

Husthwaite Newsletter



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Children exploring the new recreation area which was officially opened in November

photo: Peter Davison



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Comments and articles are always welcome. Local businesses can advertise in this Newsletter. Please contact the Editor.

Thanks to all of you who supported the Newsletter by buying my jam and chutney at the Apple Fair. £90 has gone into Newsletter funds! Also the Orchards of Husthwaite committee donated £100 to the Newsletter from the Apple Fair. Thank you. JC.

Dates for your diary

3 Dec 7.30 St. Michael's Church, Coxwold. Concert Tickets £10

11 Dec 7.30 "A Christmas Carol": Badapple Theatre. VH. £9/£5

15 Jan 7.30 Burns Supper in Village Hall (contact Will Mowatt)

29 Jan 7-11ish Elphin Drift in VH £3 (under16 free)

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BRIDGING THE GAP - MORE FUN & GAMES by Peter Davison

In the summer of 2009, the opening of the Multi-Use Games Area heralded a breakthrough in provision for sport and recreation in Husthwaite. Although this facility has been well used by young people and adults alike, nonetheless, the Parish Council and Recreation Area Committee have been conscious of a gap in providing for younger children. Thankfully, this has now been addressed.

Fortunately, Saturday 6th November was a bright sunny day - so appropriate for the official opening of the Young Children's Play Area by Mike Horrocks, manager of the LEADER Programme, North Yorks Moors Coast & Hills, which has provided the majority of the funding (£29,543) for this much-needed amenity. Financial support and advice have also been provided by both North Yorkshire County Council and Hambleton District Council, the latter being represented at the opening by Councillor & Mrs. Percy Featherstone and Lisa Wilson (Recreation & Leisure).

At the official opening, thanks were expressed to Broadacres Housing Association who funded the purchase of a seat and litter bins, Beckwith Trust for funding towards the new fence, two village families who each kindly donated a seat and the Parish Council who also contributed financial support. In all, this second phase of the development, for which the contractor was Playscheme of Elvington, represents an investment of around £43,000. Prior to 'Cutting the Tape', Mike Horrocks paid tribute to what he perceived to be a lively and forward-looking spirit in Husthwaite. As well as making reference to the Recreation Area, he also commended the Orchard Project and encouraged the community to continue moving forward, enriching the quality of life for everyone. This special occasion was also enhanced by light refreshments, which included delicious home-made biscuits, provided by members of the Parish and Methodist Churches of the village.

The highlight of the morning was the moment when the gate was officially opened and children charged into the area to explore the new facilities. These include a mix of traditional play items suitable for swinging, sliding, rocking and rotating, together with a tunnel, large smooth boulders, stepping trails and slopes which promote imaginative play. An impact-absorbing rubber surface made from re-cycled tyres should help to minimise the effects of the inevitable trips and falls. The attendance of around 60 children and adults gave a clear indication of how the community values this new asset.

Looking ahead, the Recreation Area Committee hopes to bridge another gap next year by providing an Adventure Play Area & Fitness Trail suitable for older children and adults. A bid for around £35,000 is currently being evaluated under the 'Changing Spaces - Community Spaces' initiative. We are hoping for good news by Christmas so that the work on this final phase can begin in the Spring of 2011.

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

Autumn term is always a busy time in school and this year is no exception. Already the children have covered topic work on France and have moved onto castles which included a Robin Hood performance by a travelling theatre group. We held our first community service of the school year which was our Harvest Festival before half term. This was very well attended by both parents and other members of the community.

The school took pleasure in playing host to the village's Apple Fest. Orchards of Husthwaite have planted vintage apple trees in the school grounds and the children have taken part in tree grafting and apple pressing over the last year. The day was a great success, helped by unseasonably warm weather, and the school enjoyed welcoming the community into its surroundings to celebrate and enjoy the occasion.

Children in the Eco Warriors pupil voice group recently achieved the Eco Schools Bronze Award. As part of achieving their Bronze Award status they have promoted global and energy issues in the school by encouraging everyone to recycle, reduce and reuse.



The group meet three times each term and have written their own Eco Code. Their next step is to achieve the Silver Award and ultimately to gain Green Flag status. Over the summer holidays an area of the grounds has been **'fenced off' which will be** developed into a wildlife garden to encourage sustainability and diversity which will have input **from each of the Pupil's Voice** groups.

The Eco Warriors held a 'wear a woollie to school' day where the heating was turned down thus making children aware of the small steps that could be taken to reduce carbon emissions. The message got somewhat lost as it was held on one of the warmest autumn days for many years when short sleeves were more appropriate wear for the day. However, it did highlight the unseasonal weather patterns that are becoming more noticeable as a result of global warming.

The school is fortunate to have a very successful nursery unit within its Foundation Stage setting. Over the last eight years the school has hosted monthly toddler sessions giving both parents and their tots a taste of their next steps into school. In response to the success of these sessions **TODDLERS AT HUSTHWAITE** opened on Thursday 18th November which will now host a weekly toddler group every Thursday morning from 9.15-11.15 am. Mrs Fowler, who currently teaches in the infant class and now also runs the toddler group, enjoyed welcoming new and familiar faces to



the first session. As can be seen from the photos the children had a great morning playing and meeting new friends.

