

Husthwaite Newsletter

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John and Joanne Earnshaw are the new owners of the village pub, named once more as the Plum and Partridge, which opens soon. Here they are with their family.

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From the Editor

On the theme “What Next” for this edition, there are a few interesting articles kindly sent in by villagers. Thank you to Brian Clark, Mike Wells and Barney Smith for some forward thinking, plus information about the village hall in the next few months from Lynn Colton and Andrew Coulthard, and church events from John Ovenston. The Village Trust are also looking for ideas from you about future spending on projects for the village.

The good news of the opening of the pub, named once again “The Plum and Partridge” takes us forward to a new opportunity for food and drink in pleasant surroundings, a few steps from home. We wish the new owners the very best, and hope the village and surrounding area support them. There are some summer reading suggestions for book lovers. More please for the next edition.

We have as usual an interesting history society article, from Angela, and an update from the Parish Council with their recent meeting minutes and annual summary.

The school continues to flourish and they kindly sent in photos and articles.

The final articles concerns the Indian Covid situation in relation to the schools which the Brethertons founded some years ago to take care of street and abandoned children in India. The update from Ian is very positive despite the Covid crisis, though one cannot help comparing the lives of our schoolchildren here and those of the poor children in India: to have the two articles in one magazine shows the huge gap in living standards, education and possible life chances between our world and theirs, in the 21st century. Food for thought, and action?

HELP !



The kind people who have delivered your Husthwaite Newsletter to your door have diminished in number because they 3 have moved elsewhere!

If possible, could **you** deliver the Newsletter every 2 months (ie only 6 times a year!) to Low Street or Prospect cottages?

Please tel. me on 868130

**or email jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk
if you are willing to help. Thank you.**

When's the next bus to York?

Asks Brian Clark

Brian Clark is a writer whose poetry this year won The Poetry Society national members' competition. He is also their North Yorkshire representative.

www.poetrysociety.org.uk

Now that we poets have spent lockdown comparing everything in the world to everything else in the world, we'll have nothing left to do. Except the odd Japanese haiku, but

Getting everything
In seventeen syllables
Is very diffic

and I've tried writing some Irish poetry of the sort that goes like

The day mirls and clabbers
In the thick, stony light
And a rook's feathered narling
Astounds salt waves
Over the plush arm of the point.

How odd it's been living a life of continual self-expression, always jotting down little things like a leaf being carried down Elphin Beck and wondering what is to become of me and my abandoned Covid-19 poems.

Shakespeare was never satisfied either. "I know there's a novel in me," he said, just before he died. I've started one. "Chapter One: Moreover"...but moreover is not the best way to start a piece of writing, destined to be rejected by the editor, who never reads more than the first few lines anyway.

Getting published is even harder now, just like it was when there were only a couple of printing presses. Each single copy of the Gutenberg Bible needed the skins of 300 sheep. All in the barn waiting, wondering which one of them would carry the news that the Lord is a shepherd.

As for poetry books, there are many more published than there are people wanting to read them. The other day I went into the bookshop in Thirsk and asked if they had a poetry section. The assistant said I would find it under livestock. Poetry. Books of Poems. I thought you said poultry, she said.

So what next? I'll be thinking about pandemics, terrorism, poverty, war. That and a trip on the 31X should help to keep my mind off things.



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What Next?

We have survived Covid 19, during the strangest year in most of our lives, so as our Editor asks: what next?

Of course, some people have suffered terribly, but as a species, Homo Sapiens have hardly been affected by the pandemic. What's more, our ingenuity fought the virus head-on and developed very effective vaccines, so generally speaking, we can put that nasty little virus behind us and carry on damaging our precious planet Earth. Yes, we are the only species which is living here unsustainably: de-forestation, greenhouse gas emissions, open cast mining, tuna fishing, peat extraction, pesticides, the ivory trade, plastic pollution... the list of damage caused by human beings goes on.

It wasn't so bad two hundred years ago when a few rich Europeans were plundering the earth's resources and burning coal, sometimes just to warm His Lordship's pineapple greenhouse. Now, everyone wants a piece of the action: we are holidaying in far-off places, no-longer satisfied with Scarborough or Blackpool, whilst people in third world countries are getting their first cars, refrigerators or air conditioning. And there are more of us now; improving health and wealth has enabled the human population to increase from one billion in 1800 to 7.7 billion today.

Too many people are ignoring the problems we are causing. OK, we put our yoghurt pots in the blue bin, we have stopped spraying DDT on crops and we are moving over to electric cars, but is it enough to ensure Earth remains a healthy planet for all of us, from the small insects at the bottom of the food chain, to the rhinoceros, the whale and, oh yes, the human?

I regret to say, I am not optimistic. We know we need to make sacrifices, but who is taking the lead? Greta Thunberg? David Attenborough? They are only messengers. What did Donald Trump do, apart from withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement? Why did Xi Jinping's China bring 38.4 gigawatts of new coal-fired power stations into operation in 2020 alone? Where is the long-term leadership to correct our mistakes?

Technology will partially solve our problems with carbon capture, solar and wind power, plastic recycling etc, but we need to do more, much more. We all need to cut back, buy less “stuff”, insulate and heat our homes better, only eat locally-produced food made from plants, stop flying, increase our stock of CO₂ absorbing vegetation from sea grass to forests, and we need to stop the relentless population growth. No democratically-elected government could enforce such drastic change; they would be voted out in the next election. Will the autocratic leadership of the world's most populous country lead the way?

Here's a controversial question: Would Planet Earth benefit if Covid 19 had wiped out half of humanity? Let's not dwell on that one!

Breda and I are trying to reduce our carbon footprint this year by replacing our ancient oil boiler with a ground source heat pump. Largely funded by the Renewable Heat Incentive, it will run on electricity which must be generated in a carbon neutral way if it's to help. Of course, the same is true about electric cars. The government is planning to ban gas boilers from homes built in the future, but can the UK afford this massive switch in energy production, particularly after the economic hit of the pandemic? They are stopping the RHI next year and replacing it with the Clean Heat Grant which will be far less generous. Is this sending the right signal in the year of Glasgow's COP26 climate change conference?

Mike Wells

Katie Fox

4th September 1942 - 20th April 2021

Peter and family would like to thank very sincerely all who in Husthwaite have sent such kind messages of sympathy and support, both during Katie's illness and since the news of her death became more widely known.

