

Husthwaite Newsletter

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TEENAGER AND MATRON IN WINDOW LEDGE DRAMA!

**Read all about
it inside on
pages 14-17**

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Dates for your Diary

1,2,3 and 4 June Jubilee Events (see last newsletter)

4 June 2-4.00 JubileeStreet Party at the Orchard Inn (£6 adults, £4 children) please buy tickets by May 31 from village shop or Orchard Inn

2-5 June Jubilee exhibition in village hall

5 June Book Exchange and refreshments in VH 10.30-12.30

5 June 12-2.00 Orchard Club lunch in VH

11 June School Visit to Jubilee exhibition

16 June 7.30 Elphin Drift in VH

19 June Book Exchange in VH 10.30-12.30

23 June Summer Market 10.30– 2.30 in Village Hall

3 July Book Exchange 10.30-12.30

3 July Orchard Club 12pm-2.00

6 July Reading Group in the Orchard Inn 2-3pm

17 July Book Exchange 10.30-12.30₂

WOULD YOU, COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?

At last we have found an organisation willing to provide training in the use of the defibrillator that has been gifted to the Parish. These machines definitely save lives (ask Peter Davison). We already have some volunteers but not enough to spread the load adequately.

If you are genuinely interested in becoming a 'Community First Responder please contact me (868146) or any parish councillor. We all hope that the machine never has to be used but it might be one of your nearest and dearest that needs it.

Think about it and then volunteer.

Barrie Ward



Grand Summer Market in Husthwaite

Saturday 23 June 10.30-2.30 in the
village hall

A wide variety of stalls from local producers and businesses. Alpaca products, Willow goods, Orchards of Husthwaite juice and cider, Jewellery, Artwork, greengrocery, Flowers, Home-made bread, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Soft furnishings, Sugar Mouse sweets, Cakes, Ice cream and many of the Hovingham Farmers' Market stalls as well!

Refreshments available. Free entry. Come along and support this fund-raising venture for the village hall.

Why go elsewhere to shop when the shops come to you!

Please give any offer of tombola prizes to Deb Lewis-Green or phone her on 868234 to arrange. Thanks!

I Was There!

In 1952 I was teaching in a small secondary modern school in a village between Bradford and Wakefield when, in

February, the headmaster called an assembly of the school at very short notice. There he told the staff and pupils that King George VI had died and

that his daughter, Elizabeth, would succeed him. I doubt there were many, if any, television sets in houses where the children lived. They were mainly of families whose parents worked on the railway, down the mines, or in a woollen mill in the village. Television was in its infancy and expensive. The King was little more to these pupils than a photo in a newspaper or a voice on the radio at Christmas, but there were several who returned to their lessons with tears rolling down their cheeks.



Sometime later a friend of mine told me that a local coach firm was advertising an excursion to the coronation on 2nd June. The coach would leave our town in the early evening of 1st June and return about 9pm on Coronation Day. He was thinking of going with his sister - was I inclined to join them? So, on the evening of 1st June fitted out with sandwiches, raincoats and umbrellas we boarded the coach to

London. The first motorway was not opened until 1959 so we trundled down the A1 to north London, where the coach was parked near a tube station. From there we took a train to Lancaster Gate station on the edge of Hyde Park where we thought the crowds would be less dense and we would have a better view of the procession returning the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh to Buckingham Palace. As we came out of Lancaster Gate tube station there were newspaper posters announcing that Everest had been climbed by Edmund Hilary (a New Zealand beekeeper, later knighted) and sherpa Ten Sing on 29th May. I believe the announcement was delayed a day or two so the impact was on Coronation Day.

We walked across Hyde Park to East Carriage Drive and managed to find a place to

settle near the roadway along which the royal procession would return from the ceremony. Loudspeakers had been fixed to lamp posts along the route so we could be aware of the events in Westminster Abbey. There was plenty to see from our standpoint opposite Grosvenor House Hotel where several Hollywood stars were said to be staying, including the coming and going of servicemen who were forming a guard of honour along the route. All this time the rain was falling heavily, people were buying newspapers to gain extra shelter from the downpour and behind us in Hyde Park was a battery of the Royal Artillery, firing salvos of blanks at regular intervals. So we watched the hotel opposite, the guards along the route and were deafened by the salvos from the 25-pounders. To make observation easier for me I bought a periscope made of cardboard and two mirrors in order to see the passing parade, but in the rain it too became soggy and not a lot of use.

