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Dates for your Diary

6 Dec Book Exchange opens. 10.30-12.30 in Village Hall

8 Dec Gardening Club “Gardens of London” in VH

9 Dec Music Evening in VH Contact Mike Wells 868398 for info.

10 Dec Husthwaite Christmas Market in VH 10—2.30 Entry free.

16 Dec. Scottish Dancing 8pm in VH

19 Dec. School Christmas Party in VH

20 Dec Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH

26 Dec Football Festivities (see pg 19)

2012

1st Jan Football Challenge (see pg 19)

3 and 17 Jan Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH

16 Jan Next Oil Order goes in - **don't forget!**

21 Jan 2012 Burns Supper in VH

Scottish Country

Dancing

The Burns Supper is on the 21st of January.

The format will be similar to previous years with a buffet to begin, followed by speeches and entertainment and finishing with dancing.



Husthwaite Village Hall

21st January

7.00pm until late

Black tie or similar

Tickets will be £12 plus a contribution to the buffet. Any surplus funds will go to the village hall. There will be a bar with a choice of drinks. Let me know if you want tickets which are available on a first come first served basis (drop me an e-mail or give me call on 01347 868196.

Will Mowatt

Welcome to the Village

Barbara and Stephen Homer-Midgley have recently moved into Prospect Cottages from Thirsk. They are enjoying the peace of the village. They have two Maine Coon kittens which are already huge! Barbara is already keen to join in with village activities, and is coming along to help at the Book Exchange.

Newsflash from the Editor

NYCC have just informed me that the entire Husthwaite to Easingwold road will be closed from Nov. 30 to Christmas (weather permitting) for repairs. Diversion via A19.





Christmas Market in Husthwaite

(See front cover)

Saturday December 10th in Husthwaite
Village Hall

From 10.00 - 2.30

Many fine stalls from around the region, including several from the famous Hovingham Market, are coming to Husthwaite for an indoor market.

Gifts, Christmas treats, cards, cordials, handmade chocolates, soap, bread and patisserie, local honey, alpaca products, soft furnishings, vintage fabric creations, woven willow, Husthwaite Orchard cider and juice etc. Take the opportunity to shop locally (out of the cold!) for something different for Christmas.

Entry is free and hot and cold refreshments are available.

We are raising money for the Village Hall from all the refreshments sold at the market. If you would be willing to bake and donate cakes etc please tel. Jan Coulthard on 01347 868130 to arrange. Thank you.

Thank You

149 times!

On Tuesday, 8th November, **Husthwaite's equivalent of Santa's** Elves met to pack Christmas Shoeboxes to be sent to deprived children in Eastern Europe. This year, the Primary School asked to be involved and, having collected a large number of gifts, two members of staff brought six excited, willing children to help with the packing.



Many 'ooh's and ah's were heard as the boxes were filled and stacked on the pews.

Relatives of some of the regular helpers sent filled boxes from Helperby, Sessay, Raskelf and, as in previous years, gifts came from Wass, Carlton Husthwaite and Easingwold. Throughout the morning, filled carrier bags appeared, along with donations of money. Two hours sped by with just a short break for a welcome cup of coffee. As the last previously-covered box was filled, we realised that our range of gifts was insufficient to continue. The few remaining items have been carefully stored to give us a start next year.

In total, 148 boxes had been filled. A late one took the total to 149 - our second highest total since we became involved 8 years ago. The filled boxes used up all the boot space in three cars and we took them to our drop-off point - Stoneacre Ford Garage in Thirsk, where they make a colourful display in the showroom window. Then, the hungry and somewhat tired helpers enjoyed a light lunch in Thirsk Garden Centre, talking over the morning and planning for 2012!

It's not too early to be thinking ahead. Some of our knitters have already made a start and buying a small gift now and then spreads the cost over the year.

