

Husthwaite Newsletter

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Alec, Margaret and Max take on the water hazard at the Carriage Driving Trials at Allerton Park in July (article inside p22)



Photo; Richard Wood

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Please send articles for the October edition to me by September 20th, via email:(jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 01347 868130. Comments and articles are always welcome. Local businesses can advertise in this Newsletter.

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Any offers of sponsorship, for which we are always grateful, should go to Vikki Nixon, our treasurer, at Sleepy Hollow, High Street, Husthwaite. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

4 Sept. Elphin Drift 7.00pm in the Village Hall

18 Sept. Orchards of Husthwaite Production Unit Opening and apple pressing event from 2.00 pm at Manor House, High Street.

25 Sept. Ho Down in Village hall 7.30

9 Oct. Ceildh 7.30 Village Hall

!0 Oct. Husthwaite Apple Fair in School and marquees 11.30-4.30

21 Oct. 7.30 History Society. Talk on Faberge by Diane Leeper

9 Nov. North Country Theatre :“Blood Wedding in Wensleydale” in Village hall at 7.30

11 Dec Bad Apple Theatre Company: “A Yorkshire Christmas Carol” in

Orchards of Husthwaite

Galtres Gold Dry Cider 7.5% proof is now for sale from the production unit.

£3 a bottle.

Contact Cameron on 868489 if you wish to buy any.





Our Morning Visitor

by Ruth Nix

I am sure that, like us, many people in the village feed the birds. I try not to over feed once the cold weather is over, as I appreciate that the birds need to find their own food and not become dependent on us. However some time ago I began to feed visiting blackbirds sultanas, always placing a few on a stone in my garden. Over time some of them have become extremely tame and come for the fruit before we have left the scene.

One bird in particular now watches for us every morning and as soon as we walk out to our utility room, he comes to sit on the back door handle and peers at us through the glass, as if to say, "I'm here. Where are my sultanas?" Not long ago we were astonished when, not content with waiting patiently, he actually began to tap on the glass to hurry us along. I am quite convinced he raised his family this year, at least in part, on sultanas. He and his wife began to bring the young ones to the garden to feed them the fruit. As the young grew, the parents watched as the young ones fed first.

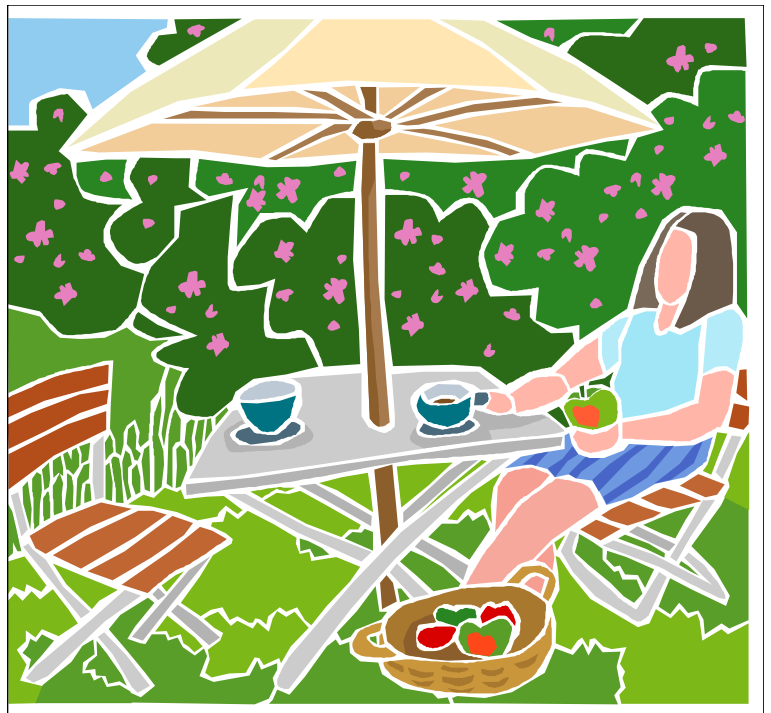
During the recent spell of warm weather (I didn't imagine it, did I?) we left the back door open for fresh air. The blackbird took this as a personal invitation and now hops confidently in. He will now feed from the doormat, and from our hands. We have also enjoyed watching a pair of blue tits raise a family in one of our bird boxes. What wonderful parents they are, dashing back and forth with food for the chicks and keeping the nest clean by removing little sacks of faeces.

The Lazy Days of Summer

by Brenda Board

Relax – it's such a perfect day,
No sign of cloud or shower.
Bright butterflies and murmuring bees
That flit from flower to flower.
Sun-loungers under parasols,
Cool drinks and books close by.
A warm sun, and the gentlest breeze,
And bluest summer sky.
Soft music seeps through open doors
To soothe and calm the mind.
A carefree summer afternoon,
In these days, hard to find...
For neighbours may have other schemes
With which to fill their day.
"Let's mow the lawn and mend that fence"
You overhear them say.

