

Husthwaite Newsletter

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Joan Duffield sent in this lovely autumn picture of her grandchildren collecting apples for Orchards of Husthwaite



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Please send articles for the Feb/March edition to me by January 20th (this is the final date!) via email to: newslink@husthwaitevillage.com or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 01347 868130.



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Dates for your Diary (In VH unless stated otherwise)

For regular weekly VH events please see page 4

December

- 5 7.30 pm Public Meeting on FRACKING
- 7 12-2 Book Exchange and Appletree Cafe
- 8 OVC Party(Off-site)
- 10 7.30 Gardening Club
- 12 6.30pm Husthwaite VH Community Christmas Party
- 18 10am Primetime
- 21 7pm Carol Singing round the village
- 22 7.30pm Film Club “Casa Blanca”
- 27 7pm Big Fat Christmas Quiz

January

- 1 10.30 New Year’s Day Football Match Venue tba
- 8 10am Primetime
- 11 12-2 Book Exchange and Appletree Cafe
- 11 12 noon OVC
- 21 7.30 Film Club “Calvary”
- 23 tba Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh

Christmas Party

Saturday 12 Dec 2015

6.30pm... Village Hall



Everybody is welcome. It's a chance to sit down together, have some food, a chat with friends and neighboursand listen to some musical intervals. Bit Of A Gamble will be finishing the evening.



Entry is by ticket only, which is free. To get a ticket, contact Sheila Mowatt and arrange with her to bring some food to share. The bar will be open all evening. Book early please!



Ring Sheila on 07836 721775 for tickets or email sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com



What's ON!

Husthwaite Village Hall
For full details see:
www.husthwaitevillage.com



Weekly Regulars

Short Mat Bowls: Monday 7.30-9.30pm to 14th Dec then Jan 4th, 18th & 25th

Primetime: Friday 10.00am-12.00pm to 18th Dec, then recommences Jan 8th

Youth Club: Alternate Wednesdays at 7.00pm to 16th Dec then recommences Jan 6th

Zumba & Yoga: Taster sessions being arranged, dates tba

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 8th Dec (Party offsite) & Monday 11th January at 12.00pm

Book Exchange & Apple Tree Café: Monday 7th December & 11th January 12.00-2.00pm

Quiz Night: Sunday 27th December at 7.00pm

Film Club: Tuesday 22nd December & 21st January at 7.30pm

Gardening Club: Thursday December 10th at 7.30pm

History Society: No dates in Dec & Jan

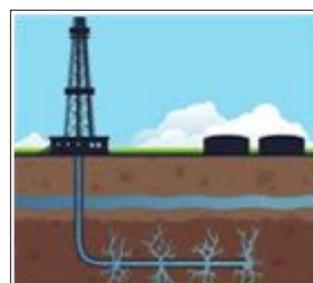
Upcoming Events



Husthwaite Village Hall Community Christmas Party on Saturday 12th Dec at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to this **FREE** community event!! With musical entertainment & contributory Buffet supper, finishing off with music and dance with “A Bit of a Gamble”. This is a **TICKET ONLY** event. Tickets from Sheila Mowatt on **07836 721775** or

email sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com

Public Meeting on Fracking – 5th December at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend this **FREE** educational event. **Learn more about the process of fracking and potential impact on the local area.** Bar open





Our “Big Fat Christmas Quiz” is on Sunday 27th December at 7.00pm.

A fun evening for all the family with vaguely Christmassy themed questions in our usual casual and eclectic style which has something for everyone! Come along with some friends or make some new friends on the night. Serving warming glasses

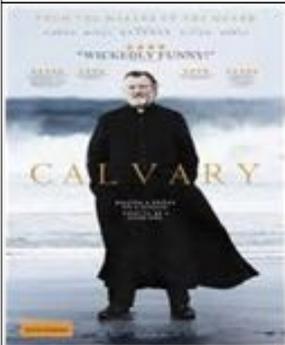
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FILM CLUB



Casa Blanca Tuesday 22nd Dec 7.30

Our Christmas special; come visit Rik’s café with live piano music on the evening. Watch one of the best movies of all time with the most memorable music and lines!!



Calvary Thursday 21st January 7.30

“Wickedly funny” starring Brendan Gleeson & Chris O-Dowd. After he is threatened during a confession, a good-natured priest must battle the dark forces closing in around him.

The Hushwaite Burns Supper is back on 23rd January. After taking a year off, this hugely popular event is back! With Piper, Haggis, neeps & tatties, yummy buffet, address to the haggis, lads & lassies and finished off with a traditional ceilidh and a few drams!

Ticket only event -further details will follow.

New Year’s Day Football

The fifth New Years’ Day match will take place at 10.30am on New Year’s Day (venue to be confirmed).

It’s a fun event whether you are playing, spectating or even being the ref. In previous years the winners have been:

2012 - High Street Select

2013 - Born in an Even Year Select

2014 - Youth Select

2015 – won by one of the teams in a penalty shoot out!

Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in taking part please **contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).**





130 Thank-you's

On Tuesday, 10th November, a happy band of volunteers met in the Methodist Chapel to pack Christmas Shoeboxes for deprived children in Eastern Europe. At the end of a very busy two hours, 130 boxes had been filled and dispatched to our collecting centre in Richmond.

It's impossible to thank, individually, everyone who helped, but we are so grateful to folk in Wass, who sent 11 boxes, those in Carlton Husthwaite, Easingwold, York, other villages and, of course, chiefly, Husthwaite, who helped by sending gifts, covering boxes, giving money and coming to help with the packing.

We can only imagine the joy of the children who will receive one of our boxes -most likely the only Christmas gift they will receive.

So thank you all.

Bunny and Linda



Hustwaite And District Gardening Club

2015

10th December

Christmas meeting; please bring some food to share.

“Amusing anecdotes from a removal man!”