Peter hopes that sometime this summer, if permitted, to arrange a reception in memory of Katie at the Old Vicarage. All will be welcome. Further details to follow.

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Four in a Bed

In August 2020 I was approached by Channel 4 and asked if I wanted to appear on the long-running series Four in a Bed. I had been asked a couple of times in the past but having seen the odd episode I flat-out refused to participate, LOL! But this time, and after having only just finished recording a piece for ITV's This Morning, thought - why not! I had the taste for it! I had heard that the Fauconberg in Coxwold were doing it so I thought if they were doing it then we might end up on the same episode! We didn't!

Filming took place over two weeks at the end of September. I visited Edinburgh, County Durham, and Hull. I have done quite a bit of TV work in the past but this was very different. It is not scripted but it may as well have been! The crew very cleverly persuade you to say things that do not seem particularly controversial at the time but once the post-production team/editors have played around with the tape....what you see on the silver screen is very different and taken very much out of context! But hey, it has to be entertaining doesn't it otherwise what is the point!

The "attention" I received (not just as a business but personally as well) was quite phenomenal! Some comments cannot be written down here(!). My website "trended" as traffic increased by over 1000% and I even picked up a couple of stalkers! Hahah. I still today receive emails and comments on social media.

It is hard to say how much of an affect featuring Baxby Manor had on my business. The episodes went out W/C March 29th by which time The Hideaway and Rufus' Roost were already pretty much fully booked for 2021 (and most of 2022!) so I didn't pick up a huge amount of business from it. I definitely picked up some but

not as many as I would have done if the episodes had aired earlier in the year, pre the government announcement made on February 22nd and the roadmap out of lockdown was revealed.

It was one of the most intense two weeks I have ever experienced! They were LONG days and psychologically exhausting!

In other news!

The Hideaway has a new food and drinks outlet!

Liza-Jane, the vintage caravan serving coffees and pastries etc is no longer with us but we have a new purpose-built “shack” (currently name-less, although it may become simply ‘The Shack@Baxby’!) “The Shack” will be run by Hilary from Sutton on the Forest. Some of you may already know her; she has Daisy’s tearooms at Sutton Park. “Hilly” will be open EVERY Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8am until 11am during term time and EVERY DAY during May half term (first week in June), and for the six weeks of the summer holidays. This will be starting Thursday 27th May until October 3rd. Hilly will also be doing takeaway Pizzas EVERY Friday evening from around 4pm until 8pm. She will also be offering many other delights such as packed lunches, breakfast baskets, themed evenings and perhaps the odd barrel of beer and cocktail nights!

It is all a bit of a mad rush right now to get everything ready for opening so we will send out an email soon with more details on The Shack on what will be on offer so keep an eye on your inbox for this.

The PUB!

Last week I met John, new owner of the Plum and Partridge!

John with his partner Joanne have purchased the pub and are very keen to make it a welcoming place for locals and visitors alike. They intend to offer a Gastro-style menu including proper pub grub such as Fish and chips, Steak Pie, etc They also intend to offer local hand-pulled cask ales.

John told me that they had hoped to be open by now but they have spent the last three weeks scrubbing the place clean and ridding it of grease and fat! They hope to be open early June and are very keen to engage with the local community.

Baxby Manor and the Plum and Partridge will be working together to incentivise visitors to use the pub. They are also going to be a dog-friendly pub!

It all sounds very promising and just what Husthwaite needs. I wish them all the best in their new venture and hope they have many successful years here in Husthwaite!

Barney Smith, The Hideaway

Husthwaite Local History Society

Farming in the blood - the Houlston family, millwrights to farmers

Twenty five years ago Allan Houlston and Norman Wetherill (related by marriage) spent a lot of time looking at church records of BMDs and censuses producing a superb tree with many branches on it, starting with Adam Houleston, a millwright from Helmsley 1745-1821. Now, with more info obtainable on line, more can be revealed about this family who generally became farmers and often married daughters of farmers. From the mid 18th C to the mid 19th C, the spelling of the name ranged from Oxton, Howleton, Houleston, Howlston to finally Houlston. This article only refers to those who still live locally, most of whom were farmers.

Adam married Margaret Chapman from Hutton Rudby in 1777 at Rudby Church. Their children born at Gt Ayton were given a non conformist, probably Methodist, baptism. Their first child Mary, died unmarried aged 70 at Byland. Their last child Jane was born in 1785. Their son Adam born 1780 from whom all the local families are descended, married Mary Sunley from Helmsley in 1802 at Helmsley; in 1841 Adam was an agricultural labourer at Potter Gate and by 1851 had become a millwright. Their son William also became a millwright but by 1841 he had moved to Scawton Park, Helmsley to farm over 140 acres. At Scawton, he married a widow, Elizabeth Smith born at Rievaulx, and by 1861, his wife had died and Sarah, probably the daughter of his younger brother Adam, was his house servant.

William and Elizabeth had three children; their son Andrew Job took over the farm at Scawton Park and married Elizabeth Bulmer, daughter of a farmer on the Duncombe Estate. Their youngest son William married Anna Kirby from Thornflat Farm, East Harlsey, daughter of Leonard, a farmer. William farmed at Moor House, Scawton Park. However the family moved to Coxwold in 1893, leaving their oldest son William Leonard to take over the farm at Scawton. All seven of their sons became farmers. Sadly, their first daughter Elizabeth died at the age of six, whilst the other daughter Hannah married a farmer.

In 1893 Robert, their second son, moved with his parents and brothers to Station farm, Newburgh. In 1905, he married Edith Deighton at Coxwold, daughter of a tailor from Newburgh; they had three children and by the 1911 census, after his father's death,

Robert became head of the household. Their son John William married Laura Mildred Hardcastle, another farmer's daughter from Coxwold. In 1939 they were farming at Whincover Farm, Oulston and in 1957 moved to Newburgh Grange when their oldest son Gordon, born in 1929, took over at Whincover. Gordon later farmed at High Leys Farm, between Husthwaite and Coxwold. Gordon's son Philip still farms there whilst his brother Nigel farms at the Old Woodyard in Husthwaite.

