Cricket Ground progress - The Parish Council has already replaced the roof on the Pavilion and grants pending totalling £26,260 from the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP, Durham Community Trust and Durham FA to restore the grounds and pavilion and double the amount of public playing space in the village. Works will start soon to kill off the weeds, rotovate and re-seed the whole site, and install a new artificial cricket wicket. This will allow for multiple uses of the field, not just cricket, with a 7-a-side and 9-a-side football fields either side of the wicket. Alongside this local builder Ray Lawson will be completing refurbishment of the Pavilion with support from East Durham College. When the works are complete we will host a re-opening event to rename the facility as the 'Shaun Henderson Community Sports Ground' in memory of the recently deceased Secretary of the Coxhoe Cricket Club.

Coronavirus - Do you need, or can you offer, help? - If so please contact Coxhoe Parish Council. We will try to co-ordinate efforts across Quarrington Hill and Coxhoe to make sure vulnerable people are supported with shopping, prescriptions etc. by local volunteers they can trust, so that vulnerable people aren’t exposed to SCAMs. We are working with Coxhoe Village Hall and Quarrington Hill Community Centre. We will try to publish up to date advice on our Facebook and website pages, but if you aren’t online and for any advice, support or help you can phone the Parish Council on 07988 283287 or 0191 3773658. We will try our best to help as soon as possible. Whilst people may be isolated in their homes for a while we will try to make sure that they get the support they need and that they are safe in their homes knowing that their local community is standing by them. We will also try to make sure any support from the Government, Durham County Council or elsewhere reaches the people and businesses in our community who need it.

Slow progress at Quarrington Hill Churchyard - Following the public meeting 23 August, which 80 residents attended, a site visit around localised geological features around Cassop and Quarrington Hill was arranged with Local Geologist David Wigham, Tarmac’s Regional Geologist, about a dozen representatives from the Parochial Church Council and Diocese, ending up in the church yard. The good news was that despite the rich variety of geological issues found on the walk, none were found in the churchyard and initial views were that this was typical settlement in a churchyard of the area. There is movement of stones and ground movement, which is still of considerable concern to the Cassop-cum Quarrington Parochial Church Council and their insurers, and so to try to reassure them Tarmac made a generous offer to carry out a movement survey on the headstones and map the historical mine workings that have worked around the churchyard to hopefully confirm if this just typical settlement similar to other churchyards.

The Church Council may also commission an independent geological survey to doubly reassure them of risks and that it is safe to allow residents to access the churchyard. Coxhoe Parish Council have agreed to jointly fund this survey, because we understand just how much this means to residents of Quarrington Hill who can’t currently pay respects to their deceased relatives. Sadly, it will take a while longer to measure and evaluate the results and so the Church Council’s request for people not to access the churchyard will remain in place for a while longer, but hopefully not too long. As soon as there is news we will let you know.
Parish Council meetings are usually held at 6:30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month. These are cancelled until further notice. The Council will continue to work for you. You can contact your local Parish Councillors as set out below to let us know your views or issues.

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- **Telephone**: 0746 857 1545
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- **Contact our Clerk Claire** on 07988 283 287 or by email clerk@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Contact our Admin Officer** by email angela.searle@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Contact our Youth Worker** on 07403 765 269 or by email lan@coxhoeparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Admin Officer - Welcome to Angela Searle, our new Administrative Officer who will be working with our Clerk. Angela has years of experience working in Admin roles and will provide invaluable support to our Clerk. She started working at the Village Hall at the beginning of March. We wish Karen Williams our former Admin Officer well, you'll still see her around as she is continuing to work for Coxhoe Village Hall.

Your County Councillors

**Cllr Jan Blakey**
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**Cllr Stuart Dunn**
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**Cllr Maura McKeon**
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Councillors Dunn and McKeon will not be holding monthly surgeries for residents during the Coronavirus Pandemic. We will let you know when these re-commence.
Linden Grove Planning Application - Despite the Parish Council and local County Councillors opposing demolition of the garages, the Planning Authority approved the principle of building on the site and adjoining land. No approval was given for any development and representations that townhouses would be inappropriate for the site, and overcrowd the adjoining bungalows seemed to be accepted. It is to be hoped that any application for the site that comes forward would only be for bungalows, which residents of the area have said may be appropriate.