The generosity of the folk from our area never ceases to amaze us. There are too many people to thank personally, but if you have contributed in any way to the success of this venture, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

Bunny Wentworth and Linda Davison

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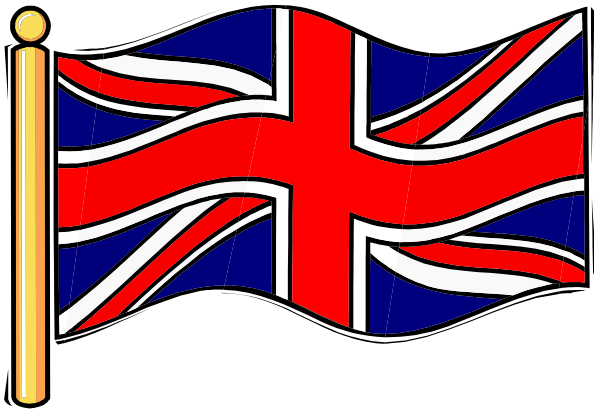


Contact Will Mowatt for an initial meeting to discuss your needs:

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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

During 2012 Her Majesty will celebrate 60 years as our monarch. The Parish Council feel it would be nice if the village could join in the celebrations which will be taking place around the country.

To this end, it is hoped to form a Jubilee Committee to develop plans and seek any necessary finance. If you feel you would like to be a part of this committee please contact myself or one of the Parish Councillors to offer your services.

Barrie Ward

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Parish Council News

Despite rising costs and the need to maintain the recreation area in addition to all its other responsibilities, the Parish Council has agreed a budget that requires a precept of £7000 for the year 2012/13. This is the sixth year in a row that the precept has been held at this level, no mean feat in the present climate.

However, forecasts show that it is likely that an increase will be necessary in the 2013/13 financial year if the Parish Council is to fulfil its obligations. Naturally, every effort will be made to keep our expenditure at or below its current level but that is becoming increasingly difficult.

Barrie Ward

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

Husthwaite School's Healthy School group organised a Walk to School Week. Pupils walked to school to save fuel, help the environment and keep fit. The pupil group devised interesting courses for the children who travel on the bus to involve as many children as possible. They gave out road safety quizzes and certificates through out the week.



Children from KS2 have been competing in various sporting cluster events this term which have included a netball and football tournament. So far, both the netball and football teams have won one game each and lost two. The teams will continue to practice in preparation for the next tournaments in March.

Children in Classes 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit to Eden Camp as part of this term's WW2 topic and the younger children visited the Railway Museum to understand life as an evacuee.

The school recently held the second Foundation Stage Toddler's Taster Day this academic year. The pupils love these days ; toddlers join them during the morning and afternoon and they get the opportunity to use the school's amazing soft play resource. They were also given the chance to get creative with clay making Diwa lamps to celebrate Diwali. All children are welcome to these toddler's taster days; it's a lovely way to explore the Foundation Stage classroom and see the school in action. These Foundation Stage Toddler's taster days are in addition to the weekly drop-in Toddlers at Husthwaite sessions, which take place every Thursday morning at the school for 0-school age children. The next Toddler's Taster day will be 19th January 2012,

Mrs Dunn's Pupil Voice Enterprise Group collected items for the Love in a Box Appeal organised by Linda Davidson and Bunnie Wentworth. A group of children joined them in filling up the boxes ready to be distributed to children at Christmas across Eastern Europe..



Christmas is fast looming upon us and children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are already well underway with the rehearsals for their Wriggly Nativity production. The dress rehearsal will take place on Friday 9th December at 9.30 am and all members of the community are invited to come along and watch the children

perform.

The school's annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 2nd December 1.30-3.00 pm. In addition to the usual tombola, raffle and Santa's grotto, there will also be stalls of interest for both adults and children. We shall also be selling quality hessian shopping bags in aid of school funds. Everyone is welcome to our Fair and entry is free.

Our Carols by Candlelight Christmas Community Service will take place on Tuesday 20th December at St Nicholas Church, Husthwaite at 9.30 am. The School's drama club will also be performing a short Christmas play.