John William and Laura had another son Harry born 1915 who also followed the farming life. Harry married Hilda Dedman who in 1939 was a servant for Arthur Deighton, the grocer at Coxwold. They took over Station Farm, Coxwold in 1943. Harry's son William Allan married Alice Binks, lives locally and spent much time researching the Houlston family tree. Allan and his brother Peter farmed at New Pilfit Farm, Newburgh. This 181-acre mixed livestock and arable unit was purchased by their father Harry in 1962 when it formed part of the Newburgh Priory Estate. The farm is now occupied by Selina Scott, once a TV news presenter and journalist, who runs a herd of pedigree angora goats there to produce wool for her business. Allan has retired and Peter now farms with his wife Audrey at Brookfield, Oldstead.

Job, William and Anna's third son born 1873 also helped farm at Moor House, Scawton; he married Annie Robinson, again a daughter of a farmer, born at Burneston and in 1911 Job farmed at Ruddings Farm, Cowesby; In 1939 he was farmer at Nova Scotia, South Kilvington; his son Francis William Leonard had a child Audrey born 1934 who married Norman Wetherill in 1954; Norman was co-compiler of the family tree.

By 1911, William and Anna's son John farmed at Cams Head, Byland Abbey and Herbert, the youngest brother at Little Barugh, Sinnington, eventually moving to Hope Cottage at Oulston [further details and photos can be found in "Uluestun to Oulston - a Village History" c2000].

Herbert married Ada Mary Chapman from Hawnby, at Old Byland in 1927. Herbert lived in Oulston for his last 74 years, bringing his wife and five sons to Manor House Farm in 1921, having moved from Yarm. William Garbutt, Albert and Francis Herbert (Frank) became

farmers at Crayke, Oulston and Killinghall. Son George Edwin was a horseman at Oulston and his son Raymond farmed at Manor Farm Oulston. Their fifth son Harold in 1939 was a tractor driver at Hope Cottage, Oulston and later farmed at Highborne Farm Husthwaite. In 1946 Harold married Elizabeth Pickup, a staunch Methodist he is listed as a trustee of the Chapel in Husthwaite. His second son Robin still lives with his family at Highborne Farm. There was an Insurance Cow Club formed in Oulston.... *“The cow keepers of Oulston do hereby agree to raise a Fund for the purpose of aiding and assisting each other in case anyone lose a Cow, and also solicit the assistance of any well disposed person, who may think fit to contribute to the same”*. Entries in the Cow Club Book for 1941 show Herbert (from Manor House Farm) to be the last recorded Pasture Master.

Kirby Houlston, another son of William and Anna farmed at Great Barugh, Kirby Misperton, married Sarah Ward and produced two sons. The younger of their two sons, Walter took over at Northfield Farm and in the book “Conversations with Ryedale Farmers” (1997, Jolyon Press, Pickering) he reminisces about changes in farming practice and the importance of the arrival of the railway and introduction of tractors.

Adam, son of Adam Houlston, the shoemaker and sexton of Helmsley and Elizabeth had their youngest son Job in 1850 who in 1881 was head groom and huntsman at the Stable and Coach Houses, Duncombe Park, Helmsley and in 1901 and 1911 lived at Castle Gate in the town with his wife and children. They had six children, but sadly their first son Harry was killed in WWI. His second son Arthur was a groom at Helmsley and by 1911 was a groom at the stable at Highborne when Rhodes Hebblethwaite lived there. Coincidentally, many years later Harold Houlston, also descended from Adam the millwright born 1780, came to live at Highborne Farm in 1946.

Angela Ovenston, Robin and Allan Houlston families

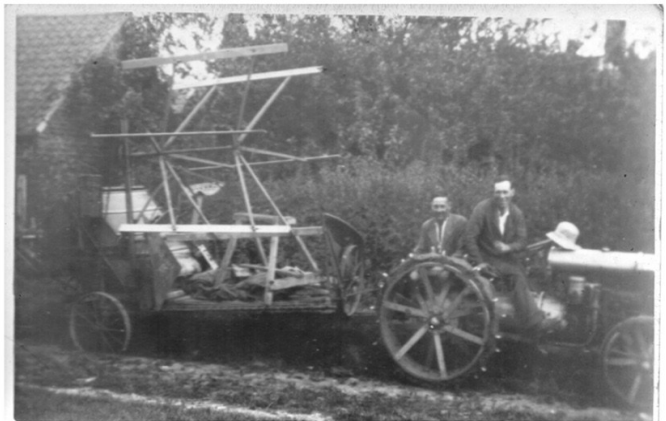
Photos from the Husthwaite line are shown here. Additional information including more photos from Allan Houlston will be available in an article on www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk and the gallery. BMDs and other detailed info about many more of the family is available from Angela (aovenston@btinternet.com)



Family Photo 1919. Herbert and Ada Houlston with sons, William b1903, Albert b1904, Frank b1908, Edwin b1911 and Harold b1918 – all became farmers



Herbert and son Harold. Manor house farm, Oulston



Harold and Edwin with a Binder



Harold and Betty with sons Keith and baby Robin 1952

The Village Pub is back!

We just wanted to introduce ourselves to the village. We have purchased the Plum and Partridge recently ago and are currently working as quickly as we can to get the premises ready for customers.

Our vision for the Plum and Partridge is to create a warm and inviting village inn. We are in the process of a deep clean and also adding things that have been missing recently, like local cask ales. We are looking to create a menu of extremely good quality and consistent competitively priced gastro- pub food, including many favourites, and obviously the all important Sunday lunch! We are going to work really hard to create a warm, welcoming village inn for everyone but we are not looking at high end fine dining.

Joanna and I live in Kirkby Overblow and have 4 children (who are going to have to develop a strong work ethic) so although we won't be living full time in the village, we expect to be there most days and we would really like to get know everybody and support local events. We would also like to where possible recruit from the village and surrounding areas. We are looking for a number of employees at the moment, from waiting staff, housing keeping, cleaning services, bar staff. In addition to this we would also like to showcase local suppliers where possible, so hopefully as we get to know the community we can look into this more.

Our aim was to open in time for the bank holidays in May but there is still quite a lot to do and it looks more likely that we will be open for drinks and accommodation the weekend of the 11th / 12th June and then food from the 21st / 22nd ,when our head chef joins us. We would also like to invite the village in the evening prior to opening for a glass of Prosecco or wine and a few nibbles to introduce ourselves to you all. I will let you have a date as soon as I can.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the village back safely to the pub for drinks, food, coffees and pastries after such a long lock down!!

