

# Happy Easter

## Coxhoe Chronicle

*Connecting the Community*

March 2016

### Listening to our young people, and delivering their aspirations

Our Children and Young People's Services Co-ordinator Amanda has been building upon the research from Investing In Children to identify Young People's aspirations.

In order to implement some of these aspirations Coxhoe Parish Council has submitted a funding application to East Durham Rural Corridor AAP to:

- Recruit additional youth workers to support Friday sessions at Quarrington Hill
- Recruit additional youth workers to re-instate the popular Friday night youth sessions at the Active Life Centre at Coxhoe
- Provide team building for the Youth Forums for both villages
- Involve young people in a local community project



We'll hopefully hear the result of the application in March so keep your fingers crossed!

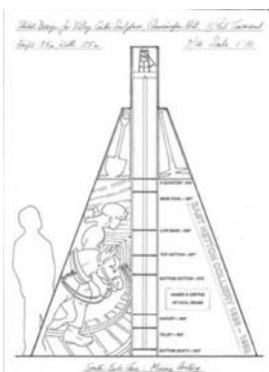


**Youth Services to be cut?** Some less welcome news is that Durham County Council as part of another £130m of cuts imposed by central Government by 2020, are proposing to cut £3.2m from youth services and re-focus their support around families. This will inevitably lead to a withdrawal of Youth Activity provision by DCC in our villages and probably by April 2017.

### A Secure Future for Youth provision in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill

The DCC cuts decision has speeded up the need for Coxhoe Parish Council to decide how we respond to protect and re-shape existing provision. Looking forward and assuming a complete pull out by DCC from April 2017 Coxhoe Parish Council have agreed to commit a further £10,150 to employ youth workers from April 2017 to continue to deliver sessions on a Monday and Friday at Quarrington Hill Community and at Active Life Centre on a Wednesday and Friday & review location of the Tuesday session. This is in addition to the money already committed to the ongoing employment of the Youth Co-ordinator.

This is good news as it will ensure the continuation of youth sessions in both villages. This is only the start of our aspirations for young people as we will continue to talk to young people and develop services and activities that they want to take part in.



**Easter Saturday Unveiling** - It's been a long time coming but it is now on its way. Coxhoe Parish Council is delighted, that subject to the weather, the first sculpture will be publicly unveiled in the Centre of Quarrington Hill on Easter Saturday at 11:00 by Jan Blakey Chair of the County Council. The design has evolved in discussion with residents into what we are sure you'll agree is a unique and beautiful tribute to Quarrington Hill's heritage and that the finished product has been worth waiting for and does Quarrington Hill proud. It is hoped to have a Colliery Band and local Miners' Banners to help make the occasion memorable. Also heritage materials will be on display and some light refreshments for the community to enjoy in the Quarrington Hill Community Centre Opposite. We hope to see Quarrington Hill residents there. More details will follow on your notice board.



Delivering Quality Services to  
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

**Kingswood** - We are delighted that agreement has now been reached for the transfer of all of Kingswood to Coxhoe Parish Council on a 30-year lease. A promise we made to residents of Quarrington Hill. We are delighted that so many of them are doing what we asked them to do by getting involved in Kingswood Community Partnership and taking on day to day maintenance of the wood by the community. (see page 3)

**Coxhoe Primary School Extension** - Planning permission was granted last month for 3 new classrooms to be built by DCC for use from September 2016. This is because Coxhoe Primary is full and in recognition of the additional number of children that will arrive as a result of planning applications already approved. This did not take into account the recent approvals of Phase 3 of The Limes (55 houses) and Bogma Hall Farm (154 Houses) which together will lead to a further 60 primary school children. As it is estimated these 3 new classrooms will be already have been filled by other developments the developers of these two most sites recent have been obliged to contribute £70,000 and £275,000 respectively to DCC for yet more primary school places.

**Highways update** - Following on from our public meeting early last year, and as a result of strong support from residents, Durham County Council has designed and is introducing a scheme within days to hopefully deter continued abuse of the No Entry restrictions outside Coxhoe Primary School. When the building works to the school are completed your County Councillors are also going to fund the site compound area outside the school on the A177 being turned into a drop off / pick up lay by for the school to ease congestion as a result of additional pupils, and a scheme to make Green Crescent a no through road.



