

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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Free to all households in Husthwaite



A chorus line of waiters and waitresses at the recent Burns Night celebration, the last event in the old village hall.



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## Dates for your Diary

5 Feb Orchard Village Club at Husthwaite School 12—2.30pm

7 Feb Reading Group 2-3pm at **Diana Leeper's house**

10 Feb VH Quiz 7-9 at the Orchard Inn Entry £1

12 Feb Book Exchange 2-4pm at Husthwaite School.

14 Feb Gardening Club at Carlton Husthwaite Village Hall at 7.30

20 Feb Film Club 7.30 at Husthwaite School (see pg. 27)

24 Feb Rambling Club Walk Meet at village green at 1.30

4 March Oil order

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20 March Film Club 7.30 at Husthwaite School (see pg. 27)

**27 Mar. History Soc. Outing to Ampleforth Abbey (see pg. 23)**

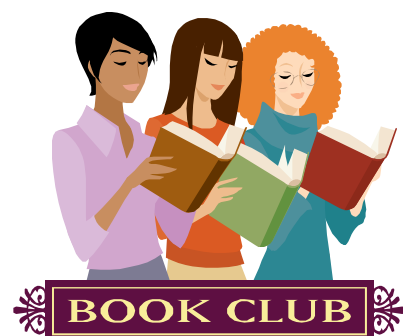
## Reading Group

The next Reading Group meeting will be on

**Thursday 7th Feb. at Diana Leeper's house from**

**2-3pm. We are looking at "Quietly in their sleep", a detective novel by Donna Leon, but as usual we shall be discussing other books people might have read.**

**You are very welcome to come along even if you haven't read this month's book. Please let Diana know if you plan to come along, on 868460.**



## Winter Weather

The recent inclement weather has brought into focus the problems some may face in keeping warm, healthy and safe over winter. The Parish Council has discussed this and feels that there is merit in a form of winter weather agent scheme.

For example:

Some people may have a problem getting to an urgent medical appointment or obtaining medical supplies if the village is snowed in. Perhaps a 4x4 rota could be held.

There may be someone in the village who relies on electricity for medical equipment where loan of a generator may help during a prolonged power cut.

These are just two examples where help may be needed. If you feel you may need help during winter weather or you may be able to offer help in the form of 4x4 transport or a generator, would you please contact either myself or any of the parish councillors so that we can compile a register of assistance needed and available.

Nobody should need to suffer in silence when help is readily available for the asking.

## DOG FOULING

A nasty subject. Dog fouling of footpaths is again on the increase in the village and the Parish Council is receiving an increasing number of complaints. We have reported the increase in dog fouling to the HDC Dog Warden who we expect will be randomly visiting Hushwaite in the near future. Allowing your pet to foul without clearing up after is an offence carrying a substantial fine. More importantly it is inconsiderate, very unpleasant and a health hazard. Don't be antisocial – CLEAN IT UP.

**Barrie Ward**



## If you shop online....

You can raise money for the village hall at no cost to yourself by going to [hushwaitevillage.com](http://hushwaitevillage.com) and following links to your retailer (eg Amazon) who puts a percentage of the purchase value into our village hall funds. Don't forget!

# Husthwaite Burns Suppers 2006-2013

The annual Burns Supper has become something of a Husthwaite institution, and January 2013, just before the demolition of the Hall, will be the 8<sup>th</sup> event of recent years. The event is a perennial sell-out, and the decoration of the Hall means that it rarely looks better, playing host to a spectacular black-tie event which delights Scots, Yorkshire folk, and those from further afield.

There are always two speeches which are the centre-piece of the evening. These have been delivered with some skill by a wide array of village celebrities :

	Toast to The Lasses	Reply on Behalf of the Lasses
2006	David Aspinall	Nicola Cuthbert
2007	Andrew Black	Mary Hill
2008	Phillip Hewitson	Margaret Hewitson
2009	Erik Seaman	Jane Maloney
2010	Cameron Smith	Liz Crawshaw
2011	David Pike	Linda Smith
2012	Will Mowatt	Sheila Mowatt
2013	Michael Graham	Lesley Seaman

Past speakers are always recognizable - not only from the sense of relief that their turn has passed, but the men sport commemorative Burns cufflinks, and the ladies all have splendid tartan sashes.

As well as the main speeches, we have a long list of contributors to recognize over the years. Musical contributions from Alun Nixon, Callum Watt, David Aspinall **and Mark Gambles (sometimes masquerading as “The Complainers”)** have lent a light-hearted slant to the evenings, while in recent years, the fiddle and guitar playing duo of Judith Laity and Davy Outlaw (aka The Fiddler of Helperby) have added an extra dimension to the music accompanying the dancing. No Burns supper would be complete without the sound of the pipes - which Mike Almond has provided for a number of years, both before the event, and at the all-important piping in of the haggis !

