

Husthwaite Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Aug 3 Reading Group in Orchard Inn 2pm

Aug 7 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH. Children Welcome!

Aug 7 Orchard Village Club in VH from 12pm

Aug 17 Rachel Sermanni Concert in VH. See pg 24 for details

Aug 21 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH. Refreshments.

Sept. 4 Book Exchange as above.

Sept. 4 Orchard Village Club in VH from 12pm.

Sept. 7 Reading Group in Orchard Inn 2pm

Sept. 8 Baxby Fest

Sept. 9 2pm. Treasure Hunt and Barbecue at Village Hall

Sept. 10 9.15-11.45 "Support your child at school" - a free course at Husthwaite school. Details on page 8.

Sept. 16 12-5pm. Apple Fest in Husthwaite School grounds - see pg 13

Sept. 18 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH.

Sept. 22 Elphin Drift in VH. 8.30

Oct. 10 "The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands". Play in VH by North Country Theatre. 7.30. Tickets are £9 from shop

Oct 18 Local history talk:"The worm-eaten waistcoat." 7.30 in VH. £5

Jubilee Exhibition in the Village Hall, 2-5 June 2012

As part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the village, Angela Ovenston, with various helpers from the History Society, assembled and created a display of photographs and memorabilia loaned by people in the village. This showed six decades of life and times in Husthwaite, alongside six decades of events in Queen Elizabeth's reign. The exhibition was enjoyed by over 200 people in total, including residents past and present, and stimulated lively reminiscences of village life both then and now. All the children from the village school visited the exhibition on the following Monday.

The listing of key factors for each decade and material displayed on the walls will be retained in an archive, available for future reference. Angela would like to thank Doreen and Malcolm French for their part in assembling the 'Royal' display, Stephen Barker for all his time and support, and John Ovenston for processing and printing the photographs. Thanks too to Pat Frost (née Drinkhill) who has subsequently been able to identify almost all the children who were in the coronation photo.

Alan McDougall.



Husthwaite Local History Society

Talk at 7.30 on Thurs. 18th Oct in the Village Hall "The Worm-eaten Waistcoat" by Alison Backhouse. The talk will be based on her book of the same title, about York pawnbrokers. Several of Alison's ancestors, the Tebb family, once lived and worked in the village – do you remember any of them? Tickets £5 on the door.

Husthwaite Reading Group

Meeting the first Friday of every month in the village pub at 2.00pm
(£3 for tea and cake)

The book for August 3rd is 'Skinner's Ordeal' by Quintin Jardine
Please let Lesley Seaman know (868653 or erik.seaman@tiscali.co.uk) if you are interested so the right amount of cake can be provided by the Wednesday before Friday's reading group

The Reading Group has now drawn up a list of books to be read and discussed on the first Friday of each month. These are:

August 3 rd	'Skinner's Ordeal'	Quintin Jardine
Sept 7 th	'When God was a Rabbit'	Sarah Winman
October 5 th	'That Woman'	Anna Sebba
November 2 nd	'The Book Thief'	Marcus Zusak
December 7 th	'The Dressmaker'	Beryl Bainbridge

The Hideaway @ Baxby Manor

Date for your diary:

September 8th - BaxbyFest
Folk by day, Jazz by night!

We thought it would be nice to have a little bit of a late summer/early autumn get-together down on The Hideaway so why not come on down, bring some friends and a tent and have a bit of a boogie around the campfire (special 'mates rates' for Husthwaite residents!)

More information will be added to our website in the coming weeks...

www.thehideawayatbaxbymanor.co.uk





The Woods Family

The picture above is of the four children of the Woods family, in our village in the early 1900s.

As we were walking down high street a couple of months ago, a car pulled up and a couple who introduced themselves as Jack and Pat Jennings showed us the photo, asking where the house might be. The eldest girl in the photo was Jennie Woods, Pat's mother, but she said the house was then known as Windsor House. (An earlier photo of this group of children is on the village history website.) Later the family moved away. Jennie lived until she was 90, and was a good needlewoman to the end, "embroidering without the aid of specs!" said Pat.

The house looks like "Sunnyside" as it is now known, in Low Street, though if it is then the windows have been altered over the years. If you have a better guess where it is, please let us know.

This family are relatives of the Powell family, now in Caithness, descendants of the boy (David) in the photo, and after Angela Ovenston's help with their details, they can now be in touch.

HUSTHWAITE SUMMER MARKET

Saturday June 23rd saw the 2nd market held in the village. The Summer market was a special event to raise funds for our new village hall and we could not have been more pleased.