Eventually the procession left the Abbey and came into view. Leading were troopers from the Household Cavalry, contingents from the Commonwealth, police, RAF, Army and Navy, detachments from Southern Rhodesia, Ceylon, Pakistan, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia and Canada, and more from the RAF, the Army, cadets from the RMA and Army Corps and regiments, the Royal Navy, the Foot Guards and the Home Guard of the war years - but I didn't see Captain Mainwaring or Corporal Jones!

Following on were carriages of colonial rulers. In the last one was Queen Salota of Tonga who endeared herself to the spectators by refusing to raise the hood of her carriage even though the rain fell incessantly. Carriages of Prime Ministers followed - last but not least came Sir Winston Churchill. Then we saw the Queen Mother and some royals followed by senior physicians, surgeons and dentists from the services; many high ranking officers, including well known names such as Field Marshalls Auchinleck, Alexander, Ironside and Montgomery. Finally we saw the Queen wearing the Imperial Crown (originally worn by her father) in the State Coach drawn by eight greys, escorted by Life Guards and Horse Guards and more high ranking military men on horse back. After six years of war and much post-war austerity the pageantry and colour were memorable. When the procession had passed, we followed the route it had taken back to the Palace. On Oxford Street most of the shop windows had been boarded up to protect against breakage, the same in Regent Street and then we came to Trafalgar Square and the Mall, which resembled an ocean of papier maché as discarded and soggy newspapers had been trampled underfoot. But why broken umbrellas and a solitary shoe? Was someone hopping back home to rest after a day which would be difficult to forget?

P.S. No wonder I did not see Captain Mainwaring or Corporal Jones or anyone else from Warmington-on-Sea as "Dad's Army"₅ first appeared on television in 1968!

G.F. Pickstone



Name and Shame

Over the last couple of months the pavements and the footpaths in Husthwaite have once again become littered with dog faeces.

In particular, a pile deposited on the path outside the Village Church is alone worthy of mention. It is disgusting, a health hazard to small children and should not be tolerated.

In open countryside there is no harm in owners removing dog poo from the thoroughfares and placing it in the hedgebacks provided they do not leave plastic bags with it! This has to be the most environmentally friendly method of disposal.

We have a lot of ramblers walking through this village, most of whom do not have dogs so the blame cannot be directed at them. Treading through dog muck does not make a pleasant day out but cleaning it from shoes is certainly memorable in a very negative way.

The mess is often attributed to all dog owners but most are responsible and clean up after their animals.

There have been two lurchers running loose in the village on more than one occasion. These dogs have no collars so they cannot be identified and they would appear to be hunting dogs. I am not blaming them for the mess but they may be contributing.

If you see an owner being irresponsible in allowing their dogs to foul and you don't wish to confront them, please ring the Hambleton Dog Wardens on 0845 2417253. If you know who is responsible, tell the Wardens who will pay them a visit. Better still, if you are the culprits, please clean up after your dogs and return our Village once again into a clean and pleasant walking area.

Erik Seaman

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Photo of Anne Dowson by Gerald Crane

Hustwaite & District Gardening Club

The annual plant sale in Hustwaite Village Hall is the main fund raiser for the club. It pays for our visiting speakers and for hire of the village hall. This year's sale, on 28th April, was a great success. Over seventy people came and most plants were sold in the first hour. A new stall was introduced,

selling members' home-made cakes and produce; the Hustwaite Apple Chutney proving very popular. Of course, the plant sale is a regular on the village's social calendar, so the morning wouldn't be complete without a cuppa and a good chat too.

Mike Wells

If you shop online....

