

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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Thomas Nixon tries out a Jowett sports car at the recent Jowett day at Husthwaite village hall.



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***Please send contributions for the next edition by July 20th to me via email (jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or telephone 01347 868130. Comments and suggestions are welcome.***

***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

***7 June Made in Husthwaite (Village Hall) starts at 10am***

***13 June Elphin Drift (Village Hall) starts at 7.30 pm***

***WB. 22 June Rural Action Yorkshire visit the village***

***28 June Photo shoot 12.00 noon for old scholars***

***28 June Treasure Hunt & Barbeque 1.00pm***

***9 July Gardening Club visit to Fernwood***

**Husthwaite's churches need.....your views!**

For many, many years the two churches in the village have been open for worship both for separate services and jointly.

You support us so well and we are so pleased that you do. You enjoy the carols and the harvest, Christmas and songs of praise, and Easter egg hunts. You like to have your Christenings and your weddings in the centre of the village. We enjoy your company at Coffee and Chat or Soup and Pud and with the school at services. And you generously support our fund raising activities.

But now we want to do more and so need to know what **you** would like from us on Sundays and on other days. Please tell us! We will all listen but perhaps you could start by letting one of us hear from **you**.

We are especially considering two initiatives:

\*developing new and joint forms, times and places of worship

\*a project to help the village or allow the village to help others.

**What do you think?** Please share with us your ideas and suggestions.

**Rev Ruth Duck 821460**

**Rev Ian Kitchen 821876**

**Linda Davison  
868 449**

**Guy Wilson  
868 126**

**Jill Galloway  
868 514**

## **Orchard Tree Project—Order Trees Now!**

With this newsletter, Husthwaite residents should get a loose insert which is an **order form** detailing the fruit tree varieties they can order from Cameron Smith . The trees are free, and the order should be returned to Cameron **by the end of June**.

If you get this newsletter by email, or have not received an order form, and live within a 1 mile radius of the village green, please contact Cameron on **868489** or email [stonewold.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:stonewold.smith@btinternet.com). All orders will be ready for October planting.

## **Photo Shoot of anyone who attended the OLD School in Husthwaite which closed in 1974.**

Anyone who attended the old School is invited along to have a group photo taken near the former School at 12 noon on Sunday June 28th. This is so the Husthwaite local history society will have a permanent record stored in the archives. If you know of anyone who would like to be included please ask them to come along.

On the same day the Village Hall Committee are holding the annual **TREASURE HUNT and BARBEQUE**, starting on foot from the village hall at 1pm. This year it is being planned (without giving any clues of the route away) to make it accessible to everyone regardless of their age to be able to participate. So if your along coming to the OLD School photo shoot, why not round the afternoon off with the Treasure Hunt and come along to the Barbeque at the village hall. It will be a great village occasion.

If you are coming to the Barbeque please give me (Stephen Barker 01347 868259) or (Vicky Nixon 01347 868740) a ring **by Wed 24th June** at the latest so we know how many we are catering for.

It is worth emphasising that the **TREASURE HUNT** will be on a totally new route again this year and **WILL** be accessible to all ages, Please come along and enjoy a fun afternoon.

**Stephen Barker**

## **Dog Fouling(again)**

Despite recent protests, the incidence of dog-fouling is again on the increase. Those who are anti-social enough to allow dogs to foul foot-paths without clearing up are reminded there is a substantial fine. There's nothing worse than finding this mess on your or your children's shoes has trodden into your house or car. Please clean it up!

**Barrie Ward**

## **Recycling Centre**

The Salvation Army have recently added a clothing bin to the recycling centre at the rear of the cemetery. They would appreciate clean clothing, shoes etc if you have any to dispose of.

**Barrie Ward**

## **VILLAGE OF THE YEAR?**

Following the successful entry of our 'Welcome to Husthwaite' information pack in the Village Ventures competition, organised by Rural Action Yorkshire in 2008, the Parish Council is seeking further honours for the village. This time, we have entered the Village of the Year (2009) competition, organised by Rural Action Yorkshire and sponsored by Calor, in association with NYCC.

