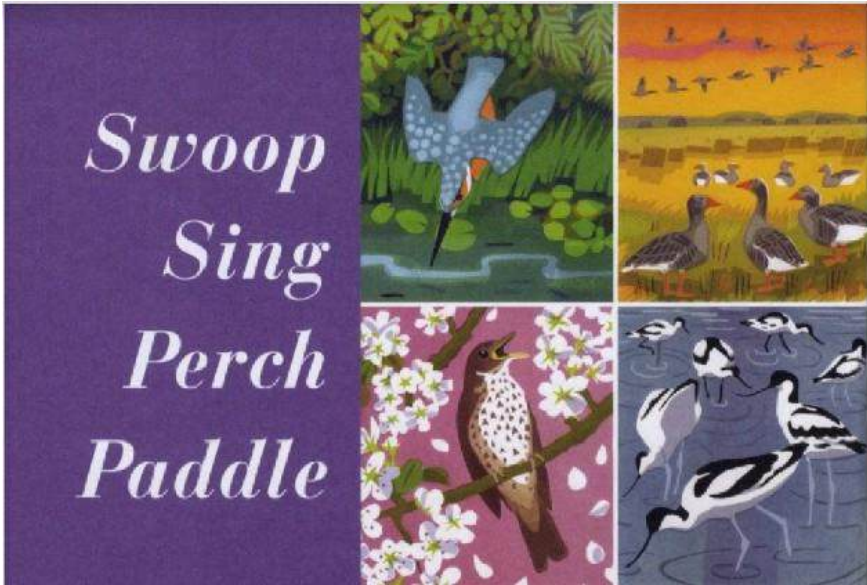


COXWOLD NEWSLETTER

July / August 2024



SWOOP, SING, PERCH, PADDLE

An exhibition of paintings and prints by Carry Akroyd continues until **11th August** at Shandy Hall gallery. The exhibition precedes publication of the forthcoming book of the long-standing *Bird of the Month* column in *The Oldie*, written by John McEwen and illustrated by Carry, who is a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists.

Your newsletter editor is Halima Chen

Please send contributions by email to coxwoldnews@gmail.com Last date for September / October copy: **Thursday 15th August**

To receive *Coxwold Newsletter* by email as a pdf attachment, contact Halima (coxwoldnews@gmail.com).

Alternatively, visit the **Coxwold village website** (www.coxwoldvillage.org) to download this and previous issues and also find a host of other useful information about Coxwold, including local businesses, walks, transport, etc

COXWOLD VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS:

Coffee Morning (first Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 3rd July and 7th August**, 10.30 to 11.30am.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch (third Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 17th July and 21st August**, 12.00 to 1.00pm.

Bridge Club Every **Tuesday**, 7.30 to 9.30pm. We are now also running a beginners' bridge session at 4.30pm on Tuesday afternoons. Contact Anne on alegassicke@gmail.com or 868719 to join in.

Art Group Every **Monday**, 1.30 to 3.30pm. New members welcome! Join us as we draw and paint in various styles and media. For details, contact Anne on alegassicke@gmail.com or 868719.

Tapestry & Crafting Group Every **Monday**, 7.00 to 9.00pm (not school holidays). Bring your own sewing, knitting, or craft project or start a church kneeler. £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.

Yoga with Verity Every **Thursday**, 6.00 to 7.00pm. All abilities. Booking essential! For details, contact Verity on 07821 588117; anandiniyoga@hotmail.com; or www.anandiniyoga.co.uk.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Table Tennis Night: **Wednesday 17th July**, 7.00pm. The Village Hall has two excellent, but sorely under-used table tennis tables. If you are at all interested in playing, please come for some friendly ping-pong!

Olympic Games Opening Ceremony: **Friday 26th July**, 6.00pm. Bring your family and join your neighbours and friends for a French-themed Bring & Share Supper at the Village Hall. Make or buy something special to share... cheeses, pâté, charcuterie, or gateaux? The bar will be open and BBC coverage of the River Seine opening ceremony, featuring several thousand athletes, will be streamed.