Our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 3rd December 1.30-3.00 pm and will include the usual **children's stalls, tombola, raffle, cakes and refreshments as well as the infamous Santa's Grotto.** Everyone is welcome.

Children in the foundation stage and key stage 1 classes will be performing their Christmas **Production, 'Woops a Daisy Angel'**. All members of the

community are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 7 December at 1.30pm.

The end of term is celebrated with a Carols by Candlelight service in St Nicholas's Church on Thursday 16th December at 9.30 am. Again, everyone is invited to join the school.

Diary dates:

Fri 3 Dec Christmas Fair 1.30-3.00 pm

Tue 7 Dec Christmas production dress rehearsal 1.30

Thu 16 Dec Carols by Candlelight 9.30 am St Nicholas Church

Fri 17 Dec School closes

Wed 5 Jan School re-opens for Spring Term

Sarah Dixon



If you have a computer...

have a look at the village website where you will find lots of **interesting items about our village and events.** It's been brilliantly designed and kept up to date by Lawrie Hill. Go to Google, type in Husthwaitevillage, and click on the section you want. Or type in www.husthwaitevillage.com and you are there!

CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOXES

It is said that time flies when you are having fun. This was certainly true on November 2nd when a group of willing helpers met in the Methodist Chapel to pack Christmas Shoe-boxes for deprived children in Eastern Europe and beyond. As usual, we were delighted with the generosity of people in Husthwaite, Wass, Carlton Husthwaite and Easingwold who supplied a wide range of suitable gifts. At the end of **two hours' packing, we had filled 126 boxes, which were taken to our nearest drop-off point in Thirsk.**

Sincere thanks go to those who spent hours covering the boxes in Christmas paper, those who knitted such a wide variety of hats, scarves and gloves, those who went shopping for various items, those who brought filled boxes, those who provided money for the transport costs - indeed, anyone who helped in any way.

You can be assured that the children who receive these gifts will be overjoyed. It could well be the only gift they will receive this Christmas.

Bunny Wentworth & Linda Davison



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A Craft Group?

Is anyone interested in joining a craft group, meeting fortnightly or monthly, where people can share learning new crafts, eg. knitting, patchwork, cross-stitch, or other crafts, with novices like me? I have started new hobbies while incapacitated and have realised I need some expert input!

Anyone who is willing to teach others is very welcome to come along too ! It is hoped that this will be a pleasant social evening for all involved, as well as sharing interests and knowledge.

If the group is small, we could hold meetings in someone's home, or if larger in the village hall. First of all, we need to see if you are interested.

If you are, please contact Alison Gamble on 869004.



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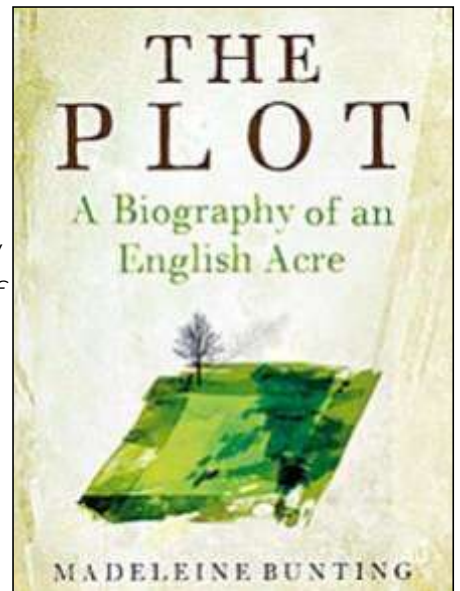
Christmas sparks the creative juices in mums and children so the 2hours artistic 'Glue and Glitter' afternoon in the village hall on November 20 attracted a host of enthusiastic Christmas Card makers. Some highly imaginative works of art were considered, improved and finalised in time for trip to the Post Office to complete the seasonal journey. Mums and the occasional dad supervised and advised during the development process and were happy to see their children up to their elbows in glue and glitter. In most cases the final product was of the standard the designer desired and all went home happy. Juliet McDougall was most grateful for the help she received from her helpers and for the support of both children and parents, and the refreshments provided were particularly welcome.

The afternoon raised in excess of £80 which will go to the church's Fabric Fund.

Roy Leverton

A plot about “The Plot”

I read with interest Richard Wood’s book review of “The Plot” by Madeleine Bunting in October’s Husthwaite Newsletter, and when I last saw him congratulated him on his piece. I also told him that I too have a copy, autographed by the author, and how I came to have it. He suggested I wrote an account of how this came about, and contribute it to Husthwaite Newsletter no. 50. So here goes.



My wife and I have a son living in Hong Kong, and married to a wife from a village near Ballymena, in N. Ireland. In August 2009, we took our three grandchildren from Husthwaite to visit their uncle and aunt and cousins, while they were on holiday visiting his in-laws. On the flight from Yeadon to Belfast, I was seated next to a man on his own, who struck up a conversation with me, **prompted by our eldest grandson’s jacket with Ampleforth emblazoned across the shoulders.** My neighbour was an old Amplefordian and interested in Marcus wearing his fleece. So I told him we lived in Husthwaite, and the conversation flowed about the college and his father.