Diary Dates:

Friday December 2nd – Christmas Fair

Friday 9th – Wriggly Nativity dress rehearsal

Tuesday 20th - 9.30 am Carols by Candlelight St Nicholas Church

2.45 pm school closes for holidays

Friday January 6th – staff training day

Monday 9th – school opens for Spring Term

Thursday 19th – Foundation Stage toddler's taster day

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Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

There's always a new pest. Some days you may think like that, and some days you could be right! What's more, let's mention a few names, although I doubt the pests will sue us for libel. Here goes: citrus longhorn beetle, tomato spider mite, fuchsia gall mite, potato flea beetle, Argentine stem weevil, South American tomato moth, lemon tree borer... Are you itching yet, or have you rushed out to your greenhouse to check that all is well?

We were very privileged to have an expert on all these nasties at our October meeting. Joe Ostojá-Starzewski works at FERA, the Food and Environment Research Agency at Sand Hutton, near York. Joe and his colleagues are on the front line, protecting British flora and fauna from infestations of insects. It is an uphill struggle, with so many fruit, vegetables and ornamental plants being imported from all over the world, often bringing pests and diseases with them.

Dozens of containers full of cut flowers arrive at Hull docks EVERY DAY. Although they are being imported from Holland, many were actually grown in China! Then there are fruits from Africa, fuchsias from South America, not to mention the insects which bring themselves to these shores.

Joe gave us a fascinating talk and even brought some samples, including a black widow spider... dead, thankfully!

Future Events

8 December Gardens of London Tony Cleaver

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January NO MEETING

9 February Annual General Meeting & bulb competition .

Gardens & Grounds - Welcome to my World Arnold Parkinson

8 March Medicinal Plants Pam Towler

12 April Gardening for Wildlife Mrs C Vickory

28 April Plant Sale

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Harvest Ho-down

The annual supper and dance held on the evening of Saturday, October 1st in the village hall was another major success although numbers were slightly down on 2010.

This was the fifth such annual charitable event with this year's fund raising, which exceeded £840, being passed to 'Arc Light', a charity helping the homeless in York.

After an enjoyable meal, Brian Watt persuaded the majority of those attending, including a health mix of children, to venture onto the dance floor for a lively spell of Scottish dancing. The support of so many volunteers made light work of the washing up and the final 'clear-up'!

The organisers were most grateful to all those who contributed food for the meal and/or provided valuable assistance on the day.

Roy Leverton

Winter Weather

Be prepared for winter!

The last two severe winters have kept many people trapped in their homes, afraid to venture out for fear of falling.

It's important that everyone is ready for bad weather, and for those that need help, having a good neighbour is also vital. If you can help someone near you, by clearing snow, collecting prescriptions, doing some shopping or simply having a chat, that helps people through bad weather spells.



Residents with special needs such as those on dialysis, with stairlifts or **ventilators, or a chronic illness, need to be on the “priority register”** of the electricity distributor, in case the electric power goes off. Call CE Electric on 0800 169 7602

Snow and Ice

The council will clear main roads but obviously not all roads and pavements. **Please don't be afraid to clear paths and pavements to help everyone; people are responsible themselves for taking care when using cleared paths.** Clear steep paths and steps, especially early on before the snow becomes hard - packed. Sand or ash helps to provide grip underfoot. When you move snow, avoid blocking paths or drains.

If you are keeping warm with an electric blanket, check before use for worn fabric, scorch marks or visible wires. If in doubt, or if the blanket is over 10 years old, you will need to replace it.

Burst pipes, faulty electrics etc

If you need a tradesman, always try to employ one registered with “Trustmark”, or use one recommended by family or friends. Call 01344 630 804 for a trader in your area. Small repair work and safety advice for older and disabled people is available through the Vale and Dale Home Improvement Agency. There is no call-out charge, and rates for work start at £8 for 30 minutes. Contact them on 0845 200 8646.

If you have been the victim of faulty work from tradesmen, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 (Mon-Fri only).

