

## TOWN YOUTH HOLD CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH



One of the teams included Elvis, The Blues Brothers and a pirate!

On Sunday, May 10th, a charity football match was played at Dean Bank Park to raise funds for Ferryhill Town Youth. The match saw 'The Babes' take on a bunch of famous people from the past and present.

On show were two Batmen, Adolf Hitler, Osama Bin Laden, The Blues Brothers, four 'sexy women,' a sumo wrestler, a pirate, Elvis Presley, an ice hockey player and Compo in goal. During the match, which was refereed by an Emu, the lads

took the lead through Batman and Elvis but the girls hit back with goals from Leanne Fairish, Claire Eltringham, Mandy Stephenson, Diane Rutter, Sandra Pearson and Michelle Legge.

"Many thanks to all who took part for raising money and putting on an excellent game of football," said a spokesperson for the event. "Ferryhill Town Youth would like to thank all of the people who helped on the day, without their help we could not have done this and made

it a successful day. Special thanks goes to the canteen staff who were in the canteen from start to finish, also Alison Malkin who, along with baby Jamie, organised all of the stalls for the day, Sean from Sounds Perfect Disco who donated his services free for the day, Mr. Booksman who donated all of the books for the book stall, Keith Wall who made the stocks specially for the day, and of course Dave Eltringham, who controlled the big match from the middle of the pitch with his Emu."

The spokesperson went on to say, "Also, well done to all of the 5's, 6's and 7's for winning their mini tournament and many thanks to Newton Aycliffe SC for bringing his little players through to play." The Club, and the Chapter, wish the Under 9's every success in their league cup final this weekend at Rockcliffe Park.

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Seventy-five year-old Maurice, who was born in Cornforth Lane, was in the RAF until 1956, when he left and began work at the Dairy. He was employed as an assistant for three years before becoming store manager at the Newton Aycliffe, Saltburn and Coundon stores. He later returned to the Ferryhill branch, where he worked alongside Margaret, who is originally from Kirk Merrington.

After marriage, the couple lived in Newton Aycliffe for three years before moving back to Ferryhill. After a few more house moves they



Maurice and Margaret were visited by Amy Patchett, the town's Mayor.

eventually settled in their current bungalow in Stanhope Close, the same street they had previously spent 15 years on. After the family was born, Margaret, 70, returned to work at Lipton's supermarket, which later became Presto, where she stayed for 16 years as head of provisions.

The lovely couple have two children, Gary and Stephen,

two grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

The couple now enjoy spending time together in their car, when they take drives around Stanhope and the Dales.

Maurice likes to watch sports, especially horse racing and football, while Margaret enjoys spending time in the garden and regularly attends Ferryhill and Kirk Merrington Chapel.

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## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Ferryhill Town Council is holding its Annual Town Meeting at St. Luke's Parish Centre, and would like to invite members of the public to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for local groups to share their plans for the forthcoming year, while also reflecting on their recent successes. The council believe that the meeting will help to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between the

town's various stakeholders, as well as increasing partnership among the town's businesses.

Representatives from local organisations, including Residents' Associations, Youth Groups, the Business & Enterprise College, Community Groups, the police and Town Council, will all be invited to the meeting, either to give presentations or to prepare information boards.

Following the meeting refreshments will be served.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE WELCOME GUEST SPEAKER

Ferryhill Village Women's Institute held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 6th, when Mr Stephen Coupland presented a film show about his experiences climbing Mount Kilimanjaro.

