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Hushwaite Newsletter

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Jointly Funded by Hushwaite Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee Village Hall gets Its Face-Lift

June 2004

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Its More Than a Lick of Paint for the Village Hall

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*Angela Whenman
Stephen Barker peers
through flying dust as he
knocks down one of 7,000
nails*

The next job was to bring in an industrial sander. Alright, alright, we know this should have been done before the painting, but in work of this kind the next job is always the one for which you have the volunteers. The soapers and painters moved out and got on with their lives, and now we needed to prepare for the sanding. Some sad person calculated that there are 7 000 nails on the Hall and stage floor; every one of them had to be removed because a modern sander takes a good 16th off a nail. Then the sander moved in, driven by John Lawrance. A nail snapped; it was a Sunday afternoon; on the Monday a replacement anywhere in Yorkshire. A replacement sander broke down. John eventually finished the job with a new model. At the time of writing, we are



*John Lawrance concentrates
on the job in hand.*

waiting for the dust to settle before the floor gets painted. The floor was the main job, but on your next visit you'll see other nice touches. We have new curtains, made up for us by Jill Pike. The crumbling plaster in the Maurice Hutchinson Room and on the toilets corridor wall has all been very skilfully replaced by ? and that area is ready for re-painting. The toilets, too: they have been cleaned out and painted. The Ladies and the Disabled were quite easy; none of our volunteers wished to enter the

Roasted Pepper advert

Treasure Hunt Offers Another Chance to Re-Live Your Youth

Stephen Barker



Before its time make sure you have a diary. The date is Sunday 27th September. Check in at the Village Hall this time, as for last years enjoyable occasion. Meet at 10.00am in the Village Green.

Of course. You may remember that it was along the top of Beacon Banks. Many memories of their youthful days, some for many a long year.

Well, we have planned another Hushwaite beauty trip and have no hesitation in recommending that you take part. Please wear clothing and footwear appropriate for our local countryside and for the prevailing weather conditions when the time comes. You'll need a pen or a pencil, too.

There will be a refreshments stall on the route. Tickets are available from the Village Shop (adults 6, young people 4, below school age free) and the ticket price includes your bar-b-cue, though we would ask you to bring along at least a small amount of money for the purchase of drinks at the finish.

The Village Hall Committee challenges you to get your walking shoes again later in the year. We're going to have a Sponsored Walk on 5th September, starting at your choice of time between 1.00 and 3.00pm. Fancy Dress is optional and encouraged, and there will be a prize for the best-dressed. Details from Ursula Duncan 868304.

The VH billiard table has a new surface and is being used by the young people at their weekly gathering on Wednesday evenings. Enquiries about using the table or volunteering your services at the Young Peoples evenings: Angela on 868373.

