



Coxhoe Chronicle



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Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill Parish Plan 2 Draft for Consultation

Saturday 7th July 2012 10.00am to 1.00pm Coxhoe Village Hall - Side Room 1



The Parish Council has now approved a **Draft Plan for Consultation** and commences a six week consultation period on the 30th June 2012. A summary document and response sheet has been delivered with this edition of the Chronicle. A full copy of the Draft Plan, which sets out the reasons for the proposals, is available on the Coxhoe Parish Council Community website at www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council is again providing an opportunity for you to get involved and comment on the Plan before consideration is given to its adoption in September this year. To help the process we have manned exhibitions in both villages. An unmanned exhibition will then be on display at the Active Life Centre for the following two weeks.

**Plus ... consultation on plans for 'Coxhoe Village Green' and 'Notice Board and Signage' projects
Your chance to get involved and have your say in your community !**

An added attraction to the above event

'The History of Cornforth and Coxhoe Co-operative Society Ltd.'
presented by Coxhoe History Group—Side Room 2

There will be a £1 entry fee to the room for History Group funds.

Did your relative work at Coxhoe Co-op? Do you have memories of the Co-op? If so we'd love to hear about it. Please give us a ring or email—contact information on page 7.



'It's Up 2 U ' Community Event

21st July from 10.00am - 2.00pm : at the Active Life Centre@ Coxhoe

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (AAP) is offering grants of £300 to £3,000 through the It's Up 2 U Scheme. Groups hoping to receive a share of the £60,000 will display their projects at this event and visitors will vote for their favourites.

Applications have been submitted by Coxhoe groups.

Be sure to come along and support our community projects. More information inside....

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COXHOE UNITED
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funday

Come and join in the fun as Coxhoe Utd's Boys and Girls compete in their annual tournament

Saturday 23rd
June 2012
9.00am 'til 4.30pm

Sunday 24th
June 2012
9.00am 'til 4.30pm

Venue: Football Pitch near Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe

stalls include

- Home Cooked Pies and Cakes
- Sweet Stall
- Hotdogs & Refreshments
- Ice Cream Van
- Inflatables (incl. wrecking ball)

everyone's invited!

There's
lots
happening
throughout
the
summer.
Give
local
events
your
support



Coxhoe Primary School Strawberry Fair

Saturday 30th June 10am - 2 pm

Entertainment for all the family

Kicking off with a Penalty Shoot Out with former Sunderland player Martin Gray

Music, Redwatch Fire Brigade and Police Car

Fitness displays, Archery, Hook a Duck, Coconut Shy, Crazy Sand, Adopt a Bear, Bouncy Castles

Relax with a cup of tea and strawberry cream scone/bowl of fresh strawberries or Belisimo's Hot foot.

There's something for everyone
so come along, join in the fun
and help your local school!

Working Together for Coxhoe

Coxhoe Parish Plan 2 highlighted 'Community Buildings' as the major village issue in future years. Durham County Council Community Buildings review confirms that Landsdowne House is no longer due for investment.

The results of the Village Appraisal showed that both the Leisure Centre and Village Hall are highly valued.

235 returns confirmed support for the Leisure Centre to stay open.

225 returns confirmed support for the Village Hall to stay open.

Good progress is already being made.

The Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe has made excellent progress as you'll see from the enclosed leaflet.

A tremendous contribution of £9,800 match funding from the community attracted £68,000 from East Durham Leader and by the time you receive this edition the work to create two extra activities rooms should be complete. Photos show before and work in progress with entrance door now in it's new position and awaiting the installation of windows.



Coxhoe Village Hall also needs support from the community. The building was built by the community for the community, has always been and still is owned by the community. It has in the past received small annual grants from Durham County Council but these will not be guaranteed in the future.

Discussions at the Parish Plan 2 Working Group meeting recognised there was a big job to do at the Village Hall. Groups using Landsdowne House have decided all decided to investigate relocating to the Village Hall when the building can provide the facilities needed.

On 1st May members of the Parish Council and Community Partnership attended the Village Hall Management Committee meeting along with Barbara Hind from Durham Rural Community Council. The meeting was positive and it was agreed that:



- The gap between income and expenditure needs to be filled
- Overheads need to be reduced eg solar power, more efficient heating
- Facilities need updating to provide activities for the 21st century
- There is a need to increase usage and the range of activities
- A business plan/development plan is required.
- A steering group should be formed

Future meetings will include our two County Councillors, Maria Plews and Dennis Morgan, Jane Bellis from the AAP and representatives from the Parish Council and Coxhoe Community Partnership, . Barbara Hind from DRCC will continue to be closely involved. She said "Partnership working is the only way to go".

In its hey day the Village Hall was the base for a library, child welfare services, a thriving 'Over 60's Club to name just a few but one by one these have been re-allocated or run out of steam.