Food has been very much a village affair - with everyone contributing to the buffet co-ordinated by Sheila Mowatt. In the earlier years, Margaret & Malcolm Wride did sterling work making the starter course of haggis, neeps and tatties - which even a few die-hard English now seem to enjoy. More recently, Elaine Watt



and her band of “tattie-peelers” have made sure that the traditional fare is ready for the hungry hordes.

And if that wasn't enough for one night, the tables and chairs are cleared from the Hall in record time, and two hours of mayhem which loosely passes for dancing ensues, where too many people, too much alcohol, and a modicum of skills, combined with Brian Watt's attempts to get people to distinguish right from left, come together to round off the evening in style.

Brian Watts



Photos from past Burns Night events show the dancing, Malcolm and Margaret Wride, The Complainers and Jane Maloney



Below is notice from The Hideaway@Baxby Manor and

Hambleton District Council re a licensing application:

*We want to sell Husthwaite cider down at the campsite this year and I have been asked to display a notice around the village so if anyone wants to pass comment in writing to Hambleton District Council they can.*

*We will be selling bottled Husthwaite cider from the fridge in reception only; we are NOT setting up a bar!*

*Please feel free to come down to The Hideaway at any time if you have concerns or queries. Thank you,*

*Barney and Holly.*

### LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE ACT:

1. NAME OF APPLICANT: *Barney Smith*

2. POSTAL ADDRESS OF PREMISES: *The Hideaway@Baxby Manor, Husthwaite, York, YO61 4PW*

3. PROPOSED LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES:

OR

PROPOSED VARIATION TO LICENSABLE ACTIVITIES: *Selling of Husthwaite cider*

4. The register of applications and the record of this application is available for inspection at the Licensing Section, Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stone Cross, Northallerton.

5. Representations concerning this application should be submitted, in writing, to the above-named by not later than *the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2013*

6. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and a person guilty of such an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2013

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Contact Will Mowatt for an initial meeting to discuss your needs:

Office: 01347 868196

Mobile: 07777 663766

E-mail: [will@mowattfp.co.uk](mailto:will@mowattfp.co.uk)

## The next Book Exchange

The next Book Exchange will be on Tuesday Feb. 12th from 2-4 (note we are now open in the afternoon) in Husthwaite School. We are housed for the next year in the Nursery Building on the left near to the **school entrance. It's warm and cosy and we** can still offer refreshments!

We are opening monthly only while the hall being built, and each session will be on the second Tuesday of each month (ie. after Feb. 12th, the next session will be March 12th then April 9th.) There is disabled access. Look out for our sign to show we are open!



We could do with another volunteer to assist (once every 2 months). If anyone would like to help out with a session please contact us at the next meeting or tel. Jan on 868130.

Jan Coulthard and Jacki Barlow

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club will meet next on 14th Feb at 7.30 when Mr Harland will speak on bees. The gardening **club's temporary accommodation during the village hall rebuild is** Carlton Husthwaite village hall. There is on-site parking. If you would like a lift to a meeting or can offer one, please contact a committee member or myself. The March 14th meeting is a propagation demonstration by Fiona Horsley.

Mike Wells 868398

The Oil Co-operative has over 500 members in local villages, helping us to keep our fuel bills down. The next order date is March 4th, then May 13th. If you want to order fuel please contact Michael Graham on 868216 or email [mgraham56@btinternet.com](mailto:mgraham56@btinternet.com)

As Gerald Crane pointed out in a recent email, Michael does a very worthwhile and valuable job for the people of the village. Thank you, Michael!



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# Husthwaite Local History Society

## Baptisms

After a lot of detailed work, a list of all the baptisms in the church (around 1490 in all) has now been transcribed from the original church register starting in 1854 - thanks in particular go to Jill Galloway and Guy Wilson for their work on this enormous task. The spreadsheet will be of great help to those researching their family histories and will shortly be available on [www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk). In most cases the occupations of the father are given, and many dates of birth are also included. Other information such as a list of godparents is given for more recent baptisms.

## The Wailes Family

Photo of Lodge Farm (now called the Old Lodge) in 1964 and showing Mrs Marjorie Rowe and other members of the Wailes family. A history of the Wailes family in Husthwaite is currently being researched. Anyone with memories of the family, please get in touch with Angela Ovenston ([aovenston@btinternet.com](mailto:aovenston@btinternet.com) or 868347) - thank you.



## **The Long Family Blacksmiths: Some thoughts from my family research by Ray King**

I was exciting to see the picture of a house on the Husthwaite Local History Society website. I remembered the day when we had stood in front of that same house and my mother told me, "That is where I was born". The house, on the north side of Low Street, was Hazeldene, now renamed Carlbury, and I recognised immediately the unusual topiary in the front garden. I did not, at that time, realise the house was slightly grand for a village blacksmith but the full story would be revealed in time.

