

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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**The Village Hall Spring Market in March, the first in the new hall, was a huge success. Picture by Lawrie Hill**



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**Dates for your Diary**

**5 April 2pm Recreation Area Spring Clean (MUGA)**

**7 April 12.30 Book Exchange and Apple Tree Cafe in VH**

**10 April 7.30 Gardening Club AGM in VH**

**11 April 6.30pm Coxwold Tennis Club**

**13 April 10am Table Tennis in VH**

**13 April 7pm Quiz in VH**

**16 April 7.30 Film Club in VH**

**19 April 2.30pm Children's art workshop in VH**

**24 April Walk around Georgian York**

**22 and 26 April 6.30pm Play readings for Drovers Road in VH**

**26 April 10am Plant Sale in VH**

**27 April 1pm Ramblers Club**

**10 May 10.30am Coffee Morning at "Old Stores"**

**10 May 2.30pm Children's art workshop in VH**

**12 May 12.30 Book Exchange and Apple Tree Cafe in VH**

**17 May 2.30 Double Trouble in VH (see back cover)**

**18 May 1pm Ramblers Club**

**For Yoga and Zumba dates see page 29**

# **BUS SERVICE CUTS NOT AS BAD AS FIRST FEARED**

Despite all the fears about possible major loss of bus services Stephensons are planning to keep a reasonable level of service going. But the village must expect change and some reduction in April. The County Council decision to cut financial support for unremunerative services has forced bus operators in all parts of the County to reconsider what level of public transport they can afford to operate commercially while still fulfilling school transport contracts and making use of the limited subsidy that will continue to be offered.

Under pressure from Government to make across the board financial savings NYCC consulted the public on proposed cuts to bus subsidies throughout the County totalling just over £1 million. Over 2300 responses were submitted. The County Council finally decided to make savings of £2 million per year (including school transport) and told its officers to look for more cuts next year. The Husthwaite Community Hub and several individuals in the village expressed strong views about the proposals while fully accepting the case for some cuts to services where passenger numbers were few. The Hub was able to put forward arguments based on personal inconvenience but evidence of real hardship which may have impressed the decision makers was hard to prove. Compared with some parts of North Yorkshire where people were submitting comprehensive objections backed by local evidence it was possible for the Community Hub to make only a modest case. Nevertheless the outcome is likely to be more promising than we were first led to believe and thanks must go to all those who sent objections and representations to the County Council. NYCC claims to have listened and says "there will not be an adverse impact ..... because we have scaled back some of the proposals".

In mid-March NYCC published its proposals for how the new timetables would look after the £2 million 'bus subsidy reductions'. These are subject to final agreement and formal approvals. At the moment the expectation is that the following new timetables for Services 31 and 59 will operate from 22 April 2014:

## **ROUTE 31 (north of Easingwold) - 5 Buses each way (Mon to Sat)**

In the Helmsley direction - two commercial peak time services departing Easingwold at 07.45 and 17.45 and three off peak subsidised services between 09.40 and 14.30. (Review in September)

In the Easingwold direction - one commercial service departing Helmsley at 17.45 and four off peak subsidised services between 09.30 and 15.50. (Review in September)

## **ROUTE 59 (Monday and Friday only)**

Withdraw the 14.00 bus from Thirsk leaving<sup>3</sup> just two journey opportunities,

currently 10.35 and 12.55 from Husthwaite. Stephensons are looking at options to re-schedule these two services to give people more time in Thirsk between buses. Things could still change and exact timings are yet to be announced. New timetables have to be available at least 10 days before the start of revised services. The summer only "Moorsbus" has been discontinued.

In the longer term our rural public transport remains vulnerable. The Yorkshire Post (11 March) reported that campaigners have singled out changes to subsidised bus services as among the worst of Government funding cuts. The matter has been raised in Parliament and NYCC has decided to request the Government to change the law on concessionary fares/senior bus passes.

For the moment Husthwaite bus users can breathe a sigh of relief but, looking to the future, the message goes out "Use the Buses or Lose Them" - surely not too much to ask in a village of over 400 people.

Philip Lawson

The advertisement features a collage of images and text. At the top left is a hand-drawn illustration of a landscape with stars and a winding path. Below it is a sign that reads "The Hideaway @BaxbyManor". To the right is a circular logo with the text "Ecopods Bell Tents Glamping". The central part of the collage shows a landscape with fields and hills. Below the landscape are several smaller images: a close-up of a tent, a campfire, a bottle of beer, and a kingfisher bird. At the bottom left is a circular badge with the text "from £9 per person per night". The bottom right contains the website address "www.thehideawayatbaxbymoor.co.uk".

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# Orchard Village Club's March Meeting

## Orchard Village Club Welcomes Fortune Cookie Winners

Husthwaite Village Hall prize-winners Ina Hadden and Ruth Baldwin enjoyed the March meeting of the Orchard Village Club.

On this occasion eight Husthwaite Primary School children walked up from school to play dominoes with Orchard Village Club members.

*Ina and Ruth with Robin*

The school was pleased to be invited to join the Orchard Village Club to continue our links with the Club which had been started while the club was hosted by the school during the interim period without a village hall. The offer of further games of dominoes was so popular that names had to be drawn from a hat! The school hope to continue this link over coming months with a growing range of activities.



*8 lucky children and their headteacher Rebecca Bainbridge*

The link between the club and the school has been strengthened by the school's amazing cook Amanda McCallum providing



the main course and the Orchard Village Club catering team providing the sweet course - great teamwork!

OVC forthcoming events: all on first Tuesday each month, except in July.

April 1<sup>st</sup> Phoenix choir in concert

May 6<sup>th</sup> Beningburgh Hall outing to view National Portrait Gallery Exhibition.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Husthwaite Village Website internet demonstration

July 8<sup>th</sup> Garden Party (please note change of date)

July 26<sup>th</sup> Matinee performance of community play, Drovers' Road, featuring Husthwaite schoolchildren among the cast.

**Rebecca Bainbridge and Robin Walton**

## **Husthwaite Village Hall Open Day**

The new village hall in Husthwaite opened its doors to the community on Saturday the 1st of February.