John and Joanna Earnshaw



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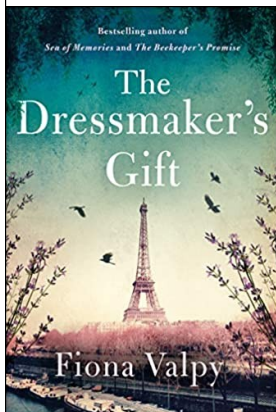
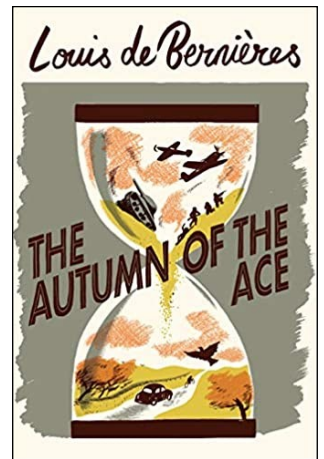
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Something to read!

The Autumn of the Ace by Louis de Bernières

Daniel, an RAF fighter in WW1 and a spy in WW2, faces conflicts closer to home, with fractured relationships. Looking for new perspectives, he goes to India then Canada, and tries to reconnect with his son. The novel is moving and interesting, and reflects the effect of two world wars on a generation of people and their children.



The Dressmaker's Gift by Fiona Valpy tells the story of 3 young seamstresses in a Paris fashion house during WW2, under Nazi occupation. From a later generation Claire tries to connect with her grandmother's story, and that of other women from the SOE, discovering the family history in Europe's darkest era. An interesting novel based on real events.

Jan Coulthard

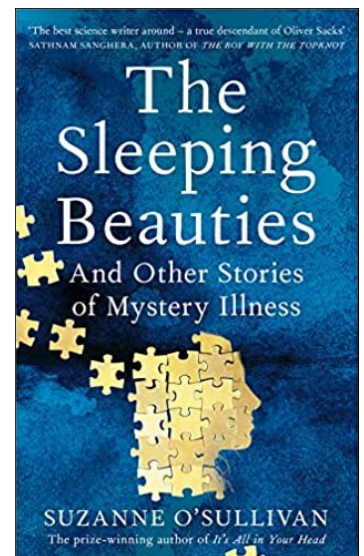
The Sleeping Beauties by Suzanne O'Sullivan (Picador 2021)

In Sweden, some refugee children had been in a coma-like sleep for more than a year, for no obvious reason. In Cuba, senior US diplomats fell ill and believed that it was caused by a new sonic weapon. In Kazakhstan, Colombia, Nicaragua and many other places, people fell ill with serious symptoms, and there are plenty of theories, but nothing convincing.

Suzanne O'Sullivan is a neurologist with the NHS. I heard her on Radio 4's Start The Week talking about her new book. She was fascinated by these mysterious illnesses and travelled the world to investigate. She met the patients and documented their stories.

It's a fascinating, gripping true story about the immense power our brains have to create symptoms of illness which are very real but have no obvious medical reason to be there. Digging deeper finds causes like national trauma for refugees or decades of oppression for Colombian women.

What our communities tell us to believe, or the injustices we suffer, or the things that make us worry.....all of them can show up in us as real illness. It's not well understood yet but strikingly powerful. A book that makes you think hard about what drives illness and how we define and treat it.



Andrew Coulthard

A Short History of the World According to Sheep

By Sally Coulthard

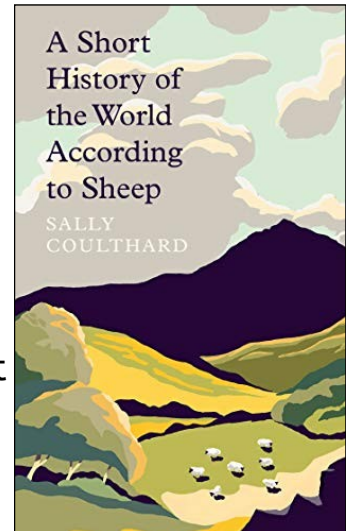
This remarkable book has an unusual title but has the potential to become a Classic.

It is easy and a pleasure to read due to the style of writing and the astonishing research Sally has carried out in width and depth. The many real-life anecdotes and pictures make it compelling and it opened my eyes on the importance of sheep.

It shows how sheep have played a fundamental role in the development of mankind across the world from Neolithic times to the present day and their importance in providing essentials and great wealth from their wool, meat and by-products.

This book provides a completely different perspective on the history of this country over two millennia and sits firmly as a great contribution to Education, as well as being entertaining and informative.

Barbara Murray



PARISH CLERK VACANCY

The Parish Council are looking for a new Clerk. The applicant will be expected to deal with the day-to-day administration of the Council so must have excellent communication skills, be computer literate and able to work from home.

In addition, the Clerk must be willing to attend the evening meetings of Husthwaite Parish Council (usually held bi-monthly in the Village Hall) to take the minutes. The job is not onerous and the meetings quite informal, so if you are interested or would like to find out more (including the salary) before committing yourself, please contact us at husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Husthwaite Parish Council

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL & APPLE TREE NURSERY

Part of the Husthwaite & Sessay CE Primary Federation

School life is back in full swing and everyone is enjoying their learning across the whole curriculum.

Class 1 have studied 'Space Explorers' where they have really loved learning about significant astronauts such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. Their book 'Bob Man on the Moon' has helped them to write their own questions on what they would like to know about his visit to space and they have their very own spaceship in their classroom! The Nursery children enjoyed their storybook "Aliens Love Underpants" and had fun creating their own aliens! An educational visit to Duncombe Park's countryside day has been booked and there is great excitement for many of our younger pupils as this will be their first ever school trip.



Class 2's topic of 'Water, Water, Everywhere' included the study of rivers, mountains, the water cycle and coastal areas of the UK. They have learnt about the effects of waste washed up on our shorelines which has helped them to draft letters to supermarkets about single use plastic and the effects on marine life and humans. It is lovely to see such young people with strong opinions on the importance on how we need to look after our beautiful world for future generations. Linked to their topic, Class 2 visited the Hideaway to study Ings Beck. They learnt where the source of the Ings beck started, how it flowed to the sea and explored the wildlife that live in and around the beck area by carrying out pond dipping activities. (See back cover)

Class 3 have well and truly moved into the digital world of education and have embraced using the school's new suite of Chromebooks. Mr Chapman, class teacher, remarked "this new technology not only permits fast connectivity to learning, but adds new and exciting tools to traditional teaching methods for a

blended approach in delivering children's education, reaching out and catering for different learning styles. Further to this, a couple of the greatest benefits from the new technology has been live editing in the classroom for written work and quick access to research tools for the enquiring minds in the class". The Children have loved the new technology commenting, "small and portable," "personalized," "fast!" as well as "easy and quick."