My grandfather, John Leslie Long was the third of our family to be a village blacksmith in Husthwaite and I had decided last year to fill out the history of his family and that of my grandmother, Annie Muriel Slater in the Husthwaite of Victorian times.

I had begun the research some years ago. I knew that my great-great grandfather, John Long was found on the 1851 census to be apprenticed at age fourteen to a blacksmith in Brandsby. His parents were Christopher and Jane Long from Yearsley and Christopher was a farm labourer. From John's apprenticeship the smithing trade was to continue for three generations.

By 1891 John was listed as working for himself as a blacksmith in Husthwaite and living with his wife Ann, son Christopher (also a blacksmith) and three other children. John was listed as a local tradesman in an 1890 directory. He had acquired a forge in the Nookin, which I believe was known as Pilgrim Street, Chris was shown to be born at East Heslington (then in the East Riding, a few miles SE of York, where much of the

university is now housed) so John may have worked previously in the East Riding.

About 1894, when Chris was about twenty seven, he had met Harriet Boyes and they wanted to marry. His parents (and possibly hers) disapproved. They decided to head for Australia, where Harriet had relatives, and travelled as far as Hull before they were persuaded to stay. The family ill-feeling must have remained strong as they did not return straight away to Husthwaite . Chris was already a fully trained blacksmith and acquired work in the East Riding. Their son, Leslie (my grandfather) was born in Seaton Ross.

It is interesting that their mother Harriet Boyes, from Ampleforth, was related to William Boyes of the hardware retailing chain who opened his first shop in Scarborough in 1881. I cannot say which of her relatives were living in Australia but an interesting article was written by Malcolm Boyes for the Dalesman magazine. Harriet's parents and previous generations had lived in Wombledon and from there, in the early eighteen fifties, two boys, John and Thomas, had set off first to South Africa and then on to Australia, looking to find a fortune in gold. They were unlucky and returned home but some of that adventurous spirit must have passed on. Indeed three of the grandchildren of Harriet and Chris were to make their homes in Australia in the nineteen fifties.

By the time Chris and Harriet's first son was seven the family were back in Husthwaite according to the 1901 census. From the reminiscences of Husthwaite people collected just a few years ago I see that the Wesleyan Church had an evening to raise funds for an orphanage and recitations were given by a number of children including J. L. Long ( John Leslie) and A. M. Slater (Annie Muriel). My grandparents had known each other from being children in the village. Muriel was a daughter of Tom and Elizabeth Slater. Tom started out as a carpenter and was known in the village to have built up his business into what was known locally as "the firm", providing farm equipment.

And so we are back full circle. Tom Slater owned Hazeldene on Low Street. My mother was indeed born there. Tom had rented a cottage behind the house to his daughter and son in law, Muriel and Leslie. Their first children were to be born in the Slaters' house with Elizabeth as midwife. Their son John Robert, also a carpenter, lived there in the nineteen thirties. My mother remembered him as Uncle Jack.

Annie Muriel sadly died when she was only thirty-five. It seems that she contracted tuberculosis from milking cows in Husthwaite. My mother recalled travelling from York to visit her at Hazeldene.

John Leslie was to be the last of the Long blacksmiths in Husthwaite. After the war, in 1918, Tom advised him quite wisely to seek work in York. The farrier business was waning and perhaps the Slaters had a good share of the farm repair work. Les found work at the carriage works of British Railways using his blacksmith skills. Sadly, when almost at retirement age, he suffered from a blast from a furnace, was badly burned and needed several skin grafts. However he went on to a long and happy retirement. He joined Muriel in the new Husthwaite graveyard in 1973.

Les's father, Chris finally gave up the blacksmith's work. Perhaps he sold the business. I do not yet know who took it on. He moved to a village near Northallerton to run a public house. I remember him living, retired, in York in the early fifties. I was very young, he was old and unwell. I have a vivid memory of old-fashioned striped pyjamas and a brass bestead. He gave me a coin, possibly a shilling or a florin.

Many thanks to those who have helped me find information to add to my family's notes, especially Angela Ovenston, who kindly answered the first e-mail I sent to the Husthwaite Local History Society. We have been in touch ever since. If anyone else has information that might help me, or who would like to know more, I don't mind if you get in touch with me through **RayK@sky.com**.

**For History Society outing see page 23**

## "Bringing Husthwaite together"

Husthwaite is a very community conscious village and there is ALWAYS something going on or someone doing something, somewhere!

We have a history clubs, gardening clubs, drama clubs, football clubs, and film clubs not to mention groups and organisations such as the Methodist and St Nicholas' Churches, the school, the village hall, the Parish Council, Orchards of Husthwaite, and many, many businesses in and around the village, to mention but a few....!