During the day 161 people visited the hall to explore its interior and to find out what activities and events are planned for the future. Established clubs and new ventures were all represented with stands displaying their activities with eager volunteers trying to recruit new members. There will be a range of activities to suit all age groups.

There was a rapid turn around from the daytime event to get in shape for the evening party. The capacity of the hall was tested to the full and a sell out audience were entertained by Mark Ostyn accompanied by Gila Robinson playing a selection of classical music. The proceedings were then followed by David Pike who entertained the audience with his famous monologues.

The first half of the evening was completed with the world premiere of a new film entitled Husthwaite Hut. The film presented by Richard Wood and directed by Mike Wells was a fantastic memento of the old hall with villagers young and not so young recounting their memories of the old hall. Starting with it's journey from Ripon on the back of a rulley through to it's time as the disco capital of North Yorkshire, the emotional impact of the old hall was clear to see. DVDs of the film are available (e-mail info@bylandmedia.co.uk for copies).

A light supper followed before the cutting of a cake made by Erica Carr in the image of the new hall. Not only did the cake look good it also tasted wonderful.

It's not possible to have a party in Husthwaite without the village band, A Bit of a Gamble, and the second half of the party involved lots of well known music and dancing.

Getting the new hall up and running would not have been possible without huge support across the community but clearly without the donations from our funders would not have been possible at all. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank all those organisations and individuals who have given their generous support to the funding of

the new hall. During the day Margaret Silcock (see below) from the Co-op presented Debbie Green at the village hall with a cheque which has been used to help equip the kitchen.

**Will Mowatt**



The Open Day organisers pause for a photo before the Open Day begins

## **Recent changes to the Husthwaite oil buying Co-op - part of the Lower Swale Group**

Most of you will be aware of the recent change to oil ordering that has taken place; we have changed from ordering every 6-8 weeks to arranging (by quotation and overwhelming member voting) a contract for Tate Fuels to supply the co-ops for the next 12 months from 1st March 2014. Recent reports suggest that the system is working very well, with the price for deliveries on 10th March being 49.97p per litre + VAT (Boilerjuice price = 54.15ppl – a 7.7% saving to Coop Members).

If you are already order through the Co-op and need oil either log onto Tate's website [www.tateoil.co.uk](http://www.tateoil.co.uk), look for the Lower Swale login button, and fill in the online form with your requirements (you will need the password provided by Tate) or phone the dedicated Lower Swale order line 01943 854888. Deliveries will be made as soon as Tate has a orders for a full tanker load to this area, with a guaranteed maximum of one month wait. In practice it will be very much shorter – several Members have been surprised by next day delivery! The only exception will be at Christmas, when orders for deliveries required before the holiday must be with Tate by 14th November.

The cost of the oil will be calculated on the day of delivery (not order) according to an agreed formula – the Co-op Coordinators will audit prices periodically to verify this. The normal payment method will be by a single direct debit payment two weeks after your oil is delivered. If you decline to use this method, then you will need to contact Tate to make alternative arrangements.

### **Some background information**

Although the cost of heating oil is frighteningly high, around 94% of the final price is the wholesale and refinery cost over which our suppliers have no control whatsoever. The only way we can get the price down is by working with the supplier to streamline his operation and reduce the costs representing the other 6%. We have achieved this by helping Tate minimise tanker miles (their fuel cost alone is £1,000 per week), shaving administrative costs through use of direct debit, no allowance for credit card charges, e-mail invoices, etc. We believe the resulting Agreement with Tate is beneficial to all parties and represents good value for Members.

Membership is open to all – if you live in or around Husthwaite and want to know more, or you have teething troubles with the new system do give me a call.

# **SPRING HAS SPRUNG!**

(Well it had when this was written!`)

The new season is already upon us and it's time for Barney to start working again for a living .

'Where did the winter go?'

The 2014 season is already looking to be a busy one what with weddings at The Hideaway and the Tour de France coming to Yorkshire in July.

Our first wedding is actually over the opening weekend so the giant Tepees will be up once again along with a further 20+ bell tents to accommodate the wedding guests.

Why not come down and have a nosey?

We then have a further three weddings over the course of the next couple of months with many local companies supplying the food, drink and entertainment...and just so you know we have set strict terms for all wedding bookings stating that all amplified music must cease by midnight.

For all that is happening at The Hideaway follow us on Twitter @baxbyhideaway or Like us on Facebook or in the good old fashioned way simply come down and see us!

## **PUB NEWS**

For all the latest on the pub (and to save me writing a huge piece detailing all that has happened and all that will happen) please see the village website where Lawrie Hill has created a dedicated Pub Development section - [www.husthwaitevillage.com](http://www.husthwaitevillage.com) and whilst you're there follow @HusthwaiteNews on Twitter for regular updates, 'follow' button on the homepage. See also the PC news on page 11.

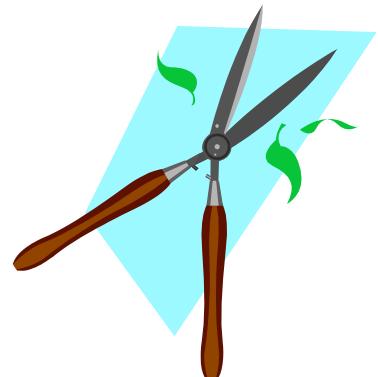
If you are not into social networking you can always ask one of your local Parish Councillors for details.

**Barney Smith, "Baxby Hideaway"**

## **RECREATION AREA ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN**

**SATURDAY 5th APRIL 2pm**

**If you have a few minutes/an hour to spare please come along with clippers, brushes, hedge cutters, refreshments etc to help give our fantastic Recreation Area a spruce up for the Spring/Summer.**



# The Parish Council meeting Tuesday the 18th of March

**ELPHIN BRIDGE** - The drainage issue finally appears to have been resolved after much pestering! The general state of ELPHIN bridge however remains poor and in need of attention, so the PC will continue to push Highways about this.

**FIRST RESPONDER COURSE** - Barney Smith has persevered with Yorkshire Ambulance Service and has a committed group of Husthwaite volunteers who are ready to save your life! However pinning down YAS for training DATES is proving somewhat tricky...!

