

Husthwaite Newsletter

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Robin Walton and Anne Dowson with the infernal enema machine in April's production of **The Hypochondriac** at Husthwaite Village Hall. More pictures inside.



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Dates for your Diary

June 9 Gardening Club visit to Skewsby (see page 14)

June 14 Coxwold Shandy Hall “Giving Offence” 7.30 (see pg.25)

June 15 The Balmoral quiz night 8.30

June 19 Fathers’ Day Special Offer at the Balmoral

June 24 Coxwold Shandy Hall Moth trapping 6.30 (see pg 25)

June 26 Treasure Hunt and Barbecue; starts at village hall (pg 22)

July 9 The Good Life 2011; village hall 1.00-4.00pm (see pg 22)

July 12 AGM Recreation Area Committee in VH

July 18 Oil Co-op order

July 19 Marie Curie Tea Party at the Balmoral 2-4pm

September 10 Elphin Drift; live music village hall 7.30pm

Sep 18 Husthwaite Orchard Village Festival in Village Hall and School (See page 24)

Husthwaite Orchard Village News

The Husthwaite Orchard Village group now produces enough cider and fruit juice to sell to local shops and pubs, and repeat orders suggest people enjoy the products. We even had an order for cider from a TV chef! We also have a regular stall on Hovingham market on the first Saturday of **every month, selling juice and cider. Here's** Charlie Sibley, who helps on the stall, in his Orchards T shirt .

As well as this, our new village orchard is doing well despite the hard winter, and we also sell our own grafted Yorkshire apple trees to individuals as well as orchard growers. Hopefully the individual **fruit trees put in villagers' gardens have taken and** are growing well also - my greengage tree certainly looks healthy.



From the surplus funds provided by the sales, the Orchard Committee has decided to begin funding some worthwhile village projects, providing they are match funded. These include grants to the Newsletter, sets for drama and music in the village hall and a contribution to village website costs.

We plan to pick apples and pears more intensively this year, from late August to early November. Last year we did not have enough manpower to pick all the apples we were offered in the village, as there was a bumper crop. We need more fruit this year to fulfil orders for juice and cider. This year we hope to recruit volunteers and have picking sessions throughout the season, including one large harvesting in October half-term so that children can accompany adults and have the fun of a joint harvesting plus a lunch in the village hall! No tree or ladder climbing will be allowed; we are keen on health and safety! If you would like to be involved at some time in the apple picking , even if only for one session, please contact Cameron Smith on 868489.

It seems early to guess what size the crop might be for this year, but If you discover in due course that you are going to have apples or pears which are surplus to your needs, and you would be willing to have them picked for the project, please contact Cameron.

After last year's success, our own village Apple Fair will be repeated this year as part of the Husthwaite Orchard Village Festival on Sept. 18th.

This will comprise the **Apple Fair** at the village school, and **Made In Husthwaite** at the village hall. If you are an individual or business and want to take part please contact Cameron (868489) about the Apple Fair, and Andrew Coulthard about Made In Husthwaite(868130).

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

Once again the final term of another school year has come around far too quickly. As I write this article the Year 6 children are sitting their SATs tests and we will be working with the secondary school to prepare them for their transition into secondary school life. However, before they do leave us there are lots of events that they will be participating in which will keep them well and truly occupied here at Husthwaite. Probably the most exciting one for them is their residential trip to Humphrey Head in the Lake District during the middle of June. Both Y5 and Y6 children will experience some wonderful outdoor activities including fell walking, raft building and kayaking amongst others.



Pupils enjoyed their visit to the Ryedale Folk museum as part of a whole school topic work on inventions and time last term. The photo shows some of the children being shown how to riddle potatoes the old fashioned way.

This term's project is local study and children will be investigating more about the area in which they live. Miss Goodchild's class have visited a local farm, Mr Edwards class will be doing art work based on landscapes as well as local walks linking in with map reading. Mrs Fowler's class will be visiting the shop and selling healthy fruity things as part of local living. Also linking in to the term's topic is the school's involvement in a twinning project. We have been asked to participate in a funded project where we are 'twinning' with an inner city school from East Hull. Mrs Heward's class will host a visit by children from Cavendish School and in return will visit them in their own school later in the term. It is hoped that we will continue with the twinning project beyond the initial funding stage.

2011 is the bi-centenary of the Church of England National Society, the body that established hundreds of Church schools in the 19th century. In celebration of this event a special service is being held in York Minster on 16th June led by the Archbishop to which every church school has been invited. Children in Y4 are representing Husthwaite School at this momentous occasion.

In celebration of the recent Royal Wedding, children and parents took part in a street party style

picnic. Pupils made hats, flags and bunting and Mrs Houlston baked a wedding cake.



After the success of last year's Summer Fair we shall once again be holding another fair on Friday 1st July in a similar format to last year. This event will run from 5.30-7.30 pm and it is hoped to include various stalls run and organised by our Y6 children, a bottle tombola, raffle, cake stall, refreshments, bouncy castle and face painting. We welcome all members of the community to come along and support us in this and look forward to meeting some new faces.