Support for Older People

An emergency response service, that can include weekly or monthly welfare visits, is available in the Hambleton area, 24 hours per day. A lifeline alarm unit linked to the home telephone can be activated automatically, and will contact a centre

where help can be summoned. The staff will assess the situation and organise the most appropriate help. There is a cost for the service but funding may be available for those who qualify. The Hambleton Lifeline no. is 0845 200 7535. In severe weather when transport is affected, an emergency helpline will be activated by the district council. The Hambleton no. will be 0845 1211555.

Other useful tel. nos:

Age UK North Yorks 01609 771624

Benefits Enquiries 0800 882200

Rural Transport and Access Partnership 01609 761206

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This is a summary of the Age UK / Hambleton and Richmondshire Strategic Forum leaflet "Winter Weather".

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History Society: James Jackson and his wife Jane (née Gale) emigrate to America in 1850.

Contact via the History Society website www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk with John Jackson from Iowa, Trevor Gale from County Durham and Gilly Scott from Canberra has revealed that they all link back to George Gale (agricultural labourer, 1798-1875) and his wife Jane (1796-1867). They lived in Husthwaite in one of the tenements once called Passmans Row (demolished) and where the terraced houses **in Elphin View now stand (Stuart Marriott, "Husthwaite House Plots, Village dwelling sites from the early Seventeenth Century to 1841" - see www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk).** All have sought information about their families and have been put in touch with each.

One of the Jackson family emigrated to America in 1850, seeking a better life. The following cutting from 1892 has kindly been submitted by John Jackson about James Jackson, brother of Thomas (who also emigrated to America from Husthwaite six **years later) who was John's great great grandfather. James Jackson and his wife Jane (née Gale from Husthwaite) eventually found peace and happiness becoming well known and respected citizens.** An extract from the obituary for Jane Jackson follows. Any further information about these families would be welcome - please contact Angela Ovenston (868347). Articles in the website will follow in due course.

Record of Ford County, in the state of Illinois 1892

Portrait and biographical record

JAMES JACKSON, a retired farmer now residing in Paxton, is numbered among the early pioneer settlers of the county, who from an early day has been identified with its history, has witnessed its progress and aided in its development. He is therefore well deserving of representation in this volume, and it is with pleasure that we present this sketch to our readers.

Mr. Jackson is a native of England, born August 4, 1822. He is the second in order of birth in a family of four sons whose parents were Thomas and Isabel (Remmer) Jackson, both of whom were natives of Yorkshire, where they spent their entire lives as farming people. James was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, having few advantages of any character, unless it was his unlimited training to work. His education has been mostly acquired since he has arrived at years of maturity.*

In November 1846, in his native country, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Jane A. Gale, also a native of that country and a daughter of George and Jane Gale. For about four years after his marriage Mr Jackson worked as a farm hand by week or day and then determined to try his fortune in America. It was in 1850 that he bade good-bye to his native land and sailed from Liverpool, reaching New York in May of that year, after a pleasant voyage of seven weeks. He then started for the West, going by way of the Hudson River to Albany and by rail to Cleveland and on to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he made his first location. In that vicinity, he worked upon a farm by the month a few years and then bought some lots in Cumminsville, a suburb of Cincinnati, where he built a residence and made his home until 1865. He was appointed sexton of Spring Grove Cemetery and held that

position for three years. He then rented a small farm and engaged in fancy farming and raising vegetables for the Cincinnati market until 1863, when he was taken sick and was an invalid for about two years.

