

## APPLICATION SUBMITTED FOR 148 NEW CHILTON HOMES

**DURHAM COUNTY** Council has received an application for a proposed development of 148 new homes on the edge of Chilton.

The plans, put forward by local businessman John Wade, are for outline consent for a development on a 6.7 hectare site at Blue House Farm, off Denebridge Row, which is currently a farmstead and agricultural land.

The application proposes 29 four bedroomed detached houses, 43 three bed detached, 50 three bed semi-detached properties and 26 affordable houses in varying sizes and styles, including a small number of bungalows; all with off-street parking.

Agent Carter Jonas states that the scheme will boost housing supply on a 'windfall site' previously not allocated for housing.

The site would be accessed from two new entrances, one opposite Denebridge Row and another from the unnamed main road which leads to Kirk Merrington.

Consultation on the application closes on 19<sup>th</sup> March with a decision expected by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May.



*Dr Jenny Search, Lottie, Gary Chaplin Business Durham, Veronica Leacock from The Ogden Trust, Lacey, Elizabeth Bruce Chilton Deputy Mayor, Glenys Newby and Dr Lorraine Coghill, Physics Durham University.*

## SPECIALIST SCIENCE CLASSROOM OPENS IN CHILTON

A **SPECIALIST** classroom designed to nurture pupil-led scientific investigation across six primary schools has officially opened.

The facility, based at Chilton Academy, is the

first Ogden Trust 'Phiz Lab' in the North East of England and is supported by Durham University and Approach Too CIC.

Phiz Labs are dedicated science teaching spaces shared between several

schools, aimed at promoting pupil-led scientific experiments and helping schools work together.

Funding has come from The Ogden Trust, a charity dedicated to promoting the teaching and learning

of physics.

The new facility will be used by The Ogden Trust Primary Partnership schools: Chilton Academy, Cleves Cross Pri-

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Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You're loved beyond words  
And missed beyond  
measure



(Yours)  
*Always and forever,*  
Sylvia  
xxx

**Tony Atkinson**  
*(Dad)*  
*4.3.09*  
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away  
Wish I could come up there  
and bring you home to stay



*Love Ma, Tony,*  
*Paul & Nicola*  
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**Alex Henderson**  
*13th March*  
Happy 21st birthday Alex



*Lots of love,*  
Mam, Dad  
xxx

**Alex Henderson**  
*13th March*  
Happy 21st birthday Alex



*Lots of love,*  
From Nana  
xxx

**Farewell**

**Goodbye & Thank You  
for 25 Years**



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and present for making  
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the members for making  
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your community.

*We will miss you all,*  
Michael & Angie  
xx

**Anniversaries**

**Dave & Chris Cummings**  
*8th March 1969*  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
Congratulations on your  
Golden Wedding to our  
wonderful parents &  
amazing grandparents



*Lots of love,*  
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Cameron, Chloe, Ryan,  
Jack & Holly  
xx

**Anniversaries**

**Ursula & John Burke**  
*15th March 2019*  
*Golden Wedding*  
To my darling wife, Ursula



*All my love always,*  
John  
xxx

**Acknowledgements**

**Raymond Lloyd**  
I would like to thank all  
friends and family for their  
attendance at Ray's funeral.  
I would also like to thank  
all staff at Tenlands Nursing  
Home, Durham University  
Hospital and Sunderland  
Royal Hospital.  
I am also pleased to say  
that a total of £151 was  
collected for the North East  
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ing members of Chilton  
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by 2% from the 1st April  
2019.

This equates to an  
increase for band A of  
£2.84 over the year which  
is 0.04p per week. Band  
D properties £4.27 per  
year which is 0.08p per  
week.

The Mayor, Councillor  
M. Young stated "Mem-  
bers in setting this year's  
budget considered all  
issues affecting the Town  
Council during the 2019 –  
2020 civic year. We were  
aware of the impact on  
our residents and limited  
the rise to 2%.

"In taking the decision  
members considered the  
current rate of inflation at  
2% the fluctuation costs  
of utilities and staff pay  
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Mrs Woodhall and Mr Young were treated to an elaborate greeting on their arrival at the Nightingale School in Nepal.

## ADVENTURE IN NEPAL

AS PART of the 'Adventure in Nepal' project, two teachers from Ferryhill Business & Enterprise College, Mrs Emma Woodhall and Mr Thomas Young, went to Kathmandu, Nepal in February 2019.

