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Dates for your Diary All events in the Village Hall

FEBRUARY

- 2 8pm Pop Up Pub**
- 5 12-2pm Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange**
- 8 7.30pm Gardening Club**
- 13 12-2pm Orchard Village Club**
- 15 7.30pm Film Club**
- 28 (Until 2 March) 7.30pm Cinderella –a pantomime**

MARCH

- 3 2pm Matinee performance of Cinderella**
- 5 12-2pm Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange**
- 8 7.30pm Gardening Club**
- 9 8pm Pop Up Pub**
- 13 12-2pm Orchard Village Club**
- 16 7.30pm Film & Singalong to Sound of Music**
- 18 11-3pm Husthwaite Spring Market**
- 20 7.30pm Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting**
- 22 7.30pm Film Club**

For regular weekly events please see page 14

Mark Scarce - A Tribute

Our village community has lost one of the very best of men.

Mark was indeed a devoted family man. He was a loving husband of Margaret, a caring and supportive father to Anthony, Elizabeth, Becky and Heidi, and he adored his four grandchildren. He was especially proud of Margaret's professional qualification and work.

But in his own field he was unsurpassed. His knowledge, skill and ability in practical matters were outstanding. There was simply nothing to which he could not, and did not, turn his hand or for which he did not have an ingenious idea: from roof repairs to plumbing, electrics, all kinds of building work, mechanical particularly motor engineering and welding. Inventive to an amazing degree, when with such back pain that even the strongest injections afforded no relief, he fashioned a leather corset with chains to hang from the cross bar of the children's swing, which of course he had also made. Stepping off the seat and letting his lower body weight act as traction for increasing periods did the trick. And then there was Mark the mole catcher. Unless you saw his unique and humane method you would not believe it.

He was imaginative too, and creative, with a real sense of humour. No one who was privileged to see his immaculate and beautifully designed garden in full bloom, could fail to smile at the man in the top hat, smoking a pipe and holding a pitchfork - one of Mark's many sculptures in metal.

What can I say about his gardening skills? I understand his interest stemmed originally from time spent as a small boy with his Grandfather Hutchinson. Then even as a very young man, when he worked on farms in the area, he had ambition to set himself up with his own gardening business. He read books on the subject and was always keen to identify a specific plant or shrub, an interest he maintained. So, 30 years ago, he began on his own, accumulating, as the demand for his services in the village rapidly increased, a vast knowledge from which many of us have benefited in abundance. His strength and energy were boundless. He worked tirelessly all the hours of the day. He was conscientious to a degree. But he also had a poetic feel for the natural world around him and, on occasion, expressed a deeply sensitive appreciation of the lovely setting in which we live. He was a true countryman. Husthwaite Open Gardens have become increasingly popular with visitors from far and wide, and residents have accepted the plaudits due, knowing well who really deserved the praise. Our church grounds have been carefully tended, the grass mown and the flower beds planted by him for years. It is said no one is indispensable. Here was one who will prove irreplaceable.

Peter Fox

New Year's Day Football 2018

We had a fantastic turn out for this year's New Year's Day match. Twenty brave souls turned up at 10.30am, some making a first appearance and some their seventh appearance.

Coxwold kindly allowed us to play on their pitch, the school pitch having earlier been deemed unplayable. It is fair to say that the pitch "took a stud". Jeremy Walker (Yellows) and Will Mowatt (Oranges) picked sides with Jeremy using his inside knowledge to pick the only goalkeeper and most of the attackers. This proved to be a master stroke. The Yellows were a potent attacking influence with Daniel Granger, Calum Mowatt, Bobby Pearson, David Millan, Jack Somers and Oscar Kingston keeping the Oranges deep in their own half (OK some of them might have been in midfield but it didn't feel like it!). They quickly went 2-0 up with the Oranges showing the advantage of having a goal keeper who commands his area. Defensively the Oranges tried manfully to stem the attacking threat of the Yellows with Rob Colton providing some last ditch tackles and Rory Sheard showing the calm considered footballing nous of a true Celtic fan.

At half-time, the Oranges were 3-1 up, after a consolation goal by Neil Millan (who after one run into the attacking half decided to stay there for the rest of the game), in response to goals from Bobby Pearson (2) and Calum Mowatt. At half-time, rather than change ends, the referee agreed that it would be "fair" for the Yellows to adopt the full size goal to give the Oranges a better chance of scoring. Sadly this was not enough.

