



New team for the village pub: (from left) head chef Mark Westaby, landlord James Stevenson, assistant chef Matt Layte

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The Balmoral

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The village pub opens again at 5.00pm on Thursday 26th July with a new name, the Balmoral. The landlord is James Stevenson, whose family has been in the catering industry for 47 years.

We have a fish and chip shop in Leeds and a fish restaurant in Harrogate, he says. We are a family business. My father, who is 75, and my mother, aged 76, work in the Leeds and Harrogate businesses. My son, Maxwell, is 17 and has just left school. He will be starting his career in the restaurant licenced trade with us here at the Balmoral. My wife, Lynn, will be front of house, meeting and greeting customers. We want to embrace the village. In the next few weeks we will organise an Open Sunday for local people and their families. It will be a running buffet, and there will be a variety of exciting activities with the aim of raising between 2,000 and 3,000. This will be donated to Husthwaite Parish Council.

We will be presenting a Ladies that Lunch menu and a Children that Lunch menu. All our food will be locally sourced: Dexter beef from Stillington, pork from Raskelf.

James has brought two chefs with him from the Abbey Inn at Byland. Head Chef is Mark Westaby, his assistant Matt Layte. I have proper Yorkshire roots, says Mark, so I know how to make Yorkshire pudding. I trained as a chef at Selby College and started in the village pub at Biggin, near Sherburn-in-Elmet. From there I went to the Weldrake, near York. We will be serving traditional pub food, with a twist. Lunch will be from 12 till 2pm with fish and chips, gammon, pineapple and fried egg. People can walk into the front bar for a teatime drink, then phone home to arrange an early bird between 5 and 7pm. The evening menu will include the likes of chicken Kiev ballantine or a seafood dish, with seared Scottish salmon, a chive mash and a clam casserole. We will offer the traditional Sunday lunch, with roast sirloin of beef or roast loin of pork served with Yorkshire pudding and all the trimmings.

James outlined the developments under way outside the building. There will be a 40-seat conservatory and new timber decking with wonderful views to the White Horse and the Hambleton Hills.

FOR YOUR DIARY

20th July 10.00am	Awards Assembly	School
21st July 10.30am	Coffee and Chat	Methodist Church
1st August 9.00am	Prayer Meeting	Village Hall
8th August 7.30pm	VH Committee Meeting	
21st August 7.30pm	Interim Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
4th September 8.50am	School Opens	
13th September 7.30pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall
15th September 8.00pm	Sporting Race Night	Village Hall
18th September 7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
30th September	Sponsored Walk	

Easingwold
Taxis

07763 234080

**Deadline for your material in the next Newsletter:
Sunday 16th September**

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Hustwaite and the World

As well as being distributed free to every household in the parish and different parts of Britain, the *Newsletter* is emailed to a growing list of correspondents in New Zealand, the United States and Canada. If you would like your friends and relatives to receive their copy, let me have their email address.

May I point out, too, that there's no rule that says all Letters to the Editor have to come from readers outside the village. I recently visited Canadian relatives. They showed me back numbers of their newsletter (www.discoveryislander.ca) and I was fascinated to tap into the raging debate conducted through the letters pages. The subjects? Their parish plan, affordable housing for the young and the elderly, climate change. Fancy joining in?

Readers Write

Wilf the Squirrel Man

Dear Editor, It was great to read in the last *Newsletter* the story of how Wilf Hutchinson began his amazing career in furniture making. We are proud owners of one of Wilf's coffee tables and it certainly isn't squirreled away but has pride of place in our living room.

Jon and Ruth Mills, Bristol

Support for the Newsletter

Dear Editor, As a founding editor of a village publication here in Oregon, I salute you on your fine *Newsletter*. Keep up the good work, remembering that communication defines community and that, accordingly, the quality of your

Hustwaite Village Hall Committee

Sporting Race



Saturday 15th September
tickets 6.50 including race night grub
from
Angela 868373
(No reply? Leave a message.)
or the Village Shop

Village Hall Committee
Sponsored Walk
Sunday 30th September
contact Alun
868740

At Julys meeting of Husthwaite Village Hall Committee, Alun undertook to organise a fund-raising walk involving the villages young people. Details to follow.

