



## Scheme furnishes young people with work experience



Nathan Blakey, Peter Rowland, Michael Stoddart and Chris Hasteed.

The County Durham Furniture Help Scheme in Chilton has given work experience to over twenty young unemployed people in the area since it featured in the Chapter last month.

Since January, the scheme has been funded to the tune of £19,000 by the 4 Together Partnership to provide up to 100 places for work experience in its warehouses. The scheme

is highly regarded for assisting disadvantaged young people to find work or training courses. Training and Employment Coordinator, Steve Milton said, "Since Christmas we have already taken on twenty-two trainees. We help them to write CVs, prepare for interviews and give them hints on job searches."

The scheme offers the participants experience in a number of different work areas, from working in a recycling centre to office duties such as administration and customer service as well as running deliveries and collections.

The focus of the funding scheme is 18 to 24 year-olds who are unemployed, and young offenders.

To find out more about the furniture scheme, call Steve Milton on 01388 721509.

For more information, or to find out how to become a member of the 4 Together Partnership Forum, call Robert McMullen on 0191 383 3000.

## Employment opportunities for Apprentices

S W Durham Training is reporting a significant increase in employers looking to recruit an Engineering Apprentice. Despite continued economic uncertainty, almost 90% of learners enrolled in September 2011 have now gained employment and moved onto the Apprenticeship Programme. There are many vacancies which are still to be filled, with Toolmaking/Machining and Welding disciplines proving to be where the highest demand is from employers across the region. This has led to a new recruitment drive which is under way and learners will be able to commence their training from April or September 2012. The new intake is spread across a series of specialist training programmes such as Electrical & Mechanical Maintenance, Fabrication &

Welding and Toolmaking/Machining, which gives students a valuable, recognised qualification whilst gaining hands on skills and experience. Monthly taster events are being held allowing prospective learners the opportunity to visit the new World Class centre and speak to experienced trainers to find out the options are for someone looking to be part of the vibrant, and very rewarding engineering industry. The events will take place at S W Durham Training on Durham Way South, Aycliffe Industrial Estate, on the following dates; Thursday 15th March at 5pm, Wednesday 18th April at 5pm, Tuesday 8th May at 5pm, Wednesday 13th June at 5pm. For recruitment advice or to book a taster event contact Kirsty Haden on 01325 313194.

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20.2.11

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## Birthdays

**Katey Waters**

18th February 1996



Happy 16th Birthday



Lots of love,  
Mam, Dad  
& Christopher  
xxx



**Scarlett Seal**

14th February

Happy 1st Birthday



Lots of love,  
Mammy & Daddy  
xxx



**Caitlin Brown**

17th February



Happy 18th Birthday  
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**18!**

All our love,  
Mam & Dad  
xxx

## Birthdays

**Caitlin Brown**

Happy 18th Birthday  
Caketin



Love Samantha, Stuart,  
Finn, Charlotte & Dale  
xx

**Caitlin Brown**

Congratulations on your  
18th Birthday Caitlin  
Have a lovely life



Love from Nana & Grandad  
xxx



**Oliver-Ashley Keenan**

14th February



1st Birthday



Love Nana & Granda Keenan

**Oliver-Ashley Keenan**

Happy Birthday Oliver



Love Aunty Amy  
& Merrick



**Kai Christopher Willetts**

19th February

Happy 1st Birthday  
my little Prince



Lots of love,  
Gran  
xxx



## Birthdays

Oh no, Grandad

'Chucky's'

50

13.2.12



**50!**

Love you long time,  
Jasmine, Daisy, Lilly,  
Emma & Kelsey  
xxxxx

**Phil James**

13.2.12



Happy 50th

**50!**

Love Carol, Glenn, Paul,  
Sarah, Michael & Sonny  
xxx



**Luke McGill**

17.2.94 - 18 Today

Happy 18th Birthday Son

**18!**

Lots of love,  
Dad, Stacy, Jordan & Kieron  
xxx



**Mervyn McGill**

15.2.72 - 40 Today

Happy 40th Birthday

**40!**

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Stacy, Luke, Jordan & Kieron  
xxx

## Birthdays

**Keaton Lee Herron**

19th February 2010



Happy 2nd Birthday Son!

