

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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Annabel Kennedy demonstrates working with willow at The Good Life in the village hall in July. More pictures inside.



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## Dates for your Diary

3 Aug. Official opening of the MUGA

10 Sep. Elphin Drift 7pm. Village Hall

18 Sep. Apple Fair 12-5pm Hustwaite School and grounds

25 Sep. Harvest Thanksgiving Methodist Chapel 10.30

1 Oct. Harvest Ho Down 7pm Village Hall

8 Oct. Comedy Night in the Village hall.£10 (see article pg.17)

29 Oct. Energy Day 2 . Village Hall (see pg 22/23)

19 Nov. All Glue and Glitter in VH.

**30 Nov. North Country Theatre: “Rocking Horse Winner” in VH**



The Kennedy family and dog are presented with the Treasure Hunt Trophy by Phil Grainger

Photo: Richard Wood

## HUSTHWAITE HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This united, village service of celebration will be held in the Methodist Chapel on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 a.m. The preacher will be Ven. Chris Hawthorn and the Phoenix Choir will be singing.

Traditional gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables to decorate the Chapel will be gratefully accepted, but in particular we would request food which will be sent to Carecent - an organisation based in Central Methodist Church in York where homeless people are served breakfast every day except Sunday.

Donations of food which they always need include:-

Tinned meat (Spam), tinned tomatoes, baked beans, sugar, coffee, jam and cereals (except Cornflakes).

This is an ideal opportunity to share what we have with those in real need. Any gifts can be brought to the Chapel during the morning of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Help with decorating and display will also be appreciated.

Everyone from the village is warmly invited to join in the Sunday service and stay for refreshments afterwards.

Linda Davison

## Harvest Ho Down

7.00 pm October 1st in the Village Hall

Church and Chapel join again this autumn to host a harvest supper with dancing. The charity chosen this year is York Arc Light, which is a charity providing accommodation and support to homeless men and women in York. Come and join the fun. 7.00 start, Cold supper at 7.30. Country dancing led by Brian Watt. Tickets £6 or £2.50 for children .



A Review of Husthwaite Park  
By Thinking Globally Pupil  
Voice Group  
From Husthwaite School



We are really pleased that Husthwaite has the MUGA and the Play Park and think that they are a great addition to the facilities in the village. **Before it was built, there wasn't much to do and we had to stay at home** to play so it is much better to have somewhere to go. The older children like to go there on their own. We think that the people in the village look after it well because it still looks new. The children in year 3 and 4 took their visitors from Hull to the park and they thought it was great. **They didn't think that our small village would have something like that!** We think it is safe although it sometimes gets a bit muddy.

Many children use the play park after school, especially since we have had nice weather. We have really liked the chance to use it during school time and would like to do this more often; we could use it in our **PE lessons. Some children don't get to use it because they don't live in** the village so using it from school gives them a chance to use it. It is really good to have a gate from school because this makes it quick and safe to get there.

Some of the things that our group like at the park are the swings, round-about, slides, tunnel, climbing things and the big basket swings. The older children thought it was more aimed at the young children until the new part was built and this gives them more to do.

**There are some parts which we find hard and aren't sure what to do but** we think that this gives us something to practise. We have other ideas of things that we like but know that we have a limited amount of space and can go to some of the big parks in Easingwold or Thirsk for these things. It would be useful if there was a bike rack to put our bikes and **some of us have got very wet when it rained because there isn't a** shelter.

We agree that the play park in Husthwaite is really good and want to say thank you to the people who helped us to get it.

## UP, UP and AWAY!

Many of those who live in Husthwaite, particularly the children and young people, will be aware that the latest phase in the development of recreation provision - The Adventure Area and Fitness Trail- is now completed and, furthermore, in use.



