

CPFA AGM Chairperson's Report April 2025

Thank you for coming this evening.

We sadly lost Kenny Wheeler from the committee, Kenny was always willing and able to take on a variety of tasks, including maintenance, running the tombola and carparking. Matt Guy has also resigned.

We have made some improvements to the children's playground including reinstating steps up to the slide and added a fence around the perimeter to keep children and cars separated. The finance for the fence was generously donated. An application for funding to resurface areas under play equipment was unsuccessful, the quoted cost of this was £10,000. Two working days at the play area brought young parents together for work and a shared lunch.

After much discussion we have a one-way system around the car park and most people seem to follow this.

John Brack has retired from mowing the field and Keith Burns has taken the job on.

Paul Turner, Sandra Kirkham and I have painted the committee room, there is still a bit of finishing off to do and then we will hang the framed prints of Local History Society posters.

A Nest system has been installed which allows us to control the heating and hot water from our phones and we have had new taps fitted in the outside toilets.

Ryedale Folk Caravan Club and Elldis Owners Caravan Club have used the field for Rallies.

Film nights have been well attended and with the bar open before and during the interval have been sociable and profitable occasions, thank you to Jill Sample, Mark Milligan and Paul Turner for organising these.

The Bridge Club has recovered numbers to pre Covid levels and now regularly has 20 or more players. The Tapestry group has now become an Art and Craft group with people bringing their own projects. Thanks to Jill Sample for running this. The Art Group folded with no one wanting to take on the lead of it. A weekly table tennis club on Wednesday evenings started in July which adds to the regular bookings. Verity Rheinberg continues to hire the hall weekly for Thursday Yoga classes and annually for a day retreat. Hall bookings for parties and meetings have increased.

We continue to hold the monthly Coffee Mornings and Soup and Sandwich lunches, with around 20 people attending each.

With the help of villagers, we have catered for Cyclists' Sunday and Open Gardens. These are a source of income for the hall.

We had a bring and share supper for the opening of the Olympics.

We have had two Rural Arts On Tour performances, Fi Fi la Mer and Ruth Lyon, both with good audience numbers.

The children had a Halloween and Christmas Party, both run by Matt and Becky Guy who have agreed to do the same again this year.

We hosted the Inter Village Quiz with 13 teams entering, thank you to those that set the questions. Fish and Chips from White Horse Cafe Thirsk were an easy way to feed the crowd.

The Apple Fest this year was catered for by Henry Bird who butchered a whole pig from Wass Farm Shop and provided an excellent meal.

Our Christmas Brunch was well attended and bought the usual compliments to the chefs.

Coxwold Amateur Dramatic Society [CADS] put on The Strawberry Birthmark, an excellent musical farce.

The hall was broken into on the night after open gardens although only £40 cash which was locked in a safe was taken, they caused considerable mess and damage to the loft room door and ripped the safe from the wall. Following this we have installed high-definition wide angle cameras for which we pay £50 annually to store the data from.

The hall floor was worn and dusty and was refurbished in March.

I would like to welcome Joy Watmough to the committee and thank all of the other members for their contributions throughout the year.

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