Love you  
all the world,  
Mammy & Daddy  
xxx



**Keaton Herron**

Happy 2nd Birthday Jimmy



Love Warren & Keira  
xx

**Keaton Herron**

Happy Birthday



Love Grandad Bobby & Bev  
xxx

**Keaton Lee Herron**



Happy 2nd Birthday

Lots of love,  
Nana Janet, Granda  
Derek, Gary & Jess  
xxx



**Keaton Lee Herron**

Grandson  
Happy 2nd Birthday



Love you loads & loads  
Nana & Grandad Mal  
xxx

## Birthdays

**Keaton Lee Herron**

Happy 2nd Birthday  
Have a lovely day



Love Jade  
xx

**Keaton Lee Herron**

Happy 2nd Birthday



Love Auntie Denise & Dave  
xxx



**Emily Blair**

16th February



Happy 13th Birthday



Love Mam, Dad, Nathan,  
Grandma & Grandad Reay,  
Nana & Grandad Blair  
& Little Gran  
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# Sheltered housing tenants to be consulted on future of homes



*Rosewood Grange in Chilton is just one of the sheltered housing schemes that is currently under review by social housing company, livin.*

Homes and communities organisation, livin, has begun a six week consultation period with all tenants across its 13 sheltered housing schemes about future proposals for each scheme.

The consultation follows research which livin say has found an increasing lack of demand in the area for traditional sheltered housing schemes with tenants preferring to stay in family homes, with additional support, to continue to live independently. The review comes as part of the organisation's commitment to deliver and adapt to tenants' needs by providing affordable, accessible homes that meet the demands and expectations of tenants and secure the future sustainability of homes for older people in the area. Sheltered housing schemes which will be reviewed include Cleves Cross Grange and Dean Bank Grange in Ferryhill, Thurston Grange in West Cornforth and Rosewood Grange in Chilton.

Alan Boddy, executive director of people & communities for livin, said, "On average, 30 per cent of our sheltered housing schemes are empty, however, some are currently over 50 per cent unoccupied.

"We expect this figure to increase over the coming years as we have experienced a dramatic decrease in the demand for sheltered housing. Despite a number of units being advertised for up to 121 weeks consecutively, we have had no enquiries from the general public." A number of options have been considered for each scheme, including carrying out improvements, remodelling, demolishing and redeveloping the sites for new affordable homes. All tenants in the affected schemes have been written to and appointments made to discuss these proposals. Members of staff from livin's communities team will be visiting the schemes to meet tenants and their families on a one-to-one basis to explain the background of the

review, the proposal for each scheme, the reasons for these proposals and the timescales for consultation. Each tenant will receive information setting out the detail and how they can register their views.

Tenants will be given the opportunity to have their say and their feedback will be presented to the livin Board for consideration. A final decision on the future of each scheme is expected to be announced at the end of May 2012. Mr Boddy, added, "We fully appreciate the sensitivities when discussing the future of someone's home and understand proposals may not be welcomed by all tenants. Rest assured, our team will be listening very carefully to tenants' views and no decision will be made about the proposals until the consultation period has closed and all tenants will be given every opportunity to have their say on the proposals." The consultation period will close at 12 noon on Friday 20th April, 2012.

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## Fundraisers show their love at Valentine's event

The Mayor of Chilton, Councillor Maureen Errington and her consort, Gary, would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who attended their recent Valentine's Charity Evening. Thanks to the fantastic support a sum of £245.50 was raised for the Mayor's chosen charities: Macmillan Cancer

Support and Darlington Memorial Hospital (Cancer Treatment, Ward 41). Maureen and Gary would like to thank the organisers, entertainers, Chilton Workingmen's Club, everyone who kindly donated, bought tickets and assisted on the evening. Their final fundraiser before Maureen

Errington's year in office comes to an end, will be the Mayor's Civic Dinner on Thursday 5th April, once again held at Chilton Workingmen's Club. Full details will be published very soon. For further details telephone Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788 or log on to [www.chilton-durham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.chilton-durham-tc.gov.uk).

## Unsung Hero awards

Community spirit will be the focus of celebration at Ferryhill's annual awards ceremony next month. Ferryhill Town Council, in partnership with Ferryhill 2000 Committee, is asking the community to nominate their unsung heroes - those ordinary townfolk who have generously helped to improve the quality of life in Ferryhill.

The awards are for care in the community, working with young people, caring for the environment and deserving young people. Town mayor, Ken Campbell, will present the awards in St Luke's Church Hall, Ferryhill, on Saturday 24 March. Nomination forms are available at Ferryhill Town Hall and should be returned by Monday, February 20th.