For this event, judges are seeking to identify 'Well-balanced, proactive, caring village communities which, irrespective of size, have made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants'.

If our entry is short-listed, a panel of judges will arrange to visit Husthwaite to talk to various people during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Interestingly, we will be judged not on what our community has but on what we do.

In our submission, the categories which had to be covered were broadly as follows:

- \* Making the community a better place in which to live.
- \* Providing work through local businesses.
- \* Attending to sustainable and environmental activities.
- \* Promoting effective communications.
- \* Identifying what makes Husthwaite special.

Look out for further developments - you may be called upon to talk to the judges!

**Carol Fenwick and Peter Davison**

## **Husthwaite and District Gardening Club**

The gardening club will be visiting Fernwood, a village garden with good herbaceous plants and roses, in Cropton, and Lower Askew nearby in the beautiful valley of the river Severn, on the afternoon of Thurs. 9th July. Any non-member who would like to come can obtain details including costs from the Outings Organiser, **Jean Sibley**, on 01347 869063.

## Plant Sale Success

Husthwaite & District Gardening Club held a very successful plant sale in Husthwaite Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April with the club making an overall profit of £322. A wide selection of good quality plants had been donated by members and set out on the previous day. A substantial queue had formed before the sale opened so business was brisk when the doors opened, and once again the plants had virtually sold out within half an hour. Refreshments were included in the entry charge and provided by Rita Essex and her team. ( See photo on back page.)

Tony Cowan

## Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

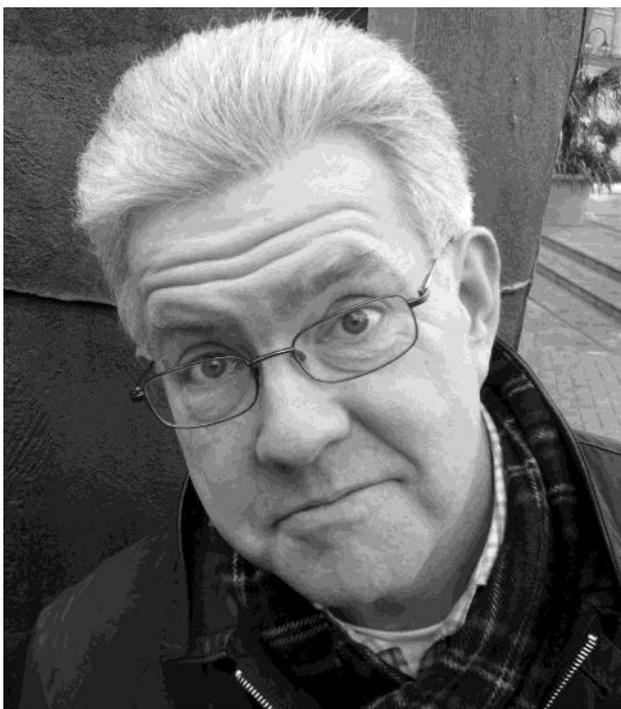
The club meets on the second Thursday in the month at 7.30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall from September to April with, additionally, a plant sale in April and usually three outings in the summer months. The subscription is only £5 pa which is easily recouped by the generous discount offered at Castle Howard Plant Centre. Next season's programme is:

	2009	
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Warm Temperate Gardens of New Zealand	Michael Jones
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Ampleforth Abbey Apples	Father Reiner
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Bog Brink and water	Steve Wright
10 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> January Perennials	Alistair Taylor
	2010	
tba	Trees & Shrubs for Small Gardens	Barbara Kirkman
11 <sup>th</sup> February	AGM and bulb competition History of the Walled Garden	Trevor Rogers
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Preparing for spring	Mike Kin-nis
8 <sup>th</sup> April	The Good Life Towards a self sufficient lifestyle	Maureen Sutcliffe

