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EILEEN AND MALCOLM CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Eileen and Malcolm Suggett from Dunning Road in Ferryhill, had a special friend call at their home last week. Eileen Martin, the Deputy Mayor of the town, was there to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Eileen had asked if she could perform this special presentation, as she is a good friend of the couple, who were married on August 30th, 1958, at St. Luke's church in Ferryhill.

Malcolm, 73, was born in Langley Moor and Eileen, 70, is a local girl, born in Lanark Terrace, where she lived until she was married. The couple met at Durham Ice Rink in 1955 and, after marriage, first lived in Highcliff Terrace for seven years, before moving to their current address in 1967. Malcolm's first job was a miner at Bowburn where he



Councillor Eileen Martin surprised her friends Eileen and Malcolm Suggett with a beautiful bouquet of flowers and wine glasses for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

worked for thirteen years. He then went to Smart and Browns and later Black and Decker. Eileen worked at Ferryhill Clothing Factory for six years after leaving school. After her family was raised she returned to work at the same factory for

another ten years. She also worked for a further ten years in the Village Newsagency. The couple have four sons, Kevin, Geoffrey, Garry and David. They also have seven grandchildren.

In her retirement, Eileen loves her line dancing which she attends four times a week. She also goes swimming regularly. Malcolm is a keen gardener and grows all his own vegetables. He also likes a pint in Ferryhill W.M.C. The presentation was slightly late because the couple had been away celebrating the happy occasion in the Costa Del Sol.

FORUM EVENTS

Sedgefield Borough Council are working in conjunction with RPS, a private regeneration consultancy firm who have organised six forum meetings in the borough, to define the community's strengths and weaknesses.

More details are on page four.

FERRYHILL EXCELS AT NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Ferryhill has once again excelled at the Northumbria in Bloom awards.

The Town as a whole finished second in the Town Category and won a Silver Gilt Award. This achievement was matched by Mainsforth Sports Complex, which after winning last year's Best Sports Ground Category, was just pipped to the post this year, picking up second place and receiving a Silver Gilt Award.

The outstanding gardens at the Manor Public House which, in common with many local businesses, are managed in partnership with the Town Council, also picked up a Silver Gilt Award in the Best Public House category.

This year's success story however, was the Carrs Nature Reserve which won a prestigious Gold Award in the Best Conservation Project Category.

Councillor Doreen Barber, who is the Portfolio Holder for the Ferryhill in Bloom efforts said, "I am absolutely delighted with the Town's success, which could not have been achieved were it not for the efforts of all our partners, including the many local businesses that take part in our efforts and sponsor flowerbeds as well as the many volunteers who assist us in maintaining the spectacular show of colour throughout the year. Also, the volunteers at Endeavour Woodcrafts, the local schools and youth groups. But in particular, I would like to thank all the staff at Ferryhill Town Council who in all weather do a superb job in maintaining the many green spaces and parks."

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A dear Brother-in-Law, Uncle
and Friend.

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NORMAN WILSON

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September 20th.



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NICOLE ELIZABETH AGAR

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NICOLE ELIZABETH AGAR

Happy 1st Birthday
to our special Granddaughter.
*All our love, Gran, Granda,
Uncle Lee and Lauren.*

Birthdays

Happy 1st Birthday
September 20th

NICOLE ELIZABETH AGAR



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xxx

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NICOLE ELIZABETH AGAR
September 20th.

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xx

Birthdays

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September 20th



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BLOOMING GREAT WINNERS

Following the Ferryhill In Bloom July judging of gardens around the town, a Presentation Evening was held at the Manor House in Ferryhill on Tuesday, September 9th.

Town Mayor, Councillor Amy Patchett, presented awards and certificates to the competition winners. Winners received an engraved shield, a commemorative engraved plate, a certificate and a £25 gift voucher for Thinford Nurseries.

Second and third placed entries also received a certificate and gift vouchers for Thinford Nurseries. All other runners-up received certificates.

Ferryhill Town Council, which organised and judged the competition, would like to thank Thinford Nurseries for their 50% contribution towards the cost of gift vouchers for the event.

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- 3rd – Mr Hellem

Back Yard

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Mainsforth Community Centre have managed to secure one of the world's most popular live rhythm and blues acts.