2016

No January meeting

11th February

10th March

14th April

Please note: All these meetings are on Thursdays, starting at 7:30pm (not 7:15 as quoted elsewhere.)

Above is a photo of the gardening clubs’ area meeting in our village hall on 13th October. Chaired by Breda Wells, there were delegates from as far afield as Wheldrake, North Ferriby (near Hull) and Beckwithshaw. This annual meeting moves around the region, providing an opportunity for gardening club programme secretaries to exchange ideas. It is invaluable to have a personal recommendation before booking a speaker or a garden visit. Before the formal meeting people had a chance to network with others from twenty gardening clubs. The proceedings were helped along by refreshments served for the village hall kitchen under the direction of Rita Essex.

Mike Wells

Husthwaite Volunteers!

On behalf of The Village Hall and its Committee, we would like to say a huge

THANK YOU

to everyone who has volunteered at the hall.

A vast array of skills is required to enable the hall to host a huge range of events and none of them would be possible without the fantastic support from our volunteers. There is always a huge range of tasks to be carried out depending on the event, from those requiring specialist knowledge to general housekeeping.

All are appreciated and every little really does help!

A special thank you from the market organisers to our team of volunteers (you know who you are!) that regularly help out at Husthwaite markets, ensuring the smooth running of the day and the enjoyment of all.

With your ongoing support we can build on the foundations which have been firmly laid and continue to be proud of our hall and our community.

Husthwaite Village Hall

How you can raise money for Village Projects (*especially before Christmas!*)



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www.husthwaitevillage.com

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- **Thank You!**

All monies received are being directed to the Husthwaite Village Trust Fund. With this, organisations and individuals in Husthwaite will be able to apply for grant aid to help with projects which work to improve life in the village in many ways. Some things will be in from the start, like support for the Newsletter and the Youth Club, and others will arise over time.

Mowatt Financial Planning

Help and advice in the following areas:

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Anya Faull Quartet - Friday 13th November 2015

As the temperature outside plummeted, we in the village hall were warmed and inspired by the fabulous Anya Faull and her superb band. The energy and pure enjoyment in their music making was clear and very infectious. Anya's gorgeous voice has such expressive depth in the more soulful ballads and incredible dexterity in the upbeat numbers. Her vocal range is extensive but always sweet and her take on the jazz standards is creative and refreshing. She and two of the band members are recent jazz graduates of Leeds School of Music. Martin Longhawn is a brilliant pianist, very much in demand over the North and he also played recently in the London Jazz Festival. His sensitive and melodic soloing was always captivating and the rapport between Martin and Tim Carter, drummer, was a delight to witness. Tim's solos were mesmerising - I'm not usually a fan of drum solos but he had me on the edge of my seat. Martin and Tim are also half of the Firebird Quartet, a well known modern jazz quartet.

Pietro Lusvardi is the final member of the band on bass and he is no stranger to our village hall having played here twice before already. He is a very versatile musician who weaves creative magic with the rest of these accomplished performers. Pietro has an extensive background not only in teaching, but also as a performer and composer, covering both classical and jazz. He founded the award winning avant-garde jazz ensemble Gatto Marte which has published ten albums to date. Pietro currently also has a busy teaching schedule including pupils at the University of York, Durham University, Hull University, Ampleforth College, and Hymers College Hull.

We have to give thanks to our jazz promoter Oliver Pickstone (below right-keeping out of the limelight!) for bringing these fantastic musicians to our village. He also got up on stage in the second half adding some beautiful tenor sax to the mix which blended well and contrasted to Anya's vocals.



Another inspiring night out in Husthwaite Village Hall.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make it happen.

We hope to see Anya Faull and her wonderful band back again next year.

GILA ROBINSON

(Photos: Jan Janiurek)

Rebecca's Fund Raising Update!



Just a quick update and a huge thank you to everyone who helped Rebecca raise £430 for Queens Medical E39 Children's Oncology Ward and £623.83 For The Little Princess Trust.

A grand total of £1053.83.

As you can see in the photographs, the money raised for the hospital was spent on gifts to give the children when they wake up from the many procedures which form part of their treatment. It gives them a project to complete which cheers them up and also gives them something to take their mind off any pain they may be in whilst, for example, decorating a fabric bag or T shirt, or creating a scratch art foil masterpiece!

The play leader at Queens Medical had this to say, 'Hi just to say a really big thank you for all the stuff you bought. We had a lot of things out today there were many happy faces on the ward. So bless you and all who fundraised from everyone on day care and Ward E39 xx.'

We are hoping to raise at least another £40 for Ward E39 by donating funds raised from picking our apples. It all helps!!

Rebecca's hair was also donated to The Little Princess Trust to be sent away to be made into



wigs which are then given to the poorly children free of charge. This gives a child who has lost their hair their confidence back. It enables them to be like their friends again and to not look different to everyone else. The money she has raised will pay for 2 additional wigs to be made which are then given, again free of charge, helping to relieve financial worries for the parents or carers of such poorly children.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone for your support and donations.

The Coltons

Mini Recycling Centres

From March 2016 Hambleton District Council is ceasing its mini recycling bank service, and will remove all the banks including the **Husthwaite one by the cemetery.**



Instead, the new kerbside recycling service is being introduced, and homes provided with a third wheelie bin. Village halls and schools will have larger third bins.

The various charity banks are not affected by this change, and will be able to be used for clothing and textiles.

****CAR FOR SALE****

Ford Ka 51 plate, black, 79k miles, MOT until 29th January 2016, needs taxing. Great little run-a-round. Offers in excess of £100. Call/text Barney 07739666079 or barney@baxbyhideaway.co.uk for pictures or viewing.