In 1861, Mr. Jackson had visited Illinois and purchased land in Ford County, and in the spring of 1865 he brought his family to the farm which he had previously purchased, it being located about four miles south of Paxton. Although it was then in a poorly improved condition, he placed it under a high state of cultivation, built fences, erected buildings and added all the accessories of a model farm. He continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1889, when he rented the place and removed to Paxton, where he has since resided. He is now living a retired life, enjoying the rest which he has so truly earned. Years of toil and labor at length brought him their reward in the shape of a handsome competence which now enables him to lay aside business cares. Himself and wife are members of the Methodist Church at Paxton and are numbered among its most highly respected citizens. In politics, he is a staunch Republican, having been identified with that party since he cast his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont. He has held a number of local offices of honor and trust, having served as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Ford County for several years and as a member of the School Board for some years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have been born six children^{**}: Ida Belle, wife of John Bickett, a resident of Paxton; John, who is engaged in farming in Crescent, Wash.; George W., a stock dealer of Colorado; Jenny, wife of Ira Blackmer, a resident of Ludlow; William T., who operates the home farm; and Alice Priscilla, wife of John Simons, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Patton Township. This family is well and favourably known throughout the community.

*Thomas was born in Angram/Coxwold and Isabel was born in Carlton Miniott, both within a few years of 1800. They lived in High Kilburn with their son Thomas in 1841, whilst son James was probably working as a farm labourer at Acaster Hill and his future wife Jane Gale was a servant at Oldstead Grange.

** They did in fact have 10 children, 4 of whom died in infancy

Extract from Obituary Paxton Record 18 May 1893

“GONE TO HER REWARD

Mrs Jane Jackson, wife of James Jackson, suddenly summoned.

*Yesterday morning the friends of Mrs. Jackson, who had seen her the evening before in apparently excellent health, were surprised to learn that she had **suddenly died of heart failure at 10 o'clock on Tuesday evening.***

*Their lives have been of the most happy and quiet nature, and the severing of ties which have bound them together for nearly half a century has left desolate indeed the aged partner of her joys and sorrows to whom will go out in full measure the sympathy of their neighbors who have known and esteemed them for so many years. **The funeral, which took place from the M.E. church at 2 o'clock this afternoon, was largely attended.***

Village Hall News

A New Hall Must Offer Something for Everybody

The deadline for the Village Hall Committee's application to the Big Lottery for a grant to build a new hall was the first week in November. We made it!

The Big Lottery made it plain that they weren't interested in hearing about the difficulties of living with our WWI huts, the sagging roofline, the damp, the state of the toilets and the huge electricity bills. No, what they wanted was for us to show that as a community we actually need a new hall. The way we did this was an education to everybody involved.

We learned that Husthwaite is in the top 1% of communities experiencing barriers to housing and services. We got this from the Office of National Statistics and their Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Hang about! Am I telling you that Husthwaite is a deprived area? Husthwaite - with its big **houses, its 4X4s, its primary school and its pub? Yes, that's all true enough. But don't forget the shop is for sale. We have no healthcare** services, post office or facilities for teenagers. For those we have to go **travelling. Not so bad if you have a car, but public transport isn't great,** and a quarter of village people are aged 65+.

Our working parties set off round the village to check up on this stuff, and they came back with plenty of evidence of vulnerable and isolated people. Older members of the community feel the isolation keenly, **especially those who don't drive. A lot of them were sad about their** friends who had had to leave the village, and this was their own greatest fear. Young people told us about being cut off from opportunities. Public transport stops before the evening, so how can they meet up with their friends in town? Older teenagers said that they needed access to training and employment services. They and younger teens asked for access to good quality sports and recreation facilities without the need for travel. Parents of pre-school children wanted supportive social contact, with access to baby clinics and opportunities for themselves to learn. Any

number of national, regional and local studies have been done to show that Husthwaite is far from alone in these needs.

What we have going for us is a willingness by a lot of people to come forward with ideas and to volunteer their services. Some of them are not even prepared to wait for a new hall. They want to get cracking straight-away. **You'll see some of their ideas in other parts of this Newsletter** - the Book Exchange, for example, the Evergreen Club, the school bringing its Christmas party to the village hall. We need to keep our regular events going. We have a good range of societies, which are open to all-comers, but we have to admit that participation in these is uneven. There are people who never get involved.