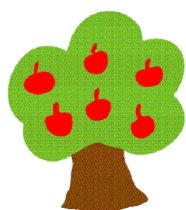
Forest Schools continue and the summer term sees the school's amazing grounds at their very best. All children enjoy the opportunity to learn new skills and crafts outdoors offering them hands-on experiences where all children can further develop their confidence, self-esteem, and resilience. Class 1 recently enjoyed making wild garlic soup. Children gathered their wild garlic leaves and boiled them with onions and a stock cube on their Trangia. It was unanimously described as delicious with some children wanting second helpings! Class 3 were taught how to measure heights of trees using different techniques. First, they were asked to estimate the height of trees using a ratio of shadows between their legs. They then learnt how a clinometer can measure trees more accurately before making their own clinometer and recording the difference between their estimated measurements and the more accurate clinometer method.

We are delighted to have finished the refurbishment of our outdoor Early Years Foundation Stage area. A large new covered provision area with new and exciting resources, will allow children to have outdoor learning all year round without the threat of rain looming over them! The large grassed outdoor area has also had a

revamp with a new mud kitchen - 'Gruffalo Grill', willow stage, an outdoor writing and number hut as well as lots of beautiful open space to learn and explore!



The refurbished outdoor Early Years Foundation Stage area.



The Apple Tree Nursery are holding an open morning for parents of nursery age children (3 years upwards) on Thursday 17th June from 9.30am-11.30am. Please phone the school office to book your place 01347 868371 or visit our website for more information www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

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Village Hall Update

Well, what a year it's been. A very different, difficult year. Whichever way you describe it, I think we are all looking forward to getting back to some kind of normal, and we hope that will include welcoming you back to the village hall.

At the moment the rules for opening the hall are very stringent, so we are holding off until we receive further information of the stage 4 rules and regulations, which will come into effect on 21st June.

As always, our prime concerns will be to run events that benefit the members of our community in a safe and well organised environment. It may be that this is initially smaller events with additional time allowed between events to facilitate cleaning requirements. Please be assured that we will at all times adhere to the most up to date Government guidelines.

Summer is usually a quiet time at the hall and will be again this year but, Government guidelines willing, we will be back with a bang in the autumn and we are looking forward to inviting new and old members of the community to join us.

If you have any ideas for new events or if you would like to hire the hall for a private event, please contact Sheila Mowatt on 01347 868196. In addition, for our regular groups who hire the hall and are thinking about starting up again, we are happy to discuss when and how you would like to restart your courses. Please contact Sheila directly to discuss your requirements if you haven't already.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 01347 868092.

Lynn Colton

Minutes of the remote meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 (Draft)

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), J. Don (JD), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), R. Alexander (RA). **Also in Attendance:** P Hewitson

Apologies: J. Law (working), District Councillor J. Mortimer.

Declarations of Interest: None.

Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the extraordinary meetings and the last parish council meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

25 Year Environmental Plan: As JL was not in attendance, no update was available.

Community Right to bid on Husthwaite pub: It has been confirmed that the Plum & Partridge is under new management and is hoping to open in May/June after minor works are completed.

Village Green: The recycled plastic fence post has now been installed and Jeremy Walker has kindly turfed the area around the tree support base at no cost to the PC, so the trip hazard is now removed. As it was not considered possible to erect a signpost at this location, ES offered to research adding an extra finger to the existing signpost for the Village Hall.

Position of Clerk to Husthwaite Parish Council: There has been no interest shown to date, so CF will ask for the position to be re-advertised in the June/July newsletter.

HDC Making a Difference Grant: Our application for funding was considered by elected members who agreed to award £2192 towards the cleaning and repainting of the Multi Use Games Area. As all projects must be completed by 30 April 2022, it was agreed to accept the quote from Pavescape Sports Surfaces and ask them to undertake the work at their earliest convenience.

Bier House Roof: Farm & Land Services have removed most of the problematic ivy from the Bier House but unfortunately the builder who inspected the roof has not yet submitted a price for the remedial works. CC managed to

obtain an estimate from Grant Roofing but, due to the costs involved, at least one other quote is required.

Elphin View Traffic Issues: The Area 2 Project Engineer has informed us that the site does not meet the criteria for the provision of new signage but has confirmed there is no problem with the Parish Council providing their own sign. It was therefore agreed to purchase a No Through Road / No Turning Beyond This Point sign which can be erected near to the Elphin View street-sign.

Matters that have arisen between meetings:

New Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020: NALC have endorsed this new code but have recommended that councillors undertake training in the new model before formal adoption, therefore the PC will wait until YLCA provide training sessions.

Husthwaite Community Hub CIC: JL has submitted the required Confirmation Statement for Husthwaite Community Hub CIC and paid the annual £15 fee to extend the registration.

Migratory route of toads on Malton Street: A concerned resident contacted the PC about erecting signs to slow traffic at night near to The Old Lodge on Malton Street. As this migratory route for toads is located in the AONB, the PC will forward the request to Paul Jackson who will be most likely to assist.

'Please take your litter home' signs: The HDC Waste & Street Scene Manager offered these signs to display on land adjacent to roads where they can be seen by passing motorists but, after discussion, the PC decided not to add unnecessary signage to the countryside.

Planning Matters: Can be viewed on the PC website

Finance Report: Can be viewed on the PC website

Annual Governance Statement 2020/21: The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted, and the Annual Governance Statement was agreed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.

Accounting Statements 2020/21: The Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances and Bank Reconciliation were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

Certification of Exemption from External Audit 2020/21: As Husthwaite Parish Council is classed as a smaller authority with a gross annual income and expenditure under £25,000 and we meet the qualifying criteria set out in the Certificate of Exemption, it was agreed that there is no requirement for us to have a limited assurance review.