Husthwaite Local History Society

A recent visit to Husthwaite by a gentleman from Leeds resulted in a search for some of his ancestors who had left to farm in Marton-cum-Grafton but returned to be buried in Husthwaite. The story lies behind a now scarcely legible and fallen gravestone at St Nicholas' Church with the amended inscription listed in 1912 "*Sacred to the memory of George Hicks. Who died March 3rd 1861 Aged 74 years. Also of Frances Hicks, of Marton Cum Grafton, wife of George Hicks. Who departed this life Aug 31st 1857. Aged 61 years. Also two sons and one daughter who died in infancy*". Many local names, the mobility of farming people and some sad losses of infants are revealed :

The Hicks family from Husthwaite

In 1785 John Hicks, a farmer from Husthwaite, married Elizabeth Pipes from Alne. They had four children Ellen(or), George, Jane and John all baptised in Husthwaite. John (senior) was church warden at St Nicholas' church for many years and when he died, his son George took over up to the late 1820s before he left to farm at Grafton.

In 1814 Ellen/Eleanor Hicks, the first child of John and Elizabeth, married John Taylor (1790-1842) from Husthwaite. John was a cordwainer (shoemaker), from Cote House, licensee of the Black Bull pub (1823-1841) and owned several cottages and land in the village. They had a son William Taylor who in 1849 married Sarah Sadler from Gueldable near Borrowby who produced three children John, Ellen and Thomas (who died in infancy). In 1879 Ellen married William Cass, a farmer from Aldwark.

By 1901 William and Ellen Cass were living with her widowed mother Sarah Taylor at the Black Bull Inn along with their three children - Frances, now a teacher aged 20, William aged 16 a solicitor's clerk and Ellen aged 14, at school. Sarah's son John Taylor was now innkeeper at the Black Bull. By 1911, Sarah had died, John, still unmarried, was both innkeeper and a farmer; Ellen was the housekeeper, her husband William was a farm labourer and their daughter Frances, unmarried, was occupied as a domestic (mother's help).

George Hicks, second child of John and Elizabeth, became a farmer at Grafton Lodge, and in 1851 had 140 acres at Marton cum Grafton. In 1817 he married Frances Batty from Coxwold and produced seven children. Only their first child, Frances, was born in Husthwaite, hence they must have moved to Grafton around 1828. She married John Horsman a farmer from Grafton, where they had six children.

George and Frances Hicks' second child Elizabeth died within days and was buried in Husthwaite. As often the custom, they christened their next daughter born 1823 with the same name. She was followed by John Hicks who also died within days in 1825.

George Hicks, their next child (1827-1888) was born in Husthwaite and in 1861 was a

farmer of 112 acres in Marton cum Grafton. He married Ann Bellhouse from Minskip and had three children.

Eleanor Hicks, the youngest daughter of George and Frances Hicks was born in Grafton c1829. From the gravestone, it seems that George and Frances also had another son who died in infancy.

Angela Ovenston with help from the ongoing transcriptions of all the BMD parish records by Jill Galloway and Guy Wilson.

Further details may be found in an article in www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk

Orchard Village Club and Primetime

Primetime

Away game at Stillington on 29th November

NO Primetime in HVH on Friday 4th December.

Primetime ends on 18th December 2015

Primetime resumes on 8th January 2016

12th Feb Closed for half term.

Resumes Friday 26th February.

(Picture shows Primetime Group and
Husthwaite School
children playing Boccia)



Orchard Village Club

December 8th OVC will be at Doreen and Malcolm French's home, not in HVH.

OVC resumes on MONDAY 11th January 2016 at Appletree Cafe in HVH

OVC will then continue on second Tuesday each month in 2016.

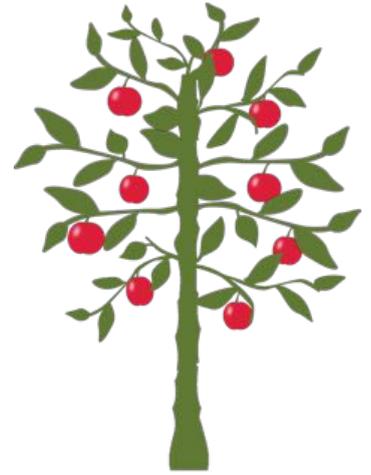
OVC sometimes changes date and venue, according to various invitations, outings etc

Contact Robin 01347 868 247 for details.

The New Husthwaite Village Trust

In August , Cameron Smith told us about how the Orchards of Husthwaite project was being changed.

After years of reviving Husthwaite as an orchard village and of producing juice and cider for sale, the business is moving into private ownership. The funds remaining (initially just less than £20,000) will be transferred to a new Trust.



Whilst it worked on a community basis, the project donated close to £30,000 to many village projects. It paid for things like the new notice board, gave support to Primetime and the Orchard Village Club, funded developments at the village hall and much else besides. It made a significant difference to village life, thanks to the work of Cameron, the company directors and the volunteers.

The fund still exists and will continue to be used to help village projects, for a number of years. The new **Husthwaite Village Trust** is being set up to manage it and is in the throes of being registered with the Charity Commission. Registration will give us with a clear legal framework and good guidelines about how to operate. Once registration is done, we will invite applications. We will want to hear from groups and projects in the parish area who need help with activities and services which add to the quality of life in Husthwaite, especially for those people whose needs are greatest. Existing groups will continue to be supported as a priority.

I'm acting as secretary for the new trustees for the time being. There are five of us; Dr Jane Maloney, Erik Seaman, Jim Murray, Cameron Smith and me.

Once the details are finalised, we will ensure that everyone in the village knows what the fund is for and how it will carry on the good funding work of the Orchards project. We will do our best to make sure that it meets needs in the village effectively and transparently, for as long as the fund allows us to.

