

LIBRARY STAFF SAY 'THANKS'



The three winning eggs.

The staff at Ferryhill Library would like to say a big 'thank you' to all of the children who took part in their Easter 'decorate an egg' competition. There were three winners, William James, Eleanor

James and Ellis Tarn, who each won an Easter egg. The library staff would also like to thank the pupils of Dean Bank Primary School for their help in organising the Easter competitions at the library.

FERRYHILL W.M.C. TAME THE LYONS

Ferryhill W.M.C. played away to Burnside W.M.C. on Tuesday, April 7th, having played them on the previous Sunday and coming away with 3 points. Ferryhill managed a 2-2 draw in a physical game. On Thursday 9th, Ferryhill

entertained Hetton Lyons at home, with Chris Dixon scoring first in the 8th minute. Hetton Lyons came back with a goal only for Johnathon Agar to nicely place a further two goals in the net before the end of the first half. Hetton Lyons came back strong and gained a further goal, but the club managed to hold on and came away with a 3-2 win. The man-of-the-match award was given to Chris Dixon. The W.M.C.'s next home game is on Sunday, April 19th, against Houghton Glendale with a 10.30am kick off.

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Ingredients

500g strong bread flour, plus extra for dusting
1/2 tsp Salt
75g caster sugar
7 g sachet dried Yeast,
300 ml mixed milk and water,
150g sultanas
zest of 2 Oranges
80g mixed peel
2 tsp ground Cinnamon,

For the glaze

50g Sugar
50 ml water,

Method

1. Put the flour, salt, sugar and yeast into a bowl. Slowly add enough of the milk and water mix to achieve pliable dough. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and knead

well for 5 minutes, then put the dough back into the bowl and leave to rise for 1 hour.

2. Incorporate the sultanas, mixed peel, orange zest and cinnamon into the dough and leave to rise for 1 hour.

3. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Divide the dough into 75g

pieces and roll each into a ball.

Put them on a baking tray and leave to rest for 1 hour.

4. Set the oven to 220°C/ gas 8. Bake the buns for 25 minutes until golden brown. Combine the sugar and water together to make a syrup and brush this liberally all over the buns. Serve immediately.

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A HEALTHY SUCCESS



Mr & Mrs McCuanagh, winners of the healthy food hamper.

Nearly 50 people attended a free health event, which was held at the Dean Bank Institute and Community Centre recently.

The initiative provided local people with the opportunity to have a health check, specialist advice on topics such as healthy eating, exercise, smoking, oral health care, and support from the Expert Patient Programme, PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) and Citizens Advice. A free buffet lunch was available and a healthy food hamper was won by Mr & Mrs

McCuanagh. Debbie Ryan, Events Officer for the Pioneering Care Partnership, said, "This Health Event has been an excellent way to raise awareness around health related topics and for local people to discover what is available in the Ferryhill area. I was absolutely delighted at the turnout." For more information about future Health Events or what is on offer at the Pioneering Care Centre, call, 01325 321234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR TOWN CLERK?



A petition has been put forward which could see the Chief Executive of Ferryhill's title changed to that of Town Clerk.

Twenty one Ferryhill residents have called for the town's Executive Officer, Jamie Corrigan, to have his title abolished and replaced with that of 'Town Clerk.'

The protesters are asking for a parish poll to be held on the subject, similar to an election, which, it is claimed, could cost up to £25,000.

The petition, which was signed by several FAIR Party (Ferryhill Association for Independent Representation) members, will be discussed at next month's annual town meeting.

If a third of those present at the meeting, or ten electors, back the proposals, then the public vote will go ahead, although legally, the Town Council is not obliged to heed to the results of the poll.

Labour Councillor, Bernie Lamb, accused FAIR members of instigating the petition, saying, "For two years it seems the FAIR party have been leading a witch hunt against Council staff."

FAIR members, however, said the group was not behind the petition.

One resident who signed the petition said, "I do not think the Town Council is doing enough for the town, and hope this would set about the changes needed." Councillor Pat McCourt, Leader of the Town Council, strongly disagreed with this, saying, "On the Ferryhill appraisal there were ten projects listed and the Town Council has delivered on all of them."

"We have only recently secured over £1,000,000 in grants from Sedgfield Borough Council's LIP Fund and the Football Foundation, which will be used for a new sports

facility for the town. "We have also, along with the Allotment Associations in the town, secured £25,000 in grants from 'Awards for All'. The Council has won numerous awards in Northumbria in Bloom and has also secured £120,000 for improvements to Dean Bank Park. "Working with local

residents on Raby Road, the Council were successful in blocking an erection of a mobile phone mast. On top of this, the Council also objected successfully to the expansion of the electricity sub-station to the north of Ferryhill. The development will now no longer be extended and will be restricted to the existing boundaries."