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HUSTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2011 - APRIL 2012

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

Peter Davison- Easingwold & Villages Forum, Hambleton Play Partnership and Communications

Robin Houlston - Highways and Police Liaison

Elaine Smith - Easingwold & Villages Forum, YLCA and Vice-chair

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

At the bi-monthly meeting that followed, it was reported that the long awaited remedial works to the Amplecarr road and the installation of passing places on Malton Street and Carlton road were due to begin imminently. We were also informed that, as requested, Hambleton District Council had nominated our Recreation Area as a Queen Elizabeth II Field for the Future, which will hopefully protect our play area for future generations. Peter advised the Council that work in the Recreation Area, primarily funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme, had commenced; the track from the gate to the MUGA had almost been completed by contractor Mark Fairweather and Image Playgrounds were due to start the installation of the Adventure Area & Fitness Trail within the next month.

Before the July meeting work had, at last, started on the Amplecarr and passing places had been installed on Carlton Road and Malton Street, although fewer in number than originally requested. Peter reported that the Recreation Area Track and Adventure Area & Fitness Trail had been completed and a Grand Opening had been planned for 3rd August. It was decided that, as the Recreation Area was expanding and use was increasing, we should request an extension of the 30m.p.h. speed limit to beyond the Recreation Area entrance. It was also agreed that the provision of some 'Caution Children Playing' signs was advisable as was a regular grass cutting regime for the area west of the MUGA. Our guests at the meeting, Cath and Geoff Jones, thankfully confirmed their willingness to become Parish Councillors and were duly co-opted onto Husthwaite Parish Council.

By the September meeting the Amplecarr road had reopened (ahead of schedule?) and the painting of East View Railings had been completed. Peter informed the Council that the Official Opening of the Adventure Area & Fitness Trail had been well attended; Helen Ford from Tyne Tees Television had officiated at the opening, refreshments had been provided by Taylormade Catering and the Orchard Project had donated Husthwaite Apple Juice for the event. Peter also advised the meeting that in addition to the Changing Spaces grant, we had been successful in our application for a sustainability grant to fund training and equipment to ensure the success of our project. Finally it was reported that the Village Hall Committee had been successful with their stage 1 lottery bid and had now been invited to submit a more detailed stage 2 application.

On Sunday 13th November 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 defibrillator training, the funding of the grit bin at Elphin View and Christmas decora-

tions on the Village Green. This is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year and, given the financial climate, it was agreed to maintain our precept at £7000 for the seventh year in succession. Therefore provision was made for development of the Recreation Area, Village Hall Maintenance and the Newsletter as well as the ongoing costs for grass cutting, insurance and the annual audit. In addition, as the Queen will be celebrating her Diamond Jubilee in 2012, a sum was added towards the cost of village celebrations. It was reported that the 'Caution Children Playing' signs had been erected; Easingwold Lions had donated £260 towards the installation of cycle racks in the Recreation Area and the Annual Safety Inspection had been completed by Playsafety Ltd. Geoff Jones offered to take over as PC representative on the Village Hall committee and advised us that their stage 2 lottery bid had been submitted and that a book exchange, run by volunteers, was starting in the hall on a Tuesday morning.

At the January meeting the Parish Council agreed to fund the grit bin sited at Elphin View as it was considered vital to allow vehicular access to the village in bad weather conditions. We also offered to host a village meeting to discuss proposed events to celebrate the forthcoming Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Peter informed us that an application for funding had been submitted to 'Awards for All' towards the provision of a pavilion / store and another application had been made to the George Moore Foundation for a picnic table. Other funding possibilities were being explored for some outdoor gym equipment and improvements to the access road.

Before the March meeting, six members of the community had undertaken a Recreation Area Safety Training and Risk Assessment course provided by RoSPA, which was funded by our sustainability grant. The Village Hall Committee had been notified that their application for lottery funding was proceeding to Stage 3 and faced six months of hard work producing detailed plans for a new village hall. Highways had also finished the improvements to Easingwold road and a letter of appreciation was sent to them requesting the same treatment for the road to the A19! Following discussions with various village organizations a programme of events covering the Diamond Jubilee Weekend had been produced and was published in the Husthwaite Newsletter. The council agreed to purchase medals and trophies for Diamond Jubilee events and to give a donation towards a firework display at the Orchard Inn. The new opening times for Easingwold and Thirsk libraries and the new bus timetable for service 59 (Thirsk - Husthwaite) were noted. Peter reported that the application to 'Awards for All' had been successful and we had been awarded £10,000 towards the development of a pavilion / store in the Recreation Area. In addition York Handmade Bricks Company had agreed to provide the required number of bricks for the project for a nominal fee. The Recreation Area Committee had considered the tenders submitted for completing the project and had agreed to award the contracts to Graham Douthwaite and Mervin Duffield. A grant of £300 had also been received from the George Moore Foundation towards a picnic table and an application had been submitted to the Beckwith Trust for funding to install cycle racks.