Guess what? His name was Bunting, Bernard Bunting, the son of a sculptor and artist who had been a teacher at Ampleforth and lived in Oswaldkirk. Bernard related the story of his father constructing a chapel on the hills above Oldstead. Bernard is a businessman living in Fulham, and was on his way to meet his wife **and see his daughters play in the Ballycastle Tennis Tournament. My son’s house lies between Ballycastle and the Giant’s Causeway.**

Towards the end of the flight he gave me his address in London, and I reciprocated with mine in Husthwaite. Some time after our return, I noticed in the Easingwold Advertiser an account of a Madeleine Bunting giving a lecture **(possibly in Kirkby Moorside) about a book she’d written, concerning her father who had taught at Ampleforth.** So I cut out the piece and sent it to Bernard, assuming it was his sister. I assumed correctly, and shortly afterwards a copy of **“The Plot” arrived through the post. Not only was it autographed by the author but contained a very apt message from Bernard -“Fred, life, like the journey through the plot, is a sequence of chance encounters!”** Obviously I thanked Bernard for his gift, and sent him a Christmas card for 2009. I shall be sending another soon.

PS Book sales of “The Plot” in the village are “on the up.”

Fred Pickstone

Traditional Family Christmas.

The festive time is here again
With all its joy and mirth.

**Let's not forget its origins
To celebrate Christ's birth.**

The children are excited,
Aged seven, five and two.
They've decked the house in
Coloured chains
Of paper, glit and glue.

Father Christmas came last night
In whiskers, cloak and hood.
He filled our stockings up with toys
"It's a good job we were good!"

The tree is bright and sparkling,
And cards festoon the hall.
The gifts are wrapped and labelled
With names upon them all.

**Here's one for Gran and Grandpa
In a 'Happy Christmas' box -**

Gran loves her cosy slippers,
Grandpa mutters
"Not more socks!"

Auntie Flo and Uncle Bob
Have come to give us joy -
A drum kit and a trumpet
And a hideous squeaky toy.

**Mum's slaving in the kitchen,
The turkey's smelling good.**
Should we alert the Fire Brigade
Before we flame the pud?
**Dad's down upon his hands and
knees**
To mend the electric train,
He's just been up a ladder
'Cos the tree lights failed again.

**"Now children, do this jigsaw -
It is such a pretty scene" -**
We need a little peace and quiet
To listen to the Queen.
As evening falls the guests depart,
Still full of Christmas cheer.
**'We've had a super family day,
Do come again next year!"**

By Brenda Board.



A year in the life of Husthwaite Local History Society

This year has seen the publication of Annie Richardson's fascinating account of the three pubs in the village; her research into the "Agriculture and Settlement in Medieval Baxby and Husthwaite" is under preparation. New short items and further old photos have been added to the website www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk and much work has been done behind the scenes to help people research their ancestors in the village. Many have made contact through the website and come from all parts of the globe. Tales of these families make local history come alive and when some of the descendants manage a visit they are delighted to see so many properties still standing and **in good shape**. **Prof. Stuart Marriott's research into the dwellings both here and in Carlton Husthwaite** prior to the 1841 census have provided a huge source of information about the people of these villages and where they lived.

Two talks were arranged - the first, a wonderful and nostalgic account of life in his Quaker father's shop in York by **Chris Scaife** from Kilburn and the second from Husthwaite's local expert **Diana Leeper**, who gave a fascinating talk about "Carl Fabergé and the English Royal Collection" and filled in the history of how so many of these beautiful, priceless objects came to this country from St Petersburg where they were made. Ideas for future talks by local people are always welcomed.

The reminiscence booklets published over the last five years have proved very popular. A limited number of copies of Reminiscences of Husthwaite 1900 - 1930s, 1970s - 2000 and Tales of the Old School are still available from the shop or Angela Ovenston. Further copies of booklets covering the periods 1930s-1950s and 1950s-1970s may be of interest to newcomers to the village and may be ordered. **Copies of the millennium publication "Husthwaite Then and Now" are also still available at £5 each.** Apart from the "Now" content about the residents and their activities in the village around 2000, the "Then" content has lots of very readable articles about the history of the village.

Ongoing projects include a survey of the monumental inscriptions at St Nicholas' Church - a survey done in 1912 was located and reveals wording on graves where the writing has since eroded. This is to be checked and then made available for people searching the graves of their ancestors via the website. The details of all the burials in the cemetery (from 1897) have also been transcribed and will also shortly be made accessible. In the latter early burials often contain useful information about the employment of those who died and the later ones often give the address of where the deceased lived. Other projects include research into the lives of those people whose names appear on the war memorial.

If anyone has a bit of time to spare and is interested in joining the group please contact Annie Richardson (868 005) or Angela Ovenston (868 347) - membership is free but some computer skills are desirable.

See page opposite. Here are some old photos from our collection (courtesy of Heather Tucker). **Joseph Naters Arnison, Heather's great grandfather, was in residence at Beacon Banks after Emily Wailes had died in 1893, for about three years until he sadly died in 1896 at the young age of 36.** Here he is seen with his wife Elizabeth on his right and other members of the family and staff outside Beacon Banks. The second photo shows him on the l.h.s. by one of the gates. What is he holding? Any suggestions? More about this interesting family will be revealed in a forthcoming article in the website.