Weather notwithstanding, we had a wonderful mix of stallholders from Hovingham Market, Leeds artist Bridget March, Yorkshire Dales Ice Cream, plus our own village businesses, Willow Crafts, The Curtain Room, Beacon Alpacas and Orchards of Husthwaite, all contributing to the atmosphere. A fantastic selection of home made breads from Jan Coulthard and Cathy Barker raised an amazing £120 which helped us raise the grand total of £757 for the new village hall.

Special thanks has to go to our cake makers, who produced a wonderful array of cakes, and the refreshment team who worked hard making and selling bacon butties, cakes and drinks.

All the visiting stallholders were very complimentary about the event and have asked to be invited to any future markets, so we hope to make this a regular calendar must.

Thank you to everyone who helped organise such a successful event and 'fingers crossed', in a new village hall it will be even better for stallholders and shoppers alike.

Deborah Lewis-Green



Lesley Seaman helping out on the Orchards of Husthwaite stall in the summer market.

The Curtain Room

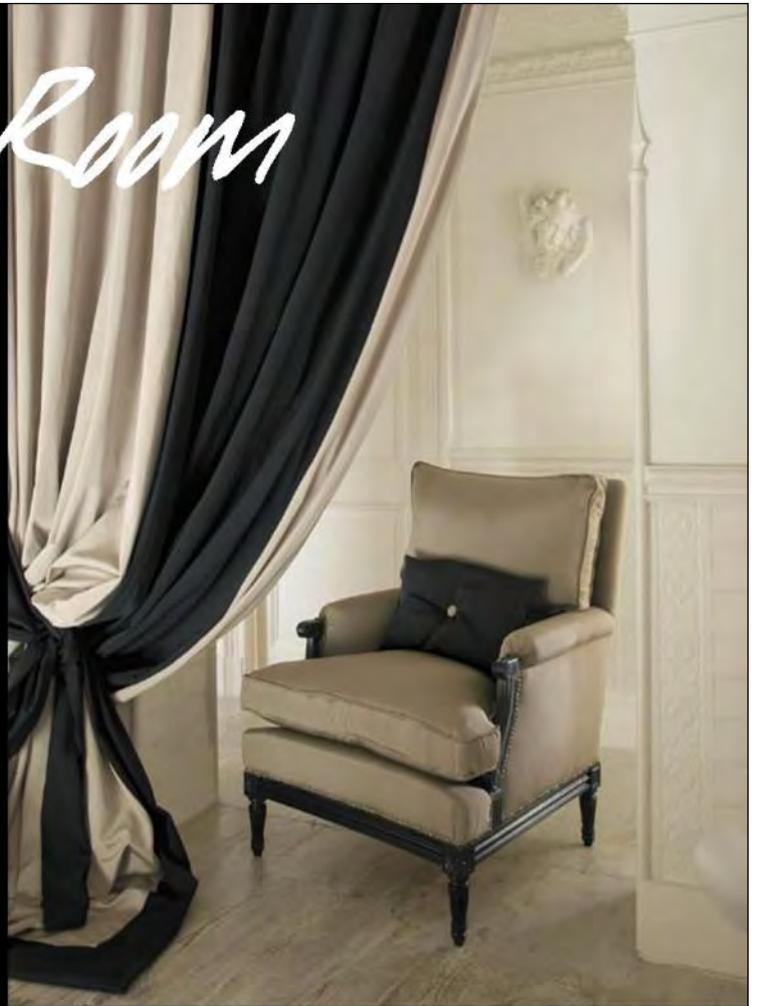
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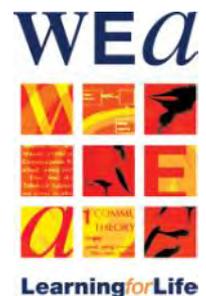
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Starts Monday 10th Sept. 9.15-11.45 am
at Husthwaite School

This interesting short course gives parents and carers of children aged 3-11 (at any school) the skills, knowledge and understanding to support your child in the fast-changing world of primary education.



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Laura Pickstone 1932-2012

Family, friends and neighbours were all stunned by the sudden death of Laura Pickstone in June. A friendly, humorous, loving and lively woman, she not only cared for her family, but was a good, kindly neighbour and a warm hearted cheery presence in the village.



Laura had an unpromising start in life. Her mother died soon after Laura's birth, and she was abandoned by her father to an orphanage, from which as a toddler she was rescued by her grandmother, and adopted by an aunt and uncle. Later on, her Grannie became bedridden, so Laura looked after her, being allowed to go late to school to do this. Despite these setbacks, she passed the 11+ to go the grammar school. During the holidays, she lived in rural Lincolnshire with her aunt and uncle, helping with the chickens and pigs.