Coxhoe Christmas Tree Lighting - Thanks to everyone who turned out and made it such a special evening. We are already working on how to make it even more enjoyable this year.

Basic Cottages - We have recently held meeting with residents from Basic Cottages and traders from the area to discuss environmental improvements at the end of the Village Green. They were keen to see parking and planting improved. Groundwork Trust engaged with residents to come up with an improved layout, and submitted a funding bid to deliver it. Sadly this was unsuccessful, but we will continue to work with residents and traders to deliver improvements.

Land adjoining Quarrington Hill Community Centre - We are seeking to Asset Transfer the land next to the Community Centre from DCC to the Parish Council, to maintain it as green space for use in conjunction with the Community Centre.

Kingswood - We had a walk around Kingswood with the ‘Durham Woodland Revival Team’. They reassured us that this young wood is maturing exactly as it should. Talks are progressing with DCC and Tarmac regarding provision of an alternative to the ‘Blue Route’ through the adjoining Crowtrees Nature Reserve that has been blocked off for some time by the land owner. This could also provide a much better route for horse riders to help prevent the side paths off the main path from being chewed up.

Anti Social Behaviour - You will probably be aware that in January there was a spate of fires and Anti-Social Behaviour across Coxhoe. The response from the community, young and old, to the request for information was fabulous, you made it clear you weren’t prepared to tolerate this. The response from the Police was prompt and effective, and as a result we are pleased that the problems quickly came to an end. With funding from the Parish Council and County Cllrs McKeon & Dunn the three plastic benches that nearly set light to the trees will be replaced with standard metal blue Parish Council style seats to eliminate future risk. We ask all of you to please report any further incidents to the Police immediately on 101 so that they can respond.

Parking - The new parking regulations on Coxhoe Front Street is having the desired effect of freeing up spaces for people to stop and shop. DCC’s Highways Committee approved a traffic regulation around the crossroads at Quarrington Hill in March to make it easier and for vehicle to turn at the junction. We are also seeking solutions to parking issues around both Coxhoe and Cassop Primary Schools.

Junction 61 - Completion of the works on the motorway roundabout by DCC have been delayed until April, but when complete the works should make getting onto the roundabout from Parkhill and Bowburn considerably quicker and safer as all of the junctions will be traffic light controlled. Additionally pedestrian crossings from Parkhill to Bowburn or the Services will all be pelican crossings.

The Old School site - Unfortunately news of potential funding for a new Doctors’ Surgery on the site has been delayed. Believe Housing are interested in social housing for senior citizens on the site. Early proposals for a 3 storey single block of flats have been dropped due to engineering issues and requirements for adequate parking on the site. The Developer is currently working up plans for a pre-planning application to the Planning Authority.
What’s happening in your village?

Quarrington Hill Community Centre

**Closed**

We are sorry that due to the Coronavirus Epidemic that the Committee have reluctantly had to close the Centre to protect users and volunteers. We hope to be open and available as soon as possible.

In the meantime we are working with the Parish Council to help make sure that vulnerable members of the Community get the support that they need.

Coxhoe Banner Group

From 2005-2018 Coxhoe Banner Group have marched through Durham with the Coxhoe Banner to Durham Big Meeting.

Sadly last year due to need for essential maintenance, the banner was no longer fit to parade. We reluctantly had to accept that our banner couldn’t attend the Gala that year, and we therefore wouldn’t have a band for an Eve of Gala concert.

Our bid to the National Lottery Awards for All Community Funding was successful for creation of a new replica banner and also for repairs to the existing banner to preserve it for future generations.

We expect receipt of the new Banner soon, and we will the Coxhoe banner back soon. We were planning to hold an Eve of Gala Concert Friday 10 July at Coxhoe Village Hall and, and march our new banner into the 2020 Miners Gala, but sadly this has now also been cancelled. We hope to launch the new banner as soon as possible. **Coxhoe Banner Group**

Coxhoe is growing

Works on phase 3 of the Limes is approaching half completion of the final 55 on this estate. Karbon Homes will provide 12 ‘Affordable Rent’, 33 ‘Rent to Buy’ and 10 homes for sale.

