

Newsletter Snapshot

Baptism of James Sebastian Wentworth

James Wentworth, son of Richard and Jane Wentworth, was baptised at St Nicholas Church during the morning service on 4th July.



James with his family and godparents. L to R: Jo Thrower, Richard (holding James), Jane, India, Darren Morse, Charles, Jane Leverton
Photo: Gerald Crane

EASINGWOLD TAXIS

- *Shopping Trips
- *Nights Out
- *Courier Service
- *Contract Work

*Airport Transfers

Phone Louie

Deadline for your material for the next Newsletter: Sunday 19th September

Husthwaite Newsletter

Edition 12

Village Funded by Husthwaite Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee

Angela Whenman

August 2004

More than a hundred people supported our Hall is Revealed Coffee Morning. I was glad that members of the Committee and our

supporting work force were given the encouragement their hard work has deserved. It was good to receive so many compliments and know that our policy of renovating the old Hall has met with the approval of many of the residents who have witnessed its former great days. We scattered coffee tables around the room, and people took the opportunity to meet up with their friends and neighbours in the bustling atmosphere which Husthwaite does so well. Many strolled round the building, taking in the details of the repaired floor, with its impressive new hard wax oil surface. The new curtains were noted and the paintwork was admired, especially the flashings of dusky rose which have added their touch of class.

Men were noticed expertly appreciating the repaired plaster work along the toilet corridor. People were amazed by the way the toilets have been transformed.

Thanks to everyone who helped us send many of our visitors away with good tombola prizes.

Since the Coffee Morning more work has been done on the Billiard Room, making it capable of hosting meetings in pleasant surroundings. The bar has been made permanent and looks very professional.

Husthwaite Newsletter

Advertising rates for the next issue: 1 adults, 50p kids

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Our anxiety about the cuckoo continued until 3rd June, when Dodie rang to say it was on the becksides at Baxby Mill. Frances Petty drew our attention to the absence of swallows in the village this summer, though these, too, were in abundance at Baxby Mill. After last summers golden days, this July has been hard going with its cloud, drizzle and cold wind. The farmers havent been able to get the hay in. On the day school broke up for the summer holidays we found a ripe bramble, and there are already conkers in Highthorne Lane. Workers on the Village Hall renovation deserve all the appreciation that has been showered on them for their endless hours and skilful work. As ever, their numbers are small and they would welcome help with the remaining jobs. As well as sweating, they have fun and share a marvellous spirit of friendship and support, as the photo shows, taken at an impromptu coffee break to celebrate Jill Pikes birthday. You will be welcome to join in. Talking of birthdays, congratulations to Angela Whenman and Peter Wise on their 40th, celebrated in style; the Hall

looked a treat



Birthday Fun: back row l to r: Charlie Whenman, Jill Pike, Martin Gallon, Stephen Barker front row: John Lawrance, Michael Barker, Rose Lawrance

Witty Speaker for Next Gardening Club Meeting

Husthwaite Gardening Club had their annual dinner last week at the Blue Bell in Alne. Secretary Sue Richardson reports that there were twenty six members present and that it was a high-spirited occasion enjoyed by everyone.

Our next meeting, says Sue, will be our first indoor meeting on 9th September. The topic is *Ramblers and Scramblers* and the speaker is Stuart Dixon, Horticulture Lecturer at Bishop Burton. He is very witty and amusing. You cant fall asleep in his meetings.

14th October 2004

Rhona Ashworth

Pruning Flowering Shrubs

11th November 2004

Douglas Stuart

Going Potty

9th December 2004

Geoff Norton

Willow Weaving Demonstration

13th January 2005

Helen Jones, Garden Photographer

A Gardeners Eye

Membership of the Gardening Club is 5 per

annum.

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St Nicholas' Church Belfry Appeal

There will be plants on sale at Sunnybank, Low Street, Husthwaite throughout the summer. Proceeds in aid of St Nicholas Church Belfry Appeal.

Frances Petty

Neighbourhood Watch

Details are being finalised for the new Neighbourhood Watch. The village will very soon receive its printed documents about the scheme, says the Chairman, Jill Galloway. We have a team of coordinators in place.