Her grandmother made a huge financial effort to send her to Ripon Teacher Training College, where Laura got the prize for being top of her year. Her first job was at an infant school in Morley. After meeting Freddie at the local amateur dramatic school, they married in 1961, and had two sons, Oliver and Julian. Once Julian was at school, Laura returned to teaching, doing supply work at Crawshaw School in Pudsey, where Freddie was Deputy Head. After doing an O.U. course in Reading Development, she became an early pioneer of diagnosing and helping Dyslexic children. This led to a permanent role as a remedial teacher in a Morley secondary school, where most of her students were immigrants with little English. Then she became Head of Special Needs Education at

Morley High School, and took early retirement from there in 1983, after Freddie too had retired. She said she was tired of him going to the supermarket and chatting to females!

When Oliver and his wife Cathy came back to North Yorkshire from Utah and had Marcus, Laura and Freddie looked after Marcus. When Cathy was diagnosed with Huntingtons in 1999, they moved to Husthwaite to be near enough to help with her, and with the other children born in 1999 and 2002, Guy and Katie. Julian and his family were by now in Hong Kong.

The children all gradually attended Ampleforth School, and Laura had daily involvement with the school as she took the children every day. Laura always loved children, and this was exemplified by the care of her grandchildren and pride she took in them, and the talks she gave at school about her early life for the children's history projects. She was planning to go and do some art projects with them just before she died.

Her funeral at Ampleforth Abbey was packed with friends and neighbours as well as family, a tribute to a much loved woman. Our love and sympathy goes out to Freddie and all the family.

Freddie and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all their prayers, and many kind messages of sympathy and support.

Jan Coulthard

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make Christian Aid Week a success this year in Husthwaite. In spite of a grey morning there was a lively gathering at the Old Stores on Saturday, May 19th. Together with contributions from school the morning made £1,027. 60p, an increase of about £100 over last year. Warmest thanks to all.

Apple Harvest Disaster

Your Help is Needed!

We are not alone in Husthwaite in having had a disastrous year for our apple trees. It appears the whole country could be down to about 10% of the normal harvest. However, our particular problem is that our community orchard project, **Orchards of Husthwaite**, relies on our local orchards and gardens as the source of apples and pears.

If anyone has trees which appear to be setting fruit, and are willing, as soon as the fruit is ready from August/September onwards, to donate it to our project, we would be very grateful. Cameron Smith and the Orchards of Husthwaite committee are willing to pay the Village Hall fund 15p per kilo for your apples, to help with funding the new hall. However, you can if you like receive 15p per kilo yourself. All this depends on you picking and bringing the apples or pears in. If you have difficulty doing this and need assistance, or want to know where and when to bring the apples in, please give Cameron a ring on 868489 when the fruit is ready. We would be very grateful for all contributions, or offers of help with picking.

The money raised by sales of our juice and cider goes towards all kinds of projects which benefit the village. The company is all run by volunteers, who do all the processing of the apples and pears, the sales and delivery to shops and pubs, and working on monthly markets and at festivals.

If we do manage to get a new hall, the Orchards company has promised a huge contribution towards an environmentally–friendly heating unit.

On a happy note, our Galtres Ruby and Galtres Gold Cider won first and second prizes respectively in the 3 day Dales Festival of Food and Drink at Leyburn, against competition from national cider makers! We were invited to a prize–giving evening with buffet supper in Leyburn, where we were presented with our winner’s certificates by Lady Diana Brittan. This was a great accolade for Cameron and the production team. Our next big effort goes into the **September Apple Fest** held in the school grounds.



Husthwaite Annual Apple Fest

**Sunday September 16th 12-5pm in Husthwaite
Primary School Grounds**

**A wonderful event for adults and children with 6 large
marquees and numerous gazebos, stalls, refreshments, animals
and music, celebrating our orchard village heritage**

Hovingham's award winning eco market

Huby children's fairground rides

Bouncy castle

Bar and cider tasting competition

Apple pressing demonstration

Pony rides and Alpaca petting

Face painting

Tombola

Food and teas/coffee in the school hall

York birds of prey flying display

Dynamics Community Brass band

Wonder Phil and Uncle Wiss magic show

The Flanagan Collective of Coxwold

Littlefest fame with children's participa-
tive activities and performances

Orchards of Husthwaite Yorkshire and heritage apple trees for sale

Animal corner with chickens, ducks and pigs

Rural handicraft - rag rug weaving, spinning, corndollies etc.