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**RYAN LAVERICK**  
Happy 13th Birthday.  
May 15th



Happy 13th Birthday.  
Love you loads,  
Mam, Dad & Summer  
x

**RYAN LAVERICK**

Happy 13th.  
Love Julie, Stephen & Jack

**RYAN LAVERICK**

Happy 13th.  
Love Gran & Grandad

**Birthdays**

**SARAH ANN GASH**



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**SARAH GASH**

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**Birthdays**

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*Letters to the Editor*

*The writer of this letter may be unemployed because of thieves in the town.....*

Dear Editor,

I used to have a shop in Ferryhill that sold pet food and accessories, but after two break-ins in about four months, I had to close it down. It was luckily only part of my business, as I also had my market stall. I continued with this at Ferryhill, Newton Aycliffe and Richmond but now, unfortunately, that has also gone. On Wednesday the 6th of May, between 10.00pm and 11.00pm, some thieving pieces of scum stole my Ifor Williams trailer with my market stall and all my stock in. I have worked on the market for many years now, and unless by some miracle I get my trailer back, this has now all finished. There is no way I could start again as it would cost thousands of pounds to replace my trailer and stock, so me and my husband may now be unemployed.

What really shocked me was that the police never even came out about this crime, they just took all the details over the phone. I am not blaming the police, as this must be the way things are done. If, as the Government says, crime is down, there should be lots of time for the police to come out and take details about such crimes. I don't think crime is down, I think people just don't report it any more as they know nothing will be done and it is highly unlikely that the criminals will be caught. I would like to say thank you to all my loyal customers who have bought from me over the years I have been on the market. Anyone with any information who may have seen something suspicious on Linden Road please phone me on 01740 650356 or call the local police on 0345 60 60 365.

Yours sincerely,  
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*This former Ferryhill resident says 'thank you' for the kindness he received following a recent health scare.....*

Dear Editor,

I wish to cover as wide an area as possible to thank old friends and acquaintances who have been so concerned about me, sending their get well cards and best wishes, since my heart attack and triple by-pass. So may I, through the Chapter, convey my sincere and grateful 'thank you's' to those I cannot thank personally who didn't pass on their contact details. It comes as a shock to be diagnosed with a mild heart attack and hits you like a boulder! Then two boulders on being told that a triple by-pass is the only option and several boulders after the operation!

She probably won't like this but I would also like to make it known how grateful I am to my sister Vanda for coming through for the duration, giving my partner support and comfort who would have otherwise been a 'basket case!' I hope this will assure our Vanda just how grateful we both are for taking some of her holidays during my demise, when her stay here was far from a leisurely one, despite Blackpool's amenities. Once again, 'thank you' to old pals and a special 'Thank you' to our Vanda.

Yours sincerely, with thanks and best wishes,  
Clifford Chambers,  
formerly of Ferryhill.

*This correspondent asks the FAIR party what its policies are.....*

Dear Editor,

During a recent conversation in the company of Mr Dennis Allen, a member of the FAIR party, I asked him about his part in signing the petition for a parish poll in Ferryhill. Mr Allen stated that he did not know about the poll and was not aware he had signed it. When asked further on the matter, about who asked him to sign the petition and who was behind it, he replied that he did not know who asked him or who was behind it. In his response to me, when I explained what a parish poll

was about, he thought it would be a good idea to get rid of council staff and take us back to the dark ages of 1998, even though it would cost £25,000 to local taxpayers. Given the economic situation in the country, I would like to know what the FAIR party are up to and how many other redundancy schemes they have up their sleeves. I understand that a parish poll is not legally binding to the council, especially when only a handful of people have signed it. This appears, once again, to

have the FAIR party's underhand tactics, wrote all over it. I feel it is time for the FAIR party to answer some very basic questions, having been in office for over two years. 1. I would like to know what the FAIR party stands for. 2. What are their policies for governing the town? 3. Apart from costing taxpayers thousands and thousands of pounds in frivolous complaints and enquiries, why are the FAIR party not investing their time in improving the town? Name and address withheld on request.

*This reader responds to a letter in last week's Chapter.....*

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter in last week's Chapter (8th May), written by Councillor Roddam, regarding Ferryhill town centre. I, for one, have no doubt the council are working hard to improve the town and fully appreciate their efforts in both supporting and trying to help local businesses, but I disagree with the part regarding the attraction of a "main supermarket chain". B&M is anything but a main supermarket chain and is, in fact, a "high street bargain shop", which, as Councillor Roddam points out, has, and still is, having a massive impact on independent shops and market traders. I, as a local trader, don't have a problem with "healthy competition" as one councillor described B&M. I do though have a problem with large bargain shops being given incentives to set up in the town, while smaller businesses have to finance themselves. You need to give people a reason not to go out of town and, to do this, you need to have the facilities/services required within the town.