At the back, the Yellows kept a tight rear guard with Mark Kingston proving very difficult to beat and the defensive line of Jeremy Justice, Jeremy Walker and Craig Colton giving the Yellows few opportunities. The Justice brothers, Sam and Olly plugged away on the left hand side for the Oranges, showing that despite being Sheffield Wednesday fans, they knew how to play passing football. On the right, for the Oranges, a combination of Steve Broughton and Marcus Sheard gave some balance. However, it was a big pitch...

Despite the opportunity to score in the full size goal, the Yellows increased their advantage with goals from Daniel Granger and Oscar Kingston. A reply from Kit Chappell ably assisted by brother Sam wasn't enough and the Yellows finished the match as 5-2 winners. Thanks again to referee, Stephen Barker, who demonstrated that refs don't need to move that far to control the game!

The Plum and Partridge put on bacon butties after the match.

Will Mowatt



Christmas Trees

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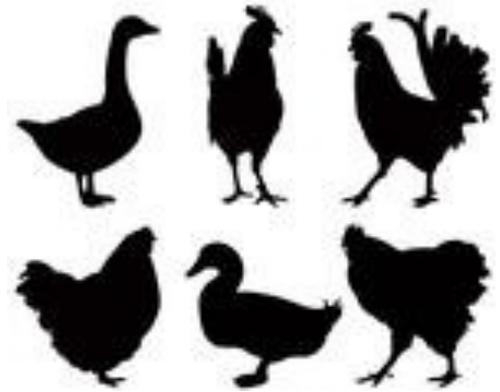


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Tip 2: Feeding.

Place your birds' food and water in fully enclosed areas that are protected from wild birds, and remove any spilled feed regularly.

Tip 3: Fencing.

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Apple Tree Café

Just a reminder that we will be opening up as usual in Husthwaite Village Hall on Monday 5th February 2018. We will have the usual array of soups, sandwiches and home-made cakes along with tea coffee and soft drinks.



We got off to a great start on 8th January with a good turn out on a very cold day. The soup soon got everyone warmed up with an atmosphere to match! The book exchange was also open for those needing new reading material after the Christmas break.

Please feel free to come along on Monday 5th February and join us for a local, social event which also helps to raise funds for the Village Hall. If you can't make it in February we will be doing it all again on Monday 5th March!

A big thank you to all the volunteers and customers who continue to support us!

Lynn Colton



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EASINGWOLD COMMUNITY MINIBUS

Easingwold District Community Care Association has a new project.

It is the Easingwold Community Minibus

The 15 seater minibus has been generously funded by North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council and Easingwold Town Council and is available for hire by voluntary and community groups and schools.

EDCCA will be running a weekly assisted shopping trip to TESCO at Clifton Moor every Thursday. The pickup time will be 10:30am and return at 1:30pm. Cost £5

If you would like more details or to book a place on the minibus

contact: Lou Wileman

01347 822598 or email carscheme@edcca.org.uk





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- * Roost coffees



Cinderella

by Ben Crocker

“perfect proper panto” - The Times

Wednesday - Friday 28th February - 2nd March at 7.30pm

Saturday 3rd March at 2.00pm

Adults £10, children £5, families £25

Tickets and information from Sheila - sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com

or 01347 868196

Pantomime time again!

It's when our neighbours - respectable chaps, Cameron and John - dress up in wigs and garish dresses to make themselves ugly. They brandish huge water pistols if we don't agree that they're ever so pretty.

Anne and Stephen - one-time shopkeeper and gentleman's outfitter, now debt collectors. Pay up if your bank account is in a state.

The Crawshaws - could anyone be more intelligent and law-abiding? Here's Euan as the bumbling Baron, who hardly remembers his own name. He dotes on Liz, the wicked stepmother, who can be a tiger when she's roused.

Kieren is Buttons, lovesick for Cinderella, played by Maja. Last time we saw them they were in Hushwaite's *Drovers Road*.

This is a traditional pantomime but it has a modern feel. So is it possible that Buttons might whisk Cinders away before Fergus and Jamie arrive? They are Dandini and the smooth Prince Charming, in search of the tiny foot that fits the crystal slipper.

