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Cornforth lads take on 24 hour fundraising challenge



A charity football marathon organised by a group of West Cornforth lads touched by cancer has so far raised over £3,000 for two charities.

A group of 24 lads from West Cornforth took on a gruelling 24hr Football marathon to raise vital funds in aid of ASK Helpline and Marie Curie cancer

care on Saturday, 7th February at Ferryhill Community Hub, formerly the leisure centre. The event, organised by Mitchell Stokes and the

ASK Helpline team, was a huge success with a total of £3,000 raised so far to be split between the two charities.

Mitchell said: "As a group of friends we have been affected by cancer. We lost a very close friend and one of the footballers lost his dad.

"Both families received excellent support from Marie Curie Cancer Care team, and the support that they give patients and their families during such a difficult time is amazing and we wanted to raise money to help them continue to do so.

"We also chose ASK Helpline, a Cornforth Partnership project, as they have helped to organise the event and ASK Helpline helps so many vulnerable young people in County Durham. So we knew the money raised would go to such a worthy cause and help to continue the much needed service.

"The amount of money we have raised so far just goes to show how much

Friday lunch in aid of The Chapter

On 20th February the popular Friday lunch in St Luke's Parish Centre will be in aid of the community free newspaper, The Chapter. On offer from 10am there is tea, coffee, cakes, scones etc as well as a tasty, and reasonable, 1, 2 or 3 course homemade lunch.

The Chapter was established 15 years ago and is delivered to 8,000 homes in and around Ferryhill and Chilton.

The paper is funded entirely from advertising revenue and donations.

A spokesperson for St. Luke's said, "We hope everyone will come along and support The Chapter which is a valuable com-

munity resource giving an independent voice to local concerns, a platform for local events and an opportunity to share in local successes and achievements." For further details please contact the Parish Office on 01740 653295 on Mondays from 6-7pm or Thursdays from 9.30-11am.

Editor's comment: We at the Chapter are immensely grateful to the volunteers at St. Luke's for organising this fundraising event. We rely financially on such generosity and look forward to providing the communities of Ferryhill and Chilton with community news for many years to come.



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All about local people ...



Passed Away

Lucy Staff

(nee Sowerby) of Chilton

Died suddenly but peacefully in hospital aged 85 on 4th February
Beloved Wife of Roy, much loved Mother of Angela and Stephen and dearly loved Nana Lucy, Great-Nana Lucy and Mother-in-Law.



Would friends please meet on Thursday 19th February at 11.30am for requiem mass at Sacred Heart RC Church in Chilton, followed by cremation at Durham.
All are welcome for refreshments afterwards at Chilton Catholic Club.

In Memoriam

Jim Dormer

22.02.2006

Nine years ago since I lost my wonderful Husband Jim. We will never ever forget you, we miss you so much.



From your loving Wife
Kathleen, Son Peter,
Daughter-in-Law Sue,
also Grandchildren PJ,
Joe & Tom and Great
Grandaughter Isabelle
xxx

Birthday Memories

Jean Rothwell

February 21st

Happy Birthday Mam,
All our love today and
always



Jason & family
xxx



Kelvin Bradley

11th Feb

In loving memory of a much loved and missed Nephew and Cousin
Happy Birthday Kel.
We should all be celebrating your 21st birthday with you. Enjoy, wherever you are.



Love, Aunty Pauline,
Uncle Michael, Melanie,
Paul, Kieran, Anya, Steven,
Emma and Kian
xxx

Birthdays

Emily Blair

16th February

Happy 16th Birthday



Love Nathan
x



Shirley Kelly

19th February

Happy Birthday



Love from Michelle,
Liam, Blake, Savanna
& Layla-Rose
xxxxx

Shirley Kelly

Happy Birthday



Love from Stephen,
McKenzie, Craig & Lilly
xxxx

Birthdays

Shirley Kelly

Happy Birthday



Loads of love from
Sian & Carl
xxxx

Shirley Kelly

Happy Birthday



Love from Mam
xxxx



Mary Strange



Happy 65th Birthday to my wonderful, loving, supportive Wife

65!

Lots of love,
Allan n best friend Scooby!!