Last year we changed our school productions and children in the KS2 classes now participate in an end of year production instead of the Christmas play. This year's production is Pirates of the Curry Bean. The summer term normally sees the school holding and participating in many and various sporting events and this year is no exception. A skipping workshop will be held on mid summer's day by experienced skipping coaches for the whole school to enjoy another way of having fun whilst keeping healthy and improving their fitness. The school's sports day will be held at the start of July and children from KS2 will also participate in a cluster sports event and mini Olympics at the secondary school. Opportunities will also be offered to all children to play cricket, rounders and other summer sports during lunch times.

IMPORTANT DATE:

Please note that due to staff training, there will be no toddler group held on Thursday 16 June 2011. Toddlers at Husthwaite will be closed for one week only.

Diary Dates:

Monday 6th June - School opens

Friday 1st July – Summer Fair 5.30-7.30 pm

Monday 11th July – KS2 Summer Production

Thursday 21st July – Y6 Leaver's Service 9.30 am St Nicholas Church, Husthwaite

Thursday 21st July – school closes 2.45 pm for summer

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September – staff training days

Monday 5th September – school opens, start of autumn term

Visits to the school are always welcome, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact us (01347 868371).

Visit our website: www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk

Martyn Nelson

Our Husthwaite poet laureate for the year is Martyn Nelson, whose winning poem appeared in the last Newsletter. Martyn is only 19, lives in Thirsk and works as a waiter. His main interests are music technology and writing poetry. He admires the poems of Rupert Brooke, and particularly the modern poets Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage. He has been writing since he was young, encouraged by winning a prize for poetry very early on.

Martyn writes on what he says are quirky themes, about things that strike him and perhaps are not what others might write about. His poems are modern, about the present, and cover a wide variety of topics. We hope in this coming year that he will send the Newsletter his latest poetic offerings.



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Book Review

“Fallen Angels” by Valerie Wood.

Valerie Wood writes about the people who lived in the Holderness area of the East Riding of Yorkshire in the nineteenth century.

Fallen Angels follows the hard life of Lily Fowler and her children, Daisy and Ted, and vividly describes the many pitfalls she encounters and overcomes with true grit and determination as she rises from the slums of Hull to a better life.

This novel is one for the ladies. It is a little sad and heart-tugging in places, but also a very convincing account of the struggle and determination needed to survive.

Each of this author’s novels are sourced in depth and facts are double-checked in every detail before she starts the novel. Her first novel “The Hungry Tide” was the winner of the Catherine Cookson prize for fiction. Her style of writing draws you in until you feel you are part of what is happening. Streets and places come to life and the happy ending lifts you with its feel-good factor.



A book to highly recommend. I have 2 copies available to lend.

Sandie Fisher

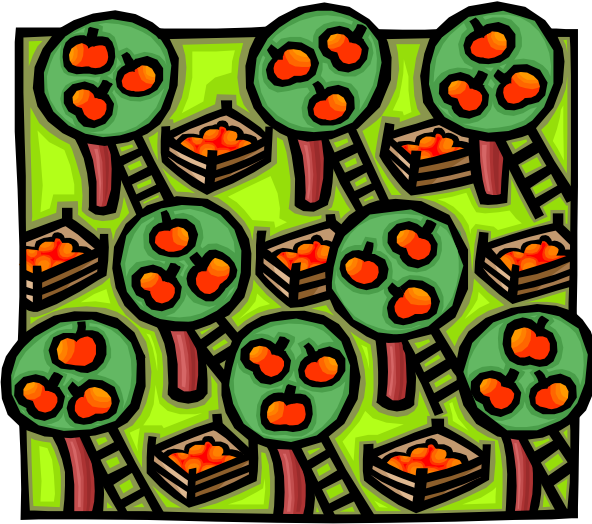
White Horse Ward

It is with regret that I will not be seeking re-election after 20 years as District Councillor. For the first 12 years I represented Crayke Ward and after the Government Boundary changes in 2002 I became the District Representative for the White Horse Ward. I said in my first manifesto that I would work very hard for local issues and its environment which I have done.

I would like to thank members of the electorate in all the parishes for the support shown to me in my role as District Councillor. In particular, I would like to thank the Parish Council for their support and assistance in not only dealing with some contentious planning applications, but also for their contribution towards realising some great achievements. It was a privilege to be asked to open the Husthwaite Village Recreation Area two years ago. This was achieved by hard work and much campaigning and such projects are an important part of villages in rural areas.

It has been a pleasure representing you all over the years.

The Orchard Inn, Husthwaite



You might be wondering where this is! Well, The Orchard Inn is the proposed new name for the Balmoral, if NYCC approve.

Alison wants to make the pub her own, with a new identity and personality that reflects its country village setting and the recent revival of Husthwaite as an orchard village.

Because of road closures, business has been badly affected recently. Alison is anxious to make a success of the venture, which she is

now mostly managing on her own. To rationalise her efforts, mid-week there will usually be no daytime opening. Tel. 868007 as usual for bookings.

New opening hours will now be fixed as follows:

Mon. Closed all day

Tues. 5pm-11.30pm

Wed. 5pm-11.30pm

Thurs. 5pm-11.30pm

Fri. 12-3pm and 5pm-midnight

Sat. 12-midnight

Sun. 12-10pm

On Bank Holidays opening hours will be different—look out for the sign outside the inn.