During the last year we have been asked to comment on 16 planning applications, ranging from the construction of a new dwelling to the felling of a tree. The Parish Council only objected to one of these applications, which was later withdrawn, and Hambleton District Council approved 12 and are still considering the other three.

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, Highways, Husthwaite Village Hall, Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch, Husthwaite Recreation Area and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. This, in addition to our regular bi-monthly 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.

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 proficiently, and to Caroline Patmore, our District / County Councillor, who attends as many of our meetings as she can and keeps us well informed.

Carol Fenwick

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Exhibition

Husthwaite Local History Society are staging an exhibition in the Village Hall to cover events in the village over the last 60 years. Largely pictorial, it will show how much life in the village has changed and each decade will be coupled with coverage of the Queen's reign.

Entry will be free, coffee/tea and biscuits will be available for a small charge.

Opening times - Saturday 2nd June 2 - 5 pm, Monday 4th June 10 - 12 am, Tuesday 5th June 10 am - 2 pm (coinciding with the Book Exchange and Orchard Village Club).

It will also be open on Monday 11th June 9.30 - 11.30 for a visit from the school.

If anyone would like to lend small items for display please contact

Angela Ovenston (868 347)



Volunteers for the Orchards of Husthwaite stall on Hovingham Market...

If you want to help with this (the first Saturday of each month but you don't have to do each month!) then please phone Jane Maloney on 868235 to go on the rota. It's great fun and a chance to shop for excellent local produce.

Howden Jones? Who or what are they?

If you don't know then it's because you missed a superb evening of entertainment in the Village Hall on Friday May 18th! Howden Jones are a talented duo who entertained the enthralled audience with their music and anecdotes. They live on a narrow boat in Lancashire and travel in an old camper van, visiting and performing in Village Halls. This must be a lifestyle choice since their talent would suggest they are more than capable of earning a living in a more conventional way!

Instruments included guitar, banjo and fiddle and of course their two voices in perfect harmony. For one number, the audience were handed "Shaky Vegetables" to participate, resulting in uncontrollable laughter and good honest fun. All the music and lyrics were composed by themselves and before each piece was played, they described the situation or feelings that inspired it. For a non-musician such as myself this was magical. The description of a freezing swan coming aboard their narrow boat in the winter of 2010 and sleeping in the dog's basket in front of the wood burner was truly memorable. Similarly the planting of a dog rose on the canal bank over their dog's grave then making rose petal wine was the inspiration for another song!

This lovely couple smiled all through their performance, they were an absolute delight and although they have suffered tragedy in their lives, it more than came across that their philosophy was "always look on the bright side." Their joy, talent and good humour were infectious and I for one can't wait for their return to Husthwaite. For all those who missed them, just make sure you don't miss them again!

Erik Seaman



HUSTHWAITE KEEPS IT IN THE FAMILY !

Husthwaite took Ray Cooney's "It Runs In the Family" somewhat literally, with no fewer than four husband and wife teams represented on stage, and several others behind the scenes, in delivering a first class production which had the audience laughing from the opening curtain to the last ovation.

Lawrie Hill excelled as Dr Bonney, including some rather fetching vocals, as he was drawn into an ever-more tangled web of deceit being spun by the desperate Dr Mortimer, played with a wonderful balance of severity and humour by Richard Wood. Farce demands not only delivering a huge number of lines, but constantly getting timing and stage



*Linda
and
Cameron
Smith*



Left: Lawrie Hill

Play photos by Brian Watts



Top left: Euan Crawshaw

Top right: Lawrie Hill, Stephen Barker and Richard Wood

Left: Kerry Barker

Below right: Liz Crawshaw and Richard Wood



positioning just right as well - Lawrie and Richard did this superbly.