Mary Strange



Our wonderful Mam
65 years young,
Have a fantastic holiday



Love Marie, Jeff, Leigh,
Nicola, Kevin, Kirsty and all
your loving Grandkids

Allan Strange

Happy healthy
retirement Dad

Birthdays

Ann Mitton

21st February 2015



Happy 70th Birthday to the most fabulous & amazing Mam ever!
Have a fantastic day!

70!

Lots of love always, Jim,
Nicola, family & friends
xxxx



Ryan Lee Simmons

24.2.97



Happy 18th Birthday Bro



Love you loads,
From Ellie

Ryan Lee Simmons

24.2.97



Happy 18th Birthday,
Hope you have a magical Birthday

Lots of love,
Mam & Christian



Birthdays

Ryan Lee Simmons

24.2.97



Happy 18th Birthday (Fred)
Still a little cutie



Loads of love,
From Nana

Ryan Lee Simmons

Happy 18th Birthday
Great Grandson



Love Granda Dennis
& Grandma Bette

Ryan Lee Simmons

Happy 18th Birthday
"Have a good one"

18!

Lots of love,
Charlie, Alison, Lee, Leona,
Kate & Maddie
xxx



Chelsea Lawson

Happy 18th Birthday

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Dad, Kendra, Demi,
Britney & Logan
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Goodchild

Josie and her family would like to thank all friends, relatives and neighbours for all the lovely cards of condolence and support received on their sad loss of John.

A special thank you to Dr Orlandi, St Aidan's Church, Chilton Club and Gordon Fletcher & Son's Funeral Directors for all their help and guidance at this difficult time.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart



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24 hour football fundraiser

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both these charities mean to people. We would like to thank everyone for all their support and contributions."

A spokesperson for the Cornforth Partnership said: "We would like to thank all 24 lads who took part in the event. It really was

a tough challenge which they took in their stride. It's fantastic to see the community come together to help raise funds.

"We would also like to thank all the organisations and business and community members who have supported the event with their kind donations towards the raffle and tombola stalls.

"Thank you also to Pizza Time at Ferryhill who kindly donated the players' free pizzas to keep them going and Ferryhill Community Hub for donating use of the centre for 24hrs for a small donation.

"£3,000 is a huge amount of money and all involved should be extremely proud of what they have achieved.

"Finally, a huge thank you to all who came along during the 24hrs and who sponsored the players and purchased raffle tickets. We really couldn't have raised this huge amount of money without your support and generosity."

There is still time to support the charities through the localgiving page set up to collect donations at: <http://localgiving.com/charity/askhelpline>.

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Mark Twain publishes his famous - and famously controversial - novel The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

19 February 1473

Nicolaus Copernicus, the father of modern astronomy, who proposed that the Earth and other planets revolve around the sun, is born.

20 February 1986

Plans to build a tunnel linking France and Britain are announced.

21 February 1848

The Communist Manifesto, written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, is published in London.

22 February 1732

George Washington, America's first President, who led the American Revolution, is born in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

23 February 1958

Formula One champion Juan Manuel Fangio of Argentina is kidnapped in Cuba by a group of Fidel Castro's rebels.

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St. Luke's looks to the future

Following the celebrations for the 160th anniversary of St. Luke's, Ferryhill, the church felt that they needed to look to the future.

Recently a group from the church heard a presentation from Christopher Luke, the Communications Officer at St. Paul's Church in Spennymoor who said, "We live in a digital age and therefore it's very important that parish churches engage with today's modern media."

"Whether it's social media with Twitter and Facebook, websites, or the local press, they are all different ways that churches can reach out to their communities."

St. Luke's have embraced the challenge and have established a Facebook page, a Twitter account and have a website which is in the process of being updated. A spokesperson for St. Luke's said: "We appreciate the value of the media to reach out to all local people."

"The Friday Lunch on the 20th February, in aid of The Chapter, is an acknowledgement of their valued place in local life".

The church can be found online at stlukeferryhill.btck.co.uk, on Facebook by searching for "St Luke Ferryhill" and on Twitter by following the username @Harryslater123.

Support cancer sufferers and give blood this March

NHS Blood and Transplant is calling on residents in Ferryhill and Chilton to think about those who are battling cancer and make an appointment to donate blood.