Northdale Nurseries country store

Aquatic Finatic reptile show - Handling and displaying snakes and reptiles

A Bit of a Gamble - Husthwaite's own house band playing 80's and 90's hits

Vintage vehicles

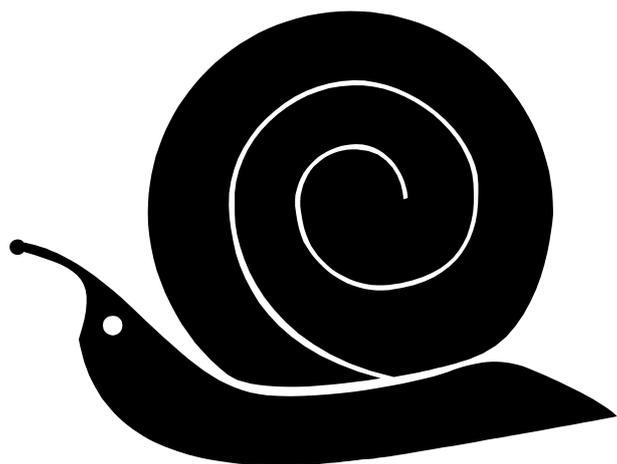


Come along and enjoy the fun!

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This event is jointly organised by Orchards Of Husthwaite and the School.

Biodiversity matters



Wet Weather Winners

Yes, it's the year of the snails and slugs!

Bracken, grass, brambles, mosses and nettles have also done well in this summer's "monsoon" season, in gardens as well as hedgerows. Common Spotted Orchids and Cuckoo Pint in our garden have loved it, so too the bindweed,

which I'm convinced grows several inches per day.

Garden ponds have stayed full, and these plus the damp undergrowth are good for frogs, newts and toads. In fields where farmers have struggled to spray, wild poppies are thriving. Cabbages and cauliflowers are in perfect condition as the cabbage white butterflies were not around.

and Losers

Some wild flowers, like our garden blooms, have rotted on the stalk, and without the sun will have failed to make seed. Bats, birds and butterflies and other insects have had a bad year, with low breeding figures and poor flying possibilities due to the cold and wet. Will they catch up now?

Although the apple, plum and pear trees bore lovely blossom in the fine early spring, the lack of bees and insects to pollinate the fruit as the cold and wet arrived has meant that crops are low. Beekeepers have had to feed their bees when they couldn't get out to collect nectar.



Other news

Cameron Smith spotted a great spotted woodpecker feeding in his garden. Swifts, swallows, pied wagtails and goldcrests are in abundance. The sun finally came out in late July—let's hope it stays for a while!

Please let us share your nature news by contacting the editor.

Local History Society

Angela Ovenston

Stuart Marriott (Carlton Husthwaite, who compiled all the information about Houses and Tenements of Husthwaite pre 1841 and Houses of Carlton Husthwaite, both of which can be downloaded from www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk) has just produced an excellent 30 page booklet called **Peterhold** about the administration and law abiding (or otherwise) inhabitants of Husthwaite and Carlton Husthwaite and their long links with The Liberty of St Peter of York. It is easy to read and gives a great insight into life in our villages. He has kindly donated a copy to the History Society and it may be bought at the shop for £2 or via js.marriott@btinternet.com (£1 extra if posted).

Recently, two more people have sought and been given information about their ancestors. The first, Ian Hildred, another living member of the Hildred family who lived in Husthwaite for many generations, will be visiting the village shortly. Secondly, Wendy Price, from Kingston, Massachusetts USA, who is the great great grand daughter of George and Rebecca Frank, a large family who were once tenants of Aletheia House. Their stories will be appearing on www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk.

The next Book Exchange is on Tuesday August 7th 10.30-12.30

Come along for a cuppa and a chat, as well as choosing some books from our amazing collection.

Apologies to anyone who turned up to borrow books on July 17. We were closed due to unforeseen circumstances. We

hope our faithful bookworms will still join us on August 7th! It's a good idea to bring children along too, now they are on holiday. We have some children's books they might like to borrow, and a treasure hunt for them!



The Jubilee Weekend in Husthwaite

Alison Turner

The weekend began with the "Husthwaite Hobble", a morning of sporting activities making full use of the outdoor equipment at the MUGA, multi use games area, that was opened last year and is fully operational with all the children of the village taking an active part in the morning's event, a bit like our very own "mini olympics"! This was followed by a game of rounders, again with all the children taking part. The organisers Catherine Skinner and Peter Davison survived the morning and were still smiling by the time they arrived at The Orchard Inn, to organise a "fun run" around the village! All the children taking part in the activities were awarded with a commemorative medal, funded by the Parish Council, along with other goodies to remind them of the day.

The afternoon, then went ahead with a welly throwing competition in the car park and beer garden at The Orchard Inn, and despite the welly getting stuck up a tree, we did have much fun and laughter with not only the locals taking part but also holiday makers in the village. The children's welly throwing competition was won by local boy Jack Kennedy and the adult competition by Rick Fenwick but as he was the husband of the Chair of the Parish Council, fair play was to be seen and it was awarded to a holiday maker to the area (who also got the welly stuck up the tree!)