Fortnightly quiz nights have taken off and are popular, starting at 8.30 on alternate Wednesdays. The next one is on June 15th.

Fish and chips, to eat in or take away, are available on Fridays now.

The next event is **Fathers' Day** on Sunday, June 19th. Dads eat free with a party of 4 or more!

On July 16th, there will be a Tea Party in aid of the Marie Curie Cancer Charity, from 2-4pm. Come along to support this good cause and sample home-made cakes with your tea!

Look out for more special events in the summer.

RECREATION AREA PHASE 3 - ALMOST THERE!

Anyone who has been near the Recreation Area during April will have noticed that further progress (funded primarily through the 'Changing Spaces' programme) is well under way. In fact, by the time this Newsletter is published, the provision for Adventure Play and the Fitness Trail should be complete. In the case of the Access Track, Mark Fairweather (Groundworks Ltd.) has made an excellent job of defining the track with heavy duty kerb stones set in concrete together with a new surface of Tarmac, 75mm thick.

With regard to the equipment to be installed by Image Playgrounds, it has been necessary to change one item. As a result of a serious accident which occurred recently in a Recreation Park in Darlington, the Crane Swing has had to be replaced. A young boy suffered injuries to his head when it struck the metal supports of an identical swing. Two teenagers have been arrested on suspicion of causing grievous bodily harm. We have been advised that in view of this situation, it may not be possible to obtain insurance cover for this particular item. The replacement swing which will feature in our revised layout is intrinsically much safer, but perhaps it is timely to remind everyone using any item of play equipment that accidents will happen unless care is taken to use them correctly and 'horseplay' is avoided. It has not been necessary to produce a list of 'does' and 'don'ts' and this can be avoided if we all respect what has been provided for community enjoyment and use the facilities in a responsible way.

In summary, the Adventure Play Area and Fitness Trail are scheduled to be available for use at the beginning of June, with an Official Grand Opening later in the summer.

Finally, the A.G.M. of the Recreation Area Committee will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 12th July. We would welcome a good attendance, as happened last year. It won't be boring - please come along!

Peter Davison

Photo shows new access track being laid.



SHARE IN A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT?

Having experienced one year of a Coalition Government, we are all familiar with David Cameron's vision for the Big Society - communities rising to the challenge of helping to shape their own future provision.

A few weeks ago, local elections, including those for Parish Councils, were held throughout England. In the case of Husthwaite, there were only 4 nominations for an allocation of 7 seats. Unfortunately, this leaves the village in a vulnerable position. We need to have a strong Parish Council, particularly if we are to continue the progress we have seen during the last 5 years, following the development of the Parish Plan - our vision for the future.

Some of our achievements in this time may be summarised as follows:

- *constructive observations to the District Council on planning applications;
- *expressions of concern to the County Council when the roads are not up to scratch;
- *provision of bus stops signs, with timetable panels, and a bus shelter;
- *maintenance of such public places as the Village Green, Kendrew Green and the cemetery which add to the attractiveness of the village, both for residents and visitors;
- *financial contributions towards the publication of our excellent Husthwaite Newsletter which is widely appreciated;
- *support of significant developments in amenities at the Village Hall;
- *raising around £140,000 in grants to provide an extensive range provision for all ages in the Recreation Area.

We would like to continue this momentum but we need some help. Meetings are held 6 times a year and these are informative, with amusing incidents at times - although not quite matching The Vicar of Dibley!

Could everyone reading the Newsletter please seriously consider becoming a Parish Councillor? You can be co-opted to the present team, any of whom will be pleased to discuss what The Big Society of Husthwaite might involve.

Barrie Ward - Clerk (868146)

Carol Fenwick - Chair (868479)

Elaine Smith (868572)

Robin Houlston (868277)

Peter Davison (868449)

National Neighbourhood Watch Week is 18-26 June

Jill Galloway

“The Hypochondriac” at Husthwaite

In late March and early April, on three nights, Husthwaite Players in Husthwaite Village Hall treated locals to a play usually performed only by professional theatre groups, “The Hypochondriac” by Roger McGough, based on *Le Malade Imaginaire* by Moliere.

The farce relies on clever and complex language, old and modern, for humour, of which there was plenty. In addition, the stark and striking staging, funny costumes and masks and an amazing enema machine which bubbled and steamed completed the visual effects. Sound and lighting were of a truly professional standard, done by expert villagers Mike Wells and John Ovenston. The backstage crew led by Mark Gambles and Vikki Nixon performed their tasks



Mary Hill as
the maid cum
Italian doctor
threatens the
hypochondriac
played by
Euan

Crawshaw :

**“I have a
big knife!”**

flawlessly.

Best of all, the cast, led by Euan Crawshaw and Mary Hill, as the hypochondriac and his maid, managed an absolute tour de force of acting. All the cast played their parts wonderfully well, including Liz Crawshaw, Stephen Barker, Margaret Hewitson and Robin Walton. Cameron Smith and Richard Wood as father and son doctors, were a comic turn which could have graced the halls on its own. The hilarious enema machine was expertly handled by Anne Dowson as Doctor Fleurante. (See front cover.) Village youngsters Kerry Barker and Chris Gamble playing the lovers are talents to watch out for in future productions. The pace was well maintained throughout, as farce requires.