'Yes, so what?!' you may be thinking, well....there is a new initiative called Community Hub and it has been developed for villages and communities just like Husthwaite; representatives from each area in the village meet once a month to 'network' and share information. It's a way of us all helping each other, for the social media users amongst you I suppose you could call it 'Husthwaite Twitter' and once a month we 'tweet'!

My part in this is 'Husthwaite businesses' and to kick things off I would like to invite everyone in Husthwaite who owns and runs a business in the village to meet for an informal breakfast or brunch at the school or pub so we can all sit down and see how we can help each other. We could also perhaps discuss what obstacles we face such running a rural business, business rates etc .

To move forward with this the first thing I need is a list of Husthwaite businesses.

I have quite a few down already as you can see but I need a bit more info from some of you and some I will have missed altogether so please could you get in touch with me as soon as possible. Who you are and what you do, what your business is called, along with a contact number and/or email , is all I need please.

For example

Barney Smith

The Hideaway@Baxby Manor (campsite)

info@thehideaway.org

01347 666 079

Twitter- @baxbyhideaway

Below are just some of the businesses I have come up with so far ; please do not take it personally if I have missed you and please do not feel obliged to add your business but the more we have the more we can help each other:

David & Elaine Smith (Baxby Airsports Club)

Martin Gallon (architect)

Melanie Casling (The Curtain Room)

Will Mowatt Financial Planning

Cameron Smith (Orchards of Husthwaite) <sup>12</sup>

John Williamson (Milkman)



The Orchard Inn (pub)

Andrew Thornton (Butcher)

Jeremy & Lindsay Walker (All seasons Turf)

Richard & Alison Menage (ITP Ltd)

Taylors, Debbie & Anne-Marie (Carlton Inn  
previously The Snug)

Jacki Barlow (Beacon Alpacas)

Annabel Kennedy (White Stone Willow)

Dowsons (Shop)

E Fox and Sons (builders)

Mike and Brenda Wells (Byland Media)

Trevor Hutchinson (Squirrel woodman)

Thanks and I look forward to having a croissants and fresh coffee with you soon!

Barney Smith

## A polite request from Baxby!

Many of you enjoy walking your dogs down here at Baxby and many of you very kindly and respectfully put your dog on a lead when walking past Baxby Manor and Skonoker (the Bungalow), but there are one or two that do not and we are becoming a little sick and tired of some dogs that regularly tear around our house, pooing in the garden and chasing our cats! One dog let itself into the bungalow some time back and proceeded to eat our dogs' food! Whereas this was quite funny at the time we now have a baby, baby Felix and it is just not fair, or safe so PLEASE keep your dog on his/her lead at least until you are past the house.

Thank you

Barney Smith



## The Orchard Inn Open Again!

Camille and Micha are the new tenants at The Orchard Inn.

Camille has been in the business for over 25 years and has just moved here from the Three Tuns in Raskelf. They moved here from the Lebanon and that is reflected in the menus. Camille's claim to fame is that he invented the Parmo, the traditional dish of Teesiders.

Both are keen to listen to what the village wants and it would be good if we called in to give some support. See the menus on our village website or just call in at the inn!

## Reminiscences of the Old Hall 1935 - 1957 by Brenda Board (nee Salton)



Picture from the History Society archives shows preparations for the Coronation Tea in the old hall in 1953, when Brenda lived in the village

Having joined the people of Husthwaite, both young and old, in the celebratory Christmas party on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2012, it made me reflect on all the happy occasions at the Village Hall during the first 22 years of my life at Husthwaite from 1935 - 1957.

I was four years old when the war started and an Army Camp was established at Highthorne Hall. Soon there were army families arriving in the village and evacuees from Hull and Middlesbrough, desperate to escape the bombing of their cities. The number of children in the village swelled almost overnight. The old school must have been bursting at the seams with children of very different backgrounds and lifestyles.

**The Village Hall or 'The Institute' as it was then known, was the main venue for parties and gatherings of all descriptions. As a youngster the children's parties were** exciting and unforgettable, with the vicar, Mr Buffey, in charge of organising the games, and the village ladies doing the food. We all had to take our own mugs on these occasions.