Tai Chi Classes

Village Hall
starting September
Interested ?
Contact Audrey
868688

Pantomime 2008

The July meeting of the Village Hall Committee peccled in week commencing Monday 10th March 2008 for a pantomime. If you are interested in acting or in backstage work, please have an informal chat with Richard 868247. Note that Easter is early and this will put pressure on rehearsals and preparations.

Husthwaite Parish Plan **Village Design Draws Residents into Shaping Husthwaites Future** Elaine Smith

One of the Parish Plan Action Points is to prepare a Village Design Statement (VDS). Large numbers of respondents to the questionnaire stressed the value of our rural aspect, conservation area, heritage buildings and greens. Specific issues arose such as the festoon of overhead wires and how to make building alterations fit in.

How could a VDS help?

It could be one way of drawing these and other Parish Plan threads together. Government advice encourages communities to use VDS to try and exert more influence over local environmental change. The Parish Council wants to make progress.

A VDS could be of value to residents, architects, planners and builders. It might even become part of the planning system. It would describe and analyse what is distinctive about the Husthwaite environment before setting out some locally agreed guidelines which would need to be worked out in partnership with Hambleton District Council if they were to have maximum impact. Details are important, so there could be a need to look at traditional and modern buildings, including walls, fences, railings, garaging/parking, street furniture and landscaping. An opportunity exists to review some of the work done over 25 years ago as the basis for the designation of the Husthwaite Conservation Area.

A VDS would be advisory only. It would not stop change. However, it could help to guide alterations and new development. Whatever was produced would need to be compatible with Hambletons planning system. The aim should be to invite the District Council to adopt a Husthwaite Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document for use when assessing planning applications. To achieve this status it would need to satisfy tests proving full community consultation and involvement in its preparation. There would be no point in doing this work behind closed doors. Advice from District Council planners should be sought, but the emphasis should be on voluntary contributions and local opinion. Preparing a VDS would not require special knowledge or skills, only an interest in and enthusiasm for the village environment. Photographic, sketching and computer skills would extend what could be achieved.

Please contact me on 868572 if you would like to be involved in this new work.

Elaine Smith is a member of Husthwaite Parish Council.

Village Hall Refurbishment Plans
Scraping Together the Cash
Richard Wood

I expressed the hope in the last *Newsletter* that we would soon be in a position to announce a start of work on re-surfacing the Village Halls yard. Well, all I can assure you is that its not for want of trying that we are still having to wait.

Let me remind you that the Village Hall Committee designed a refurbishment plan. Without repeating the details, this plan is

(i) to have the Halls insulation brought up to modern standards with infill of a re-designed roof space and the wall cavities

(ii) to bring the groundworks at the front of the Hall up to a satisfactory standard, including giving the area a new surface and retaining walls

(iii) to modernise the kitchen

(iv) to build an extension to the north-eastern wall for use as a storage area

(v) to fit new fire doors (vi) to re-paint the building

You will forgive me if I dont put a -sign against the estimated cost of this programme. Suffice to say that its a lot of money and that we are far from persuading any grant providers to cough it up. Hence our decision to be less ambitious for the time being and to concentrate on the area that the Parish Plan clearly shows is the communitys priority - section (ii) above, the re-surfacing of the outside area.

Here is what we have achieved so far. Hambleton District Council, NYCC, the Police Dispersal of Property Fund and Husthwaite Parish Council have all contributed the maximum they are allowed to give us. Add this to a contribution from the Village Hall Committees funds and we are ready to construct new pedestrian accesses and new steps, to relocate the existing drainage and to make a connection to the roadside drain.

There would be no point in launching this work until we had funds to lay a new surface and to build a retaining wall to the roadside. So, with help from County Councillor Caroline Patmore, we have gone back to the Lottery (Awards for All) and asked them for their maximum contribution. If they say yes, that work will still take a big allocation of our own funding.

Nearly there? Dream on!