Never fear. We can trust Breda - she's a teacher, after all, who waves her Fairy Godmother wand with the promise of a happy ending.

You never know where our pantomime racehorse will turn up, or who he/she/it is. A clue: study Gran as she raps with the children, Gaby, Roxy and Imogen. They're all involved in song and dance, colourful costume and rowdy audience participation. It's a show for children of all ages.

Please bring your family and friends, ready to laugh, clap and wonder.

Richard Wood

***Cameron and
John
as the
Ugly Sisters
in
Cinderella***



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

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What's ON!

Husthwaite Village Hall
For full details see:
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February &
March

Weekly Regulars

Short Mat Bowls: Monday 7.00-9.00pm

Primetime: Friday 10.00am-12.00pm

Youth Club: Alternate Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm

Zumba: Tuesday at 9.30-10.30am

Yoga: Tuesday at 5.00-6.15pm

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 13th February & 13th March 12pm-2pm

Apple Tree Café, Book Exchange : Monday 5th February & 5th March 12 to 2pm

Film Club: Thursday 15th February & Thursday 22nd March at 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: Friday 2nd February & 9th March at 8.00pm

Gardening Club: Thursday 8th February & 8th March at 7.30pm

Upcoming Events



Pop Up Farm Gate Farm Shop every Thursday 4-7pm in Village Hall Car Park.

Selling a fabulous selection of locally produced and sourced free range Chicken, Pork, Eggs, artisan pies and meat dishes, organic milk, butter and cream. Preserves, locally blended tea and roasted coffee. Organic seasonal vegetables and much more. For more details contact farmgatefarmshop@hotmail.co.uk

Cinderella - Wednesday 28th February to 2nd March 7.30pm. Matinee Saturday 3rd March at 2pm.

Tickets are now on sale for this fantastic event.....on no it isn't, oh yes it is, she's behind you and all that! A tale of love, jealousy, envy, an evil stepmother and two very ugly sisters. Don't miss it; Tickets £10, Children U16 £5 and Family Ticket £25. **Contact Sheila on 868196 or email Sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com**



Film Club

Thursday 15th Feb – “Dunkirk”(12A).

Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire and France are surrounded by the German Army, and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II.



Thursday 22nd March – “Goodbye Christopher Robin” (PG)

A rare glimpse into the relationship between beloved children's author A. A. Milne and his son Christopher Robin, whose toys inspired the magical world of Winnie the Pooh.

Sound of Music Sing-A-Long on Friday 16th March 7.30pm

Come along to our hugely popular sing-a-long events. Watch the movie and sing-a-long (or listen-a-long) to songs like “Do-Re-Me”, “I am Sixteen”, “Edelweiss” and many More.

Watch out for posters coming soon!



Husthwaite Spring Market, Sunday 18th March 11am to 3pm.

We are proud to support locally grown fresh produce with an ever growing choice of poultry, meat, fish, vegetables and dairy produce. Along with a selection of quality arts and crafts, beauty products, jewellery, wood craft, chocolates, books and cards, preserves, plants and flowers. The Apple Tree Café will be serving up delicious home-made hot and cold food and beverages.



Plum and Partridge

A huge thank you to the whole village for the amount of support that we have received since the new team arrived. It is greatly appreciated and it has been wonderful to meet everybody!

Christmas Day & New Year's Eve have been the highlights of our time here so far - it was lovely to see the pub bustling and full of friendly, festive atmosphere. A special thanks to Carol F, Sheila M & Lynn C for distributing the flyers for us!

Keep an eye out for our Valentine's Day menu on the lamp posts around the village, available on 14th February & the following Saturday.

'Thank Fish It's Friday' will continue indefinitely; each Friday enjoy our Beer Battered East Coast Haddock with chips, crushed minted peas and homemade tartare sauce for only £10.

We still have our Prix Fixe menu on from Monday-Saturday offering any two courses for just £14.50 alongside a range of sandwiches.

With our sincerest thanks again for your continued support, Ellie, Harrison, Antony & the rest of the Plum team.

Husthwaite Village Spring Market



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**11 am till 3pm,
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Along with a selection of quality arts and crafts, beauty products, jewellery, wood craft, chocolates, books and cards, preserves, plants and flowers.

Stock up your cupboards, pick up an Easter present too and maybe even a treat for the dog!

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We are looking to recruit a new councillor for Husthwaite Parish Council.

