

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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These 2 masked men recently seen in St. Nicholas Church: Roy and John cleaning the church tower!



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## **Dates for your Diary**

### **APRIL**

- 6 NB. Cafe and Book Exchange in HVH closed for Easter, re-open May 11**
- 9 7.30 Gardening Club AGM and Talk in HVH**
- 14 7.30 Question Time HVH**
- 16 7.30 Film Club "Boyhood" HVH**
- 22 7.30 Sherlock HVH**

### **MAY**

- 2 10am Plant Sale HVH**
- 8 7.30 Snake Davis Band HVH**
- 9 10.30am Christian Aid Coffee Morning The Old Stores, Husthwaite**
- 11 12.00 Apple Tree Cafe & Book Exchange HVH**
- 21 7.30 Film Club "Deux Jours, Une Nuit" HVH**
- 22 7.30 Avanti & Artizani HVH**
- 31 1-5pm Husthwaite Open Gardens**

### **JUNE**

- 28 3pm Strawberry Tea The White House, Husthwaite**

**All Regular weekly and monthly events throughout April and May at Husthwaite Village Hall can be seen on page 14**



Now that we have an amazing Village Hall, all we need is a few more volunteers to make the running of this amazing venue a little easier! It's a great place to meet, eat, quiz, shop and be entertained but we can't do this without a little local help.

**If you can spare either your time or your expertise, we would love to hear from you as we need volunteers to help with a range of activities and events!**

Could you cook up a big pot of soup, bake cakes or serve in The Apple Tree Café? Could you spare some time to set up or clear the hall for a cafe, play or musical event? If the answer to any of these questions is **YES**, please get in touch!

We are planning to run the volunteer list centrally on a rota basis so that no one is constantly being called upon for help! If you feel that you are able to help out, we would love to add your name to our team of volunteers. Every little helps!

### **How to get in touch?**

Find me at the next Apple Tree Café on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that there is **NO** café or Book Exchange in April. Alternatively, call me on 01347 868092 or e-mail me at *the.coltons@hotmail.com*, indicating if you are willing to cook or bake, set up/clear the hall, serve in the café or general cleaning.

Once the list has been compiled I will contact individuals to confirm both availability and ability to help out at specific events.

If you would like to get involved with any existing clubs or activities or maybe create a new one, we would love to hear your ideas so please get in touch as above!

Thank you in anticipation of a positive response so that we can all enjoy a prosperous future for Husthwaite and our Village Hall!

**Lynn Colton**

## Thank you

Geoff and Mary Wise and family would like to thank everyone in the community for the kind words and support following Joyce's sudden and unexpected death. In particular we would like to thank those who supported the family on 17th February when we celebrated Joyce's life at St. Nicholas Church, and afterwards at The Carlton Inn. We welcomed the company of all the friends and family who joined us on this sad occasion, and greatly appreciated the support of the skilled and compassionate people who helped us through those difficult times. Particular thanks to The Phoenix Choir, which Joyce so enjoyed performing with, for their moving performance during the service.



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Come and join friends and neighbours for coffee and chat and possibly a walk round the garden! at The Old Stores, home of the McDougalls on

SATURDAY 9th.MAY, 10.30am onwards.  
Refreshments and Raffle.

All Proceeds to CHRISTIAN AID.



# Husthwaite Local History Society

## More tales from the Wailes family

Since the book about the family was published recently, Martha Wailes has found a large hoard of letters, photos etc in the attic of her parents' house. A sequel may eventually be needed! One exciting find was an addendum to William Taylor's reminiscences from 1921 written by Rex Wailes, who became a well known authority on windmills and industrial archaeology. The family has given kind permission for it to be reproduced here and in [www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk).

### Addendum to William Taylor's Reminiscences, note by Rex Wailes

In this same year, 1921, Mr. Taylor told me about the harvest custom that survived to his time. The last sheaf of grain in the last field to be reaped was cut with a sickle by the farmer. He would hold it above his head and called "Long live the mell\* of Mr. William Taylor". All the harvesters shouted "Hurrah" three times and it was taken with the last load and suspended from the roof of the barn to ensure a good harvest for the following year. I also remember that when I was staying at Beacon Banks, Sam Taylor did his first day's ploughing when he was 14. After supper he went to bed and slept for 2 nights and a day. I also well remember in about 1905 being confronted by a large turkey cock as big as myself and Mrs. Taylor coming out and rescuing me. In that year too I was taken out to a field that was being reaped and put in charge of Old Dale, a poacher. He had a catapult with him and when the reaper and binder got towards the centre of the field the rabbits started to run out. Dale hit one on the head and it fell and he told me to go and get it. Just as I approached it he said "It's wick, it's wick". As he said it the rabbit jumped up and ran away, it had only been stunned. Of course I at that time did not know the dialect that "wick" meant "alive" (i.e. quick).