Angela Ovenston



What on earth is Joseph Arnison holding in his arms?

FED UP WITH POOR BROADBAND SPEED?

It seems there is a chance, albeit slim, that BT could install fibre optic cable in the not too distant future. Apparently they will only consider it if around 90% of users vote to have it installed. There is no guarantee that it will happen but it certainly will not if we are apathetic.

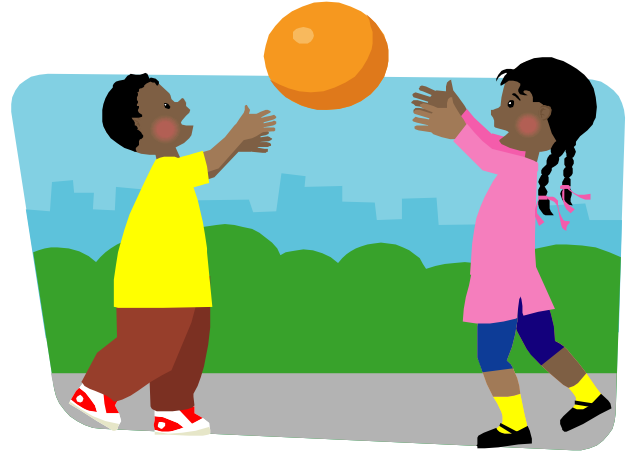
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Barry Ward

Success of our past Poet Laureate

Former Husthwaite poet Laureate(2009) Brian Clark, went on to win more awards this year. In October he travelled to Italy to collect his prize at the 10th International *Poetry on the Lake* competition, (recently featured on ITV's South Bank Show) from the British Consul, Dr. Laurence Bristow-Smith, and Britain's poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. Earlier this year he also won the Ledbury Poetry Festival's "Always be a Poet" prize. Congratulations, Brian!

CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION

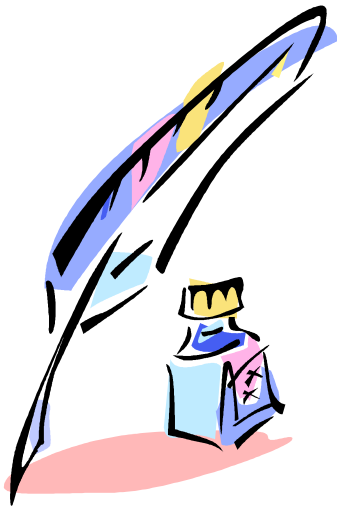


Have a go at writing a poem and win a £30 book token! Second prize a £10 token!

The rules are:

- *the poem has the title **"When I grow up..."**
- * it should have not more than 20 lines
- *it must be all your own work
- *put your name, age and phone number on the poem
- *email your poem to jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk or send it to The Editor, Aletheia House, Husthwaite YO61 4PX
- *the final date for entries is 10th January 2011

The winning poem will be published in the February Husthwaite Newsletter.



2011 HUSTHWAITE
POETRY COMPETITION FOR ADULTS

After the success of last year's competition, when our 2010 Poet Laureate was Brenda Board, we hope you will feel once again enthused to have a go for 2011. Last year, many entries, indeed our winner, lived OUTSIDE Husthwaite! Let's hope this time our own residents can find their muses, fired up by the success of Brian Clark, a past Husthwaite Laureate.

The Adult Competition is for those over 16, for the post of 2011 Husthwaite Poet Laureate, and the winner retains for one year the carved oak Squirrelman Trophy.

***The subject of the poem is "Through the window..."**

- *The poem should be NO LONGER than 20 lines and your own original work
- *Your winning entry will be published in this Newsletter in 2011
- *Email your entry to jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk, or post it to the Newsletter editor (keep a copy)
- *Entries to be in by January 10th 2011
- *Please put your name, address and phone no. on entries, even those by email.

The competition will be judged by a poetry expert, to whom those entering will be anonymous.

I would like to say a huge "thank you" to Brenda Board, our 2010 Laureate, for the many lively poems she has sent for each newsletter this year. She has also kindly agreed to judge the children's competition. Her Christmas poem is in this issue, and her last poem as Laureate will appear in the February 2011 Newsletter.

Jan Coulthard

A VINTAGE CARAVAN COMES TO HUSTHWAITE

After a busy summer at the Baxby Airsports Club, David Smith was wondering what could occupy him for the winter months to come. He didn't realise at that time how intensely cold the winter was going to be and the enormity of the task he was about to take on.