## ViVo seek more Village Voices!

'ViVo' began in June 2010, with a meeting of like minded people from the Ferryhill, Chilton and surrounding areas. The group's aims are to attract people who love singing as groups to entertain through their music, especially those who for various reasons cannot go to a function. The group now have a regular attendance of 22 but are still keen to recruit new enthusiastic members. The group is led

and trained by Megann and John Childs, whose work is widely respected county wide in vocal, stage and orchestral circles. ViVo have previously performed five well attended concerts and have a further three planned for this year: An Easter concert on Tuesday, 3rd April, a 'Proms' concert in July (the exact date is yet to be confirmed) and their ever popular Christmas concert (exact date yet to

be confirmed). More information about the events will be available nearer the dates. ViVo has an open membership and they welcome new members. There is no requirement to be able to read music. They meet every Tuesday at 7pm at the Dean Bank Institute, Ferryhill. For more information, contact Megann on 07778 767625, John on 07970 030323 or the secretary on 07803 604062.

## Entertainment evening

Ferryhill Methodist Church will be welcoming back the young people of Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College for an evening of entertainment on Thursday,

23rd February at 7pm. Tickets for the evening are priced at £3 and are available at the Church's Friday Coffee Mornings or from church members.

## Pancake event

St Aidan's Church in Chilton will be holding a Shrove Tuesday traditional pancakes event and a Beetle Drive on February 21st at 7pm. Tickets are £4 from the Church's social members or they can be

booked by telephone on 01388 721174. It will also be possible to pay at the door on the day. "Please come along and have an enjoyable night," encouraged a spokesperson.

## Assault appeal

Police are appealing for witnesses after an assault took place outside The White Horse Public House in Ferryhill Market Place, at 7.25pm on Sunday, 5th

February. If you have any information please contact Ferryhill Neighbourhood Policing Team on the non-emergency number 101.

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# Ferryhill Library supports British heart Foundation

Ferryhill Library will be supporting the British Heart Foundation's Red for Heart campaign throughout February.

A 'love note' sweepstake is on sale at £1 per go and the lucky winner will receive £10.

A 'wear it red' coffee morning will be held on Friday 2nd March. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available between 10am and 12 noon for a donation to the charity.

"Please try and support the event,"

said a library spokesperson, adding that "if you are unable to attend, donations to the British Heart Foundation can be left at the library."

Ferryhill library is open from 9.30am-7pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 9.30am-5pm on Tuesday, 9.30am-12.30pm on Wednesday and 9am-1pm on Saturday. The library can be contacted by phone on 01740 651236 or by email at ferryhill.lib@durham.gov.uk.



# Fresh appeal over pony death

Police have issued a new appeal for information regarding the death and decapitation of a family's pet pony.

The seven year-old Shetland pony, Trigger, was reported stolen from its paddock at White Moor Allotments in Spennymoor on 8th November last year.

Its severed head was discovered by the animal's owner, Patricia Lister, while she was out searching for the animal with friends.

The rest of Trigger's remains were later recovered from woodland between Spennymoor and Ferryhill.

Durham Police have sent Trigger's remains to an equine pathologist in Suffolk, and are awaiting the results of a post-mortem examination. Anyone with information is asked to call Durham police on 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

# Ambulance crew threatened

A 44 year-old local man, Neil Fairless, of Raby Road, Ferryhill, will appear at Durham Crown Court to face three charges of threatening to kill an ambulance crew. He also faces charges of

affray and criminal damage relating to the same incident on 6th January in Ferryhill.

He has not entered pleas and will return to Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court on February 22nd.

# Due in court

Stephen Anthony Cook was due before magistrates at Newton Aycliffe recently to face a charge of abstracting electricity without authority. The 31 year-old

of Faraday Street, Dean Bank, Ferryhill, faces a second charge of knowingly allowing his premises to be used for the production of cannabis.

# Deer found dead

Police are appealing for witnesses after the remains of a deer were found in The Carrs Nature Reserve on Wood Lane, Ferryhill. This is the second one to be found in a year in the reserve.

There have also been reports of off-road bikes,

fires being set and people using air weapons. Anyone who is caught will be prosecuted, say police.

Officers will be carrying out random patrols in the area. If you see anyone acting suspiciously, call police on the non-emergency number 101.