The project, which started in September 2018, set out to introduce Global Learning with schools around the world to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to thrive.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Woodhall and Mr Young set off to Nepal to meet the partner school. In true Nepalese style they were greeted with an array of flowers, shawls and other gifts. The school had also put on an elaborate performance of traditional and modern songs and dances, as well as a fashion show.

The trip included meetings with senior

leaders in the school to exchange teaching and learning ideas for professional development and there was also the opportunity to teach. The school took Mrs Woodhall and Mr Young on a tour of its 6 blocks, which accommodates 2,500 students from 3 years to 18 years old.

Nightingale International School has been awarded many awards for its excellence in teaching and in 2015 Nightingale's long awaited dream came true. It was declared "the best school" amongst all the schools in Nepal.

Mr Kevin Brennan, head teacher at FBEC said: "I am delighted that we are part of such an enriching project that will not only provide many opportunities for the students, staff and the school, but also highlight the importance of intercultural communication and

education in a global world."

The project, run by the British Council, is part of a larger plan to be lead school in a cluster of schools around the world. FBEC will work with schools across the UK and around the world to help young people develop the knowledge, skills and values to take action on and support the achievement of the "Sustainable Development Goals".

It will allow Mrs Woodhall and Mr Young to deliver global learning activities as well as invite teachers from the partner schools to teach students at FBEC.

In July, FBEC will welcome two members of staff from the Nightingale school in Nepal, who will be given the chance to share good teaching practice and also have the opportunity to work with some of FBEC's students.

## SPECIALIST CLASSROOM IS FIRST FOR NORTH EAST

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Each school's Science Ambassadors also presented activities, posters and displays for the Phiz Lab.

The door for the new facility was designed by Stuart Trotter, current author/illustrator of the Rupert Bear children's stories.

Emily, one of the pupils at the launch event, said: "So inspired: I want to be a scientist!"

Clare Harvey, CEO of The Ogden Trust, said: "We are delighted to celebrate the opening of this new Phiz Lab, with so many partners and science ambassadors able to attend."

"The Ferryhill and Chilton cluster group of primary schools has had a really active ambassadors' programme and this is now the icing on the cake for pupils to have a special place to learn and practice their science skills."

Dr Lorraine Coghill, Ogden Science Outreach Coordinator in the Department of Physics at Durham University, said: "It's fantastic to be part of such an inspiring partnership and see the first Phiz Lab in North East England open right here in County Durham."

"The Phiz Lab will allow for new and exciting STEM programmes within the communities of Chilton and Ferryhill and we're excited to be involved."

"The Science Ambassadors already have plans for hands-on workshops for families and to help younger pupils learn through experiments they have developed with our staff and students."

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**Easter Sunday, 21st April**  
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The committee and members would like to thank Michael & Angie for all their hard work over the last 25 years and wish them the very best for the future. We would also like to welcome our new steward John to the club.

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR LEISURE AND EVENT PROVISION

AT A recent meeting of Chilton Town Council, members agreed to hold a consultation event in a bid to find out the views of residents relating to leisure and community events.

Residents of all ages are therefore invited along to Chilton Town Council offices (Hutton House, Durham Road) on Saturday 30th March, from 10am - 2pm, to discuss with members the existing leisure and event provisions and give recommendations for the future.

The Council welcome the view of residents and have taken these into consideration, for example the Fireworks Display and Annual Coach trip have

once again been added to the town's events calendar.

Dates for your diaries this year include:

- Miners Gala - Saturday 13th July (organised by the Miner Gala Committee);
- Armed Forces Day - Saturday 29th June;
- Town Gala - Saturday 29th June;
- South Shields Coach Trip - Saturday 10th August;
- Fireworks Display - Friday 1st November (earlier time of 6pm - time changed due to feedback from residents);
- Remembrance Sunday Service - Sunday 10th November;

- Christmas Lights Switch On - Friday 29th November;
- Civic Carol Service - Thursday 12th December.

Formalities are still to be agreed for all events. Full details will be advertised nearer each event.

"If any local groups have an event planned please contact the Town Council and we can advertise on the Council's website which is being updated," encouraged a spokesperson.

For further details on any of the above, contact Chilton Town Council on 01388 721788 or email: [info@chiltondurham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:info@chiltondurham-tc.gov.uk).

## ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BABIES

A SERVICE of remembrance for babies who have died before or soon after birth will take place on Wednesday 6th March 2019, at St. Cuthbert's Church, North Road, Durham, starting at 7.00pm.

Families who have lost a baby in any way, but especially those who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth, are invited to attend to remember their baby.

During the service the names of the babies to be remembered will be read, and families will be able to light candles in memory of their baby.

The annual service is organised and led by the chaplaincy team at University Hospital of North Durham on behalf of County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust and is supported by Co-Operative Funeralcare. This year the

bishop of Durham (The Rt. Revd Paul Butler) will be in attendance and will lead a time of reflection.

Simple refreshments will be served following the service.

Anyone wanting to find out more about the service can contact: Reverend Kevin Tromans, Chaplaincy Office, University Hospital of North Durham, DH1 5TW.

Telephone: 0191 333 2183.

## CORRECTION: MARK JONES

IN THE report, *Veterans not just another brick in the wall*, in last week's issue of the Chapter (issue 920, page 6), we incorrectly reported that Sgt. Major Mark Jones "tragically took his own life recently at just 47 years."

The cause of Mr Jones' death is currently unknown and is being investigated by the coroner.

We are happy to set the record straight and wish to sincerely apologise to Mr Jones' family for any distress caused.

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Some of the children from Class 4Y, who enjoyed a non-uniform day.

## PUPILS GET A DRESSING DOWN

**CHILDREN IN** Class 4Y at Broom Cottages Primary School enjoyed a special treat on Friday 1st March. The class had won an award for the best attendance in school for the last half term, and their prize was being able to come to attend school in their

own clothes for the day. A spokesperson for the school said, "Weekly attendance is displayed in school and the winning class gets to have this reward. Well done Class 4Y!" All children in school are also still entered

into a raffle for every full week they are in school, for the chance to win a bike and a hamper at the end of each term. The next winner of a bike and a hamper will be announced just before the Easter holiday.

## CHILDREN RECEIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFERS

**OVER 5,000** children in County Durham will go to their first choice of secondary school this September.

A total of 5,485 applications were made this year, up from 5,162 in 2018, and every single child has been offered a place at a school in the county.

Out of these applicants 5,143 have been successfully placed into their first choice, which equates to 93.8 per cent. Overall 98.3 per cent of children have been placed in their first, second or third choice school.

Cllr Olwyn Gunn, Durham

County Council's Cabinet member for children and young people's services, said: "It is fantastic that the vast majority of children in County Durham will go to their first choice of secondary school in September. I wish them the best of luck for their future education."

Parents who applied online will be informed of the school place offered via email. Those who applied in other ways will be informed via a letter by Tuesday, 5 March.

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Mr H is a former miner from **EASINGTON** was made redundant in 1993. After the pit closed he was advised by an agent from Sun Life to transfer £9,000 from his miners pension to them. He was promised a better pension which wasn't true. Sun Life agreed compensation of £77,149.

**Example 3 - £48,000**

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**Example 2 - £53,000**

Mr K is a former miner from **CRAMLINGTON** was made redundant in 1988. He was advised to transfer £5000 from his miners pension to Prudential. His pension was nowhere near as good as it would have been if he had stayed in the miners scheme. We obtained a lump sum payment of £53,302.

**Example 4 - £82,000**

Mr R is a former miner from **HOUGHTON LE SPRING**. In 1991 he was persuaded by an agent of the Prudential to transfer £5600 from his miners pension to them. He received a poor pension and we were able to show the advice was bad and secured compensation of £82,877.

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## CLLR ATKINSON SURGERY

AN OPPORTUNITY to discuss issues with one of your elected members of Durham County Council and Ferryhill Town Council will take place this weekend.

Cllr Peter Atkinson is holding a Council Surgery on Saturday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at Ferryhill Town Hall from 11am.

No appointment is necessary. If you have any issues you would like to discuss and get help with please come along. All issues dealt with in strictest confidence.

## COMMONWEALTH DAY FLAG RAISING

COMMONWEALTH DAY this year falls on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

In common with Commonwealth countries around the world, the Commonwealth flag will be flown at the Chilton Town Council offices on the dedicated day.

The Mayor, Councillor M. Young, will raise the flag at 9am.

"Residents are more than welcome to come along," said a spokesperson.