At that time and for some years after, one of the field gates of the farm giving on to the back road to Coxwold, had two posts that were the jawbones of a whale.

I can also remember the huge new stables at the back of Beacon Banks being built, with Fred Kendrew doing much of the woodwork and Laurie Batty laying bricks. There was also a cow house built at the same time but finished much sooner, with a few jersey cows, and a small tabby cat that used to sit beside whoever was milking and have its mouth open for an occasional squirt of milk.

At that time there were two carriages and a pair of bays called Tommy and Bob, and a good many times I went into Easingwold with the carriage and also to Coxwold and Byland, and on most occasions was allowed to sit up beside the coachman called Carter. When they drove to Easingwold they went to Bannister the grocer and Mr. Bannister used to come out with an order book to take the orders, giving a little bow as he did so.

On the left-hand side as one went to Easingwold, the last big farm before the road turned at a right angle, was called "Flower of May". I was told that when George Wailes was an apprentice in Leeds he sometimes spent his holidays at Beacon Banks. Frank Wailes who owned the house then had a dog cart and a dalmatian dog that had been taught to run partly underneath the cart as was the fashion in those days and they were known as carriage dogs. When they passed "Flower of May" a sheepdog used to come out and go for the dalmatian, bowl it over in the dust, and generally give it a bad time. Young George Wailes thought of a way to stop this. He borrowed the butcher's white dog, tied a piece of meat on to the axle of the dog cart and taught the dog to follow the cart. He then put black spots on it, probably with burnt cork, and off

they drove to Easingwold. The sheepdog came out as usual but got the most terrific punishment because the butcher's dog was a white bull terrier. It never went for the dalmatian again..

A donkey and governess cart was kept. The donkey was called Primrose and on the Coxwold back road at the side of Beacon Banks before you reached Lodge Farm, the road was slightly sunken and between trees on the bank above a hammock was slung in which Norman Wailes, then in his teens, liked to lie. One day the donkey was harnessed to the governess cart and Phil and I who must have been about 3 or 4 and 5 or 6 respectively, with Miss Margeson, our nursery governess, were in the cart which she was driving to Coxwold along this road. Primrose the donkey just would not do anything more than a walk, but as we approached the hammock Norman said "Look out" and he dropped from an overhanging branch of a tree into the centre of the governess cart, took the whip and whipped the donkey unmercifully until she started a gallop. When she was well and truly galloping he opened the back door of the governess cart and dropped out, as is quite easy of course because the door is in the centre of the back. The donkey trotted all the way to Coxwold and I should think it was about the only time it ever did. Primrose distinguished herself on another occasion during the winter, I was told, when again harnessed up to the governess cart she was led out of the stable yard but there had been a silver thaw during the night. She slipped, sat on her haunches and slid all the way down the back drive which is on a fairly steep slope, to the lane at the bottom which ran at right angles.

When Mater (Emma Wailes - Granny to us) got old, she began to lose her memory and once said rather querulously to her husband George Wailes (Grandpa to us) "George, I should like to see Primrose again" for she had not been out for some time. "So you shall, Emma, so you shall" and he brought the donkey out of the stable into the drawing room so she saw it.

I well remember going over to Carlton Husthwaite to see Miss Nora Peckett. She was a great friend of Aunt Bee Wailes and always very kind to me, and I remember that she showed me a yellow feather which had come from the feather cloak that Captain Cook had been given on one of his voyages. It will be remembered that Captain Cook was born on the east coast of Yorkshire. Many years later, when I was Chairman of the Spanners Committee of the British Standards Institution, I had to go to Garringtons at Bromsgrove regarding socket spanners and was taken around by a Mr. Cook who was a descendant in the direct male line of Captain Cook. And I was very disappointed, when invited to represent the Institution of Mechanical Engineers at the Royal Society when Professor Blackett gave a memorial lecture commemorating the 200th anniversary (I think) of the voyage of Captain Cook taking scientists to the Pacific to observe the Transit of Venus that the Society had made no effort to see if any of Cook's descendants were alive and no representative of the family was there.

I well remember Mrs. Batty, whose daughter married Fred Kendrew, the village handyman and a life-long friend. Mrs. Batty was a superb cook and used to come up to Beacon Banks and later to Tenter Close and cook for Aunt Bee. Her bread was only equalled by F.W.'s [possibly Rex's mother Florence]. Laurie Batty, Mrs. Batty's son, was the Husthwaite poacher and it was said he could see a rabbit on a hillside half a mile away. He thoroughly enjoyed his first-world-war service on the Western Front since he was picked out to be a sniper and was a most successful one.