The final twelve are: Barney Smith, David Smith, Sue Houlston, Lawrie and Mary Hill, Maxine Templeman, Jeremy Walker, Cameron Smith, Heather Baker, Lynn Colton, Sheila Mowatt and Annabel Kennedy. Many thanks to all of you for your perseverance and patience!

**RECREATION AREA** - It was recently brought to the attention of the PC that moss is encroaching on to the MUGA surface. The PC has purchased some moss removal product and Carol Fenwick and Barney Smith will be at the Recreation Area on Saturday the 29th March at 10am to apply the removal product. We will also be treating the cemetery footpath which is particularly bad.

The PC has received a grant of £500 from Skipton Building Society for volleyball equipment!

We are now looking into purchasing this and installing it on the piece at grass between the MUGA and the small children's play area. The equipment will be left up over the warmer months but stowed away during winter to help preserve it.

**ROAD GULLIES/DRAINS** - These were finally cleared out by Hambleton DC on Friday the 15th March.

If you notice any becoming blocked again please let one of your Parish Councillors know.

**WATER LEAKS** - Yorkshire Water finally came to asses the various leaks around the village, namely East View and the Nookin. Tests show these were not mains water leaks.

**ALLERTON PARK INCINERATOR** - It has been brought to the attention of Husthwaite Parish Council that a 25 year contract costing £1.4 billion is being negotiated by NYCC and Amey Cespa to transport waste to the incinerator at Allerton Park!

A NYCC report claims that it will save £324 million compared to continuing with present waste disposal means; however that same report also showed risks which could eliminate those savings.

In short, the scheme will be £157 million MORE EXPENSIVE than continuing with the present methods of waste disposal, that will create and extra £6.5 million burden on council tax payers over EACH of the next 25 years!

NYCC can terminate the negotiations and improve the current arrangements for waste treatment. Less costly solutions are clearly necessary and are available.

It is not too late to stop this disaster, the final contract approved by NYCC Councillors is planned for June/July this year.

Husthwaite Parish Council will be writing a letter to NYCC objecting to the scheme based on increased council tax and also on environmental factors.

Please feel free to express your concerns either<sup>10</sup> directly to NYCC or to one of your Parish

Councillors.

**SIGNAGE** - Unfortunately we have been told by NYCC that we are not going to get any replacement street name signs/posts; we have to make do with what we have already got!

It was also briefly discussed that the road signs around the village are looking particularly 'tired' and Barney Smith questioned the feasibility of having more of the black and white finger posts like those on the Green to replace the modern ones ,however these would need to be privately funded. The one on the Green is funded by the Orchard fund.

**VILLAGE HALL** - there have been a few snags with the new hall but these are being ironed out.

The Village Hall committee have asked if they can retain the Bier House for storage. The PC let the VH use the Bier House next to the church rent free for a year (so long as they repaired the leaky roof!) however the year has now passed. The PC are looking into rental rates for such a building and will report back to the VH when it has more information.

The PC currently donates £1000/yr to the VH.

The PC will approach Burns Bros. with regards to cutting the small lawned area at the front of the VH.

**WASTE/DOG WASTE BINS** - some of the bins around the village are looking particularly tatty; the PC will price up new ones, also looking at replacing the bin on the Green for one with a lid.

**RECREATION AREA DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** - when this was first set up it was decided that upon completion of the Recreation Area the PC would take over responsibility of any further development. As the Recreation Area is now complete the Recreation Area Development Committee has now been officially disbanded.

Grateful thanks for all the work that they have done over the last few years.

**SPEEDING BUSES AND TRACTORS** - the PC has had no response from Stephensons' buses regarding the speed at which its buses negotiate the back roads around the village; the PC will chase this up again. With regard to tractors and other farm machinery speeding through the village, we identified the problem as occurring mainly during harvest and potato time, so we will send polite requests to local farmers around these times!

**VILLAGE SEATS** - the PC will be painting/treating all village seats this year.

**THE PUB - NEW NAME.....The Curious Plum!** (it grows on you!) Skelwith wanted to retain the reference to fruit growing in Husthwaite.

The pub will be run by Masterchef 2012 finalist Tom Rennolds.

Barney Smith met with Tom on the 18th of March; he wants to encourage locals and guests staying at The Hideaway into the pub. There will be proper Yorkshire fare and good real ales!

Tom wants the pub to cater for everyone, from locals and campers at The Hideaway ,to business seminars and fine dining, so pretty much something for everyone. The pub will be open seven days a week. The pub will not be open until the Autumn.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS** received and dealt with by the PC can be seen on the village website or NYCC Planning website, or check with local parish councillors.

# Husthwaite Hut

The story of the Husthwaite  
Reading and Recreation Rooms  
1920 to 2013



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**The Byland Media DVD of  
Husthwaite Hut sold like hot cakes  
after its premiere in the new village  
hall on 1<sup>st</sup> February. The initial run  
of 50 soon sold out and more were  
duplicated. To date, 72 have been  
sold, resulting in a net profit to the  
village hall of £210. Many thanks to  
all who bought a DVD. Further  
copies are still available from Mike  
and Breda Wells, 868398 or 868666.**

## Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

7:30pm in Husthwaite Village Hall

“Bishophorpe Palace Walled Garden”

Annual General Meeting  
Bulb competition

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

10:00am in Husthwaite Village Hall  
Plant Sale

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

2:00pm Visit garden in Seaton Ross

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

6pm Visit Millrace Nursery, Garforth

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

6pm Visit 3 gardens in Stamford Bridge

**Further details from Breda Wells,  
01347 868398**

# Christian Aid Coffee Morning



A coffee morning will be held in Husthwaite to support Christian Aid Week on **Saturday May 10th at The Old Stores**, Home of the McDougalls. Please join us in supporting this charity, which aims to help people worldwide to support themselves.