Before the new surface can be laid the whole area has to be made as level as possible. Our plan is to return to the Garfield Weston Foundation, who, in turning down one application from us, did sound sympathetic. So, neighbours, friends and families, bear with us, please. Anybody who tells you they could do this work better, please give them my name and number and I shall be delighted to have their guidance!

Richard Wood is Hon Secretary of Husthwaite Village Hall Committee

The Balmoral

Low Street
Husthwaite

family run traditional pub

specialising in

Ladies that Lunch

Children that Lunch

Early Bird for families

Traditional Sunday lunch

All families welcome

868007

Cycling for Softies

Explorer

In the 3rd instalment of our series for outdoor types, Explorer takes us on a local bike ride.

Its the hills that make this area special, and its those hills that deter a lot of less active or new riders from venturing out. There are little known, easily ridden ways of dodging the climbs (and the traffic) from the village and I will reveal more of these in future issues.

Meanwhile, do not be misled or tempted by the profusion of signs with bikes on them, especially Route 65. Its mountain goat stuff. So a gentle pedal to begin with: head west out of the village to the A19 and then dismount! You are going L and then immediately R, which is dodgy even in a car, so walk across.

This lane with passing places reaches a T junction after about a mile, where the through road goes to the left. Turn R here, and not at the second T.

After half a mile the road bends and the tarmac ends but a good track (no gates) leads past Oak Tree Farm and along the edge of the woods to Pilmoor Cottages and the railway line. Continue through the woods to the road, and then R for a couple of miles to Little Sessay.

Here you can take the shorter R to Hutton Sessay or explore Sessay village to the L, taking R turns until you reach Hutton Sessay (an extra mile or two). Go through the village and turn (the first) gentle hill to the A19. Cross carefully on a downhill to take you up enough to walk.

Unless its dry and you have a track to the right at the end of the airfield , round to the L side in the evening.



A cyclist takes a breather by the old Pilmoor railway station

Gallons Make Kilowatts

Stephen Barker

You cant help having noticed the windmill which has recently appeared at the Old Station House (formerly Husthwaite Gate railway station). Martin and Tina Gallon are showing off their green credentials by installing a turbine which generates electricity for their household, with any surplus sold back to the National Grid.

The windmill was manufactured by a Glasgow company called Proven and installed by Eagle Power of Ripponden, West Yorkshire. The mast height is 15 meters and the turbine blades are approx 5.5 metres in diameter. The maximum power output of the turbine is 6kw.

The blades turn in very light breezes but may not produce power until the



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not allow for any battery pack is

where they buy back or less. The current 11.11p per kw/hour

rate you consume and

ear. A bit like turning

***Looking across the Gallons garden to the windmill
photo: RW***

Village Web Site

Frances Petty

The village website has been transferred to the care of Chris Price who will be webmaster for at least the next six months. Chris has taken on this task for the community service part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award and has spent the last few months getting to grips with the necessary software programmes. The website address remains the same www.husthwaitevillage.co.uk as does the email address. All emails will continue to go to me but will be forwarded to Chris to deal with. The site takes a considerable amount of effort and time to keep updated and offers a service not only for residents but also for a much wider audience, particularly those from far and wide who are studying their family histories. I hope Husthwaite residents will give Chris their full support in this enterprise.

Rocking at the Galtres Centre

Kerry Barker

I went to the Galtres Centre to see the Queen tribute band, Mercury. At first I didn't know whether I would like it or not, for I had never heard Queen that much before.

When we went into the hall where they were playing, I saw on the stage loads of gigantic speakers! After about half an hour's wait the lights suddenly went down and a man came onto the stage and started to tune his electric guitar up. There were lots of different guitars, big ones, small ones and there was even one with two necks and 12 strings!

Then all the rest of the band came on, and they started to sing and play their guitars. For the first part we sat down, but that wasn't much fun so after the interval we stood up at the back and danced like a few other people were doing. At the end the man who was dressed up like Freddie Mercury dressed up like a king! And they started singing *We are the champions*.

I think it was the best concert I have ever been to, and if you don't mind getting your ears blasted out and you ever get the chance to go yourself, I would advise you to go!