- In the North Riding the last sheaf to be gathered in was called the "mell sheaf". According to "Yorkshire's Farm Life" compiled by David Joy, published by the Dalesman 1994, the word Mell means to mix and the traditional Mell Cake was made up of all kinds of rich spices. At some farms the last sheaf was decorated with ribbons and called the Mell Doll - placed in the middle of the big kitchen table or on the barn floor during the meal before the dancing began at the Mell-supper. **Does anyone have a record of this happening in Husthwaite?**

• **Angela Ovenston**

## Rachel Sermanni silences the audience!



Those of you who were elsewhere on February 27th missed a treat at the village hall.

The lights were lowered and Gobbledigook entered from stage left. Dave Jarman and Phil Grainger are old favourites and their blend of haunting ballads and witty rap did more than warm up the audience for what followed later. An engaging and challenging performance enthralled the audience.

Singer/songwriter Tom Terrel, who is on tour with Rachel mixed together folk, blues and country influences.



Plucking at his gut-string banjo or dancing across the strings of his guitar, his performance was blues, country and soft edged. His duet with Rachel Sermanni on the mandolin (played in a way I have never heard before) was terrific.

In addition, as a Leonard Cohen fan, I felt their performance of his 'Famous Blue Raincoat' was a fitting prelude to Rachel's set.

Soft, soulful and poetic, Rachel's words and voice transfixed the audience. Singing songs from her latest album (Tied To The Moon) and some old favourites, she reminded those who have seen her before how good she is... and those who came for the first time ... hoping she comes again.

**Lawrie Hill**

**Little Pippins: music group for children and babies - Thursday pm - *please contact Jacqui on 868554 for dates and times.***

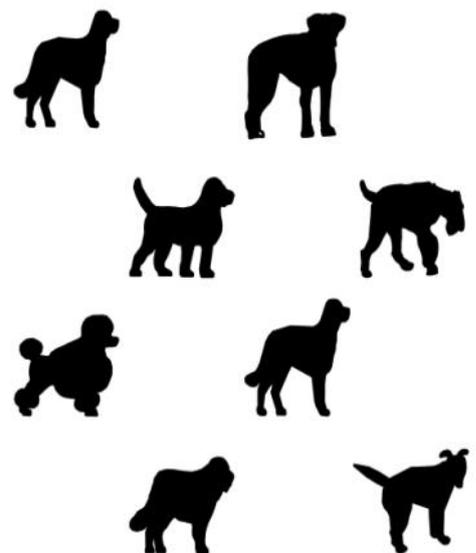
**Dear Beacon Banks dog walkers**

While the drive may be a public bridle path please remember it is also the property of both Beacon Banks and Lists House. I know you would not appreciate anyone leaving their doggy bags on your property, so please take your pooches poos with you and dispose of them in the bins provided.

I am also quite happy for you to put them in my refuse bin as you walk past the house.

Happy walking.

**Debbie Lewis-Green**



## Update on the Husthwaite Oil Coop by Michael Graham

When the Syndicate launched the new heating oil service last March, with Tate Fuels as our delivery partner, we believed it would offer Members significant advantages over the previous system with fixed order dates. Comments from Members suggest that they have appreciated the additional flexibility and are very pleased with the service Tate provides and during the last year over 1.15 million litres has been delivered across the Lower Swale Syndicate of Cooperatives. Rather than re-tendering and running the risk of finishing up with something less good, Chris Owens of Brafferton on our behalf has negotiated an extension to the current arrangement.

We are therefore delighted to announce that we have agreed a follow-on arrangement with Tate Fuels that will run until the end of March 2018. The key points of this agreement are

- Order any time between 1 January and 30 November — this is to encourage Members to assist Tate by ordering outside their peak time. The margin above the published wholesale price is unchanged. **Improved delivery time:** the order will be delivered within ten working days (emergency next working day deliveries can be made at an additional cost of £50+VAT). Orders placed during December for delivery before the end of the month, will be charged at the prevailing commercial price - so best to avoid ordering in December!
- Orders can be for a fixed volume (minimum 500 litres to comply with Weights and Measures legislation) or “Fill tank” — an estimated quantity is required (this needs to be realistic: if more than 10% short, there is no guarantee the full amount will be delivered).
- **New service:** Members requiring notification of delivery date will receive a text message the previous day, so that gates and tanks can be left unlocked.
- Payment will continue to be made by single Direct Debit payment following delivery. Debit cards and credit cards can be used by prior arrangement, but credit cards will attract a surcharge of 2% to offset bank charges.

We hope you continue to find the arrangement beneficial.

### How has the new system performed?

Someone in the village emailed me on Friday 20 March to say they had received 973 litres of kerosene (delivered the day after ordering!) for 33ppl, with the best Boilerjuice price on the day being 39.92ppl.