Andrew Coulthard 01347 868130

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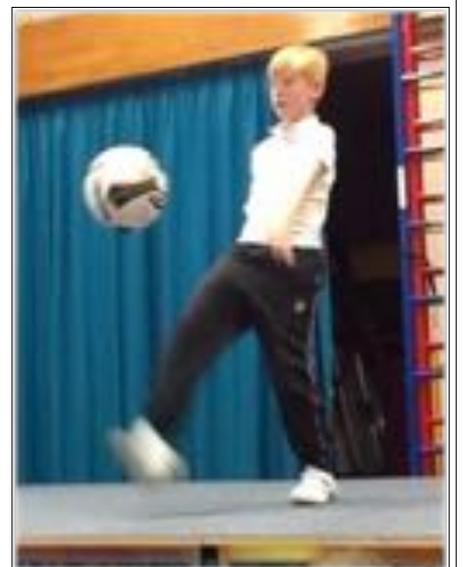


The autumn term is passing by very quickly and as usual lots has been happening in school. **The Decades topic** for the first half term ended with children in class 3 dressing in the fashion of their chosen decade with 70s style disco dancing! Class 1 had looked at toys through the decades and completed their topic by visiting Toys R Us to see how a modern toy operates. Class 2 will be showcasing their sewing skills having designed and made fashions of the 70s including flared trousers and tank tops!



Other news includes:

The school council organised a **talent show** for the last assembly of the half term. This is always popular amongst the pupils and parents were invited to be entertained by some very gifted children – great fun was had by the children performing their set pieces.



We welcomed the **Orchard Village Club** into school for the lunch followed by an afternoon of playing Boccia and dominoes with the children.

‘Into film’ festival has been held nationally during the start of November offering children the opportunity to visit a local cinema free of charge. Years 4, 5 and 6 visited the City Screen cinema in York to view Belle et Sebastian. A French film set during WWII in the French Alps, the story follows Sebastian, an intrepid boy who befriends a wild mountain dog which is believed by the locals to kill sheep. Threatened by the hunters and the German soldiers, the two must protect each other from harm. Different from the usual films children tend to watch these days, it was enjoyed by all who attended.

The school was visited by **‘Power Down Pete’** who held various workshops for the children to learn about energy efficiency and how they can help towards being more environmentally friendly both at school and at home.

Years 4, 5 and 6 will once again participate in the **Young Voices** concert at Sheffield Arena following last year’s success. Children are busy rehearsing the songs ready for the event in January.

A huge treat for the whole school this Christmas is a visit to the **Pantomime in York** which this year is Jack and the Beanstalk (oh no it isn’t – oh yes it is!). This will be in lieu of the usual Christmas parties and everyone, including the staff is getting very excited about going. Class 1 is busy rehearsing for their nativity **“I-spy Christmas”** – a real treat for parents to watch.

Open the Book Assembly continues each fortnight with members of the Church performing bible stories

Sporting news

Great news, following our successful achievement of the Silver Award for School Games we have now secured the Gold Award and are the only school in the cluster to have been awarded this grading! This shows our commitment to encouraging a healthy lifestyle and giving sporting opportunities for all.

The school’s netball team recently competed in the Cluster tournament finishing in 2nd place having lost just one game! The team will now represent the school at the district finals in February. Huge congratulations to Mrs Fowler and the Magnificent 7: Bella Twedde, Sophia Metcalfe, Niamh Hall, Katy Darley, Issey Kennedy, Isabelle Smith and Jack Fowler. We wish them well for the next tournament.

27 children tackled the cluster cross-country course at Easingwold School – not an easy course considering the wet, muddy (and foggy) conditions but everyone did amazingly well. Six pupils qualified for the next round at district level, congratulations to Roxy McCallum, Matilda Armitage, Anna Darley, Oakley McCallum, Jayden Carter and Bella Twedde.



Fund-raising

Thank you to members of the community for donating items for our latest Bags2School collection which raised £72.00. There will be another collection next May so if you are having a spring clean, please remember us!

As usual this term we focus on our **Christmas Fair which will be held on Friday 4th December, 1.30-3.00pm**. The fair is organised entirely by the school and in particular Class 3 who organise various games stalls in addition to the traditional stalls including cakes, tombola, tea/coffees, raffle etc. A highlight of our fair is our Santa’s grotto with a gift for each child. Please do pop along – everyone is welcomed.

Not all fund-raising we do is for our school fund. The School Council organised a 'wear your pyjamas to school day' with a 'Pudsey colouring competition' in aid of Children in Need. We feel it important for children to realise there are other people who are less fortunate than themselves.

Apple Tree Nursery

We continue to hold monthly open toddler sessions for all pre-school children to come along and join us for a morning of fun on the soft play equipment and join in some classroom activities – we made bread and feathery pictures last time based on the Little Red Hen story. All parents/ grandparents/carers are welcome to bring pre-school children to these sessions which are free! The next sessions are Wednesday 2nd December and Monday 11th January - a full list of dates is available on our website.

We still have some spare places for our nursery class – please contact the school for further details.

Contact us

We have updated our website – please do take a look. There is lots of information on here about us as well as what we have achieved – www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

North Yorkshire Sport and Hambleton Leisure Celebrations and Awards 2015

North Yorkshire Sport's initiative "Primetime" has now completed its first year's work in Husthwaite. Primetime's first birthday celebrations were held in Northallerton Leisure Centre on October 29th. The entire NY Sport management team, with Joe McKechnie, Hambleton District Council's Disability Sport Officer and David Earl, HDC Development Officer (Health & Wellbeing) hosted the occasion. All five Primetime groups now running in North Yorkshire met with them for an afternoon of Paralympic games, and exchanged ideas for continuing to promote mixed-ability sports activities throughout Hambleton. NY Sport has had feedback suggesting that many people assume Primetime is solely intended for older members of the community and people with disabilities. This misconception now needs to be challenged:

Chloe Hunt, Husthwaite's 17 year old Primetime coach has won the 2015 Hambleton Disabled Sportsperson of the Year Award. Chloe's inspiring leadership of Primetime in Husthwaite was recognised as being an amazing personal achievement, equal to her own Special Olympic gymnastic success.