**10.30 to 12.30**

**Refreshments and Raffle**

## **Sue Helliwell (now Simons)**

*A few days before the recent Husthwaite Market, Jeremy Walker laid turf on the area in front of the village hall and re-erected the village hall signboard which was removed for safe keeping when the old hall was demolished. It now proudly identifies the new building, having been beautifully restored by Andrew Coulthard. I e-mailed a photograph of the signboard to Sue Simons (nee Helliwell) who commissioned the sign shortly before she left Husthwaite 14 years ago for pastures new. I invited her to tell us what she is doing these days and here is her reply.....Gerald Crane*

"My name is Sue Simons, it was Sue Helliwell when I lived in your fantastic village for over 12 years. I loved Husthwaite, the best place I have ever lived with so many wonderful memories! It's 14 years since we left the village and memories for me and my daughter Sally, now 32, and daughter Lucy 30 years old are still strong and we loved the 12 years we lived there, first at Tenter Close, then The Nook, then I renovated Laburnum & Rose Cottage which we renamed The Hobbits. Villagers were so friendly and when we went through some tough times, the village rallied around and supported us...that's why I wanted to leave a legacy to the village when we left for Bristol to say thank you to you all so I commissioned a new village hall sign from the local woodsman. I am touched that you have refurbished the Husthwaite Village Hall sign and that it now stands on the plot of your new village hall.

Sally, my daughter is a successful criminal defence lawyer, now working back in Bristol , having spent a few years travelling and working and then living in New Zealand looking after penguins! Lucy has been working in media, having excelled in being a radio producer, including Heart Radio before she went travelling and now is working in Perth, Australia as a producer for a TV production company.

Happy memories of all the fundraising that I did for Husthwaite Village School. As a member of the PTA and Vice Chairman of the Governors . We increased income from £300 to £3,000 in the first year.

I am still working in Charity Fundraising as well as doing PR & Marketing and presently working in the Mediterranean island of Malta in charities for children and animals, to make them sustainable, and am working with the Maltese government as well as the Lord Taverners sports/celebrity charity in London, a charity for children with special needs ... as well as another renovation house project going on in Bristol!

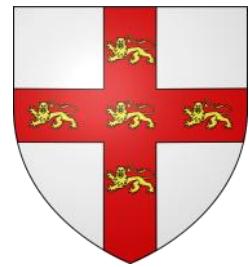
May all Husthwaite residents continue to have fun and enjoy your village!

**Sue Simons**

# A walk around Georgian York

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am to 3.00pm

York has a stunning collection of Georgian buildings, all within short walking distance of each other. We've booked a tour guide who will show us some of these beautiful buildings and tell us their stories. The walk will include the streetscape of Micklegate, Fairfax House and the Assembly Rooms.



We will catch the bus in Husthwaite around 10.00am ,meet our guide in York, stop for lunch (picnic or cafe) and finish in time to catch the bus to get back around 3.00pm. Tickets for the guided walk £5 from **868130**. We're limited to 20, so book early!

## Visit the Barbara Hepworth Gallery and Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Sunday 6 July

Yorkshire is getting an international reputation as a unique place to see the absolute best of contemporary sculpture. We're going to see two of the newest places...an eye-opener, even if you thought you were never interested in sculpture.

The brand new **Hepworth Gallery** in Wakefield is amazing, purpose-built to give a home to the work of one of Britain's most important sculptors. Barbara Hepworth grew up in Wakefield, was a friend of Henry Moore and produced the most important of English Modernist sculpture from her studio in St Ives. The Gallery (which is a joy to visit for the building itself) does a wonderful job of explaining her place in the story of British art.

Coffee on arrival and then a 45 minute guided tour of the Gallery.

After that, we go seven miles to the **Yorkshire Sculpture Park** at Bretton Hall. Lunch there (picnic or cafe), is followed by an introductory talk in one of their underground galleries.

YSP has 500 acres of beautiful landscape with a permanent display of outdoor sculpture, five indoor galleries and a changing programme of special exhibitions. There's also an excellent cafe and gallery shop.

Entry to both venues is free but there is a fee for both guided tours and we need to arrange for lunch and transport. The final cost will depend on how many of us want to go and whether we will need a coach. The basic cost will be £10 each for the two guides plus either the cost of shared cars or bus and lunch. For now, we need to know how many people will want to go.

So, if you are interested in either of these visits, please ring **Andrew Coulthard** on **868130** or email [administrator@husthwaitevillage.com](mailto:administrator@husthwaitevillage.com). These are the first two of a series of visits being organised for the village by Andrew Coulthard and Lawrie Hill.

### Advance Notice

We're negotiating now for a chance to visit the **Nissan car factory** in Sunderland where the Qashqai and the new all electric Leaf are made. The visit will in early October but we need to know now how many people may want to come. The likely cost will be £18 to Nissan for the visit plus transport. Let us know on **868130** by 15th April if you're interested.

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### Dynamics

A date for your diary: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

Dynamics will be performing at Husthwaite Methodist Chapel, they will play a varied and interesting mix of music. Look out for further details in the next edition of the newsletter.