There's a long way to go with our Lottery application but if we're successful it will be because we've made a strong case for Husthwaite's ability to use a new village hall to face its 21st century challenges for the benefit of everybody.

We wait and see. The Lottery has until 10th **March to decide if they're** inviting us to apply for Stage 3. Then we start thinking about the building.

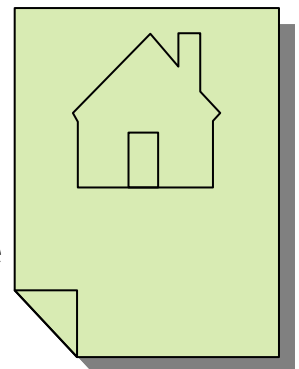
Richard Wood

A New Hall Footnote....

About money and ideas for the building itself.

Replacing the village hall is a surprisingly costly business, once you take into account everything from site clearance onwards. So, our total bid is for £450,000. We have asked the Lottery for £400,000 and undertaken to raise the other £50,000 from other funding agencies.

We've set ourselves a target of raising £5,000 in the village from events and other fund-raising.



We got to the overall cost by working with Native Architects of York, a firm who specialise in designing buildings which have a low impact on the

environment. They did the new prize-winning village hall at Welburn. We aimed for a building of 290m², which is about the same area as the existing hall. From the size, you can calculate a realistic building cost and then add in all the thousand and one other things needed to make it happen. We worked with the architects and got to a figure which has gone into the lottery. For this stage, the architects have given their services free.

It's too early yet to talk about a design for the building and, when (if) we get to that stage, there will be a lot of talking to do to agree what we all want. However, we did do quite a lot of work on thinking about what the new hall should be able to do, much of it based on peoples' responses to the questionnaires and interviews earlier in the year.

Those initial ideas went to the architects and were incorporated in their costings. Basically, we imagined that the village would want a main hall large enough to do all the theatre, music and exhibition events we do now, a smaller room for meetings and courses, a kitchen big enough to feed a hall-full if necessary, an entrance foyer and enough toilets and storage spaces to make the whole thing properly useable. We asked for a flexible building and one that would be low-cost to run. We asked too that it should have as wooden a feel internally as could be achieved. **That has been a key part of the appeal of the old hall and we didn't want to lose it. People told us they didn't want the poor acoustics that come with a characterless, all plaster space.** Finally we asked for a building that would be an asset to the appearance of the village and would set a high standard for economical use of energy.

One last word; even to someone new to the village, it's clear that the village hall has meant a lot to people over the years. It has lots of memories wrapped up in its fabric, going back almost a hundred years. The best way we can honour those memories, I think, is by building something we can be proud of and that shows how much we value the things we do together as a village, not just now but for future generations as well.

Andrew Coulthard

Football Festivities

Middlesbrough versus Hull

26th December (Boxing Day) at the Riverside

3.00pm kick-off

Meet in the Orchard Inn from 12.00 for lunch

Head to the Riverside Stadium at 1.30 for the Boxing Day fixture

Depending on numbers we may need extra transport

Ticket prices: Adults £31; Over 65s £23; under 18s £14 plus booking fee



Contact Will Mowatt (868196) if you are interested in going

Football Challenge

1st January (weather permitting)

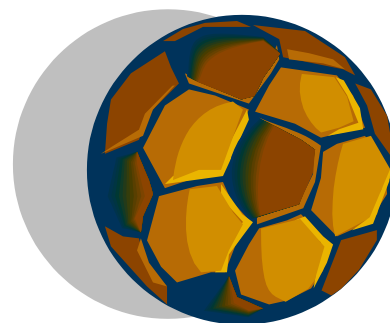
Mowatt Select versus Walker Select

(Based very roughly on High Husthwaite versus Low Husthwaite)

Venue: the MUGA

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Creative Christmas. This year's Christmas Card making session, 'All Glue And Glitter' held in the village hall on Saturday, November 19th from 1-4pm was another stimulating afternoon with mums and children doing their utmost to out-do each other creating original seasonal masterpieces under the watchful eyes of Juliet McDougall and Alison Gambles. Refreshments were available throughout the afternoon ensuring that concentration did not drop. The fact that there was no clearing up to do added to the attraction of the artistic workout. The smiles on the children's faces as they left the hall with their creations was reward enough for the organisers. All proceeds, £65, have been passed to the St. Nicholas Church Fabric Fund.