This development will provide £70,000 for further extension of Coxhoe Primary School and a second Railway Gate to reinstate the old Level Crossing.

Barratt Homes have just started building works at Bogma Hall Farm on the A177, behind Ashbourne Drive. Over the next five years they will build 150 homes for sale. This Development will contribute £275,000 to help fund an additional two classrooms at Coxhoe Primary.

Another application is pending from Persimmon Homes next to the Barratts site for up to another 50 homes.
Winter can be a hard time for nature but, by and large, this winter has been quite mild. Storm Ciara has no doubt had an effect but around our area it seems to have been less ferocious than elsewhere.

However, it is a time when birds are more likely to come into our gardens in search of food, which may now be scarce in the wider countryside. The Tit family are perhaps the more acrobatic of birds in getting to food in garden feeders.

There are six species of Tit that can be found in county Durham. Four are pretty common. The Blue Tit, small neat and lively, is perhaps the best known and is a frequent visitor to feeders. Not far behind it is the Great Tit. As its name suggests, it is a larger bird with a brighter yellow breast and bolder black stripe. The Blue Tit often makes a trilling kind of sound but perhaps the Great Tit’s best-known call is when it appears to be saying “Teacher, teacher, teacher”.

Two other species are also quite common visitors to our gardens, especially in winter. The black and white Coal Tit is about the size of a Blue Tit, perhaps a little smaller. It has a black crown which extends down its neck, but there is a prominent white stipe in the middle of this black. The bib under its chin is very black and prominent. Like the Great Tit, it can sound as though it is calling for teacher, but its call is not as strong.

The Long-tailed Tit looks quite different from any of these. A small ball for a body, it looks like it is propelled by its long tail. It may only come into the garden when food is short in the countryside but when it does, it will make for any fat balls. A pinkish colour, it is a pretty bird that makes a slightly whizzing sound.

The other two tits are, like the Coal Tit, black and white. They are the Willow Tit and Marsh Tit. To look at, they are virtually indistinguishable and really the only way to separate them is to hear them – not that they always oblige!

Like the Coal Tit, they have a black head that stretches down the nape of the neck but without the white stripe. They also have a black bib but much smaller than that of the Coal Tit. Theory has it that the Marsh Tit is more dapper and glossier than the Willow Tit and is slightly smaller. But they are so similar that visual identification alone is almost impossible. The Willow Tit however makes a harsh, Tsee Tsee Tsee sound while the Marsh Tit will almost invariable call “ptchoo” at some time or another.

Both these birds are now quite rare, Willow Tit especially, in the UK. But Durham is one of the last strongholds for Willow Tit and they can be found in the scrub from Coxhoe to Quarrington Hill. If you do find a black and white tit that is not a Coal Tit, the chances in our area is that it is a Willow Tit, even though this is the rarer bird nationally. However, I have also seen Marsh Tit here so that species (perhaps more reliably found in places like Hawthorn Dene on the coast) cannot be absolutely ruled out.

There are two other tits in the UK. The Bearded Tit (perhaps now more accurately called the Bearded Reedling) is a bird of reed beds. It has been recorded in places like Saltholme RSPB Reserve but the chances of seeing it in our area are just about zero. The other is the Crested Tit, a delightful little bird but resident in the UK only in the Scottish Highlands.
Making Coxhoe Village Hall Safe and Fit for the 21st Century - Improvements to the Village Hall are underway!!

Hopefully by the time you receive this new edition of the Chronicle our new fit for purpose Fire Alarm system will have been installed. We thank East Durham Rural Corridor AAP for their grant to help make this happen and also to all of our user groups for their patience and understanding whilst the work has been carried out.

Our new lift is also being installed imminently – we are awaiting a part to be delivered in the next four weeks and then will be liaising with the Wates Group to arrange dates and times for installation. A massive thank you to them for their charitable work in getting this done and also to Coxhoe Ladies Club and Coxhoe Branch of SAFCSA Coxhoe Branch for their valuable donations.

We are currently looking for funding to refurbish our toilets too and are busy completing funding applications – so fingers crossed and watch this space for further updates....

We also would like to thank Dan Mullen from Stunshot (www.stunshot.com) for offering his time for free to help us get our new IT systems up and running.