The flighty yet motherly Jane Tate (Linda Smith) helped to augment the subterfuge of the plot - and there is only one local actor who can be entirely relied on to play a character who dresses up in a pink tutu and curly wig - it has to be Linda's other half Cameron !

Liz Crawshaw found a whole range of facial expressions as the ever-incredulous Rosemary,



*Margaret
and Philip
Hewitson*



Below left: Richard Wood and Lawrie Hill

Below right: Catherine Skinner



culminating in having the last laugh, with husband Euan striking an imposing figure as one of London's finest, albeit with rather wet trousers !

Stephen Barker was always threatening to run amok as the mischievous wheelchair-bound Mr Lesley, complete with soda syphon, while Chris Gambles (Leslie- see front cover) and Kerry Barker (Nurse) added youth and vigour to the show - giving us a clear indication that the next generation of the Husthwaite Drama Group is going to be even stronger than the current one.

Philip Hewitson as the pompous, and increasingly inebriated Sir Willoughby created a character somewhat reminiscent of James Robertson Justice, and his wife Margaret (Matron) ably managed the tough job of acting drugged for the entire second act, having fallen from the balcony in the first act and broken her arm ! And the appearance of Dr Bonney's mother at just the right moment to complicate the plot even further, also brought Catherine Skinner to the stage, ably playing a character rather older than she is used to.

The Husthwaite stage was transformed into a doctors' common room from a London hospital, complete with the second floor window needed for the inevitable "balcony struggle", and the backstage and front-of-house crews (including various members of the Coulthard, Nixon, Gambles and Pike families), contributed to the success, with top quality sound, lighting and film from Mike & Breda Wells, and John Ovenston. The striking black and red set was designed by Lawrie Hill, who assisted John Ovenston in the build.

And to think that the show represented a directing debut for Mary Hill, who is more used to being on the other side of the stage lights, ably supported by Brom Jennison, the show was a triumph - playing to near-full houses, and, maintaining the excellent tradition of having an usherette, Anne Dowson serving interval ice-creams. It was worthy not just of Husthwaite, but of a bigger stage and a bigger audience - maybe we will be able to have both if the village is successful in securing the support for a new village hall.

Taking on a popular West End farce was a huge challenge, and, in this case the cast, director and backstage crew carried it off with aplomb. The essence of comedy is timing - not only was the timing on stage superb, but this is just the sort of laughter we cheer us up in these hard economic times ! More please !

Brian Watt



Right: Anne Dowson as the usherette

Elphin Drift

An evening of live music and
entertainment in
Husthwaite Village Hall.

Saturday 16th June 2012

Local Artists and Special Guests

Four Quarters ♦ Andrew Huggan

Luke Hirst & Sarah Smout

Phil Grainger ♦ The Maniac House Band

There is a bar with guests ~

Wold Top Ale and Galtres Gold Cider

All ages welcome

Entry: Adults - £4, Under 16 - free

Doors - 7:00 Music - 7:30

Please call Alun on 01347 868740 for more info

Elphin Drift

The line-up for our summer 2012 Elphin Drift is now complete, and a cracker it is too. Get yourselves to The Village Hall on **Saturday June 16th** at 7pm for a 7:30 start.

We have got two Elphin Drift first-timers, and two who you will all recognize:

Four Quarters - They are Ryedale's premier accapella group. I'm chuffed that we have at last managed to find a date when they are available. Four Quarters sing songs that you will know, and will want to join in with. Add to the mix their own infectious enthusiasm and you're there!

Andrew Huggan - Andrew has played at Elphin Drift three times in its history, and he is making that train journey south from "the wee county" of Clackmannanshire to entertain us once more. Andrew has recently put things in place to start recording his first full-length CD, after the release of his 2010 "Taste of Freedom" EP, and he has started work on recording tracks for the new album. It will be brilliant to see Andrew again after our last wild night at the Celtic Connections Festival Club back in February.

Phil Grainger - Phil is always welcome at Elphin Drift, and always has a few surprises for us. He is a wonderful singer and entertainer, and has a knack of engaging the audience. Whether it is keyboard, guitar, things that you blow or hit or swing round, he can get a song out of it, and we may see a bit of collaboration as well.