**New Schools?** - As you may have seen on our Facebook site and in the Durham Advertiser questions are being asked about whether our schools can cope with any more development. Coxhoe School is full and Bowburn is rapidly approaching capacity, so with even more housing planned for Parkhill and Integra 61 Coxhoe we and Cassop-cum-Quarrington Parish Council have been asking where are all of these children are going to go and isn't it time for another/new school to serve the area? We have also raised the issue of a secondary school too.

**Parking Issues** - Final DCC statutory consultations are now under way and proposals to introduce a two hour waiting limit on the Front Street in Coxhoe and new restrictions on Co-Operative Terrace and Sanderson Street are likely to be introduced towards Easter if the proposals are agreed.



**Doctors** - The practice already has a growing list size and with increasing patient numbers due to housing developments in the area, it will experience considerable strain on appointments resulting in longer waiting times and a decreased level of service. The Practice would seek to recruit more manpower (nurses/doctors), but this cannot be guaranteed. The current surgery building would be overstretched despite an extension in 2012 because a new surgery was not approved in 2010. Our GPs have also objected to many of the recent planning applications. Coxhoe Parish Council has lobbied DCC, the planners and CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) for the need for a new surgery and they are supportive. We will work with our GPs to identify potential locations and support them in bidding for central funds from NHS England for capital funding. We are sure there'll be a lot of discussion of this at the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Event 9 April.

**Neighbourhood Plan** - As you can see from the supplement issued with this Chronicle, we are moving forward with our first engagement session **9th April 09:15 at the Village Hall**. You will be given a real opportunity to influence how our villages change and the services available in them develop. Do you care about schools, doctors, leisure, traffic and housing where you live? Come and have your say on what develops for the next 10-15 years. You can make a difference!

**Clerk** - We are sorry to say that our Clerk Geoff Price will be leaving us by September. We will therefore be reviewing our requirements and recruiting before he leaves us to ensure continuity. Watch our website, Facebook and Twitter for developments.

Residents are more than welcome to come along to Parish Council meetings at 7 pm on the first Wednesday of each month to let us know their views or you can contact your local Parish Councillors as below:

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Tony Plews	0191 3779852	tony.plews@hotmail.com
Kay Simpson	0191 3778826	kaycpc15@btinternet.com
Colin Thirlaway	0191 3772596	cthirlaway@btinternet.com

Our clerk Geoff Price is usually available most days during working hours and is based at Coxhoe Village Hall. You can contact us on **07988 283287** or by email at **clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk** or

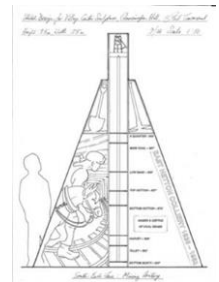
**facebook** Coxhoe Parish Council  
or  
**twitter** @CoxhoePCouncil

**Keeping the Villages Green** - By the time you are reading this the consultation process will have been completed and the conveyancing process for Coxhoe Parish Council to take ownership of the village greens in Coxhoe and the greens opposite Quarrington Hill Community Centre, the Quarrington Hill Allotments and several green strips at the Parkhill end of Coxhoe with the intention of keeping as much open green space as possible in our villages. It has taken a long time but we are nearly there with our commitment to Keep our villages green.

**Youth Work** - As part of a further £130 million cuts imposed on Durham County Council by the Government by 2020, a consultation is being conducted on withdrawing current youth work provision. This would inevitably lead to ending of all youth work in our villages. Coxhoe Parish Council is therefore making cuts across our budgets, so that the Parish Council is in a position to recruit a team of Youth workers to continue provision in Quarrington Hill and Coxhoe, from April 2017 but delivering the youth provision that our young people want.

**Active Life Centre Improvements** - Work will start in mid-March to re-surface the hall floor, and so the building will be closed for a week, but it is hoped to screen off the Gym area for the duration of the works and keep this area open. Upgraded Toilet facilities will also be installed soon.

**Quarrington Hill Regeneration Scheme** - It's been a long time coming but it is now only days away. The Parish Council now have the funds, planning permission, land owners consent, the foundations are in, the sculpture is sculpted and the central sculpture should arrive on site at the end of March (weather permitting), and official transfer of the land to the Parish Council should happen within weeks. Thanks to all of the residents who took part in the consultations and have come along to meetings. It's been one frustration after another but we are sure you'll agree that the finished product has been worth waiting for and does Quarrington Hill proud. We are still working on the planting scheme and we are still awaiting land owners consent for the two on the outer edges of the village from Durham County Homes and are working on funding applications to complete this final part of the scheme.