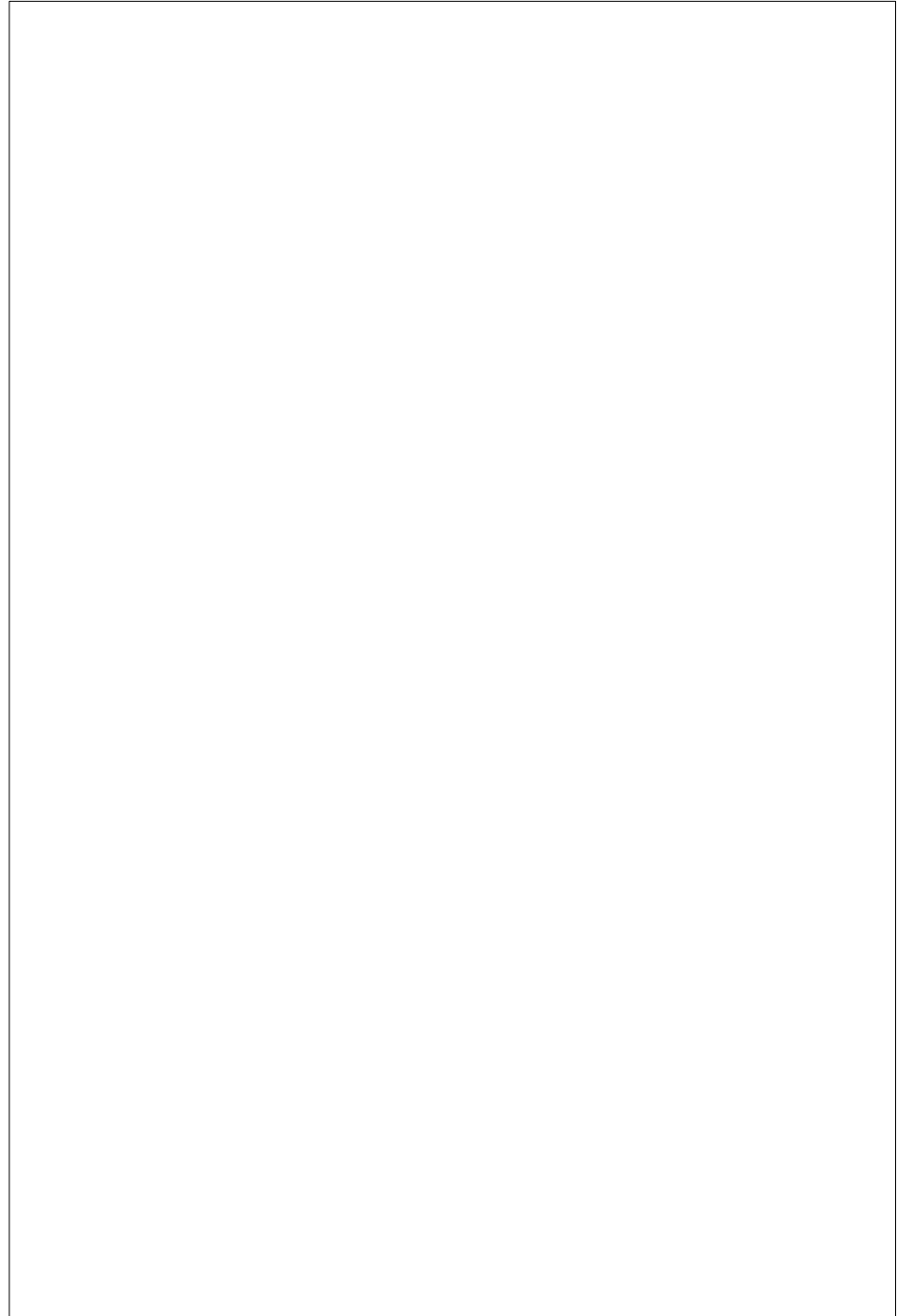
A date change: the proposed Hushwaite Exhibition will take place in the spring of 2005. Details in a later **Newsletter**.

Village Hall Bookings

If you plan to use the VH, do not assume it is available. Please be certain to make a booking from the Bookings Secretary, Lynn Collins 868655. The rate is 6/hour.

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Your Parish Council

As we approach this autumn's national referendum on local government, Ursula Duncan provides some background information on the workings of this level of our local democracy. Ursula is Editor of The Link and a co-opted member of Hushwaite Parish Council

A Parish Council is a democratically elected first tier of local government. It can play a vital role in the community it serves, improving quality of life and the local environment.

It can influence other decision makers to deliver services to meet local needs.

The Government is currently encouraging Parish and Town councils to deliver more services and play greater roles in their local communities. It is providing finance and schemes to bring this about.

A Parish Council is consulted by the local authority on all planning matters.

A Parish Council can raise funds by requiring the District Council to collect money on its behalf through the Council Tax. This is called the Precept and is the principal source of income for parish councils.

Hushwaite Parish Council

There are 7 councillors, who meet six times a year. Each councillor takes special areas of responsibility:

Carol Fenwick - Chair, Lighting, YLCA, Risk Assessment

Robin Houlston - Police Liaison Committee and Highways

Ruth Woodhead - Beckwith Trust and Surgery Fund

Elaine Smith - Village Hall Committee representative

Michael Graham - Planning, Public Transport, Footpaths/Rights of Way

Colin Burn - school representative

Ursula Duncan - co-opted member

The Clerk to the Parish Council is Sarah Harper.

The Parish Council's meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to come and listen. Public participation is also encouraged, and members of the public can express their views or ask questions by arrangement with the Chair before the meeting begins.

You can find out what Hushwaite Parish Council is doing by looking at the Minutes and Annual

Parish Council Duties and Powers

Duties are actions the Parish Council must carry out by law. Powers are discretionary activities a Parish Council is legally entitled to if it considers them in the best interest of the community it serves.

Parish councils have few duties and many discretionary powers:

community safety and crime prevention, cemeteries, playing fields, community centres or village halls, war memorials, seats and shelters, rights of way, street lighting, allotments, litter, youth projects, parking, traffic calming, tourism, public walks and open spaces

These are just a sample of the activities to which a Parish Council can contribute or offer financial support if it considers it would be in the community's interest.

Do you have any questions, concerns, suggestions about this local community and its environment?

You can:

contact one of the Parish Councillors
come to a meeting and put your views

The next meeting of Hushwaite Parish Council is at 7.30pm on ?th July
in the Village Hall.

REMEMBER

Your views are important to your Parish Council.

.We look forward to hearing from you.