Our Christmas Fayre was a great success!!

The Village Hall Christmas Fayre raised nearly £500 for the Village Hall Improvement Fund. Thanks so much to County Cllr Dunn for the grant which allowed us to help Santa and Elf appear and also some new decorations for the Hall. Thanks also to Ceddesfeld Ukulele Band – who were AMAZING – and helped create a fantastic Christmas atmosphere, to Santa and his Elf who made a very special visit and also to everyone who attended and made the event such a huge success.

We’re currently busy finalising a date and time for our Spring Fayre, so watch out for further details.

More to come after the Wellbeing for Life Team’s successful event.

The Winter Wellbeing event held in January by the Wellbeing for Life Team was a great success; so much so that a new Gentle Exercise session was held at the event and was so successful that a new regular weekly class will be starting very soon.

The Wellbeing For Life Team have agreed to hold another one – ‘Spring into Wellbeing’ on Wednesday 27th May 10am – 12noon – so SAVE THE DATE

Our Village Hall needs YOU!!

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, and especially NOW!!!, what with all of this activity going on, we’re going to be busy, busy, and there is only so much we can do without the support of our community.

Whatever your skill, whatever your interest, whatever help you can give, we would love to hear from you and we invite you to become a Friend of Coxhoe Village Hall.

Whether you can help once in a while or regularly (whichever suits you – after all any help is better than none at all), whether you can help doing odd jobs, serving refreshments, helping in the kitchen or the Reading Room or helping support one of our new activities, we would LOVE to hear from you!! Please get in touch with Karen for more details - admin@coxhoevillagehall.com or ring 0191 377 3044 and leave a message.

If you’d like any further information on any of these news articles, or would like to book a room at the Village Hall then please contact Karen on admin@coxhoevillagehall.com or ring 0191 3770344 and leave a message. (If no one answers then please leave a message and we promise to get back to you as soon as possible).

Details of our latest weekly activity are on the next page. These will re-commence just as soon as we can re-open.
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### REGULAR ACTIVITIES FROM JANUARY 2020

**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!!**

& **WATCH OUT FOR NEW ACTIVITIES COMING IN SPRING 2020**

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‘A new Carpet Bowls Club’

Days and times and start dates are still to be finalised so please watch out on our website, facebook page and our Village Hall noticeboards for details

We also have a new weekly external booking starting up in March – Victor’s Fitsteps. The session will run every Thursday evening 6.15pm – 7.15pm. Start date to be confirmed. This is for anyone wanting to feel a bit healthier and fitter by doing comfortable and fun exercise to music. Great for those who’ve not done anything for a while but fancy getting a bit healthier and fitter!!
17th Durham (Coxhoe) Scout Group provides activities for young people aged 6 to 14.5. Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts enjoy a wide range of activities both indoor and outdoor. Our base is the Village Hall in Coxhoe. We also participate in events and activities at other times and venues with other Scout Groups in the Durham City District area. Our usual meeting dates are shown below but these are cancelled for now:

Beavers (6-8 years of age) - Tuesday 5.45 till 7.00pm.
Cubs (8-10.5 years of age) – Monday 6 till 7.15pm.
Scouts (10.5 to 14.5 years of age) – Monday 7.30 till 8.45pm.

SCOUTS
Scouts paid a visit to Bowburn Community Centre to make use of their computing facilities to try to make contact with Scouts from across the world, some Scouts used their initiative and language skills to speak to Scouts in Spain.

ATOMS education paid a visit and we made spring rolls and stir fry, which was delicious! Scouts also showed their cooking and baking skills with a “Bake-Off” style session where all Scouts brought in a dish that they’d prepared at home – we were stunned by the deliciously delectable delights Scouts brought in.

Scouts are looking forward to ice skating at Billingham Forum in the near future. In the coming months we are looking forward to furthering our pioneering skills with a number of pioneering projects for Scouts to show their knot skills. We will also be working on the Communicator Badge. We are hoping to take advantage of the lighter nights and slightly warmer weather and get out and about for some night hikes.

cubs
We’ve had a busy time at Cubs since our last update. November saw children receiving their Outdoor Challenge badges and two very special Chief Scout Silver Awards. This is the sought after end goal of two and a half years of cubs where children must have achieved at least six activity badges and all seven of their challenge badges. Each challenge badge is further broken down into several tasks, events and activities. A silver award shows hard work, commitment and dedication to the scouting movement.