World Cancer Day took place on 4th February this year and people from all around the world are being encouraged to work together and take a positive and proactive approach to the fight against cancer.

NHS Blood and Transplant is reminding donors that blood and platelets are often crucial in the treatment of cancer patients. Due to either the cancer or

the method of treatment, including chemotherapy or radiotherapy, cancer patients can develop anaemia (a reduction in the number of red blood cells in their blood) or have a reduced number of platelets (the clotting cells which prevent bleeding) in their blood. A blood or platelet transfusion can give a patient more energy and improve their quality of life.

Jon Latham, NHS Blood and Transplant Assistant Director said, "Many people know that blood is often used in accident and emergency situations, but more than 60 per cent

of blood is used for non surgical treatment, which includes treating cancers and other blood disorders. "With around 6,100 blood donations needed by hospitals in England and North Wales every day, I would encourage both new and returning donors to make a date to roll up their sleeve and donate."

A donation session will be taking place at St Luke's Church, Ferryhill, on Tuesday 10th March between 2pm and 4pm and again between 4.45pm and 7pm.

To make an appointment call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk.

Chilton Gala date

At the latest meeting of the Chilton Gala Committee, it was decided that this year's annual Chilton Gala would be held on Saturday, 1st August.

A committee spokesperson said, "More news will be announced in later Chapter editions as well

as on posters which will be placed around the local area.

"Be sure to mark the date as it is only your support that makes the Gala possible. The Gala committee look forward to seeing both old and new friends on the day."

Ferryhill Village WI

On Wednesday 4th February, members and guests of Ferryhill Village WI had a brilliant cookery demonstration from their very own chef, John.

As usual John was very informative on several mouth watering ideas on cooking chicken legs and showing the ladies how to make a ham and chicken terrine.

The chef always has a quiz on different things and if

the ladies guess what they are, they win the item.

A spokesperson said: "The next meeting will be held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 4th March."

"Could members and guests please arrive early so that we can start promptly at 6.30pm, as Hannah's Street Dancers are all children and we would like to let them get started straight away."

Poetry Corner

Please Listen

By **Albert Curle, Ferryhill**

"I'm hungry, I'm hungry, I'm hungry," they say

But some politicians just turn away

"Please help us, please help us, please help us," they cry

The same politicians can't understand why

Some people aren't working but need to be fed

Maybe have health problems and take to their bed.

Come back Jacob Marley and Scrooge, both of you

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Women's World Day of Prayer

Readers are invited to join in a special service for Ferryhill and District on Friday, 6th March at 2pm at All Saints Church, Dean Road, Ferryhill. The service this year has

been prepared by women of the Bahamas although the service is not just for women. A spokesperson said, "All will be given a warm welcome. Why not come along?"

Residents' meeting

The next meeting of Chilton Residents Association will take place on Tuesday 24th

February from 7pm at The Wheatshaf, Chilton. All are welcome to attend.

Ferryhill History Society meeting

Ferryhill History Society will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, February 25th at 7.30pm at The Eldon Arms Hotel, Ferryhill Station.

The speaker will be Michael Chaplin with his talk "There is a Green Hill" - his recollections and reminis-

cences of the changes and contrasts between life in the North East of England in 1951 when his father wrote *Lakes to the Tyne* as part of the celebration of all things British for the Festival of Britain - and his own experiences walking in the region in 2014.



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Blood Bikes visit coffee morning



Schoolchildren from Chilton Primary School were able to see the motorbikes used by Northumbria Blood Bikes at a Mayor's Coffee Morning recently.

The Mayor of Chilton, Cllr Elizabeth Bruce, would like to thank Christine and Carolyn from Chilton Primary School for arranging a coffee morning to support her chosen charity. The morning was themed around "Health and Well Being" and representatives from the NHS were there to offer health checks and give advice on health and

wellbeing.

Jan Hodgson from Taste for Success also gave a healthy cooking demonstration. The Fire Brigade went along and offered free safety checks for people in their own homes and also let children explore the fire engine and explained how the equipment onboard worked.

Len Potts and his colleague

took a Blood Bike and two small replica bikes for the children to sit on.

This helped to make people aware of the job they do, transporting blood between our hospitals after hours and on a weekend.