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DEAN STOKER
April 20th

Happy 30th Birthday
Love You Loads.
Donna
xxx

DEAN STOKER
Happy Birthday Dad

Love Jack
xxx

DEAN STOKER
April 20th

Happy 30th Birthday,
Son-in-law
Love Dick, Deb & family
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MELANIE ALLEN
April 20th

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Karl
xxx

MELANIE ALLEN
Happy Birthday Mam

Love Josh & Jack
xxx

Birthdays

SIMONE DEVINE
April 16th



Happy 21st
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Acknowledgements

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Courses plotted,
foundations laid.
Continuous cycle,
arriving soon.
A war between,
the sun and moon.

*By Dave Tobin,
Jade Walk, Chilton.*

DOWN OUR BACK STREET

Lads playing at cricket
Using dustbin lid for wicket
Also football,
Doin' one two's off the wall.

Also bairns playing top and
whip.
Where did 43 Ford disappear
As Raby Tce ended here.

Mother's pegging out their
cloys
No tumble dryer
those days.

Two streets much the same
It baffles me, this building
game.

Other times lorry tipping
coal
To be shovelled in, through
let hole.

Every year in cold and heat
games and motors down our
back street.

Binmen's wagon taking ashes
to tip

*By Vince Elsbury,
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ex Chilton.*

**POPPY TEASED OVER £500
OUT OF PUNTERS**

A charity night, which was
recently held at the Black Bull
pub in Ferryhill, raised over
£500 for a local Hospice.

The event was held in aid of
the Palliative Cancer Care
Centre at Sedgefield
Community Hospital, which
cared for a Ferryhill woman
during her brave battle with
cancer.

Vivian Tweedy died last
September, aged just 40, after
a decade of fighting breast and
bone cancer.

Her school friend, Brian
O'Brian, hosted the charity
event on Saturday, April 4th,
where he performed as his
alter ego, 'Poppy Tease
Queen'.

Poppy said, "A big thank you
to The Black Bull in Ferryhill,
all the acts and everyone
involved in an excellent
evening, which was enjoyed



*Poppy Tease Queen with Vivian Tweedy's sister, Karen,
the Burlesque Act and Tickled Pink friends.*

by all." to this worthy cause, contact
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**W.I. SEES THE APPOINTMENT OF
TWO NEW PRESIDENTS**

Ferryhill Village Women's
Institute held its Annual
General Meeting on
Wednesday, April 1st.
Mrs Dent resigned as
President, leaving the
position in the capable hands

of Mrs Ankers and Mrs Bell,
who will 'job share'.
The speaker for the night
was Mrs Joan Seymour, a
retired Nurse.
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TOWN COUNCIL SAY FAREWELL TO SENIOR GROUNDSMAN

Ferryhill Town Council has recently said 'farewell' to its Senior Groundsman, Peter Smith, after he moved on to Darlington Borough Council.

Peter was renowned at the Council for his extreme hard work and was felt by all to be an asset to the Town Council and the town itself. Peter's main duties included maintaining the fifteen flowerbeds around town, as well as the Surtees Doorstep Green and the King George the Fifth sports facility.

On Peter's last day he was invited up to the Town Hall to say his farewells to the Council staff and was awarded a gift voucher and two whiskey tumblers as a sign of appreciation for his hard work in the town.

Councillor Ken Campbell, Portfolio Holder for



David Hindmarch (Groundman/Staff Supervisor) with Ray Seymour (Works Manager) and Peter Smith, Senior groundsman.

Staffing, said, "Those Councillors who consider staff to be an asset and an integral part of providing services for the people of Ferryhill greatly appreciate the hard work put in by

Peter, which was obvious for all to see when you saw him about town. He will be greatly missed, however, we wish him every success in his new post with Darlington Borough Council."

SONG AND DANCE FESTIVAL

The Salvation Army is inviting readers to a festival of song and dance that will be taking place at the Salvation Army Building in Cross Street, (near the Locomotion museum) in

Shildon. The event will be taking place on Saturday, April 25th, from 7.00pm when entertainment will be provided by the Cardiff Cathays Songsters. Admission costs just £2.

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A. Hide in a bush and make a noise like a carrot!