Do you have any suggestions for new activities?

Are there any services the community needs which could be delivered at the Village Hall?

Are there facilities the village does not have which could be provided?

If you have any suggestions bring please them to the Village Hall on Thursday 31st May 7pm



The opening of Coxhoe' Village Hall in 1932 by Miss Maud Wood of Coxhoe Hall

'It's Up 2 U' Community Event

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East Durham Rural Corridor
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Groups hoping to receive a share of the £60,000 will display market place displays at the **Active Life Centre@ Coxhoe on 21st July from 10.00am - 2.00pm.**

The scheme aims to support community projects based on its priorities - activities for children and young people, community spirit and aspirations/ support for the voluntary and community sector and employment and job prospects.

Jane Bellis, AAP Co-ordinator, said: Participatory Budgeting enables local people to have a say on how public money should be spent in their area to help tackle local priorities.

As well as being able to vote on which projects should receive funds, attendees will also be able to browse various other stalls on previous projects, meet the Apprentices funded by the AAP and take part in sporting activities. Tidy Ted will also be around to promote the message of stop littering, a community litter pick will take place around the park area and children will be able to pot marigolds (the official flower of the Olympics) to take home.

Various other activities will also be going on so please come along to vote and have some fun!!!!

For further details, please contact :

Jane Bellis, AAP Co-ordinator on 07818 510373 or at jane.bellis@durham.gov.uk.

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership

Coxhoe Medical Practice NEWS BULLETIN

Appointments: 0191 377 0340



Extended Late Appointments

Late appointments are now available at the surgery one night a week. Appointments will be available from 6.05pm up to 7pm and can be booked with a GP and Practice Nurse up to two weeks ahead. The Nurses will be unable to do any blood test appointments on the late evenings due to Pathology collection service, but will carry out any other procedures.

It is hoped these late appointments will be beneficial to those patients who have difficulty taking time off from their work commitments.

If you require a late appointment please ask the receptionist about the late surgery.



Building Extension

You may already be aware that the surgery is building a new two room extension to the present building and this will give us a new Consultation room and Nurse Treatment room.

The building work is on schedule and it is hoped to be completed (weather permitting) by the beginning of June.

On behalf of everyone at the surgery we thank you for your patience and apologise for any disturbance the building work may have caused you.

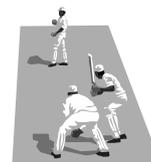
Bank Holiday

The next bank holiday will be Monday 4th June and Tuesday 5th June 2012 and the surgery will be closed from 5.30pm Friday 1st June until Wednesday 6th June. Please remember to order your medications a little earlier if they are due in this week.

If you require urgent medical assistance when the surgery is closed please ring the free phone number **111**.

Website : www.coxhoemedicalpractice.co.uk

In the last issue we publicised an appeal from Coxhoe Cricket Club.



We hope it continues to flourish as it has been part of our community life for 140 years since the John Wood XI introduced the game on a pitch between Coxhoe Bridge Station and Coxhoe Mill.

Coxhoe History enthusiast Ronnie Taylor, a former Cricket Club Celebrity himself, has supplied us with some interesting snippets to promote discussion and enthusiasm for the game.

11th May 1940: Coxhoe v Bowburn

Coxhoe 51 Bowburn 27

Charlie Mulgrew 3 for 21

George Allison 5 for 4

14th May 1940: Dean Bank v Coxhoe

Coxhoe 68 Dean Bank 45

George Allison 8 for 24

George Allison was probably Coxhoe's finest cricketer. He played for them before and for a short time during WW2. A colliery blacksmith, Allison was tall and well built and he performed well for Dean and Chapter after the war (102 wickets in 1949) and for Wheatley Hill as pro. He later returned to Coxhoe whose headquarters were the Victoria Pub and no social evening was complete without George singing 'Frankie and Johnny'.

Coxhoe United's Fun Day

A celebration of football and community spirit for all the family.

Following on from success in previous years Coxhoe United are again celebrating the commitment and dedication of all of its players, coaching staff, committee members, supporters and volunteers with family fun days / tournament on the 23rd & 24th June, 2012. The venue is the football field near the Active Life Centre @ Coxhoe and the Coxhoe Utd teams playing each day are as follows;

Saturday 23rd June - 7 a-side

Five groups of 4 teams battle it out. Games will be played for 10 minutes each way with 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw. Leagues will consist of 4 teams with 3 games played. Winners will be team with most points. If drawn then goal difference will take effect.

| Team | Kick Off Times | | |
|--|----------------|-------|-------|
| Under 11's | 09:00 | 10:15 | 11:30 |
| Under 13's | 09:25 | 10:40 | 11:55 |
| Under 14 Girls | 09:50 | 11:05 | 12:20 |
| Neil McGee Memorial Game 13:00 – 14:00 | | | |
| Under 15's | 14:05 | 14:55 | 15:45 |
| Under 16 Girls | 14:30 | 15:20 | 16:10 |