A great morning was had by all and, with the generosity of the people who attended, £410 was raised for Northumbria Blood Bikes.

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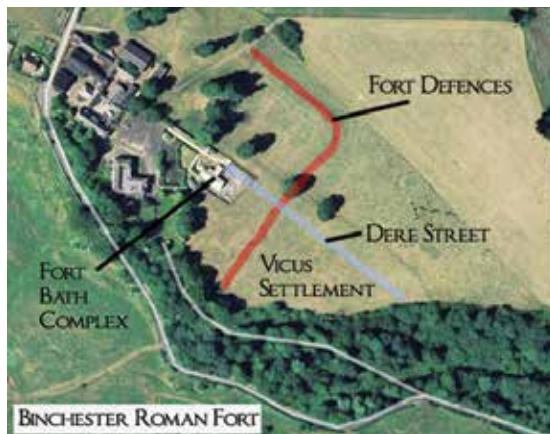
Wednesday - Quiz & Bingo Jackpot
Prize Gallon of beer

Thursday - Pool team night
(we are looking for new players)

Saturday 28th Feb - Dave Alexandra

Sunday - 3pm - Domino Handicap
+ beer draw (Prize up to 16 pints)

Film slide show



A slide show and talk on Binchester Roman Fort will include exciting news about the site's future.

A film slide show about the present-day Roman fort at Binchester will be held in the Wheatsheaf pub in Chilton on Saturday 7th March at 1pm.

The presentation will also include an update on the exciting future plans for the historic site.

All profits from the event will go to the Chilton Gala fund to help pay for this year's event.

The Chilton Gala is funded

by a combination of local donations collected by the committee, donations from local businesses and grants from the local and county councils.

A spokesperson for the Gala committee said: "Without the support of Chilton's people at these fundraising events, and by their presence on the day, the Gala could not exist and this would be a big miss for the Chilton community."

Thieves caught after police chase

Two thieves who were seen shoplifting in Ferryhill Market on Saturday 14th February were unable to hang onto their stolen wares for long, after Beat

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Birthday donation for Ferryhill Foodbank

The first anniversary of the opening of Ferryhill Foodbank was marked by a donations event at the Manor House Hotel on Monday 2nd February.

The event was organised by Manor House management and staff and by Andrew Marshall, director of ACMA/CGMA Property Services, who also allows his premises to be used as a foodbank collection point.

The foodbank has been offering its services for a full year to those unable to afford food and the charity event was held to allow people to donate food, which will be given out to local residents in need.

John Stoker, a volunteer for Ferryhill Churches Together, who run the foodbank said: "The staff of the foodbank offer our heartfelt thanks to all who

helped to organise and run the event, not to forget the glamorous entertainer, Tess, and all the kind people who so generously made donations.

"Further donations are always needed and can be made in St. Luke's Church Hall on Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12 noon, or in ACMA/CGMA's premises on Darlington Road, Ferryhill.

Addict jailed for brandishing machete in family home invasion

A heroin addict from Ferryhill was sentenced to five years and four months in prison after barging into a family home, demanding drugs and brandishing a machete to threaten his victims.

Kieran Wynn, 21, of Church Lane, Ferryhill had previously persuaded a female occupant at the property to hand over an amount of cannabis. The gesture resulted in a series of visits in which Wynn left the property empty handed before returning a final time on the morning of August 15th last year with an unknown accomplice and entering without invite through the kitchen.

Sam Faulks, prosecuting, told the court that the woman's young child and partner were in the house at the time: "[Wynn] said he wanted cannabis and if



Heroin addict Kieran Wynn was jailed for over five years for brandishing a machete in a family home.

he didn't get any he would, 'send the boys round.'

"He then pulled a foot-long machete from his hoodie.

"When he was told the child was terrified, he said: 'I don't care. I'll go through her as well, if I have to'."

The pair fled when the woman's partner began to phone the police.

Wynn was arrested four days later as he tried to hide by lying next to a garden wall in Park Terrace, Ferryhill.

Wynn has several previous convictions and has served custodial sentences in the past.

Robert Mochrie, mitigating, said this was more serious than any of his previous convictions: "At the time this took place he was heavily addicted to heroin, injecting himself up to ten times a day.