People new to the village along with those who have been settled here for some time are encouraged to apply for this voluntary post. All that is needed is an interest in making things better for the village, and a willingness to join in with decision making. The meetings are interesting and neither very formal nor bureaucratic.

This small committee meets 6 times a year on a Tuesday evening in the village hall.

If you want to find out more, or to put yourself forward to join the council, either come along to a council meeting to see how it works, or please contact the Parish Clerk, Jan Coulthard, as soon as possible at husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk

or tel. 01347868130

or write to Husthwaite Parish Council, c/o Aletheia House, Husthwaite, YO61 4PX.

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & APPLE TREE NURSERY



STAFF CHANGES

We bid a sad farewell to Mrs Bainbridge at the end of last term as she left Husthwaite after almost 10 years as head teacher to take up her new post at Mill Hill School in Northallerton. We all wished her good luck and success at her new school. Parents joined children at the Christmas Church Service to say their farewells and presented her with leaving gifts which included an apple tree to mark her time at Husthwaite.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Fiona Bennett who has been appointed as the Interim Head teacher at the Federation of Husthwaite and Sessay. Miss Bennett is looking forward to working with all pupils, staff, governors and members of our school community.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES SUCCESS

Just before the school finished for the Christmas holidays, the DfE released the KS2 schools' performance league tables. The school was delighted to learn that they have performed highly compared with other similar schools. 71% of pupils achieved the expected standard and 29% of pupils achieved the higher standard. Miss Bennett, commented that "this news is a fantastic start for the school for 2018 and proves what a dedicated and hardworking staff team there is at Husthwaite. I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders and developing the high standards of teaching and learning even further. I am excited to be joining Husthwaite".

WRIGGLY NATIVITY

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children performed brilliantly at their Wiggly Nativity last month. They were amazing and word perfect with just the right amount of wiggling in all the right places! Every child had a part to play and there was not a dry eye in the audience as proud parents and grandparents watched on in delight. Take a look at the website for some more wonderful photos.



SCHOOL TOPICS

Last term the whole school topic was Australia. All children enjoyed learning about the country exploring and understanding its vastness, heritage and culture. To mark the end of the topic an 'Aussie Activity Day' was held and children had great fun making (and playing) their own didgeridoos; making a boomerang and seeing if it would come back to them and producing a huge 3D map of Australia.



This half term's topic is 'Keen to be Green' where children will be exploring the effects of climate change on the environment, weather and the importance for recycling and reducing waste. The topic will finish with a STOMP (music using junk!) workshop

PANTOMIME AT HUSTHWAITE

The pantomime came to school and a live performance of Goldilocks and the 3 bears was performed Needless to say, children thoroughly enjoyed their morning's entertainment as an end of term Christmas treat.

YOUNG VOICES

Great anticipation was evident in school on Tuesday 16th January as pupils from years 4, 5 and 6 set off to Sheffield Arena to participate in the world's biggest children's choir. We were also thrilled to be joined by pupils from Sessay; our federation school. Songs included a medley based on famous composers, Rag 'n' Bone man, cartoons and the children even went on a musical journey to Africa making rain sounds with their fingers. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were full of stories and excitement about their experience of participating in a huge venue with professional musicians. No doubt this will be a highlight of their memories of their school days at Husthwaite! This is our 3rd visit to Young Voices and is one that will surely be repeated again.

STAY AND PLAY

Weekly stay and play sessions continue for all pre-school age children. Please do come along and join in an hour's activity of fun. This will be on Thursday 24th January and then will change to every Friday starting on 2nd February at the usual time of 9-10am. We would love to see you and it's a great way to meet and chat with other parents/carers. Our Class 1 pupils also like to show off what they've been doing in their classroom!

For further details of our school please visit our website: www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk or phone the office 01347 868371. Diary dates are listed on the school website.



Big Fat Christmas Quiz



Thank you to all who attended our end of year Big Fat Christmas Quiz. With over 60 friends, family and neighbours attending we were pulling tables and chairs out of the stores right up to the start time!

All eleven teams fought bravely and fairly as we battled through an eclectic range of subjects, topics and questions. Many were disappointed they hadn't played their Joker on the first round, Music, which turned out to be easier than first anticipated. Several chose to wait and play it on the History round, which unknowingly included a name unscrambling, date matching, 2 minute, non-negotiable, time limit which really sorted out the historians from the "let's have a guess brigade!!" And as always, Stephen Barker didn't disappoint with his usual difficult round with a few disputed and contested answers thrown in.