Sunday 24th June - 7 a-side

Games will be played for 10 minutes each way with, except for Tots & U8's Development, with 3 points for a win and 1 for a draw. Leagues will consist of 4 teams with 3 games played. Winners will be team with most points. If drawn then goal difference will take effect

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Tots | 09:00 | 10:15 | 11:30 |
| Under 8's Development | 09:25 | 10:40 | 11:55 |
| Under 8's | 09:50 | 11:05 | 12:20 |
| Under 9's | 13:00 | 13:50 | 14:40 |
| Under 10's | 13:25 | 14:15 | 15:05 |

Everyone is invited with stalls and attractions for the young and old. From the fantastic inflatables to cake stalls selling delicious home made produce, a tuck shop, and refreshments including tea, coffee, hotdogs and ice cream and if the preceding years are anything to go by a real celebratory atmosphere should be the order of the weekend.

We look forward to seeing you there!



COXHOE UNITED
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A great day out for all the family including the Bupa Great North Run Show

Every runner receives t-shirt, medal, chip timing and finishers pack

Mini & Junior

Great North Run 2012

We had the biggest team of runners last year and we want it to be even BIGGER! THIS YEAR

Contact: Kathryn Griffiths Tel 0191 3772190, email ajg@andkg.fsnet.co.uk

Coxhoe Utd Enters Junior and Mini North Run Again!

The kids show the adults how it's done!

Entries for the UK's biggest and best junior running event BUPA Junior and Mini Great North Run are now open. The event takes place on Saturday 15th September 2012 on Newcastle Gateshead Quayside and Coxhoe United would like to invite all their team players and supporters to once again participate in this amazing event.

Over 5,000 young runners of all abilities took part in the event in 2011 and it was Coxhoe United again who had the largest group of runners on the day.

We have had children participating in this event for the past four years and every year it is going from strength to strength. This year Coxhoe United want to make the 2012 Mini and Junior Run even bigger and better than previous years so if you are interested in a day to remember for all the family then lace up your running shoes and get training.

Any Questions or queries? please contact::

Fundraising Chairman: Michael Vasey Tel 0191 3778019, email: mivasey@aol.com

Fundraising Administrator for this event: Kathryn Griffiths Tel 0191 3772190, email ajg@andkg.fsnet.co.uk

What are you waiting for?

Don't miss out on this well organized event, we would love to have you on our running team and enjoy the day with your family and friends there will undoubtedly be a great atmosphere on the quayside, watch your child come over the finish line on the big screen and don't forget your autograph books as there will be plenty of celebrities to spot.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support.



1989 Season: Former Kelloe lad, now sometime resident of Coxhoe, Bobby Orton, showed no mercy on Coxhoe when bowling for Kimblesworth. He destroyed Coxhoe taking 10 wickets for 20 runs. Nine were clean bowled, five with successive balls, seven got ducks, six were bowled first ball.



World Wide Work

The Year 4 children from Coxhoe Primary School have launched our exciting new link with a school in Sri Lanka. Visitors from schools in Sri Lanka held an informative question and answer session so that the children could find out more about their country. The children first explored the school and village of Weeraketiya, before tracking their way across the map.

Olympic Opportunity

Our Year 6 teacher, Miss Thompson, will shortly be departing to officiate at the Olympics. She will be the youngest swimming official at the games! We took the opportunity to ask our teacher about her feelings and expectations ahead of the prestigious event.

Where did your love for swimming first start?

I used to swim for South Tyneside Swimming Club so long ago I hate to remember. Unfortunately, at the age of fourteen I developed a back injury which put my swimming career on hold. As I still wanted to be involved in swimming it was then that I became interested in the duties of an official. I also wanted to be able to give something back to the sport.

What does the role of a swimming official entail?

There are various roles that I may be asked to undertake at the games such as: turn judge, stroke judge, electronic referee and call room supervisor. You have to be experienced and prepared to take on any role.

How are you feeling about going to the Olympics?

Obviously I am very excited about being able to be part of such a phenomenal event. I also feel very honoured to have been selected. It will be the opportunity of a lifetime and I hope that the British swimmers will bring home the gold medals!



Miss Thompson leaves for the Olympics at the end of July. We are all looking forward to her coming back to tell us all about her experience. We all wish her the best of luck and we will be following her every movement on the television.