Dr. Feelgood will play at the Centre on Saturday, December 6th, where they will be supported by ex Whitesnake and Thin Lizzy guitarist, Graham Russell.

Completing the line up, another popular band, Redhouse, will also play. Dr. Feelgood have enjoyed global success with their album, 'Stupidity' hitting the number one spot in the UK charts.

"Dr. Feelgood have excellent support and already there have been ticket enquiries from as far afield as Manchester," said a spokesperson for Mainsforth Community Centre.

Tickets for the event are on sale from Colin's Fish Bar in Ferryhill Station or the Community Centre and are priced at £15.

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Fishburn	Monday 22nd September	7.00pm	Youth & Community Centre, Butterwick Road, Fishburn, TS21 4ED
Newton Aycliffe	Thursday 25th September	7.00pm	St. Joseph's School, Garburn Place, Stephenson Way, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 7DE
Spennymoor	Tuesday 30th September	7.00pm	Spennymoor Town Hall, DL16 6DG
Shildon	Thursday 2nd October	7.00pm	Jubilee Fields Community Centre, Jubilee Road, Shildon, DL4 2AL
Cornforth	Tuesday 7th October	7.00pm	Cornforth Primary School, Cornforth, DL17 9HP

A number of community forum meetings have been arranged in your area by RPS, a private regeneration consultancy firm.

RPS has been commissioned by Sedgefield Borough Council to develop community appraisals which will be used to understand the key strengths and weaknesses in the various locations and in order to help improve your area in the future.

A number of community forum events have therefore been organised in your area, with the aim being to ensure that members of the community and local organisations can attend these events and give their views, comments and highlight any matters of concern.

The issues raised from these forums will then be used to inform the community appraisal reports which will be specific to each of the towns and villages in Sedgefield Borough.

If you require any further details or are unable to attend the forum event specific to your town but would still like to contribute to the appraisal process, please ring Carly Hinde from RPS on 0161 237 9858, or contact her via RPS Planning, 52 Princess Street, Manchester, M1 6JX or carly.hinde@rpsgroup.com.

CHOICE BASED LETTINGS TO BE INTRODUCED BY 2009

The Government has set a target for all Local Authorities to be operating a Choice Based Lettings Allocation Scheme by 2010. This means that Sedgefield Borough Council will be adopting allocation policies and procedures that incorporate an advertising scheme.

This new scheme will be called 'Durham Key Options' and will be operated throughout County Durham.

Choice Based Lettings is a way of giving an applicant a greater say over where they wish to live and will not only change the way in which properties are allocated but also the way in which people can apply for a property.

Instead of the Council making an 'offer' of a property to an applicant, available properties will be advertised and the applicant will have the power to say which property they are interested in (known as bidding).

The new scheme is not expected to start until Summer 2009, but all applicants currently on the

Housing Waiting List will be affected when the Choice Based Lettings scheme is introduced.

In order to raise awareness of the scheme, the effects it will have upon applicants and the way in which future properties will be allocated, several drop in sessions have been organised for applicants and residents to attend.

These events will be informal and attendance is voluntary, however, it will be an ideal opportunity to talk to members of staff to gain some awareness of the new way in which people will apply for the properties they would prefer to be allocated. You do not need to be a current applicant to attend these events, as the new scheme will also affect anyone who may wish to apply for accommodation in the future.

There will be a drop in session in the bar area at Ferryhill Leisure Centre on Monday, October 27th, and also at Spennymoor Leisure Centre (bar area) on Tuesday, October 14th.

Both sessions will take place from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

ARREST WARRANT ISSUED FOR DEAN BANK MAN

When a Dean Bank man failed to answer to his bail at a local Magistrates' Court last week, despite the presence of his Solicitor Mr. Sam Brewster, a Warrant for his arrest was duly issued.

Twenty two year-old Kevin Lee of Rennie Street in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill, was listed to appear before

District Judge Michael Wood sitting at the South Durham Magistrates Court in Newton Aycliffe.

Lee faces a charge of 'theft of a quantity of Washing Tablets valued at £17.75', the offence allegedly being committed at a Co-op Supermarket in Ferryhill on August 24th this year.



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DEAN BANK PAIR INVOLVED IN MOTORCYCLE THEFT

Two Dean Bank men appeared at a local Magistrates' Court last week to answer a number of charges relating to the theft of a motorcycle in Spennymoor.