Out comes that noisy great machine
And trundles up and down.
The hopes for tranquil hours are gone,
Your smile turns into frown.
The circular saw is whirring fast
And sawdust fills the air.
The power drill springs into life –
Worse than the dentist's chair!
The DIY fanatic,
Quite oblivious to your pain,
Proceeds with nails and hammer
To restore the fence again.
Your tolerance is wearing thin –
How thoughtless can they be?
"Let's go inside and shut the door,
And make a cup of tea."



Villages with Oomph!

It ought to have been a bit boring. It was anything but.

I went to the AGM of the Easingwold and Villages Forum at the Galtres Centre in July. There were two brilliant talks, and some really good ideas afterwards, which I thought I would pass on, since much of it bears directly on our village and its future. The idea of The Forum was to get people together from all the villages around Easingwold to talk about problems and possibilities that we all share. For example, the Forum put a lot of work into saving the tourist office in Easingwold which was threatened with closure. It has a new 10 year lease and brings lots of visitors (and their money) into the area. It helped too with getting money for our MUGA and has campaigned about all kinds of things from cycle paths to broadband. So it's a talking shop, but about village issues and it has a direct line into local government decisions. Peter Davison has been a good ambassador for us since the Forum began, but we need to support him by taking part ourselves.

An old postcard of Lord Baden-Powell in Easingwold in 1908 (and a blast from the same bugle they blew then) began a fascinating talk about Scouts in the area. It's a history full of local characters, but the main point was to tell us about a new outdoor pursuits centre in Easingwold. The Scouts have bought four acres of land near their present hut, to be open to any young people to use for organised camps and outdoor pursuits. Something for our Youth Club to know about?

Cameron Smith talked about Husthwaite's Orchard Project. It was a wonderful explanation of a complex project and it went down very well with the audience. He set out what had been done so far, what the next steps were and, most important, in my view, what it was all for. We can be very proud that such a bold idea is coming to fruition (literally) in our village and is attracting attention from far and wide. *Elsewhere in the Newsletter, there are details of the September Apple Pressing Day and the October Orchard Day.*

The Chairman, Frank Johnson-Green, talked about the issues they had tackled in the past year, We're all in for difficult times now, he said, and it's up to villages to discuss problems and solutions. He gave the example of energy costs and how Alne had got together to buy heating oil at reduced prices.

I came away with two main ideas: one that the Forum keeps us in touch with other villages, does good work and needs us to use it more. The other is that there are ideas out there (jointly keeping energy costs down, promoting tourism, improving access to broadband and lots more) where we can take the initiative to make the next period a bit less grim. "The Prime Minister", said the Chairman of the Forum, "is looking for villages with oomph. I can tell him that we've got some already; you've only got to look at Husthwaite!"

Andrew Coulthard

Letters to the Editor

*In response to Brian Clark's letter in the last newsletter, about Kendrew Green and its wildflowers, **Sue Houlston** writes:*

It was not the Husthwaite Parish Council's decision to keep cutting Kendrew Green. The residents of Husthwaite were given the chance to vote on whether they would like to see the Green cut or left and the outcome of that vote was to keep cutting.

Many residents thought that when left Kendrew Green looked very untidy and poor visibility at a busy junction was also a major concern. We are very lucky to have such a pretty village and many places where wild flowers flourish, as the photo on the back page of the newsletter depicted. As for violets, they are alive and growing on Highthorne Lane and grow in abundance down Baxby Lane. They are certainly not extinct!

*On the same subject **Ursula Duncan** writes:*

Congratulations are due to the Parish Council for the splendid recreational provision for children and young people and families in the field beyond the school.

All the more perplexing that the sitting area on Kendrew Green, mostly used by older residents and walkers, should be so neglected as a beauty spot and a recreation area of a different kind.

To see bluebells and other wild flowers mown down as they grow and the grass shaved down to its roots is sad; a precious open space with such potential.

As I remember, after a lot of disagreement between individual Parish Councillors and two inconclusive "ballots", it was agreed to cut a margin around the edge of the green and leave the rest to grow, cutting it in July when the flowers had set seed.

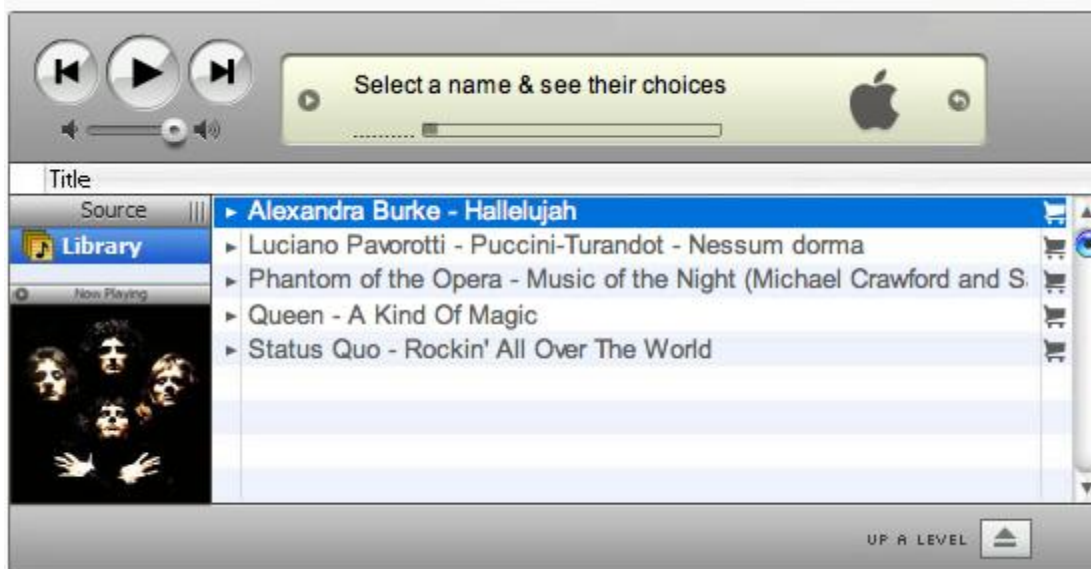
What has happened?