Then the challenge was set! The children in Year 4 worked incredibly hard on a project to find ways to protect our environment with a focus on recycling and saving energy. Getting their hands dirty with a rubbish 'dig', they found out just what is being thrown away in school. This inspired them to raise funds to buy recycling bins for plastic bottles, which were currently increasing the amount of waste we send to landfill. Their fund raising project involved lots of discussion, letter writing, research and power point presentation. The cake sale was a huge success and raised the necessary funds and more!



The new recycling bins have arrived in school and the children are currently designing logos to promote the use of the bins in school. We are so proud of their hard work and dedication - the children really made this project happen!

"I am very much looking forward to visiting our link school in Sri Lanka to see the hard work that is taking place there. I plan to video link so that I can keep the children up to date on my adventures!"

Miss Brough, Mrs Jefferson and Miss Nattrass

Jubilee joy at Coxhoe

We are really excited about our upcoming Jubilee celebrations which will be our golden time treat at the end of this half term. In the morning, each class will be finding out more about the queen herself and enjoying craft activities. We will be kicking off our street party with delicious tea time treats made by our fabulous cooks here at school - in the midst of bunting and balloons of course. This will be followed by traditional sports day events around the field - egg and spoon race, sack race, obstacle course and a potato race. The party will be finished off with the presentation of a commemorative gift for each child.

Mrs Bartle

Coxhoe Banner Group



This year Durham Miners Gala will take place on Saturday 14th July. As usual the Eve of Gala Band Concert will be held at Coxhoe Workingmens Club on Friday 13th July. Tickets will be available approximately 3 weeks prior to the event from the Banner Group Committee on a first come first served basis.

Despite attending a number of meetings regarding the holding of a parade in our community we have had no confirmation that we will be allowed to hold our street parade on the morning of the gala. If a road closure order is granted notices will be displayed.

The Banner Group Committee thank the community and business people of Coxhoe for their support through out the year. We hope the parade goes ahead and may the sun shine on us all.

"How Times Change!" : Hannah Keaveny's memories



Hannah Keaveny, aged 90, remains a sprightly lady with a lively mind and sharp memory. A devout Christian, she is a regular attender at St. Joseph's Church and has visited Lourdes every year from the year 2000 and hopes to be selected to return again this year.

She was born at Kelloe where her father John mined coal at East Hetton Colliery. Grandfather Robert Beamson was 'in one of the Yorkshire regiments and killed in the Somme'. Robert's brother John Beamson was on the 'Coxhoe Store' committee.

Hannah moved in 1929 to 32 Long Row, Coxhoe – houses built to accommodate the large influx of mine workers into Coxhoe. Hannah's early years were spent at Kelloe school but from aged 8-11 years she attended Coxhoe C.E. School close to St. Mary's Church. She sat 'The Scholarship' at 11 years, an extremely difficult examination in two parts, Hannah 'passed the first half but failed the second'. Only two children from Coxhoe were successful. Those who were often travelled to the Alderman Wraith School, Spennymoor. There were few places for local children. Hannah then transferred to Cornforth Lane School for 11-14 years where she was placed in the 'Higher Tops' class.



*John Keaveny back row second from the left.
He lost an eye in action in France in WW1.*

Many young ladies worked in-service as Housemaids, Kitchen maids, Nannies etc. Hannah worked in-service for 6 or 7 years – first at Newbury and later at Harrogate. She had her own quarters and was treated very well. 'I've worked for the rich and my own class and I can honestly say the rich were better and kinder to me'.

By 1945, aged 24 years she commenced work at Coxhoe Post Office. It was in the same premises as it is today but as can be seen on the photographs it had two doors at one time.



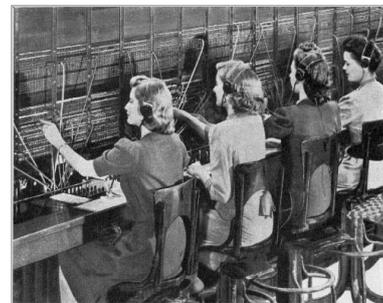
A previous postmaster had been Mr. Robinson, known as 'Pot Tom' because he sold pottery but in her time the postmaster was Mr. George Hall.

The Post Office was very different in those days with a telephone exchange as well as sorting office. Two sisters named Gavin operated the exchange with Hannah working shifts including night time 9pm – 9am. They also sorted the post for the area. Staff were: Mr. And Mrs. Hall, the Gavin sisters and Hannah. Postmen were Billy Etherington and George Webb. The Post Office was later centralised and the sorting office moved to Ferryhill.

Hannah delivered telegrams in the area for a wage of £1 per week. Many telegrams were delivered on foot to local people but Mr. Hall had a car to deliver those further afield. .

Hannah worked 15 years at Coxhoe Post Office for George Hall and the last two years for Harry Hammond. In her early forties she obtained a position at Claypath Post Office on the counter and she did relief work throughout County Durham for two years. She then worked for the National Savings until she was 60 years.