Young people add tremendous energy and enthusiasm to these games. Chloe now has regular assistance from Cintia, a Spanish au pair living and working in Husthwaite. Cintia relies on Primetime for contact with people so that she can improve her English language skills. Primetime brings visitors from Easingwold and neighbouring villages, and the volunteers enjoy the games and social contact as much as anyone else.

Primetime has been so successful in Husthwaite that new initiatives are being planned for the coming year. We will be playing regular friendly matches with Stillington and Topcliffe as well as continuing our weekly sessions here. Youth Club members enjoy using the sporting equipment acquired by Primetime, and the Orchard Village Club played their first games with children at Husthwaite Primary School recently. More sessions are eagerly anticipated.

Youth Club and Primetime volunteers assisted²⁰with running the Appletree Café at the

Hustwaite Village Markets. At the Winter Market they will combine efforts to run a tombola. This inter-generational fundraising effort will enable both clubs to offer their activities at minimum cost to all comers.

Primetime has also attracted generous grants and donations from The Orchards of Hustwaite, Easingwold Lions Club, Broadacres Housing Association and the British Red Cross. These organisations all support Primetime's activities because they are specifically designed to enhance community life through mixed-ability sports, and to alleviate rural isolation through involving people of all ages.

Visitors are always welcome. This is such an innovative community project!

Primetime in Hustwaite Village Hall:

Fridays 10-12noon in term-time (except when we play away-matches)

For more details please contact Robin on 01347 868 247

or email robinaatgestalt@btinternet.com



The Award Ceremony with Chris Tomlinson, Olympic Long Jump medallist.

Stephen Dickens, Chairman of Hambleton District Council

Chloe Hunt. Disabled Sportsperson of the Year 2015

Summary of Parish Council Meeting held on 17th November 2015

Present were, Carol Fenwick, Elaine Smith, Peter Fox, Paul Escreet, Alison Gambles, Barney Smith, Craig Colton and Caroline Patmore. No apologies.

Paul has updated the **Parish Plan** actions, copied it into electronic form and highlighted what has and what has yet to be actioned. Carrying out a new Parish Plan was discussed but due to the time and the money that was required for the last one the PC decided that this would not be feasible. Paul suggested that a more efficient and cost effective course of action would be for the PC to work through a couple of sections of the Parish Plan per quarter and update the village via means of the Newsletter and the Parish Council section of the village website.

Chris Slater has been asked to quote for moving the **cemetery bench** as its current position on top of two burial plots is not ideal!

In response to a letter from Planning at Hambleton, the PC will request that Mark Harbottle investigates an issue relating to a **breach of planning regulation** in the village. The PC expressed its dissatisfaction with how the matter has thus far been dealt with. i.e. It has been over a year since a building was erected without planning consent and very little has been done about it.

An application to **register Kendrew Green as a common** is nearing completion and the Commons Registration Officer at County Hall will decide if it can be registered.

Bus service review. The service for Husthwaite (31X) was originally going to be reduced to just three journeys to and from York per week. However after many objections were raised, from the PC and members of the public, NYCC have revised their original proposals and have provided us with two alternative options, both of these proposals are a vast improvement to the initial proposal however which option we end up with is not due to be announced until December.

Footpath from East View to Prospect Cottages has been inspected by NYCC and I have just received the following email this morning (after last night's PC meeting):

"I can confirm that there are currently no actionable defects and I believe you are already aware from previous emails that we have put footways in Husthwaite forward for funding for permanent repairs.

Unfortunately the footways have not yet been allocated funding, only carriageways in Husthwaite. The next time the footways will be considered for repairs will be 2017/18. The Highways Officer will continue to monitor their condition and order repairs in line with the Highways Safety Inspection Manual."

Collection for Anne Dowson: The PC have purchased a 'Squirrel-man' clock from Trevor Hutchinson, the remaining funds from the collection are to be presented to Anne at a coffee morning in the village hall on Saturday the 28th November at 1030am.

Fracking An Open Meeting is to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th December.

NB This is to be an informative meeting rather than a debate so please don't come looking for a fight - that comes later!

What is Fracking, how does it work, what are the processes involved, how is a well set up and what is involved in the planning process etc. Where we in this area are in the process and where the government is will also be explained. Q and A afterwards.

Peter Fox has been investigating the possible impacts of fracking in our region. He is (still) awaiting a response from our MP Kevin Hollinrake. Please feel free to contact Peter directly if you would like to discuss this further.

Grass cutting. The grass cutting tender is up for renewal again next year so quotes are being requested from interested persons who wish to undertake the fortnightly grass cutting.

Chris Slater has been asked to provide a quote to trim back the trees on MUGA access road.

On 1st April the **transparency code** came into effect. All PC expenditure over £100, end of year accounts, details of public land and assets and a list of councillors and their responsibilities amongst other things must be made available to the public to view at all times. Barney will post this information on the village website in due course.

Letters have been received from pupils at Husthwaite school. Thank you for these letters; a copy of these letters will be available to view on the website soon and the PC will respond directly to the pupils at the school. A copy of the Parish Council's response will also be viewable on the website in due course.

Topics of concern to the pupils included footpath conditions, no footpath to village hall, aesthetics of village green, closure of village shop and toilet facilities (lack of) at the Recreation Area.

Every household will be getting an **additional Recycling wheelie bin** in Feb for ALL RECYCLABLES EXCEPT GLASS. The blue boxes will continue to be used but will be for glass only and the recycling centre next to the cemetery will be removed.

Planning. Link to view all current and decided applications is <https://www.hambleton.gov.uk/homepage/16/planning>

Report all highways issues via the NYCC website <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/25233/Highway-claims>

Next meeting Tuesday January 19th at 730pm All welcome to attend.

All Parish Councillors would like to wish everyone in Husthwaite a VERY Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

We hope we have served you well in 2015—we try₂₃ our best!

Barney Smith

Fracking: Why are we having a Public Meeting on Dec 5th?