A burlesque dance routine in the interval by four village ladies (Sue Wise, Anne Dowson, Rose Lawrance and Catherine Skinner) dressed as nurses confirmed their reputation as the Tiller Girls of Hushwaite, and was warmly applauded. (See photo below.)

The director, Richard Wood, is to be congratulated for providing such an enjoyable, thought provoking and interesting entertainment, and for a production taking amateur drama to a level some professional companies would aspire to. Village amateur productions are going to be one of our few chances to see drama locally from now on, and should be cherished, as many small professional touring companies, especially in rural areas, have had their grants completely cut and will fold. The play was filmed, and will be shown in the village hall at a date yet to be arranged, so if you missed it first time around do come along then.



Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

“Cacti are boring! They sit on the window sill year in, year out, gathering dust and never flower....”

How untrue! At the April meeting, our speaker Mike Birch enthused the sceptics in his audience. A policeman by profession, he started an interest in them when he was a busy copper on the beat because they didn't need much looking after; in fact his cacti thrived on neglect. Over the next fifty years his interest grew and he now speaks with authority on his prickly subject when he's not busy propagating, breeding new varieties and selling them on eBay!

Cacti developed millions of years ago from “normal” plants as a way of coping with extreme heat and drought. They are only native to the Americas, so if you've seen them growing wild in the Mediterranean or Australia, for instance, you know they were introduced by mankind. A small but excited audience kept Mr Birch fed with questions and he spoke well into the evening, culminating with a charity raffle for three of his larger specimen cacti and succulents. The winners were Doreen Wells, Joyce Wise and Andy Colburn.

The main source of income for the gardening club is the plant sale we hold once a year. Together with the modest subscription of £5 a year, this has to pay for the hire of the village hall and all our visiting speakers' fees. Consequently the committee are always concerned whether we get enough plants to sell. This year we had just enough. As expected, anything in flower was soon snapped-up, but the fritillaries sold well too, despite having set seed. The hard winter killed a lot of shrubs, but unfortunately we didn't have many to sell. We will have to start some semi-ripe cuttings this summer, ready for future plant sales! Many thanks to everyone who donated plants, worked at the sale, cleared-up and, of course, the enthusiastic crowd who rushed into the village hall and bought.

The club's first summer visit was to Friars Hill, Sinnington, the home of Mr. & Mrs Baldwin. This 1¾-acre plants woman's garden contains over 2,500 varieties of perennials and bulbs. However, some of the trees and shrubs had died this winter. Perhaps the most impressive display was a large collection of hostas in terracotta pots. The visit finished with tea and biscuits in the large farmhouse kitchen.

Our next visit on 9th June will be to Rewela Cottage at Skewsby. Anyone requiring a lift, please contact a committee member.

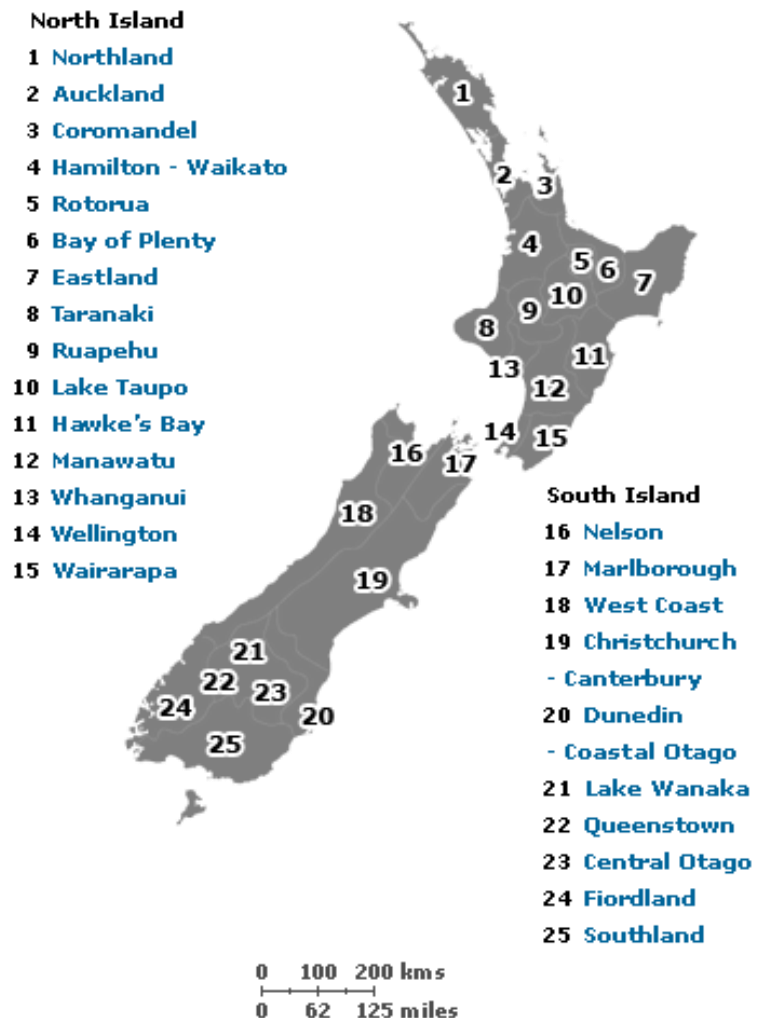
The Quaker ‘Scapers of Christchurch, New Zealand

At the end of a six week holiday to visit our son in New Zealand, we were met by a barrage of phone calls and messages from friends and relatives who were anxious to know if we had been affected by the dreadful earthquake in Christchurch. Thankfully, we were able to re-assure them that we had been approximately 200 miles away near Dunedin, South Island and had experienced no problems or felt any after shocks.