LATE NEWS

Mr Yapp has been appointed as headteacher of Riverside Community Primary School, Tadcaster. His new job will start in January 2008 so he will be leaving Husthwaite at the end of the Autumn Term. Chair of the Governors, Heather Barber, commented: This successful promotion to a much larger school reflects the excellent work that he has done here in Husthwaite over the past 4 years. Whilst offering congratulations I need also to say that he will be much missed by pupils, parents, governors, staff and many in the

Introducing the Churches Care and Support Scheme

Ann Davies

The yellow leaflet inside this edition of the Husthwaite Newsletter outlines the Churches Care and Support Scheme (CCASS). Here Ann Davies fills in the background to a service which may help our residents.

Some 30 years ago the village blacksmith in a rural area of West Cornwall left his work and all he had known to train for ministry in the Methodist Church. Fifteen years later he returned to that village to minister there and in the surrounding parishes, to the people amongst whom he had grown up and with whom he had worked most of his life. An unusual and challenging task, but he was readily accepted back and was much loved by all he met, young and old, of any denomination or none. His vision was for a united and caring church, where work and service outside the church went hand in hand.

I was privileged to work with John on a scheme similar to that outlined in the CCASS yellow leaflet from its inception until he died at the age of 80, ten years later. The scheme still continues with about 50 volunteers and over its fifteen years it has helped a good many people.

Five years ago the Diocese of Truro instigated a project to train lay people to assist the diminishing number of clergy trying to cope with large numbers of rural parishes. One hears it said that vicars, like doctors, don't visit like they used to. How can they when their work load is so vast?

In that area of Cornwall the scheme that started in the local community and the diocesan initiative scheme worked well together, and referrals were taken from the surgery, the church and all places in between.

In CCASS we are aiming to incorporate aspects of both schemes. Sixteen people from our four parishes have volunteered to help in various ways, and as is often the case most of them are already busy people with limited time. Amongst them are those willing to do the occasional practical things, those willing to visit, those who just say, try me and I will if I can and those who are willing to train in the more specialised areas of pastoral ministry.

It has not been overlooked that much of this kind of thing is already being done in our friendly and caring villages. But are there those who slip through the net? Perhaps there are people who do not have family and friends locally or who are unwilling to ask a neighbour for help, when calling an organisation may be an easier option. There is also the person who may welcome somebody from outside the family with whom to chat and share a problem. It should be stressed that all our volunteers have agreed to observe a code of confidentiality.

Time alone will give us the answers to these questions. Meanwhile, thank you to all who have offered to help.

Rain and Mud Add to the Treasure Hunt Fun

Dear Village Hall Committee

Thankyou very much for organising the Treasure Hunt. Our whole group found the adventure very enjoyable, and we had a great time.

Although it rained and everybody got very muddy, it did not dampen our spirits. We enjoyed trekking through Husthwaite looking for clues to answer the questions of our quiz.

The village and the countryside surrounding it was very beautiful. It was kind of you to plan the walk and take up your own time to think of the questions. On behalf of the Terrington boarders, we would like to thank you for organising the Treasure Hunt and for the barbecue at the end, which was much needed and much appreciated.

Thank you again.

Becky and Lauren

Terrington Hall School

In its 5th year, the Treasure Hunt did give us our first taste of difficult weather. As Becky and Lauren say in their welcome letter, most people were not put off by the rain and the mud. In fact, it brought out the best in them. For the fifth time, the path finders produced a stretch of country that no walk had crossed before.

We're running out of ground now, Stephen Barker reports, and we might have to start repeating ourselves next year.

The route went from the Village Hall along the track to Flower o May and down the field to the road beside the bridge at Acaster. From there it was a new route, going west from the farm to cross a beck and turn back towards Husthwaite. Peoples observation skills were under stress by this time because there was the kind of tropical downpour we are getting used to this summer. A question asked them to spot the cattle feeder, and when the answer turned out to be the field pond, there was some good-humoured heckling.