Exploration of manoeuvring

possibilities, which bring together fitness and fun, seem to be very popular. At this stage, the basket swing and the space net are undoubtedly the items which attract most interest. I understand that a number of parents and grandparents are relishing the thought of these **facilities being available as the schools' summer holidays get underway!**

As mentioned previously, this particular phase is funded through the Community Spaces programme which is being managed by Groundwork UK as an award partner to the Big Lottery Fund. By the time this article is being read, the Official Opening will have been performed on 3<sup>rd</sup> August by Helen Ford, a presenter with ITV Tyne Tees. Hopefully, a report with photographs will appear in the next issue of the Husthwaite Newsletter. It is interesting to note increasing use of the Recreation Area, not only by individuals but also by the Primary School. The extended facilities are helping to enhance the Physical Education Curriculum and recently, most of one **particular Friday was spent in this area exploring possibilities around the theme of 'Funky Fun Friday'**.

A very interesting and positive AGM of the Recreation Area Committee was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July. This featured a photographic record of the constructional work which the latest phase entailed, planning for the Grand Opening and identification of future needs. These include a small pavilion/store in which to keep maintenance equipment and sports kit, the possibility of an outdoor Fitness Gym, a bike rack and picnic tables. The search for funding goes on!

Finally, it is unfortunate to report that whilst the vast majority of those who use the Recreation Area are considerate towards each other and take good care of the facilities, there appears to be a small group of 2 or 3 who are proving to be irresponsible, particularly in the vicinity of the MUGA. The length of wood used to set the height of the tennis net has now been smashed into pieces on 3 occasions, the tennis net is being tightened to an extent that the stability of the net posts will be affected before long. Any help that anyone can contribute in order to eradicate such irritations will be appreciated by the Committee. We have facilities that are the envy of **other villages. Let's work together to ensure that they remain in good condition so everyone can find pleasure in using them.**

(Viking/Penguin Books ISBN 978-0-141-0-1923-9)

Described as the *Rise and Fall of an English Dynasty*, this book is that, but much more as it sheds light also upon the squalor and poverty endemic at the other end of the social scale. The consequential and potentially explosive social unrest is well documented. And yet there are also faintly endearing exemplars of a **'noblesse oblige', fast vanishing from the British social landscape, whereby those who 'had' acted upon a felt moral responsibility for those around them who 'had not' (especially those who were directly dependent on them).**

The dynasty in question is that of the Fitzwilliams and their home, the palatial Wentworth Woodhouse near Rotherham. The story opens evocatively with the death and funeral cortege of the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl led by a thousand miners from his pits. A family at the height of its power, wealth and influence, seemingly impregnable, was about to face a future bringing catastrophe and personal tragedy to both the family and its dependents.

Genealogists will all be familiar with family disputes, uncertain marriages, missing wills, deliberate destruction or simple loss of family archives and documents. The Fitzwilliams had all this and more. Despite the machinations of his siblings, **William Charles de Meuron ("Billy Fitzbilly") became 7<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1902 and his son, another William, lived to see the nationalisation of their wealth-producing mines in 1947 before dying the following year in a tragic if avoidable accident.** The end followed quickly as one final self-defeating and destructive act of pride and vindictiveness led to the story's inevitable denouement.

The socio/economic history of the times is vividly illustrated. Part 2 describes in shocking detail life for mineworkers of all ages and both sexes as it does the **eviction of the inhabitants of Denaby, "a hell on earth - the worst village in England", whose homes were owned by a mining company whose employees had**



been on strike for 26 weeks. The political turmoil and machinations leading up to nationalisation are well covered and with a balanced and sensitive judgement.

I read *Black Diamonds* whilst on holiday and once started could not put it down. It is required reading for anyone at all interested in our near-past history.

Wentworth Woodhouse from *A Complete History of the County of York* by Thomas Allen (1828–30).

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## Monumental inscriptions in the churchyard

Hugh Richardson and Angela Ovenston have completed a survey of the graves and updated a record which was done in 1912 and held in the archives at the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Leeds. This provides much useful information for those seeking the graves of their ancestors since many of the inscriptions have since become illegible or disappeared completely. The earliest records start around the 1790s and go up to the end of the 19th century. After 1897, most people were buried in the cemetery. The updated list along with the early map indicating the sites of each grave will shortly be placed on the history society website [www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk). A copy of the updated records will also be placed in the church.