What was shocking was the awful effects on the people of Christchurch, both moral and of course physical, of this huge earthquake in February, coming so quickly after the other two in September and December 2010. Many people had still not been able to have their insurance claims sorted out from the previous earthquakes, when the disaster struck this time. Apart from the obvious damage, 10,000 homes need to be destroyed and this attractive city has been brought to its knees by the devastation. Many people, left homeless, have moved away to other parts of the North or South Island appearing to have lost the heart to move back again later, and were actively looking for work in different areas. People were advertising themselves on various web sites, and asking if anyone would accommodate them on a temporary basis. The **spirit of generosity and community, which is such a part of the New Zealanders’** personae, is prevailing, and the help that is being offered is very heartening.

This time, our trip to New Zealand was for the happy occasion of our son's wedding, and several people who have been housed locally by neighbours with the capacity to help them, were consequently invited. It was good to listen and talk to them, and although greatly disturbed by the earthquake, it seemed as if they were beginning to recover their confidence a little. We all hoped that perhaps the joy and the fun of the celebrations in a small new coastal community, would help a little to offset their worries for the immediate future, until some sense of normality could be restored to their lives.

Jill Pike



HUSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2010 - APRIL 2011

At the annual parish meeting last May we were three Parish Councillors short, so the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows: -

Peter Davison - Easingwold & Villages Forum, Easingwold & District Council Liaison, Hambleton Play Partnership, Parish Plan Chair and Communications

Robin Houlston - Highways and Police Liaison

Elaine Smith - Easingwold & District Council Liaison, YLCA and Vice-chair

Carol Fenwick - Beckwith Trust, Neighbourhood Watch, Public Footpaths, Risk Assessor, Street Lighting, Village Hall and Chair

At the bi-monthly meeting that followed, it was reported that new street lights had been installed in Prospect Cottages and the re-routing of the Public Footpath at Angram Grange would not be pursued due to objections from local residents. Peter explained that the Recreation Area

Committee had secured funding from LEADER for the Young Children's Play Area and adjacent Grass Play Area and a meeting had been arranged with Playscheme (the selected contractor) to discuss the project. He also informed us that the Stage 1 Community Spaces application for funding to install an Adventure Area & Fitness Trail had passed the vetting process and a facilitator would now work with the Recreation Area Committee on the more detailed Stage 2 application. The final piece of good news was that Broadacres had granted £455 towards providing a seat and some litter bins in the Recreation Area.

Before the July meeting the new Village Green Seats had been installed on an extended concrete base and the Village Green Railings had been painted. Notification had been received that the installation of passing places on Carlton Road and Malton Street was postponed until next Financial Year and Barrie informed the Council that no further progress had been made regarding the structural problems on the Amplecarr. It was unanimously agreed that we should continue to pester Highways for a speedy solution to the problem. Peter reported that the Recreation Area Annual General Meeting had been well attended and the attendees had been treated to a pictorial presentation of the developments on site over the last two years produced by Mark Gambles. It was also noted that Phase 2 of the Recreation Area was taking shape and should be completed by mid-August. Peter informed the Council that a programme of sporting activities would again be **organized for children each week during the school summer holidays, a day of Children's Summer Team Fun** was planned for 4th September and the Play Rangers were due to host an event there on 11th September so the area was being well used.

By the September meeting the Village Green Seats had been treated with preservative and the painting of Kendrew Green Railings had been completed. The Parish Council were asked to comment on proposed changes to Concessionary Fares and agreed NOT to support the suggested limited time use. The Amplecarr situation was again discussed at length and a letter expressing our extreme dissatisfaction was sent to Highways. It was reported that our request for funding from the Beckwith Trust towards the installation of fencing, with gated access, across the lower part of the Recreation Area field had been approved and donations for two benches had been received **from two anonymous parishioners. Peter informed the Council that the Young Children's Play Area** equipment had been installed and the area was now only waiting for the laying of the impact absorbing rubber surface for completion. Also a bench and litter bins had been purchased with the money received from Broadacres.

