

Newsletter Snapshot



July Snapshot caption winner: John Ovenston
Well ah can git through, but ah doubts thoo can



Parish Planners at work
from left: Audrey Raper, Sarah Aspinall, Juliet Mc Dougall
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Big Response Boosts Parish Plan

Peter Davison

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In spite of other commitments over the summer weeks, very good progress continues to be made with the Parish Plan. The Steering Group was able to produce a questionnaire, distribute it to every house in the Parish and collect all responses.

A high level of interest has been shown throughout the community, with a response rate of 84.8%. This compares favourably with 60-70% across the Yorkshire region.

The time and effort put into the completion of the questionnaire by every family concerned are greatly appreciated by both the Steering Committee and the Parish Council. The responses and suggestions, which have now been collated, provide a secure and informative data/reference base on which to begin compiling our Parish Plan.

As indicated when the questionnaires were circulated, a Prize Draw was offered as an incentive for completing the document. The draw has taken place and the winners, together with their chosen tradespersons with whom the vouchers will be spent, are as follows:

Brian and Elaine Watt	50	Village Shop
Martin Cameron	10	Butcher
Andy Colbourne	10	Milkman
Sue Houlston	10	Butcher
Anna Rose	10	Butcher
Joyce Wise	10	Roasted Pepper

Over the next few weeks the Steering Group will put together the comments made at the Consultation Launch in May, together with information and suggestions which have arisen from the questionnaire responses. From these a draft copy of the Parish Plan will be produced.

Arrangements will be made for further consultation, hopefully in November, which will then lead to the publication of the finished document by the end of the year.

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and Chair of the Parish Plan Steering Group*

History Corner

Happy, Homely Husthwaite.

Peggy Hutchinson

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Husthwaite is a picturesque old-world village lying south of the Hambleton Hills. Some of the houses date back to 1600 - quaint cottages smothered in roses, girt about by acres of lovely orchards. Well cared for, pruned and trained, in May they are a fairyland of petal dust.

Last autumn this village sold more than 90 tons of plums into West Hartlepool.

The inhabitants are farmers and smallholders, very many owning their holding. There are no poor, for the people combine frugal living with hard work and thrift.

One can stand on the tiny village green, built in the form of a T, and look into three streets. There are beautiful gardens, where creeping jenny and snow-in-summers hang over the low grey walls. Green leafy monarchs mingle with the gay red of flowering currant. Spring flowers are everywhere; primroses and violets nestle in the hedgerows.

The Black Bull is a quaint Tudor inn, with white plaster and oak beams black with age. The church is 1,100 years old and has those priceless box pews in oak (their uprightness allows no snoozing during the sermon).

The good folks amusements are dances, whist drives and concerts of local talent. Their market towns are Easingwold and Thirsk. Leslie Hutchinson, a boy of 11, is the soloist in the choir. He has a remarkable, clear range of voice, and is likely to go far.

I spoke to the Womens Institute, and was met by Mrs Lamb, who has been Hon Secretary during the Institutes life (11 years) and has missed only one meeting. I felt at home the minute I shook hands with Mrs Wailes, the president

I did some judging and saw that the members had imagination in their cooking and a good recipe for rice cake. They told me about their effort to be held this year on 7 August when they hold a show for eggs, butter, cheese, fruit, vegetables and flowers, with side lines, crafts and knitting. They generally make 10 profit, and are the envy of many other show committees, but as I have said before, if you want a job done well set a woman to do it - and a band of women are unbeatable.

These good women are famed for their jams, wines, chutneys and bottled fruits and their happy faces and gay friendly ways.

This beautiful village is a paradise for hikers and cyclists. The White Horse stands out so plain on the hillside above - it looks quite real. They have

Take Your Scottish Partners

Following on from our successful Burns Supper earlier in the year, when 100 was raised towards the Village Hall fund, there is now a small Scottish Country Dance group in Husthwaite.

We meet once a month on a Friday evening and the evening is suitable for everyone, even if you have never danced before. The dances are all walked and talked through slowly before dancing with the music!

The dates for the next evenings (all Fridays at 7.30pm) are 13th October, 17th November and 15th December in Husthwaite Village Hall and everyone is welcome. Bring soft shoes to dance in, and something to drink to refresh yourselves at the half-time break.

It would be helpful if you could let William Mowatt know (01347 868196 or w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk) if you plan to join us so that we have some idea of numbers !

Owls Fly Gardeners Round the World

Mike Wells

The Indian Summer will soon give way to autumn what a depressing thought! But at least it means we have restarted our monthly indoor meetings. Our first talk was on Owls of the World by Terry Weston. He took us all over the world, hopping from continent to continent, showing us the wonderful photographs he had taken. Eventually we landed in Yorkshire to observe our native birds.

The and District in our name truly reflects the membership which also comes from Ampleforth, Coxwold, Crayke, Easingwold, Kilburn, Oulston, Thirkleby and Wass. We meet usually on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall. On 12th October, Mr. Chris Small of York will be talking on Winter Plants and Baskets.