We then really got to grips with the competitive element of the village with "High St vs Low St" in the Tug Of War competition...as the teams lined up, there were some discrepancies with numbers, High Street clearly being ready for the battle, and aiming to keep the crown from the New Year's Day football game, so reinforcements were called for in the form of diners from the pub, ("technically" The Orchard Inn is in Low Street) who were duly instructed by the landlady to join the Low Street team...or no pudding!



The Chair of the Parish Council, Carol Fenwick took up the position of master of ceremonies, as she could clearly control the teams, and the instruction to "pull" was met with groans as both teams pulled with gusto...as each side "changed sides" to allow fair play. With

the car park being a distinct disadvantage because of the "grip", it was suggested that the "decider" should be at the school playing field, so off trundled the teams, with spectators...and the rope, which was provided by the Young Farmers Association and Green Farm Health.

So the scene of the New Year's day Football battle was set and the Tug Of War commenced, both teams taking this to heart as the pride of the village was now up for grabs. After much toing and froing the "High Street" team stole the crown and

handshakes, along with mutterings of this becoming a yearly event, ended the competition. A children's Tug Of War followed as they wanted to join in, and as girls vs boys and High St vs Low St began, it was a fun way to end the day of sport in Husthwaite. As leader of the High Street team, Will Mowatt was awarded with a commemorative plaque back at The Orchard Inn by landlady Alison Turner.

During Saturday night the live music at the pub was provided by a return from "Elvis", Barnsley's very own Brian Lauden, who performed to the customers, to raptures of "more" when he had finished late into the night They in turn sang "Happy Birthday" to him as it was his birthday and he had a cake made for him by local villager Doreen French.

During Sunday the village was still busy with the bustle of new holiday makers from the newly opened "Glamping" site of The Hideaway at Baxby Manor, opened on Friday by Barney Smith, following 6 months of hard work by him and his merry men to transform a field into a visionary new eco camp site that is a huge achievement, and quite clearly will go from strength to strength. Well done to Barney and his family.

Sunday night saw The Orchard Inn full as people came to take part in The Jubilee quiz, the theme being the past 60 years and the events that have happened during the reign of the Queen. Resident quizmaster Ray Longhurst duly set about his challenge with the usual gusto of trying to outdo the competitors, but in the crowd we had a man who quite clearly had "expert" knowledge on this matter, local historian and village "character" Stephen Barker, who came up trumps and led his team, along with Carol Fenwick, to victory!



The weekend culminated in a street party held in the car park at the pub, where 2 gazebos were provided by the Orchards of Husthwaite project, and the ladies of the village came together to fill the tables with food to feed the 80 people who attended between 2pm and 4pm, when the sun shone and much fun was had by all. There was also a cup cake competition, (see picture) judged by local chef Malcolm Wride and won by one of the village boys, Rory Watt, for his colourful display of cakes, which tasted as good as they looked!

Many thanks to everyone involved, but the street party couldn't have come together on the day without Michelle Fenwick, Janet Taylor, Margaret Duffield, Catherine Skinner, Kathy Barker, and last but certainly not least Carol Fenwick.

The weekend ended with a disco, provided at The Orchard Inn by John Murray MBE, and a firework display to round off a great weekend where everyone who came along thoroughly enjoyed the weekend of fun.

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Jubilee Celebrations.

Following the very successful Jubilee activities in the recreation area the Parish Council has a limited supply of the souvenir medallions still available. If any child in the village would like one (free) they should contact Carol Fenwick

Complaints have been received about hedges obstructing footpaths and pavements. Please ensure that hedges obstructing or overhanging the footpath/pavement are regularly cut back. It is not right that taller people get their heads in overhangs nor that pushchair/wheelchair users need to step into the road. This also applies to vehicles parked on the pavements.

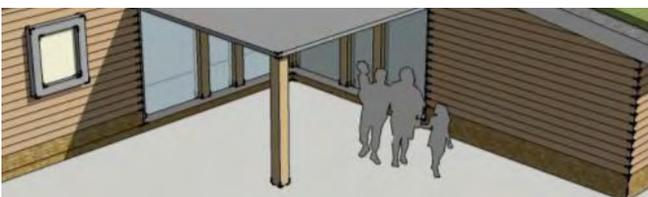
Barrie Ward

Elphin Drift -

The next event is **Saturday September 22nd in Husthwaite Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Doors open at 7pm and music begins at 7.30! Look out for our posters for more details.**

The Lottery bid's gone in.