**Coxhoe Village Hall Sustainability** - To give reassurance to the Management Committee and ensure ongoing support from the Parish Council, The Village Hall Committee is to Transfer the Freehold of the Village Hall to the Council and then the Council will immediately grant a 999-year lease back to the Management Committee. This arrangement maintains full control of the building for the Village Hall Committee, but the strict covenants on the Council to always maintain the premises as a Village Hall for the Committee, tie the Parish Council into long term successful existence of the Village Hall.

**Notice Boards** - Coxhoe now has one of the new style Parish Council Noticeboards, like the one in Quarrington Hill. It is hoped that more noticeboards will appear soon around the village as a result of a Coxhoe Community Partnership bid to Awards for All, and also new signposts around the village.

## Quarrington Hill Allotments

March will see a flurry of activity in Quarrington Hill allotments. As we've told you before Coxhoe Parish Council have been trying to acquire extra land to provide the additional plots the residents of Quarrington Hill told us they wanted in PP2. We have acquired the land at the far end of the allotments but the cost of clearing it and transforming were daunting. Tarmac have very kindly offered to help us out. At the beginning of March they will be on site clearing the land, bringing in topsoil, fencing the



extension and planting the perimeter. This is brilliant news and will mean we can accommodate some of the people on our waiting list. This contribution from Tarmac left us with just the old allotment site to sort out and the fence, which has lasted thirty years, is now derelict. CPC have been successful in our bid to DCC's 'Delivering Differently' scheme to purchase the fence and allotment holders have volunteered to erect it. That work should also be completed in March which means a much needed improvement to that whole area in the near future. Kingswood Community Partnership have helped us in securing that funding by accepting responsibility to tidy and care for the allotment road. They have already done a big tidy up and, with plans for renovation and planting, the improvement to that entire area will be complete. True partnership working has brought over £20,000 worth of improvements to QH Allotments and allowed more people to enjoy an allotment.



It's been a hectic three years since the new management group took over responsibility for the Village Hall.

Much progress has been made and the Hall is now refurbished and redecorated, warm and inviting, a hive of activity and financially viable.

Since the Village Hall opened in 1932 it has been owned and managed by the community. To safeguard its future ownership will be transferred into the safe hand of Coxhoe Parish Council. The building will be leased to the Management Group to enable them to continue to develop the building and activities.

Why not join our group or become a 'friend of the village hall'?

## **YOUR HALL NEEDS YOU!**

### **Volunteers are urgently needed to help manage Coxhoe Village Hall**

If you are interested & would like to know more about how you could help & make a real difference to our local community

**Please come along to an informal meeting on Wednesday 23rd March at 7pm**



**COXHOE  
VILLAGE  
HALL**

Coxhoe Village Hall, Front Street East,  
Coxhoe, Co. Durham DH64DB

***You're invited!***

## **COXHOE VILLAGE HALL OPEN DAY!**

**Saturday 19th March  
9am - 1pm**

See the transformation & the rooms & facilities available for your events!

Try out some of the regular activities on offer!

Meet with 'Friends of the Village Hall' & find out how you can join us!

See our plans for improvements to the building & give your views!

Come & tell us what other activities you would like to enjoy at the Village Hall

*Plus visit the Craft Fair in the main hall to see lots of local traders!*

**COXHOE  
VILLAGE  
HALL**

To ensure that the Hall provides facilities fit for 21st Century activities there is still a need for building improvements.

A plan has now been produced to provide space for the much requested lift to the first floor, a heritage centre and extra activities, new toilet facilities and storage.

**We invite you to ..**

**OPEN DAY**

**Saturday 19th March**

**AN INFORMAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 23rd March**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING...**

**Tuesday 12th April 7pm.**



**Coxhoe Village Hall**  
would like to invite you to our  
**Easter Fayre & Open Day**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016**  
9am - 1pm

**Why not come along, there's something for all the family?**

For more details or to hold a stall at the Fayre visit our website or contact Sue / Claire at [claire.anderson.cvh@gmail.com](mailto:claire.anderson.cvh@gmail.com) or telephone 07902572259 for a chat.

**THE CHILI GUMBO SOUL CLUB**  
A NIGHT OF NORTHERN SOUL & SIXTIES RNB

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**  
**7PM 'TIL LATE - £3 OTD**  
*3 DJs spinnin' hot stompers & floor fillers*  
**AT COXHOE VILLAGE HALL**  
FRONT STREET EAST, COXHOE, CO. DURHAM. DH64DB TEL: 07834856452

Coxhoe Village Hall is now a vibrant venue with a wide variety of activities and events. Unfortunately at times our users cannot find car parking space.