Drilling companies suggest trillions of cubic feet of shale gas may be recoverable from underneath parts of northern England, through a process known as "fracking". This may include parts of Ryedale and Hambleton.

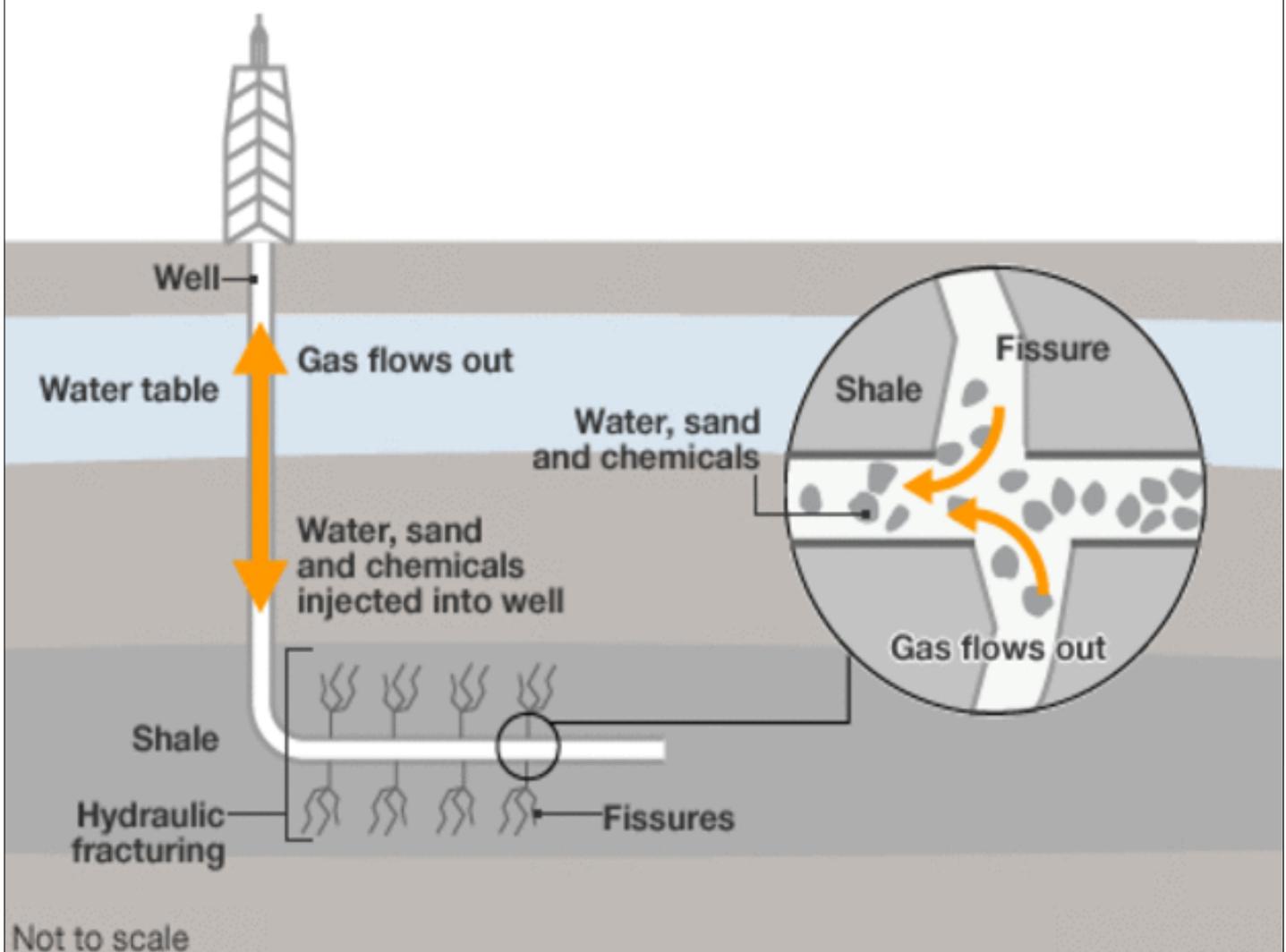
Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a technique designed to recover gas and oil from shale rock. But how does it work and why is it controversial?

What is fracking?

Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well.

The process is carried out vertically or, more commonly, then by drilling horizontally through the rock layer. The process can create new pathways to release gas or can be used to extend existing channels.

Shale gas extraction



Why is it controversial?

The extensive use of fracking in the US, where it has revolutionised the energy industry, has prompted huge environmental concerns.

The first is that fracking uses huge amounts of water that must be transported to the fracking site, at significant environmental cost. The second is the worry that potentially carcinogenic chemicals used may escape and contaminate groundwater around the fracking site. The industry suggests pollution incidents are the results of bad practice, rather than an inherently risky technique.

There are also worries that the fracking process can cause small earth tremors. Two small earthquakes of 1.5 and 2.2 magnitude hit the Blackpool area in 2011 following fracking.

Finally, environmental campaigners say that fracking is simply distracting energy firms and governments from investing in renewable sources of energy, and encouraging continued reliance on fossil fuels.

"Shale gas is not the solution to the UK's energy challenges," said Friends of the Earth energy campaigner Tony Bosworth. "We need a 21st century energy revolution based on efficiency and renewables, not more fossil fuels that will add to climate change."

What are the advantages of fracking?

Fracking allows drilling firms to access difficult-to-reach resources of oil and gas. In the US it has significantly boosted domestic oil production and driven down gas prices. It is estimated to have offered gas security to the US and Canada for about 100 years, and has presented an opportunity to generate electricity at half the CO2 emissions of coal. In the USA people are compensated when fracking occurs on or under their property.

The use of coal for power production is being gradually phased out in the UK so an alternative is needed.