On a different topic:

Sue Houlston writes that her parents started up a village show in North Lincolnshire, after falling in love with the Husthwaite Show many years ago. It is on a much smaller scale than the Husthwaite one was, and takes place in their village hall, with competitions for cakes, flower arrangements, crafts, photography and plants. It is well attended and really enjoyed. Sue wonders if it is worth resurrecting something similar here next year, as she would enjoy entering.

What do you think?

Well, What is Rocking Husthwaite?



The new village website already has a selection of music from some of our friends. The current guest is **Bunny Wentworth** whose selection can be seen above.

Visit: www.husthwaitevillage.com/rocking.php to hear a sample of Bunny's music as well as that of our previous guests.

Future guests are Lucy Collins, Maddy Nixon and Alan McDougall.

To join the list of future guests: email: admin@husthwaitevillage.com or tel: 868667

Children's Corner *(Answers on page 20)*

What would you call 5 bottles of lemonade?

How do you know a sausage hates to be fried?

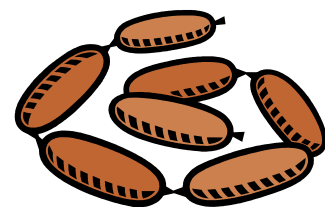
What's white and fluffy and beats its chest in the cake shop?

Why did the monkey put a steak on his head?

When is roast beef highest in price?

When will the price of bacon go up?

Try the word search on page 9 too!



Husthwaite Local History Society

will hold a talk at 7.30 on Thursday 21st October at the village hall by Diane Leeper on **Carl Faberge and the English Royal Collection**.

Entrance will be £5 to include a glass of wine.

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL by Sarah Dixon

As I write this article the school is getting ready to close for the summer holidays. The children have all worked very hard this year and are ready for a break and a chance to recharge their batteries in preparation for the new academic year in September.

Reflecting back on the summer term the children really have been very busy.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 were very involved in the Summer Fair that we held on 2nd July which raised £610.89. Many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

All children in KS2 have been busy rehearsing for their Summer Production - What a Knight - and performed magnificently to full houses.

The whole school went to Sandsend for a visit as part of their termly topic and had a fabulous day out exploring, playing beach games, eating ice cream and some even managed a paddle. Given that the summer weather has come to an abrupt end, the weather remained dry and warm adding to the day's success.

Children are continuing to meet in their Pupil Voice groups and the Eco-Warriors achieved their Bronze Award for environmental awareness.

The Y6 children have had their induction day at Easingwold School in preparation for their next steps in education and the rest of school have also enjoyed a day in their 'new' classes.

Looking ahead to next term, children in Years 3 and 4 will start their swimming lessons which will take place at Thirsk this year. Years 5 and 6 will attend Crucial Crew - an event run by Hambleton District Council providing children with important life skills and the whole school will be involved in the first community service of the school year on Tuesday 12 October which is based on Harvest Festival. All members of the community are once again invited to join us. As we close for summer we look forward to receiving the children back into school safe, refreshed and raring to go in September.

On Monday 20 September there is a "sing along and story session" for toddlers and parents from 9.00-9.30am. This is in addition to our usual toddler sessions which continue throughout the year— dates in the next newsletter.