Approval of Publication of Documents required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations: It was confirmed that the Certificate of Exemption, Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, Explanation of Variances, Bank Reconciliation and Notice of Public Rights will be published on the Parish Council section of Husthwaite website as required. The Exercise of Public Rights will take place between Monday 7th June and Friday 16th July 2021.

Circulated Items that may be of interest to the Council: None

Reports from Council Representatives:

Easingwold & Villages Forum: Nothing to report.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The last meeting was cancelled due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Highways: There has been another serious accident at the A19/C96 junction so NYCC Highways will be informed. The PC will request a visit from the gulley sucker and report potholes in Low Street and adjacent to the bus shelter in High Street.

Neighbourhood Watch: A new Neighbourhood Alert messaging service is now in operation.

Public Footpaths: No update on requested works has been received from NYCC paths.

Recreation Area: Farm & Land Services have cut back the brash from around the edge of the area as requested. The recent Annual Inspection highlighted the beginnings of rot in the Basket Swing uprights as a moderate risk so CF will request quotes to replace the parts.

Street Lighting: A new streetlight has been erected next to column number 17 in Highborne Lane and is now awaiting connection by the electricity board.

Village Hall: The Village Hall will remain closed until the 21st June. The new defibrillator pads have now been installed and the PAD is serviceable.

YLCA: The next meeting will take place remotely on Wednesday 16th June 2021.

Reports from County & District Councillors: As no Councillors were in attendance, no reports were given.

Date & Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st July 2021 in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR MAY 2019 - APRIL 2021

Following the elections in May 2019, we had a full complement of Parish Councillors so, after signing our Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms, the areas of responsibility within the council were assigned as follows: -

Craig Colton - Risk Assessor

Peter Fox - Easingwold & Villages Forum

John Law - Public Footpaths

Barney Smith - Communications.

Elaine Smith - Vice-chair.

Carol Fenwick - Beckwith Trust, Neighbourhood Watch & Police Liaison, Recreation Area, Risk Assessor, Street Lighting, Village Hall Representative and Chair.

In addition, it was agreed that Councillors would attend Parish Liaison and YLCA meetings in rotation and highways issues would be reported by everyone on the NYCC Highway Maintenance Parish Portal.

During the bi-monthly meeting that followed Councillors reviewed Husthwaite Parish Council policies and, after careful consideration, accepted tenders from M Barker for new cemetery gates and Farm & Land Services for works to the lime tree on the Village Green. It was reported that a serious accident had occurred at the A19 / C96 junction and we agreed to urge NYCC Highways to install a right-hand turn lane. Other items discussed were the takeover of the 31X Bus Service by Reliance Motor Services, the opening of a Tomahawk Steakhouse in the village, the completion of remedial works to the deep gulley near to Acaster bridge and the annual inspection of the Recreation Area (which highlighted the need to replace some degrading timbers). The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were also unanimously approved and, as our income and expenditure were under £25,000, the PC qualified for a Certificate of Exemption from audit.

Before the next meeting, I attended a very educational Community Banking Talk in the village hall which was jointly organized by the PC & Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch. Then at the July meeting Peter informed us that the Government Inspector had reopened the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan for further consultation. It was also noted that NYCC Highways had offered to make low cost signage and lining improvements at the A19/C96 junction, Reliance Motor Services had acknowledged

our request to reinstate a later bus service, the posts at the corners of the Village Green had been repainted and a visit to Allerton Waste Recovery Park had been offered to interested persons. The Kendrew Green cutting regime, Public Access Defibrillator maintenance, an alleged breach of planning control at the Tomahawk, VE Day celebrations and the setting up of a volunteer group to undertake improvements to Public Footpaths were also discussed.

At the September meeting it was reported that the Glover Report had recommended that there should be no fracking wells within National Parks or Areas of Natural Beauty. In addition, Coxwold PC had verified their support for improvements to Bus Service 31X, NYCC Highways had surveyed the Wych Elm trees on Kendrew Green and John had written a draft environmental plan to be circulated with the newsletter. Councillors agreed to make a donation towards plants for the new Village Planters and authorized the purchase of a new battery and set of pads for the Public Access Defibrillator. Other items discussed were the Hambleton Local Plan, blocked drains on Kays Bank, the creation of a local Public Footpath booklet and the replacement of timbers in the Adventure Play Area.

Before the November meeting Craig and I attended a YLCA meeting, where Deborah Flowers gave a presentation on Speed Management Protocol and Drainage systems, Peter and I both took part in the Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church and the new Cemetery gates were in situ and looking fantastic. At the Parish Council meeting later that month, Peter reported on the suspension of fracking after earthquake incidents in the UK and confirmed that the Government Inspector had approved a 500m frack-free zone around residential and sensitive sites. The PC were disappointed to be informed that the risk performance data for the A19/C96 junction did not meet NYCC intervention levels and also noted the completion of the C96 road resurfacing. The change of guardianship details and fitting of a new battery to the Public Access Defibrillator, YLCA website accessibility training, broken street signs, the pothole adjacent to the bus shelter in High Street and the completion of works at the Recreation Area by Image Playgrounds were also discussed. The PC agreed to increase the Cemetery Charges and, as this is also the meeting at which we set the precept for the following year, it was unanimously decided to maintain a precept of £7500, allowing for expenditure on the Village Newsletter, Cemetery extension and village improvements, as well as regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area upkeep.

At the meeting in January it was reported that the owner of the village pub had expressed an intention to dispose of the asset on the open market and Councillors supported the formation of a Community Interest Group who could be treated as a

potential bidder for the property. It was noted that A19/C96 junction collision data had been received from NYCC, the grass triangle adjacent to Kendrew Green had been repaired, a new street name sign had been installed at the top of The Nookin and the gulley sucker had unblocked the drains on Kays Bank. Councillors voted to extend the grass cutting contract with Farm & Land Services for a further two years and rejected the offer from Howardian Hills AONB to restore village name signs. Other items discussed were support for the village website, a suspicious incident at St Nicholas Church, the development of a community woodland project and wildflower planting on verges.