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MAYOR'S CHARITY NIGHT

The Mayor of Ferryhill, Councillor Amy Patchett, is to hold a Charity Night on Thursday, April 16th in The Greyhound pub in Market Street, Ferryhill. The evening will commence at 7.00pm and will finish at

11.00pm. Tickets are £4.00 and are available from the Town Hall or Ferryhill Greyhound. The price includes a buffet and entertainment by 'Russ Tippins,' north-east guitarist and singer.

BRIC-A-BRAC SALE

The LADDER Centre on Ferryhill's Coniston Road is to host a Bric-a-Brac sale on Thursday, April 16th, from 12 noon to 3.00pm. Any money raised from the event will be divided between

the Air Ambulance and the Centre itself. "Please feel free to donate any items for our stalls and to come along to support us," commented a spokesperson for the Centre.

EXERCISE TO MUSIC

Age Concern Durham County is inviting residents to attend its 'Exercise to Music' class for the over 50's. The keep-fit sessions are held in The Garth Community Rooms in

Ferryhill every Monday from 11.00am to 12 noon. "Come along and join us," said a spokesperson for the classes. For more information, phone 01388 720064.

HARMONISE AT FERRYHILL METHODIST CHURCH

Young vocal group. 'Harmonise', will be performing at Ferryhill Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 22nd.

Tickets for the event cost £3, which includes a cup of tea or coffee, and are available from the church, either on Sundays or at its Friday coffee morning. The show will get started around 7.30pm. "This is a young vocal group, highly recommended and with us for their first visit, so why not join us for the evening?" asked a spokesperson for the church.

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MC CLUB AWARDED WITH CHOCOLATE EGGS



The youngsters of the MC Club with their prizes along with parents and volunteers who help at the club.

On Wednesday, April 8th, the Dean Bank Residents' Association held an Easter colouring competition for the MC Club, which was

judged by Mrs J Hedley and Mrs A Maddison. After some deliberation, the judges decided that the winning pictures were

coloured by Elisa and Holly, who each received a large Easter Egg. The rest of the children were also awarded with smaller Easter eggs.

ASK THE EXPERTS

An 'Ask the Expert and Business Surgery' is to be held by the South Durham Business Network at the end of the month. On Tuesday, April 28th, 15 minute appointments can be made for the one-to-one surgery with a broad range of experts, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Spennymoor Town Hall. The event provides an opportunity for local business owners to meet a range of eighteen professionals covering services from Accountancy through to Website Design. The one-to-one appointments will be followed by a key note address from Councillor Henig, Leader of Durham

County Council, and questions to a panel of experts and refreshments will also be provided for those attending. A spokesperson for SDBN said, "Whether you're a sole trader or have 100-plus employees, come and join the members of South Durham Business Network." Following its successful launch on January 23rd of this year, which attracted over 180 local business

leaders, the network is going from strength to strength and gaining new members constantly. "If you're not already a member then why not register to see if there's value in becoming a part of our business-led, business-focused group," continued the spokesperson. To find out more or to join, email Darren Race on info@sdbn.org.uk, call 07947 409838 or visit www.sdbn.org.uk.

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CIVIC DINNER RAISED HUNDREDS FOR CHARITY

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Alan Bruce and his wife Elizabeth, have expressed their thanks to all those who attended their charity evening at Chilton Workingmen's Club on Thursday, April 9th.

After a five course meal provided by T & I Bell of Washington, the evening's entertainment commenced with vocalist, Billy Lort, before dancing took place to the Phil Tempest Duo. A raffle and tombola were also held which raised £956 for the Mayor's chosen charities.

"I would also like to thank the people who organised and did the sponsored walk and all who sponsored them, raising £893," said Councillor Bruce.

FERRYHILL MAN COMMITTED TO CROWN COURT

Alan Thomas Curle of Parker Terrace, Ferryhill will appear at Durham Crown Court on May 18th to face charges of threatening unlawful violence, affray and a threat to kill another man, Shaun Almond.

The offences took place on January 25th when the 42 year-old's conduct was allegedly such as to cause a person of reasonable firmness to fear for personal safety. The defendant was released on conditional bail and ordered to stay away from Susan Galloway as well as to stay out of the Lightfoot Terrace and Bessemer Street areas of Dean Bank, Ferryhill.

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS

Ferryhill, Sedgefield and District Flower Club is to hold a demonstration entitled 'Memories Are Made Of This.'

The demonstration will be held at Sedgefield Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 21st, and will be given by Leslie Smith, a national demonstrator. Tickets are priced at £4.50 for members and £7 for visitors and are available from Jean Dixon on 01325 319158, Liz Lonsdale on 01388 721546 or from any committee member. There will also be cake, plant, jewellery and accessories stalls.