The industry suggests fracking of shale gas could contribute significantly to the UK's future energy needs. A report by the Energy and Climate Change Committee in April said shale gas in the UK may help to secure energy supplies, but may not bring down gas prices.

Where is fracking taking place?

Reserves of shale gas have been identified across swathes of the UK, particularly in the north of England, including North Yorkshire. However no fracking is currently taking place, and drilling firms must apply for a fracking licence if they wish to do so, or to do test drilling.

You can find out more about fracking, and how the area and village could be affected if you come along to the public meeting in Husthwaite Village Hall at 7.30 on December 5th.

North Country Theatre ...Gift of Stones ...30 Oct 2015.

North Country Theatre are passionate about bringing really good theatre to unusual places. In the 20 years since they started, they've taken some stunning productions all over the North.

We first met them when they brought a whole covered wagon on stage in "Home On The Range". We were left amazed by their inventiveness and imagination. It was an unforgettable telling of a wonderful tale, of Yorkshire women surviving in 19th C America. Since then, they've repaid our enthusiasm for what they do, many times over.

So **Gift Of Stones** was their latest play, an ambitious dramatisation of a Jim Crace novel, about the challenges faced by people when change sweeps through. It was set in prehistory, but could have been any period. North Country brought a different, much simpler set this time. Previously the set has almost been a character itself. This time, more depended on atmospheric lighting and music. For them and us, it was an adventurous challenge, an experiment in doing things differently.

I asked as many people as I could, days after the event, to tell me about the play and how it went for them. Most people replied and the results are fascinating. Many spoke about the quality of acting. People love the professionalism of the company and admire their skill. They talked about being engrossed, about being able to hear a pin drop.....about the strength of individual's presence on the stage carrying you along. Praise too for the stuff you don't notice...the quality of the sound and the lighting and the atmosphere it creates.

The play itself was more challenging. Words like ambitious and bold, courage and unusual all came up. You get the sense that it wasn't as easy to get into as some of their earlier work but repaid the effort. Praise too for the quality of the writing by Nobby Dimon the company leader. Someone in another venue said that it was beautiful language, beautifully spoken.

The impression comes through that people love the company, were swept up in the evening and feel real warmth for the quality of what they do.....but they like the comedies more. One said how fantastic it was to see good live theatre near home. Most said that they would be back for the next play.

One afterthought....many said how much they really like our new hall as a place to see theatre....but don't much like the seats!

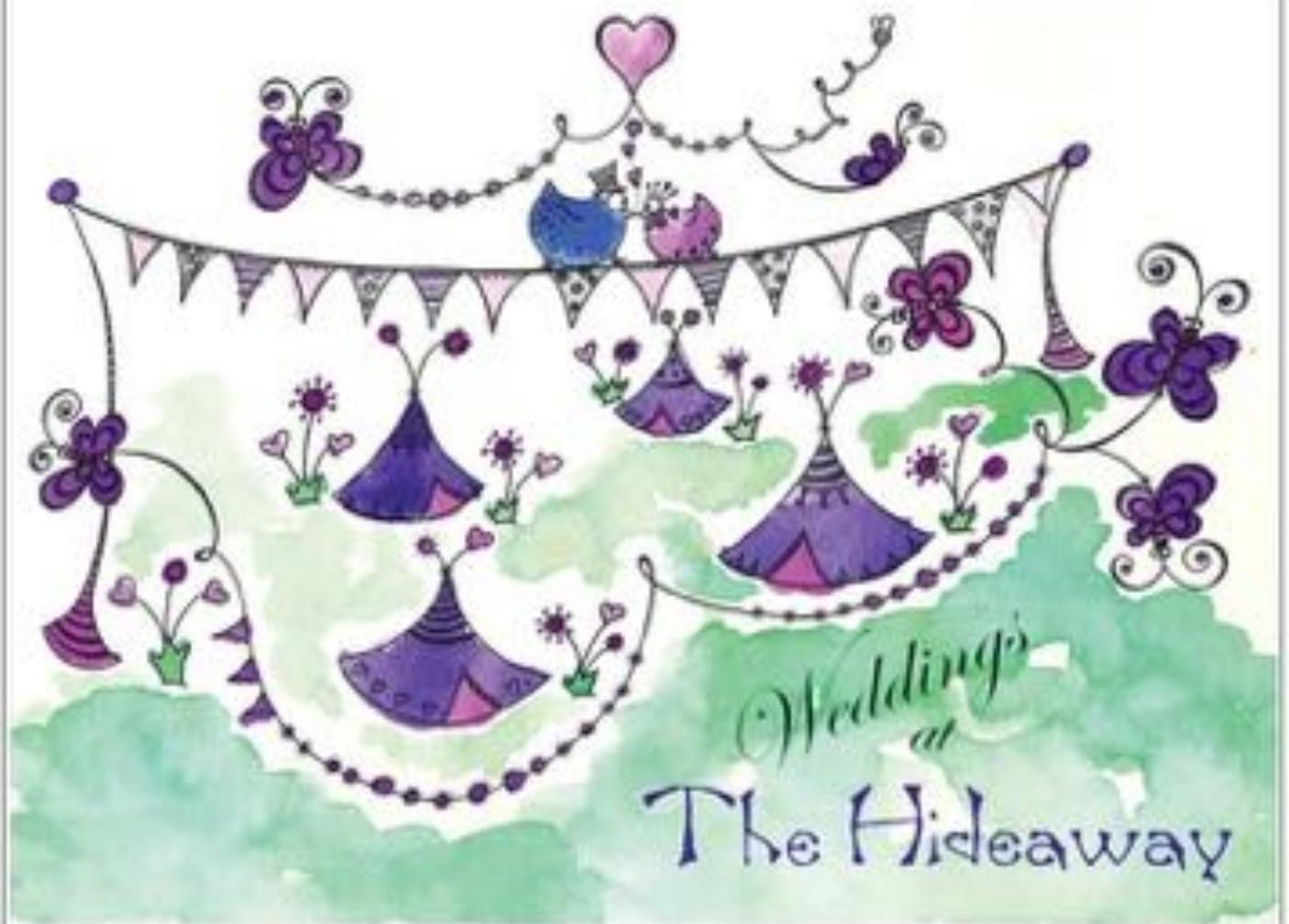
Andrew Coulthard

Hedges in Husthwaite!

