.

This time around, the talent show was themed and everyone involved performed a song linked with a famous musical. The shows chosen ranged from the classic 'Oliver' to the recent smash hit 'Mamma Mia.'

Another major change was

that the audience voted for their favourite performance. The winners were the Year 7 and 8 dancers who performed to Greased Lightning. The dance was choreographed by several of the staff involved in organising the show.

Year 8 band, Split Decision, were second and the Year 10 girls, dancing to Breaking Free from High School Musical, came third with only one vote in it.

College staff and students decided that this year's show would be a good opportunity to raise money for a large school production at the end of the year, and the total raised was a massive £500. Miss McCavanagh and new head of Music, Mr Brown, are hoping to raise enough money for a production of

'The Rocky Monster Show' in the summer term.

The organisers of the show, Miss McCavanagh, Mrs Harris, Miss Barnaby, Miss Gourlay and Miss Rudkin, would like to send out their personal thanks to everyone who came along on the night and supported the show.

"It was a huge success and to see so many people, not just pupils but members of the local community, reminds us why we organise these events."

They would also like to thank all of the staff who gave up their evening to help out. "Without the staff support, these events would not work, so thank you very much." Auditions for 'The Rocky Monster Show' will be held after the Christmas holidays.



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A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

The three 'Sing for Life' groups and Chilton Steel Pan Band will, once again, join forces to bring a night of festive cheer to Sedgefield Borough.

The evening of Tuesday, December 16th, will see Spennymoor Leisure Centre transformed into a winter wonderland of music and song.

Members of the 'Sing for Life' groups from Ferryhill, Spennymoor and Newton

Aycliffe will wow their audience with renditions of show tunes and popular Christmas songs.

Chilton Steel Pan Band will add some Caribbean fun to the night and will team up with the singers for a special version of Jingle Bell Rock. Tickets are available from Spennymoor Leisure Centre priced £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for concessions. For more information, call 01388 816166 Ext. 4378.

W.I. WERE 'HARMONIZED'

Ferryhill Village Women's Institute held its Christmas Party in Dean Bank Institute on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, a large number of ladies turned up to the event. Entertainment was provided by 'Harmonize', who were 'most enjoyable and very professional,' according to one member of the W.I.

Supper was provided by the committee and a Christmas raffle and quiz were held, the latter being won by Mrs Rowley.

The W.I.'s annual Dinner Dance will be held in the Community Centre on January 14th. Tickets are priced at £9 and names are now being taken.

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