Luke Hirst & Sarah Smout - When I first saw Luke and Sarah perform at Helmsley Acoustic a few months back I knew that they are just right for Elphin Drift. With an admirable range of influences and a wealth of performing experiences as a duo - and separately before that - their relationship with melody, harmony and song-writing craft coupled with their onstage narratives makes for true enjoyment.

Sound desk and lights will be skilfully operated as ever by Mike Wells of Byland Media, The Maniac House Band will open the musical ceremonies at half past seven, and play until bedtime. We have the usual Ale and Cider bar including Lager, Wine and soft drinks. Doors open at 7pm, and entry is £4 - free for under 16s. I hope to see you all there.

Alun Nixon

01347 868740

Lottery bid news...and some volunteers needed

First...the **Lottery Bid**. A **big thanks** to all the people who have contributed ideas and hard work. The final bid is on track to be sent in by 19 July. Then the wait begins until October, when we get the verdict. In the meantime, the site has been surveyed (even for bats), a design has been agreed and all the various plans and charts have been produced and sent for planning permission.

Now is the right time to be thinking about the **interior**...and we need some **volunteers**.. We have set up working groups to do us a report about

- The Kitchen
- Landscaping
- The Main Hall and
- The Committee/Meeting room.

We need to plan for using and equipping each space in the best way by

- Sounding out opinion in the village.
- Discussing funding and whether we need to raise more
- Finding out about current uses and how to respond to the different requirements of user groups.
- Visiting similar village halls to find out what works and what does not.
- Talking to specialists concerning equipment and layout.
- Doing the MOST important task: being really creative in trying to work out new and exciting uses for the hall. It is not exclusively an entertainment venue. It is a space for talks, group activities, displays and other uses we cannot think of yet.

If you would like to be in one of these groups and to think creatively about one of these spaces in the new hall, we would love to hear from you.

Call Lawrie Hill on 868667

Shandy Hall presents15 July - 7 September

FOUND IN THE FIELDS - an exhibition of prints by Carry Akroyd

.....includes a series of hand-drawn lithographs which incorporate quotations from the



poems of John Clare, the nineteenth century 'Peasant Poet'. Carry Akroyd has for some years been linking her images of contemporary agricultural landscapes to the concerns and joys expressed in Clare's poetry. Also on show will be some of Carry's recent screenprints, and 'work in progress' as she makes new work responding²⁰ to the environment around Shandy Hall.

Orchard Village Club

May 2012



Mary arrives with
Steve and Louie

Transport is fundamental to enabling the older members of the Hushwaite community to enjoy the Orchard Village Club, which is now six months old. Members give one another lifts and Steve and Louie offer concessionary fares so that former residents and friends from Easingwold and District can re-connect with Hushwaite. We hope to extend this service to enable members to attend local events, such as the Hushwaite Apple Fair this autumn, provided enough helpers are available too.

Nobody is too young to take an active part in the proceedings: the youngest to attend so far are Ananya, aged three and her brother Josho, aged six. Their presence enlivened proceedings tremendously, and they were made very welcome.

Various OVC members enjoy preparing and serving a light lunch, ably supported by Malcolm and Margaret, Bunnie and Gill. Members enjoyed seeing the collection of photos collated by Brian, showing all the activities centred on the Village Hall over recent years. These included pictures of our New Year Party, and gave members the satisfaction of knowing that their own participation is recognised as being valuable in the community.

Richard writes:

“It’s a treat to sit among the old timers, as they have their dinner or play dominoes, and hear them re-living their Hushwaite days. The repartee, the self-mockery and good humoured teasing are pure old fashioned North Yorkshire. These people are a goldmine of insight and understanding of the true nature of the traditional rural community...”

The Club actively encourages other Hushwaite Village organisations to take part: Orchards of Hushwaite sponsored the New Year Party; The Phoenix Choir entertained and promise to come again very soon. We meet with people attending the

Book Exchange, overlapping by half an hour before lunch is served. The History Society has invited members to contribute to the forthcoming Jubilee Exhibition in the Village Hall at our next meeting, on Tuesday June 5th. The Husthwaite and District Gardening Club donated beautiful table decorations for the most recent event, and these were carried home by the lucky raffle winners.