It was a close finish, with Calum Mowatt and Friends winning with 1 point in it. They were the proud recipients of the annual Husthwaite Village Hall Xmas Quiz Trophy, currently residing in the safe hands of his parents (even though on separate occasions both of them managed to drop it on the night!) but will now be passed on each year.

All in all, a great night to round off what has been another busy year of events.

Husthwaite Christmas Party

Our FREE Christmas Party is always hugely popular, however in Dec 2017, due to very low ticket sales we had to take the very difficult decision to cancel. We are really sorry for those who had booked tickets but we do plan to bring the event back in 2018 if there is enough ongoing interest. We would really like to hear from people as to what you would like from a Christmas Party so we can design something that appeals to all.

Film Club Christmas Special – “Singin’ in the Rain”



Film Club rounded off the year with its usual classic “oldie” and this year it was the toe tapping, upbeat, “Singin’ in the Rain”. The hall was decorated with upturned Umbrellas on the ceiling and people were warmly welcomed with the sound of live music from the movie, performed by Gila. The bar was kept extremely busy, the now famous Film Club cocktails, were literally flying off the bar! A choice of Prosecco based French 75 proving to be marginally more popular than the whisky based Old Fashioned!

The film was very well received, many thinking they had seen it, but perhaps they hadn’t, or maybe it was the cocktails talking!

Film Club team (Sheila, Will & Calum) would like to thank everyone who has supported us throughout the year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2018. We aim to show a mix of movies, documentaries, short films (at our June Festival), both main stream and independent to our audience. On February 15th we are showing the outstanding and though provoking “Dunkirk”, then on March 22nd “Goodbye Christopher Robin”, a rare glimpse into the life of A.A. Milne and relationship with his son.

Film Club is the 4th Thursday of the month at 7.30pm (except Feb as we work around the Panto schedule). Annual membership is £15, Concession £10 or you can pay as you go for only £3 per screening.

Sheila Mowatt

Please contact Sheila on **868196** or email **Sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com** or contact any member of the Village Hall Committee. Thank You.

Husthwaite Markets

We have come of age! The Christmas Market of 2017 was our best attended market yet, with 550 estimated number of shoppers and nearly 30 indoor and outside stalls, rounding off 4 years of successful trading.

We are very much aware that even small markets such as ours are for many of our traders, their business, their source of income, so we try extremely hard to ensure that we are even handed with all our stallholders. We have found that a policy of limiting duplicate sellers wherever possible, gives a fair chance of sales across the board, while introducing new stalls whenever we can keeps the markets fresh!

Our research has shown that markets offering a balanced mix of crafts, food and drink have a greater chance of continued success, so our last 2 markets saw an increase in the number of stalls offering excellent locally sourced produce.

There is no denying it is hard work! We start preparing for each market a few weeks after the last. Contacting traders, preparing and securing advertising, putting up flyers and road signs, organising volunteers, supplying and running the kitchen, setting up the hall, erecting stalls and on and on.....

But it is also very rewarding to know that all our efforts have earned Husthwaite a market with a growing customer base and the respect of our stall holders, praising us for a friendly, enjoyable yet professionally run event. And word has spread, giving us an ever growing waiting list of traders wanting to be part of Husthwaite Village Markets.

We offer a huge thank you to our stallholders old and new, our tireless volunteers, kitchen staff and bakers, our customers and resident Husthwaitians, who have handled the quarterly influx of shoppers in their stride. All proceeds from the markets goes to maintain the Village Hall which of course benefits the whole community. So we look forward to your continued support at the **Spring Market on Sunday March 18th**



We would really appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested in joining our organising team by contacting either Lynn 07810 263346, Debbie 07894 865897 or Annabel 07828 173451.

Debbie Green



Summary of draft minutes of Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 16th January 2018

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Fox (PF), E. Smith (ES), Jan Coulthard (Clerk), Tom Carter, Ben Duffield, Richard Duffield.

Apologies. P. Escreet (working), B. Smith (family commitments), Cllr C Patmore (Crayke PC meeting).