- We did it on time! Many people in the village worked on the Lottery bid...more than 50 at the last count. It was all finally finished and reached the Lottery with time to spare. It's been a huge joint effort and thanks are due to everyone who gave ideas, came up with proposals and laboured on the final bid. The result comes in October....fingers crossed!
- The other main news is that we got planning permission for the new hall. Councillor Caroline Patmore spoke very well in support of us at the meeting, as did Will Mowatt the village hall Chair, and the Planning Committee gave us the go-ahead.
- Whilst we wait for a decision, we're still thinking about the details of the new building...kitchen, landscaping and main hall for example. Let us know if you have ideas...or just want to see the plans again. And there's still more than £50,000 to raise for basic necessities. We've got some good fund-raising schemes and have raised £16,000 already but we need lots more ideas and cunning plans. Deb Lewis-Green or any VH committee member would love to hear from you.



Husthwaite Jubilee Celebrations

For those who survived the more energetic celebrations (see articles by Alison Turner and Peter Davison) there were yet further Jubilee events.

Saturday saw the Chapel lawn laid out with chairs and tables for a very special *Coffee and Chat* event with Scones decked out in red (strawberry jam) and white (cream) as well as the usual delicious freshly brewed coffee. Cool weather caused the celebrations to move into the shelter of the Chapel but with no diminution of the enjoyment with a Jubilee theme of Union Flag serviettes, red roses and suitably attired waitresses (see above). Much laughter and chatter attended this delightful community event organised by the ladies of the chapel. The 30 or so participants look forward to a repeat event soon (Coronation anniversary perhaps?)

The Orchard Village Club Jubilee Party took place in the midst of the History Society Exhibition, so history was brought to life in animated conversations. The pictures linking the Royal events and Husthwaite Village life through the decades evoked many happy memories and recollections, especially for the older people who attended. Everyone enjoyed celebration lunch - *Coronation Chicken* of course - followed by a cornucopia of cream horns, appropriately decorated with colourful



fruit, fit for the Queen! The meal was prepared on this occasion by Margaret and Malcolm Wride, Gill Allanson and friends.

The two village Churches also planned to celebrate in style, culminating in a special united service attended by over 60 people. It began with a recording of the then Princess Elizabeth's broadcast in 1947 dedicating herself to a life of service to the



Commonwealth. Throughout, there were readings drawn from the Christmas Messages and Thomas Nixon entertained us by recalling what things used to cost 60 years ago - 5p for a litre of petrol! Other readings were taken from the 1953 Coronation Service and familiar hymns sung lustily including of course, the National Anthem. The Phoenix Choir were out in force to sing a half-familiar, half-different arrangement of *Jerusalem* as well as a rousing chorus of '*Long Live Elizabeth*' from *Merrie England*. The service was rounded-off with a celebratory glass of wine or Apple Juice - Hushwaite naturally! - donated by Audrey Raper and Linda Davison.

What a weekend! From the 'Hushwaite Hobble', through Tug-o-Wars, Welly Throwing, the Exhibition, the Service of Celebration, Street Party, Jubilee Coffee and Scones, Coronation Chicken and finally Disco - surely everyone in the village will remember the occasion for years to come.

A FESTIVE SPIRIT IN THE RECREATION AREA



An important aspect of the village programme to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was provision for the children during the morning of Saturday, June 2nd. Fortunately the weather was fine, even sunny at times, and just under 20 energy-charged youngsters aged from 3 years upwards turned up for the occasion.

The whole area looked very inviting, thanks to recent grass cutting by Burn Bros. and some

attention to fine detail by a small working party in mid-week. A blaze of colour was added with bunting, Union flags and various other items from a 'goodies box' provided by Queen Elizabeth 11 Fields Challenge, following our nomination for this award by Hambleton District Council (more details later as they emerge). Most of the programme was organised by Catherine Skinner and Carol Fenwick, with valued support from other members of the Recreation Area Committee.

The following 3 categories of challenging activities took place:

* **ACTIVITY TRAIL** (utilising most recently installed equipment)

This included a Shuttle Run, Rope Climb, Stepping Blocks, Swing, Climbing over Horizontal Bars, Leapfrog over Discs, Crossing Rope Bridge, Swinging on Monkey Bars, negotiating the Tyres Circuit and finally climbing up the Space Frame to collect a flag!

* **TEAM RELAY**

This proved to be more sedate but equally energetic, as 2 teams battled for supremacy running up and down the access track between the entrance gate and the MUGA.

* **ROUNDERS**

Intense competition was clearly in evidence as each team notched up big scores.

Particularly between 12.30 and ²²1.00 p.m., as some of the younger

children retired, a number of adults present eagerly made up the numbers and demonstrated an equally competitive spirit with a measure of guile compensating for any lack of energy!