*The following was broadcast on Radio 4 recently, and said all there is to say about the importance of keeping a lively village hall in our community. It is included in our newsletter with the kind permission of the BBC and of Ian McMillan, the well known poet and broadcaster.*

## VILLAGE HALLS

Excuse me if I sound exhilarated, but I'm just back from a tour performing my poems with my cartoonist mate Tony in a clutch of village halls, and as usual each venue was superb and vibrant and gloriously different, superbly eccentric. In Capenhurst our dressing room was the space where the children's playgroup met, and I hung my loud shirt on a peg so low I almost cricked my back when it



was time to get changed, and in Kettlethume there was nowhere to park so the audience parked on the road outside, people arrived an hour and a half early to get a good seat and sat there reading books from the local library until it was time for us to start, marking their places with gig tickets when we strolled on. In Helsby a man turned up expecting the monthly meeting of the Cheshire Beekeepers Society, and I almost persuaded him to stay.

In these difficult times for the arts and for communities and for social cohesion, I'd like to suggest that the village hall could be a huge part of a new renaissance, a local revolution based round raffles and lunch clubs and top class entertainment miles from self-promoting and self-regarding metropolitan centres of excellence. This hasn't always been the case, of course: for years village halls were seen as the equivalent of mud huts in a city of high rises. They were poor relations, places where you had your wedding reception if you couldn't afford the Moat

House and places where you took your mother to sit with other mothers her own age for the knit and natter club once a month as helpers dispensed beige tea from huge teapots marked KNIT AND NATTER: DO NOT REMOVE.

The village hall touring circuit has been with us for a long time; in the late 1980's I stood up in many of them reading my deathless verse to eager audiences. Well, mostly eager: I remember one in a place that I won't name where the poster outside read TONIGHT: ADULT COMEDIANS. I explained to the cardiganned organiser that we were just daft lads reading poems and he said, with a dubious look in his eyes, that we'd be okay. We performed for forty-five minutes to complete and chilling indifference and silence and then a man got up and said 'I'm going to the toilet now: if you say something funny while I'm out, let me know.' Predictably he got the biggest laugh of the night. These days I don't reckon that kind of mistake would happen (unless you're a Cheshire beekeeper, of course); village hall tours have moved on and the audiences know what to expect. One month they'll get a play that tackles deep and fundamental issues, one month they'll get somebody singing the Mississippi blues deep in the Trent delta, and one month they'll get me and my mate acting daft. Sounds like paradise to me! Village Halls began the long stroll back to the centre of things around the time of the Millennium. Money was made available from the lottery to spruce them up and to help them to regain their place at the centre of the community; I've lost count of the number of halls I've performed in to the backdrop of a millennium quilt or a millennium mural. And, with the new money and the new floors and the new wiring and the new roof came a new confidence, a new belief that local really can mean global and universal and not parochial. And, more importantly in these fragmented times, a realisation that a day nursery and a youth club and a lunch club (okay, that's knit and natter with a new name but perhaps the same old teapot) and a series of performances by professional artists can lead to a new way of seeing life outside the urban heartlands. They say that village can only survive if it has a pub, a school, and a Post Office. Well, let me add Village Hall to that and, and here's a radical thought: why can't the village hall be the pub and the Post Office and the School as well? And the library and the intergenerational centre and the place where the beekeepers can meet without being told to buzz off or asked for a jar of honey. Village Hall as Cultural and Social Nexus: Discuss. Then get yourself down there....

**Ian McMillan**

## **‘DINOSAURS IN HUSTHWAITE’**

During the last 2-3 weeks, unusual sights and sounds have been witnessed in the Amplecarr area of the village! Such things cannot be attributed to children in the Primary School, although it would appear that they have been intrigued by what they have been able to observe during their break times.

Following an intensive period of planning and fund-raising, work is now underway on the centre piece of the Recreation Area - the Multi-use Games Area (MUGA).