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Jan Coulthard  
(Editor)



Sept 15 Illustrated talk  
about St Petersburg  
**The Romanovs • Arbiters**  
of Taste

Talk by Michael Jones, 7.30 pm  
Thursday 15 Sept, £5, Village  
Hall, Hushwaite

Michael Jones is Angela Ovenston's relative from Auckland, New Zealand who visits the UK every year, seeking out both ancient ancestors and living relatives. Many people will remember him giving a very stimulating talk about garden design in New Zealand to the gardening club two years ago. This new talk covers some of the treasures of St Petersburg. In his own words...

Michael Jones, landscape architect and retired lecturer in the history of gardens, landscape architecture and urban design at UNITEC, spent a week in St Petersburg in June 2008. With the assistance of Dr Maria Ignatieva, he was able to visit the key palaces and gardens of the Tsars, and also a little of the **Modernist landscape architecture of the city.** **Michael's illustrated talk will** traverse the 18thC architecture/landscape architecture of Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, including the introduction of the English Landscape Garden movement by the Romanovs; and the Cathedral of the Spilt Blood (1883-1907), built by Alexander III within the Art Nouveau movement. As an epilogue, the lecture will examine two monumental works of post-Tsarist Russia in St Petersburg - the Piskarevskoye Memorial Cemetery (1960) containing the mass graves of those who died of starvation during the 900-day Siege of Leningrad; and the re-make of Moscovskaya Square (2006)

Proceeds will be divided between the village hall and the Lawrence Sterne Trust, Shandy Hall. Everyone welcome to attend.

Angela Ovenston

## **Ephraim Palmer Chambers (1881-1954)**

As those who have lived in the village a long time or have read the Orchards booklet know, Ephraim Palmer Chambers came to live at Ashmount (next to the shop) in the mid 1930s, and became active in selling fruit from the village. The Chambers family also housed evacuees during the war. Both he and his wife were living with their daughter at Hanover Farm, outside Easingwold when they died. Recently their grandson **Keith Chambers** visited Husthwaite and was able to fill in more of the background to his grandfather:-

**Ephraim Palmer Chambers** was born 18<sup>th</sup> April 1881 and died 1st May 1954. His parents were William and Frances Isabella Chambers and he was born at 9 Adelaide Street, Southwick, Durham. Present at Ephraim's birth was William's mother-in-law Mary.

At the age of 15 Ephraim worked as a glass bottle blower, (as did his father William) indentured as a bottle maker to Joseph Scott of Southwick (bottle manufacturer). After his apprenticeship at the age of 21 Ephraim started working for himself selling vegetables. A year later he purchased a horse and cart and started selling vegetables street to street. Ephraim's business prospered, purchasing a lorry, then a shop, then several greengrocer shops (one in Lords Street, another in Queen Alexander road, and two more in Princess Road, Seaham Harbour), along with a number of houses that he collected rent from. Ephraim retired at the age of 50 giving each of his sons a property and some he gave a greengrocer's. He purchased Ashmount in Husthwaite and Hanover farm in Easingwold. The farm he gave to his daughter Frances but he and his wife Frances spent a lot of time on the farm. I remember, as does my father, spending our holidays there helping with the harvest; it was always a big family get-together.

In the census of 1901 Ephraim was aged 19 and his marital status was single. The census shows that at this time Ephraim was living with his father and William's third wife. Their children and Ephraim's brothers and sisters were:

Father ~ William age 50 (Glass bottle finisher) (married three times)

Step mother ~ Susan age 47 (born in London)

Brother ~ William age 21 (Glass bottle blower)

Brother ~ Robert age 26 (Glass bottle blower)

Sister ~ Isabella age 6

Sister ~ Florence age 7

Sister ~ Emma age 9

Ephraim married Frances Annie Thompson 11th April 1903

They had 7 children ~ Frances Isabella, Ernest, Sidney, Charlton Thompson, Stanley, Arthur and William Thompson (my grandfather).