**The soldiers at Highthorne had a great input at Christmas by making children's toys, mainly in wood. I was given a blackboard and easel, and my sister Freda received a sliding topped pencil box embellished with 'pokerwork'. As a family we attended the ENSA concerts organized by the Combined Services Entertainments, which were held in the Village Hall. Some were excellent, others not so good.... Every Night Something Awful was the soldiers' interpretation of ENSA, but I'm sure it lifted their spirits!**

There were film shows most weeks, advertised on the notice board near the Black Bull on the green. Two rows of children filled the front benches of the hall to watch a Tarzan film. As we sat expectantly the squaddies complained they had all seen it

**before, so a horror film based on Jack the Ripper was screened instead. I don't think any of those terrified children slept well that night - I know I didn't!**

The school concerts were a great thrill and excitement. We were plied with grease-paint and lipstick, sitting on the edge of the billiard table in the Reading Room. The Headmistress, Mrs. Taylor, put on great shows with sketches, singing and dancing, solo acts and recitations. She brought out the talent in her young pupils. I believe Mr. Taylor made all the props and imaginative scenery. It was amazing how patriotic **we children felt, singing 'Land of Hope and Glory' and 'Lords of the Air' (Wings for Victory Week)** with great gusto to an appreciative audience.

Although too young to be involved in the village dances and jiving that became popular when the Yanks joined the war, the village girls no doubt had a great time, and I believe the pub did very well too!!

After the war things settled back to normal with 50-50 dances, Old Tyme and Modern for village people and the farming community. The Old Tyme dances were great fun and the young and old mixed very well. In the progressive Barn Dance the ladies moved forwards around the circle and the men backwards, so there was a constant change of partners, which was very good for the younger and shyer dancers.

**The Lancers was a spectacular dance to watch. There were usually four 'sets' of four couples, which filled the hall. The moves were quite intricate, but it seemed the main objective of the very fit men was to swing the ladies off their feet, resulting in legs flying in all directions at times! We all dressed in our 'Best' - no scruffy jeans in those days! The men wore shirts and trousers, and the ladies, dresses or skirts.**

One smart young man had a very proud mum; his pristine white cotton shirt was **always immaculate. However, as the dance warmed up, the exotic smell of 'Eau de Domestos' was not very alluring for his partners!**

The older ladies held their W.I. meetings in the hall, and whist drives were very popular too. I was not involved in either, being too young for the former, busy with **school and exams, and for the latter I was 'warned off' by those who said it could be very competitive, and that knuckles may be severely rapped if a card was laid mistakenly and the trick lost!!** It was a matter of pride for some to regularly take all the prizes.

On leaving school, Freda and I travelled daily to York, where we had office jobs. Following the death of my father we moved to York, leaving Husthwaite in 1957.

Looking back now and revisiting the hall after more than 50 years, I realise how important it is to have a venue that serves the whole community. Sad as it is to see **the demise of the old village 'Institute', it is good to know that the new hall will continue to be the hub of village life for all the people of Husthwaite.**

# Village Hall News

## Husthwaite Village Hall Update

The village hall hosted a Christmas party attended by 60 villagers from the very young to Mary Barker who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on the evening itself. Mary's birthday was celebrated by a chorus of Happy Birthday and a birthday cake.

Entertainment was provided by A Bit of a Gamble and a fun night was enjoyed by all.

A Village quiz also took place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. The quiz had 8 rounds each set by a different questioner. With 50 people and 11 teams, the victors were a combination of the Walker and Gallon families who played their joker astutely and scored consistently throughout.

## The new Village Hall

We continue to work with the professional teams (architects, quantity surveyors etc) to progress the plan for the new village hall. The tenders were sent out on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January to 6 building firms. Tenders will then be returned and reviewed at the beginning of February. There are 6 building firms included in the tender process.

The hall will close for use from the end of January and our intention is to then start clearing the hall in February. The hall will then be ready for demolition in March.

Stephen Barker is co-ordinating the clearing of the hall so if you haven't volunteered yet please let him know (868259 or e-mail [sabhusth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sabhusth@hotmail.co.uk)).

## Ongoing events

The village hall will continue with a programme of events using alternative venues.

The next planned event is a **quiz** which will be held in the Orchard Inn on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. We now have a **Film Club** up and running which has shown two films. The Film Club meets the third Wednesday of every month. The **Big Soup Off** is still being developed and will now take place in March. If you are interested in making a soup for the event or helping organise the event please contact Will Mowatt (868196 or e-mail [w\\_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk))

## Fundraising

We continue to raise fund to support the £55,000 contribution required from the village. We have sent out applications for the Pathway to Success where anyone can buy a paver engraved with their own message and make a contribution to the fund-raising effort. We would like to advise everyone that you can drop your completed application off at the village shop and weather permitting we shall start a round of collections. We would like to thank those who have already returned their application. Please note that the engravers can accept most accent marks and the



ampersand (&), so if you are struggling with the number of letter spaces you can replace the word 'and' with the symbol &.

If you require more details on this or additional applications please contact Debbie Lewis-Green (868234 or the [greenzoo@btinternet.com](mailto:greenzoo@btinternet.com))

## **Village Survey**

As part of our agreement with the Big Lottery, we have to demonstrate how the new village hall affects our community. In order to do this we have to determine the starting point and we will be carrying out a village survey in the next few weeks to give us this. We will be coming round the village with questionnaires and will explain what needs to be done when we call on you. It's very important that we get as many responses as possible and we appreciate your support in helping us gather this information.