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# Chilton Library events

Chilton Library will be holding a junior craft session on Thursday 16th February, from 10.30am to 11.30am. There is a 50p charge per child and the session is unsuitable for under 5s. The craft is an option of decorating a bracelet or an egg cup. There is still time to place your name for the adult mixed craft session in March. Contact the library for more information. Chilton Library is open on Monday and Thursday from 10am - 7pm, on Friday from 10am - 4pm and Saturday from 9am-1pm. It closes for lunch on weekdays from 12.30pm -1.30pm. The library can be contacted on 01388 720 251 or by email at [chilton.lib@durham.gov.uk](mailto:chilton.lib@durham.gov.uk).

# Library consultation

Details regarding Phase 2 of the libraries public consultation are now available from both Ferryhill and Chilton libraries. Any members of the public who wish to give comments on the strategy can use the questionnaire from the library or respond online via the Durham County Council website at [www.durham.gov.uk/libraryconsultation](http://www.durham.gov.uk/libraryconsultation). (see

# Bin deliveries ahead of schedule



Cllr Simon Henig, Leader of Durham County Council, helps Kevin Dunn deliver new recycling bins in Chester-le-Street.

More than 22,000 new recycling bins have now been delivered to homes in the Chester-le-Street area, meaning distribution can now start early elsewhere in the county.

Durham County Council will now begin providing bins to households in the Ferryhill and Chilton areas next week in preparation for the move to alternate weekly waste and recycling collections.

Householders can begin using their new bins to recycle paper, card, plastic, food tins, drink cans, cartons and aerosols straight away. Glass bottles and jars should still be placed in the existing plastic box.

For the time being, the new bins, which are grey with a blue lid, should be left out on residents'

normal collection days.

For the former Sedgefield Borough area, the new system of collecting rubbish one week and recycling the next will then begin in May.

Terry Collins, Durham County Council's corporate director of neighbourhood services, said, "A well-planned distribution schedule and the good work of our teams, coupled with good weather for most of our deliveries, has meant we have now completed the first phase of deliveries and can now start distribution in the south of the county earlier than planned."

The changes will mean expected savings of between £9m and £12m for the authority over the next five years and, hopefully, a significant increase in the

amount of waste that is recycled."

Residents should receive a collection calendar, which states when the service is due to switch from the old system to the new in their area and gives details of their specific collections days.

By June, the whole county will have moved to alternate weekly collections.

Special arrangements will be made for residents who live in flats or other properties with access issues.

For up-to-date information about the new rubbish and recycling system and when the changes will be happening in your area visit [www.durham.gov.uk/bins](http://www.durham.gov.uk/bins) and enter your postcode in the My Durham section or call 03000 26 1000.

# Poetry Corner

## That's My Seat

By Nancy Hardy, Ferryhill

Why is it that we always sit in the same seat?  
I wish someone could explain to me because I'm beat.  
Be it in Chapel though there are no pews.  
There's ample seats there are no queues!  
Back row in the morning, third from the front at night  
Why do I do this? Why do I choose the left or the right?  
At Keep Fit our places and even our chairs,  
Are the same ones each week, to change them is rare.  
To the line dancing I go, the back row is where I am located.  
If someone's in my seat I become disorientated!  
Even on the floor we have our own lines  
We have our own spot, and there are times  
When Kathleen says "Move"  
We become quite distressed  
We need that place on the floor to give of our best.  
Thursday comes along and at Craft and Chat we all meet  
Yes you are right... we have the same seat.  
I wonder if it stems from when we went to school  
At a desk you were allocated and moved only if acting the fool.  
At home there was always one special chair  
You can not sit there it's your Dad's so beware!  
I begin to wonder if to heaven I go  
I wonder... will St Peter be waiting to say hello?  
Will I be directed to a certain chair?  
And told... that's your seat Nancy, you can sit there!

Send your poems to 3-4 First Floor Offices, Shildon Town Council Building, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, DL4 1AH. Alternatively, email [thechapter@talk21.com](mailto:thechapter@talk21.com) or leave them at Ferryhill or Chilton Library in an envelope addressed to The Chapter.

# Obstruction & assault

Officers were called to a house in Raby Terrace, Chilton, on 22nd January, by David Bennett's partner, following a domestic incident.

Officers arrested Bennett but did not handcuff him as he was said to be calm and cooperative at the time. However after being placed in the back of the police vehicle he became agitated, lashing

out with his arms, his elbow catching a glancing blow to the temple of one of the officers. Another officer then had to assist in forcibly removing Bennett from the vehicle so that he could be handcuffed.

In interview Bennett stated that he believed that he had been assaulted by police who had called him a wife beater and punched him in the ribs.