Yes, gardeners are always looking ahead, but as the seed catalogues will soon be dropping through our letterboxes, it wont be long before we plan next summers displays.

Surgeries Offer Advice on Council Tax and Housing Benefits

Many people in Hambleton are paying more Council tax or rent than they need. District Councillor Percy Featherstone explained to the September meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council that this was because people are not aware of what they may claim.

With this in mind the District Council is offering a weekly surgery, where customers can find out all they need to know about housing and Council Tax benefits.

Benefit officers will be on hand for one-one-one advice sessions between 9.30am and 1.00pm on Fridays. This may be a busy service, so it will be best

Cycling Tour Reveals Fascinating Churches ...
and Struggling Congregations
Alan McDougall

Music Hall and Cabaret for Village Halls Christmas Special
Singalong and Christmas Magic While You Dine
Richard Wood

The Village Hall will host a Christmas occasion with a difference this December.

We have decided to have a change from the usual fair, says Village Hall Committee Chairman, Angela Whenman. We want to freshen the occasion up and offer something unexpected. The recent Murder Mystery evening was enjoyed so much by everyone who attended that we thought wed look for another challenging idea. Two sub-committees are already at work, one setting up the background arrangements, such as catering, hall decoration and presentation. The other committee is pooling the ideas of a number of volunteers who have already stepped up with offers of Christmas entertainment. Some of them have obviously got the bug from their pantomime experiences.

The Phoenix Choir, which frequently sings at church services in Husthwaite, Carlton, Coxwold, Oulston and Crayke, will do a few songs and carols. In addition, says David Pike, leading the entertainments sub-committee, we hope to set up a lively programme of music hall and cabaret. We will invite the audience to take part in some sing-along. There might be sketches, readings, dramatic monologues and singing by village people from outside the Phoenix Choir - such as Alun Nixon and Stephen Barker. Linda Davison and Breda Wells, we hope, will both contribute their expert service as accompanists.

Rose Lawrance, Anne Dowson, Sue Wise and Jill Pike are ready to take part (no need to remind you of the famous Stripper dance) along with some of the villagers young adults such as Rebecca Scarce and Sophie Lawrance. Phil Grainger, the local magician, has been invited to offer his inimitable style of close-up Christmas Magic.

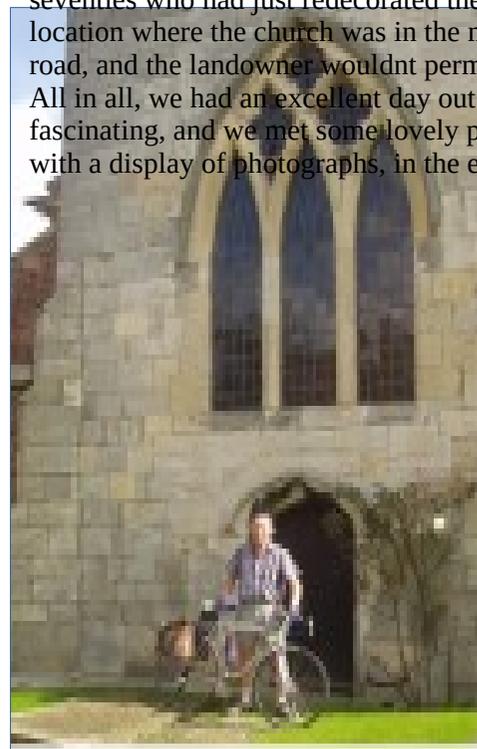
There will be a two-course meal. The ever-popular Christmas Draw will take place, with an impressive prize, and the occasion is planned to start at 7.30 for 8.00pm on Saturday 9th December. The bar will be open. The cost will be 15. Tickets will not go on sale immediately but if you wish to reserve a place for yourself, your friends and family, by all means contact Angela on 868373.

An occasion not to be missed!

On Saturday 9th. September I did a sponsored cycle ride with Richard Wood. The amount of money raised was 580 - very generously given by people from local villages. One half of the total went to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Fund (for church repair grants), the other half to St.Nicholas Church, Husthwaite, for the fabric fund.

This year we thought wed have a change of area, so we started and finished in Stockton-on-the-Forest. We visited churches in Dunnington, Elvington, Wheldrake, Escrick, Riccall, Bubwith and East Cottingwith, amongst others. We covered 59 miles and looked at 15 churches.

It was interesting to chat to people who we met on our trip. It turned out that there were common areas of concern: how to broaden the appeal of the church, how to meet rising repair and Diocesan Quota costs, how to pass on the Church in good order to the next generation. One church we visited had a congregation in single figures, and its mainstays were two ladies in their seventies who had just redecorated the whole of the interior! And that was at a location where the church was in the middle of a field, 300 yards from the road, and the landowner wouldnt permit access to the church by vehicle! All in all, we had an excellent day out: the weather was great, the buildings fascinating, and we met some lovely people! Youll find a map of our route, with a display of photographs, in the entrance to St Nicholas Church.



Alan and bike on his tour of historic churches