Back row: Ann Chambers, Ephraim, ?, ?

Middle row: ?, Bertha Chambers, Frances Chambers (grandma) Ephraim's wife

Front row: Joan Chambers (mum),?, Frances Chambers (Chris's wife), Nancy (mum's sister) and ?



## Keith Chambers June 2011

*ps If anyone has a clearer photo of the family or can name more of the people Keith can be contacted via Angela Ovenston (868 347). He would also be interested to know more about the relative from Australia who had visited Ashmount a few years ago.*

### New to the village

We welcome Jane Cluley, who is now living at Orchard Cottage. Many villagers will know Jane already as she taught Yoga in the village hall, and attends many of the events here.

Welcome also to Amanda and Mark Humpleby who live at Moncaster Garth. Amanda is an expert cakemaker, and has already joined into village life by kindly baking a wonderful variety of cakes for the refreshments at The Good Life event.

Jan Coulthard

# THE GOOD LIFE

What an enjoyable day we had last Saturday visiting Husthwaite Village Hall. I was amazed at the variety and number of stalls all proving to be both interesting and informative.

We were greeted outside by two alpacas, a range of ducks and chicks, and a pig plus four piglets. The young children were delighted that they could hold the chicks and the alpacas proved to be friendly and what a pleasure to feel their soft wool.

Inside the hall we were welcomed by the smell of freshly baked bread, which was selling faster than the lady could cook it. Having made our first purchase (olive bread) we moved on to learn about garden recycling and bee keeping, which were both extremely interesting. A second purchase was soon made, that of home made honey, delicious!

I was amazed to learn that in years gone by Husthwaite was known for its many orchards and was impressed to learn how successful the cider company was doing. Well, we just had to sample the cider on offer. Another purchase secured we moved on to learn about wild gardens and willow basket making, which reminded me of my primary school days when we were taught basket craft. I doubt this skill is available to our children in school now. Happy memories.

The next stall was a treat for me and again took me back to my childhood with fond **memories of my mother sitting by the fire on an evening making “clippie mats”**. My siblings and I were given the task of cutting up the rags which my mother used.

The lace making came next, followed by a lady operating a spinning wheel. Amazing! Our final purchase, or purchases were made at a stall producing chutneys, jams, and a range of vinegars. One of which, I was advised, improved the taste of vodka and tonic. Well, I just had to have that. My only disappointment was that we did not have time to enjoy the treats of the coffee shop which offered a selection of home made cakes.

I must congratulate both the organisers and the stall holders who made it such a successful day. Living in a large market town in County Durham, I felt envious of the brilliant community spirit within the village and I am privileged to have been able to share such a lovely afternoon with warm, friendly people.

I look forward to your next event.

Mary Waine (Bishop Auckland)

*( Thanks to all who helped to make The Good Life such a success: John Ovenston, Pauline Worthy, Robin Walton and Richard Wood. The event was organised by Andrew Coulthard, with Maggie Fairley and Kathryn Chapman from Rural Voice and Rural Action Yorkshire. The splendid cakes served as refreshments were kindly baked by Amanda Humpleby.)*

# The Good Life

Cameron Smith on the Orchards of Husthwaite stall

Below:

Rag rugs were introduced to a new generation by Sarah Robinson





More photos from The Good Life event



Above: Andy and Carol Colbourne learn some bee-keeping secrets

Left:  
Lynn Corkery shows Maddy Gordon-Finlayson how to spin wool



A black pig and her piglets were shown by Rowan Jupp

Right:  
Breadmaking demonstration by Jan Coulthard

*(Bread sales raised over £90 for Somalia Famine Relief. Thanks to all for your kind support)*



# Village Hall News

## Big Lottery Application is Not Dead – Yet

Earlier this year the Village Hall Committee learned that we might be eligible to apply for a grant from the Big Lottery to build a new village hall. We sent a questionnaire to every household in the Parish asking if we should apply. Seventy per cent of the village replied and pretty well everybody said go ahead.