We politely remind all that the adjacent car park is owned by the Village Hall and primarily for users of the Hall.

Co-op customer parking can be found behind the village hall car park - accessed via the mini roundabout and Petterson Dale.

Visitors and shoppers are welcome to use the car park for short stays but there is a growing problem of cars being left all day while owners catch buses to other places.

To solve this problem a 4 hour parking time limit will be introduced.

**Coming soon!!!** Krav Maga will be coming to Coxhoe Village Hall to deliver a free seminar Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm - 3pm. Come along if you're interested in joining this group which will be a regular activity from March 2016.



A fine heritage venue with

- \* Beautiful sprung dance floor,
  - \* Good quality acoustics
  - \* High level stage
  - \* Bar facilities
  - \* Kitchen facilities
  - \* Warm and welcoming
- Perfect for all occasions



We offer very competitive rates for the hire of our rooms for activities, meetings, parties, weddings, christenings, and other special occasions.

For latest news, activities and events see our notice boards and improved website [www.coxhoevillagehall.com](http://www.coxhoevillagehall.com)



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## Kingswood Community Partnership

The months of talking about Kings Wood are drawing to a close. We expect to take over the care and management of Kings Wood from the allotments in Quarrington Hill down to the edge of Kelloe by early April. This means we can finally start doing something! We have visited the countryside rangers base in Hardwick park to see and understand the equipment we will need to at least get us started and with the monies we received from 'Delivering Differently' our first batch of equipment is on order. We have 64 volunteers from across Quarrington Hill and Kelloe and ambitious plans for Kings Wood. We were successful in our application to the Woodland Trust for a free tree pack and we are busy organising our first event to plant the 105 trees which will be arriving in early March. We are inviting the local schools, our fledgling junior rangers and all residents to come along, join in or help on March 12th. If you haven't already signed up for this then you'll still be very welcome, just ring Carole on 3771315.

The tree planting is just the first of the many events and activities we are inviting you to attend:

### Official Launch

On 14th May we will be having our formal launch event with full ribbon cutting and lots more, There will be the opportunity for young and old alike to build a bat or bird box, explore the woods, join in activities & buy refreshments.

### Consultation event in April

Kings Wood is a major feature of the entrance to Quarrington Hill from Coxhoe and many residents have expressed concern about how it looks. We want to transform that entrance and need to hear your ideas and then agree on how we want it to look. We will be delivering leaflets in advance of an event in April so take part and we can make it an entrance to be proud of.

### Britain in Bloom

As we work to improve the environment we will always be looking to future improvements so we are joining Britain in Bloom to seek recognition for the efforts of residents and again we will be seeking your views.

### Volunteering

If you haven't already, then why not think about volunteering. We get plenty of fresh air, have a laugh and learn new skills—it's great!

#### You can help in all sorts of ways:-

- \* Fundraising—contact Jackie or Susan on 07854665116
- \* Organising activities—contact Eric 3771288
- \* Help with Junior Countryside rangers—contact Carole 3771315
- \* Join the work force and help put plans into action—contact Michael 3771315
- \* Join the Britain in Bloom team—ring Carole 3771315
- \* Join the committee—contact Eric 3771288
- \* Or contact any of us for more information.
- \* Watch the notice board for dates and information or follow us on Facebook at Kingswood Community Partnership.
- \* Oh and look out for us in Durham County News in March and you'll see that even in the pouring rain we manage to have a laugh!

**Most of all we have succeeded in protecting this lovely area for the foreseeable future so please just continue to value and enjoy it .**



## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH COXHOE

**WIVES' GROUP** 7.00 to 9.00pm

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> May

**SHOPPERS' SERVICE** 10.00 to 10.30am

Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 4th June

**WIVES' GROUP COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday, 12th March, at 9.45am

**'LIFT HIGH THE CROSS'** (Easter Musical)

Sunday, 20th March, 10.45 to 11.30am

**MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION**

Thursday, 24th March, at 7.00pm

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

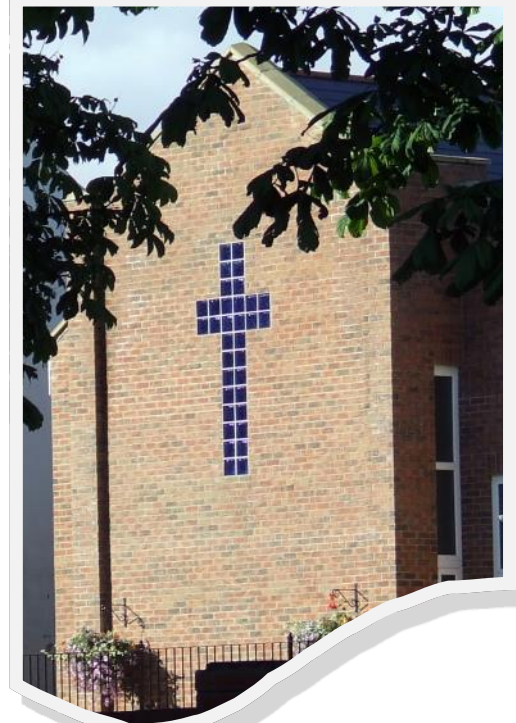
Friday, 25th March, at 10.30am

**EASTER DAY HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday, 27th March, at 10.45am

**CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT**

Monday, 9th May, at 7.00pm Tickets £4.00



## ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH COXHOE

**Weekday Masses - Thursday and Saturday at 9.00am**

**Vigil Mass - Saturday at 6.00pm**

**Latin Mass each Thursday at 12.00 Noon** (unless otherwise informed) followed by Coffee Afternoon.

### Masses in Holy Week

**Holy Thursday – 7.00pm**

**Good Friday – 3.00pm**

**Easter Saturday – 6.00pm**



## ST. MARY'S CHURCH COXHOE

Services are **usually** held:

**Sung Communion**

Sundays at 9.15 am

**Holy Communion**

Tuesdays at 9.30 am

(1st and 5th Sunday Services are at 11.00 am)

**Maundy Thursday** 7:00pm

**Easter Sunday** 9:15am





# Coxhoe Community Partnership

Working to make Coxhoe a better place



## Partnership future in doubt? Your help is needed!

Fears are starting to grow that Coxhoe Community Partnership may not have a long term future due to lack of volunteers. The Partnership is a true partnership of volunteers working alongside both County and Parish Councillors to help make Coxhoe a better place. While Councillors continue to be very active in the Partnership the numbers of volunteers has significantly dropped.

Ian Forster, who has been Chair of the Partnership for the last four years said. 'The Partnership is crucially important for Coxhoe. Since it came into being in 1998 it has secured well over £1 million worth of grants for the Villages. It has been able to access grants that the current Councils have not been able to as they have been community led schemes. We are down to around three or four community volunteers at the moment. Other members, particularly Parish Councillors, have taken on significant roles in helping to save the Leisure Centre and Village Hall. Undertaking additional partnership work on top of their current commitments may not be sustainable. Without new members I am sorry to say that the long term future of the Partnership may well be in some doubt'.



Coxhoe needs you to get involved. If you want to see Coxhoe become a better place and you have ideas about how that can be achieved then you can help. A little of your time could make a big difference.

**Please come along to our meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm in the Village Hall.**

**Other Partnership News** - The Partnership undertook a litter pick on 27<sup>th</sup> February. This was advertised in the Chronicle in December and on the community website and Parish social media. The next litter picks are planned on Tuesday 22nd March 17.45 - 19.00 Tuesday 26th April 17.45 - 19.00 and Tuesday 31st May 17.45 - 19.00 and your help would be appreciated. Please contact Muriel on 07821 658324 or email her on [murielburton235@btinternet.com](mailto:murielburton235@btinternet.com)

**Funding application submitted** - The Partnership has submitted a funding application for traditional directional signage in the village. It carried out a public consultation on the scheme in September 2014. We expect to hear in March if we have been successful.

**Annual General Meeting** - Our AGM will take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in Coxhoe Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