For most people, food shopping is the main part of their shopping week and, in the current financial climate, for some it is the only part. A large percentage (myself included), do their weekly shopping out of town, as the town does not have an adequate sized outlet for families to do their food shopping, although for some, the CO-OP does provide an adequate service and doesn't suffer from healthy competition from within the town. I am not saying that an Asda or a Morrisons is the sole answer to shopping in Ferryhill, nor am I saying go to the extremes of Spennymoor and Bishop Auckland who are killing their town centres with an overdose of supermarkets, but I believe a healthy sized supermarket would go a long way to helping, and it may encourage existing businesses to expand if it too had healthy competition. Take a look at both Newton Aycliffe and Shildon who have a large supermarket and a good mixture of smaller shops. In the case of Shildon, a newly refurbished high street. Aycliffe, I believe, is

awaiting the start of their town centre refurbishment. Although these towns are larger than Ferryhill, the principle remains the same. Most businesses within the town are leased buildings, so when the council starts to use the secured funding for shop fronts, they may want to consider involving the landlords, who can then, with money they have saved, pass on financial incentives to attract new businesses and help existing tenants. The knock on effect of a closed street, not made up of closed shutters and for sale signs, can only be good for the town, jobs, trade etc and help promote the image of the town. Add this to the regeneration going on in Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station and who knows, Ferryhill could once again be a thriving market town. It will only happen if all parties are consulted because I don't think many traders would have put B&M as their preferred "supermarket" on the recent survey. Here's still hoping.  
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Independent, impartial and completely confidential, the 'Money made clear' service is a new addition to the work of the bureau.

Statistics released by Citizens Advice show that there has been a 20% increase in debt issues in the north-east when comparing April to December 2007 to the same period in 2008, an indication that consumers need more support to stop them from falling into financial difficulties.

This service is designed to stop this figure from increasing in the future, by equipping consumers with the knowledge they need to

avoid debt problems because of over commitment or limited savings and to empower people to plan for the future effectively.

Joan Johnson and Lisa Edwards, Money Guides from Sedgefield and District CAB said, "Many people have questions they would like to ask about how to manage their money - this could be about savings, mortgages, insurance or budgeting. Up until now, advice on these issues was all too often tied to the selling of products or too expensive for people to afford. Trained and approachable Money Guides in the CAB will be able to offer free and impartial guidance to people to help them take the next steps in managing their finances. It's easy to make a quick appointment - give us a call on 01388 420147."

Appointments with a Money Guide are available on Tuesdays from 9.00am to 4.00pm at the Spennymoor Office, and on Thursdays between 9.00am and 4.00pm at the Newton Aycliffe

Office. Further information is also available at [www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk](http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk). The service aims to give people the confidence they need so that they can take the next step in planning their future. "The current economic situation means that many people are having to look carefully at how they spend their money. This service can provide a 'money MOT' for people, helping to make sure they won't fall into financial difficulties further down the line. It's about unraveling all the complicated jargon that can go with money matters, but with no sales pitch involved", continued Joan and Lisa.

## REWARDS CLUB

The recent winners of Ferryhill Library Rewards Club were Spencer O'Sullivan (0-5), Brianne Walker-Avery (6-10) and Robyn Smith (11+).

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## Letters to the Editor

The person who wrote this letter wonders why some FAIR Councillors are no longer recognised as such....

Dear Editor,

In the May 2007 Town Council elections for Ferryhill, there were 5 FAIR Party councillors elected on to the Town Council.

However, when I recently visited the Town Council's website, I noticed that two of those Councillors who were elected as FAIR Party are no longer identified as such.

Councillors Steven Avery and Kevin Storey are now referred to as being Independent. Can someone from the FAIR Party please explain what is happening, have these councillors been kicked out of FAIR or have they resigned?