In spite of a huge amount of work the Committee did to present our proposals they way the Big Lottery wanted them, our outline proposal has been rejected twice.

But, we need that new hall. So, we've decided to have one more go. We've been in touch with the Lottery assessors again and a third version of our bid has gone in, modified in line with their suggestions. Fingers crossed.

When I lived at Osmotherley we were badgering the Lottery for a new cricket pavilion and a wise old Yorkshireman said to me, 'That pavilion will be used by people who haven't been born yet.'

And that's the inspiration. This is not the end of the story. It can't be.

Richard Wood

# Energy Day 2

29 October

Oil prices rocket up with electricity not far behind; is there anything useful you can do?

With the help of York Energy Saving Trust, we will be focussing on cutting down the energy your house uses and finding alternatives to oil

Come and meet the experts. **It's free** and it might be the beginning of saving some money.

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## Made in Husthwaite; a change

We planned to have this year's Made in Husthwaite on the same day as the Apple Fair, 18 September. It turned out not to be quite such a good idea to have the two shows together, for all kinds of reasons, so it's being postponed to Spring 2012. *Sorry for the confusion; it'll be worth waiting for, when it happens.*

Andrew Coulthard



# Comedy evening Date for your diary.

**On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011 Husthwaite Village Hall will be hosting its first ever comedy evening. There will be a line up of local celebrities including The Airfix Choir, loved by many-listened to by few, stand- up from Brian Watts, now he's a funny fella, David Swann who has always been a hit at the hut, and a couple still to confirm. Headlining the evening is a professional comedian Dom Woodward (check out his show reel on You Tube), and most important of all Supper and a bar. Tickets will be £10. Avoid the stampede and book early. Contact Vikki on 868740 or email [vnixon@btconnect.com](mailto:vnixon@btconnect.com)**

## Coming Soon.....

- 10 September Elphin Drift live music, entertainment, real ale, Husthwaite cider, (details p26)
- 24 September Ho-Down, good music and dancing
- 8 October Comedy Night details this page
- 29 October Energy Day 2
- 19 Nov All Glue and Glitter..make your own Christmas cards
- 30 November North **Country Theatre "Rocking Horse Winner"**

## Click For The Village!

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**So, five extra seconds' work and we get a small reward for each pound you spend. What you pay isn't affected. If I buy say £45's worth from Screwfix or Amazon, the village hall gets around £1.50. If we all do it, it soon mounts up.**

The only snag is remembering to do it.

## A Story before Sleep

Here's some all-purpose advice from Mabel, a 3-year-old friend who lives near Bristol, England. The story is conveyed by her grandfather, Richard Wood, a friend of much, much longer standing.



Mabel is being visited by another small girl for an **overnight. Mabel's parents are socializing with the girl's** parents while the two children are sent off to the bedroom.

**Richard reports that Mabel's mom, Ruth, checks up occasionally on the two "to find that they have transformed the bedroom into a dance hall, then a pirate ship. At last, the kids snuggle themselves down and Mabel reads a goodnight story to her companion."**

**When Ruth peeks in again, it seems that Mabel hasn't realized that a goodnight story is just that — an end-of-the-day, drop-off-to-sleep event. "Every time the friend nods off Mabel shouts, 'Wake up! We aren't at the end of the story!'"**

Richard shared the story with me yesterday and throughout the day the line kept coming back like a refrain as I encountered life's little challenges and opportunities.

**"Wake up!" I'd say to myself. "We aren't at the end of the story!"**

Good advice. I will use it today and until I exhaust my tomorrows.

**"Wake up! We aren't at the end of the story...."**

Rick Seifert (Portland, Oregon)

The story above coincided with thoughts of whether to have yet another go at the Big Lottery for the village hall, and the efforts involved. The story is an inspiration, and reminds us that the young often have the energy, no nonsense and hope, to keep us cynical older folk on our toes!



## Mums Go To Gateshead

Angela Banks (middle), Susan McClanachan (right), and myself, Catherine Skinner (left), aim to complete the Great North Run from Gateshead to

South Shields on Sunday 18th September 2011. We are all really looking forward to this event which will end a season whereby each of us has encouraged the others in numerous 10k Road Races and persevered in improving our times. Angela and Susan are doing really well. I aim to just try and keep up with one of them!