Hannah has many memories. Her grandfather Brian Keaveny moved to this area from Ireland and kept the Anchor Inn, now the last two cottages at the southern end of The Pottery. Before the First World War a Bulldog ornament stood in the window of the pub in full view of passersby. Migrants or 'tramps' as Hannah calls them would seek money, food or drink and on finding Brian Keaveny to be a generous man word was soon transmitted around the area that the pub with the Bulldog was a lucrative port of call. Before long Mr. Keaveny had to find a new less visible location for the bulldog!



A 1950's telephone exchange



She recalls the Annual Sunday School trip would go to Redcar from Coxhoe Bridge Station. At Ferryhill they were joined by children from All Saint's Church and they proceeded together to Redcar.

"How times change" says Hannah. "There used to be two bus loads from Kelloe to Coxhoe Church. We all have more money and people are better off but the comradeship isn't the same. Helping one another was important to survive the war – I'm not sure we would now. We can go days without seeing anyone".

Hannah remembers regular weekend walks around Coxhoe Hall. "The pathways were black with people, mainly couples walking around the hall. They even came from Trimdon". She recalls her friend Annie McKeag coming back from a walk one night and declaring "I've met the man I'm going to marry!". His name was John Watson, a butcher from Trimdon. She stuck to that pledge, duly married him but sadly the marriage was brief as he was killed in action in World War 2.

Hannah's memories mirror the development of Coxhoe as an industrial community. Family movement from Ireland, female employment opportunities, a decline in religious participation can all be clearly observed from this tiny snapshot of Coxhoe's social history as seen through the life and times of Hannah Keaveny.



The programme of activities at the March meeting included the Annual General Meeting. Chairman Jack Turton reported :

'We are now in our 5th year as a group and continue to make good progress. I think we can be proud of the legacy we are leaving this village for future generations to enjoy—involvement in the School Centenary celebrations and the War Memorial Garden project, the Heritage Trail within the churchyard, the History Day we held last year that helped to raise vital funds for the Village Hall Association and the Calendar we produced,

The busy website receives many visits from all over the world and requests for help with family research. The group hosts many good speakers. They are the biggest outlay for any history group and very few offer their services free of charge. It's the membership through their regular attendance that pays for them along with any fund raising we are able to do. A big thank you to all who work and research so hard.'

Financially, the £2 per meeting charge taken over 11 months has covered the cost of speakers leaving a balance of £119 to help cover research costs which have included reference books, photocopying, purchase of maps, a binder to produce booklets, files, copying paper and other archiving materials. We now have a well organised Archive.

The Exhibition in June was very successful but financially, because entry fees were donated to the Village Hall resulted in a small loss of £8, the raffle covering most of the cost of materials needed for the display;

Our challenge for the next year is to cover the cost of rent. Previously the room was provided free of charge to community groups by Durham City Council but Durham County Council will charge £5 per hour from April 2012.

Meetings are held on 2nd Thursday of the month 7 pm at Landsdowne Community Room : £2 inc Tea/biscuit. All welcome.

On Thursday 12th July Wyn Colman, Peter Lee's Granddaughter will talk about 'The Life and Times of Peter Lee'

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**25th May 1953: Coxhoe II v Sieman's Sieman's total 5 runs Coxhoe II 8 for 0 wickets
Bowling: Eltringham 4 wickets 0 Billy Barron 5 wickets 1 run**

MEET THE TEAM - Behind the Scenes at Coxhoe Chemists.



Coxhoe Chemists stands in a prominent location wrapped around what locals know as 'Chemist's Corner'.

While we all use the shop to varying degrees we wonder how much we appreciate the planning, organisation and expertise that lies behind the blue doors?

Janet Burrell, senior pharmacist, provides us with an insight into the running of this essential part of Coxhoe life.

Most of the residents of Coxhoe and surrounding villages visit the pharmacy at some time or another, but have you ever wondered just what all those busy people do, and why some people seem to work in one area of the pharmacy and some in others. I hope this brief guide to the team is both of interest and informative.

If you come in through the bottom doors you enter a place where everything from shampoo to fancy goods is sold. All members of staff can work down here and we have a Saturday girl, currently Chloe.

But if you enter through the top doors it is another world. A professional world subject to rigorous standards and legislation. Usually the first people you meet are the Medicines Counter Assistants (MCAs) (Bev R, Bev N, Jayne and Wendy) these ladies have all completed a Medicines Counter Assistants Course during which time they learn about selling over the counter medicines and the regulations for taking in and giving out prescriptions. The course lasts approximately 6 months and is distance learning and in the pharmacy.