Throughout the morning, a continuous supply of squash and biscuits was available to re-charge everyone taking part. Clearly, judging by the looks of excitement, enjoyment and perpetual motion, a good time was had by all. Commemorative 'gold' medals on a red, white and blue ribbon, kindly provided by the Parish Council, were presented to all the children involved in these special celebrations. Throughout the morning, a continuous supply of squash and biscuits was available to re-charge everyone taking part. Clearly, judging by the looks of excitement, enjoyment and perpetual motion, a good time was had by all.

Finally, not to be outdone by adults for whom mini-Marathons were arranged during the afternoon, a small group of about 8 children pressed for a mini-mini-Marathon of their own! Needless to say, they all completed it in style! Commemorative 'gold' medals on a red, white and blue ribbon, kindly provided by the Parish Council, were presented to all the children involved in these special celebrations.

*Photos by Frances Skinner and Mark Kingston
Peter Davison*



Rachel Sermanni concert - Friday 17th August 2012

Rachel is from Carrbridge, a small village in the Scottish Highlands, and she is definitely a rising star in the contemporary music world. Her music and song, being totally original, is difficult to pigeon-hole, but the imagery in her lyrics together with her soaring melodies and sometimes tender but often powerful delivery, is enough to transfix and silence most audiences.

Rachel is touring extensively in the UK this summer, and is playing a lot of festivals as well as smaller venues. Her live concert appearances between now and Hushwaite include THE Cambridge Folk Festival, Belladrum Tartan Heart Festival near Inverness, and a live concert for the BBC at The Edinburgh Festival. She played locally at Deershed Festival recently, and will be playing at The Leeds Festival at the end of August. This year she has also done a live session for BBC Radio Two's Saturday afternoon Dermot O'Leary Show.

Please follow the links below to find out more about Rachel and her music:

www.rachelsermanni.net

www.youtube.com/user/RachelSermanni

www.myspace.com/rachelsermanni

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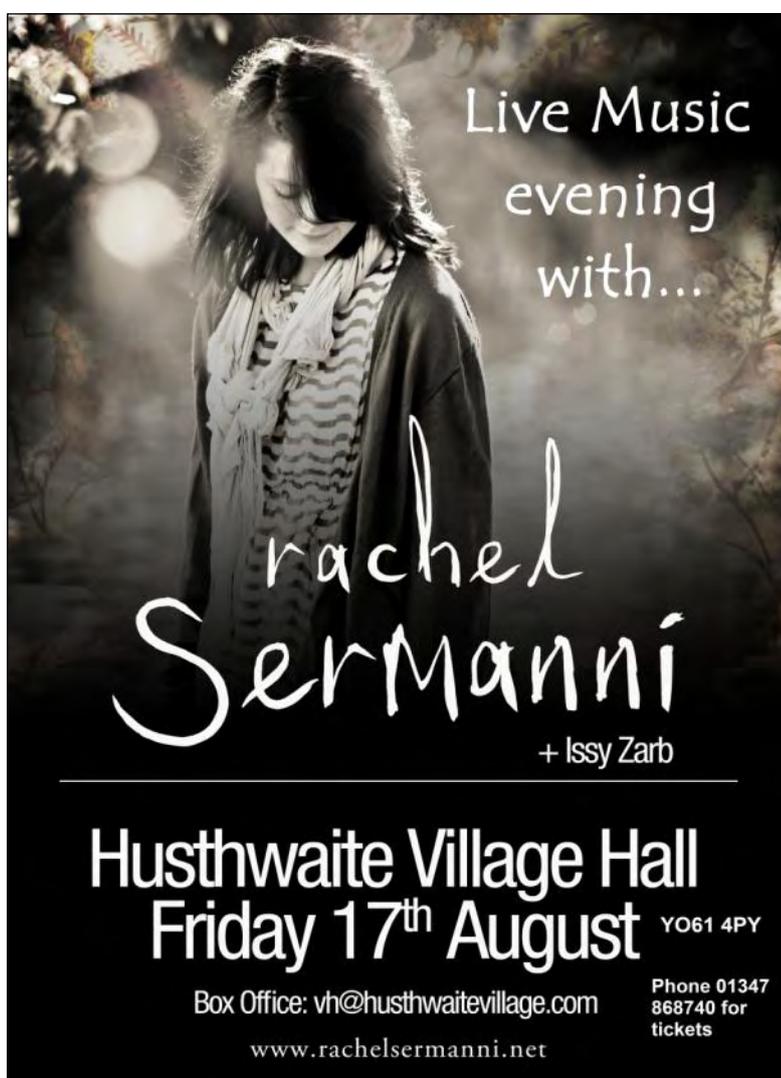
<http://rachel-sermanni.tumblr.com>

Supporting Rachel as the opening act will be a Singer/Songwriter from Helmsley, who the regular Elphin Drift audience will know well - she being Issy Zarb. Issy is a talented songwriter with an insight which brings her songs to life. She is also a great fan of Rachel Sermanni, and is every bit as excited as I am about this concert.