**Will Mowatt**

## **Sport of the Month**

We had a really good turnout for table tennis in the village hall on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January. We had one table for a doubles match and another for a singles match. Although rusty, it was clear that we have some players in our midst. One of the youngest members of the village, Felix Smith, came along and watched his mum and dad, Holly and Barney, have a knock about. (Actually he slept through it.)

We plan to hold our regular sports activity on the second Sunday of each month. Dates are now all on the village website.

### **February**

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of February we will be playing Netball at the MUGA at 10.30 am or if the weather is unsuitable we will try an indoor sport.

### **March**

The activity will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. We will decide the March activity following the netball.



One thought for later in the year is to have a sports day in the summer similar to the Olympics event we held in 2012. If this is something you would like to get involved in or would like to help organise please get in touch.

**For more information or if you would like to get involved please contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).**

# Farewell Party for the Hall



The old village hall must have wondered what on earth was going on. Its previous existence was as a home for future heroes, prior to their transportation to the horrors of the First World War. It then suffered the indignity of being uprooted from Ripon and dragged by horse and cart to Husthwaite. It was then erected in a highly defensible position at the top of the Nookin rather than, as would have been more sensible, at the heart of the Village.

It had a facelift in 1984 when its asbestos roofing and zinc cladding were replaced, in the finest Yorkshire tradition; by the cheapest bricks money could buy.

Despite that it served the village well for many years, providing a welcoming home for many memorable events.

Before Christmas, in a final celebration of its existence, Vikki Nixon and Debbie Lewis-Green (see photo above) organised a terrific farewell Christmas Party in the hall.

The food was excellent (we brought our own) and the only issue was the flexibility of the paper plates and plastic cutlery, which turned everything into finger food.

A Bit of a Gamble belted out a host of new songs including some incredible Beatles covers. For a minute, if you half closed your eyes, it felt as if we were in a time machine.

The audience was completely cross generational. A crying baby was a background to the strains of 'Happy Birthday' sung to celebrate Mary Barker's 90th. Teenagers seemed content with their faces illuminated by mobile phones.

Alcohol seemed to illuminate most other faces as unlikely friendships were forged..

When the band played 'I would walk 500 miles' all the men got up, including Will Mowatt, and the hall began to shake.

Immediately after that, Alan Nixon seemed to hit a note that was unusual, even by his standards, when we realised it was the hall saying: "Enough is enough"

The VH had triggered the fire alarm in a desperate attempt to have some peace. The men, ably led by a chief fire officer, resisted all attempts to evacuate the hall and frantically looked to turn the alarm off.

By my calculations it took 15 minutes to find an off switch. Jill Galloway will probably have a more accurate figure (apologies for the disturbance Jill 😊)

It was a fantastic night and thanks are due to the organisers and helpers who spent ages washing the paper plates.

Can the new hall reproduce an event like this? The answer is 'YES' ; despite all the sentiment in the above description, it is the people of our village who make things happen and will do again in our new hall!

## Lawrie Hill

*This notice arrived a tad too late for publication in the last Newsletter unfortunately, so here it is now!*

The Poppy Appeal, Husthwaite 2012.

Again, a very big "Thank you" to Jill Allinson who collected house-to-house and all who contributed, including the Primary School and The Orchard Inn, to a record £470.64p towards the Easingwold District total of £6847.02. Without your help we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work.

John Davies

## Evens win against the Odds!



On a very pleasant New Year's morning, Husthwaite's finest football talent headed to Coxwold for the second New Year's Day football challenge. There was some pre-match doubt regarding the condition of the pitch but Husthwaite's very own turf specialist Jeremy Walker was called in for a New Year's Eve inspection. After a quick visit he gave his professional opinion, "It is playable. If you dug a hole it would probably fill with water but there is a good covering of grass."

A new formula was used to select the teams: those born on an even year on one team and those born in an odd year on the other team. Strangely this resulted in 10 on one side and 6 on the other. The Odds generously transferred two of their team to the Evens. Given the youthful make up of the Evens team, this proved to be a big mistake.

The Odds started with Jeremy Walker in goal flanked by the mother and daughter defensive pairing of Jane and Lara. This worked for the early part of the match with Jane and Lara prepared to block the shots (sometimes intentionally) raining in from the Evens.



The inevitable first goal came with the pace and energy of the Evens team gaining them the lead through a long range Alex Fenwick scorcher.

The Odds attacks were infrequent and Mark Kingston in the Evens goal looked commanding and untroubled. The Evens were playing well and the teamwork between Rory Sheard, Calum Mowatt, Reda Bouchaib, Thomas Nixon, Alex Fenwick, Josh Sargeant and Catherine Skinner meant that possession was with the Evens.