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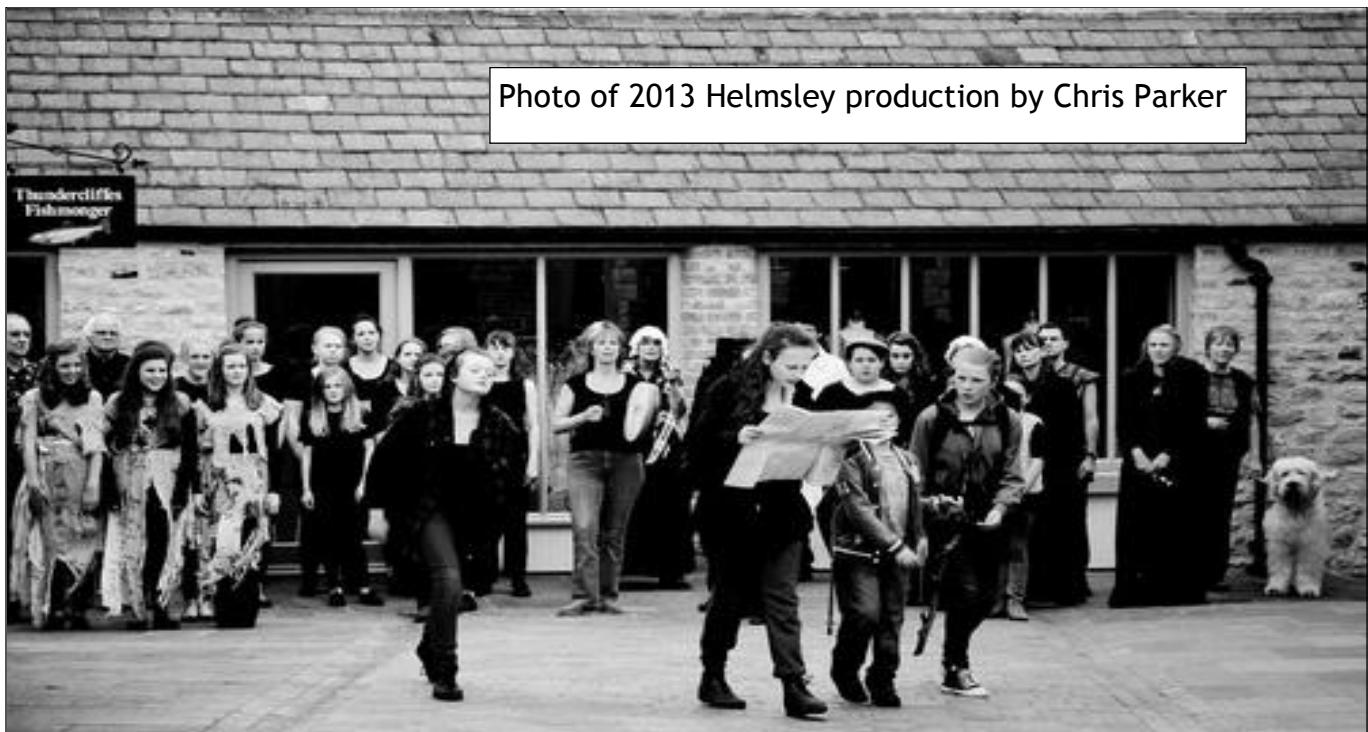
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# Drovers' Road Community Play Readings

Husthwaite Village Hall

Tuesday 22nd April and Thursday 24th April at 6.30pm



This is your chance to see if you would like to take part in this summer's play Drovers' Road. We especially need secondary school-age players to lead the adventure. Cast and crew members of all ages are welcome to join the project. Many people have already volunteered their services. There will be opportunities for youngsters to learn about the various backstage skills, such as lighting, sound, filming and photography, make-up and costume.

David Pike is the musical director and Robin Walton is directing the drama. Both were members of the original cast at Helmsley Arts Centre in June 2013, and we are delighted to offer this unique community play to Husthwaite.

After the initial readings, the play will be cast. The main rehearsals will then take place after the summer half term. At first these will be scheduled for small groups of players, building up to full cast participation in July.

The play will be performed on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th, Friday 25th July at 7.00pm and on Saturday 26th July at 2.00pm. There will be an after-show party on Saturday evening.

The Husthwaite Ramblers Club is now planning two walks to set the scene for Drovers' Road. The first is on Sunday April 27th, leaving Husthwaite at 1.00pm. The route follows the drovers' road from near the Hambleton Inn on Sutton Bank, down to Scotch Corner, which features in the play. Incidentally, the chapel at Scotch Corner will be open to visitors on that Sunday, and the mysterious sculptures within

the chapel will be on view.

The second walk is planned for Sunday May 18th, also leaving Husthwaite at 1.00pm. This route is from Kepwick to Limekiln House, the now ruined drovers' inn which is central to the play.

Please let Mark Gambles know if you wish to join take part in either of these walks.

[mark@magambles.eclipse.co.uk](mailto:mark@magambles.eclipse.co.uk) Tel. 869 004

Please tell Robin if you are interested in taking part in the play, Drovers' Road.

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## **Superfast Fibre Broadband in Husthwaite**

In mid February a representative if NYNET came to the Village Hall and gave a presentation on the introduction of Superfast Fibre Broadband in Husthwaite. North Yorkshire is leading the way in England on this introduction with a 90 percent penetration by the end of 2014. This introduction is still on plan.

The system will start in Husthwaite at the end of April. All homes within a 1.2 kilometre range of the green cabinet located at the top of High Street and East View will receive the 25 MBPS signal, a vast improvement over that we have now. The signal falls away quite dramatically with distance from the cabinet so those houses close by will receive an improved signal over that received today.

The cost of the improved service will depend on which service supplier is used. The cost will be negotiable with the service supplier.

Any change to this plan will be communicated to the village.

**Malcolm French**



## **Husthwaite Village Hall**



### **Children's Easter Art Workshop Sat 19th April 2.30- 4pm.**

Come along and decorate an egg for Easter. Under 10's must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Children's Pirate Art Workshop Sat 10th May 2.30- 4pm.**

Pirate hats, eye patches, cutlasses, skull and crossed bones flags and even parrots! You can then bring along your masterpieces to Double Trouble at Sea on Sat. 10th May

Photo by Debbie Green



## Spring Market Success!

Over 300 people from Husthwaite and beyond visited the first market in our new village hall in March, a record attendance. The stunning weather allowed stalls inside and outdoors. The stallholders were impressed by the hall and the atmosphere, while the visitors' book showed a great many positive comments. These are typical:

*Lovely building and a great setting for a village market. Congratulations and good luck for the job ahead . You have a very lucky community.* C.Rigden

*Thank you for inviting me to your first market. I really enjoyed the event. Nice village, nice people, can't wait for the next one.* Lucia Jo (Photography)

The markets are held 4 times a year, so already the next one in summer is being planned, with a wider variety of stalls . Look out for the date in the Newsletter and on village posters.

Proceeds from the market cafe and stall fees went to the village hall fund. In the future, other organisations in Husthwaite could run the market cafe to raise funds for their groups. Please contact Debbie Green if interested.