On receipt of your prescription it is put in a basket and handed to a member of the dispensary team. I have a number of Dispensing Assistants (Anne, Jeanette, Julie W, Tracy and Sandra) all of whom have done further training to become Dispensing Assistants. Their course which also lasts 6 months involves learning about dispensing, pharmacy law, computer records and stock management. Unless they are dispensary trained or are undergoing training no one is allowed to work in the dispensary. All the dispensers are also MCAs. If they wish to further their training and responsibilities training to Pharmacy technician level is available.



Pharmacy Technicians complete a 2 year course and cover topics such as actions and uses of drugs, formulation of medicines, pharmacy law and dispensing. Claire is our pharmacy technician. Leading on from this is the Accuracy Checking Technician (ACT) course. This involves 6 months further training and the ability to check over 1,000 items without missing an error and doing a rigorous external exam. Julie L is my ACT. Pharmacy Technicians are regulated by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) and they have to complete a certain amount of continuing education each year.

You may have noticed that we also seem to have had a number of young people who stay with us for a year. They are pre-registration pharmacists. This means they have completed their pharmacy degree and need to gain experience in the workplace under the supervision of an experienced pharmacist. At the end of their year they sit registration exams and subject to passing and a satisfactory report from their tutor are able to register with the GPhC as a pharmacist. Currently we have Vijaya who has qualified as a pharmacist in India, but who has had to undertake an additional course at Sunderland University before starting her pre-reg year with us. We have been truly international having had pre-reg from Ireland, Malaysia, Scotland and now India.

If you have your prescriptions delivered you will have met the two drivers, Joyce (mornings) and Malcolm (afternoons) Both of whom have to work to Standard Operating Procedures regarding the delivery of prescriptions as required by the GPhC. I'm sure you will join with me in saying they provide an invaluable, friendly and efficient service.

Finally there's me (Janet) I'm the pharmacist and also branch manager. I'm responsible for the safe and effective running of the pharmacy. Every prescription that leaves the pharmacy has to have been seen by myself (or a locum if I'm on leave) at some stage in the dispensing process. Pharmacists complete a 4 year degree course which covers all aspects of pharmacy as some Pharmacists go into the hospital service, industry or to the PCT.

I hope this has given a brief insight into the team, and if you'd like to know more about their roles Please ask them as I know they'd be only too pleased to tell you.

As the new Chair of the Coxhoe Community Partnership it gives me great pleasure in presenting a summary of the Partnerships Annual Report for 2011/2012. We have had another very busy year. We are now in our 17th year and continue to strive to make Coxhoe a better place in which to live and work. While we only have a small number of Members, by involving ourselves in the village and wider district we still help influence positive developments in the community. Partnership working is often slow in delivery and most of the projects in which we have been involved are ongoing. Our Annual Report sets out our work and achievements over the last year and outlines how we are working to make Coxhoe a better place. While we have achieved a great deal we could do a lot more if more volunteers came forward to lend a helping hand with their time, skills, knowledge and ideas. This is what we've done this year:

Projects:

We have continued to drive the Limestone LinX Cycle and walkways project which will be completed by the summer and a re-arranged official launch will take place in early autumn.

In addition the Partnership has been working with the Groundwork Trust to link the project in with the wider Limestone Escarpments Project which is celebrating the existence of the escarpment which stretches from Sunderland down to Ferry Hill. In recognition of the value of the history of limestone escarpment the outer route of the Limestone LinX has been named the fossil trail to reflect the geological importance of the area.

We have been working closely with the Parish Council and others to undertake improvements to the village green as well as a notice boards and signage project

Volunteering

We have provided significant volunteer time and a financial contribution to FLiC to ensure that they were able to save the Leisure Centre from closure. A contribution of around £7,000 from the Partnership, £800 from local business and £2,000 from the Parish Council enabled us to provide matching funding for a successful grant bid to East Durham Leader for £68,00. £78,000 is now being used to undertake improvements to the new Active Life Centre @Coxhoe and assist in sustaining its future.

The Partnership received 600 bulbs from the East Durham AAP which it planted in October

Community Engagement

The Partnership has been a key driver of Parish Plan 2 taking a key role in helping to develop the household survey, co-ordinate and communicate results, engage in volunteer workshops and develop the draft plan for consultation approved by the Parish Council in April.

Coxhoe Community Partnership continues to drive and support The Youth Room located in the Active Life Centre.

Communications

The Partnership has continued to produce the quarterly village newsletter, the Coxhoe Chronicle. Each edition has been packed with articles, information and advice. and is very grateful to the community this year for putting forward material and suggestions which have helped the Chronicle have its best yet editions.

A member of the Coxhoe Community Partnership is voluntary web administrator for this important community resource (www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk). You can find a full copy of our Annual Report on the Coxhoe Community Partnership page.

We would all like to say a big thank you to all our members and to those have helped us either financially or in-kind. We need more volunteers. Why not come and join us?. A little can mean a lot.

