

Coxwold Playing Field Association Report to the Parish Council

Committee members last year were myself, Paul Turner as treasurer, Elaine Wilmot as secretary, Christina Mcghie, Chris Robinson as church representative, Sandra Kirkham, Syd Tune, Simon Le Gassicke as parish council representative and Paul Wilmot. Paul Wilmot has now resigned from the committee and we are pleased to welcome Simon Rheinberg and Kenny Wheeler.

John Brack has continued to keep the field and now that he has repaired the old gang mower we can already see the improvement. Our tractor is still being stored at Keith Burns Farm as John Brack does not wish to use it. We need to make a decision on what is to be done about it. The drain, which was causing flooding in the field has now been fitted with a manhole cover, thanks to the Parish council for sorting this. Philip Frith continues to maintain the area around the tennis courts.

The play equipment was ROSPA inspected and there were no major causes for concern. Maintenance and regular checks of the equipment have taken place.

Our main focus this year has been getting our new kitchen. Following grant applications, fundraising and quotes, Cowlings builders were awarded the contract in January to carry out building works to create a larger kitchen and a new room above following the removal of the chimney. Simon Le Gassicke project managed this with a sub committee. Many villagers assisted in preparing for the work and have helped with cleaning up. We would like to thank anyone who has given their time and energy to this project. We would also like to thank the parish council who applied for the planning permission for the removal of the chimney and have been supportive of the changes. There are a few minor details still to attend to but we are delighted with the result and can surely boast one of the best village hall kitchens in the area. As well as the kitchen now being a safe and pleasurable space for us to work in we hope it will attract more external bookings, helping to make the hall more sustainable for the village. We hope you will be able to join us at a bring and share celebration lunch on Sunday 19th May at noon.

Fundraising activities ~~this year~~ have included a Quiz Night, Bellas Cantos Choir, Bridge with Afternoon Tea the Apple Fest, Christmas Brunch and Holy Moly and the Crackers. Thank you to everyone who worked to make these a success.

Regular activities in the hall have been Coffee mornings, Soup and Sandwich lunches lunches, Bridge and Art groups, Photo Shop Group, and the Coxwold Local History Society. Thank you to all who organize these activities. The hall has also been hired weekly by Verity Rheinberg for Yoga Classes and recently monthly by Katie Turner for the Coxwold Monthly Market.

We had a fun day watching Harry and Megans wedding and celebrating with a mini wedding cake and games.

The Coxwold Local History Society purchased a new screen and projector stand for the hall.

Adam King did his Duke of Edinburgh Award, service to the community, with us and helped out both at events and with general cleaning.

Once again Thank you to the Parish Council for your support this year.