It is constantly being brought to the attention of the PC that there one or two places in and around the village where footpaths are partly obstructed with plant/bushes/topiary/vegetation and occasionally VEHICLES! In some cases parents with young children and/or pushchairs are being forced into the road!

These are either footpaths along the roadside or public footpaths where boundary hedges have become over grown or simply been left to "expand"! Please could everyone who has a roadside property with a garden adjacent to the public highway or a public footpath please make sure there are no bushes/hedges etc overhanging the footpath. Failure to do so may mean someone else will have to come along with a hedge-cutter!

²⁶**Barney Smith for Husthwaite PC.**



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These Syrian refugee children fleeing from ISIS live in a camp, and this picture from **Crisis at Christmas** reminds us that Christmas is a time not only to think of those whose lives are much less fortunate than our own, but perhaps to do whatever we can about it!

A Happy Christmas to all our readers.



CAROL SINGING AROUND THE VILLAGE

MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 7-9pm

Come and join the annual carol singing starting at the Green at 7pm.

We sing from 7-9pm under the direction of David Pike.



Once again we will be supporting children's charities and would appreciate your enthusiastic vocal support.

For more details: David Pike 868560 Linda Davison 868439 Sue Leverton 868449

FREE Introductory sessions to Mindfulness

Wednesdays 7.00-8.15pm Starting 13 January

I am offering four FREE introductory sessions to Mindfulness, as part of my training with the Mindfulness Association to become a fully accredited teacher during 2016. You are all welcome to come along!

Respected mindfulness teacher Rob Nairn has described mindfulness as 'knowing what is happening while it is happening in a way that is non- judgmental and kind'. Through mindfulness practice we can gain an awareness of our thoughts and feelings as they happen, moment to moment. We can also reconnect with our body sensations; wake up to the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of this present moment. This kind of awareness allows us to see clearly and is now recognised worldwide as having great benefits for mental health and personal wellbeing.

The recent Government report: 'Mindful Nation', highlighted four key areas where mindfulness could bring key benefits: health, workplace, education and the criminal justice system and its value is becoming more recognised in all these areas. There is a huge increase in academic research on mindfulness, whilst developments in neuroscience and psychology are illuminating the mechanisms of it.

Mindfulness can help us unpick unhelpful conditioning that drives thoughts, emotions and behaviour but without trying 'to fix' anything.

To find out more or to book a place, please contact Michael Graham: 01347 868216 or; mgraham56@btinternet.com

Michael Graham

Diesel Oil Thefts in Villages

Monitors

Remote electronic oil level gauges are now available which will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. These gauges can be located in the kitchen or perhaps a utility room to warn of any potential problem. There are two or three different versions on the market at the moment and cost between £70 and £100.

The whole of the information can be viewed at www.northyorkshire.police.uk/8507

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Roadworks – Faults And Repairs

NYCC have reported that highways problems will be dealt with more swiftly if you go through the following contact links:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/reportit

The interactive reports which you can get your own updates are;

Report a pothole - Any road defect

Report a flooding problem - Blocked gullies any drainage issue

Report a damaged pavement - Any footway defect including kerb damage

Report a tree or hedge needing maintenance

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/30550/Public-notices>

This is the road works information where you can sign up to get information on road closures, you can do that by clicking on the envelope on the left of the map. This facility is a work in progress and we welcome feedback to ensure that it is forever improving.

We will also be looking to add weather related closures on i.e. blocked by snow or flood.

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/27279/Winter-service>

This is where you can gain information on the priority of roads, grit bins, live weather cameras and community self help

HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL - THE NEXT THREE YEARS

The new village hall was completed nearly two years ago and we now have a good deal of experience of running the new hall, not only as the main public meeting place in Husthwaite, but also the place where many social, educational and cultural activities happen. The key objectives of the Village Hall Trustees are:

To present a varied programme of activities to appeal across as wide a range possible of the community and,
by demonstrating the potential for organised community activity, to encourage participation and event leadership from other groups and individuals.

In order to plan for the next three years, we held two workshops in late September/early October and invited all those who had helped and supported the village hall in recent years to participate. **(See photo on outside back page)**

These workshops looked at the current structures of the management of the village hall and whether these had delivered the ambitious targets set out in our successful bid for Lottery funding to replace the old hall - concluding that they had! Participants talked about meeting the needs of the village community and village groups, serving those needs and maintaining a balance between community, social and commercial bookings so that the village hall charity continued to be financially viable.

Various themes and messages came out of the workshops. People commented very favourably on the new village hall, the facilities, the equipment, its warmth, cleanliness and range of activities, while being critical about location and access, poor landscaping and problems at larger functions with the bar arrangements. It was generally felt to be a great place to meet friends, neighbours and new people.

For the future, there was comment on the need to involve more people in attending events and in helping to run the village hall. Marketing the hall as a venue was felt to be important (the more it is used the more scope there is to sponsor community activities and events) and the Trustees were specifically asked to try and help those on small fixed incomes, who would come to many events during the year, but could not afford to do so.

The output from these workshops and from the recent village survey will be used to update the village hall business plan for the next three years, which will be finalised over the coming weeks. The intention is to hold an 'open morning' event at the village hall to present this to villagers early in the New Year, if not before.

If you would like to have your say on the three year plan do get in touch with me.

Philip Hewitson

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee



Photo by Craig Colton

Villagers gathered in the village hall for the first of two meetings which reviewed the work of the village hall in Husthwaite.

The evenings were led by Kathryn Chapman from Rural Yorkshire.

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