OPEN GARDENS

This year's Hidden Gardens of Coxwold made a fantastic £3,035.98 in aid of St Michael's Church Coxwold and Asthma and Lung UK. Thank you to all those who opened their glorious gardens, donated prizes for the tombola, gave plants for the plant stall, helped serve teas in the Village Hall, manned the car park... etc. A grand effort!

If you didn't get your fill of fabulous gardens yet, there are still a few villages welcoming people to their gardens in July. For a full list of open gardens in Yorkshire, please see [www.opengardens.co.uk/ open_gardens_in_yorkshire.php](http://www.opengardens.co.uk/open_gardens_in_yorkshire.php).

PARISH COUNCIL

Dark Skies Initiative: Following on from an informative presentation on 20th June, the next step in Coxwold being accredited as a 'Dark Skies Friendly Village' will be an assessment of external lighting within the village in July. If you would like further information, please contact Simon on simon.le.gassicke@gmail.com.

Please see the village website for details of the next Parish Council meeting in September. Please consider becoming our clerk or getting involved in village matters as a councillor. We need you – guidance will be given, meetings are every other month and it's not too much effort!

SHANDY HALL

All welcome to the Carry Akroyd exhibition (see front cover). Shandy Hall Gardens are open from May to September, Wednesday to Sunday, and Bank Holidays 11.00am to 4.30pm (£4). Shandy Hall House opens by tour only May to September, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays 11.30am and 2.30pm (£10). Closed Mondays and Tuesdays, except Bank Holidays. To visit at other times or for any other queries, please contact Patrick or Chris on 868465 or info@laurencesternetrust.org.uk.

FLOWER POWER FAIRS

Make a note in your diaries for two opportunities to buy quality plants: **Sunday 7th July** Ganton Hall, Scarborough. Admission £4.00 (cash only) and **Bank Holiday Monday 26th August** at Newburgh Priory. Admission £5.00, card or cash payments (gardens, grounds and fair) 11.00am to 4.00pm. For further information see www.flowerpowerfairs.co.uk or contact: Judy Popley on 07730 859441.

GROUND-NESTING BEES

Bees not only need flowers, but also suitable places to build nests and provide for their young, especially ground-nesting species like the ivy mining bee and tawny bee. You can create spaces for these important pollinators by following the instructions given by the People's Trust for Endangered Species at <https://ptes.org/my-garden/how-to-make-a-habitat-for-ground-nesting-bees/>.

TWO NEW CAFES IN THE AREA

Gliders' Nest Café: Serving delicious home-cooked lunches, cakes and a selection of teas and coffee in the upstairs of the clubhouse, offering panoramic views of the gliders and beyond. All welcome! Open: Wednesdays to Sundays, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Ampleforth Abbey: A new tearoom is open at the Retreat and Visitor Centre in Alban Roe House. Open seven days a week, 10.00am to 5.00pm, except Good Friday.

LOST CAT

Contact the editor if you or someone you know is missing a large ginger tabby cat who is confused about his home. He is very vocal, but quite wary of humans, otherwise he seems in good health.

USEFUL CONTACTS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

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

Buses: Moorsbus - 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. Clerk - VACANT.

Coxwold Oil Cooperative: For more information and to join, contact Simon LG on 868719 or 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 on 868338.

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

Zephyr Jewellery: For 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. W: farmgatefarmshop.com.

Thornton's Bakehouse and Butchers: For handcrafted pork pies, pastries and quality local meats, contact John or Katie on 821666. www.thorntonsbakehouse.com.

Moonshine Ice Cream: For the latest flavours and information, see the website at www.moonshineicecream.co.uk. Order from Helen and Simon on 868864, info@moonshineicecream.co.uk.

Fauconberg Arms: For drinks, wholesome food and Sunday lunches, contact Annelies on 868214. www.fauconbergarms.com.

Potters Yard Coffee: Pop-up café, open when roadside signs are out. Contact Halima on pottersyardcoffee@gmail.com.

Rumah Home Gifts, Teas and B&B: For details of spring gifts, home ideas and opening times, please contact Liz on 868138.

Ironing Services: If your laundry's all crumpled and you're no fan of creases, Martina can help iron things out. £15 per hour. 07379 521362.