

COXWOLD NEWSLETTER March / April 2024



Books, Blooms and Bric-à-Brac
23rd and 24th March, 11.00am to 4.00pm
In the Gallery and Wild Garden at Shandy Hall

Shandy Hall Wild Garden has a wonderful display of spring flowers, including many varieties of daffodils. Before opening to the public in May there will be a special opening to view the daffodils, as well as a pop-up shop. This event is free of charge, but donations are always welcome. We regret that this event is accessible only via steps and a staircase. For details, please contact Patrick and Chris on 868465.

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Please send contributions by email to coxwoldnews@gmail.com
Last date for May / June copy: **Monday 15th April**
Lots more information, as well as current and past issues of the
Coxwold Newsletter, is available at: www.coxwoldvillage.org

COXWOLD VILLAGE HALL

REGULAR EVENTS:

Coffee Morning (first Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 6th March and 3rd April**, 10.30 to 11.30am.

Soup and Sandwich Lunch (third Wednesday of the month): **Wednesday 20th March and 17th April**, 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. Until **25th March** inclusive. £2.50 per session. New members are always welcome to join us as we draw and paint in a variety of styles and mediums. For details, email Anne Le Gassicke on alegassicke@gmail.com or phone 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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fifi La Mer - A Journey through French Music: **Friday 26th April**, 7.30pm.

Tickets: £10 for adults, £5 for children, available from Anne at alegassicke@gmail.com or on 868719, or from Rural Arts at www.ruralarts.org/whats-on/performances/a-journey-into-french-music-at-coxwold/. Let Fifi la Mer and Oliver Wilby transport you to the City of Light with their repertoire of musical gems, sharing the tales of mystery, romance and heartache that we so often associate with Paris. From Offenbach to Gainsbourg, the show features the dulcet tones of Fifi on accordion and voice, and the talents of Oliver on clarinet, saxophone, and accordion.

JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to everyone who donated clothing, books and bric-à-brac, and to those who helped set up and sell on the day. Thanks to your generosity, you helped raise £698 in aid of St Michael's Church.

PARISH COUNCIL

We need new councillors and a clerk! The tasks are neither onerous nor time-consuming, so please consider volunteering to help. Our AGM will be held on

Tuesday, 23rd April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. Please come along, hear what's happening and get involved in your village!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE WHATSAPP GROUP

For assistance in times of trouble, please join the WhatsApp group by sending your details to [chris t lee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chris_t_lee@yahoo.co.uk) or 07542 169100. Please only use the group for urgent requests, alerts or important information.

COXWOLD TENNIS CLUB

Our coming season launches with an American Tournament on **Sunday 7th April**. This season will be more about coaching and social tennis rather than league competitions. Do join us!

COXWOLD BUSES

In addition to the 31X Helmsley-York service, did you know about the service 59 that runs between Coxwold and Thirsk on Mondays and Fridays? For details, visit <https://northyorkstravel.info/timetable/59sep23.pdf> or the village website www.coxwoldvillage.org/index.php/coxwold-news-and-information/bus-timetables.

SHANDY HALL

Four months of repairs and refurbishments to Shandy Hall's north and east sides have now been completed, thanks to a grant from the DCMS and Arts Council England, and the skillful and considerate work of Pinnacle Conservation Ltd. We look forward to sharing the lovely old building with visitors when we reopen in May. Before then, please join us at **Books, Blooms and Bric-à-Brac** on **Saturday 23rd** and **Sunday 24th March** (see front cover).

In an illustrated talk **Hidden treasures: recent discoveries at Shandy Hall**, at Husthwaite Village Hall on **Wednesday 20th March**, 7.30pm, Chris Pearson will reveal some of what the recent building works uncovered. Generally known for being the former home of 18th century writer Laurence Sterne, Shandy Hall has been a lived-in house for 600 years, and traces of its history and evidence of former residents are still emerging.

EXCELLENT BIRD IDENTIFIER APP

Merlin Bird ID from Cornell University can identify birds from song recorded on a smartphone. It produces a real-time list of species with images. You can then compare them with other confirmed recordings and get tips on how to identify them. Download the app from Apple App Store or Google Play.

Coxwold Newsletter in digital format

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coxwoldnews@gmail.com.

Alternatively, this and previous issues can be downloaded from the Coxwold website www.coxwoldvillage.org.

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 or phone 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 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 email s.gatenby@btinternet.com.

Zephyr Jewellery: For beautiful sustainable sea glass jewellery call 07805 117174; social media: @zephyrjewellery.

Farm Gate Farm Shop: For free-range meats, fruit, veg, etc. contact Steve or Christine on 07759 609106, or visit farmgatefarmshop.com.

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

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