On Saturday 6th **November the Young Children's Play Area was officially opened by Mike Horrocks**, manager of the LEADER programme, who assisted with the funding application and the Parish & Methodist Churches provided refreshments for the sixty guests who attended. A fortnight later I was again honoured to lay the Parish Council Wreath at the Remembrance service at St Nicholas Church. At the Parish Council meeting later that week we discussed the Amplecarr situation yet

again and it was agreed to write to Councillor Dadd regarding our frustration at the lack of action. This is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year and, given the financial climate, it was unanimously agreed to maintain our precept at £7000 for the sixth year in succession. Therefore provision was made for development the Recreation Area, Village Hall Maintenance and Cemetery Extension fund as well as the ongoing costs for grass cutting, insurance, annual audit and, as 2011 is an election year, a sum was added to cover Parish Council Election costs. Peter reported that the fencing, litter bins and seats had been installed in the Recreation Area and the Annual Safety Inspection had been completed by Playsafety Ltd. Just before Christmas the Recreation Area Committee were advised that their Changing Spaces Bid had been successful and £34,746 had been awarded for the provision of an Adventure Area & Fitness Trail and upgrading of the access track.

At the January meeting we were joined by members of the Village Hall Committee who wanted to discuss the possibility of applying for lottery funding to build a new Village Hall. The Parish Council wholeheartedly supported the idea and it was decided that if parishioners were in agreement then the Village Hall Committee would proceed with the application. We were advised by Councillor Patmore that the Amplecarr situation was being delayed due to legalities but the Parish Council agreed to request a detailed work programme and expected timescales. Peter informed us that, following the successful Changing Spaces bid, the Recreation Area Committee were seeking tenders for the installation of the Adventure Area & Fitness Trail and the upgrading of the Access Track and it was hoped that work could commence in April.

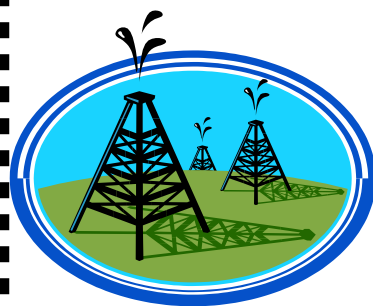
By the March meeting, Highways had created a one way system on the Amplecarr and traffic entering the village from the A19 was being diverted via Easingwold. After lengthy discussion the Clerk was requested to write to Highways with some suggestions for a way forward. Other items discussed were the Equality Act, the closure of Easingwold Library, the discontinuation of local Bus Services, the disappearance of the Cemetery Wheelie Bins, the possibility of nominating our Recreation Area as a Queen Elizabeth Field and a new cheaper insurance quote from Zurich. Peter reported that the Recreation Area Committee had considered the tenders submitted and had unanimously agreed to award the contracts to Image Playgrounds of Sheriff Hutton and Mark Fairweather of Helperby!

During the last year we have been asked to consider 13 planning applications, ranging from the installation of a wind turbine to the felling of a tree and the Parish Council had no objections to any of these. One application was withdrawn and Hambleton approved ten and are still considering the other two.

Hopefully we have kept parishioners aware of the activities in which we have been involved with regular articles in the Husthwaite Newsletter and reports in local papers. Councillors have attended meetings of the Beckwith Trust, Easingwold & Villages Forum, Hambleton Play Partnership, Husthwaite Village Hall, Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch, Husthwaite Recreation Area, Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and District Parish Liaison Committee. This, in addition to our regular meetings, has kept us all busy throughout the past year and I hope that we have all represented our parishioners to the best of our ability.

Unfortunately only four candidates stood for nomination at the recent Election of Parish Councillors in Husthwaite so we are still three Councillors short. Therefore I would like to invite any interested persons who would be willing to join our small, friendly group to inform any Councillor, or our Clerk, of your willingness to be co-opted onto Husthwaite Parish Council.

I would like to end my report by thanking my fellow councillors for their hard work and support over the last year. I would also like to express our gratitude to Barrie, our Clerk, who performs his duties so skillfully, to Percy Featherstone, our retiring District Councillor, who regularly attended our meetings, kept us extremely well informed and supported most of our village projects and events and finally to Caroline Patmore, our County Councillor and new District Councillor.



Husthwaite Oil Cooperative

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For those of you who are not yet members of the Cooperative, I thought you might be interested to see the very competitive prices (ex VAT) that have been achieved for heating oil purchases by the Syndicate over the past year. How much did you pay?

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Highest quotation	46.90	44.00	44.50	57.90	59.99	59.99	62.05
www.boilerjuice.com	43.20	41.30	43.00	52.50	59.80	59.77	56.35

Membership is open to all — if you live in Husthwaite or very near and want to know more about the Cooperative, give me a call or email me. The next order will be placed on 18 July

Michael Graham

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(With thanks to Chris Owens of Brafferton who leads the syndicate and places the orders on our behalf)

AMPLECARR - PARTIAL CLOSURE

The Parish Council are aware that the one-way system on Amplecarr is frustrating and annoying. We would all like the matter resolved. However, that is no excuse for breaking the law and entering the village from the A19 via Amplecarr. Even casual observation notes drivers ignoring the 'road closed' and 'no entry' signs. This is extremely as those legitimately travelling through Amplecarr justifiably assume nothing will be coming in the opposite direction. If you are one of the culprits, please desist. NYCC now have August in mind for restoration of normal service. Patience please!

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Slaters of Carlton Husthwaite (1870 - 1926)

Professor Stuart Marriott in his information on the houses of the old village of Carlton Husthwaite when referring to the house now known as Oak Lea, then a house in multiple occupation, wrote:

"In 1871 one of the households was headed by Mary Ann Pratt, a 49-year-old widow who worked as a farm labourer to support her three school-age children. The other was headed by John Slater, a joiner, who had a workshop on the premises".