Orchard Village Club Members say a big “Thank You!” to everyone concerned.

If you would like to participate, either on an occasional or a regular basis, please contact us:

Robin, facilitator 868 247

Bunnie, catering: 868 377

Anne and John, transport :868 506

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Jacki and Robin serving lunch.

Picture by Dave Lee, Yorkshire

Ridings Magazine March 2012



Bio-Diversity Matters

The cold weather of April and early May will have hit the honey bees hard, as they like to have a temperature of 12C before they fly. Beekeepers feed their bees to keep them going through these periods. I wonder if the village apple crop has been affected by this, as the blossom has come and gone during this period? The change to hotter days may bring out the butterflies, as it has the wasps. Watch out for tiny wasps nests beginning in sheds. If you don't want them around, it's easy to dispose of them now before they become too large to handle. Frogspawn has turned into tadpoles in our pond, so there is hope that frogs will emerge eventually. I heard a cuckoo on May 15th, the first this year. Pied wagtails abound. On Malton Street, we saw a tiny stoat chasing a full-grown rabbit several times its size.

You may see hares at this time of the year in the fields around here. though they are generally in decline. They are rare in many parts of Britain, particularly the west, having been hunted out. Hares present little threat to farmers compared with rabbits; their numbers are few, and they do not make burrows, but live above ground in long grass, moving out at night to feed. Modern uniform crop farming is often too intensive to encourage hares which tend to have a mixed diet including rough grazing. They tend to be solitary except when mating or with young, which are born fully furred, with eyes open, and which are only cared for during the first four weeks of their lives. Foxes, poachers and man are their most common predators. Hares have little legal protection, though hunting with dogs and hare coursing has been banned since 2002 (but they may lose protection if the Hunting Act is repealed.)

Hares can run at speeds of up to 45 mph and are a delight to see, especially when chasing and boxing in Spring. In the past, they were considered to have magical associations, and many artists use the hare's image in painting, sculpture, jewellery and pottery. The Hare Preservation Trust (harepreservation-trust.co.uk) actively campaigns to promote specific dedicated areas of land for them, and to promote increased legal protection to halt their decline.



Jan Coulthard

Please contact the Newsletter if you have news or concerns about the natural environment in our local area

Left: engraving of a hare by Durer 1502

The Hideaway at Baxby Manor

A huge thanks to everyone who has helped with this massive project; from Martin Gallon who has been involved throughout, from helping with the planning application to dealing with building control....to Mel and Paul from The Curtain room whose expertise in upholstery and spray varnishing/wood bleaching and anti-fire spread knows no bounds!! I cannot thank you enough.

It has been a HUGE learning curve, (it even helped me answers a couple of Ray's quiz questions at the pub the other week!) and the stress has probably shortened my life by a few years but I would do it again!

We hope to have an official opening once things have calmed down a bit, details will follow.

Once again thank you to everyone and Alison at The Orchard Inn, get ready...!

Pointless fact...there are 11,000 cedar shingles on the roof, taking 22,000 nails to secure, all of these were put in by hand...but I confess not by me!

Hope to see you down here at some point,

Barney Smith

The Orchard Inn

Tickets for the Jubilee Party are available at the Village Shop and the Orchard Inn. Please get yours by Mat 32 so that catering can be arranged!

“Elvis” will be here live again on June 2nd! See Jubilee posters around the village for information.

For the months of June/ July and August:

We will be focusing on "The Summer of Sport", along with the rest of the Country.

All the Football Matches for Euro 2012 will be shown (on terrestrial TV), commencing 8th June at 5pm. There will be Meal Deals available including new beers and the continuing popularity of the Guest Cask Ale.

Wimbledon Fortnight will also involve Strawberry & Cream Teas, Pimms and a lighter summer menu (if we ever get a summer). Of course not forgetting The Olympics—sports themed Quiz nights, Meal Deals and televised events.

During July we will be holding The Blooming Great Tea Party (dates to be confirmed.) Into August we have the Vintage Motor cycle club here again on the 12th August, so watch out for that and come along to have a look.

We are also looking at a Beer Festival, supported by local micro breweries, during the month of August. Along with regular Quiz Nights and music nights, The Orchard Inn really does cater for all, and all are welcome.