Before the meeting in March a newly formed Community Interest Group, which included some Councillors, had created an online survey and hosted an open meeting to gauge villager's interest in a community pub. Then, members of Church Fenton Parish Council attended the PC meeting to explain how they purchased both their village pub and shop with a low interest loan from the Public Works Loan Board. We were also joined by Dr Iredale and Rev Hassall who wanted to discuss a unified approach to offering assistance to those isolating due to the Covid-19 virus. After some discussion, it was agreed that the PC would circulate a flyer to every house in the village listing the contact details of Councillors willing to help and Craig volunteered to co-ordinate responses. The Council regrettably accepted Peter Fox's resignation and asked that he be thanked for all his hard work over the last seven years, especially his investigations into fracking and his participation on the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group, and also agreed to amend the Parish Council bank mandate. It was noted that photographic evidence of yet another accident at the A19/C96 junction had been sent to NYCC Highways and a quote from Farm & Land Services for tree works in the Cemetery and the cutting back of vegetation around the Recreation Area perimeter was accepted. In addition, the creation of a wildflower meadow in the Recreation Area, Kendrew Green trees, the installation of a security system at St Nicholas Church and developer contributions for education were discussed.

Due to the Coronavirus lockdown, last year's Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled and Councillors agreed to continue with their assigned responsibilities for a further year.

July 2020 saw us meet remotely for the first time after new regulations were temporarily approved by Government and, unfortunately, we noted that no response had been received from the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick regarding our request for support in applying for a loan to purchase₃₁ the village pub. It was reported that the work of the Covid 19 Action Group had been much appreciated by villagers, the

Gibbet Hill PROW sign had been replaced, the banking on High Street adjacent to East View had been reinstated and Police had raided a property on The Nookin following suspicious activity. Other items discussed were the wildflower survey in the Recreation Area, the advertisement of the vacant Councillors position, the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund, the Village Hall storage extension and complaints regarding parking in Low Street. The Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements were unanimously approved and, as our income and expenditure were under £25,000, the PC qualified for a Certificate of Exemption from audit again.

At the meeting in September, it was reported that all applications for Public Works Loan Board funding must firstly be approved by the Yorkshire Local Councils Association and Councillors encouraged the Community Interest Group to produce a full business case in preparation. Only one expression of interest for the Parish Councillor vacancy had been received so Ray Alexander was co-opted by majority vote. Craig produced an Accessibility Statement for Husthwaite Parish Council which was then uploaded onto the village website and John reported that volunteers had raked off the grass cuttings from the wildflower meadow. The continuation of village assistance over the winter months, a single unitary council for North Yorkshire, parking in Low Street, filming in the village and an upgrade to fibre broadband was also discussed.

Before the November meeting our new Councillor had signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and Jan, our Clerk of five years, had unfortunately tendered her resignation. Councillors expressed their gratitude for all her hard work and the Chair offered to undertake the Clerk's duties until a replacement could be found. We were informed that Openreach had received our application to upgrade but, due to the excessive costs involved to connect us with the nearest fibre highway, it was unlikely to be approved. Another item discussed was the erection of a Village Christmas Tree which the Village Trust had agreed to part fund. This is also the meeting at which we have the dubious pleasure of setting the precept for the following year, it was unanimously agreed to maintain the precept at £7500, allowing for expenditure on the Newsletter, Cemetery extension and village improvements, as well as regular expenditure for grass cutting, insurance, Clerks wages and Recreation Area upkeep.

At the January meeting it was reported that the Village Christmas Tree idea had been a resounding success and a real team effort. In addition, Christies had confirmed that a bid had been made on the village pub and the YLCA Good Councillors Guide to Community Business had been received. The Husthwaite Community Support Group had offered to co-ordinate volunteer transport to vaccination hubs for those without transport and the PC agreed to submit an application to HDC Making a

Difference Fund for repainting the MUGA surface. The replacement of a rotten post with a recycled fence post at the Village Green, creation of an area for Cremation Plots in the cemetery, vandalism to the school and recreation area boundary and refilling of grit bins were also discussed.

During February I attended a YLCA meeting, where we heard presentations from the NYCC Resilience & Emergencies Team and Ready for Anything Volunteer Scheme, and the PC held two extraordinary meetings to discuss a response to the planning applications for OS Field 8464 on Highthorne Lane.

Then, at the meeting in March, we were informed that the pub was under new ownership, our application to HDC Making a Difference Fund had been submitted to the panel for consideration, an area had been marked out in the Cemetery for Cremation Plots, a quote had been received from Pavescape Sports Services for repainting the MUGA surface and damage to Kendrew Green railings had been repaired. A builder had inspected the Bier House roof but no quote had been received and Councillors agreed to request other tenders for the work. Other items discussed were Elphin View Traffic issues, the advertisement of the Clerks position and the Community Champions initiative.

During the last two years we have been asked to comment on 35 planning applications, ranging from works to trees to the construction of new dwellings. The Parish Council objected to one of these applications and requested conditions be placed on a number of others with Hambleton District Council approving thirty, refusing one and still considering the others.

Over the past two years Councillors have attended meetings of the Beckwith Trust, Easingwold & Villages Forum, Husthwaite Village Hall and Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and we have hopefully kept parishioners aware of the activities in which we have been involved with regular articles in the Husthwaite Newsletter.

I would like to end my report, as usual, by thanking my fellow councillors for their hard work over the last year. In addition, I am sure they will join me in expressing our gratitude to the many volunteers in our village who offered to support those in our community who were vulnerable and isolating during the last year. The kindness shown to your fellow parishioners was absolutely amazing and your willingness to help those in need was truly outstanding and we thank you all for everything you have contributed.

Carol Fenwick

The village's pot of money

More about Husthwaite Village Trust

People who have newly come to Husthwaite will be glad to hear that we have a village fund specially to support community activities here.

It came about when the very successful Orchard Project in Husthwaite developed from a community enterprise to become a private business. Cameron Smith, who was the driving force from the beginning, bought out the cider and juice making assets. The money paid was used to set up a community fund as a registered charity.....Husthwaite Village Trust.

Since then, money from the fund has supported (amongst other things) drama in the village, craft courses, activities for older people, sport, village flowerbeds and the village Newsletter. Anything in fact which makes life in the village area a bit better.

We're coming out of really difficult period when community activities which brought people together stopped altogether. The village hall will be opening up later in the year. There are details of events to come in this Newsletter. It looks like a good return to normal.....fingers crossed.

So, if you've been thinking about making something happen in the village, if you have the bare bones of an idea that might need funding to get it going.....contact the Trust and we'll see if we can help.