Twenty five year-old William Thomas Gray of Davy Street in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill, entered a 'Guilty' plea to a charge of 'handling stolen goods, namely a Honda motorcycle'.

Alongside Gray in the dock was 27 year-old Ian Haswell, formerly of Newcomen Street in Dean Bank but now residing in Grasmere Road in Ferryhill.

Haswell admitted charges of 'theft of a Honda motorcycle', 'driving a vehicle other than in accordance with a Driving Licence', 'having no Insurance' and 'failing to stop for a Police Officer'.

Mr. David Maddison, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, told the Court that the owner of the motorcycle had left it secured in the garden of his Spennymoor home.

During the early hours of the day in question, a Police patrol saw a Peugeot 306 motorcar with two occupants and with its boot lid open displaying a motorcycle inside.

The Police patrol followed the vehicle until it stopped in Ferryhill's Dean Bank and the occupants ran off. Shortly afterwards, the two men were apprehended and placed under arrest.

In interview, the Police learned that Haswell had seen the motorcycle in the garden over a period of days and decided to steal it as he needed some spare parts for his own motorcycle.

Haswell asked Gray to accompany him in order to assist in lifting the motorcycle into the boot of the car from where he had hidden it in some bushes following its theft.

In conclusion, Mr. Maddison told the Court that during the motorcycle's removal, some damage was caused to it and a claim for compensation had

been submitted on behalf of its owner.

Mr. Calum Terry, appearing on behalf of Haswell, told the Court that Haswell admitted causing some damage.

The District Judge fined Haswell £100 for the offence of 'theft' and a further £100 for the offence of 'having no Insurance'.

Whilst the District Judge imposed no separate penalty for the remaining two offences, he did impose 6 Penalty Points on Haswell's Driving Licence.

Although the District Judge made no order with regard to Court costs, he did order Haswell to pay the £15 Victim Surcharge and £50 Compensation.

The District Judge told Gray that he would be made the subject of a Community Order, this being for 12 months and which would involve the completion of 80 hours unpaid work in the community.

Gray, too, was ordered to pay Compensation of £50 to the owner of the motorcycle.

POLICE APPEAL FOR WITNESSES

Police are appealing for witnesses after a brake at Ferryhill where property was taken.

Between around 9.00pm and 12.30am on Monday, September 15th, a compound to the rear of Lewellyn's bar on Main Street was broken into, and two Stihl saws and a heavy duty De Walt drill were taken.

A white transit style van was seen outside the compound at around 9.30pm and may be connected to the theft.

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The 'Cyber Chaos' will take place from 4.00pm to 6.00pm and is for youngsters aged 12 and above.

"There are limited numbers, so please book," said a spokesperson for the library.

TEENAGER FINED FOR DRUGS POSSESSION

A District Judge last week fined a Ferryhill teenager for possession of Class 'B' drugs. At the South Durham Magistrates' Court on August 21st, 18 year-old Ashley Fairhurst of Rowlandson Terrace in Ferryhill, entered a 'Guilty' plea to a charge of 'possession of a quantity of Amphetamine', the offence being committed in Spennymoor on July 19th.

At that Hearing, the sitting Magistrates agreed to request the Probation Service to prepare a Pre- Sentence Report, giving a steering of a low level Community Penalty.

When Fairhurst returned to the Newton Aycliffe Court last week in order to be sentenced, Mr. David Maddison, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, told the District Judge Michael Wood that Fairhurst had been arrested by the Police in connection with an entirely unrelated matter and it was then that the drugs were discovered.

Mitigating on behalf of Fairhurst, Ms. Zoe Passfield stated that the quantity of Amphetamine was small and was for the Defendant's own personal use.

Sentence Report, the District Judge imposed upon Fairhurst a £65 fine and ordered him to pay court costs of £43 and the £15 Victim Surcharge.

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Courses which can improve health and fitness, and classes to increase career or volunteering opportunities, are the focus of the Pioneering Care Centre's programme for 2008-2009. Based conveniently in Newton Aycliffe, the Pioneering Care Partnership's fully-accessible Centre is offering classes including Dance Mat Exercise, Yoga, Pilates, Back Exercise, Aquacise in the hydrotherapy pool and courses, including Presentation Skills, English and Maths, CV Presentation and Counselling. Jane Hartley, Chief Executive of the Pioneering Care Partnership, commented, "We are keen to respond to what our local community wants, and from our recent research they told us that they want more opportunities to improve

health and well-being and to increase learning and skills." "I believe our new programme, coupled with our very popular Weight Management and Looking after Yourself courses, meets these needs."

