

**COXWOLD NEWSLETTER**  
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*Still Life with Apples and a Pomegranate* by Gustave Courbet, National Gallery.  
Source: The Yorck Project (2002)

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## COXWOLD VILLAGE HALL

### REGULAR EVENTS:

Coffee Morning (first Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October**, 10.30 to 11.30am.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch (third Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and 18<sup>th</sup> October**, 12.00 to 1.00pm.

Bridge Club Every **Tuesday**, 7.30 to 9.30pm. Contact Anne on 868719 to join a table.

Art Group Every **Monday**, 1.30 to 3.30pm. After the summer break, Coxwold Art Group will resume in Coxwold Village Hall from **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** through until **4<sup>th</sup> December** inclusive. New members are always welcome to join us, as we draw and paint in a variety of mediums and styles. The fee for the term is £25 or £2.50 for individual sessions. For further details, please contact John Robinson on 868122 or [jdr40130@gmail.com](mailto:jdr40130@gmail.com).

Tapestry & Crafting Group Every **Monday**, 7.00 to 9.00pm (not school holidays). Do a church kneeler or bring your own sewing, knitting, or tapestry project to do while chatting with others. £2 per session (includes tea/coffee and biscuits). Contact Jill on 07717 825430.

The Loft Film Club Every other **Friday**, 7.30pm. For details, please contact [theloftcoxwoldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:theloftcoxwoldvillagehall@gmail.com).

Anandini Hatha Yoga Every **Thursday**, 6.00 to 7.00pm. All abilities. Booking essential! Online classes throughout the week. Contact Verity for more details on 07821 588117; [anandiniyoga@hotmail.com](mailto:anandiniyoga@hotmail.com); or visit [www.anandiniyoga.co.uk](http://www.anandiniyoga.co.uk).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Apple Fest **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**, 7.30pm. Tickets £17.50 from Anne on 868719 or [alegassicke@gmail.com](mailto:alegassicke@gmail.com), cheques payable to CPFA. Come and celebrate all things apple at the renowned Coxwold Apple Fest! There will be a delicious three-course apple-based meal prepared by a professional chef and a team of volunteers. Enter the competition for the best apple-based dessert – bring along your entry on the evening for judging and then for us all to sample!

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Coxwold Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All welcome!

## SHANDY HALL

Shandy Hall will be closed from **1<sup>st</sup> September** for essential repairs to the north and east sides of the building. For updates and information about the work, please contact Chris or Patrick on 868465 or visit the website at [www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk](http://www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk).

## **BUS FARE CAP**

A reminder that all fares on Reliance and other operators are capped at just £2 per single journey until **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

## **COXWOLD EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHATSAPP GROUP**

During the recent defibrillator training session, there was a discussion about how to handle an emergency if you're on your own and/or need urgent assistance from neighbours. The trainer mentioned that other communities had set up WhatsApp groups for this purpose.

If you'd like to join such a group for Coxwold residents, please email or text your name, address and mobile number to 07542 169100 or email [chris\\_t\\_lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chris_t_lee@yahoo.co.uk). If you have WhatsApp skills and would be willing to be the group administrator, please also mention this, as current WhatsApp skills are very limited.

The group rules are very simple: 1) Only use it for genuine emergencies where you need someone to come to your home immediately. 2) Keep messages brief, but if possible descriptive, just the word 'Help' if nothing else comes to mind. 3) If you receive a message and are able, drop everything and go to your neighbour's address – it's better to have lots of people turn up than none!

[Further information and videos.](#)

## **BYLAND ABBEY VOLUNTEERING**

Byland Abbey was one of the great monasteries of England and is an outstanding example of early gothic architecture with a complete monastic ground plan surviving. Nestled within the North Yorkshire countryside, the Abbey occupies a popular walking and cycling beauty spot with many visitors coming to explore the magnificent ruins.

We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic communicators who enjoy meeting people and are keen to learn more about the history of Byland Abbey. With the option to also lead guided tours in the future, this is a great opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills. From helping to orientate visitors, to sharing interesting stories about the Abbey's varied history during their visit, our Visitor Volunteers provide a warm welcome and friendly smile to all who visit the Abbey. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/byland-abbey-museum-and-visitor-volunteer2/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/Volunteer/byland-abbey-museum-and-visitor-volunteer2/).

## **DEAD OR INJURED WILD BIRDS – AVIAN INFLUENZA**

North Yorkshire Police advise that any dead birds should be reported to North Yorkshire Council on 0300 131 2131 to arrange safe collection. Contact the RSPCA on 0200 1234 999 if you find a sick or injured bird. Do not handle sick or dead birds. Do not disturb wild birds and do not approach large flocks. Keep dogs on leads.

## POST OFFICE SERVICE IN HELMSLEY

A temporary post office has been established at the Black Swan in Helmsley, just off the Market Place. Opening times are: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10.00am to 1.00pm, and Thursdays 9.30am to 12.30pm.

## USEFUL CONTACTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

**North Yorkshire Council:** For information about local services (bin collections, road repairs, adult care, planning, local elections, etc.) contact [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk), 0300 131 2131.

**Buses:** Moorsbus - [www.moorsbus.org](http://www.moorsbus.org); 01751 477216 / Reliance Motors - <https://reliancebuses.co.uk>; 01904 768262.

**Coxwold Parish Council:** Chair - Simon Le Gassicke, 868719, [simon.le.gassicke@gmail.com](mailto:simon.le.gassicke@gmail.com). Clerk - Chris Wyn-Jones, 868558, [chris\\_albireo@btinternet.com](mailto:chris_albireo@btinternet.com).

**Coxwold Oil Cooperative:** For more information and to join, contact Simon LG on 868719 or [simon.le.gassicke@gmail.com](mailto:simon.le.gassicke@gmail.com).

**Hambleton Independent Living:** For experienced, nurse-led care, contact Louise on 07854 944131.

**Coxwold Cabinet Makers:** For bespoke cabinet making, furniture and kitchen design, contact Geoff on 868530.

**GRB Auto Engineers:** For petrol and vehicle repairs, specialising in Land Rovers, contact Geoff or Ben on 868338.

**Piano Teacher:** All styles of music from beginners to advanced, contact Sally on 07766 321521 or [s.gatenby@btinternet.com](mailto:s.gatenby@btinternet.com).

**Zephyr Jewellery:** Beautiful sustainable sea glass jewellery. 07805 117174; Social: @zephyrjewellery.

**Farm Gate Farm Shop:** For free-range meats, fruit, veg, etc. contact Steve or Christine on 07759 609106. [farmgatefarmshop.com](http://farmgatefarmshop.com).

**Thornton's Bakehouse and Butcher's:** For handcrafted pork pies, pastries and quality local meats, contact John or Katie on 821666. [www.thorntonsbakehouse.com](http://www.thorntonsbakehouse.com).

**Moonshine Ice Cream:** For indulgent dairy ice cream and delicious fruit sorbets, contact Helen or Simon on 868864. [www.moonshineicecream.co.uk](http://www.moonshineicecream.co.uk).

**Fauconberg Arms:** For drinks, wholesome food and Sunday lunches, contact Annelies on 868214. [www.fauconbergarms.com](http://www.fauconbergarms.com).

**Potters Yard Coffee:** Pop-up café, open when roadside signs are out. Contact Halima on [pottersyardcoffee@gmail.com](mailto:pottersyardcoffee@gmail.com).

**Rumah Home Gifts, Teas and B&B:** New stock now in! Open Thursday to Sunday 11am to 4pm. Contact Liz on 868138.