WANTED

Old suitcases (as large as possible) for storing pantomime costumes

Ryedale, Low Street

Jill Pike 868560
Beginners Yoga

Tuesday 7.45 - 9.00pm
14 September for 12 Weeks.
Returning and New Students all welcome. **48** Taster Session 4.50

Information and Bookings
Jane Cluley 823004



SUMMER AT THE ROASTED PEPPER

An oasis of Mediterranean warmth and flavours

SPECIAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

taste a trip round the world with the Roasted Pepper

wednesday evening: August 18th: Spanish tapas, Sangria & San Miguel

Enjoy the informality of Spanish food, sharing food with friends, remembering that holiday & the fun you all had!

wednesday evening: September 8th: the Italian evening tempt those taste buds with plates of cold meats, plum tomatoes, authentic cheeses, risottos and pastas, enjoyed with Italian breads and washed down with Italian wines

wednesday evening: September 29th: an evening at a Greek taverna authentic Greek flavours accompanied by the traditional shot of ouzo

14.95 per person includes a three-course meal & a complimentary drink

News!! from the Pepper

Bank Holiday Sunday 29th August (please note change of date)

American pay as you go barbecue

Texan steaks, hot dogs, burgers, salad bar & sweet cart Families welcome! come along and join the fun from 4pm onwards

Young People Lead the Way on the Sponsored Walk

Ursula Duncan

The next activity organised by the Village Hall Committee is the Sponsored Walk on 5th September.

We are particularly pleased with this event because the young people are doing the main fund-raising drive. All those who attend the weekly Youth evenings have taken home forms and have begun collecting sponsors. The plan is that they will knock on the door of every house in the village. If no one has come to you yet, please be ready, and we do request you to be encouraging to the young people involved.

If you yourself would like to take part in the walk, please collect a sponsorship form from the shop. It will be a circular walk of about 5 miles, beginning and ending at the Village Hall. The route is mostly on footpaths between Husthwaite and Coxwold. Young families are encouraged to take part; you will be offered a walk within the walk, which will be a friendly experience.

After the walk there will be refreshments, celebrations and entertainment at the Hall. We have had two really successful Treasure Hunts in the past year, each of them taking us to lovely countryside and interesting features of our local area. This walk will be similar. Its an opportunity for the village to get together again as well as to raise money for the next phases of Village Hall development.

Please be ready to start your walk between 1pm and 3pm.

The Wednesday evening Youth meetings at the Village Hall will take a break for the summer, resuming when school re-starts in September.

Panto Stars Lured Back to the Limelight

The smell of the grease paint, the roar of the crowd: Husthwaites pantomime left several of the cast with stars in their eyes. We are to see them take to the stage again in the Easingwold Players production of *The Wizard of Oz*. The play comes to the Galtres Centre in November and will run for five nights.

Leading the Husthwaite troupe will be Stephen Barker. Stephen played the part of King Desmond in *Cinderella* and will be the Mayor in *The Wizard of Oz*. David Pike, will be the Lion. Rose Lawrance has the part of the Cowardly Lion. I think Ive been typecast, she protests, though last Aprils production of *The Wizard of Oz* will not forget her Prince Charming. Queen Ursula will be the Wicked Witch of the West. Father Time will be the Wicked Witch of the West. Jessie Bailey plays Nikko, the Witchs monkey. Queen Ursula will be the Wicked Witch of the West. Scarce is Poppy. There are parts as Munchkins and Ozians. Queen Ursula will be the Wicked Witch of the West. Lawrance, and Harry Wise. Tickets go on sale in the



Rose: City Father
photo: John Autumn.
Lawrance

Treasure Hunt Dips Into Hushwaite's Riches

Robin Walton

There was a buzz of excitement in the air as villagers gathered for the start of this year's Treasure Hunt; last year the trail had led us through Garbutt Ghyll and over the Beacon Banks. Where would it lead us today?

We set off in the opposite direction, down Highthorne Lane and were entertained with clues to keep us on the lookout for treasure. Some was obscured by undergrowth, like the turnpike on the old highway. For me the real treasure lay right on the path, as we made our way through the garden of Baxby Mill. We were made welcome to look about us, at the wonderful old house and buildings, collection of old-world artefacts, farmyard creatures and amazing wildlife habitat. What a gem!

When I was a child it was possible to wander around the countryside at liberty, exploring at will. Nowadays it causes some anxiety when children get lost in their enthusiasm for these wonderful surroundings.