LOCAL HISTORY QUIZ

Ferryhill History Society will be holding a Local History Quiz at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 24th, from 7.30pm at The Eldon Arms in Ferryhill Station.

"If you have any photographs, books, information or would just like to share your memories, please join us," said a member of the History Society. Everyone is welcome.

For further information on the course and classes, either pop into the Pioneering Care Centre, Cobblers Hall, off Burn Lane, Newton Aycliffe Co. Durham DL5 4SF. Tel: 01325 321 234 or email enquiries@pcp.uk.net

BIG COFFEE MORNING

The Friends of Broom School are holding a Coffee Morning for the Macmillan 'Big Coffee Morning' on Friday, September 26th.

Last year, the event saw over 50,000 people hold a coffee morning, raising £7.5 million for the charity.

The event will coincide with the opening of the newly-refurbished Community Room in the school.

For times, please phone the school on 01740 651363.

UNPAID WORK IN COMMUNITY AFTER BURGLARY ADMITTED

A Chilton man was ordered by a court to carry out unpaid work in the community after he was found inside a property awaiting demolition in Chilton.

When 22 year-old Davey Michael Bainbridge of Byron Road in Chilton, appeared before District Judge Michael Wood last week, he entered 'Guilty' pleas to charges of 'burglary with intent to steal' and possession of a quantity of Amphetamine - a Class B drug'.

Mr. David Maddison, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, told the Court that the property in Chilton's Victoria Terrace was owned by the local Council and was awaiting demolition. On the day in question, July 25th this year, Bainbridge was discovered inside the property where he

was taking a photograph of a cooker using his mobile telephone. Bainbridge told Police Officers that he had been planning to take the cooker which he was going to sell to raise money to pay off a drugs debt.

Appearing on behalf of Bainbridge, Mr. Calum Terry told the Court that the Defendant was currently the subject of a Community Order which had been imposed upon him by a Crown Court.

Mr. Philip Park, of the Probation Service, told the Court that the Order to which Bainbridge was subject involved supervision by the Probation Service and the carrying out of 100 hours of unpaid work in the community. The District Judge told Bainbridge that he would carry out a further 80 hours of unpaid work.

SWIMMING WITH A NEW TWIST

Spennymoor Leisure Centre is launching two new pool-based initiatives to encourage regular exercise. The first offers female-only swimming sessions for those preferring to swim in the company of other females, supervised by female lifeguards.

A crèche will be available for

customers with children aged under-5 years, at £2.00 per child.

Sessions take place each Tuesday from 9.00am to 10.20am and places must be booked in advance through Spennymoor Leisure Centre reception, priced at £2.40 and concessions £2.20.

A further programme will

challenge all customers who cannot swim, but would like to try cardiovascular exercise, with their body being supported in the water whilst they walk.

This class will run for a three week trial period, priced at £1.50 in total.

Classes start at 2.45pm and last until 3.20pm on Mondays 15th, 22nd and 29th of September. The challenge is to walk a total of 91 miles.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance by contacting Spennymoor Leisure Centre reception on (01388) 815627.

MAINSFORTH 'ZOO'

Mainsforth and District Community Association in High Street, Ferryhill Station, is inviting readers to go along and watch a popular local band.

'The Zoo' will be performing on Saturday, September 20th, from 7.00pm to 11.00pm, with admission costing £3.00.

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Letters to the Editor

This Chilton resident writes regarding the proposed War Memorial in the town.....

Dear Editor,
I understand that the new Chilton War Memorial / Cenotaph will not have the names of our village's finest sons on it. My Great Grandfather died in the 3rd battle of Ypres, more commonly known as Passchendaele. His body has never been found but it is with great pride to our family that his name, (along with his comrades), is carved on the battles memorial in Europe. I hope the Council reconsider and put each name on the proposed monument. We only enjoy the freedoms we have today because of their sacrifice.

Yours sincerely,
J. Moffatt,
Tennyson Road,
Chilton.