"He accepts arming himself with that knife and making those rather pathetic threats, although he left voluntarily without any violence having been committed."

Jailing him, Recorder Simon Batiste told Wynn it must have been a "terrifying" ordeal for the family, particularly for the young girl present.

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Top marks for primary school teachers in national award win



Teaching staff at Cleves Cross Primary School in Ferryhill are celebrating after receiving a national Bronze Award from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC).

The Council, which is a registered charity, believes that, "every child should be given the opportunity to experience life and lessons beyond the classroom walls as a regular part of growing up.

"These experiences expand the horizons of young people, opening their eyes to the wonders of areas such as art, heritage,

culture, adventure and the natural world."

The Bronze LOtC Mark recognises those schools and settings which have an awareness of the benefits of providing frequent, continuous and progressive LOtC to all pupils. The award also recognises attempts to integrate LOtC into the life of the school, and a commitment to developing LOtC to enrich the learning of pupils.

Headteacher Alison Lazenby said: "It's quite a challenging award to get and there's a lot involved in this.

"It gives children the opportunity to enhance their learning instead of them simply sitting behind a desk in a classroom.

"It involves not just standing in a classroom. We grow vegetables and fruit at the school and we have tied that into lessons. "Teachers have held lessons such as science outside and we run trips to France and the pupils can learn the language at the school.

"We have also headed in to the community to work with elderly residents, churches and wildlife areas locally.

"We will continue to build and enhance on what we have already achieved at the school. We're happy to provide opportunities for the children."

The school is now looking into the possibility of achieving the silver and gold Learning Outside the Classroom Mark awards.

Garden Hour slot for Chilton teenager

Tomas Pearson, 18, of Arthur Street, Chilton was the star of BBC Tees's Garden Hour recently after the teenager won a gardening competition at Houghall College to proceed to the regional finals of the Young Horticulturalist of the Year 2015. Tomas, who works at Black Rose Landscapes North East Ltd of Ferryhill, was invited on to the popular gardening show for an interview after his win.

The radio show was broadcast on Sunday 8th February but remains available to listen to on BBC iPlayer.

The prestigious annual competition attracts over 1,800 entrants each year, with the winner receiving the Percy Thrower Travel Bursary, worth £2,000, provided by the Shropshire Horticultural Society.

The regional heats are due to take place on March 14th at Kirky Hall, Ponteland.

Driver faces imprisonment

Lisa Wilson was disqualified from driving for 25 months in September 2014 but at 12.40am on the morning of 24th January, police saw her driving a Renault Clio, in Vyners Close, Kirk Mer- rington.

The vehicle was seen to swerve and to strike the kerb, so police stopped the vehicle and administered a roadside breath test, which Wilson, of Tennyson Road, Chilton, failed.

Later, a further test at the police station found the 32 year-old to be three times over the legal limit of alcohol.

At Newton Aycliffe Magistrates' Court, Wilson

pleaded guilty to charges of driving whilst over the limit, of driving whilst disqualified and of driving whilst being without insurance.

The District Judge requested pre-sentence reports from the Probation Service, stating that they should leave all options open but that a prison sentence or suspended sentence was likely.

A further interim driving disqualification was imposed with immediate effect, even though the defendant is already disqualified from driving.

Matters were adjourned until 4th March.

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Ferryhill Hub to host England Boxing Youth Championships

This weekend will see the England Youth Boxing Championships take place at the Ferryhill Hub from Friday until Sunday. Each round, from the quarter finals through to the finals, will be taking place on separate days.

It is the first time that the national stages of the competition will run over three consecutive days, and include both men and women boxers.

The Championships are being organised by the Seconds Out boxing club,

which is based at the Ferryhill centre.

Paul Eddy, founder and secretary of Seconds Out, said: "This is probably one of the biggest events for amateur boxing that has been held in the North-East.

"It's quite a privilege to be asked to hold it at Ferryhill. Unfortunately there are only about five boxers from the North-East and none from Seconds Out taking part.

"This is the finals of a national competition and the winners will probably

be looked at for selection to the Great Britain squad."

The boxers taking part have already won through regional heats to reach Ferryhill. The weekend will see around 200 bouts before the champions are crowned on Sunday afternoon.