We were joined by Karl and Dwayne from the Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society who helped us work towards our astronomer activity badge. I was so impressed with the attention to detail Cubs showed in the homework that they provided for this badge.

We went to Spennymoor Fire Station to get our fire safety badge and once again our Cubs were sensible and had the best questions and knowledge. They are obviously listening well to their teachers, parents and carers.

We had a great party at Christmas and we’ve been on our first hike of the year up to Quarrington Hill Park. That hill is a tough one to climb!

Volunteering Opportunities
Making a volunteering commitment can be a scary thing. Why not try our 4 week challenge! Volunteering can take many forms, either through helping with a couple of sessions per term or offering to deliver a particular session based on your skills/expertise or helping with a camp or hike.

As you can imagine there’s a lot that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the Group provides the opportunities for our young people. Activities and events take time to organise to ensure that they are interesting and safe for our young people; organising places to visit, activities to participate in, risk assessments, etc. If you would like to help with this side of the Group we’d love to hear from you.

We recently enjoyed a visit from Steve and the animals at Animal Saviours – all the children were given the opportunity to say hello to meerkats, a snake, a barn owl and a fox! This was an opportunity to see animals close up that belong in the wild and not as pets.

At the time of writing we were looking forward to ice skating at Billingham Forum. We were also looking forward to a nature sleepover taking advantage of the local nature reserves.

Beavers would have been focusing on their Builder Badge this coming half term and we had some exciting builds using pulleys and wheels to look forward to.

Thank you! We are so grateful to the small number of dedicated adults who support our Beavers and Cubs Group every week – thank you! If you would like to get involved with our Scout Group, whether Beavers, Cubs or Scouts you would be more than welcome.

If you are interested in helping our Group in any way please contact Paula Prest at coxhoebeavers@gmail.com, or paula.prest@durhamcityscouts.org.uk or 07944242513 for more information on any of the Group’s activities, or contact us via our facebook page at Coxhoe Scout Group.
The Youth Club is a place to meet your friends and just have fun. Coxhoe Youth Clubs offers a range of activities that are suitable for all ages.

We’ve got Junior youth clubs Quarrington Hill (Mondays) and Coxhoe, a senior youth club (Friday) and even a girls only session (Wednesdays)

We hold regular indoor games activities, from table tennis to dodgeball which is one of the groups favourites, the competitive nature of young people really shows through in this game, but it’s also good fun.

We recently ran a Taekwondo taster session in both youth clubs. It was well received with club members wanting more.

We have developed an ambassador scheme where young people become ambassadors and take a leading role in the successful running of the youth clubs.

We’ve almost full access at Quarrington Hill Community Centre on a Monday and Active Life Centre on Fridays and loads of equipment such a X-box, Pool, Air Hockey, sound systems for music to dance, craft stuff. We also occasionally organise away days in the holidays, and this year we brought in loads of inflatables for the day.

Why not come along to see for yourself when we re-start.

Meanwhile check out our Facebook page for our news and some fun activities.

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You will recently have received your Council Tax demand. You have a right to know how your Parish Council spends your money. We try to spend the same proportions in Coxhoe and Quarrington Hill. You will see that we have requested an increase to our budget of 9.98% for 2020/21. This equates to £9.49 per year for a Band D property or 18p per week, for a Band A that is £5.95 per year or 12p per week. Most of the increase is increased wage costs to enable us to deliver the services that the people of the area want, and increased spending on improvements to land we maintain on behalf of the community. The expenditure of £11,265 on the Coxhoe Cricket ground by the Parish Council will bring in £26,260 in external grants to fully refurbish the facility and double the play space in Coxhoe.
Coxhoe United Fun Day 2020

At Sir Bobby Robson Sports Centre, Ushaw Moor, Durham DH7 7NG

Come and join the fun at Coxhoe United’s annual football tournament.

