

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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## We did it!



# Winning the Big Lottery secures a New Village Hall for Husthwaite



# Merry Christmas



**Husthwaite**

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## **Dates for your Diary**

**Dec 3 Last Green Bin collection**

**Dec 4 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH**

**Dec 4 Orchard Club Lunch 12.30 in VH**

**Dec 6 Reading group 2-3pm at Aletheia House**

**Dec 7 Christmas Fair in the school**

**Dec 15 Christmas Party in the VH. 7pm Entry free by ticket.**

**Dec 16 Scottish Dancing Practice 2pm in VH**

**Dec 18 Carol Singing round village. Meet at village green at 7pm**

**Dec. 18 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH**

**Jan 1 Village Football Match. Kick-off 10.30 on school field**

**Jan 6 Table Tennis 10.30 in VH**

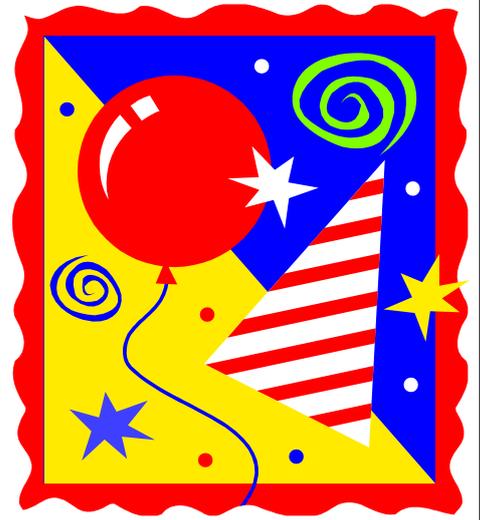
**Jan 9 Film of "The Hypochondriac" 7pm in VH £4**

**Jan 19 Burns Supper in VH 7pm<sup>2</sup>**

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

15<sup>th</sup> December 2012 7pm

We won the lottery!



And our old hall will retire from active duty in the early part of 2013 when the building of our new hall will commence.

So please join us in a Christmas party to honour the passing of an old friend in a hall which holds a lot of memories for a lot of people and to celebrate the coming of our new hall.

The event is by ticket only to ensure we comply with legal requirements and must be booked in advance, but it's **FREE**. We will be following the format of the Burns Supper whereby each family will be asked to contribute something towards the buffet. There will be a bar, and live music will be served up by "Bit of a Gamble". Families are very welcome.

If you have any feelings of nostalgia, or just fancy celebrating the thought of a new hall, please contact me to book your tickets .

Vikki Nixon 868740 or [vnixon@btconnect.com](mailto:vnixon@btconnect.com)

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## **Vicars of Husthwaite nail their colours to the mast!**

### **The Reverend Captain Henry Tyler's rant.**

As he saw the birds migrate freely to their winter quarters in September 1965, the vicar of Husthwaite fumed about the over-organisation of our lives, and mentioned in particular the spiritual influences governing our “mysterious inner urges”. He singled out for protest “the evil influence of many of our TV programmes which introduce so much violence and sordidness into our very homes”. He declared that we should instead “subject ourselves to the will of God”. How would he comment on the appearance of a sitting MP on “I'm a Celebrity...”?

### **The Reverend George Gill campaigns to build a vicarage in the village.**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1899, a 2-day fund-raising bazaar was held on Slater's field. Opened on the Tuesday by Lady Julia Wombwell—who mused on the fact that a village with such an ancient church had never had a home for its vicar—the special train from Thirsk was late, with a probable loss of income. However, on Wednesday the bazaar was declared open by Mrs J.H.Love of the Hawkhill, Easingwold, and stall-holders included Husthwaitian names such as Moncaster, Taylor, Metcalfe and Batty. From Carlton Husthwaite Wailes, Peckitt, Till and Almond stall-holding co-operation was recorded. Naturally there was a refreshment stall: I imagine the usual splendid offerings were presented by Miss Green, Mrs Woodward, Miss Harrison and Miss Watson. Mr Thompson and Mr Goodrick of Thirsk “exhibited the polyphone, Edison's phonograph, and electric bells, whilst outside the marquee various Old English games were indulged in, and the Easingwold Brass Band discoursed music during the afternoons and evenings of both days...”before a public tea was consumed. “The new vicarage, which will be built at the east end of the village, and nearly opposite Beacon Banks, is estimated to cost £1,500.”