The doors open on Friday at 1.30pm and it is set to run until 9pm. Then on Saturday and Sunday it starts at 12pm and runs until 6pm.

Entry is £15 for adults and £7.50 for concessions per day. Tickets can be bought on the day.

Celtic into final after derby thriller

Ferryhill Celtic played in the semi final of the Durham Cup Winners Cup at the weekend against Aycliffe Club, and the game lived up to its billing.

Celtic, roared on by huge support, turned in one of their best performances of the season.

The game was blood and thunder from the first whistle, the first ten minutes a cagey affair, but it was Aycliffe who had the first chance. A shot from the edge of the box looked to be curling in to the top corner but the Celtic keeper Kris Carr tipped it round the post.

Instead it was the Celtic who broke the deadlock on the half hour when Shane Todd rose highest from a Liam Taylor cross to head back across goal and past the Aycliffe keeper for a lead they held for the remainder of the half.

The second half again was a physical affair with tackles

flying in from both sides, but Celtic wore Aycliffe down and scored the all important second when the impressive Shane Todd chased down a Dan Mitton long ball and fired an unstoppable shot past the helpless keeper.

But to Aycliffe's credit they kept battling and were back in the tie when they scored with a 30 yard drive which nestled in the roof of the net.

For the remaining 20 mins it turned out to be a tense and nerve wracking affair, but with a massive support to shout them over the line Celtic held on for a famous gutsy performance to make their way into yet another final. Man of the match was awarded to Liam Pearson.

Celtic's next game is a league match away to Hetton. For any supporters wanting to go along, the team are meeting at Llewellyns Bar at 9:15am on Sunday.

Mixed results for Ferryhill's indoor bowlers

Ferryhill's two most recent matches resulted in completely opposite results.

The first game against Gateshead in the County Inter Club league was a demoralising whitewash from a side against whom Ferryhill normally do well. The three home rinks all started well and by half way were well in contention.

However, from thereon the visitors moved up a gear and came out on top on all three rinks by a margin of thirty five shots.

It was even worse for the three away rinks. Ferryhill never really got started and in the end all rinks lost with the losing overall margin a

massive fifty two shots.

Ferryhill's second game was in the Durham & District Inter Club Triples and after their previous week's defeat at Aycliffe they were looking for improvement.

Placed second in the table six points behind the leaders, a maximum points haul was the much needed outcome, and they achieved it.

Having beaten their opponents Durham 8-0 away from home earlier in the season a repeat performance was what everyone hoped for and they did it. B Johnstone's rink led the way with a sixteen shot

victory having been in front throughout.

E Hope skipped his rink to a one shot victory in a low scoring and very close game.

R Jefferson's rink came home by four shots though this again was a very closely fought game with the visitors skip A Pratt in outstanding form.

The victory takes Ferryhill level at the top of the league as the previous leaders Park View were beaten 6-2 away to Spennymoor.

Final scores: B Johnstone 22-6 P Morris, R Jefferson 14-10 A Pratt, E Hope 10-9 M Barkess.

Walking football

For anyone interested in the latest crazes in football, a walking football session will be held in the Ferryhill Hub on Thursday 19th

February between 2-3pm. For more information call Terry on 01740 238635 or the Ferryhill Hub on 01740 654123.

Cricket Club prepare for season

Mainsforth Cricket Club's preparations for the 2015 season begins on Sunday 1st March.

In the 2015 season the club's 1st and 2nd senior XI's will be in the 1st Division of the Durham Cricket League with the senior 3rd XI playing a series of friendlies.

The club have junior sides competing in the Durham Cricket Board junior leagues at U18, U15, U13 and U11 age groups.

The indoor coaching and net sessions will be held at Ferryhill Community Hub and will run for seven weeks, after which it is hoped to be able to continue outdoors at the ground.

The first session is from 10.30am to 12 noon for players who were aged Under 11 on 1st Sep 2014. The second session for U13 and U15 players runs from noon through to 1.30pm. Finally senior and U18

players will run from 1.30pm until 3pm.

The cost per session is £2 for all junior age groups and £3 for seniors.

Players old and new at all age groups are welcome to come along to the relevant session.

All equipment required is available for the junior age groups.

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