Thanks to all who organised this event, which takes a lot of planning and commitment.  
<sup>20</sup> (More photos on the village website)

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For a Pint of Beer to a Pot of Tea  
Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner*

### **APRIL**

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Thursday 3rd 8pm Tickets £5

### **ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Black Tie Dinner Wednesday 23rd  
\* 2 courses £19.50 \* 3 courses £25 \*  
Think: Betjamin Elgar Jerusalem.

### **MAY**

9th 10th 11th  
**LITTLE FESTIVAL OF EVERYTHING**  
Heart & Soul Performing Arts  
**\* FREE ENTRY \***

### **AWAY FROM HOME**

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Thursday 29th 8pm Tickets £8  
Strong language & themes Age 18+

**QUIZ last Thursday of the month FISH NIGHT every Wednesday**

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# HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL and NURSERY NEWS

Spring is a lovely term as we welcome the warmer weather and brighter days - so much more pleasant for the children at playtimes - and school life continues to be busy. The large grounds which we are fortunate to have are turning into a blaze of colour as the hundreds of spring bulbs children planted 2 years ago start to flower.

## This term children have:

Participated in a family service at Husthwaite Church

Worked with a creative writer as part of Shandy Hall's Voice from the Pulpit project

Had a visit from the recycling team at Hambleton District Council as part of our keen to be green topic

Competed in the District cross country tournament (Isla McClanachan will represent school at the County tournament)

Played in the cluster football and netball tournaments - the netball team winning 8 out of 9 games and football winning 4, drawing 3 and losing 2

Discovered how biscuits differ, their ingredients, the packaging and appeal as part of a D&T project

Explored our locality, where we are in relation to the rest of the country and learned the difference between the British Isles, United Kingdom and Great Britain.

Made pancakes as part of their understanding of Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent

Dressed in pyjamas and brought their favourite bedtime story to school for World Book Day.

Played dominoes with the Orchard Club

Participated in sporting activities at the Village recreational park dressed as their favourite sportsperson for Sport Relief

Invited parents and other female family members and friends to join them in a special Mother's Day Lunch

Class 1 visited the Arrowsmith's Farm in Raskelf as part of their life-cycles topic.

Our school cook, Mrs McCallum, has served some delicious meals this term and every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday offers a World Food Menu. So far children have sampled delights from Russia (chicken Kiev), China (chow mein), France (Croque Monsieur) and Spain (paella). On 28<sup>th</sup> March

children invited mums/grandmas/aunties to a special Mother's Day Lunch - Mrs McCallum was very busy as she cooked for over 100 people and we had to offer two sittings to accommodate everyone!



Mrs Bainbridge has continued to work with a group of Y6 children on level 6 SATs papers. All children in Y6 have also been working on the new SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) SATs papers. Examples of the work they have been doing include: *Circle the preposition in each of the sentences below:*

*We were exhausted because our flight arrived at 4am.*

*Despite similar opportunities, we are successful in different ways*

*Label each of the nouns below as either*

*Abstract AB, collective CL, common CM or proper P*

*On Friday, at school, the choir was full of dismay when the concert was cancelled.*

The school is delighted to have received a donation from Hunters Estate Agents as sponsorship towards purchasing its first I-pad. The recommended apps, only available on I-tunes, have been shown to have a positive impact on children's education. Being able to quantify progress in pupil's learning allowed the School to make the decision to make a financial commitment and kick-start investment in this new technology. Further sponsorship has recently been received from DBS Bookkeeping which will allow the school to purchase its next I-pad.

A Bags2School collection will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Unwanted items of clothes, handbags, shoes, belts and soft toys can all be brought to school in dustbin bags day before collection. We receive money on the weight of items collected. All clothing collected by Bag2School is sold to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. A great recycling facility that raises funds and helps others.



**KEEP THE DATE!** This year the school turns 40. To celebrate this milestone we shall be holding a school 40th birthday party on Friday 18th July (3.30-6.30pm) - past and present pupils and their families are welcome to attend.

Further details will follow in the next edition of this newsletter.

Toddler drop-in sessions continue for children of pre-school age to join our Foundation Stage class with their parent/guardian/childminder for a taste early years provision. These sessions are free and run from 9.15-11.30 am once a month. We provide quality early years provision for children aged from 3 years in our teacher-led educational setting. Full day care is available for 3-11 year olds (including holidays) through our links with an out of school club provider.

**Diary dates:**

**4<sup>th</sup> April: 2.45pm school closes for Easter**

**22<sup>nd</sup> April: Staff training day**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April: School opens for summer term**

**25<sup>th</sup> April: 9.15 am Easter service at school**

**1<sup>st</sup> May: Toddler morning 9.15-11.30am (all welcome)**

**20<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00 am Bags2School collection<sup>3</sup>**

**18<sup>th</sup> July: School's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.**

## **News from Hambleton Foodshare**

**Easingwold and the surrounding villages seem relatively affluent, yet sadly for some families, even those in employment, life is an increasingly difficult struggle. Benefits are now harder and take longer to get, and poverty is worse in rural areas with fewer services and facilities like public transport.**

**In our experience most Yorkshire people in dire need don't like accepting help, with the fear of being labelled "scroungers". Their needs stay invisible to neighbours. We are those neighbours. Christ commanded that we "Love our neighbour as ourselves", and local Christians have joined up with Hambleton Foodshare (a Foodbank project) to offer relief to families in need—that is what sharing is about.**

**Significant hurdles assail the project as many potential users live in outlying areas, so we have an unmanned telephone system where people in need can leave a message or send a text. We then return calls to discuss and respond to need. Messages can be left on 0772 44 44 750 and we promise to get back to callers asap, normally the same day. Calls are confidential and a person's details will not be passed on.**