 <h2>COXHOE LOCAL HISTORY GROUP</h2>	
<p><b>Meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of the month 7pm at Coxhoe Village Hall <b>All Welcome</b></b></p> <p><b>Meetings are relaxed and friendly with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* A varied programme provided by guest speakers.</li> <li>* 'Tea and Talk' sessions with time to reminisce and share the latest research</li> <li>* The latest 'finds' on display e.g. photos and research</li> </ul>	
<p><b>March 10<sup>th</sup> :</b> 'Past Owner/Occupiers of Coxhoe Manor and their connections to historic events'</p>	<p><b>April 14<sup>nd</sup> :</b> 'The Glory Years of Amateur Football' By Durham Amateur Football Trust</p>
<p><b>May 12<sup>th</sup> :</b> 'The Victorians' presentation by Glynn Wales</p>	<p><b>June 9<sup>th</sup> :</b> Coxhoe's Bygone Shops - sharing photographs and memories</p>
<p><b>Visit our website : <a href="http://www.coxhoehistory.org.uk">www.coxhoehistory.org.uk</a></b></p>	
<p><b>Contact Jack Turton, Chair : 0191 3770771 or Barbara Leo, Secretary : email <a href="mailto:barbaraleo88@googlemail.com">barbaraleo88@googlemail.com</a></b></p>	





## Volunteer Training Corps (World War I) Coxhoe's 'Dad's Army'



After WW1 had been declared in August 1914, there was an immediate demand for a means of service for those men who were over military age or engaged in important occupations. Combined with the perceived risk of a German invasion, this resulted in the spontaneous formation of illegal "town guards" and volunteer defence associations around the country, often organised by former Regular Army or Volunteer Force officers. Membership of the Corps was only open to those who had "genuine reasons" for not enlisting in the regular armed forces.

Researching the newspaper archives at County Hall we discovered information about Coxhoe's Dad's Army..

### 19<sup>th</sup> February 1915 : Coxhoe Rifle Club

Mr A Brighthouse presided over a good attendance at the annual meeting of this club held on the Rifle Range, Coxhoe...  
A proposal had been made that a branch of the National Defence League should be commenced in connection with the club. ...

### 26th March 1915 Coxhoe District Voluntary Training Corps

Owing to the stormy weather, there was only a small attendance at the meeting held in the Literary Institute, Coxhoe on Thursday night, to arrange for the formation of Voluntary Training Corps in the district.



Mr John Wood, JP Coxhoe Hall, presided, and it was arranged that a Corps be formed, drilling to take place regularly, also training in shooting on Coxhoe Rifle Club's miniature range. ...



Coxhoe Rifle Club—Albert Brighthouse back row 3rd from right. Albert was manager of Steetley Works.

They marched around the villages ...

### June 11<sup>th</sup> 1915

Continued progress is being made in connection with this corps which now has a membership of 50 the members displaying eagerness to become proficient in infantry drill in addition to practising shooting on Coxhoe Rifle Clubs range.

### Volunteer Force Proficiency Badge



### 17<sup>th</sup> Novem-

### ber 1916 Volunteer Concert at Coxhoe

In aid of the equipment fund of Coxhoe and District Department of the 3<sup>rd</sup> battalion of Durham County Volunteer Regiment, a most successful concert was given on Thursday night last in the Electric Theatre, Coxhoe, (now the Gem Café) the use of which, together with the lighting scenic effects etc. were kindly granted free by the proprietor, Mr Gordon Gray, through his local manager Mr James Bailey.

Units had to be financially self-supporting and members had to provide their own uniforms, local Territorial Army Associations were asked to supply a few "DP" rifles, which were dummy weapons intended for "Drill Purposes".

The force was sometimes ridiculed by the public; there were jokes that the "GR" on their armbands stood for "George's Wrecks", "Grandpa's Regiment", "Genuine Relics", "Gorgeous Wrecks" or "Government Rejects"

By 1918, there were 285,000 Volunteers, 101,000 of whom had been directed to the Corps by the Tribunals.

It officially disbanded in January 1920

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1920 Volunteer Supper

A reunion of former members of Coxhoe Detachment of Durham County Volunteers was held at the Victoria Inn, Comforth Lane, when a company numbering about forty, including many who had been on active service, enjoyed an excellent supper, tastefully prepared and served by the hostess, Mrs Eddon.... The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, a tribute was paid, silently, to those who had fallen.

### 21<sup>st</sup> May 1915 Church Parade at Cassop

Members of Coxhoe and District Volunteer Training Corps held a parade at Cassop Parish Church, 32 members taking part accompanied by the commandant of the corps, Mr. John Wood J.P. and Instructor Jas. Wills. The boy scouts of Coxhoe, Cornforth and Kelloe also took part in the parade, the procession attracting much attention and praise ...

... and joined in community events ...

### 16<sup>th</sup> July 1915 Cricket: Coxhoe Ladies Ambulance Class versus V.T. Corps.

On Coxhoe ground on Wednesday night, before a large attendance on behalf of the Ambulance Class and Voluntary Training Corps funds. Coxhoe Brass Band offered selections of music.