Children enjoying their visit to Sandsend

WOODCHIP GARDEN MULCH FOR SALE

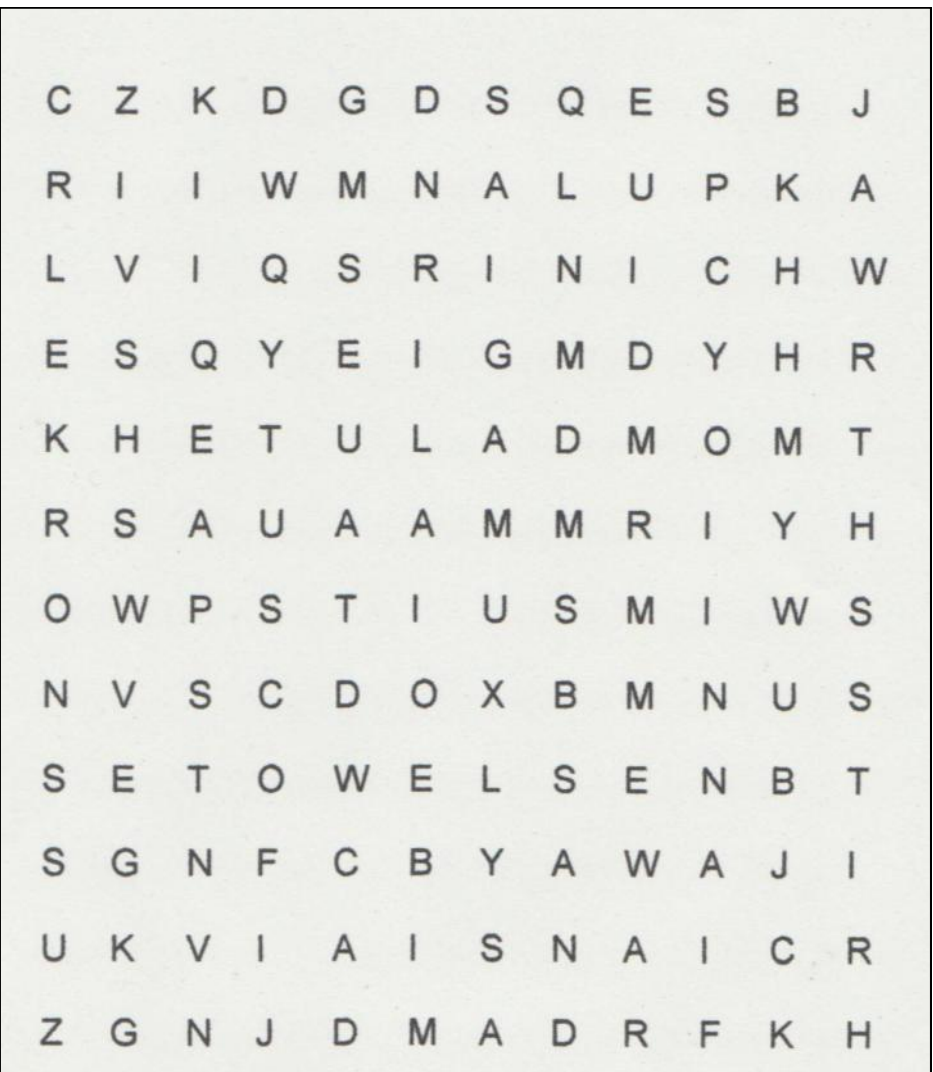
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BEACH WORD SEARCH

How many beach words can you find?

Answers on page 20

Orchards of Husthwaite

by Cameron Smith

Apples wanted , large or small, perfect or ugly! We would like your surplus apples and will pick and collect them if you wish. Our orchard will not be on stream until next year and will take 2-3 years to get up to its full potential. All profit from the sale of produce will be reinvested into the village. Can you donate apples?

Husthwaite School and Orchards of Husthwaite are holding an **Apple Fair** on Sunday 10th October in the village school and grounds. *See across to next page outlining the day's events.*

Orchards of Husthwaite have a range of **Yorkshire and vintage variety apples** for sale. All trees have been grafted and grown in pots in Husthwaite from scions given by Helmsley Walled Garden and The Northern Fruit Group and are ready to plant from October. *A separate leaflet is enclosed in the newsletter outlining the varieties and cropping times.*

Orchards of Husthwaite **production unit** at Manor House, High Street, will hold an **opening day on Sept. 18th** followed by a village juicing event. The opening event will be at 2.00pm with refreshments and the juicing will start at 3.00 pm. Anyone wishing to have fruit juiced please bring your own bottles or tubs.

We need help - the season gets started at the end of August and help with the following would be appreciated:

Fruit picking, Fruit pressing, Pasteurising, Bottling, Labelling, Cider brewing and lots of other jobs throughout the year.

Orchards of Husthwaite and The Northern Fruit Group will be running a free 1 day fruit identification course at the village hall at the end of September. Anyone interested in attending the event run by Professor Simon Clark please contact Cameron on 01347 868489 and tell me any days from the 25th of Sept. to the 2nd of Oct. you are not available as the day of the week it takes place is flexible.



Orchards of Husthwaite Galtres Gold Dry Cider 7.5% proof is now for sale from the production unit. The Price is £3 a bottle, contact Cameron on 868489 if you wish to buy any.

If you want to know more or you can help with production or at any of the events, please contact Cameron on 01347 868489. We really need your help, and it's fun!

Sunday 10th Oct Apple Fair - the village school and grounds

Events from 11.30 to 4.30

- Fruit and vegetable growing competition - M3
- Fruit variety display - M3
- Craft stalls, green fair and a village table top sale - M2
- Fruit pressing demonstrations - 12
- Northdale Horticulture composting masterclass - 14
- Garden folklore talk - 9
- Bar, tea, sandwich and cakes - School hall
- Penny Pinkney Memorial cider trophy competition - M1
- A North Yorkshire fire engine and display - FRONT
- The northern fruit group information stand - 5
- A storyteller describing the apples of Yorkshire - 9
- Children's bouncy castle - 11
- Easingwold brass band - M4
- School children craft competition - M3
- Apple fritter making - 13
- Apple bobbing - 13
- Toffee apple making - 13
- Tombola - M2
- Cake stall - apple theme - M2
- Wensleydale dairy demo - 8
- Unusual plant display - Jane Gaunt - 7
- Kids treasure hunt - EVERYWHERE
- Local band performance - M4
- Pony riding - 15
- Face Painting - 9
- Alpaca petting - 16
- Birds of prey - 6
- Vintage car and tractor display - 11

Entrance £3 for
adults and
children under
14 free



Penny Pinkney Memorial cider trophy competition

The format is that for a £5 card/ticket one can taste a sample of cider and give a mark out of 100 for around 10 different ciders, with the money going to charity. The ticket would be on top of any entrance charge to the event. The winning cider is the one with most first choices and wins an engraved decanter prize.

Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

The club has enjoyed three different garden visits this summer, culminating in the traditional tour of a member's garden in July. First we visited Tinker's Hollow in Great Ouseburn. It was looking immaculate in readiness for opening a few days later for the National Garden Scheme. This garden is a good example of what can be achieved in a long, relatively narrow field, common in these parts. A major talking point was an enormous evergreen hedge, requiring almost mountaineering skills to keep it cut!

On a hot June afternoon we visited Jackson's Wold. Most holiday-makers heading for Scarborough on the A64 would be oblivious to this large garden overlooking them on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds. The little plant nursery was doing a roaring trade.

Finally, closer to home, we met at the Old Hall, Coxwold. Club member Margaret Wiggins has been developing this garden since 1985. Built on a north-facing slope, the garden is divided into separate lawned terraces, surrounded by flower beds and mature trees. Menacing grey clouds loomed overhead, but the rain held off long enough for us to enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles before posing for a group photograph, taken by Gerald Crane.

Many thanks to Jean Stublely for organising three enjoyable trips. We now look forward to the first indoor meeting on 9th September in the Village Hall."

MIKE WELLS



Children's Summer Team Fun

Team Activities for Primary School age children, led by the members of the Churches in Husthwaite along with Kim Gabbatiss, Children's Worker



Come along and join the action at:
Husthwaite Recreation Field (if dry)
or
Husthwaite Village Hall (if wet)

Saturday, 4th September

10-12 noon

Free admission

(Registration from 9.45 am)

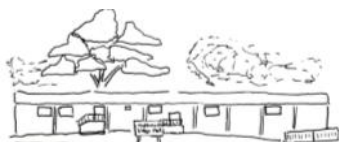


For further details or to book a place, please contact:
Jill Galloway on 01347 868514 or jillgalloway@btinternet.com
Kim Gabbatiss on 01904 424571 or kim.gabbatiss@ntlworld.com

A morning of team spirit and fun jointly organised by the Chapel and the Church is to take place on the MUGA on 4th September. The organisers are looking forward to a happy and rewarding time and hoping for a lovely sunny day!

Jill Galloway

Village Hall News



Elphin Drift

Live music in Husthwaite

7.00pm Saturday 4th September

The line-up will include;

Stoney Plain, Fiddler of Helperby,
Brian Watt,
Susan Neale, The House Band and The Village Children.



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Brand new play in Husthwaite this year

Last year, North Country Theatre from Richmond came to Husthwaite, with "Home On The Range". We had a full house and the company was wonderful; magical even, transforming the village hall into C19th America in the era of the wagon trains.

Now, they're coming back to the village hall in November with a new play which will be excellent. It's based on a Spanish play by Lorca set at the time of the Civil War. But it's moved to Wensleydale. Here's what the company says about it.

"A **BLOOD WEDDING** in WENSLEYDALE !

Lorca's famous Spanish tale of feuding families, freely adapted and re-set in the farming communities of the Yorkshire Dales

Cold Comfort Farm meets Carmen

When Leonard returns from fighting with the International Brigade in the Spanish Civil War he finds his childhood sweetheart about to marry an old rival.. Custom and tradition demand grim faced acceptance, but Len has been infected by the hot blood of southern Spain and the revolutionary ideas of his comrades in arms.

And he will not let it lie!

3 Fights 2 Weddings & a Funeral

Between flamenco dancing sheep, hay making and throwing hay makers and with the Dairy Maid of Doom forever lurking by the Cowshed of Calamity the wedding celebrations soon descend into farce and then tragedy.

A *Blood Wedding in Wensleydale* is an exciting collaboration between one of Yorkshire's best known theatres and one of its most popular rural touring companies and will open on the main stage at **Harrogate Theatre** before touring regionally."

Tuesday 9 November in the village hall; More information soon. Andrew Coulthard 868130

Maintenance Day

19th September



Can you spare an hour or two on Sunday 19th September? We're going to catch up on some of the maintenance jobs at the village hall; painting some window frames, cleaning the inside etc.

If you would like to help, we would be very grateful for an extra pair of hands.

Call Stephen Barker on 868259

A Yorkshire Christmas Carol

Another date for your diary.

Bad Apple Theatre Company are coming to the village hall on **Saturday 11 December**, with their play "A Yorkshire Christmas Carol". It's going to be a treat, a wonderful way of starting the celebrations. Here's what Bad Apple, who come from York, say about the play.

Writer Kate Bramley (Land Girls of Yorkshire) and her itinerant band of actors put their classic Yorkshire comedy slant on the Dickens' Christmas story. Have a good chuckle while the blustering, skin-flint Scrooge gets his comeuppance and is forced to see the error of his penny pinching ways.