Is there something going on that local residents are not being told about? It appears that the local

electorate are being taken for fools once again and that something underhand is going on. Has there been a fall-out in FAIR and, if so, over what?

If there is an explanation for the change then why all the secrecy? Why not be upfront and honest with people, after all, the residents of Ferryhill have the right to know not only who is representing them, but exactly what they stand for.

Once again, I would ask that someone from the FAIR Party or councillor's Avery and Storey or preferably all concerned write to The Chapter and give a full explanation of just what is going on.

Name and address withheld on request.

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## LIZ MILLION WORKSHOP IN FERRYHILL LIBRARY

With the Summer Half Term not far away, Ferryhill Town Council and Ferryhill Branch Library have organised for Liz Million to visit Ferryhill Library on Thursday, May 28th, to provide a stories and workshop session.

Liz Million is a local author of children's books. When she is not illustrating and writing stories in her little studio in the north east of England, she can usually be found travelling all over the country visiting primary schools, libraries and museums.

She has been involved in

children's events for over four years and receives a fantastic response every time.

The stories and workshop session will take place in Ferryhill Branch Library from 2.00pm to 3.30pm on Thursday, May 28th, and is suitable for children aged 4 to 11 years-old.

"Entry is free of charge so bring your children along to join in the fun," said a spokesperson for the event. To find out more information about Liz Million visit her website at [www.lizmillion.com](http://www.lizmillion.com).

## FURNITURE SCHEME TO MOVE OUT OF TOWN

The Chilton-based County Durham Furniture Help Scheme is to move out of the village as it is in need of larger premises.

The scheme, which is currently based on Chilton Industrial Estate, is to move to The Southerne Club in Newton Aycliffe which closed in September. The charity will pay rent on the building for the next five years while it tries to raise the £450,000 needed in order to purchase it.

The CDFHS has been running for almost forty

years and currently helps around 9,000 families a year by selling unwanted furniture and household goods at a low cost.

Managing Director, Chris Palmer, said, "The charity has grown and grown, we need more space and we've had some problems with vandalism in Chilton, so the move will be good.

"The premises will be more accessible but requires substantial renovations, a lift and garages. We'll need more volunteers and to raise lots more money."

Anyone who would like to help the scheme should visit Unit 20, Avenue 3, Chilton Industrial Estate, or visit [cdfhs.co.uk](http://cdfhs.co.uk).

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## CHARITY GOLF COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN MEMORY OF LOCAL MAN

A charity golf competition is to be held in memory of a local man who was a popular and keen sportsman.

The Stewart Ramsay Memorial Challenge Trophy is also being held in aid of the Butterwick Hospice.

Two years ago Stewart Ramsay developed cancer and died at a very young age. During Mr Ramsay's battle with the illness, he was offered respite care at Butterwick Hospice.

Lee Dunn, a friend of Stewart and his wife, Mandy, is organising the tournament, which will take place at Bishop Auckland Golf Club on Friday, June 26th.

The first Stewart Ramsay Memorial Challenge Trophy was held last year at Crook Golf Club, after Mr Dunn had discussed the idea of holding a memorial tournament with Mandy.



Stuart Ramsay sadly passed away after a battle with cancer.

Last year's event was very successful, with 16 teams taking part and valuable funds raised for the Butterwick Hospice. Entry costs £150 for a team of four.

Anyone interested in taking part in the event can sign up by contacting Lee Dunn direct on 07912 999419 or the Butterwick Hospice at Bishop Auckland on 01388 603003.

## CAGE FIGHTER REMANDED IN CUSTODY

The twenty-one year-old arrested in connection with the death of a father in Chilton appeared at Newton Aycliffe Magistrates Court last week.

Liam Hall, of Dene Terrace, was charged with causing Neil Jones grievous bodily harm.

Mr Jones died at a house in West Chilton Terrace on Thursday, April 30th, after allegedly being assaulted by

Hall. The court was told that Jones had grown up in Chilton, although he had lived in Bedfordshire for the past eight years.

Hall was arrested after walking into Newton Aycliffe police station three days after the incident with family members.

He was led to the dock from the police cell and entered a no plea to the charge.