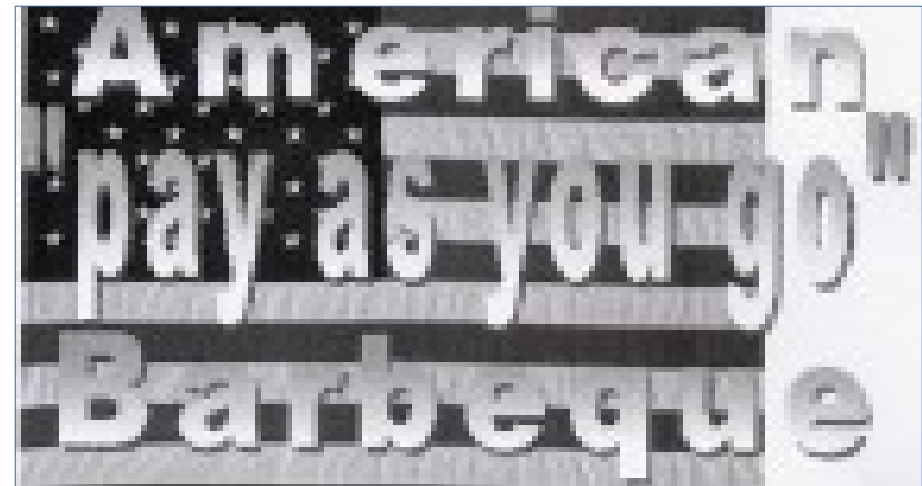
There is not time and space to tell of all the byways and footpaths we explored, but they are waiting for you to rediscover them whenever you wish. And I look forward to the next time, when neighbours gather on the East Green for a barbecue and picnic. And I want to thank everybody who had a part in providing us with such an enjoyable, olden-day village occasion.

Question: Why is 31 a significant number in Baxby Lane?

The Village Hall Committee provided a smart trophy for the Treasure Hunt. It was won this year by Michael Graham.

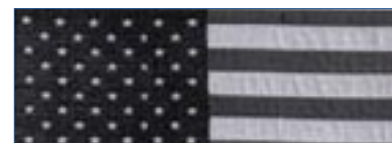


*Left: Michael Graham receives his winners trophy from Angela Whenman
Above: A scene from the Treasure Hunt route*



Bank Holiday Sunday 29th August

(Remember you're not working the next day)



dogs, burgers, salad bar &
sweet cart

Families
Welcome

Julys Parish Council Meeting

Richard Wood

Colin Burn has moved away from the village and there is a vacancy for a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

Although this vacancy has already been advertised, for statutory reasons no appointment has been made yet. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk, Sarah Harper, on 868326. A decision will be made in the next month.

Sarah is leaving the post of Parish Clerk after 6 years and there are two applicants for her position. Three members of the Parish Council, led by the Chairman, Carol Fenwick, will interview the two applicants and a decision will be made in time for the next meeting on Tuesday 21st September. Carol thanked Sarah for her excellent work in the demanding role of Clerk.

This months Parish Council meeting discussed Kendrew Green, the area of grassland on the southern edge of the village. This summer the Green has been left uncut because it was identified as meadowland containing a wide range of rare wild flowers. Some members of the PC were anxious that the uncut grass gives a bad first impression to people arriving in the village along the Easingwold road. They were in favour of keeping the bank neat and tidy from springtime onwards. It was argued, however, that wildlife habitats are under great threat throughout the country in modern times, and that it is important to protect areas such as this where rare plantlife is allowed to flourish.

Hambleton District Councils recommendation is that Kendrew Green, having been left alone for the spring and early summer, should now be cut. This will be done by Robin Houlston. Meanwhile, the village is to be balloted, so that the Parish Council has direct access to the opinions of local people before it proceeds to decision-making on this matter. Do we want a neat and tidy Kendrew Green or an environmentally protected area of special natural interest and importance? We will have our say later in the year.

The Parish Council is collecting quotes for necessary repair work to the fence between the cemetery and the school. Cost for this work will be shared with the school. The grass-cutting regime for the cemetery, which was halted earlier in the year, has now been resumed. Some of the yew trees, which have splayed and tend to flap, are to be wired. People have commented that the cemetery is looking better, said Carol Fenwick.

Purchase of the field adjacent to the school is near to being completed by Hambleton District Council. The village has the option to develop the area as a playing field or the site of a new village hall. This option would have to be taken up within five years.