Full of local stories and carols, puppets and mayhem, and new original songs by Jez Lowe, plus a whacking great dose of seasonal bonhomie, this is a winter warmer to put a smile on everyone's face this Christmas.

Saturday 11 December in the village hall; more information soon.

Youth Club at the Culture Shock Festival

On Saturday 3rd July, 14 youth club members and volunteers met at the village hall before going on to the 2010 Culture Shock Festival in Northallerton.

It's a 3 day festival (in its 9th year now) which offers a unique art experience to young people, with 25 arts workshops, 6 performance spaces, a camp site and an audience of 4000. It's run by Connecting Youth Culture and 4Youth Service on behalf of NYCC. Young people get the chance to listen to performers and try their hand in a huge range of inspiring arts workshops. We had a great time, thought it was really well organised and we're looking forward to next year's event which will take place in Harrogate.

If you're between 8 and 18, the youth club is open in the summer holidays, Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.30pm. Come and give it a try. We'll be glad to see you!

Mark Gambles

Husthwaite Village Hall In The Early Days

Do you or someone in your family have any memories or information, particularly pictures, of the village hall over the years? We would like to tell the story of the building. We know it was bought second-hand in 1920 from the army at Ripon Barracks. What's the rest of its story? How has it been used over the years and what has it meant to people in the village? **Any clues to Andrew Coulthard 868130.**₁₅

Now that summer weather has arrived, the tempo concerning the Recreation Area is certainly 'hotting up'. On 15th June, the AGM of the Recreation Area was held in the Village Hall (see below) with 15 villagers in attendance. This was a most encouraging response and everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion which was very informal. Highlights included refreshments, a power point pictorial presentation by Mark Gambles of developments on site over the last two years, mini updates about 'What's Going On' with regard to tennis, netball, the Youth Club, the football tournament, a Children's Fun Day and finally how one village family is making full use of the MUGA. Everyone present felt free to contribute at some stage with information, comment or questions.

Anyone who has been in the vicinity of the Recreation Area recently will have noticed that the earth is moving - literally! Phase 2 development is now well under way. A huge digger has been on site and used by the contractors (Playscheme of Elvington) to level the ground in two areas, using a cut and fill procedure. As a result, both the Grass Play Area and the Young Children's Play Area are now taking shape. This phase is funded predominantly from the LEADER programme plus grant support from both North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council. This very welcome extension to our recreational amenities is scheduled for completion in mid-August.

Peter Davison



ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

Following the high level of interest last year, a programme of sporting activities has been arranged for the school summer holidays.

In each case, the event will be held on MONDAY MORNINGS, with coaching starting at 10.00 a.m., leading to some competitive play up to 12 noon.

Monday 2nd August 10.00 - 12 noon TENNIS

Coaches - Howard and Pauline Brown

Suitable for those aged 10 years and over who can play already and wish to improve.

As numbers will be restricted to 8 maximum, please book in advance by ringing Elaine Smith (868572) or Peter Davison (868449)



Monday 9th August 10.00 - 12 noon FOOTBALL

Coach - Will Mowatt



Monday 16th August 10.00 - 12 noon TENNIS

Coaches - Howard and Pauline Brown

Arrangement as for 2nd August session



Monday 23rd August 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. TENNIS FOR BEGINNERS

Coaches - Members of Coxwold Tennis Club



Monday 30th August 10.00 - 12 noon FOOTBALL

Coach - Will Mowatt

Saturday 4th September 10.00 - 11.45 a.m. SUMMER TEAM FUN SESSION

Organised by the two Churches - details in the full page advert on p13

Saturday 11th September 10.00-12.00 noon SESSION WITH PLAY RANGERS

employed by Leisure & Recreation Section of Hambleton District Council



Anyone who has yet to visit the Recreation Area is warmly invited to take part in some physical activity or watch others doing so, or merely take a seat and enjoy the setting.

Husthwaite Local History Society

The ancestry of Alfred Peacock, butcher and shopkeeper (1867-1932)

Previous issues have looked at the ancestors of George Nathaniel Peacock, stationmaster of Husthwaite Gate station (April 2008 and April 2010). Peacock is a very common name in North Yorkshire. Here we look at the family of **Alfred Charles Peacock** who became a shopkeeper and butcher in the village.

Alfred Charles Peacock was a butcher born in Coxwold in 1867. He was the fourth son of John Peacock, a grocer who was born in Nunnington around 1827/9. In Baines Trade Directory for Nunnington in 1823, a number of Peacocks are listed - farmers John and William P, shopkeeper John P and Richard P a victualler. Alfred's grandfather is likely to be one of these people, probably the John P senior who was a shopkeeper.