**Tate supplied Members across the whole Syndicate with 178,984 litres during February, when the median price was 31.67ppl (Boilerjuice 36.15ppl, equating to a saving of £8,780 to Syndicate Members).**

**The Syndicate price including VAT, has been just over 5ppl cheaper than Boilerjuice throughout the winter months when other suppliers have raised their margins.**

**Don't forget, you can order at any time through the website ([www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk)) — this is the preferred method, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to keep the pressure off Tate's switchboard — or phone the special Syndicate order line during working hours on 01943 854888, and Tate will deliver within ten working days when they have a tanker load for your area.**

**Membership is open to all in the village - if you want to know more email me at: [husthwaiteoil@btinternet.com](mailto:husthwaiteoil@btinternet.com) or phone on 01347 868216**

## Howden Jones at the Village Hall

Friday March 20th saw the welcome return to Husthwaite Village Hall of two excellent musicians, Kate Howden and Paul Jones. With songs they had written themselves, and their tales of their life on a narrow boat on the Lancaster canal, they gave their appreciative audience a delightful evening of music and gentle humour. Paul's ability to play on a wide variety of instruments, and Kate's lovely singing and playing, made for an enjoyable performance, and encouraged the audience to join in with the choruses.

As musicians, they really appreciated the new hall as a performance space, and the welcome atmosphere given by all the people who organised and came to the event.

**Jan Coulthard**



## **Husthwaite & District Gardening Club**

Everyone is welcome to our next meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:30 pm. After the AGM John Stirland will talk on Advanced Propagation. This will be followed by the Bulb Competition.



# Husthwaite & District Gardening Club Plant Sale

Husthwaite Village Hall  
Saturday 2nd May, starting at 10:00am

£1.00 entry includes refreshments & a raffle ticket

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

Coach trip to Arley Hall Garden Festival in Cheshire. Open to non-members. £22.00 includes coach & entry to the hall, gardens and festival events. Details from Breda Wells on 01347 868398.

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (was previously booked for 9<sup>th</sup>) Afternoon & evening**

Mini bus trip to Bluecoat Wood Nurseries in Harrogate and Martin Fish's garden.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August, afternoon**

Gardening club picnic in a member's garden.

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September. 7:30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall**

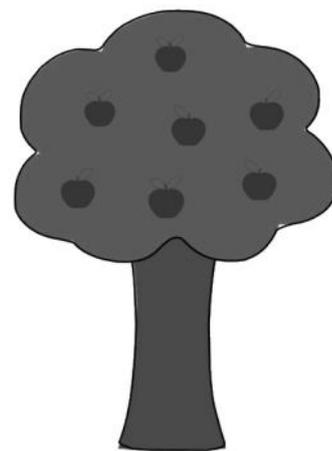
Plants that earn their keep.

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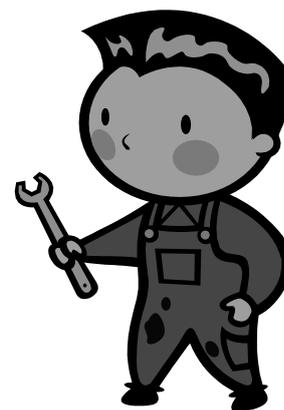
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## **Neighbourhood Watch News.**

PCSO Lucy Walker has delivered free light-timers to some folk on East View--sadly she has now run out of them!--and is willing to call on people (after arranging a time by telephone) to discuss home security. If villagers want her to visit them they can call me please, giving their 'phone number, and I'll liaise.

**Jill Galloway 868 514**

# April & May Events at Husthwaite Village Hall

## Weekly Regulars

**Short Mat Bowls** : Mondays 7.00-9.00pm

**Zumba**: Thursdays 9.15-10.15am

**Primetime**: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm

**Little Pippins Music Club**: TBA

## Monthly Usuals

**Orchard Village Club**: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April & 12<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00pm

**Book Exchange & Apple Tree Café**: Not open April but return Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30-2.30pm

**Quiz Night**: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April & 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm

**Film Club**: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April & 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm

**Gardening Club**: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April & 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm

**Table Tennis**: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April & 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am

## **Question Time Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

With all major parties represented, Husthwaite Village Hall will be hosting its very own "Question Time". An ideal

pre-election opportunity to hear what each party has to say in response to your questions. Representatives include our local parliamentary candidates; Kevin Hollinrake (Conservative), Di Keal (Lib Dems), Alan Avery (Labour), Toby Horton (UKIP) and Chris Newsam (Green Party.) The event will be ably chaired by Anthony Glaister.