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History Corner

Familiar Village Names Were Already Here in the 19th Century

Husthwaite in 1823

Fred Pickstone

Edward Baines printed and published, at The Leeds Mercury Office, in 1823, a Directory of Yorkshire. Here are some facts extracted about Husthwaite, amongst which there are a few surnames still familiar today. The curate was the Rev. John Starkey in a village of 324 people. William Taylor was the Parish Clerk. He was also one of two shoemakers, the other being Francis Tesseyman. Joiners were John and William Greenwood, blacksmiths were Jesse Robson and Jeffrey Smith and the publicans were Richard Darley and John Taylor, at The Black Bull.

There were eleven farmers and yeomen, but their farms are not named in the Directory. Here are their names:- Richard Battye, Timothy Burnett, Richard Dennison, John Dixon, John Hick, George Hick, Thomas Nelson, Thomas Smith, Samuel Smithson, John Wilkinson and William Wimp. Joseph Burnett was a cattle dealer, John Gatenby a butcher, Chris Kendrew was a shop-keeper and William Young a tailor. Thomas Mouncester was a wheelwright, probably living in what is now The Croft, in the Nookin. The schoolmaster was Robert Mouncester, most likely living in Laburnum Cottage, now part of The Hobbits. Note the spelling Mouncester, probably a typographical error or a mistake made by the person who collected the facts.

In 1823, Easingwold had a population of 1912, Thirsk 2,533, Kilburn 500, Helperry 611 and York 22,529.

Answers to the Wapentake Quiz in our last edition.

Turmozbi = Thormanby

Hotune = Hutton Sessay

Creic = Crayke

Bracheberc = Breckenbrough

Baschesbi = Baxby

Tresc = Thirsk, Neuhuse =

Carletun = Carlton Husthwaite

Newsham

Uluestun = Oulston

Sorebi = Sowerby

Begeland = Old Byland

Chenuetune = Knayton

Sezai = Sessay

Cheluintun = South Kilvington

Horenbodebi = Hornby

Upsale = Upsall

Topeclue = Topcliffe

Hundulfthrop = Thornborough

Bergebi = Borrowby

Catune = Catton

Rainingeuat = Rainton

Carletun = Carlton Miniot

Fred Pickstone is a member of the Husthwaite Local History Society

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Colourful Times

The Reverend Ian Kitchen has been the priest-in-charge of Husthwaite since last November, and now that he has spent almost 8 months in his new surroundings, we thought it would be a good idea to ask him how he and his wife, Helen, have settled down to life in this part of North Yorkshire. Living in the rectory in Crayke (with fantastic views across the Vale of York), he has seven parishes under his wing, including the four churches in the Benefice of Coxwold and Husthwaite. Ian was first ordained as a deacon in 2000 and as a priest the following year, and came to us from the East Riding, where he was curate for



The Rev Kitchen and his wife, Helen, at Coxwold Church

three small villages. No stranger then to a rural environment. I love the beautiful North Yorkshire countryside, and everyone has been friendly and welcoming. Seven churches generate a huge amount of paperwork, the least appealing part of his work. I would much prefer to be out and about and meeting people, and in this respect I must depend enormously on the Churchwardens and PCC members to keep me in touch with local news and needs.

Ian and Helen grew up in the same village in Kent. She is absolutely wonderful and a massive support in everything. She does all sorts of things - gardening, training horses, cooking, helping at Crayke School and lots more. How do I relax? I read voraciously and - in theory - I garden, walk and play some sport. In

St Nicholas Church

Gerald

Crane

fact, I play with the dog and listen to music!

Ian decided for ordained ministry as he gradually realised that this was the way his gifts and abilities could be of most use to Gods people and thus to Him. A calling that has brought him to Husthwaite and its school. The school here should be an integral part of the Churchs life, says Ian. I think we are moving in the right direction with everybodys help.

Audreys June Flowers a Masterpiece

There is a roster of lady volunteers in the village who arrange the flowers in the Parish Church. Every year the flowers for two weeks in June are the responsibility of Audrey Thomas, who is currently Chairman of Easingwold Flower Club (Motto: Friendship through Flowers). This year Audreys arrangement was masterpiece, a mixture of red, pink, white and a little yellow.

Audrey derives a great deal of satisfaction from her June date with the Church because for her it is a memorable month of the year. It is the month she and Norman were married in 1965. But on a sadder note, it is also the month that both her parents and Normans mother died.

Thank you, Audrey, for doing the Church flowers in June and thank you, all the other ladies who complete the roster.

Sally Shallow has vacancies for her list of volunteers and would welcome new names if you are interested - no flower-arranging skills required - please telephone Sally on 868249.