It was in July that a flying friend drew his attention to a vintage caravan for sale in Southport and enquiries revealed that it had been under cover for 'some years' and a certain amount of work would be required to bring it back to a fully restored condition. David and Elaine went to Southport to inspect the caravan and were totally unprepared for the sight that met their eyes! At the back of the shed and partially hidden from view was a totally neglected and derelict 1920's caravan with broken leaded lights and covered in graffiti and cobwebs - inside and out. From what they could see, it was a model based on the well known *Eccles* design with a 'lantern' roof which was typical of that vintage and two Morris Cowley artillery wheels. They took some photos and came back home to Husthwaite to ponder the prospect of such a task. Elaine said that their family and friends were divided; half advised them to abandon the idea and inferred that they would be idiots to take on such a huge and expensive project; but the other half said what a wonderful challenge it would be! After some weeks of deliberation, a decision was made and this time the visit to Southport was with a flat trailer and a cheque book! Of course, the owner was asking too much and so a bargain was struck.



The first picture shows the caravan on arrival in Husthwaite in August 2009.

David constructed a lined shed around the caravan with a supply of electricity so that he could work on it during the winter months. He had light, warmth and power to make his labours more comfortable in what proved to be a consistently cold winter. He found his shed became warm and cosy as he grappled with turning the wood frame, clad in ply and galvanised steel into something more recognisable as a 1920's

caravan. He and Elaine painstakingly stripped the paintwork down to its original colour and managed to match it up exactly. Elaine also spent many hours varnishing the interior; but her other task was to concentrate on the patterns and

colours for the leaded lights and obtain advice on upholstery and curtains to fit the 1920's style; Google was called upon to search out some unusual web sites and the Historic Caravan Club, the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu and other organisations were consulted. The lead soldering work between the different leaded light colours proved to be a bit of a headache until a friend came to the rescue with some professional advice and practical help. Ten months of hard but captivating work has produced a three berth caravan restored to a very high standard with original fittings wherever possible including paraffin lamp lighting, an oil stove manufactured by Frank Ripplingille and an enamel bowl for washing. David has rebuilt the overhead lockers and wardrobe to the original design.



The end result is displayed in the second picture where the caravan is being towed by another new acquisition - a 1929 Vauxhall 20/60, easily recognisable as a Vauxhall by the fluted edges to the bonnet. This 3 litre and six cylinder vehicle was known as a 'T-type' and was an imposing family car of its day. David's model is finished with a smart red and black coachwork and lovely original leather trim. David and Elaine have already been touring in their new caravan and it was also on display in the summer at the Duncombe Park Steam Fair where it attracted a great deal of attention. The car was also on display at the Orchards of Husthwaite Show in October. Our Baxby friends are understandably proud of their achievement and have enjoyed every minute of their project. I wonder if this success has whet their appetite for another restoration adventure. We shall have to wait and see!

Gerald Crane

Energy Day...what next?

Energy Day at the village hall on 30 October was about looking to the **future, knowing that energy isn't getting cheaper. For all kinds of reasons, we all need to use less and, if we can, find other sources that won't run out.**

The day went well. Local people talked to the experts and listened to presentations about everything from insulation to solar power. And an oil buying co-operative was successfully set up for Husthwaite, (husthwaiteoil@btinternet.com)

What next? Can we find our own way to reduce energy use (if we want to and can afford it)? Or is there something we can do more easily and cheaply, if we share information and skills? Can a village, somehow reduce the energy it uses (and keep its bills down) by going about it together?

There is an opportunity to do something. Husthwaite has a place available as one of the 5 communities in North Yorkshire which want to find ways to **cut their carbon footprint. It's a government-funded scheme which I am leading for this part of North Yorkshire. It's about finding practical ways** to reduce energy use, which will work in a rural community.

Thinking practically, there are two good points to start from.

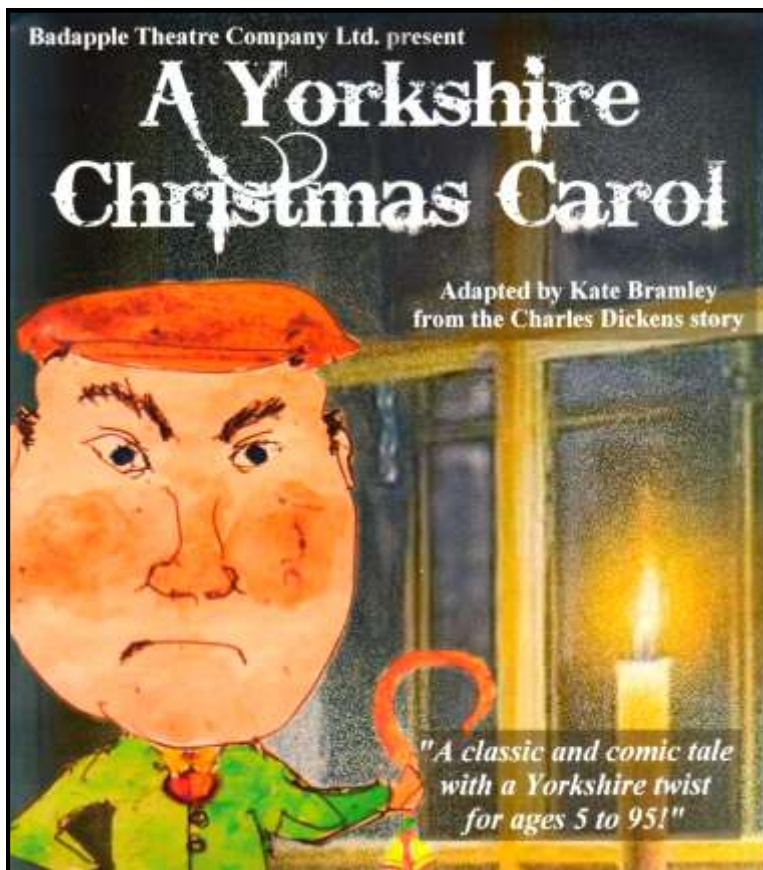
First, we can make free home energy checks available to anyone who wants one. That could include free energy monitors and external checks on heat loss. You would end up with clear information about where the energy you use is going and how much of it could be saved.