Roy Leverton

The New Husthwaite Book Exchange

begins on Tuesday 6th December 2011 in the Village Hall
from 10.30am until 12.30



The exchange will be open the first and third **Tuesdays** of every month. Initial dates are:

6thDec, 20thDec, 3rdJan, 17thJan

Light refreshments will be available to buy while you choose your books. **All books are free to borrow.** *Return them next time in exchange for more!*

Please call Jacki 868879(beacon.alpacas@yahoo.co.uk) or Jan 868130 (jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk) if you need help getting to the hall or if you have requests, book donations or suggestions.

We are interested in starting a reading group in 2012 at a mutually convenient time. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

The Book Exchange Comes to Husthwaite

The Book Exchange is starting on Tuesday, December 6th, from 10.30 -12.30 in the village hall.

As you know, the mobile library service has ended, and Easingwold library **is likely to offer a much diminished service. We can't hope to replace the** service completely, but we want to offer a chance for villagers to have access to borrowing books locally.

We won't be a public library (there'll be no fines) and anyone can come and borrow a book, and return it or exchange it for another on the next visit. All the books have been kindly given, and if you have any to offer (paperback sized preferred for storage reasons) bring them along, or ask us to collect them. Do drop in whether or not you have books to exchange - there will be plenty to choose from.

More than just a borrowing facility, it will become, we hope, a friendly social meeting time, so we shall be offering tea/coffee and cakes at low prices to have while you browse or chat with others. If you need transport to get there, please let us know in advance. If you are housebound, and would like a selection of books to choose from, please call Jacki.

The Book Exchange will operate the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Once we get under way, we are hoping to expand into having **children's books on offer as well, and even into story reading sessions for** children in the school holidays.

The Book Exchange is run by volunteers, and if you would like to be involved in helping in any way, with books or refreshments, please let us know.

Jacki Barlow (868879) or Jan Coulthard(868130)

Great North Run 2011



As anticipated, this was a great day and all enjoyed the run along with the other 50,000 other runners. We were also all pleased with our times.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who sponsored us, or gave a donation towards the two local services. £223 was raised for Husthwaite Village Hall who plan to use the money towards something specific. £392 was raised for St Monica's Hospital who plan to put the money towards their newly built Palliative Care rooms.

Catherine Skinner, Susan McClanachan and Angela Banks



Classical Christmas

Friday 9th December 7.30pm

Mark Ostyn Orchestra *plays excerpts from Handel's Messiah*

and Christmas Favourites

3 Course meal by Amanda Humpleby

Ticket only reservations £15 from Breda Wells

01347 868398 or from the village shop.

Please book by 5th December



Husthwaite Orchard Village Co.

is a charitable company run by several volunteers led by Cameron Smith, who for the past few years have undertaken projects with the aim of supporting good causes in Husthwaite. Tree planting, orchard management, apple pressing, and juice and cider bottling are now well established, with sales to local shops, cafes and pubs. We sell village tea towels too to raise funds (see right).

As well as this, the team also has a monthly stall (the first Saturday of each **month**) at **Hovingham market**. **It's enjoyable** meeting the public and selling produce.