Note this is a **Ticket Only Event**, tickets can be obtained from Will Mowatt, [w\\_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk), 01347 868196 or Lawrie Hill, [Lawrie@hilldesign.co.uk](mailto:Lawrie@hilldesign.co.uk) or 01347 868667

## **Flanagan Collective presents Sherlock on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.30pm**

The Flanagan Collective is a York based company best known for their boutique musical plays. The script for Sherlock is written by Coxwold playwright, Alexander Wright, but Sherlock Holmes: A Working Hypothesis, will not be a musical!

Wright has drawn on elements of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's works to develop a new theatrical adventure set in 1963 where his arch-nemesis Moriarty is at large and ready for one final battle.

Tickets £10, available from Will Mowatt, [w\\_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk), 01347 868196 or Andrew Coulthard, email: [aletheia@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aletheia@hotmail.co.uk) or tel:01347 868130.

Snake Davis Band - 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm (see separate advert)

## Avanti & Artizani “6 Impossible Things”

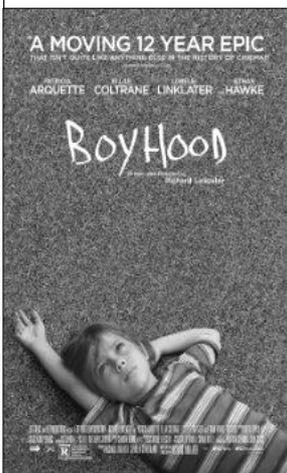
22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm

Featuring conjuring, acrobatics, live music and a finale not to be forgotten. 6 Impossible Things is a hilarious variety show about six impossible things.



“The three Grimshaws were at the top of their game. That was, of course, until Maureen disappeared.....” Despite secrets, guilt, disastrous gigs and a love triangle gone wrong, the show must go on! A comedy spectacular for all the family.

Tickets £10, Under 18’s £6, available from Gila Robinson, [gila.robinson@talktalk.net](mailto:gila.robinson@talktalk.net), 01347 868216.



## Film Club

April 16<sup>th</sup> “Boyhood” Cert 15 - BAFTA winning Best Film. Filmed over 12 years with the same cast, BOYHOOD is a groundbreaking story of growing up as seen through the eyes of a child who literally grows up on screen before our eyes. It charts the rocky terrain of childhood like no other film has before. Set to a soundtrack spanning the years from Coldplay's Yellow to Arcade Fire's Deep Blue. BOYHOOD is both a nostalgic time capsule of the recent past and an ode to growing up and parenting.



May 21<sup>st</sup> “Deux Jours, Une Nuit” Cert 15 (French with English Subtitles) - Sandra, a young Belgian mother, discovers that her workmates have opted for a significant pay bonus, in exchange for her dismissal. During a medical leave of absence, Sandra’s boss decides the company can only finance the annual bonuses for sixteen employees, or Sandra's job, leaving the decision to those sixteen. She has only one weekend to convince her colleagues to give up their bonuses so that she can keep her

job. Stars Marion Cotillard (“Piaf”, “Midnight in Paris”)

# Snake Davis Band

Snake is a legend.....his playing is effortless and lifts the soul. On the road with his 4 piece band, Paul Birchall, keyboards, Ali Thynne drums, Simon Goulding bass, lots of new material, a wonderful mix of soul world funk and jazz, always melodic, always soulful. Featuring the haunting Japanese shakuhachi and Irish whistle along with saxes, there ' s something for everybody here, young old or in between. Not to be missed!

## Friday 8th May 2015

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# NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

It has been a very busy Spring term, probably more so than usual given its brevity. However, that has not stopped us participating in some exciting events.

In January children in Years 4, 5 and 6 travelled to Sheffield Motorpoint Arena to participate in Young Voices – a national choir event, which included professional musicians, singers and dancers (an amazing experience); Class 1 had a fabulous time looking at the African animals at Flamingo Land which they had all to themselves!



The whole school were treated to a Music for life concert with fiddler, flautist and clog dancer performing a variety of music and dances. All the children then were taught some clog dancing steps and learned about rhythm patterns.





Children dressed as their favourite book character for World Book Day and brought the accompanying book to school with them to read. Some wonderful characters were evident; Harry Potter, Cat in the Hat, The Gruffalo, Bugsy Malone, The Boy in the Dress, Alice in Wonderland to name but a few.

Y2 participated in cluster Multi-skills; Y5 and Y6 came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Cluster indoor athletics tournament and we won the Cluster quicksticks hockey tournament enabling us to represent the school at district finals at Thirsk.

26 Mothers, Aunties and Grandmas joined children for a special Mother's Day Lunch. The School Council met with Mrs Heward to organise Red Nose Day fund-raising activities (wacky non-uniform and face painting!).

Still to look forward to before the end of term is our Easter Service, an Easter Egg decorating competition, Y5/6 visit York Minster and Jayden Carter competing in the finals of the County Cross-Country Championships.