**Poverty is real and it is here and now. Please pray and help us be effective in helping those in need.**

### **Still doubt the need?**

**Two thirds of households in England affected by the "bedroom tax" have fallen into rent arrears.**

**46% of very low income families do not heat their homes.**

**From 2007 to 2012 food prices in UK rose by 30.5%, two and a half times the increase in the minimum wage.**

**27% of children (3.5 million) are living in poverty.**

**There is a 170% increase in the use of Foodbanks in the last 12 months.**

**Most people in poverty are in work, but many in only part-time work.**

**Only 9.7% of the massive welfare budget is spent on unemployment benefit (the majority goes on pensions).**

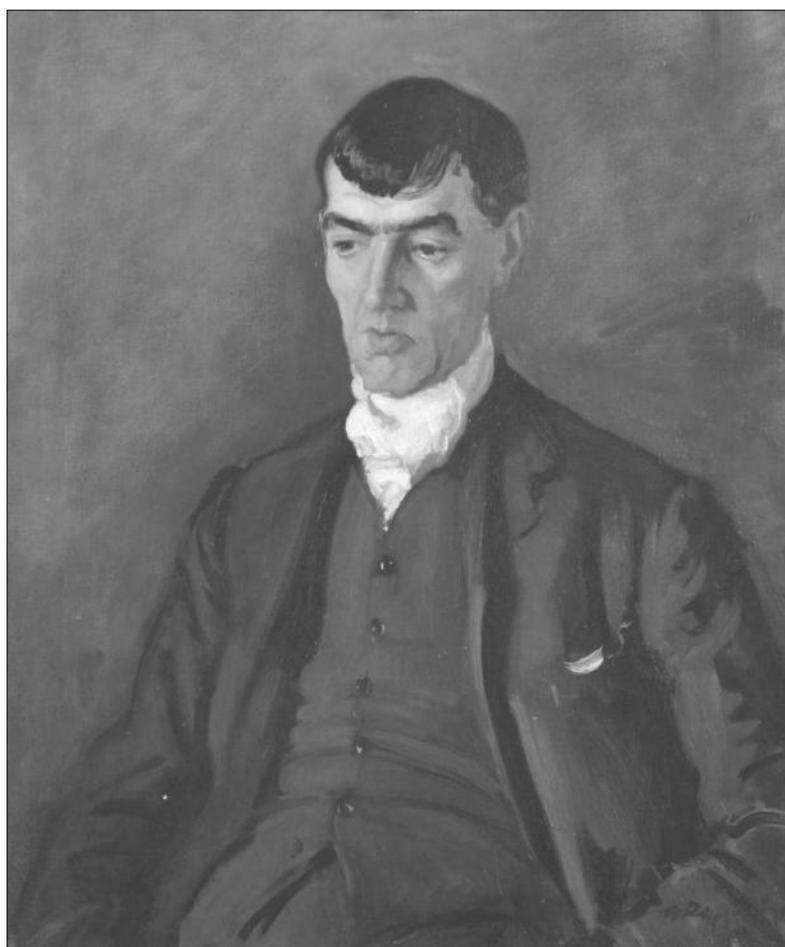
**Adapted by Jan Coulthard from an article by Frank Johnstone- Banks**

**Email: [easingwoldfoodshare@gmail.com](mailto:easingwoldfoodshare@gmail.com)** Husthwaite Church has an ongoing collection of food for Hambleton Foodshare throughout the year. Audrey Raper is the contact for this.

# Husthwaite Local History Society

Various people who once lived in Husthwaite, if only for a few years, became famous, e.g William Peckitt who reintroduced the art of stained glass making (leaflets inside the church and a plaque outside it) and his brother Henry who became an apothecary, possibly supplying medications or even attending George III in London (an article by Cooper Harding, who gave a memorable talk a few years ago, is in progress). Several different families from Northumberland came to live at Beacon Banks around 1900 when the Wailes family were living elsewhere. One of these was the widow Margaret Boyd Crawhall, her sons Hugh and Joseph and daughter Beatrice all born in Morpeth - they lived there between 1893 and 1896 before they moved on to Brandsby. Joseph became a well known artist.

## **Joseph Crawhall (1861-1913) artist and horseman**



Oil painting by Walter Westley Russell

Coming from the wealthy family in Morpeth, financial independence enabled him to devote his life to his twin passions of painting and hunting. At aged 19, the 1881 census gives Joseph's occupation as an artist and animal painter. After training in London and Paris he became one of the Glasgow Boys who were pioneering painters (1880-1900) who rebelled against the art establishment. By the turn of the century they were acknowledged to be the only British painters of international standing. Joseph Crawhall was one of those who "pushed the boundaries of watercolour, experimented with gouache and revitalised the use of pastel". He started painting on fine woven linen rather than paper around 1893 - evidently finding himself without paper while visiting his sister Beatrice, he borrowed some of her sewing linen! He

became a regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition.

Some of his paintings, especially those showing people on horseback and hunting were said to be inspired by the scenery around Beacon Banks. It is said he chose to live in the area because of the abundance of fine horses in the North Riding at that time. He was a superb horseman and able gentleman jockey winning three successive annual races in his favourite painting venue of Tangier, in Morocco in the early 1890s. Brandsby became his home towards the end of his career which had seen his work sell for more than any of the other Glasgow Boys and at Dale End with its own stables, his time would have been spent breeding hunters and racehorses and sharing his love of hunting with his brother-in-law John Wood who had married his sister Beatrice and also lived in Brandsby. He lived there for many years but his death was registered in Kensington in 1913. His mother was still living at Dale End in 1921 and eventually her death at age 95 was registered in Easingwold seven years later. Hugh had married and returned to live in Northumberland at Rothbury.

Joseph came from an artistically gifted family going back several generations and a collection of pictures, photos and other memorabilia from them came up for auction in 2007 and sold for over £45,000!

**Angela Ovenston**, with grateful thanks to Sheila Redfern for some of the information.

**Get ready for Spring!**  
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## Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

# Plant Sale

**Husthwaite Village Hall**

**Saturday 26th April 2014  
10:00am**

**50p entry includes refreshments**



## Husthwaite Village Hall

### Hall Hire Hourly Rates

#### Village Users

	Main Hall	Committee Room	Combined
Sunday to Friday	£10	£8	£15
Saturday	£12	£10	£20

#### Non-village users

	Main Hall	Committee Room	Combined
Sunday to Friday	£12	£10	£20
Saturday	£15	£12	£25

£20 fee for use of kitchen when food is being prepared and served.

# Husthwaite Village Hall Update

The village hall is getting busier with a number of new activities now up and running alongside some of the regular activities.