The next meeting will be Thursday 5th July 7pm at Landsdowne Community Room.

Limestone LinX opening—Our apologies that the opening event planned for May didn't go ahead. This was due to a delay in the completion of route work. It is hoped that this event will now take place in the Autumn.





Coxhoe Parish Council - Information Point

We are now entering the final stage of agreeing our second Parish Plan which reflects all the work in recent months with the communities in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill to ensure we have a plan that will direct and influence the work of the Parish Council and its partners in the coming months and years. There is lots more information in a supporting document to this edition of the Coxhoe Chronicle.

Delivering Quality Services to
Coxhoe & Quarrington Hill

Coxhoe lower and upper village greens

There will be a display of initial suggestions for the re development as community spaces of Coxhoe lower and upper village greens, in Coxhoe Village Hall on the 7th July 2012 from 10 am to 1 pm. This event will allow us to hear your thoughts on the initial suggestions and let us hear your ideas, information on Parish Plan 2 will also be on display. The Parish Council has established a working group to develop this project consisting of representatives from the Parish Council, Coxhoe Banner Group, Coxhoe History Group and Coxhoe Community Partnership, the group would warmly welcome any members of the community who would like to get involved in this exciting project. Please contact the Parish Clerk on 07988 283287, or at clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Community Buildings

Durham County Council (DCC) have now completed a community buildings review, this involved looking at the future of Landsdowne House at 64 Landsdowne Road and 9 Browns Close, in Coxhoe. The review consulted on these locations being dropped into an unlikely to invest category, which would mean no investment from DCC and closure unless the community was to take on ownership. DCC have now confirmed following completion of this review that Landsdowne House and 9 Browns Close will close unless the community takes ownership. The Parish Council together with Coxhoe Community Partnership is now looking at options for Landsdowne House following DCC decision.

As you may know Future Leisure in Coxhoe "FLiC" a brand new community group was set up by volunteers to prevent the closure of Coxhoe Leisure Centre, it successfully convinced DCC that it had the capacity and credibility to continue to run the facility. This was only possible with the support of the Parish Council and linked to the Parish Councils commitment to community facilities the Parish Council is also one of many groups now working with Coxhoe Village Hall to secure its future. If you would like to be involved in securing the future of the village hall details of how can be found elsewhere in this edition of the Coxhoe Chronicle.

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council will continue in 2012 to meet on the first Wednesday of the month, members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council meetings, they commence at 7.00 p.m in Landsdowne House, 64 Lansdowne Road, Coxhoe. Agendas for meetings are displayed in advance on the Parish Notice Boards, at Landsdowne House and on the web site (www.coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk). Minutes of the meetings are also displayed in these areas once they have been agreed.

At each Parish Council meeting there is a standard item to allow members of the public to raise issues with the Parish Council.

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Another new business for Coxhoe : The 'recycling' of Gatenby's store continues with the transformation of the television service department (in times past the Co-operative Cobblers department) into the Wabi-Sabi Academy. It provide Martial Arts, Self Defence, Health Qi Gong, Meditation facilities and an Asian Tea Room.



Make Your Nature Count



At this time of year, there's no better place to be than in your own back garden. The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing and the newly born wildlife are filling the air with snuffles and, tweets and chirps.

With so much going on, now is the perfect time to enjoy the sights and sounds and do your bit for nature by recording everything you see.

Conservation charity the RSPB is asking everyone to take part in its Make Your Nature Count wildlife survey, which runs from June 2 to June 10.



Although similar to its more well-known Big Garden Birdwatch, this survey not only asks you to count birds but also other wildlife such as hedgehogs, squirrels and deer.

Taking part in the survey will help the RSPB to build an important snapshot of summer wildlife in our gardens and find out which species are thriving and which might need our help.

Last year, 80,000 people took part in the survey across the UK and this year the RSPB is hoping for even more. In 2011, the survey revealed almost half of UK gardens had baby blackbirds and 33% had regular sightings of bats and frogs.

Further information about the survey can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount where an online survey form can be downloaded from June 2. Alternatively, a survey form can be also be ordered over the phone by calling 0300 456 8330 until June 6.