By 1841, a John Peacock, aged 15, was a male servant at New Field House, Nunnington ie born around 1826. By 1851, he was married to Elizabeth from Cowesby and is recorded as a grocer at Husthwaite. They eventually had 11 children! By 1861, The Peacock family lived at the grocer's shop with John, now recorded as a groom, living with his wife and their children Tom, Mary, Sarah, Emma and William. Before 1871, Annie, John Robert and Louisa had also been born in the village. However the children **Alfred Charles** (born about 1867), followed by Arthur and Fred were all born in Coxwold when the family had moved next to Station House around 1867, with their father John now listed as a farmer. By 1871, the oldest son Tom had left home to become a groom at Highthorne in Husthwaite, but the other ten children still lived with their parents. Ten years later, the census lists the dwelling between Station Cottage and Tanyard House in Coxwold, with John farming 49 acres with 8 of the children still at home - Mary (27), Sarah (25), Emma (23), Annie pupil teacher School (19), John Robert (17), Louisa (15), **Alfred Charles** (13) and Fred (10). *[Note - Coxwold station opened in 1853 and closed in 1964. There were two railway cottages at the end of the Goods Yard. Old photos of the buildings can be seen on the website <http://www.disused-stations.org.uk/c/coxwold/index.shtml>].*

John is listed as a farmer in Bulmer's directory for 1890. A year later the census shows John and Elizabeth, both aged 64, to have the oldest three daughters still living with them along with sons John Robert and Fred, (who was now a butcher). In 1891, **Alfred Charles** has left home but has not been found in the records. However, in 1896 he is registered in Scarborough to have married Martha who was born in Rosedale.

By 1901 they live at 32 Gordon St, Scarborough and have a daughter Florence, aged 3. Eventually they move to Husthwaite where in 1911 Alfred Charles is a butcher.

In Husthwaite Reminiscences, 1930s - 1950s, Charlie Dowson recalled that “Alfred Peacock, during a particularly hot spell preserved his beef by a process of salting”. The butcher’s shop was behind Laurel House, where Swales Garth now stands. Perhaps they moved back to the grocer’s shop where his father had lived around 60 years ago in the 1850s. When he retired they lived at Ashmount. There were apparently no other children. In 1932, **Alfred Charles**, butcher aged 65, died and was buried in Husthwaite cemetery on 14th Nov. 1932. His wife Martha Ann Peacock outlived him and at aged 78, died at Dybdale Nursing Home, Scarborough and was buried next to her husband in 1954.

Records do not show what happened to their daughter Florence. She is likely to have married and moved away from the village, since she was not buried there. She is probably the Florrie Peacock mentioned in an event on Feb 1917 when a Whist Drive in the school room was organized by Husthwaite Ladies War Working Party. There were 30 tables and the winners (ladies) included Miss Florrie Peacock, who would now be aged about 19. A dance followed and carried on until 3 a.m. in the morning! The proceeds were divided between the Ladies War Working Party and the National Egg Collection Society [there was a National Egg Collection for the wounded in WWI].

Angela Ovenston

The advertisement for 'The Curtain Room' is presented as a vertical banner. On the left side, there is a black background with white text. The title 'The Curtain Room' is written in a large, elegant, white cursive font. Below the title, the text 'Beautiful Hand Crafted Interiors' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath this, there is a bulleted list of services: 'Hand Made Curtain Headings', 'Roman Blinds', 'Loose covers', 'Traditional Upholstery', 'Vertical / Venetian Blinds', and 'Accessories'. At the bottom of the black section, the address 'The Hay House, Baxby Manor' and phone number 'Tel: 01347 666079' are listed, followed by the email address 'enquiries@thecurtainroom.com'. On the right side of the banner, there is a photograph of a bedroom. The room features a bed with a light-colored, patterned headboard and footboard, and a matching bedspread. The bed is positioned in front of a window with patterned curtains. A small table with a vase of blue flowers is visible next to the bed. The room has light-colored walls and a wooden floor.

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH THE KIDS

School holidays can test the most devoted parents (and grandparents) so here are some suggestions of visits, some if the weather is wet. Most places have websites where you can check prices and opening hours. Some have special events for children in the holidays. It might occupy a few hours and make visits more meaningful if children keep illustrated diaries of trips to places and other holiday activities. It is worth buying some little notebooks and coloured pens to encourage endeavour.

We used to find that a 3 day journey in the car to Italy was made bearable by getting the two in the back seat to stop squabbling and make newspapers, where they invented articles, crosswords, jokes and problem pages. The most successful was one for dogs, called "Pup News". Try it - it could stave off a strangling.

Or, perish the thought, a bike ride, dog walk or ramble plus picnic could be good for all age groups!

York: Barley Hall medieval merchant's house.

Open top bus, or river boat tour.

Jorvik Viking Centre.

National Railway Museum.

Creepy Crawlies Adventure Playsite, Wigginton Road.

DIG archaeological adventure, St. Saviour's church, St. Saviourgate.

Overland Underwater: PADI Scuba diving programme in a swimming pool.

Thirsk: The World of James Herriot, 23 Kirkgate . Storytelling for children in the White Rose bookshop occasionally.

Coxwold: Byland Abbey. Playground behind the Coxwold village hall.

Ripon: Newby Hall, gardens and miniature railway.

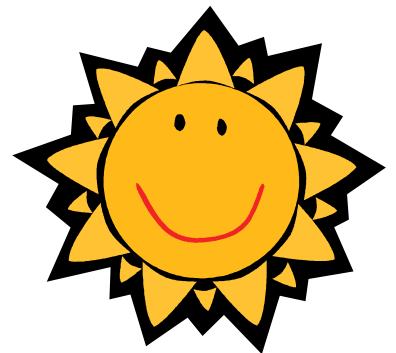
Sutton Bank: The Visitor Centre, and the White Horse of Kilburn.