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Over 120 people wait in anticipation to view the documentary about their home towns.

# 'TOGETHER APART' DOCUMENTARY BRINGS PEOPLE TOGETHER

OVER 120 people went along to Chilton and Windlestone Sports and Social Club for the premiere of the *Chilton and Windlestone - Together Apart* documentary, and it's accompanying photographic exhibition.

Over a year in the making and with hours and hours of work behind them, the project team were blown away by the response.

The documentary and photographs provided those that went along with, as one person put it, 'a fantastic afternoon of memories and conversation, bringing together old friends and new'.

A spokesperson for the event said: "Before the event officially opened at 1pm there were already 40 people in the Club's 'big hall' looking through the photographs and, although the event should have finished at 3pm, there were still old friends chatting and discussing what they had just seen at 3.45pm.

"The documentary lasted 45 minutes and covered home and village life, school, after school, music, film and work.

"It took the crowd on a journey that today we would think of as difficult, but to the ladies and gents interviewed indicated 'they were the best

times of their lives'.

"The photos told a similar story of two villages separated by a railway line and a pit heap, but what they both showed were strong, resilient, friendly (at times) and happy people who loved their villages and thoroughly enjoyed the fifties."

There was such a demand for copies of the documentary that the project team have decided to develop a website where they will upload the photos and documentary, with a few extras thrown in.

This will take them a couple of months to complete and the team will notify the Chapter as well

as use local social media to let everyone know it is up and running.

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## CHANCE DRAMA TO JOIN FORCES WITH POLICE CHOIR

ON FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April at Mainsforth Community Centre, the renowned Durham Constabulary Male Voice Choir will be teaming up with local talent Chance Drama for a joint concert, to raise funds toward Chance

Drama's next production *The Wizard of Oz*.

The Male Voice Choir will be singing some of their usual classics and the Children from Chance Drama will be singing a range of songs from the Musicals.

"It will be a wonderful evening with songs for all ages sung by all ages. The Children have started rehearsals for the concert and cannot wait to perform alongside the Male Voice Choir."

Tickets are £5 for

adults and £3 for children and are available from FerryDec in Ferryhill Village, or by Calling Ticket Agent Joan Harker on 01740 652551.

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## CELTIC RUN LEAGUE LEADERS CLOSE AHEAD OF SECOND DERBY DAY

**FOLLOWING** LAST week's local derby win over Dynamos, Ferryhill Celtic were back in league action against league leaders Pelton Roab on Sunday 3rd March.

The game, which had attracted a large crowd, started with both sides feeling each other out and for the first 15 minutes, both struggled to create any clear cut chances.

As the half progressed, Celtic grew in confidence, slowly taking control of the game and in 25 minute the Celtic had the first shot on target.

Shane Todd's volley from the edge of the box looked to be heading into the bottom corner, but Pelton's keeper was equal to it and made a good save.

The game continued to be a tight affair, neither side giving an inch, and with both defences on top the first half end goalless.

The theme continued in the second half with every ball being fiercely contested by both sides.

As the game passed the hour mark the league

leaders were yet to have a shot on target with Celtic's back three of Mikey Western, man-of-the-match Jonny Agar and John Makepeace confidently mopping up every attack by the visitors.

The game looked to be heading for stalemate in what would have been a hugely important and well deserved point for Celtic, but with eight minutes remaining, one of Pelton's forwards latched onto a long ball over the top.

Steering a first time cross into the box, he found the spare man at the back post who made no mistake to break Celtic hearts.

However, Celtic showed a lot of character with Luke Thompson and Jake Petitjean controlling midfield and Celtic came close a couple of times, but were unable to find the final touch for the equaliser.

As the clock became Celtic's enemy, Pelton

were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box and, with the last kick of the game, the ball was curled around the wall and into the bottom corner to leave a score that flattered the visitors.

Celtic and Dynamos now face another huge local derby as the sides play the reverse league fixture this Sunday, 10th March at Mainsforth.

Celtic remain in 10th position in the table on nine points having been deducted three points for non-payment of a fine - a decision the club is currently appealing.

Dynamos, who had a rest weekend, remain in 8th place on 16 points with both clubs sandwiching Chilton WMC in 9th place on 12 points.

The result of Celtic's appeal may prove crucial in the battle to avoid the drop with the hoops currently filling the last of the relegation places.

Kick off in Sunday's derby is 10.30am.

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