## Short Mat Bowls

We had 22 people come along to try their hand at Short Mat Bowls and there was general agreement to set up a club. We've been able to purchase a second mat and the plan is to start a regular evening session on Tuesdays from 7-9pm. We will start the regular session on 20 May and play through the summer with the aim of being ready to join a league in the autumn. We need a good squad so please come along and have a go. If you want any further information please contact Malcolm French (868779).

## Film Club

We had a record turn out on 29th of March to watch Captain Phillips with 31 attendees including a number of visitors from Coxwold and Oulston. The next films will be Philomena on the 16th of April and Rush on the 21st of May. The bar will be open at 7.00pm and the film will start at 7.30pm.

As a trial to test interest we are also going to show Up during the Easter holidays. Although it's primarily a children's film, it's a wonderful watch for all ages. The film will be shown on April the 19th at 10.00am. Everybody welcome. Entry is by donation. Please contact Calum Mowatt (868196) for further information.

## Quiz

The next quiz will be on Sunday the 13th of April and 11th of May. The quiz starts at 7.00pm with the bar open at 6.45pm.

We are always on the look out for new participants and question setters. Entry is £2 for the quiz. The winning team get a cash prize and there is also a prize for the best question setter.

## Table Tennis

The next table tennis session is on the 13th of April. We plan to then head outside in May with activities down at the MUGA. Start time is 10.00am.

## Apple tree café and Book Exchange

Opens on Monday 7th April at 12.30. Books to borrow plus superb food-soup, sandwiches and cakes, all homemade. **NB The Next session will not be as expected on Bank Holiday Monday, but takes place on May 12th at 12.30.**

## Future Events

### May

We are aiming to bring Jeromes to the hall in May. Jeromes are a six-piece band of soulful jazzy funksters from York, playing an eclectic mix of blues, funk, soul, jazz and swing.

In addition there is a pirate theme childrens' activity workshop on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May followed by a panto style Pirate themed family show presented by Defying Gravity on the afternoon of the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### June

We will be opening the hall to support England's efforts in the World Cup which hopefully will follow on into July. A world cup themed table football tournament will be run alongside.

There will be a ceilidh on the longest day, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

### July

We also have been very fortunate to land a highly<sub>28</sub> rated comedian in July. Twice nominated for the Best Show comedy award at the Edinburgh fringe and with appearances on 8 out of 10 Cats and

Never Mind the Buzzcocks, we are extremely lucky to have this comedian drop in on Husthwaite with his new show enroute to Edinburgh. The show will be on the 11th of July. [More details next newsletter](#).

Of course the hall is there for us all to use so if you just want to hire the hall or to suggest an activity or event please contact Zoe Lodge (Hall Hire 868117 or [hallbookings@husthwaiyevillage.com](mailto:hallbookings@husthwaiyevillage.com) or Gila Robinson (Events - 868216). Hall hire rates are detailed on page 27 of this newsletter.

## Computers

We have secured funding to buy 6 laptops for general use in the hall. We have been able to get higher spec laptops by trading in some old computers, 4 of whom were donated by Hunters the estate agents. We plan to run some drop in sessions where the laptops will be available and we will have helpers on hand to answer questions and allow you to get familiar with the laptops. This will allow us to gauge demand and develop sessions to fit what people would like to do.

## The Building

The building has just been signed off by building control. This then releases the final funding from the Big Lottery. The snagging issues are being resolved under the careful scrutiny of The Building Group. The floor covering in the reception area has been replaced following a flood on the first day we had the building. We have had to wait for the walls to dry out for the rendering to be completed and we hope that this will be done by the end of April.

## Pathway to Success

The verge next to the road looks much nicer after Jeremy Walker laid grass instead of the unsightly mud that was there. We are planning to lay the pavers that have been bought between the grass verge and the hall over the next couple of months. Pavers are still available and if you want to buy one please get in touch with Debbie Lewis-Green (868234).

In time we will carry out further landscaping round the hall but will need to build up funds to allow us to do this.

## Fitness classes in Husthwaite – update on dates and details of a new class

A reminder that we have started some fitness classes in the new village hall. These are well-attended but there is always room for more - no experience or skill needed, just a bit of enthusiasm!

### YOGA - Tuesdays 9.15-10.30

### ZUMBA - Thursdays 9.15-10.15

Please note that there will be no yoga classes on 8, 15 and 22 April. Zumba classes will continue throughout the school holidays and 14-17 year olds can come along with an adult.

Cost for Yoga is £36 for six classes. Wear loose comfortable clothes and bring a mat. If you need more information please contact Jane at [janecluley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:janecluley@tiscali.co.uk)

Cost for Zumba is £5, pay as you go (or you can buy a card for 6 classes for the price of 5). Wear usual exercise attire including comfortable footwear with plenty of support. Bring some water to drink. If you would like any more information, you can contact Elaine at [elainegf@btinternet.com](mailto:elainegf@btinternet.com) or on 07949 874802.

**NEW!!!** Chris Short, a very experienced local fitness professional who helps train Bolton Wanderers FC, is offering to put on circuit training at the village hall. Sessions are likely to be 10-11am on a Sunday and 7-8pm on a Tuesday starting first week of May - all to be confirmed shortly. These would be suitable for all levels of fitness as you can work at your own pace. Cost would be £3 per session. **For more information, please contact Will on 868194.**



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## COXWOLD TENNIS CLUB



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FIRST 20 JOINERS\*  
FREE TO END OF MAY 2014

COME DOWN FOR ONE OF  
TWO OPEN CLUB NIGHTS  
FROM 6.30pm  
FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Contact Jill Dick 01347 868867 or  
[paulturner11@icloud.com](mailto:paulturner11@icloud.com) for  
further advice, help or information.

\*New to club members, refundable key deposit required, option to take out formal membership from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 at pro rata reduced rate.



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## HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2014. AT: 2:30PM (DOORS OPEN 2:00PM).

Tickets: £7.00. Family (4): £24.00

Tickets are available from Husthwaite Village Shop or from committee members.

For further info call Zoe on: 01347 868117