Poetry Corner



WORDS

Words can mean happy, Creatures roam some great
Words can mean sad, And also small,
Also can mean good, Some so short and some so
And also mean bad, tall.
Some can mean healthy and wise, Words sometimes come easy,
Others so hard.
But everyone's equal in God's eyes, Memories come back to my school yard.
Words can mean shallow, Some words mean stop, others go,
Also mean deep, Others like the Cheetah so fast and the snail so slow.
Lullaby sung helps baby to sleep, Letters you can turn them around and spell them the same,
Words can mean quiet, Others you can make up in an anagram game.
Words can mean loud, Others mean tame.
Some others mean sunny, Or mean low-lying cloud.
Some words mean wild, Others mean tame.
Some words mean wild, Others mean tame.
Others mean tame, Hunters should be stopped from killing game.
Words mean near and also far, Sweet songs come from night jar.

Vince Elsbury,
Bramall Lane,
Darlington.
Ex-Chilton.

This correspondent writes to The Chapter regarding the Storehouse Allotment site in Dean Bank.....

Dear Editor,
With the good news that Ferryhill Town Council are no longer seeking to sell the Storehouse Allotments in Dean Bank, and that all vacant plots are now to be let to people who wish to cultivate them, the current plot-holders have formed an on-site committee. The plot-holders committee has asked the Town Council for a meeting to discuss the future development of the site and, in particular, the following matters:-
1. The establishment of Community Gardens which could involve Sure Start, Dean Bank Primary School

and the Technology College with a view to encouraging healthy eating, healthy living and an interest in gardening.
2. To improve facilities for disabled people who want to become, or remain as, plot-holders which would include, for example, 'raised beds' and improved access to the allotments at both main gates.
3. A community barbecue area.
4. A sensory garden.
Members of the committee and their allotment association firmly believe that in addition to growing good food and promoting healthy living, the above

proposals will require approximately 14 of the plots that are currently vacant. This will contribute greatly to improving the visual amenity of Dean Bank for the benefit of all. Anyone who wishes to meet current plot-holders for advice and assistance prior to asking the Council for a plot on the Storehouse site should contact me at the address given below.
Yours sincerely,
Mr. Gordon Barker,
Chairman of the 'on site committee,' 16 Neale Street,
Dean Bank, Ferryhill,
DL178NB.

These correspondents send their best wishes to John Oyston, who retired from delivering The Chapter last week.....

JUDGE DECLINES TO DEAL WITH DEAN BANK TEENAGER

A Dean Bank teenager was last week ordered to be dealt with by a Crown Court after a District Judge declined to accept jurisdiction in the case. Eighteen year-old Lee Ebdon of Bessemer Street in the Dean Bank area of Ferryhill, who was represented in Court by Mr. Michael Clarke, entered 'Not Guilty' pleas to charges of 'using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour' and 'possession of a kitchen knife in a public place'. The Court heard that the offences were allegedly committed in Spennymoor's Craddock Street on February 14th this year.

Mr. David Maddison, appearing on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service, explained that the charges arose after a confrontation between Ebdon and his girlfriend, which took place outside in the street and which was witnessed by three young children. After the District Judge declined to accept jurisdiction in the matter, the date for the Committal Hearing, when the case is formally sent to a Crown Court, was fixed for November 6th at the Newton Aycliffe Court. The District Judge agreed to extend Ebdon's unconditional bail until the date of the Committal Hearing.

Dear Editor,
May we take this opportunity of extending our good wishes to Mr John Oyston for the future. We will miss your friendly smile and chat each week and would like to thank you for your continuing selfless volunteer work for the people of Ferryhill.
From the staff of Ferryhill Baby Clinic.