Helmsley: Open Air swimming pool.

Ampleforth: Ampleforth School swimming pool open to all . Check sessions for children.

Hutton le Hole: Ryedale Folk Museum

If all else fails, take it in turns with another parent to have the whole gang on alternate days!



Carriage Driving (See front cover for photo)

The North East Carriage Driving Trials came to Allerton Park in mid July, and Husthwaite was represented by Alec and Margaret Jeffrey with their pony, Max.

Alec and Max live at Greenfield Farm just across the A19. Alec is a familiar sight, driving out with his pony and carriage along our lanes, especially on Sunday mornings. 'It's good countryside to practise in,' he says, 'because the hills help to get the ponies fit.' Alec and Margaret belong to the local carriage driving club, based at Escrick Park. Driving Trials are for single pony and 4-wheel carriage. More experienced teams involve horses in tandem or even four-in-hand. The driver sits on the carriage and the navigator stands on a platform at the back.

The Allerton Park occasion was a regional event over 2 days. The first day was for dressage, demonstrating precision manoeuvres. Robin and I went to see the second day, which was for the marathon. It was done in three phases, starting with an 8 km drive. The most striking thing about the whole event is that it's not a race against the clock but a test to make sure you arrive within a "window" - too quick or too slow and you lose points. So you are in this magnificent park, just out of sight from the A1 ... vast castle ... sweeping grassland ... mighty trees. And through it there go trotting and cantering beautiful horses pulling lovingly tended carriages. The 8km drive is followed by a 1km walk. 'You have to do this in ten minutes,' Margaret explained, 'and that's difficult because the horse wants to trot.'

Then there's a halt while the owners wash the horses down and they are given a vet check before setting off on the final leg. This is the spectacular bit. It's another 8 km, this time with hazards. These are where the teamwork between horses and owners are really shown off. One of the hazards we stood by was a dozen oil drums cunningly positioned between three trees. Each drum was numbered and the teams threaded their way through in the required order. From there they went to Fort Maudsley, a set of wooden palisades with a gateway in and a gateway out. It was impressive to see the teams weave their way through the palisades in the correct order.

We waited to see Alec, Margaret and Max take on the water hazard. This was at the edge of one of the Park's lovely lakes. The route was through a ford onto an island, through a hazardous arrangement of trees and through another ford back to dry land. 'This was Max's first show,' Alec told us. 'He's recovering from injury and he's really only a baby. We were delighted by how well he did, even though he was nervous about the water.' For more information about North East Carriage Driving Trials go to www.nedtl.co.uk . For the British Horse Driving Trials Association go to www.bhdta.co.uk

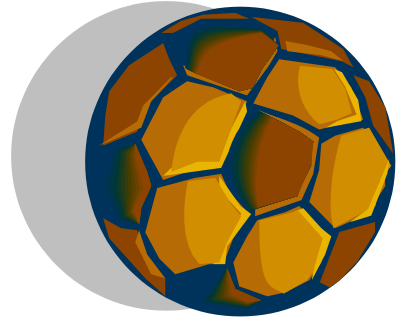
Richard Wood

Football crazy

Two 'firsts' for Husthwaite last weekend Saturday and Sunday (26 and 27 June) when football was the dominant sport with activities timed to coincide with England's ambition to progress to World Cup glory. Sadly the country's hopes were to be dashed. On Saturday afternoon around 60 people of all ages gathered in the village hall to watch the match against Germany made possible by the generous loan from Craggs of Easingwold of a 45 inch flat screen television. The optimism of the enthusiastic supporters progressed to deep disappointment following the disallowed equalising goal and the progression to ultimate defeat. Money raised from the bar and refreshments were on behalf of Village Hall Funds.

By the next day enthusiasm had returned in time for youngsters in the age range 9-14yrs to participate in a football 5 a side tournament for the Mowatt F.P. trophy. Four mixed teams of six players each representing one of the World Cup teams, Spain, Portugal, Brazil or Argentina. Each match was of two five minute halves with Brazil, professionally coached by Nicola Cuthbert, becoming the first holders of the trophy. To round off the afternoon there was a 'Lads and Dads' match comfortably won by the 'lads' - better equipped to stand the pace!

Enthusiastic support and the inevitable advice from the supporters ensured a wonderful afternoon - likely to become an annual event. **Roy Leverton**



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Local tourist guide

He has four legs and is rather large with a fluffy coat with a very wet nose. I have recently had the pleasure of being taken on walks of the Husthwaite area over three days and my guide was The Drover. Each day he has chosen a different direction and I have followed. I have been taken along footpaths leading past a field of Alpacas, a very smart caravan site, a light aircraft field, a fresh water spring, a ridge providing wonderful views in both directions, and a stream where the Kingfisher flies. All under the watchful eye of the White Horse of Kilburn.

So if ever you feel the need of a guide on a walk around Husthwaite, just ask The Drover.

Jackie Binns (a visitor from Buckinghamshire)