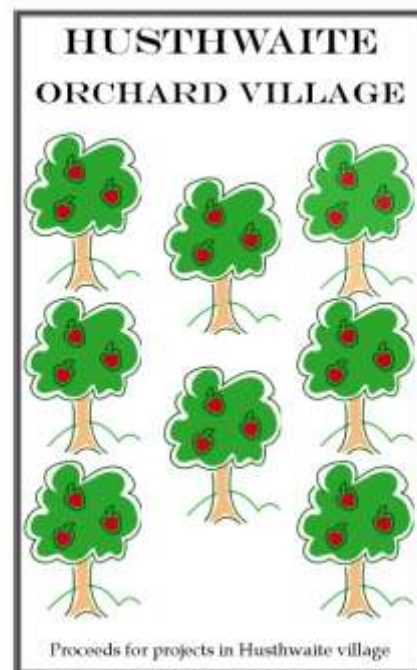
Do come along and visit us and the rest of the excellent stalls there.

We have now started giving some of the funds raised to good causes in the village, usually on a 50/50 basis with the recipients raising money themselves as well. So far, we have given funds to the village Newsletter, **scenery for the drama group, St. Lawrence's Church (towards new doors)**, bookcases for the new Book Exchange and a start-up fund for the Evergreen Club.

If you have a good idea about another village project needing support, please contact Cameron and the committee will consider it. If you want to help with the work of the company, please contact Cameron on 868489.

Please support us at the Husthwaite Christmas Market on Dec. 10th in the Village Hall where we have a stall.

Jan Coulthard (Sec.)



The house- to- house collection and the box in The Orchard in aid of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal raised a record £366.65. A very sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously. The Legion helps ALL veterans and their dependants who may be in need.



John Davies.

New Evergreen Club for Members of the Husthwaite Community

A former member of the Evergreen Club (1975-1992) told me she used to wonder, when she was helping during all those years, who would provide for her, when she was older herself. I was fascinating to be shown all the original books and photos. There may be enough interested people in Husthwaite today to reinstate the Club in 2012, twenty years after it closed. We will need some bright ideas for what people would like to do, since things are very different, these days.

Originally there were fortnightly Tuesday afternoon meetings, when tea and cakes were provided. Dominoes and whist were the favourite entertainments. Occasionally Linda Davison played the piano for **everyone's enjoyment. There were also coffee mornings, outings and** Christmas and birthday parties for the members.

The picture on the right is of Evergreen Club members, gathered on **the occasion of Miss Louie Ward's 90th** birthday in July 1982.

Original member Bunnie Wentworth is keen to help launch the new Evergreen Club with a New Year Lunch Party on 10th January 2012. The Phoenix Choir, including Linda, will provide musical entertainment. Support is promised by fellow villagers Gill Allanson, Anne Dowson and myself, Robin Walton. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome to do so. We are all willing to be part of an ongoing team providing a monthly Evergreen Club event in the Village Hall. Our plan is to meet next year on the first Tuesday of each month at 12.00noon, following on from the Husthwaite Book Exchange, which will begin on 6th December 2011 at 10.30am.

The inaugural meeting of the new Evergreen Club will be on Tuesday 7th February 2012, at 12.00 noon. Together we will formally reinstate the organisation, make suggestions and plan activities and events that members want to take part in, during the coming year. Husthwaite Villagers, former residents, family and friends are all invited to join the new Evergreen Club. Visitors will be made welcome, as always. This promises to be another of our community projects that help us be

happy to live here in Husthwaite.

Transport will be available for those who need a lift, so we hope that many people will want to come and make the new Evergreen as enjoyable, successful and sustainable as it was in the past. The first new members are Ann and John Davies, who already volunteer with the Easingwold and District Community Care Association (EDCCA) Community Car Scheme. Please ring Ann and John (868506) if you need a lift or can offer transport. Easingwold Taxis have also volunteered to help with transport, as a gift. The Orchards of Husthwaite Project has pledged a substantial donation for the start-up fund.

Tickets for the New Year Party will be on sale at Anne and David **Dowson's Village Shop at the cost price of £3.00.** Please ring Bunnie (868 377) or Robin (868 247) with any suggestions, enquiries or offers of help.

Best Wishes and Thank You Husthwaite!

Robin Walton





Evergreen Club

New Year Party

12 noon 10th January 2012

Husthwaite Village Hall

Tickets £3 from the Village Shop