We are lucky in that the present owners of the Vicarage found a copy of the “Easingwold Advertiser” recording the bazaar and that another member of the Local History Group had a copy of the September 1965 Parish Magazine . Living history at its most interesting.

**Jill Galloway on behalf of LHG.**

## Some new contacts from our history website ([www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk))

Messages giving or requesting information come from all over the world. The latest came from Mexico written in old form of Spanish used there - fortunately my sister has been able to act as a go-between/translator! It is remotely possible that one of Fidelia Zepeda's ancestors with surname Husthwaite might be related to the family of that name who once lived in the village in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. The name Hustwait is found in censuses in Yorkshire and East Anglia but the spelling Husthwaite is less common with a sprinkling found in Yorkshire and by 1901 they have disappeared from Yorkshire and appeared in Co Durham. (Note - Locational surnames are usually 'from' names. That is to say names given to people after they left their original homes for whatever reason, and who moved somewhere else. The easiest way to identify such 'strangers' was to call them by the name of their former home).

Chris Spencer from Tavistock was surprised to see his father, Capt. Spencer in the photo of the army personnel at the HQ of 33 Ammunition Sub Depot taken in 1946 outside Highthorne. (see photo in the gallery and article "Memoires of Captain Jack Fairfield, WWII"). Capt. Spencer had returned to the UK from Nigeria in 1942 during the war. He would be interested if anyone recalls his father's wedding (probably in the village) around that time.

Selwyn Jones communicated that his father Rev. Alfred Richard Jones was vicar of Husthwaite from 1959 to 1962 and noted that two photos of him in the gallery are wrongly attributed to other vicars! (Whoops - these have since been corrected). His mother Jane died in 1979 and his father in 1992. Both Selwyn and his brother Vaughan have wonderfully happy memories of the village - "possibly the best village in North Yorkshire"!

Many people will remember Betty Ballard who lived at Victoria Cottage. Betty contributed to the book "Coxwoldshire". She recently celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday and her daughter Sylvia, from Suffolk, gave her some of the Reminiscences booklets to help her recall her memories of life in the village.

Alan Hutton, now living in Glasgow, is interested in keeping in touch with the History Society. He once lived at Hazeldene (now called Carlbury) with his parents Joseph Alan and Lily Hutton from 1952 – 1963 and has good memories of the village.

If anyone would like to get in touch with any of these people or knows more about the families who once lived here please contact me (**Angela Ovenston 868347** or [aovenston@btinternet.com](mailto:aovenston@btinternet.com))

## Helping Parents to Help Children

The WEA (Workers' Educational Association) recently funded and ran a 'Support Your Child through School' course in the village. It was attended by a maximum of 12 parents and carers whose children attend the school.



The aim was to show parents and carers how the core subjects of Maths and English are currently taught in school, which in turn enables them to support their child at home. The structure was dictated by the students with the tutor, Judith Jennings skilfully tailoring the classes around all the numerous queries which arose.

The course is a precursor to studying for further qualifications and as a result, one parent has gone on to study for a Teaching Assistant qualification with two others considering the Special Needs course run by the WEA.

Thanks are due to Husthwaite Primary School for allowing the course to run out of its small resource room. It was organised through the Village Hall, but parents and carers met at the school as the hall is too cold and damp to facilitate such an event at the moment.

It is hoped that more courses along these lines can be organised on a regular basis in the future, as it was enjoyable and very useful, enabling parents to get together as well as to understand the new methods of teaching and learning in schools today.

**Annabel Kennedy**

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## **Husthwaite's defibrillator**

A meeting was held recently with an organisation who can provide training and support in the use of the defibrillator. A number of residents attended and expressed an interest in becoming a 'first responder'. However, a number were put off by the need to attend a two (consecutive) day course leaving only three interested. This creates a problem as at least six are required for the scheme to operate.

If more volunteers are not forthcoming we shall probably have to donate the machine to a local hospital or medical practice. Please, if you are interested, contact Carol Fenwick who will furnish you with all the details.

## **Mini recycling centre**

Following a number of comments from residents the Parish Council approached Hambleton District about providing a bin for the disposal of plastics. I'm pleased to say that this is now available at the site adjacent to the recreation area.

## **Robin Houlston**

As some of you may already know, Robin (Rob) Houlston has finally hung up his boots as a Parish Councillor citing his health as the reason. Rob has served the Council for well over 20 years and his presence at meetings is already being felt. We shall sorely miss his local knowledge and down to earth approach to matters concerning the village.