Apart from big delivery lorries on site, huge machines have been lumbering back and forth, moving soil, spreading hardcore, creating drainage channels and levelling and firming up the base for the MUGA. These Dinosaur-like machines, which have been so intriguing, are a JCB JS130 Digger (13 tonnes), a Dumper Truck (9 tonnes) and a Bomag 120 Roller (3 tonnes).

The MUGA is rapidly taking shape due largely to the sustained efforts of two workers - Dave Stokes and Lee Wilson, employees of Cleveland Land Services, who have been given the contract for this work. Dave and Lee have travelled from Loftus, leaving home at around 6.30 a.m. and working almost non-stop for six days each week. As those who have managed to visit the site recently will confirm, Dave and Lee have done a magnificent job in a relatively short time.

Most recently, a team of workmen from Tarmac have been on site with their machines to lay the top surface, an impressive set-up in which laser equipment at each corner of the MUGA communicated with a massive Laser Power Machine, resulting in the tarmac being evenly distributed by an automatic process. Finally, a heavy roller trundles back and forth putting the finishing touches to a smooth, even surface.

By the time this Newsletter is published, the rebound fencing around the MUGA is likely to have been erected. Shortly, the Parish Council will be holding a special meeting to discuss arrangements for an official opening and planned activities on the MUGA to introduce everyone to the new sporting opportunities which will soon be available to Husthwaite.

Watch out for details!

**Peter Davison**



Planning a start;  
Peter Davison,  
Dave Stokes and  
Lee Wilson



Levelling the soil in  
the base area



Draining the  
site

More pictures  
of the work  
over the  
page.....



Laying the hardcore

Spreading the tarmac



Levelling the tarmac

Rolling and compressing the finished surface

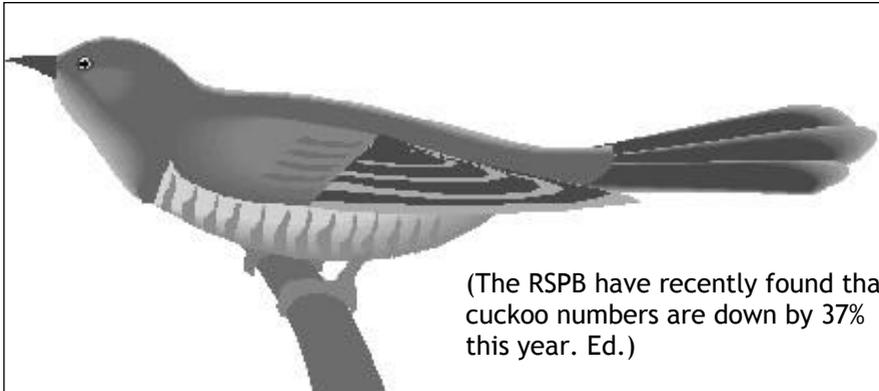


*Photos; John Ovenston*

## Bird's Eye View

As I was a-walking one evening in May  
The cuckoo was singing some distance away  
The first time I heard it  
May well be the last  
For I fear that the cuckoo  
Is a bird of our past.  
Tooraloo, tooralay  
How silent is Spring when this bird flies away.  
Tooraloo, tooralay  
How can we survive if this bird cannot stay?

## Robin Walton



(The RSPB have recently found that cuckoo numbers are down by 37% this year. Ed.)

## Husthwaite Local History Society

Packs of 4 Reminiscences booklets covering the whole of the 20th century in the village are now on sale for the reduced price of £18. This may be of interest to newcomers to the village who have not bought any of the individual booklets.

If interested, please contact Angela Ovenston 868347 or email [aovenston@aol.com](mailto:aovenston@aol.com). Some copies of individual booklets are on sale at the village shop.

**Angela Ovenston**

# Village Hall News

*The recent Jowett event and the details of the next Elphin Drift live music evening, are covered in other Newsletter articles.*

Just after Easter, our new kitchen was put in and the new storage rooms completed. We're very grateful to the Community Foundation for the grant which let us do this long overdue work. We asked for the funding to turn the old billiard room into a more useable space and to give us a kitchen we can be proud to offer to hall users.