Second, we can provide free advice and expertise about insulation and draughtproofing. That would include where to get the best offers on materials (for DIY people) and where to find best-value installers.

- *Would you be interested in having a free energy check done for your home? It takes about half an hour and you end up with a prioritised list of where savings could be made.*
- *Would you like to help with the project in some way? That could, for example, involve delivering leaflets in the village or helping people fill in check lists.*

The village hall committee has offered to collect responses to these two questions for me. Please let me know whether you would like to say yes to either, or both, possibilities, by contacting Andrew Coulthard on 01347 868130 or email to aletheia@hotmail.co.uk

Rosie Hughes, Sustainable Communities Project Leader, North York Moors, Coast and Hills



"One of the best companies in our region"

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Enjoy a treat this Christmas in Husthwaite and join the excellent Badapple Theatre Company at the village hall for their latest production. Writer Kate Bramley (Land Girls of Yorkshire) give us **their Yorkshire slant on Dickens' Christmas story.** Chuckle whilst penny-pinching farmer Ebenezer Scrooge gets his comeuppance. It's full of local stories and carols, puppets and mayhem plus new songs.

"A winter warmer to put a smile on everyone's face this Christmas."

Book early! Tickets £9 (£5 for u16's) from the Village Shop or ring 01347 868247

7.30pm Saturday 11 December

"Blood Wedding In Wensleydale"

North Country Theatre gave us a brilliant night in November. The Hall was sold out and we had love, laughter, flamenco dancing, sheep shearing and a **gripping romance, all in 2 hours. They're back next year with a new play.**

Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

Our November meeting's talk by Tony Rymer was entitled Eighty Small Plants for the Garden. Mr. Rymer is a member of the Alpine Society and many of his eighty subjects were alpinines. However, he was keen to point out that not all small plants are alpinines and that many larger ones, such as rhododendrons, can also be described as alpinines. Either way, his knowledge was encyclopaedic, as he reeled-off Latin and common names as well as knowing the favoured habitats of his subjects.

A week later we were due to have the club's annual dinner at The Balmoral, but following the sudden and unexpected closure of the village pub, our chairman, Breda Wells had very little time to find a replacement venue. Luckily the White Swan at Ampleforth was available, so thirty five members and guests had a most enjoyable meal there.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th December will see a popular **return of Sarah Hopps. Her subject will be "Garden Problems."** I'm sure there isn't a garden anywhere without its fair share of those. **Just in case Sarah's talk leaves us down,** we will finish the evening with a glass of wine and nibbles to celebrate the coming festive season.

Welcome to new faces in the village this year!

Alison and John Turner and son Ben (9) have come from Barnsley and are the new enthusiastic owners of the Balmoral (See pg.22). They are looking forward to meeting people and being part of the village. Ben will go to Husthwaite school.

Sandie Fisher has moved into Prospect Cottages. ***“I am a young pensioner and am recovering from major heart surgery. I hope to be able to join in with the many events happening in the village. I have 2 grown up children who live reassuringly close to me. I used to have a business in Harrogate which was hectic and time consuming, so it was with great pleasure I found the beautiful and historic village of Husthwaite and a small cottage to retire to. Everyone is so welcoming, and this together with the beauty of the area makes every day a bonus.”***

Guy, Claire, Rosie (aged 6) and Libby (aged 3) Morrison...and their two guinea pigs Bromley and Syrup, are the new family at 1 Castle Cottages. They said of themselves: ***“We haven’t come far – just from Green Hammerton over the river. We were looking for a house with scope and a large garden (we’ve certainly got that!), a village school we could walk to and plenty of open space and freedom for the girls. We enjoy walking and biking and so Beacon Banks and the woods and hills beyond really attracted us to Husthwaite.”***

Cath (see picture facing) and Geoff Jones have moved into Spring House. Cath is an army Major, a nursing officer, and Geoff a heating engineer for British Gas. Their son Ed, 18, is in the Artillery, while 15 year old Greg is currently doing his GCSE’s before going on to York College for A levels. The family have already thrown themselves into village activities.

Prof. John Hey writes: ***“I have just arrived in the village after living in York for longer than I care to remember. Over the last 13 years I have been full-time in Italy (first at the University of Bari and then at LUISS in Rome) and part-time at the University of York. I am now back full-time at the University of York and my speciality is experimental economics. I have a web-site at <http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~jdh1/index.html>. Returning to York full-time has provoked me into buying a nice house in a nice environment. Husthwaite is certainly that and I am very happy here. I am divorced and have three children, a daughter in London, a son in New Zealand and a daughter about to emigrate to Canada. I have no pets but a beautiful garden - which I need help looking after! I live at 3 Castle Cottages.”***

Brian and Lynette Garbutt have moved from Hutton Sessay to Prospect Cottages and love the peace and quiet of Husthwaite.