Across Highthorne Lane, downhill, turn left onto the Bogs. There was a real tester of a question here, asking about the trees in the hedge between the Lawrance familys garden and Mike and Breda Wells. There are two truly remarkable trees there. If you werent on the Treasure Hunt, youll have to test yourself by spotting them from the Bogs path.

Past Baxby Manor, across the wonderful Elphin Beck bridge into the lovely yard at Baxby Mill. The next clue was a locally topical one about Old Amsterdam. Then head for the church, the bier house and the barbecue.

Last year the Barker family were beaten on penalties, so it was only fair that they were the clear winners this time. We had 70 participants, every one pretty wet and very happy. Apologies to Alison Gambles, who caught a shocking cold! **RW**

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

Mike Wells

In the months of May, June and July we get out of the Village Hall and go on our summer visits to various gardens. I say summer visits purely from a force of habit, since summer seemed to be in April this year!

First the club had a pleasant evening at Wytherstone Gardens, on the edge of the North York Moors. This 8-acre garden has been lovingly developed by Lady Clarissa Collin over the past forty years and is well worth a visit.



who have been in the Husthwaite & District Gardening Club for twenty-odd years will remember Pennyholme when it was in the Feversham family. Now it is being restored and developed by the Wilkinsons. The gravity-fed waterfall is working again, the Himalayan rhododendron garden is looking superb, and there is a newly-planted Chinese garden.

In August, we have a break (I wonder if well be complaining about a water shortage), then the winter season starts in the Village Hall on 13th September, when Stephen Wright from Driffield will be talking about Spring Bulbs. Is it just me, or are the years speeding up?

Implementing the Parish Plan

Peter Davison

As a step towards addressing the key issues identified in the Parish Plan, the Parish Council has agreed to hold additional, special meetings. The first of these was held on Tuesday 19th June. All 7 Parish Councillors were present, along with one village resident.

It was agreed that councillors would identify steps to be taken, coordinate letters of enquiry and grant applications and, where appropriate, involve others through focus groups/working parties.

Action to be taken may be summarised as follows:

Highway/Pavement Maintenance

Day-to-day urgent repairs are reported directly to Highway Maintenance by

Robin Houlston. In order to promote some action on issues detailed in the Parish Plan, a letter is to be sent to this department of the County Council, pointing out concerns and requesting a meeting to explore possible ways



A July shower tests recent village pavement repairs

Photo: RW

Passing Places

Another letter is to be sent to Highway Maintenance requesting details of procedures to be followed in order to create passing places on those narrow roads which have been identified as potentially dangerous. Luis Ponte will enquire from Roads Policing section about data available on accidents.

Public Transport

Carol Fenwick reported that the County Council would supply three bus stop signs, complete with timetable information panels, in the near future. A bus shelter will have to wait until further funding becomes available. A bus service to Thirsk has been re-instated on Mondays and Fridays.

Recreation Field

New efforts are to be made in order to make progress in this area. Alun Nixon and Luis Ponte will lead jointly. A remit/terms of reference will be established and opportunities will allow for contributions from interested parties in the community.

School Parking Problems

A recent meeting between the Headteacher and two councillors has confirmed that there may be scope for utilising part of the area designated for the recreation field to provide a dropping-off and picking-up facility which will alleviate congestion. Before developing detailed plans the PC will write to NYCC for an assessment of the viability of the proposed access for cars.

Village Design Statement

Philip Lawson, who has an interest in this area and who served on the Parish Plan Steering Group, has agreed to work with Elaine Smith in developing an appropriate document. Others may be co-opted to this working group.

Village Hall

Following consultation with the villagers via the Parish Plan, it has been agreed that there will be a meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, when progress to date and future plans will be discussed, the outcome of which will be reported as soon as possible.

Information Pack

It was reported that Juliet McDougall and Linda Davison, representing the two churches, have already undertaken some work on a Welcome to the Village pack for new residents. the PC welcomed this initiative and agreed to support further efforts to complete the task.

Next Meeting

The next special meeting of the Parish Council to progress key issues will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 21st August 2007. All residents are warmly invited to attend.

Peter Davison is a member of Hushwaite Parish Council.