The first use for the new community room has been the **Youth Club** project. We had a good trial run in May, with 4 volunteer helpers and 12 young people. The plan is to focus on 8's to 14's, to meet regularly and to offer sport and creative activities. The future of the project depends on young people taking responsibility and having a good rota of willing adult volunteers. If you can put a bit of time into this important part of village life, please contact Richard Wood on 868247. We really need you, and we will provide support, advice and arrange training if needed.

The new room enables us to offer the new daytime **adult education** classes starting in September. Jan Coulthard has written an article about those. The village has done well to get the WEA to devote funds to developing work here, especially now.

**MADE IN HUSTHWAITE** happens in the village hall on Sunday 7 June 10.00am to 4.00pm. We have had some really excellent offers of displays. At present, you will see the work of painters, woodworkers, a designer of stamps for Royal Mail, photographers, people who make things in fabric, a working layout of vintage model trains, a collection of press cuttings about Husthwaite going back to the 50's and examples of motorbikes and tractors made or restored in the village. It has been astonishing to see the level of skill, knowledge and enthusiasm that people give to what they are passionate about. There will be information about other village things too. The Orchard Village Project, the new Games area, the village societies and all the businesses who work here. It's about celebrating what a special place Husthwaite is. Please come, bring friends and relations, enjoy the displays and have a tea and Husthwaite bun!

**Andrew Coulthard**

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Would you like to have your conservatory looking as clean and bright as it used to from only **£60?**

## The History Society now has its own website

This has just been designed and launched by Lawrie Hill on [www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk). Its purpose is not only to make information more accessible and to illustrate what we are doing, but to encourage involvement in our work. There is information on events, current projects and past publications. In addition, there are also galleries of photographs which illustrate an increasingly comprehensive view of the history of Husthwaite.

We welcome contributions in any form. New members who wish to be involved in current projects or simply to develop their own can use the contact information on the site. Anyone who has documents, photographs or simply more detailed information on any of the photographs in our Gallery is also welcome to contribute.

For example, the photograph illustrated here is of the Husthwaite Ladies Cricket Team, taken in the early 1900s, in the field opposite the Institute (now the village hall). Can you identify any of the people in the photograph? If so either use the contact page on the site or telephone Lawrie Hill on 868667.

**Lawrie Hill**



Husthwaite Ladies Cricket Team, c. 1900

# Sort Out Your Finances

The financial markets have been a mess.....  
Shares down 30% in 12 months  
Property down 14% in 12 months  
Can't get your money from your bank  
Who knows what to do with their money?

*Will Mowatt is an independent financial advisor based in the Easingwold area. He has a wide experience of financial products having originally qualified as an actuary with Scottish Widows and most recently having been the Director of Marketing for Retirement and Protection products at Norwich Union.*



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# WEA



Learning Life

## New Daytime Adult Education Courses in Husthwaite From September

**Making your Experience Count** starts **Wed. 23 September**  
9.30-11.30 am for 7 sessions in the Village Hall.

This **free** course gives people the opportunity to build confidence by reflecting on their experience, strengths and skills they have developed, as well as helping them make choices about options open to them and preparing to move on to education, training, jobs or voluntary work.

**Practical Parent Helpers** starts **Thurs. 5 Nov 9.30-11.30am**  
for 5 sessions in the Village Hall.

This **free** course aims to raise confidence, help parents and carers support their children and encourage them to help in the classroom. Then participants may wish to go on to the Open College accredited course **Helping in Schools** which runs from January 2010.

**Garden History and Design** starts **Thursday 24 September**  
2-4 pm in the Village Hall

A **10 week** course tutored by **Tony Powell** looking at the history of gardens and seeing how they reflected the society and architecture of the time. With visits to local gardens of historical importance we learn how to assess the historical development of the English garden landscape and the work of principal designers. We can share and make sure no-one is left out of visits!