Alison Turner

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FOOTSTEPS OF A PATRIARCH

It seems appropriate that at the time a Nation celebrates the reign of a much loved and highly regarded Monarch, we the Village Hall Committee have cause to celebrate and pay tribute to more than a decade of our very own much loved and highly regarded Leader. After what must seem to him like an epic journey of chaos to order, and occasionally back again, Richard Wood is stepping down from the Village Hall Committee.

Richard is a people person, he has a skill for welcoming new people on board and knowing, even before they do, what talents they can bring to the party. He is a great facilitator and has made a lot of things happen, and mobilised a lot of people into producing really great things in our

ramshackle little wooden hut. The reputation of our hall and all its events has spread way beyond Husthwaite, and we are renowned in our near neighbourhood for putting on some wonderful entertainment. This could not have happened without Richard at the helm: he has had great ideas, ambitious ideas, said “we can do that” and given each project legs and a voice. No one can forget the pantomimes, oh no they can’t, and who would have dreamed that would be possible with our resources? But Richard had a plan, he found a team, he taught some of us some new tricks, and before we knew it our tiny little village had actors and producers and musicians and technicians, and rib tickling laughs to boot.

For many years Richard was the Editor of the village newsletter bringing news to the four corners and outposts, keeping us united as a community and making everyone feel part of what was going on, even if ill health meant involvement was from behind closed doors for some of our neighbours. The newsletter continues stronger than ever today, and even people who no longer live here request copies to see what is going on in the centre of our little world, and Richard can take the credit for this legacy, and now he has time for a writing career, I hope he will continue to provide his observations and witticisms for many newsletters to come.

It is probably a little known fact that the wonderful and successful Elphin Drift was

Richard's brainchild. He saw the local talent and wanted to give it a platform, and like the marvellous Victoria Wood (must be something in the name), he writes the best lines for other people, and ED now presents an array of wonderful artists and has a momentum all of its own. Once again Richard saw an opportunity for something great and gave us a gentle shove in the right direction for a successful and well received event that highlights the wealth of talent in our locality.

What can I say about the Village Hall Committee ? Thanks to the Vicar of Dibley the mere suggestion of any committee conjures up a medley of no hopers, mis- matches, chaos and ribaldry. I would like to think we fulfil all of the above, but with a semblance of order, a sense of achievement, a feeling of we can do this, and last but not least a cup of tea and a few laughs! In the history of the hall, I don't think there has ever been such a sense of camaraderie and teamship before. We have always had each others backs, supported each other through difficult times, usually exhaustion, and under Richard's gentle but firm guidance, kept the meetings to an hour and a half! Richard proved that a wide and varying section of the community can come together, talk about ACRE hallmarks without dropping off their perch, get a job done and go home proud that they have made a difference and bizarrely enjoyed it as well.

Finally, we are in the throes of a really exciting project just now. A year from now, we could have a brand new village hall and I would like us all to take a moment to recognise Richard's contribution to this. We were turned down at stage one, twice. The whole committee were despondent, we had put so much effort into it, the hall was falling down around us and we could not understand how they had refused us. None of us had the heart to have a third attempt, none except Richard that is. He doggedly pursued the Big Lottery, and would not let it go. He made us see that what we needed to achieve was community spirit, we needed to reach out to those among us who were struggling from ill health and poverty. We needed to involve those for whom nothing as yet existed within the village. Richard made us understand that the hall was incidental, almost a by product of the process to bring a community together. We won't know the outcome for a while yet, but already Husthwaite has improved as a direct result of our consultation. We have found needs in this village we did not even know existed, and even if we are not successful in our bid, we are still a better community for trying. The Orchard Club, Book Exchange and Community Café have started up as a direct result of this process and whatever the outcome of the hall, very important needs are now being met and will continue to do so whether it is in a wooden hut or a brand new building. Richard, we salute you for this, and whilst I hesitate to use the "R" word (retirement), I sincerely hope that you take a well deserved rest, enjoy other aspects of Village life, and remember us with fondness. Someone has to follow in the footsteps of a Patriarch, and they are indeed big shoes to fill.

The Village Hall Committee

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