Magistrates remanded him in custody until he appeared at Teesside Crown Court on Friday, May 8th.

As he was led back to the cells in handcuffs he shouted 'love you mam' to his mother, who was sitting in the public gallery.

Police are still investigating the incident, and anyone with information is asked to call the police on 0345 60 60 365.

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## 'RAISE THE ROOF' NEARS THE END

Ferryhill Methodist Church is hoping to complete renovation work before it celebrates its centenary. The church was refurbished in 2006, when it received a

new heating system, kitchen and improved access.

Unfortunately, it was later discovered that the building also needed a new roof, and members therefore began their 'raise the roof' campaign.

Lay Worker, Margaret Foxall, said, "It was a kick in the stomach, and

worrying for some members, after all that work to have to start again, but the community has been very supportive and we're on the last leg.

"We're looking forward to completing this latest fund raising and having the work finished so we can enjoy the building and events for what they are, not with the aim of raising money."

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### CHILTON TOWN COUNCIL

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## Poetry Corner

### OUR YARD

By Julie Pennington, Ferryhill

When we were little,  
my brother and me,  
I remember crossing yard  
to pee.

Our Dad, the pipes  
he would lag  
With Mam's old stockings  
and bits of rag.

There'd be newspaper  
on back of door  
I'll let you guess  
what that was for.

And next to this  
was a house of coal,  
It was a dark  
and mucky hole.

On a nail  
a tin tub was seen,  
This was used  
to keep us clean.

Dad from pit  
covered in dust,  
We'd all use tub,  
we weren't fussed.

In our yard  
there was many a thing  
An old tin bin  
to put rubbish in.

A boiler for whites  
Mam would wash,  
We didn't car  
we weren't posh.

In our yard  
we would play  
But we were happy,  
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## HISTORY SOCIETY ENJOYS 'A WALK IN THE PARK'

The next meeting of the Ferryhill History Society will take place at the Eldon Arms in Ferryhill Station at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May 27th. Chris Lloyd from the Northern Echo will be a guest speaker at the event and will be discussing the topic, 'A Walk in the Park'.

"If you are interested in local history, why not come along to our next meeting?" asked a spokesperson for the History Society.

## WOULD YOU LIKE A SKATE PARK IN CHILTON?

If so, go along to Chilton Workingmen's Club on Tuesday, May 19th, at 7.00pm. Designs will be on show and children are welcome to attend.

"Your support is vital if this project is to go ahead," said a spokesperson for the Town Council. For further information, contact Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788.

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## MAYOR PRESENTS CHEQUES TO CHOSEN CHARITIES

During Councillor Alan Bruce's year as Mayor, his chosen charities were Chilton St John's Ambulance and the Ward 14 Trust Fund for Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy at James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

On Thursday, May 7th, at an event held at Chilton and Windlestone Workingmen's Club, Councillor Bruce handed a cheque for £4000 to Dr Wilson For Ward 14.

He also presented a defibrillator worth over £2000 to Alan Campbell and David Stodard from St Johns Ambulance.

Councillor Bruce would like to thank everyone who has helped, donated or attended any of the fundraising events to help these two worthy causes. Later that evening, Alan Campbell of the St John's Ambulance was presented with a Silver Salver for his 45 years of service with the charity in Chilton. Alan has now moved from Chilton to become Assistant Commissioner of Training for County Durham.



David Stodard (St Johns Ambulance), Mena Lee (Senior Ward Sister), Alan Bruce (Mayor), Dr David Wilson, Pat Meredith (Ward Manager), and Alan Campbell (St Johns Ambulance).



Katherine Smith presenting Alan Campbell with a Silver Salver.

## PLANT SALE

A plant sale is being held on Saturday, May 16th, from 10.00am at the entrance to Cleves Court estate in Ferryhill.

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## MOSAIC CRAFT SESSION

A mosaic craft session is to be held at Ferryhill Library on Tuesday, May 26th. The event will take place from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and costs £1 per child. "Please book as places are limited," said a spokesperson for the event. Call 01740 651236 to book.

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