The gentlemen, who batted with shafts, were confined to the use of left hands only.

### Voluntary Training Corps

W.F. Robson bowled Miss Bell 1  
N.G. Bell bowled Miss Robinson 9  
F Widdas caught and bowled Miss Bell 0  
C. Jackman bowled Miss Robinson 0  
J Ramsay bowled Miss Robinson 2  
T. Smart not out 6  
Jas. Bailey bowled Miss Robinson 0  
G. Fawell stumped Miss Robinson 3  
J. Heron run out  
J. Wood bowled Miss Fawell 1  
Extras 4  
Total 26



# What's On...

at the Active Life Centre @Coxhoe



Linden Grove, Coxhoe,

Durham. DH6 4DW

Tel: 0191 377 1789

www.activelifecoxhoe.co.uk



## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE...

Come along and get involved in one of our activities including:

- ⇒ Zumba—Mondays & Thursdays @ 1pm
- ⇒ Pilates—Wednesdays @ 6pm
- ⇒ Walking Football—Mondays & Thursdays @ 2pm
- ⇒ Badminton—Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 9:30am
- ⇒ BODYCOMBAT™ - Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6pm, Sundays @ 9:45am
- ⇒ Table Tennis—Wednesdays @ 8pm
- ⇒ Iyengar Yoga—Thursdays @ 7:45pm
- ⇒ Youth Table Tennis—Fridays @ 5pm

Prices start from £2.50

## NOTICE OF

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FUTURE LEISURE IN COXHOE (FLIC)

Registered Charity: 1145037

Tuesday 22 March

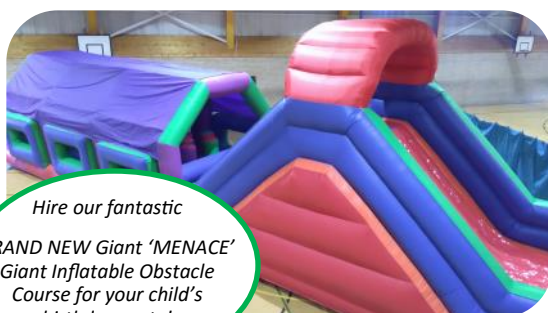


## SPORTS HALL FLOOR & REFURBISHED TOILETS

Thanks to grant funding and donations the Active Life Centre will be getting the Sports Hall floor resurfaced and relined—to look like new, as well as refurbishment of our men's and women's toilet facilities.

## Children's Birthday Parties

at the



Hire our fantastic  
**BRAND NEW Giant 'MENACE'**  
Giant Inflatable Obstacle  
Course for your child's  
birthday party!

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Active Life Centre is managed by a local charity? We greatly appreciate your continued support of this valuable community resource. Your participation and visits keeps your Centre open.



## EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

29 March-8 April For ages 4-11

Why not bring your children along to one or more of our fun and healthy activities days - 'Glitzy Dance Party', 'Football Camp', 'Arts, Crafts & The Menace', and 'Fun Stuff & Games', All activities days run from 10am-3pm for only £15 per day. Contact us for more details and to book a space.

## SPRING Membership SPECIAL!

It's time to get a jumpstart on the warmer months!  
Get fit and feel healthy this spring  
and **JOIN NOW** with our  
fantastic special offer.

- Fully equipped Fitness Centre & Free Weights Room
- Functional Training Gym
- Over 25 classes per week...including X-Biking, Body Combat, Total Body Conditioning, Yoga, Fitsteps & much more!

Our fully qualified and friendly staff are waiting to help you get started!

Membership must start before 31 March 2016

This offer is only available to customers who have not had an Active Life membership within the past 6 months.

£40

6 weeks

UNLIMITED  
Gym & Class  
Membership



EARN A FREE  
1 MONTH  
MEMBERSHIP  
by exercising and  
building up  
'Active Life FitPoints'  
(and get fit tool)  
Speak to a member of staff  
for more information.

Come and see  
**WHAT'S ON OFFER**  
at the Active Life  
Centre

BRING THIS COUPON FOR

ONE **FREE** Gym Visit  
or to try  
any Exercise Class!

Coupon expires 30 April 2016. One coupon per family



## Can we 'bag' your help?

Towards the end of 2015 we applied to the **Tesco 'Bags of Help initiative'** for a grant to help us build a Fitness Track around our school field.