There are five trustees looking after the fund, any of whom will be pleased to discuss an idea with you. Contact me and I'll pass your details on.

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Ian McMillan in Husthwaite 8 October 2021

Ian McMillan is passionate about words. He's a poet from Barnsley but he's just as well known as a presenter on many BBC programmes and as a columnist in The Yorkshire Post. He's a well-known performer all over the country with shows full of stories, music and poetry.

A couple of random comments. When he presented the Coventry Young Writers' Festival, one of the reviews said, "I laughed so much, my face hurts". Andy Kershaw, well-known BBC presenter said of Ian, "He's inching towards the status of a national treasure".

He's a frequent advocate of village halls too. When we were doing the Lottery bid for our hall in Husthwaite, his BBC4 talk about them was really inspiring. He's coming to Husthwaite Village Hall on Friday 8 October. His shows are so popular that, to get him, we had to book him in 2019. He's coming with a musician, Luke Carver Goss and the show is a mixture of stories, songs, poetry. It's going to be funny, moving and thought-provoking....a brilliant evening of words and music with strong roots in Yorkshire.

Tickets are on sale now from me. Given how uncertain things are, we're selling them on the basis that, if for some reason the show can't go ahead, there will be full refunds.

So, the details are.....doors open at 7.00pm on Friday 8 October 2021 and the show starts at 7.30. It's called "Between You And Me". There's an interval mid-way, the show ends around 9.30 and there will be chance afterwards to buy books and chat to Ian and Luke.

Tickets are £15, under 18s are £10 and there will be family tickets for £30 (2 adults+ 2 under 18s). The show is suitable for 14+ yrs.

To get tickets, contact me on 01347 868130 and I'll get them to you.

Last thing.....we are really grateful to Jill Galloway, long term village resident who moved to Easingwold recently, for generously sponsoring this show. Her support enables us to make the show more affordable and helps us bring good live events back to the village. Thanks Jill!

Andrew Coulthard 868130

St Nicholas' Notes



News from the church

We are delighted that the Methodist community here have gifted us the organ used in their Chapel for so many years until its closure last year. It is so good after nearly 4 years to have once again the beautiful sounds of an organ to accompany and support our services (and singing too as soon as permitted Hallelujah!!!). Thank you Linda - it's good to see you at the keyboard again.

If you're visiting the churchyard you may notice at the back the mown path through long grass waving in the wind. We aim to dedicate this area to nature and hopefully see the emergence of a range of wild flowers. It's a long-term project - grass cutting and importantly clearance to impoverish the soil and selective seed sowing. Watch that space!

Services in June and July are:

13th June - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost - Holy Communion

For services elsewhere in the Benefice please see *Byland Link* (spare copies in Church Porch)

Covid precautions:

- Please contact Liz (01347 868587) to 'book' a place (for you and anyone in your 'bubble')
- Remember to bring your face mask which should be worn inside the church (unless you are covered by the exceptions laid down in the government regulations)

Be prepared to leave your contact details with the person 'taking the register' at the door (not obligatory)

News about India during Covid

Many of you may remember the visit a few years ago of **Ian Bretherton**, a retired head-teacher from Yearsley, to give a talk in the village hall about the Dragonfly schools he and his wife Sue have founded in India.

Their original purpose was to take poor and abandoned Indian street children into an educational setting, give them meals and other help, and set them on the road to achieving an education which would help them to obtain qualifications and work.

This has been very successful and over the years I have kept in touch with Ian, and recently asked how things were going, given the current Covid crisis in most parts of India. The foundation still needs help, and donations are very welcome. (See over)

His article overleaf explains how the schools are coping during the current crisis.

It's ironic that most of the vaccine we have used in UK to make ourselves safe has been manufactured in India. Now the Indian vaccines are no longer exported abroad as India really needs them for its own people, though it seems difficult according to radio reports for many people to get the vaccine, especially in rural areas.

It seems that countries in the so-called Third World are struggling to afford vaccines manufactured in Europe. Since none of us are safe in this world until we are all safe, it seems only enlightened self interest for the UK and other European countries to give more help before many more waves of Covid and its variants overwhelm humanity.

Jan Coulthard





THE DRAGONFLY
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Transforming young lives in India

‘In The Good Of Others Abides Our Own’ Pramukh Swami Maharaj

The current escalating Covid-19 crisis in India has created serious challenges for all charities working there. We are thankful to report that, despite such difficulties, during the past twelve months The Dragonfly Schools Foundation has continued to provide much-needed support to its pupils and trainees and their families in Pushkar, Rajasthan. Like all charities, we have experienced fundraising problems due to the pandemic but, as we reported on our website, from the start of India’s first lockdown in March 2020 we expanded our charity’s provision to include fortnightly food aid packages, together with drinking water, soap and masks, to all of our pupils’ families - over 120 families in all. By continuing to pay furlough salaries to our teachers, physiotherapist, social worker and carers, and to pay the rental costs of the school buildings, we ensured our three schools were able to partially reopen - with social distancing and hygiene measures in place - when restrictions were eased last October.

All three partnership schools partially reopened in October, holding classes and providing midday meals with half of the pupils attending in the morning and half in the afternoon, six days per week. Daily after-school tuition classes were also held for pupils taking state education board exams. We now have over 30 pupils registered to sit these exams - a wonderful development, with the first seven pupils gaining excellent grades just before lockdown. The award-winning ‘Tree Of Life For Animals’ rescue hospital, where we finance our 3-year traineeships in Animal Care, has remained open throughout the lockdowns with government dispensation. All three trainees are making excellent progress and are guaranteed full-time employment at the hospital following their graduation.

With the worsening situation in India, all schools are once again closed, but we shall continue to maintain our readiness to reopen and to support the wellbeing of our pupils’ families.

Should you wish to discover more about our charity, or to follow or support our work, go to www.thedragonflyschoolsfoundation.com or you can request information or donate by post to Stonecroft, Main Street, Yearsley, Brandsby, York YO61 4SL. Thank you so much.

Ian and Sue Bretherton Co-founders

List of provisions in fortnightly food aid parcels



Rice Chapati flour Lentils Oil Vegetables Spice Sugar Chai
Other provisions re-supplied as needed: Bars of soap Face masks
Hand gel Drinking water delivered to the camps by tanker.





Husthwaite Primary School children explore Ings Beck and study the wildlife