There will be a licensed bar, also selling soft drinks. Tickets are priced at £8 or £5 for aged 14 and under. High

quality sound reproduction will be supplied by Mike Wells of Byland Media. I can guarantee a wonderful evening out for anyone who comes. It will be a seated event, and I am selling tickets now. I would like to sell all tickets before the event, so if you would like to come, please ring me on 01347 868740, or email asnixon@btconnect.com so that tickets can be reserved for you.

Alun Nixon



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rachel
Sermanni
+ Issy Zarb

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NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

What a busy end to the school year it has been for the children with lots of activities going on. The school celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee inviting the community to join them in a Celebration which started with a community service followed by a street party style lunch and then some Y5/6 fund raising stalls and activities.

After a much needed half term break the school was focussed on celebrating the Olympics which followed on nicely from the previous half-term's topic of Greece. Children were told about each of the Olympic ring's values and how they related to five continents. Great excitement buzzed through the school on the morning of the Olympic Torch's visit to Thirsk which many of the children had seen with their parents prior to coming in to school. Their excitement continued into the afternoon when they were treated to an assembly featuring a real life Olympic Torch which had been used in the Scarborough Relay by Roger Nichols from Easingwold Running Club. The school held its own version of the Olympic games by participating in National Sports Week giving children the opportunity to try out various sports. Children were allowed to come to school in sportswear for the week as there was a daily sporting event arranged which also included the whole school, along with some parents, running in support of a Race at Your Place event which is linked to Race for Life. Mrs Dunn's Enterprise Group organised this event which raised an astonishing £1060.00 for a very worthwhile cause – an unbelievable amount for a small village school. The whole week was a fantastic success - if not a little tiring for both pupils and staff alike!

This year's KS2 production has been written especially for the children by the Y5/6 teacher Mr Edwards. The title: Britain's Got The Voice Factor Strictly on Ice Uncut Final Live! The children enjoyed performing to packed audiences and comments received from parents and relatives mirrored their enjoyment and enthusiasm.

Other events during the summer term included:

- Class 4 visited Sutton Bank as part of the North York Moors Ice and Lime project
- Class 3 visited Hull Docks continuing their links with a primary school in Hull
- Class 2 visited Alne Brick Works and made their own bricks
- A local builder helped Class 2 build their own brick wall
- Class 1 visited a local farm to learn about animals and their habitats
- Y5 participated in an 18th Century writing workshop which included a visit to Shandy Hall
- Children were given the opportunity to participate in various cluster sports events
- Parents were invited to Sports Day

Extra curricular clubs including Field and Track (attaining UK Athletics Awards), gardening club, music, chess, sports.

Despite the very wet weather we experienced, we were able to continue with all our plans although in some cases, they needed to be cut short!

The autumn term kicks off with the whole school topic based on Vikings. Children in Years 3 and 4 will start their swimming lessons and Years 5 and 6 will start making plans for their residential visit to East Barnby in October.

Once again we shall be hosting the Village Apple Fair on Sunday 16th September. We are intending to hold another jumble stall at this event; all donations will be most welcome and can be delivered to school from Thursday 13th September. Leftover jumble will be used to raise further money via the Bags2School scheme. A collection for Bags2School will take place on Tuesday 9 October.

The WEA is offering a free six week course for adults titled 'Support Your Child at School'. It will give parents and carers of young children the up to date knowledge, skills and understanding to support children in the fast changing world of primary education. The course will run each Monday from 10th September until 15th October from 9.15-11.45 am. To book your place contact the school – details below.

Toddlers @ Husthwaite will continue in the autumn term but at a new time. The sessions will continue to be held each Thursday but in the afternoons from 1-3 pm offering drop-in stay and play sessions for all pre-school aged children. A fantastic opportunity to meet other parents/carers of small children and be a part of our school community.

The waiting list for our nursery is now open. We take children from the term following their third birthday and offer full and part day care. We also have links with an external provider offering 8am-6pm child care for children from 3-11 years of age.

For further information about the school please contact Sarah Dixon, School Business Manager on 01347 868371. Visits to school are always welcome.

Check out our website: www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk



The Olympic Torch at the school



Above:

A high flier at the school sports day



Left: Class 2 learn how to make a brick wall