The Parish Council, and I'm sure the village, offer him grateful thanks for his contribution over the years and hope that he can stay happy and healthy for many years.

**Barrie Ward**

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# ALMOST THERE!

By Peter Davison

Although the Recreation Area is still at a stage of being developed, the finishing line is coming into view.

Reflecting on what has happened during the past year, it is clear that much has been achieved:

- Existing facilities have seen increasing use and enjoyment by individuals covering a wide age range. These include groups concerned with particular sports, the Primary School, visitors to the Hideaway camp site, visitors to families in Husthwaite and residents from neighbouring villages.
- As part of the programme planned to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Recreation Area served as an excellent venue for a range of activities organised for children on the Saturday morning. Those present were widely excited and seemed to be in perpetual motion!
- It is estimated that over 200 children, young people and adults have enjoyed the extensive range of provision which seems to be widely admired, even envied by some!
- A small group of six, concerned with the development of this area, undertook a whole day's training on Risk Assessment, led by a tutor arranged through RoSPA. A regular programme of inspections by this group is now in hand with appropriate records and follow-up action where necessary.

Since the summer, 2 major additions have been made and are now in place:

- A picnic table on a paved area near the Multi-Use Games Area. funded largely through a generous grant from the George A. Moore Foundation.
- Just inside the entrance to the site, there is now an impressive pavilion with adjacent store, built to a very high standard by Graham Douthwaite and Mervyn Duffield in conjunction with their respective colleagues. This new facility has been possible, due largely to a grant of £10,000 secured under the 'Awards For All' scheme, administered by 'The Big Lottery'. In addition, a generous contribution from the 'Orchards of Husthwaite' project has funded finishing touches to the inside - floor tiles, paint, storage provision and furniture.

Looking ahead to 2013, funding bids at various stages of preparation aim to provide the following additions:

- A cycle rack, requested by the children.
- A small outdoor fitness gymnasium comprising 3 items, requested by some of the older residents of the village.
- Upgrading of the access track from the road to the gated entrance.
- The possibility of Volley Ball provision (inspired by the Olympic Games?)

Feedback on how desirable this is would be welcomed.

Ideally, we hope these aspirations might become reality by May, when, perhaps, we can arrange a final official opening, with appropriate celebrations.



## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN HUSTHWAITE

On Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, a group of 13 volunteers met in the Methodist Chapel to help to pack Christmas Shoeboxes for deprived children in Eastern Europe.

What a joyful morning it was!

Santa's elves could not have been happier nor busier and the generosity of people in Husthwaite, Carlton Husthwaite, Wass, Easingwold, Husthwaite School and individual people from other nearby villages and even as far away as Heddon-on-the-Wall was outstanding and meant that we were able to fill 153 boxes.

'Thank You' seems an inadequate way to recognise the kindness of so many people, but we are truly grateful to all who helped in any way: covering shoeboxes, knitting, shopping for gifts, providing money for the transport of the boxes, and coming and helping with the packing.

All in all, it was a very successful morning and, after the tired but happy packers relaxed over a light lunch in Thirsk Garden Centre Café, Breda Wells and Liz Walton travelled in Breda's van to deliver a full load to Richmond, which was this year's drop-off point.

Please keep getting ready for next year's appeal. Pick up a gift or two from time to time, get those knitting needles clicking and, before we know it, it will be time for packing again.

**Bunny Wentworth & Linda Davison**





**Husthwaite Drama Group**

**presents**

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*Laughter elixir*

*by Roger McGough*

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ANNE DOWSON    MARGARET HEWITSON

**Husthwaite Village Hall  
Wednesday 9th January 2013 at 7:00pm  
£4.00 entry towards village hall funds**



## WINTER MARKET

The winter market was held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. There was a great selection of stalls offering everything from Jewellery to Soap. Cameron came with the Orchards of Hushwaite stock and was doing a roaring trade with his new Christmas Cider! And it was lovely to welcome Erica Carr, who moved into the village with her family this year, with her superb selection of cakes and sweet treats.

Much needed funds were raised for the new village hall fund, due to the enormous effort put in by everyone who volunteered. I would like to thank all those who contributed their time and donated fabulous cakes, raffle and tombola prizes. The Market would not happen without the support of those who kindly helped with the setting up and tidying away, manning the raffle, tombola and bric-a-brac and of course helping in the kitchen.

We are looking to hold a market in the village four times a year - if you enjoyed this market and would like to be more involved with the organisation of future ones please contact me on 868705.