Welcome to all of you. We hope you will be very happy here! If I have missed you out, apologies, and please let me know so we can include you next time!

Jan Coulthard

Husthwaite Remembers

The Ven. Chris Hawthorn officiated at the Remembrance Day service held at St. Nicholas Church on the 14th November. British Legion poppy wreaths were laid on the altar and later the War Memorial by Major Catherine Jones and Carol Fenwick, Chair of the Parish Council.

The sun shone for us as we listened to the Last Post and then remembered in silence those from Husthwaite and surrounding villages whose names are inscribed on the memorial, after Col.

David Shallow had read out the names and the exhortation which begins:

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn....

The service of Remembrance was well attended and the Church subsequently made a donation of £100 to the charity, Combat Stress.

The photograph shows Major Jones with the Ven. Chris Hawthorn after the service. Cath Jones is a new arrival in the village and lives with her husband and family at Spring House in Low Street. She was commissioned into the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC) in 1997 and has seen service in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. Cath is currently based in Northallerton at the Friarage Hospital where she is second in command of the management of the Army nursing staff .



GERALD CRANE

Husthwaite Oil buying Co-op

Following the Energy Day in the Village Hall and a leaflet drop the oil Co-op has got off to a good start with over 11,000 litres ordered for this first delivery (order cut off date was 26 November) with many more interested for the next order date which will be around 15 January. I will confirm delivery dates as soon as I know. Minimum order is 500 litres, or you can specify to 'fill the tank up', but must give an estimate of roughly how much is required.

One combined order will be placed on behalf of Brafferton/Helperby, Alne and Husthwaite. Bob, the Co-ordinator for Alne notes "I'm guessing the price will be around 45p per litre plus VAT, maybe a little lower (prices were at their lowest in late August and had been climbing steadily, but have levelled out in the past week or so). You can check the current [national](#) average, maximum and minimum prices at www.boilerjuice.com – the national average is currently at around 46.5p/litre plus VAT (12th November). Historically, the co-operative comes in somewhere between 3p – 5p/litre lower than the national average at the time of ordering." (Yes, that saves £30-50 plus the VAT on 1000 litres!)

There are other possibilities for the co-op - we are investigating a deal for Aga and boiler servicing to see if we can take advantage of the same rates the other villages have negotiated. Also, if anyone is planning to install a new tank next summer (two I have heard of already) we may be able to put you in touch to negotiate some discount on these. More in the next Newsletter!

If anyone is interested then please email husthwaiteoil@btinternet.com with your full name, address, tel.no and any special instructions for the drivers. If you don't have email, then maybe you have a neighbour who would help, and if not get in touch with one of us. Some people are only used to ordering small quantities but in this co-op there is no price premium for small quantities - we all pay the same so those people may stand to gain the most.

Michael Graham and Jane Maloney

The Balmoral reopens on November 26th, refurbished and under new management. Alison and John Turner from Barnsley, aim to take the business to a bright future, combining a public house with real ale and good bar snacks, along with a restaurant specialising in **home-cooked food sourced with fresh ingredients. Puddings are Alison's** speciality! There will also be coffee and snacks available throughout the day, so people can just drop in for a social chat with friends. There is also a plan to reinstate quiz nights for local villagers, so hopefully there should be a lively pub once more in the village. **Let's support them!**

A Good Read

In the last Newsletter, Richard Wood recommended a good read (The Plot) and others enjoyed it. People in the village are invited to write about books they have enjoyed, and which they think others might like to read. If you want to participate, please contact the Editor.

Ursula Duncan is this month's reviewer.

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen and David Delin
(Penguin £ 9.99)

I was given this book as a present for my birthday last July, and my **first reaction on looking at the cover was, " Oh no, I don't read books like this."** However, when I started to read it I was hooked from the first couple of pages and soon found I did not want to put it down.

It is the real life story of Gary Mortenson, an American climber, who, on his descent from K2, strayed off the track and would not have survived, as all his equipment was ahead with his guide, but for the chance sighting of a remote village. He wandered in and was welcomed, fed and given rest.

He was weak and thin after his ordeal and climb up K2 and asked the elders to find his guide which involved a long trek down the mountain. So he spent several days there in the village of Korphe with its tribal chief Haji Ali, and soon saw the poverty and poor health of the tribe. As a trained nurse he helped as best he could cleaning neglected wounds, setting bones and administering the few antibiotics he had in his medical kit.

Then on his last day there he saw the "school ." Eighty two children were sitting out on the frosty ground on the fringe of the village. They shared the dollar a day teacher with a neighbouring village three days a week. Standing **beside Haji Ali he said, " I'm going to build you a school."** Then he went back to the USA. It was 1993.

I won't spoil the story for you by telling you how starting from nothing he eventually fulfilled his promise to the village people of Korphe . And how he went on to build over fifty schools in villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan over the next ten years, against all the odds. Enjoy it.