Paul Escreet has written to the PC stating that he has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor because of work commitments. The Council members regretfully accepted his decision and requested that a letter be sent thanking Paul for all his efforts. The Clerk will inform HDC of his resignation and details of the election process for a new member will be published on the village noticeboard in due course

Declarations of interest: NONE.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

Co-option of Parish Councillor: No expressions of interest in the casual vacancy have been received since the last meeting. Therefore another notice requesting applications from eligible persons who wish to be considered for co-option will be placed on the PC Noticeboard and in the newsletter.

Enforcement of Planning Laws:

Sunley Woods Farm: The enforcement order is in place and runs until the end of February.

Bye Green Holdings hours of working: Helen Conti has informed the PC that the alleged breach of working hours conditions is still under investigation by HDC.

Fracking in North Yorkshire:

An Examination in Public, by a government appointed inspector, of the NYCC's response will take place starting on 27th February. Husthwaite PC received an invitation to send a representative to the enquiry, but the PC, together with the 32 other members of the Easingwold and Villages Community Forum, support the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group's participation on their behalf. PF (who will attend the hearing along with Chris Stratton from Oulston) said that the Inspector will consider the merits of the written submissions before sending round questionnaires asking for evidence to support these submissions. PF will report back to Husthwaite PC.

Emergency Planning:

CC is circulating an Emergency Planning document²⁶ for all council members to consider. Also

CC is sending to NYCC Community Resilience Team for an Emergency Kit for the village, and for a copy of their individual plans for each household in the village.

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute:

CF is to contact an insurance company about PC insurance cover concerning the planned bonfire on Beacon Bank during the celebration.

MUGA Surface:

CF is to ask the grass cutting contractor to brush off moss both before and after mossicide treatment of the MUGA surface.

4. Matters that have arisen between meetings:

4.1 Grass Cutting Contract: Farm & Land Services have offered to extend the grass cutting contract for a further two years at a cost of £130 + VAT per cut. As this is only £2 more per cut than the current contract, and still a lot cheaper than the other quotes received two years ago, it was agreed to accept their offer and extend the contract until October 2019.

4.2 Kendrew Green Cutting Regime: Keith Gittens has requested a continuation of the revised cutting regime on Kendrew Green for 2018 and offered to contact the AONB to organise cutting dates by its volunteers. This was agreed by the PC.

5. Planning Matters: Please see the PC website for details

6. Finance Report: Please see the PC website for details

7. Circulated Items That May Be Of Interest To The Council:

Parish Portal: The Clerk was requested to enrol Hushwaite Parish Council on the Parish Portal which will then enable councillors to report highways and street lighting problems online.

A Data Protection Officer is likely to be needed, according to government information. It may be possible that one could be appointed to work for several parish councils. The officer should be in post by May, but the remit and scope of this post has yet to be decided at a district level. It is likely that neither PC members nor clerks can be appointed..

8. Reports from Council's Representatives:

Village Hall: The VH committee were in discussions with St Nicholas Church regarding starting a 100 Club as a joint venture. The chair²⁷ trolley has been ordered. There is the

possibility of a farm produce stall on Thursday evenings in the village hall car park. Coming events include the Film Club on 23rd January, Burns Night on 27th January, Pop Up Pub on 2nd February and Cinderella Pantomime 28th February to 2nd March.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF attended the last meeting, at which the speaker was Panda Gledhill, a development worker for S.Hambleton. She said Husthwaite was identified as an example, with its youth club, for other villages to follow .

Easingwold and Villages Community Plan was approved with the addition of a clause to protect the local economy in case of problems arising from Shale Gas extraction.

Next meeting on 22nd February 2018 in Galtres Centre

YLCA: Next meeting on 28th February 2018 at Northallerton Town Hall

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: Next meeting in May 2018

Public Footpaths: The footpath on Beacon Banks which was reported as ploughed over by a contractor will be restored, according to the farmer, Mr Houlston.

Highways: There have been complaints about the poor state of Highthorne Lane, and the Amplecarr to A19 road. The PC will report these to Highways, but parishioners are encouraged to write in to NYCC Highways Department themselves to reinforce the complaint.

Street Lighting: All street lights in the village are currently working.

Neighbourhood Watch: There has been a recent spate of bicycle thefts in the area. Pinching purses from bags in the Thirsk and Ripon area has also been reported. In addition a number of cars were broken into last weekend (including one in Husthwaite) and items were stolen - the police are reminding people NOT to leave valuables in vehicles.

9. Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore:

As Cllr C Patmore was not in attendance, no reports were given.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.

Moving to a new farm - 1919 and 1931

My great aunt, Nellie Cartwright, kept diaries sporadically during her life, giving small insights into country life in this area during the first seventy years of the 20th Century.

I have recently relocated back to Husthwaite, a move made possible only through the generous support and assistance of family and friends, with goods and chattels arriving via various farm vehicles and car boots, and interior decorating likewise being managed without the help of professionals. I was, therefore, particularly interested to read this handful of entries from Nellie's diaries.

There is no diary for 1919, but in the middle of the May 1918 diary - clearly making good use of some empty pages- she has written the following:

May 8th 1919

"We left Leys Farm and came to Cold Harbour. It was wet in the morning and we got our beds wet. Tom went with the horse and cart and took the beds. Father, Mother, Annie and Harry went in the trap. Jennie and I went afterwards on our bicycles. We just got off before Buckton's men came for hot water for their tea. Millers did not come on account of the wet. On our arrival at Cold Harbour we got refreshment. Afterwards we finished papering and cleaning Tom's bedroom and got the beds and bedsteads ready for sleeping on".

This was a major house removal, for a family that had lived many years in a relatively isolated farm near Topcliffe Station, to Cold Harbour Farm at Sessay where Harry was to follow his father into farming right through to the 1960s. Later diary entries give a cheering insight into a much more sociable life as "the girls" and Harry involved themselves into the sporting, Church and social life of a larger village.

In the early weeks of 1931, plans were clearly afoot for Nellie's sister Annie's marriage to John Wise, whose family were neighbouring farmers in Sessay, and their subsequent move to Husthwaite. Here are a few short extracts:

"Saturday 28th March

J Wise came this afternoon to say he had got Flower of May farm and wanted to take our folks on, but Annie and Dad and Mum have had cold and didn't feel fit to go. 312 eggs today. H and Joe have been rabbiting and have gone to Thirsk tonight. Cleaned my hen houses out today. Finished raffia bag.

Thursday 5th April

J Wise came for Mother, Dad and A to go to Taylors of Kilburn sale. A got 6 room chairs 30/-, a chest of drawers £8, a dressing table, wash stand and towel rail £3, a jam pan (brass) and a few more, small things. J Wise took A and I to Church tonight. I walked back.

Wednesday 8th April

Annie married today. Wedding at eleven. Went with the 1.15 train to Scarborough.

Tuesday 14th April

Dad, F Wise and I went to Flower o' May this morning. Garbutts were busy getting their things out but they were very nice. Gordon came and met us, shook hands and took F and I into the house, shouted of the Mrs and introduced us. She took us round the house and told us all she could think of about the stove etc. Then F and I began to clean the dairy. W & C Wise came with some things. They came and watched F & I when we were whiting. They seemed amused. I think it was seeing me working. They went home, then John's two men came and wanted to know if it was dinner- time so we had to leave off to get them something.

Dad went to meet Annie and John coming home from their honeymoon about 2 o'clock. Annie looked white and bewildered, but John looked as fit as could be. The train had knocked a man down before they had got into York station as they came home but for anything else they had had a lovely week, fine and warm weather all but one drizzly day and lots of good grub.

We got the dairy, one store-room, and two kitchen cupboards cleaned. P came about tea-time with some things from our house. Gordon came again about tea-time and had his tea with us. Dad and I came home but Florrie stayed overnight.

Wednesday 15th April

Dad and I went to Flower o' May this morning ... we were busy getting luncheon ready most of the morning but got Annie's bedroom papered and cleaned and the spare bed and boys' bedroom tops whitened. Dad and I came home after tea.

Wednesday 22nd April

Old J Wise came to A's for the day. A and I papered the spare room upstairs."

Nellie, Jenny & Annie Cartwright John & Annie's wedding



John & Annie Wise & Nellie 1960



I hope you have enjoyed this small insight into some of the realities of being a farmer's daughter in the early 20th Century, its poignant, little details about country life, and intriguing glimpses of the wider world during those years.

Sue Benn

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SNOW DAY

It might not be welcomed by all of us, but the Husthwaite schoolchildren have enjoyed the chance to play in the snow, and the school grounds do look wonderful in any season.