We are now offering Rising 3 sessions at our Nursery allowing children to start from the term before they turn 3 years of age. We are taking bookings for our Nursery class for September and there are some limited places still available. If you are interested (or know anyone else who is interested) in a Nursery place, please contact the school office for further details.



The first half term's whole school topic was based on Africa. Children learnt about the countries which form the African continent, its culture, and the geographical make-up. This topic culminated in an 'Out of Africa' whole school activity day. Everyone enjoyed a fun-packed day of African activities which included each child from nursery to year 6 being given the chance to participate in an African Dance Workshop led by a professional dancer. Children also made African masks and shields, participated in food tasting based on the story of Handa's Surprise, story-telling and interpreting their own dance moves to African music. Mrs McCallum treated the children to a special African themed lunch.

Teaching and learning this term has covered a wide range of topics. Science in school has included Earth and space, exploring and understanding different materials in everyday life, baby animals and how they grow, evolution and genetics. Literacy has included looking at works by Robert Louis Stevenson, Greek myths, visual poetry, persuasive writing and writing our own nursery rhymes as well as a focus on punctuation and grammar. In maths topics have included fractions, decimals and percentages, measurement and applying to real life situations, money - the different denominations and how to calculate change - addition and subtraction as well as practising times tables. Children in Y6 have continued to work with Miss Goodchild and Mrs Bainbridge in preparation for the SATs tests in May.

Once again we have welcomed toddlers and their parents/carers to our 'drop-in' toddler open mornings this term. Mrs Fowler and her team always ensure that there are lots of exciting activities on offer with lots of room to explore - the soft play is always hugely popular - as well as the opportunity to join in story-time. These are free sessions and everyone is welcome to come along - please see the school website for future dates.

Twice a year we raise funds for the school through 'Bags2School'. If you have any unwanted items of clothes, handbags, shoes, belts and soft toys they can be brought to school in dustbin bags for collection by Bags2School. Items are then sold to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. This great recycling facility raises funds for school and helps others in need. The collection will take place at school on 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9am so any items can be brought to school the day before or early on the morning of the collection.

### **Diary Dates:**

**Thu 26 March 9.45am - Easter Community Service at School followed by coffee morning and cake stall**

**Fri 27 March 2.45pm School closes for Easter holidays**

**Mon 13 April School closed - staff training day**

**Tue 14 April School opens to children for summer term**

**Fri 1 May Drop-in toddler morning 9-11 am**

**Tue 19 May Bags2School collection at 9am**

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

**Sarah Dixon**

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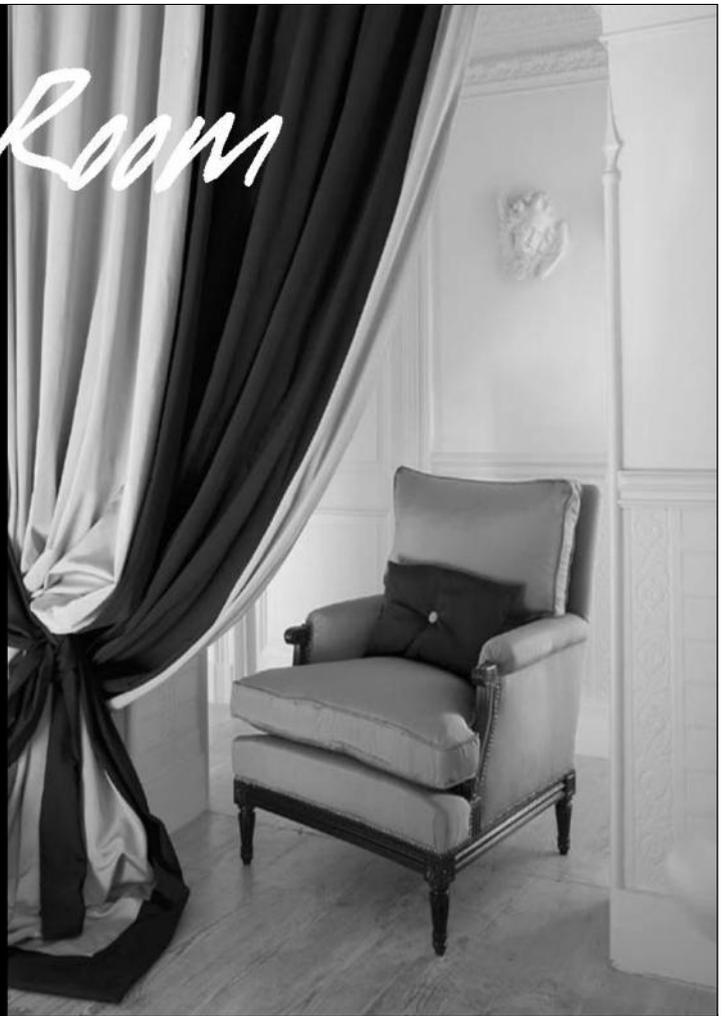
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# **Parish Council Meeting held in Husthwaite Village Hall on the 17th March 2015**

In attendance were:

Carol Fenwick

Elaine Smith

Peter Fox

Alison Gambles

Paul Escreet

Barney Smith

Apologies from Caroline Patmore who was attending Crayke PC meeting .