COMMISSIONED AT SANDHURST

Family from around the globe travelled to the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst recently to witness The Sovereign's Parade and the commissioning of Simon Jeffrey Carr.

Grandmother Elsie Carr, who along with her late husband Bob, ran the Eldon Arms Pub in Ferryhill Station for almost twenty five years, led the contingent from the north-east.

Grandmother, Monica Brennan, still residing in Ferryhill, whose late husband Ted taught generations of children in the area after serving in the Royal Navy during World War II, was also in attendance.



Ashley Carr, Elsie Carr, Jeff Carr, Lt. Simon Carr, Joan Carr and Monica Brennan.

Simon's sister Ashley, however, won the prize for having travelled the furthest. She came home especially for the event from Melbourne in Australia. Parents Jeff and Joan looked on with pride as the Right Honourable John Hutton M.P. (Secretary of State for Defence) presided over the parade. Second Lieutenant Carr joins the Royal Artillery and is posted to Larkhill in Wiltshire for six months further training.

TRIBUTES PAID TO FORMER TEACHER

Tributes were last week made to a former Head of English of Ferryhill Comprehensive School. Len Rowe, who taught at the school in the late eighties, passed away on Wednesday, April 1st, after battling cancer.

The 71 year-old's funeral was held at Durham Crematorium last Thursday, before family and friends gathered to celebrate his life at the family home. Donations were given to the chemotherapy unit at the University Hospital of North Durham.

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ON THIS DAY... APRIL 17TH

2004: Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi, the head of Hamas, was killed by an Israeli air strike in Gaza.

1986: TV journalist, John McCarthy, was kidnapped in Beirut, Lebanon.

1975: The Khmer Rouge took control of the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, as the countries civil war ended and Pol Pot's rule of Cambodia began.

1970: Apollo 13 returned safely to earth.

1969: Bernadette Devlin became the youngest ever MP elected to the House of Commons.

1969: In America, Sirhan Sirhan was convicted of assassinating Robert F. Kennedy.

1969: Czechoslovakian Communist Party leader, Alexander Dubcek, was forced to resign by the Soviet Union.

1961: The Bay of Pigs Invasion began.

1960: American rock 'n roll star Eddie Cochran, aged 21, was killed in a car crash near Chippenham, Wiltshire, while touring with singer Gene Vincent.

1951: British submarine, the Affray, failed to resurface off the south coast of England. It was eventually found two months later with no survivors.

1941: The Second World War: Yugoslavia surrendered to Germany.

1940: Pop singer Billy Fury was born.

1790: American statesman Benjamin Franklin died.

FIRST MEETING OF CHILTON CUB SCOUTS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH

Wednesday, May 6th, will see the first meeting of Chilton's very own Cub Scout Pack. Tom Johnson and Ian Milburn have taken up the mantle of Leaders for the Pack, supported by a number of people who will form a Group Executive.

The Cubs will meet every Wednesday evening at St Aidan's Church Hall and will be open to boys and girls aged 8 to 10½.

Tom, who has been a Leader in the past, said, "We are both really looking forward to running the Cubs and bringing our experience to the Pack," whilst Ian told The Chapter that he "Wanted to put something back into Scouting for Chilton".

Chilton Town Council and the local Scout District have provided financial support to help the group get started and it is hoped that there will be

some further support from the national Scout headquarters soon.

"We are now in a position to recruit youngsters to the Pack and have arranged for that to be as easy as possible," said Ian Johnson, District Commissioner. "We've got a dedicated email address, a phone number, a website and The Chapter has a coupon in this week's issue," he continued. (See below).

Parents won't need to buy a uniform until their son or daughter has made their mind up about joining and the first evening is designed to give the youngsters a taste of what is to come.

The District Commissioner added, "It's really pleasing to see the support for this initiative; Tom and Ian will need support but I know they have the skills, experience and above all, enthusiasm to

make it work. We're hoping that we can accommodate as many youngsters as possible. To do that we will need some extra help, but that could be from people who have no experience of being involved in Scouting."

The Pack is busy putting together equipment to get started but is also looking for a missing flag. The previous 1st Chilton Scout Group used the flag, which is yellow with a purple Scout sign in the centre. It is hoped that somebody reading The Chapter will know its whereabouts and contact the group with details.

More information on the Scout movement, including opportunities for young people and adults alike, can be obtained locally from Ian Johnson on 0845 0944 084 or from 1stchilton@durhamscouts.org.uk

To get more information about Cub Scouts in Chilton, complete the details on this coupon, put it in an envelope marked '1st Chilton Cubs' and hand it in at Sainsbury's Local on Durham Road.

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