Half time came with the Evens 5-0 to the good with additional goals from Calum Mowatt (2), Reda Bouchaib and Josh Sargeant. Half-time also saw Alun Nixon feeling the effects of this being his only game since last year as well as a late night entertaining the locals and celebrating New Year.

In a stunning piece of negotiation, the Odds managed to convince the Evens to rejig the teams, the key change being that the Odds now had a goalie and a goal-scorer. The second half as a result proved to be more even.

The starting Evens line- up continued to struggle to trouble the Odds goal. Martin Gallon managed to keep his shots down but unfortunately the goals proved to be too small for him to hit the target. A pinpoint corner from Marcus Sheard on to the head of Will Mowatt was, unfortunately, well off target. Jeremy was seen digging holes to confirm his pre-match analysis. Lara raced towards the goal line and as she reached it, threw her gloves behind the line so they didn't get too dirty. It was left to Reda Bouchaib to produce the goals bringing the score back to 5-2. Throughout the half, the new Evens attacking formation of Catherine "Poacher" Skinner and Stephen "Wide Boy" Barker provided a constant threat upfront.

The game was very fairly refereed by Rick Fenwick. He even introduced Fergie time to give the Odds a chance of getting back in the game. However, the Evens used this to their advantage with Calum Mowatt beating Mark Kingston for the first time to finish the match at 6 - 2. Thanks to everyone including the supporters for coming along and joining in the fun. Suggestions for next year's selection criteria on a postcard please...

**Final Score:** Evens 6 - Odds 2

**Scorers:** Evens - A Fenwick, C Mowatt (3), J Sargeant, R Bouchaib;

Odds - R Bouchaib (2)

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## Husthwaite Rambling Club:

We are extremely lucky to live in a village like Husthwaite, as we are surrounded by so much outstanding natural beauty. Whether you are already a keen Rambler or are simply interested in taking up this rewarding and fun past-time, Husthwaite Rambling Club is a great way to meet like-minded fellow ramblers who want to enjoy some of the best scenery and fresh country air Yorkshire has to offer.

Joining your rambling club will not only provide you the opportunity to socialise but there are other benefits too! Rambling has many health values and can help you keep active and stay fit and healthy. Walks will be planned for most ages and abilities and we may include a little Geocaching on the way!. **Our first walk will take place on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013, meeting at the village green at 1.30pm.**

To find out more about these unique rambling activities please contact Mark Gambles on 01347869004 or Email: [mark@magambles.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:mark@magambles.eclipse.co.uk)



## Husthwaite Local History Society

### Outing to Ampleforth Abbey Wed March 27th.

A tour will start at 11.30 at the visitor centre and end with a tour of the Abbey Church starting at 2.15 pm. A soup and sandwich lunch followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the tea room (costing £6.95) has been arranged. Final details will appear on the history and village websites.

**Everyone is welcome to come but numbers will be limited so please contact Angela (868347, [aovenston@btinternet.com](mailto:aovenston@btinternet.com)) or Cameron Smith (868489, [stonewold.smith@btinternet.com](mailto:stonewold.smith@btinternet.com)) know if you would like to attend.**

# **NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL**

It was lovely to welcome the children back after their Christmas holidays and the break has ensured everyone has returned fit, well and ready to face the New Year with a renewed enthusiasm for learning. It seems a long time since the children performed their Nativity play and participated in the Community Service. The Christmas Fair was once again a huge success raising over £600 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who supported us in this fund-raising event.

The spring term is somewhat short compared to the long haul of the autumn term with only 11 school weeks until Easter as opposed to the 15 weeks children endured last term. However, that does not mean there will be less going on! The first half term's topic is space and already children have been looking at planets and star constellations. We have even had our own spaceships and astronauts in the classroom! We have been fortunate to secure a visit to the school from the mobile planetarium and on the last day of this half term we shall celebrate all that we have learned about space with a space-themed activity day for the whole school. Mrs Gall has arranged a visit to Stanbrook Abbey with Class 3 during March as part of understanding our wider church community.

Children were given the opportunity to design their favourite winter warming menu with Mrs Houlston choosing the winning entry. The menu served was sausage and baked bean casserole or cauliflower cheese followed by sticky toffee pudding and a treat of hot chocolate to drink – a fantastic and popular choice.

A wide range of extra-curricular clubs is once again on offer to children this term with the football and netball teams practising for the next round of cluster school matches in March.

The recent snowfall turned the school grounds into a winter wonderland. The wide open spaces are a fantastic opportunity for children to get the chance to play in the snow which they thoroughly enjoy. A family of snowmen soon appeared!