Saturday 16th May - U13s, U12s, U11s, U9s, U7s
Sunday 17th May - U14s, U10s, U8s, U6s

Refreshments, Burger Van, Ice Cream Van, Sweets, Donuts, Speed Shot, Shoot in the holes, Fire Engine, Police Interceptors etc.

No tickets required, come along and support your local teams

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May 2020
St Andrews Methodist Church Hall provides the venue for the History Groups monthly meetings and since changing our day to the first Thursday of each month we have seen attendances increase at every meeting. Members who were unable to attend Tuesdays have returned along with a number of new faces.

With a varied speaker programme every meeting offers something new and interesting and we offer a warm welcome to everyone who attends.

May 2020 marks 75 years since the end of WW2 and from the 8th - 10th May Coxhoe will be holding celebrations organised by the parish council.

The history group will be taking part in the event and are currently researching events that occurred in Coxhoe during the war years 1939–1945. We feel sure some of our older residents will have memories of that time and we would dearly love to hear them.

Along with memories do you have any photographs or memorabilia of the time that you could share with us as we prepare to remember and take part in this day in history.

Please get in touch. One of the group would be more than happy to listen to what life was like for Coxhoe people at the time.

A major part of the History Groups WW1 project was the development of an interactive touchscreen panel funded by the Heritage Lottery tells the story of life in Coxhoe during WW1.

A major piece of the work involved concerns the soldiers who enlisted and those who gave their lives. We are currently uploading the information and will have the screen available for everyone in the very near future.

Located in St Andrews Church Hall we feel sure the information will be of value to villagers and researchers alike.
Chatting to the local community and Businesses they told us that Coxhoe has a “Magic Mile”.
They said if you walked down one side of our front street and back up the other you could get almost anything you needed on ‘The Magic Mile’.

Coxhoe is a thriving village, an Aladdin’s cave of shops and bursting with businesses and community facilities.

Lunchtime is a veritable feast, with a quick stop at Andersons Bakers or Coates Butchers, Bacon Butty at Gem Café or Coxhoe Café or lunch or afternoon tea at Seventeen. We even have Chinese food, Italians and a Fish shop.

Choosing a special gift has never been easier! Bonsai Bon Bons has the best sweets, Flowers and candles from Michell, Wing and a Prayer for local crafts, beautiful clothes and nick-nacks from Adore.

Visit Opal for furniture, gifts and their brilliant Christmas shop and Haunting Heaven is a recent addition if you fancy something quirky.

When it comes to your home improvements Franks will replace your carpets and Coxhoe Paving can upgrade your garden and for all other DIY projects Coxhoe Timber can provide all you need.

Coxhoe can even alter your clothes and curtains at All Sewn Up and Opal.

Specialist Businesses include wedding dresses by Alice Elizabeth Creations, and Party Forever catering for your every celebration. The Coronation Press is a long established printers, Talbots Taxi’s and AWC Insurance Services and The Signs Man, not forgetting the Post Office, Coxhoe Club and The Village Tavern.

All your beauty needs are catered for by Chic, Scissorhands by Nicola, Stephen Scarr’s, Lads n Dads, Bishops Barbers, Turkish Barbers, Esprit and CoCo Beauty and even your pets can be looked after in the village at The Groom Room.

If that wasn’t enough then The Wabi Sabi academy can teach you Martial Arts, Platinum Physiotherapy and Personal Training can get you fit, while the rest of your healthcare is covered by Whitfields Chemist, Grundy and Naisbitt and The Village optician and The Dentist and Village Care. Little Legz caters for your little ones.

Food shopping won’t be a problem with Cost Cutter, Best One and the Coop and we can even provide everything you need for your pets at Noah’s Ark.