This article refers to John Slater and his family who lived in the house for the next fifty years or so.

John Kendrew Slater (1846 - 1917) was born in Husthwaite, the eldest son of John Slater (b.1822) of Oulston and brother of William and Thomas Slater of "The Firm and Slater's Yard" in Husthwaite. In 1870 he married Maria Pratt (1849 - 1926), eldest daughter of the Mary Ann Pratt mentioned above. Between 1872 and 1896 ten children, three sons and seven daughters (or granddaughters), were born in the house. The uncertainty about daughters and granddaughters arises from differences in Census records for 1901 and 1911. The two youngest girls living at home in 1901 are listed as daughters and in 1911 the same two are listed as granddaughters. In 1911 the number of children born is given as nine with seven still living. To further confuse matters, only one of the children that had died before 1911 can be identified. I am the son of Ada Melene Slater, seventh of these children.

The business in Carlton Husthwaite can best be described as that of the village joiner. John Slater has been variously described as a carpenter, joiner, wheelwright and undertaker. There is only one picture showing anything of the business and no records of any work done. The picture shows the operation in the house yard of cutting up logs to produce slabs of timber ready for seasoning. It includes John Slater and two of his sons as well as a steam traction engine which was brought in to drive the saw. According to my mother, materials for wheels were bought from Stansfields of Leeds and probably delivered by rail to Husthwaite Gate station. The yard also included a saw pit. At the time of the 1881 Census an apprentice, aged 19, was living in with the family. Subsequently the three sons, Charles Henry (1872 - 1948), William Thomas (1880 -1952) and Owen Kendrew (1891 - 1962), served as apprentices and learned the trade from their father. The undertaking side would most likely involve making coffins. With the population of Carlton Husthwaite being 168 in 1887 and 146 in 1911 the demand for coffins would only be three or four a year.

All the children went to school at Birdforth which was about a one and a half mile **walk from the house. Sunday morning attendance at St Mary's church was followed** by attendance at the Methodist Sunday School in the afternoon.

Girls in the family were Charlotte , Eleanor , Edith, Amelia , Ada , Charlotte Evelyn (possibly a grand-daughter) and Elsie May .When the girls finished schooling all

went into service as "general servants domestic" initially with families in the surrounding area. The only daughter who had a different job was Elsie who worked in Barnbow Ordnance Works, Leeds during the 1914-18 war. Eight of the children are known to have married.

Charles and William both moved to York to work for the North Eastern Railway in the carriage yards. Owen was called up to the army and was serving in Salonika when his father died in 1917. With no one from the family left in Carlton Husthwaite to carry on the business, I can only assume that it closed down or someone from outside the family took it over. Both Charles and William retired from the railway aged 65. Charles, who was described as a joiner and cabinet maker, then found work repairing antique furniture for one of the large antique dealers in York. William's great passion was gardening. Before retirement he had three standard size allotments with a large greenhouse. After retirement he took on more. Any time we visited him in York we were certain to return home with a lot of his garden produce. Owen worked in the Thirsk area as a joiner until he retired.

Maria Slater continued to live in Carlton Husthwaite after her husband died. Whether this was in the same house is unknown. After her death in 1926 in the village she was buried in Husthwaite Old Cemetery in a plot adjoining those of her husband and their daughter Eleanor.

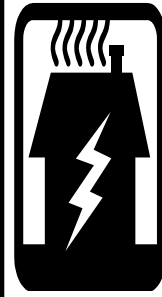
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Potato pickers eat their lunch(their 'lowances). On the left is Charlotte Evelyn, daughter of John Kendrew Slater. More detailed text and photos are available on the history society website,

www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk

Village Hall News



Energy
Day 2



Treasure Hunt & Barbecue 26 June

After missing a year, we're doing the Treasure Hunt and Barbecue again.

We'll put together a list of clues and a question sheet to take you round footpaths near the village and there will be a barbecue to welcome you back to the village hall. New this

year; we shall be doing a shorter hunt as well, just for the youngsters. And there will be entertainments in the hall too!

Watch out for more details.

We're doing another Energy Day later in the year with the help of York Energy Saving Trust. There will be more about saving energy and we will be concentrating on looking at alternatives to oil for home heating.

Look out for more **details soon. Don't** forget free home energy audits and thermal images; 868130 for info.

The Good Life 2011

9 July 1.00 to 4.00pm

A new event, sponsored by Howardian Hills Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Rural **Action Yorkshire. It's about local food, growing** it or raising it, cooking it and even composting.

There are stalls about growing veg's, raising chickens, keeping bees, growing fruit trees and much more **besides. There's a question and answer session with experts in** growing and cooking. Anything you need to know about local food is here and there will be some to buy too. The same event was a great success in Slingsby in April. Ours will be even better!



Made In Husthwaite



In 2009 we had one of our best exhibitions ever. We asked anyone in the village who made things, (for example, a painting or woodwork or restored cars) if they would like to show their neighbours. We asked people too who collected things. It was about enthusiasm and skill and the result was wonderful. Visitors wrote comments; they

were warm and really positive.