## **Village Defibrillator**

The Parish Council have been able to obtain a FREE Defibrillator and cabinet so the village defib. is now surplus to requirements! The PC is going to contact Millfield Surgery to see if they or someone they know may be able to use it.

## **Elphin View Drain!!!**

STILL blocked! Barney has (using the Husthwaite Parish Council Twitter account) sent a 'tweet' to NYCC asking them to PLEASE come and unblock the drain.... and received an immediate response to say that another works order to unblock and empty the drain has been created!

## **Dog waste**

A new bin has been installed on Ings Lane down at Baxby - PLEASE USE IT, YOU'VE PAID FOR IT!

Dog poo bags WITH DOG POO ACTUALLY IN THEM are being left on footpaths; this is worse than leaving the dog poo! Is anyone able to explain why people do this?!!

NB You can put full dog waste bags in ANY village bin, even the black wheelie bin at the cemetery, not just a dog poo bin.

## **School parking warden**

The Warden has visited the primary school and fines have been issued....BE AWARE they will be returning!

## **Parish Plan**

Paul Escreet has been busy copying the Parish Plan into electronic/Excel form; this will make it much easier for the PC to update. We will be able to see what has and what has not been achieved, what is no longer relevant and it will also mean we can prioritise the things still to be done.

## **Prospect Cottages Housing Development**

Although a planning application was presented to the Planning Committee Meeting on the 5th of February, the formal decision has not yet been published.

An email sent to the PC from a Husthwaite resident regarding the PC's 'lack of representation' at the Planning Committee meeting in February, and the PC's response to this letter can be found at the end of this report. Please take 2 minutes to read this.

## **Ings Lane footpath slurry**

The manure has been moved away from near the gateway next to the footpath from Ings lane towards Baxby Mill (just after the bridge over the beck near The Hideaway) . However the Environment Agency will be revisiting the site and will suggest the farmer feeds his cattle away from the gate and into the field so the problem does not reoccur.

## **Speeding traffic.**

Our application to have the vehicular activated speed matrix board sited in the village is being assessed by the Safer Hambleton Group. In addition the PC will enquire about the Community Speedwatch Scheme where the village can be supplied with a speed gun and can be trained by a PCSO on how to use it and log speeding vehicles. We had hoped that a member of North Yorkshire Police would attend the meeting but he/she did not appear.

## **Parish Council Email address**

The PC now has its own email address: **[husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk)** therefore please use this email if you wish to contact the Parish Council. This email is monitored by the Clerk, Jan Coulthard.

## **Registration of Financial and Personal Interests**

“Interests for Husthwaite Parish Councillors” is now available to view on the Hambleton District Council website.

## **Parish Council elections**

.....do you want to join the PC?! All current members have to stand down and be re-elected so your input in this is important! A flyer was posted through your door in February. Please read it and have a think about what it says.....! And remember to cast your vote on Thursday May 7th.

## **Recreation Area**

Chris Slater has been asked to tidy up the recreation area and cut the brambles etc back to the original hedge/boundary.

Continued overleaf

## **Thefts and break -ins.**

Did you know that the Police will come and give you a personal visit and provide timer switches and shed alarms FREE OF CHARGE?! We didn't!

We had hoped to ask the Police about this at the PC meeting.

Could we ask EVERYONE to take note of the registration number of any unfamiliar vans even if they look like innocent builders working in the area. Opportunistic thieves are taking advantage of all of the vans/builders working in the village at present and using this as cover!

The PC is looking into the possibility of installing CCTV around the village; more details to follow.

## **Planning**

A recent planning concern in the Parish (construction of a building without permission) has been reported to the Planning Enforcement team at Hambleton District Council who are monitoring the situation.

**Planning decisions and recent applications** can be found on the HDC website, or by speaking to one of your Parish Councillors.

**Next meeting is the 19th of May 2015 at 7pm...will you be a new member of the Parish Council?**

***This letter from a Husthwaite resident was received by the Parish Council :***

“I would just like to comment on how shocked I and a lot of other people in the Husthwaite community were, when we discovered that no one from our Husthwaite Parish Council panel was there in person to represent us and our village on the 5.02.15 at the meeting of the Planning Committee, where the application for the building of 20 properties at the land to the rear of Prospect Cottages was to be heard.