We are pleased to be able to announce that we have been selected as 1 of 3 community groups in the area to receive a grant.

This is really exciting news as it will enable us to build an all-weather running track with fixed outdoor fitness equipment around the perimeter of our school field. The track will give us all year round access to the field (currently we cannot use the field for about 80% of the year due to water-logging!) in order to develop both our fitness and a healthy life style.

We also hope that once the track is in place we will be able to have regular weekend 'Family fun runs' and activities so that the whole family can join our healthier, fitter lifestyle campaign.



## What happens next? Well, this is where we need your help!

The Bags of Help initiative gives Tesco customers the opportunity to vote for their favourite project out of the three projects offered support in their area that will benefit green spaces local to their store.

Stores taking part in the vote will be supplied with a voting unit and customers will be given a token, with every transaction, to vote for their preferred community project over the course of a nine-day period, from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2016 until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

At the end of the voting period, the votes will be counted and we will be awarded 1 of 3 project grants – either for £12,000, £10,000 or £8,000 – depending on the number of votes our project secures. The money for these grants are funded by the 5p plastic bag charge paid by customers shopping at Tesco stores.

Please support us by shopping at Tesco between the 27<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> March and using the token given to you following your transaction to nominate the 'Coxhoe Fitness track'. The more support we receive then the larger the grant and the better the Fitness track we can create.

Follow the link to find out more about the scheme: [www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp](http://www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp)



**Junior Education** – Earlier this year, Cassop started the Junior Ed program. First came a visit from the lovable Police-dog duo, Jet and Ben. Every child was taught how to be safe when they're out and about. Every Thursday a new visitor arrives and some are very mysterious and unexpected. (*Jodie - Year 6*)

Then on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January Year 6 experienced something very incredible they met Bessie and Billie. They are two badgers that sadly didn't look both ways when crossing the road. We got to touch them and learn lots about them/ the classes' favourite

part was getting to hold the smaller animals like a weasel. Sadly over thousands of badgers get hurt in traffic accidents alone in just one year. (*Bailey - Year 6*)

In other sessions the children have also learnt about the dangerous effects of energy drinks. In the session they saw how many tea-spoons of sugar and how much caffeine were added to familiar energy drinks and the effect it can have on a young person.



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Future Leisure in Coxhoe (FLiC)  
Tuesday 22 March 2016 7.00pm  
At the Active Life Centre**

We need additional Directors. If you would like details or offer your time as a volunteer please leave your details

Representatives from Harbour Peterlee Refuge also visited. During the sessions they explained that a women's refuge provides emergency temporary accommodation and support services to women and children who are affected by domestic abuse and homelessness.

The children have also learned about looking after the environment and the impact that dog fouling and littering can have on a neighbourhood.

## Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill Young People's Page

*I've been very busy the last few months talking to children and young people in both villages and getting questionnaires completed to find out what you like about the activities that take place at the moment, what you would like to change and what additional ones you would like.*



*I've also been working with the Playgroup to improve what's on offer.*

**Amanda**  
Young People's Co-ordinator



### Coxhoe Village Hall

Monday - Cubs 5-7pm  
Scouts 7pm-9pm

Tuesday - Beavers 5pm -7pm

### Help with Dog Poo!

Young people have said they want to help deal with this issue. To bring attention to the dog poo problem in Coxhoe we are to do some poo marking with a stencil and spray paint!

Interested? Children and their parent(s) Please meet at Coxhoe Village Hall 11am on Saturday 19th March.



**Clean after your dog**  
**Keep our village clean**

### Youth Forums

Are you aged between 12 and 19?

Have ideas about what should happen in your village?

Then join our Youth Forum.  
Contact Amanda, details below.

### Quarrington Hill Community Centre

Monday Night Youth Club age 13 to 19 from 4.30 to 6pm  
Friday Night Youth Club age 7 to 11 from 4.30 to 6pm

### Young Persons Drop-in Sessions

Coxhoe Village Hall  
Wednesdays 3.30 to 6pm  
Starting 13<sup>th</sup> April

### Coxhoe – Active Life Centre (13-19 years)

Tuesday - Girls Group 7 till 8.30pm  
Wednesday - Mixed Youth Club 7pm until 8.30pm

### How to contact me:

I am in the village hall most Mondays from 10am onwards so if you would like to drop in to speak to me then feel free or contact me on 0744 303 6233 email: [amanda@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:amanda@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Find us on 'Coxhoe young people' and 'Quarrington Hill young people'