**Annabel Kennedy**

## Local press.

No volunteer has come forward to take over the role of Village Correspondent for the local press i.e Darlington and Stockton Times and the York Press. This means that Husthwaite, Coxwold, Carlton Husthwaite, Oulston and Wass will no longer receive coverage each week depriving readers of weekly village news. This is a sad loss of information after some 15 years of regular coverage.

Should anybody decide that he or she would like to become the 'News Hound' for these villages please give Roy Leverton a call on 01347 868439 when he will be delighted to explain what the job entails.'

**Roy Leverton**

*Byland Media are currently researching material for a possible short film about the old Husthwaite Village Hall. If you have any stories, photos, anecdotes, facts or figures about the hall, they would love to hear from you. Please ring Mike and Breda Wells on 01347 868666. Alternatively email [info@bylandmedia.co.uk](mailto:info@bylandmedia.co.uk) The final programme would be released either on DVD or via the web.*

## The next Book Exchange

**is on Tuesday 4th December 10.30-12.30**

Come along for a cuppa and a chat, as well as choosing some books from our amazing collection, and returning those you have read. We open also on the 18th December, and then close until February when we hope to be our new temporary home while the village hall is being built. We shall then open once a month. More details later when things are finalised!



**Jan Coulthard (868130)**

# Village Hall News

## **Husthwaite Village Hall Update**

Hopefully all village residents will have heard the fantastic news that we have been successful in our lottery bid to receive funding to build a new village hall.

**The Village Hall Committee is grateful to everyone across the community who has supported our efforts to get this funding. It has been a brilliant community effort!**

### **The new Village Hall**

As with any new building at this stage there are some certainties and some uncertainties. The Big Lottery have awarded us funding of £470,154, this is in addition to the development grant which we were awarded to complete the phase 3 application. In total the money from the lottery will come close to £500,000.

In addition to this we have to raise £55,000.

We have confirmed to the lottery that we wish to accept their funding which means that we have 6 months to start the project to build the new hall. This gives us until the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2013.

Andrew Coulthard is leading a team who are working with the architects to complete the building design so that we can go to tender in December. Our aim is to include some local builders in the tender process.

The actual timescales are subject to review and amendment as the project progresses. Current draft plans aim for the building work to begin in April 2013 and to complete by the end of January 2014. As anybody who has had a house built or improvements carried out will know, these dates will be subject to change and we will be working closely with the architects and the builders to monitor and track progress.

If anyone has any questions regarding the new village hall please contact Andrew on 868130.

### **Between Halls**

Firstly we have to plan for emptying the existing village hall. We have already carried out an inventory of the existing hall and are currently looking at storage options. There will also be some things we will look to sell and other things we will dispose of.

**In the New Year, we will be emptying the hall so will be looking for volunteers at**

## **that time to help us with various activities.**

We have arranged alternative venues for the period when we have no hall. This includes the village school, the Methodist chapel and the village halls in neighbouring villages. Existing users of the village hall should already have been contacted. However, if anyone has any requirements or queries please contact Stephen Barker (868259 or e-mail [sabhusth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sabhusth@hotmail.co.uk)).

Not having a village hall does not mean that we are not planning a programme of events. We hope that by using the venues within the village and if necessary outside the village we can continue to provide a range of interesting and enjoyable events. We are already building the plan for 2013 which includes a New Year Quiz with a generational twist in January; the Burns Supper on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January; and a Big Soup Off in February. Lawrie Hill is looking after the programme of events so if you have ideas about what should be happening in Husthwaite please contact him (868667 or e-mail [lawrie@hilldesign.co.uk](mailto:lawrie@hilldesign.co.uk)).

## **The Village Hall AGM**

The AGM took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. We had a very good turnout, 20 people in total. The proceedings took place at speed with the main points covered being the Chair's report from Will Mowatt and the Treasurer's report from Phil Hewitson. The meeting then elected the 4 trustees. Under the current trust deed, there are 4 elected trustees, one representative trustee and 2 co-opted trustees. The following were duly elected:

### **Elected trustees**

Stephen Barker

Andrew Coulthard

Philip Hewitson

Will Mowatt

**Representative trustee:** Geoff Jones (Parish Council)

**Co-opted trustees:** Vikki Nixon and Lawrie Hill

All attendees then enjoyed some refreshments and nibbles to celebrate the successful lottery bid. Full details of the AGM are available on the village website.

## **Fundraising**

We are making significant progress with our fundraising efforts. While we need £55,000 to support the building costs, any funds which we manage to raise above this will be used to equip the hall with fixtures, fittings and equipment.