Fee: £58    Benefit claimants and those 16-18 £3

**Please book a place on any of these courses NOW to avoid disappointment. We have started recruiting already! Book by contacting Jan Coulthard on 01347 868130, or via email: [jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk)**

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# Taylor Made

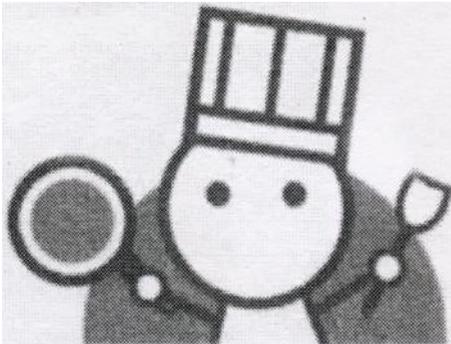
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## Elphin Drift - 7.30pm June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009

Be prepared for more Live Music in Husthwaite Village Hall.

13<sup>th</sup> June, not June 13<sup>th</sup> as the heading suggests, as close to the Summer Solstice as we could get, The Druids need the Village Hall the week after for some sort of ceremony....Anyway, I digress...

We are elapased (anag.) to announce that Mattea and Alex (previously billed as "Trio", but oversights being what they are, I've just realised there's only two of them) are returning to give us a bit of the old Jazz Guitar at lightning speed, played faster than you can possibly listen to it. Certainly after the last listening, I laid down the guitar and picked up the kazoo.

The ever-present Youth of Husthwaite will be featuring this time as well with their unpredictably broad spectrum; who remembers "Rock around the Clock" on trombone? Unbeatable.

Stoney Plain, who I keep telling you are moving on to bigger and better things; well they are, playing at the Black Swan Folk Weekend in York Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, but still finding the time to come and do a set in Husthwaite - their uncompromising 1930's Mississippi Delta Blues strikes a dominant seventh chord wherever they go, even Coxwold! We have got two Special Guests this time; the first of whom, Jessie and Sam hail from Oxfordshire. Playing piano and cello (and occasionally the drum) they promise an eclectic mix ranging from Bob Dylan to Britney Spears.

Our second Special Guest, Andrew Huggan, is travelling down from Sauchie, Clackmannanshire, (and I will be practicing this), to entertain us with a mix of his self-penned originals and traditional Scottish ballads.

The Ampleforth Ceilidh Band are visiting us again, only this time we'll clear a few chairs out of the way to create some sort of dance floor. Those of you who saw their last performance will know what to expect.

I am fair chuffed that we will be joined once again by two of our established acts:

Callum Watt, who has made several appearances in our evolution so far, and who will soon be venturing into the world of higher education, will be giving us one more turn with his interpretations of contemporary classics.

Phil Grainger, with his fluent guitar and keyboard playing and live onstage sampling, will invite us to stay awhile on his plane. I am working on the design for an ---ometer to measure what happens when

he performs, somebody out there must know what I mean? I am hoping that we will be joined by a four-piece World Music act - just awaiting confirmation, please watch this space. As always, sound reinforcement will be provided by Mike Wells of Byland Media, and there will be a licensed bar, also providing soft drinks.

Entry fee is £3 on the door, under 16s free of charge. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Alun Nixon 01347 868740**

## **Jowett ,Yorkshire's own car maker**



What an excellent day! Phill Green, who worked in Jowett's experimental section, came and told us about the Bradford company from its early days to the end in 1954. We heard about the test runs through the North Yorkshire countryside and the rugged reliability of these local cars remembered by many with great affection. Phill gave us a vivid and heartfelt account of the ups and downs of life in a 1950's car maker. 50 people came and some brought their own Jowetts, making a wonderful display at the front of the hall. The pictures show a Bradford van setting off home to Harome and, below, Noel Stokoe, the press secretary of the Jowett Car Club (left) with Phill Green our speaker. We finished with tea and buns in the sunshine.

**Andrew Coulthard**





The Gardening Club plant sale.

Photos by John Ovenston