Coxhoe Village Hall

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| Parent/Toddler Playgroup 0-4 yrs | Mon-Thurs 9.30-11.15 am |
| Healthy Horizons Gentle Exercise for over 50's organised by Age Concern | Mondays 3.15-4.15 pm |
| Snooker Club | Monday 6-9 pm |
| Line Dancing | Monday 7-8 pm |
| Tea Dance | Tuesday 1.30-3.30pm |
| Ladies Club-Monthly | Tuesday 6.30-9 pm |
| 'Zumba' Fitness Class | Tues & Thurs 8.-9pm |
| Citizens Advice | 2nd Tues of the Month 2-3 pm |
| Applegarth Academy of Dance : | Wednesdays |
| 4.30-6 pm - 3-8 yrs ; classical sequence, Ballroom, latin, freestyle and rock and roll, all standards |  |
| 6-7 pm : 8 yrs plus ; classical sequence, ballroom and Latin | |
| 7-8pm : 8 years plus ; freestyle | |
| 8-9 pm : Adults ; Adult classical sequence, ballroom and latin | |
| Slimming World | Wed. 6-8 pm |
| Weight Watchers | Thursday 6.30-8 pm |
| Chantelle Knox Dance @ Class | Saturday 10am -12 noon |

-for bookings/enquiries Tel. 0191 3772261



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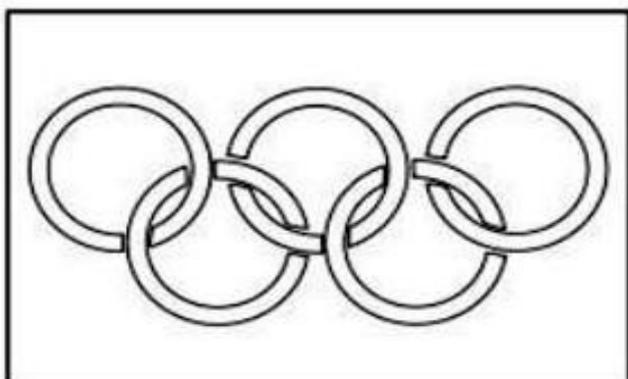
An Afternoon Concert

Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment featuring old time favourites to sing along to, nostalgic show tunes and operetta.

Wednesday 20th June, 2012
2:00pm

At the **Active Life Centre @Coxhoe**
(formerly Coxhoe Leisure Centre)
Linden Grove, Coxhoe, Durham DH6 4DW
Tel: 0191 377 1789

Tickets only £3
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Coxhoe Youth Room @ the Active Life Centre

The **Girls Group** took part in the Sport Relief Mile and Race for Life alongside young women from youth clubs across the county. Entrance fees were funded by Youth workers Joanne and Emma. The girls also participated in a 6 week cheerleading course with the Durham Divas cheerleaders from Durham University.

They have really enjoyed it and it contributed to fitness training for the running.

Members of the **Lads Group** have dramatically increased and they are enjoying sports such as Doddgeball and Kick Boxing.

They visited Flamingoland during the Easter holidays with members from the Bowburn group.

Plans to improve the youth room were developed two years ago but funding applications were unsuccessful because of the uncertainty about the long term future of the Leisure Centre. Undeterred youth room members still have aspirations on a smaller scale and have been busy preparing an application to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership. Their plans include



“Refurbishment of the kitchen – install a cooker donated by Flic along with hand washing facilities so that the kitchen conforms to Food Hygiene Standards. We would also like to buy a Toasted Sandwich Maker and Mini Fridge along with pans, mixing bowls etc.

This update will mean that we can do healthy eating and cookery lessons which we have wanted to do for a while. We want to do a food hygiene course so that we can cook things to sell which will then give us more money youth room activities and trips.

We would like some soft seating for one area of the youth room as we need a quiet area for socializing and ‘chilling out’.

Some of the equipment in the youth room is now very old and broken so we would like to buy Games for the PS3, Pool Cue’s and bar stools.

In some of the sessions we like to make and decorate things so we would like to buy materials so that we can do nail art, make jewellery and decorate mugs with ceramic pens. We can then sell these things at events to make money for the youth room. This will teach us business skills.

We would also like to organize a reward trip to London, this would give us a new experience, let us see more of our own country, encourage independence and provide stress relief. This trip would also help to break down barriers between different villages in the area.

We would do all of the planning, organizing and budgeting for the trip teaching us various skills.

We are going to do a litter pick in Coxhoe for the Parish Council, they are to pay us for this and the money will go towards the trips. We also want to bake some cakes during the summer and sell them in the park to raise some extra money.

All of these activities and trips will encourage new people to come to the youth room as they will see the benefits and find it interesting and rewarding.”

They’re busy organizing a display for the ‘It’s UP To U” AAP event and they’ll be there promoting their application. Be sure to come along to the event and support our young people by voting for their project!

Mixed Youthie: Wednesdays 7-8.30pm - Girls Group : Thursdays 7-9pm



only 50p a session



Olympic Sudoku

Every row, column and mini-grid must contain the letters

M E D A L S

Don't guess—use logic!

A javelin thrower called Vicky
Found the grip of her javelin sticky.
When it came to the throw
She couldn't let go
Making judging the distance quite tricky.



Who's the English shot put champion?
Eva Brick.

Joe Bloggs turned up for the Olympics
with some barbed wire under his
arm, and came third in the fencing.