We want to do it again, this time with the Apple Fair on Sunday 18 September.

More information soon.

Daytime in the village hall.....

Can you help us?

We want to use the village hall **during the day. It's a good** place to meet , have coffee or maybe lunch, perhaps once a **fortnight. We've got some** good ideas for exhibitions or short talks to go with it. It would be a new place in the village to meet people, during the day.

But we're need some help to organise it and to come up with good ideas. Have you a bit of time to spare, to make a real difference to village life?

Ring Andrew on 868130 if you want to help.

The Lottery Bid...for money to rebuild the hall

Our first go didn't make it past the outline assessment panel (but then neither did 19 out of every 20 bids). So we spoke to the Lottery Fund and they were very encouraging and positive. Ours was basically a good application and they've told us what we didn't get right. So we're rewriting the bid and we shall submit it in early June.



Final note; our Trust Deed....for info

The village hall is a charity and we have to have a Trust Deed. It's a rule book which tells us what we can do. Ours was last revised in 1999 and it's out of date. So we've got legal advice to bring it up to date. It needs to be approved by the AGM, so it will be ready for then, in October.

Husthwaite Orchard Village Festival Sept 18 2011

Apple Fair in the village school and
Made in Husthwaite in the Village Hall

At the Apple Fair there will be a wide variety of stalls, food and drink, cider **tasting, music, children's activities** and much more.



At Made in Husthwaite there will be exhibitions of local crafts, arts, hobbies and interests and displays by local businesses.

If you want to take part or have any questions about the Festival, please contact Cameron Smith about the Apple Fair on 868489 or Andrew Coulthard about Made in Husthwaite on 868130, as soon as possible.

A more detailed programme of events will be made available soon

Shandy Hall, Coxwold

Giving Offence

14 June 2011

Coxwold Village Hall, 7.30pm

*Giving Offence** is a talk and discussion on the contemporary political cartoon - how it works and why it matters.



Martin Rowson is political cartoonist for the Guardian and is the author of several books including: *The Illustrated Tristram Shandy*, *Stuff*, *F**k*, and the soon to be published graphic novel of *Gulliver's Travels*.

Martin Wainwright is Northern Editor of the Guardian and the author of *True North*, *The Coast to Coast Walk* and *A Biography of the Morris Minor*. He also keeps a moth blog.

* *Giving Offence* contains strong language

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National Gardens Scheme - Moth trapping and identification evening.

24 June 2011

Garden open 18.30 - 20.30



As part of the National Gardens Scheme, Gardens Open for Charity, Shandy Hall Garden will be open in the evening. Evening is a particularly lovely time in the garden and we invite you to come and share the beautiful view of Byland Abbey as the sun sinks.

Moth trapping, identification and release will be led by Dr David Chesmore - moth recorder and expert. Over 160 different species have been identified in the gardens over the last five years. You are welcome to come and learn more about these beautiful but rarely seen creatures at 19.30 when moths caught the previous night will be identified and released and the trap set for the following night.

Admission: £2.50 adults - £1 children

All admission charges are donated to the National Gardens Scheme

Visit out moth blog www.shandyhallmoths.blogspot.com

FiddlyManDoris Charity Concert

On Saturday May 7th Hushwaite Village Hall opened its doors to FiddlyManDoris (FLMD), Yorkshire's own Folk Supergroup, and their special musical guests Mic and Susie Darling from Hartwith. The aim of the evening was to raise as much money as possible for the MS Society's Hambleton and Richmond branch.

FLMD, who are highly active in the field of charity fundraising, have organised a number of such evenings around the area in the past few months; and all are well attended. The evening started with a brief introduction from Glyn Cavell "Road Manager" - including an explanation of how the group got its name. After that the group did their first set; a healthy mix of traditional British, Irish, American and Canadian tunes and songs, as well as some self-penned material. Heart-warming vocals and harmonies from all band members, balanced with lively accompaniment and solos on Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin and Cajon percussion parts.

After their first set, and a short interval, FLMD introduced their special guests, Mic & Susie Darling. Mic and Susie have lived their lives in the traditional travelling way - and in recent years have taken to documenting their exploits and observations in beautifully crafted folk songs. Their subjects range from the prejudices experienced by Travellers, to conversations with the Wildlife of Britain. Their set comprised all original material apart from the encore which was a medley of Chuck Berry hits. Magical.

After another interval, stand-up-sit-down auction and a raffle; it was time for FLMD's final set. This time they had a dancing audience, and the evening was topped off together with Mic & Susie back on stage for a singalong rendition of Hard Times. As well as the now-statutory Real Ale and Cider bar, FLMD also brought along a whole array of cakes and biscuits, which were on sale along with Yorkshire Tea and coffee.

A wonderful evening that raised a hearty sum for The MS Society. The Village Hall also made a donation from the bar takings for the evening. We hope to see another happy crowd at future musical events at The Village Hall.

Alun Nixon

(Photo opposite: Richard Wood from the Village Hall Committee presents the cheque for the MS charity to Glyn Cavell of FLMD)



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Mic and Susie Darling from Hartwith entertaining the **audience in the village hall with their Travellers' songs,** at the FiddLynManDoris Charity Concert in May