It would be a great bonus if we could raise a bit of money for two local **charities. We have chosen St. Monica's Hospital in Easingwold and Husthwaite Village Hall.** We consider both provide essential local services.

If anyone reading this article would like to support us and these charities, we would be very grateful for any sponsors/donations, **however small. There will be a sponsor form in the Forresters' Arms in Kilburn, the Balmoral pub in Husthwaite and the Husthwaite Village Shop.** Alternatively you can email me on [will@skinnerw.fs.co.uk](mailto:will@skinnerw.fs.co.uk) If anyone wishes all their sponsorship to go to just one of the charities then just let me know and this will be arranged.

We will let you know in the next Newsletter how we get on.

Many thanks, Catherine, Angela and Susan.

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# Orchards of Husthwaite Apple Fair



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# Energy News

## For Husthwaite

Rosie Hughes is the Project Co-ordinator for Sustainable Communities (North York Moors, Coast and Hills) at the Yorkshire Energy Partnership. She is partly based at the York Energy Saving Trust.

Rosie has been working with Husthwaite and four other North Yorkshire villages, promoting energy reduction and use of renewable sources.



## Heat your house... without oil or gas?

### **There's new money available**

**There's a** new grant, to help you pay for changing over to renewable energy in your house.

Why? Because most countries have realised that we have to cut down **the fossil fuels we use, like oil, gas and coal. They're getting scarce, costing much more and the supply of some isn't reliable. Add in climate damage and it's clear we need to do something soon.**

**To get us to stop using fuels we can't replace, there's a grant (just announced)** to help us meet the cost of the changeover. We can also get regular payments for any heat or energy we generate using renewable sources from 2012.

There are 3 main ways of using renewable energy in your house

- Using sunlight to warm water (solar thermal)

- Collecting heat from the environment and putting it into your house (air and ground-source heat pumps)

- Using renewable fuel like wood in a modern boiler (biomass boilers)

*Did you know these 3 types of energy are up and running in Husthwaite already?*

How much money you get.....**depends on what you're having installed.** You can have £300 towards the cost of a solar hot water system, £950

towards a biomass boiler and £1250 towards a ground-source heat pump. In each case, from 2012, you get a regular sum which depends on how much heat or energy you have generated.

### **What's the catch?**

1 **...you have to pay for most of the installation which isn't cheap**, although prices are falling. A solar hot water panel on your roof will cost £3000-£6500, a biomass boiler system will be around £11,500 and a ground source heat pump system will cost around £9000—£17,000. *You have to do the thinking (and get advice) to see whether it will be worth it. Keep in mind that oil and gas are going up in price. Take into account the initial grant and the regular payments you will receive afterwards and the lower cost of running your new system. There's plenty of advice available to help you make the decision.*

2 **...the size of regular payments you would receive hasn't been announced yet and won't be until 2012.**

3....your house has to be reasonably well insulated and you have to **agree to give some feedback on how it's all going.**

### **If you're interested, what next?**

**There's more information available through me at York Energy Saving Trust or online at [energysavingtrust.org.uk/rhi](http://energysavingtrust.org.uk/rhi) Give me a ring on 01904 554408 and I'll be happy to arrange to put you in touch with an appropriate advisor.**

Rosie Hughes

## Thermal images and other free offers.

**Rosie's team have done free energy audits for 15 Husthwaite houses so far.** It involves a short conversation with the householder and then taking some thermal images of the house. You get a useful report which gives you ideas about where you can save most money

We had our house done. It was helpful, especially seeing clearly which walls were losing heat (and where it was doing well). Rosie lent us an energy monitor too which told us where the electricity was being used; quite an eye-opener. **It's very useful information which elsewhere would cost money.**

To book free audits, thermal images, electricity monitors etc, contact Rosie as above

Andrew Coulthard.