Coxhoe is a thriving Village with lots of other businesses in other parts of the village; you can find many of them listed on Coxhoe Parish Council Website.
Stephen Cairns aged 52 and son Jay 16 have both been selected to represent team Great Britain in the ISBHF Ball Hockey World Championships in June 2020. This will be the third year running that Jay has been selected for team GB and will be playing in Switzerland. Stephen, who at the age of 52, will be representing his country for the first time, is delighted to have been invited to play for the veteran masters squad in the Czech Republic. Jay has a background in Ice Hockey, playing for the Billingham Stars under 18’s and 20’s teams, from which he transitioned in to playing ball hockey during the off season to keep his fitness up. He encouraged his dad to join him whilst training instead of sitting on the side-lines watching. Stephen who in his younger years was a promising football player turned out be rather gifted with a hockey stick too. With no previous experience and only playing the sport for two years he was invited to join team GB after going through trials since August. Grandad who is 70 and an ex-ice hockey player for the Durham Wasps has also taken up the sport in the last year. The family encourage young people to get involved in the fast-growing sport as it can help kids build in confidence, discipline and is massively enjoyable. Their local teams the Stanley Stingers which are open to all ages, and for ages 3-13 Mini Ninja’s based in Spennymoor Leisure Centre are both open to new members, you can find them to enquire about how to get into the sport on Facebook. This is a once in a lifetime chance for two members of the same family playing the same sport to compete at this high level. They are currently looking for sponsorship and advise anyone who wants to support them to get in touch at stephencairns2@btinternet.com company logos will be represented on shirts.
We are impacted by the COVID-19 Virus epidemic, and all scheduled services are now cancelled. Whilst baptisms have been postponed, weddings and funerals can be held; but are subject to restrictions in number of attendees.

A mass will be held at the Church at least once a week; although due to the COVID-19 restrictions there will be no attendees.

The Church will be open at various times for anyone, of any faith, to enter and quietly pray for those things that concern them and their families. These opening times will be posted on our website at stmaryscoxhoe.co.uk, our facebook page, and information sheets posted on the Church door. We will also place a pavement sign outside the church when we are open.

We have placed a Prayer Board inside the Church to which anyone is welcome to pin a prayer. These prayers will then be placed at the altar during our weekly mass to be blessed by the priest. They will then be carefully stored at the altar until this emergency period is over. Confidential prayers placed on the board will not be read and will remain confidential.

We have a new Priest in charge of the United Benefice of Coxhoe and Kelloe; the Reverend Peter Kashouris who is also priest in charge at St Oswald’s (Durham) and St Mary’s (Shincliffe). Whilst Peter won’t be licenced until later this year, he is already taking services at Coxhoe and Kelloe.

We enjoyed our first joint service of the four churches when we held an Ash Wednesday evening service at St Helen, Kelloe. When this epidemic crisis is over we look forward to more shared services and events!

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**St Joseph’s Patrick & Cuthbert Catholic Church**

There will be no Masses/coffee afternoons or any gathering at our Church until further notice. Holy Week and Easter Masses will not go ahead as planned, but it’s too soon to know any more at this stage. Also our Summer Fair is scheduled for 20th June, it could possibly go ahead but again it depends how things go.

The church will be open for private prayer during specified times (notice on side door). We have volunteers and help within our church parish. Most of our parishioners are themselves over the age of 70 so are trying to keep contact to a minimum. If anyone has spare time and could help in the community to get in touch via your email address.

Email: parishsecretary1961@btconnect.com

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**St. Andrew’s Methodist Church**

We are sorry to advise that St Andrew’s is closing and the extensive range of activities that we had planned are cancelled at the moment.

Contact Margaret Welsh for further details on 0191 3770751 or email margaret.r.welsh@gmail.com
## 2020 Litter Pick Schedule

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**Note:** Subject to Review

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Following the Government’s Instruction Friday 20 March Active Life Centre closed until further notice.

We have suspended all member’s Direct Debit Payments until further notice so please do not cancel your payments with your bank as we will not resume collection of Direct Debits until we have re-opened.

We will also suspend our prepaid memberships with immediate affect so they can resume at the same point when we re-open.

Anyone who has booked a party please send us an email to info@activelifecoxhoe.co.uk to tell us if you want a full refund or would like to re-book for a different date.

In other words, you will not lose out financially by this closure.

We are in no doubt that we will re-open so please keep yourselves fit and healthy and we look forward to seeing you all again shortly.

What's On...
At Active life @Coxhoe

Playgroup every Wed & Thurs 9:30-11:30am
Prices will be £2 per child (£1 for additional siblings) Soft drinks will be provided for children. (please note these will be drop in sessions and will not be supervised by Active Life @Coxhoe staff)

PLUS Baby & Toddler parties!

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