He fully accepted that he had resisted arrest but claimed that any contact with the officer had been accidental whilst struggling.

A doctor at the police station noted bruising to Bennett's ribs. The defendant was fined a total of £165, including costs for the assault but no separate penalty was imposed for the second offence.

# Letters

Have your say...

Dear Editor,

I agree with the letter in last week's Chapter in regard to the proposed reduction of hours at the Library.

Following a visit to the Library this week I was given a Strategy Document and Questionnaire from Durham County Council. The proposal is to reduce some Libraries, based in towns, to 36hrs per week and those based in 'communities' to only 20hrs.

Many people in Ferryhill, myself included, would think that we are a town, but no, we are classified as a community even though our population total is higher than many of the towns listed. We have 4 Primary Schools, 1 Secondary School, a nursery, a SureStart Hub, and 3 schools have nursery class provision. There is a traveller community based on the outskirts of the 'town' plus we have high levels of unemployment and deprivation. Why would we need LESS provision in library services?

The library offers a wide range of services, audio books, reference books, internet and email, music scores, children's activities, language courses, photocopier etc and don't forget BOOKS order a new release or a favourite author and remember its cheaper than Amazon or Asda!!

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Many Thanks  
T Ranson.

## Author speaks at WI meeting

On Wednesday 1st February, Ferryhill Village WI members and guests were entertained by Mrs Hazel Stephenson, a new author who has now written two books about the Land Army Girls. The talk was very interesting as she told how, against all odds, she managed to write these books and have them published. She is currently in the process of writing a third book, which will be the last one regarding the Land Army Girls. The group's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th March in the Community Centre when entertainment will be provided by Jill Swift, owner of costume jewellery company, Jewelicious. "Everyone will be made welcome," said a spokesperson.

## Necklace unclaimed

Late last year a local resident found a necklace with distinctive silver pendant, in Durham Road, Chilton. Since then it has been on display at Chilton post office but no one has come forward to claim the item. The necklace is now in safe keeping at Chilton Town Council. If you believe the item belongs to you then call into Chilton Town Council office.

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The maximum duration of the temporary speed restriction under the Order is 18 months and is required from Monday 5 March 2012 and for the duration of the works, anticipated to be 20 days. For operational reasons, on occasions, closures may be necessary on dates other than those set out above and where this occurs they will be signed accordingly.

**Dated: 15 February 2012**

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## Celtic's hard earned victory

Ferryhill Celtic were winners 3 - 0 at home in the league against Bishop Auckland Bay Horse on Sunday 12th February and gained three points in a hard earned victory. Celtic started the stronger putting Bishop's under early pressure with Johnny Agar and Craig Winkworth going close with good efforts, but Bishop's keeper Wayne Ayre was in great form with some excellent saves. The breakthrough finally came 10 minutes before half time after a great ball from Dan Mitton sent Liam Taylor down the left flank,

whose first time cross was met by Liam Pearson who buried the ball into the top corner for 1 - 0. The second half started with a good chance for Johnny Agar, going narrowly wide. This set the tone for the remainder of the half with Celtic dominating long periods of play, with B.A.B.H. Content in trying to hit Celtic on the break. The second goal came 15 minutes from time after excellent play from Marco Oswald and Johnny Agar who set up Stephen Ward for a close range finish.

The goal ended Bishop's resistance and a third goal came through Craig Winkworth and good play from Johnny Agar. Dan Mitton was man-of-the-match for Celtic with Michael Latcham deservedly Bishop's best player. Celtic's next game is on Sunday 19th February at home against Tindale Crescent W.M.C. FC in the 1st division cup semi-final. "We would like to see a good crowd to help us into the final," said a spokesperson for the team.

## Get active for charity

Ferryhill residents are being encouraged to take part in a charity fun run next month. The town will host its first ever Sport Relief mile at Dean Bank Park on Sunday, 25th March. Entrants do not need to be sporty to take part but can choose on the day whether to complete one or three

miles, at their own speed. The Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile is one of the biggest fundraising events of Sport Relief, which encourages people to get active and raise cash for people in need. To enter visit the website sportrelief.com or call Ferryhill Town Council 01740-652157 for details.

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<b>19</b> February 1959 The United Kingdom granted Cyprus independence.	<b>20</b> February 1472 Orkney and Shetland were pawned by Norway to Scotland.	<b>21</b> February 1965 Malcolm X was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in New York City by members of the Nation of Islam.

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