## 'The Hideaway@Baxby Manor (working title!)

Dear fellow villagers,

A quick note to inform you, for those unaware, I was granted planning permission at the end of May for my eco-campsite down here at Baxby.

The consultation period with Hambleton District Council went on for sometime due to there being an unusually large number of planning applications being submitted at the time, and also because this was not just your average single-storey extension!

However a decision was eventually made at the planning committee meeting on May 26th and the vote was, I am pleased to say, unanimous.

Thank you to all for your support, whether it be in the form of a support letter (of which there were many) or just a few words of support in the pub on a Saturday night! The planning officer in charge of my application actually called me one afternoon to say she was amazed at the level of support for this application and that she was expecting far more objections! (of which there was only 1)

I am looking forward to getting the business up and running and it contributing significantly to our local community, such as Alison at the pub (newly named The Orchard Inn), Anne and David Dowson at the shop and Andrew Thornton our butcher, to name but a few.

Plans are well underway and if anyone wishes to know anything about the project or indeed anything about solar panels, heat pumps, biomass boilers, thermal stores, rainwater harvesting, timber cabins, straw-bale buildings, septic tanks, reed beds or landscaping, I have a very large file containing a LOT of information so please don't hesitate to get in touch!!

Many thanks to you all once again,

Barney Smith

Baxby Manor

# Magician Saws Callum's Head Off

## at Treasure Hunt

Where will you find this fine chap?

**This was one of the questions in June's Treasure Hunt.**

Highlander is our close neighbour but quite a few people walked by without noticing him.

The Hunt was the usual test of observation skill and awareness of our natural surroundings. You should have heard the chuntering because a bit of general knowledge was thrown in! What iconic bird flies above the Alpacas their native mountains? Oh wow!

Never mind! Everybody stayed cheerful, nobody got lost and the weather defied the dismal forecasters. All combined with a fine walk in lovely summer weather, with a barbecue and a magician to round everything off.

So - what about this steam engine? Where in the village will you come across it?



**This year's walk went across Beacon Banks and came home down Paddy Lane to the Old Lodge.** Everybody followed the clues and nobody got lost.

We had a special event this year, designed to attract **families of Husthwaite's youngest children. They went as far as the Beacon and came home across the Alpacas' field.** Along the way they had wonderful fun tracking down the name of this doll. They were helped along the way by lots of cuddly friends, including a duck, a panda

and a pony. The winners were the Kennedy family, and they keep the trophy for the year. Their prize was presented by Magicphil Grainger shortly before he **sawed Callum Watt's head off in front of gaping** crowds on the Hall car park.

Richard Wood

*(Thanks to Richard and to Stephen Barker for organising the Treasure Hunt, especially the interesting version for younger children. Thanks also to Mike and Nick Barker who manned the Barbecue with Stephen. Phil Grainger as always was a hit with the children It was a great afternoon for everyone. Editor)*



# Elphin Drift

An evening of live music and  
entertainment in  
Husthwaite Village Hall.

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Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2011

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## Local Artists and Special Guests

Stan Graham ♦ Joe Solo ♦ Sam Taplin  
Robin & Pat ♦ Abi Alton ♦ House Band  
PLUS OTHER PERFORMERS

There is a bar with guests ~  
Yorkshire Ale and Galtres Gold Cider

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All ages welcome

Entry: Adults - £4, Under 16 - free  
doors - 7:00      starts - 7:30

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Please call Alun on 01347 868740 for more info

News from our pub...

Alison has finally been given planning permission to **rename the pub as "The Orchard Inn"** and new signs can now be made. She is having an official opening soon under the new name-details later.

Meanwhile, have you tried the excellent fish and chips there—the best in the area!

### **From Neighbourhood Watch**

**From December 2011 North Yorkshire will be in line with most of the UK using 101 as the new non-emergency number.**

**It is quicker than the 24 hour number--worth putting on your mobile or a gate on your phone.**

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Chris  
Gambles

was turned into  
a colourful  
Michelin Man by  
magician and  
balloon blower  
Phil Grainger

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