This apparently was due to the fact that MOST of the panel were at work at the time of the meeting. We can only take from this that the other members of the panel who weren't at work had better things to do. As this project is a massive development for the village, and has deeply upset and unsettled many residents, we are to say the least, extremely disappointed that no one from the panel was at this major final meeting to represent us and fight our corner. Maybe if the meeting had been about the erection of solar panels and unsightly gates/posts and fencing we might have been better represented.”

*Response to the letter, by Barney Smith on behalf of the Parish Council:*

I would like to point out one or two things if I may; firstly the position of Parish Councillor is voluntary and unpaid and all we can do is our best, in our spare time.

Secondly; the Parish WAS EXTREMELY well represented by Caroline Patmore. Caroline is our District Councillor and we felt she would be better placed to air our views on the proposed development. Caroline is able to stand and speak for as long as she wants at planning committee meetings whereas everyone else has a mere three minutes to say their bit.

Caroline lives in Oulston and knows Husthwaite well. I assume you were at the meeting and you were able to listen to Caroline's address? The recommendation to the committee (from the planning officer) was to support the development, however Caroline spoke against it.

Although no Parish Councillors attended the meeting on the 5th, Cllr Peter Fox did attend the site meeting in Prospect Cottages and conveyed our concerns regarding the development to the members of the planning committee who attended. In addition our detailed concerns regarding the development were emailed to every member of the planning committee as well as to Tim Wood, Development Manager and to Mick Jewitt , Director of Environmental and Planning Services. Furthermore the PC comments were circulated to members of the Planning Committee again prior to the meeting and the additional comments we made regarding the report submitted by Helen Laws were presented to the committee by Tim Wood on the day.

As I have already mentioned, Cllr Caroline Patmore actively participated in the meeting as did a local resident and the PC has since been informed that the committee gave real consideration to the application as a consequence of the detail provided.

Unfortunately the land in question was allocated for development in the Hambleton Local Development Framework after extensive consultation with the village and we were advised that the planning Committee was therefore likely to approve the development.

# Made In Husthwaite



In their spare time, people do the most amazing things...and Husthwaite is no exception. We had an exhibition six years ago, called Made In Husthwaite. There were paintings, photographs, furniture, embroidery, quilts, restored vintage cars, furniture, vintage model railways, designs for Royal Mail stamps and loads more. Where it was possible, people worked on whatever they did so that we could see what the practicalities looked like. All together, it was a brilliant celebration of the skills people don't talk about much yet ought to be proud of.

It's time to do it again, this time in the new hall. There's more space, it's much more comfortable and it could be even better than last time.

So, the idea is to make a stunning exhibition that shows the extraordinary range of skills that people have in the village. We want there to be plenty to see; people making things and breaking off to have a chat about what they're doing if someone asks. We want people who come the event to be struck by the quality of what is being done and to be surprised by the variety. Even better if it inspires them to have a go themselves or with somebody else.

We know that, in the village, people are painting, drawing, being volunteers,



making music, taking photographs, designing websites, restoring classic cars and bikes, making things from wood and metal, baking, singing, working with fabric, restoring old houses, growing things, getting involved in sport, writing, reading, being interested in film.....and lots more besides. Will it work to do it again, only this time with more things happening?

**Do you want to take part this time?** The date is **Saturday 19th September** and the main venue will be the hall. Some of the exhibits will be outside, and some could even be in other venues. Entry will be free; we want as many people to see it as possible.

If you would like to be involved, either as an exhibitor or as one of the people who makes it happen, let me know, either by phone on **868130** or by email on **aletheia@hotmail.co.uk**

**Don't be shy about offering what you do...we want as many interests as possible.**

I shall be really happy to hear from you. Let me know as soon as you can; by **18th April** would help.

**Andrew Coulthard**

***Pictures taken at the last Made in Husthwaite in 2009***



## **Husthwaite Open Gardens**

On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, the village will be hosting an Open Gardens event to raise funds for the finishing touches to the village hall. We already have an interesting collection of Husthwaite gardens on the list, but if you would like yours open too, speak to Philip Hewitson or Breda Wells. This high profile event requires a lot of organising and hard work. The garden owners will have enough to do, so please come forward and volunteer to help. We will need marshals, caterers, plant sales people. Perhaps even car park attendants! Offers of plants to sell and cakes would be gratefully received too.

*See poster on back page*

Husthwaite Village  
Hall



Orchards  
of  
Husthwaite

# *Husthwaite Open Gardens*

**Sunday 31st May 2015  
1pm to 5pm**

**Private gardens to visit**

**Plant sales**

**Tour of fruit press & orchard**

**Afternoon teas in the Apple Tree Cafe**

**£4.00 adults, children free**