As the current Village Hall is closing in preparation for a new build we welcomed the Village Orchard Club into school for their first meeting and lunch of this year. This was a wonderful opportunity for the school to build further on our community links. The village is hoping to use the school as a venue for some events whilst the new village hall is being built.

We have teamed up with Crayke School to sing at the Collation Service at Coxwold Church on 30 January, playing our part in the school community welcoming the new vicar Liz Hassall into her new role. We look forward to Liz visiting us at our school in the near future.

## **Diary Dates**

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 12 February | 9.00-11.15 am - Toddler morning – join our Foundation Stage for a morning of fun and learning |
| 15 February | School closes for half term                                                                   |
| 25 February | School opens                                                                                  |
| 4 March     | Open afternoon – 3.30-5.00 pm                                                                 |
| 6 March     | Mother's Day lunch at school                                                                  |
| 11 March    | 1.15-3.00 pm - Toddler afternoon – join our Foundation Stage for an afternoon of fun          |



and learning

27 March 2.45pm school closes for Easter

28 March Staff training day

16 April School opens

Visits to the school are always welcome, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact us (01347 868371). Visit our new website on [www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk](http://www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk)



**Astronauts and their spaceship in Class 1**



**Jesus' Christmas  
Party – KS1 nativity**

## HUSTHWAITE BURNS SUPPER 2013

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Burns Supper was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall ,creating some village history. It is the last social event to be held in the current hall. 80 people attended the function. The haggis was piped in by Mike Almond followed by the Address to the Haggis (Will Mowatt) and the Selkirk Grace (Brian Watt), see photo below.

The meal started with the traditional haggis, neeps and tatties followed by an excellent buffet supplied by all. Lively and amusing toasts were made by Michael Graham who proposed the Toast to the Lassies and Lesley Seaman who responded on behalf of the Lassies.

Wild Scottish dancing followed under the patient guidance of Brian Watt whose directions of right and left seemed to get lost in translation. Jigs and reels were danced to the music of The Fiddler of Helperby; a good time was had by all and £500 was raised for village hall funds.

Thanks must go to Brian and Elaine Watt and Sheila and Will Mowatt for creating and organising such a wonderful event.

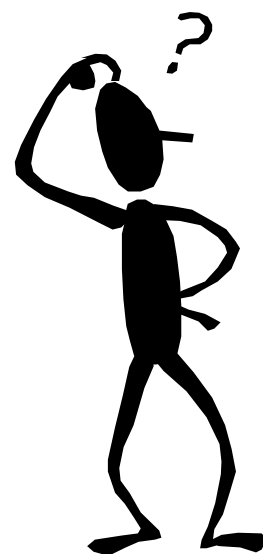
Doreen and Malcolm French



## Village Quiz

**The next village quiz will take place in the Orchard Inn on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February. The quiz will start at 7pm and should finish around 9pm. The format will follow the last quiz held in the village hall with 8 rounds of 8 questions. Each round will be on a separate topic and be set by a different person. Each team will have a joker which they can play to double their points on a round of their choice. Teams can be up to 5 people.**

**There will be an entry charge of £1 per person to cover the cost of prizes. Come along and join in!**



The Husthwaite Village Film Club is up and running! After two successful screenings of “It’s a Wonderful Life” and “The Pianist”, the Husthwaite Film Club is off the mark, and ready to show a variety of films, writes Calum Mowatt.

The film club meet every third Wednesday of the month, and the next screening will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, where we will be showing “North by Northwest”, a classic Alfred Hitchcock film. If you would like to come, please arrive for the film’s start at 7:30, at Husthwaite School.

If you can’t make it to the next screening but are interested in coming to another one in the future, or you want to ask a question about the film club please don’t hesitate to email me at: [calum\\_mowatt@btinternet.com](mailto:calum_mowatt@btinternet.com) or phone me: 01347868196

Due to licensing reasons, the film club cannot charge for the screenings of the films, but we do have to cover the costs of the license and hire of the school. For that reason we ask for a suggested donation, which will allow you to come to the film club for a year (until January), which are :

Annual Donations:

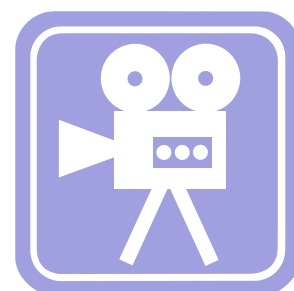
Adult - £12      Under 18/Over 65/Unemployed - £5      Family - £25

The other option is if you would prefer to pay per film, then we would kindly ask for £2 for each film.

I hope to see you there!

**7:30 Wednesday 20th February “North by Northwest”**

**7.30 Wednesday 20th March “500 Days of Summer”**







Photos of the Orchard Village Club Christmas party, and cooks Mrs Sen, Margaret Wride and Breda Wells preparing the lunch.

Photos courtesy of John and Brenda Board.