The picture painted by the media in Europe concentrates on war, soldiers and terrorism. This book contains glimpses of the ordinary everyday life of the people, whose lives like people everywhere were focussed on their families and children and getting them all fed and sheltered.

And the title ? It is a quote from Haji Ali, Korphe Village Chief, Karakoram Mountains:

" Here we drink three cups of tea to do business: the first you are a stranger, the second you are a friend, and the third you join our family, and for our family we are prepared to do anything - even die."

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Husthwaite Drama Group in 2011

Husthwaite Drama Group has got together again and will present a new play in Spring 2011.

'Following David Pike's wonderful *When we are Married* is a tough call,' says Richard Wood, who will be directing the next play. 'There were many wonderful parts in that play and, of course, it had that unbeatable thread of Yorkshire folk at their Yorkshire best. I scratched my head for a long time before I realised I had to offer something completely different.'

So here it comes. Richard has opted for *The Hypochondriac*. **It's a modern adaptation by Roger McGough of a Moliere play.**

'It's a farce,' says Richard. 'It's got bits of pantomime. It's a hilarious send-up of the medical profession and all of us who depend on it. There will be a dance routine, too, by the fantastic Husthwaite Ladies. I believe they've already started work on something with a doctors and nurses theme. Remember *the Stripper* and *the Sand Dance*? They're promising us more.

'The village teenagers are doing their bit, too. They'll be contributing a skit called *Close the Door*. In the unlikely event that you don't recognise yourself in 'The Hypochondriac' you're pretty sure to be on the receiving end of some mockery in 'Shut the Door'.

Roger McGough is one of the Liverpool poets. He's a witty modern writer. 'The Hypochondriac' is written in the language of 2010 and it has some scenes that brought the house down when it was recently produced at York's Theatre Royal.

Hypochondriac cast:

Alun Nixon
Anne Dowson
Cameron Smith
Chris Gambles
Euan Crawshaw
Kerry Barker
Lawrie Hill
Linda Smith
Liz Crawshaw
Mary Hill
Stephen Barker

Shut the Door Cast

Ellie Aspinall
Harry Cuthbert
India Wentworth
Lucy Collins
Laura Aspinall
Polly Cuthbert
Thomas Nixon

Possibly appearing in the Husthwaite Dancers piece

Anne Dowson
Catherine Skinner
Rose Lawrance
Sue Wise

Richard Wood

The Apple Fair

by Charlie Sibley

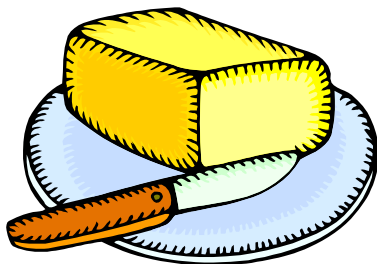
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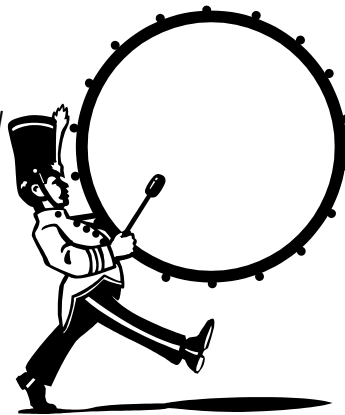
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Riding on
the
Shetland
pony at the
Apple Fair

Photo:
Lawrie Hill

The Husthwaite Apple Fair

Orchards of Husthwaite, comprising Cameron Smith and a small committee, launched The Apple Fair this October, their first community venture, after the first year of apple juice and cider production.

It's about the village preserving its heritage. It's about making use of a natural product which for years we have chosen to ignore. This is how Cameron explained the thinking behind the group's apple orchard planting, juice and cider production, when speaking on **Radio 4's Food Programme** which was broadcast while the Apple Fair was in progress.

At The Apple Fair itself there were many things to interest all ages including identifying local apple varieties (including from the rare **Ovenston tree**), **birds of prey from Thirsk**, **Husthwaite's own alpacas** from Beacon Banks, apple bobbing (a splashy business), apple fritter making, butter making, apple juice pressing, classic cars, pony rides (**Becky Hunter's Shetland miniature who worked so hard "he got ratty"** according to Becky), a fire engine, music from Easingwold Brass Band and our own excellent local folk group, and many stalls of local hand-made goods and produce. The participants in the Penny Pinkney Memorial Trophy competition tested 12 ciders from North Yorkshire villages. Proceeds from that particular event went to Street Child Africa, helping homeless children in African cities. Over 500 people of all ages attended the Apple Fair, which took place in unseasonal blazing sunshine in the school grounds.

It might be possible, Cameron thought, to make this an annual event. This apple festival could be a step towards bringing back something with the spirit of a village show. Next year maybe we could have vegetables as well!

Thanks must go to Cameron, who shouldered most of the work, and made a day to remember. Thanks too, to whoever provided such fantastic weather! See lots of photos of the day on the village website. Just type in www.husthwaitevillage.com and click onto the Apple Fair.



A really grand day out was had by all at the Apple Fair in October.
Photos; Lawrie Hill[®]and Gerald Crane