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FERRYHILL UNDER 12'S TAKE ON WHICKHAM FELLSIDE

Ferryhill Under 12's Football Team, sponsored by K W Joinery, played in the first round of the County Cup taking on Whickham Fellside in a very entertaining game. Whickham started the game well and had a shot saved by Ferryhill 'keeper, Kieran Thompson, within a minute. Soon after, Ferryhill started to play some good football with a shot from Ryan Wilkinson going wide. A couple of minutes later,

Connor Cockfield won the ball, passed it to Rhys Todd who played Nathan Wall through on goal but his shot also went wide. Ferryhill continued to make chances and Rhys Todd had his shot saved by the 'keeper. After some excellent play by Joe Snaith, he squared the ball to Willis White in his own half who knocked a long ball over to Nathan Wall, sending Ryan Wilkinson through on goal and he chipped the

keeper to make it 1-0 to Ferryhill. The lead only lasted for a couple of minutes and Whickham equalised from a corner which someone volleyed into the bottom corner. At the beginning of the second half, Nathan Wall had a chance but was denied by the 'keeper. Then, from a Rhys Todd throw-in, Nathan Wall got the ball down and played Ryan Wilkinson through to make it 2-1 to

Ferryhill. With Ferryhill in the lead, Whickham fought back but a good strong defensive display by Ben Craddock, Aidan Gill, Carlos Nicholson Plaza and Daniel Barber kept them at bay. In the last few minutes of play, Ryan Stannard's header from a corner just cleared the crossbar keeping the final score 2 -1 to Ferryhill. Man-of-the-Match went to Ryan Wilkinson.

ON THIS DAY..... SEP 19TH

1893: New Zealand became the first country to give women the vote.
1928: Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse made his first appearance, in the animated short, Plane Crazy.
1948: Actor Jeremy Irons was born.
1955: Juan Perón was forced out of power in a military coup in Argentina.
1963: David Seaman and Jarvis Cocker were born.

DEFEAT SENDS VETERANS TO LEAGUE'S LOWEST TIER

Whilst the final League fixture in the South-West Durham Veterans' Bowls League Second Division had little significance for one of the teams involved, the result had a distinct affect on

two local sides. Dependent upon the result of the fixture between the visitors, Mainsforth, and their hosts, Spennymoor 'B' was whether it would be Mainsforth or their local

rivals Chilton who would suffer relegation to the League's Third Division. Chilton had already completed their fixture list and stood third from the bottom of the table on 43 points, whilst Mainsforth, on forty points, needed four points from the last game at Spennymoor to send their neighbours down.

At the end of the match, the Sports Complex side went down by 59 shots to 46, thereby only managing to gain three points and, as a result, it will be Mainsforth playing in the League's bottom tier in 2009. Rink scores (Mainsforth names first) : J. Maddison 17 E. Hope 18 ; R. Harrison 16 C. Robinson 16 ; C. Larcombe 13 J. Hall 25.

FOOTBALL SHORTS.....

Ferryhill Surtees F.C. lost a 1st Round tie in The Alan Smith Memorial Trophy when they went down by the odd goal in five to visiting Sacriston W.M.C. Scorers for Surtees were Jon Mason and Andy Stephenson. Bishop Middleham C.K. had their J.D.'s Taxis Trophy First Round match with

Pelton Bird Inn switched to their own ground as the Pelton pitch was waterlogged. The Middleham skipper, James Hampson, put them one up in the first five minutes and further strikes by Lee Jennings and Christopher Moddy secured a 3 - 0 victory for Bishop Middleham.

CAROL AND BILLY TAKE MIXED PAIRS TROPHY !!

There was success for Mainsforth Bowls Club last week as the South-West Durham Bowls League Mixed Pairs title went to a local pairing. Up against Eleanor and Ian McDougall from the Cockton Hill (Bishop Auckland) Bowls Club, Mainsforth's own Carol Jones and Billy Maddison proved to be invincible when the Final of this prestigious Knockout Competition was

played at Kelloe. The Bishop Auckland couple found Carol and Billy in irrepressible form as the Mainsforth bowlers took the title by 29 - 11. At the end of the Finals Day, the trophies were presented to the winners of all the League's Knockout Competitions by Trevor Newton, the South-West Durham Bowls League President and the Secretary of the host Club, Kelloe.

THREE MORE FOR A FULL SET

A true Middlesbrough Football Club supporter is appealing to Chapter readers to help him lay his hands on the last three football programmes that are missing from his vast collection.

The three away programmes he requires are Bournemouth v Boro, 1966-67, Workington v Boro, 1966-67, and Sheffield United v Boro, 1976-77, in the Anglo Scottish Cup, (single sheet).

This dedicated supporter has been collecting match programmes since 1960 to the present day and these last three would make his

collection complete. If you can help, or know anyone else who may throw any light on the matter, please contact The Chapter on 01388 775896 or email thechapter@talk21.com.

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