**The Auction of Promises** raised £4,200 on the night which was a great effort. We had a wide and varied range of promises from a hand carved wooden chair to a nail manicure. Andrew Black who was auctioneer for the evening managed to get through a total of 80 promises at speed and with plenty of humour. The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed by helping with the organisation; by donating promises and by bidding and buying promises on the night.

In addition to this the Village Hall Fundraising committee has received confirmation that we have been successful with a number of bids. We are pleased to announce that substantial sums of money from Garfield Weston Foundation and The Bernard Sunley Foundation (both London based grant providers), The North York Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER Programme and North Yorkshire Police Authority have boosted our fundraising efforts and put us well on the way to achieving our goals. A very big thank you from the village of Husthwaite for your support and faith in our project.

Special thanks go to Debbie Lewis Green who has worked tirelessly and put in a lot of the unseen work which needs to be done before confirmation of any funding is given.

### **Volunteers**

We have already had great support from the village in making a successful bid for lottery funding. However, the work doesn't stop there. If you are interested in getting involved in some shape or form we would love to hear from you. The areas where we need support are: Clearing the old hall; helping organise events; coming up with new events.

**Please let Vikki Nixon know if you are able to help us in some way.**

**The Reading Group** will meet next on Thursday Dec. 6 at Aletheia House, High Street from 2-3pm.

We are looking at "The Dressmaker" by Beryl Bainbridge, plus other books people want to recommend or discuss. We also want to discuss which afternoon to have the group on during the coming year.

Anyone is welcome to come along, even if you have not read this book. If you want to come, please let Jan Coulthard know in time to make cake!

**Please tel. 01347 868130 or email me at [jancoulthard.co.uk](mailto:jancoulthard.co.uk)**

## Scottish Country Dancing

We have now had two dancing practices in October and November. The final dancing practice before the Burns Supper is on December the 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a Sunday afternoon and we will be starting at 2pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a go. As an extra incentive to come along we will be having vin chaud and mince pies.

The Burns Supper is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January and is scheduled to be one of the last events in the current village hall. We will start at 7pm and will have an evening of food, entertainment and dancing. We will have a piper on hand to pipe in the haggis; live music from the Fiddlers of Helperby and plenty of time for dancing until late in the evening. Dress code is kilt, black tie or similar.

**If you would like to come along or would like to find out a bit more please contact Will Mowatt (868196 or e-mail [w\\_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk))**



## New Year's Day Football Challenge

Following last year's football match held at the village school sport's field, we will once again be holding a football match on New Year's Day.

This year in order to get a good mix of ages; genders and hopefully ability the teams will be Odds versus Evens.

The odd team will be made up of those born in an odd year and the even team will be based on those born in an even year. If necessary, we will rebalance the team to get an even match.

Kick-off will be 10.30 am or once we have enough people to start the game.



Venue is the School sports ground.

We will gather at the village pub or the village hall for a post match drink and awards ceremony afterwards.

Venue to be confirmed.

**If you are interested in taking part please contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).**

# **NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL**

## **School Celebrates Recent Inspection**

In the last Village News we reported that we had just been subjected to SIAS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) at the start of the autumn term. We are delighted to report that the school received a grading of good. SIAS inspectors are appointed by the Diocese and like an Ofsted inspection, take place every 3 years. Schools are graded as either outstanding, good, satisfactory or notice to improve. As a Church School the inspection focuses on the moral, cultural, spiritual and Christian values of the school and how effective it is in aiding children's learning. The SIAS Inspector observes lessons, talks to children and asks parents to volunteer for interview as part of the Inspection to ascertain a parents' view of the school. There is also a focus on the school's leadership and management. The Inspection Report noted that the school's vision and Christian values permeate throughout its community and children talk confidently about respect, challenge, caring etc.

Other worthy comments in the Report include:

*“Children enjoy this school, and parents are proud for their children to attend.”*

*“A caring and family atmosphere pervades through every aspect of Husthwaite's work as a school, impacting positively on children, staff and the wider community.”*

*“Staff care passionately about the children, this being very evident in discussions within classes and in collective worship.”*

*“The school's self-assessment is extremely accurate, with leaders having targeted future developments, including staff visits to other schools to share practice and ideas.”*

In recognition of receiving such a good Inspection the school has been pleased to receive acknowledgement of their hard work from the Diocese itself as well as the Bishop of Selby.

## **School News**

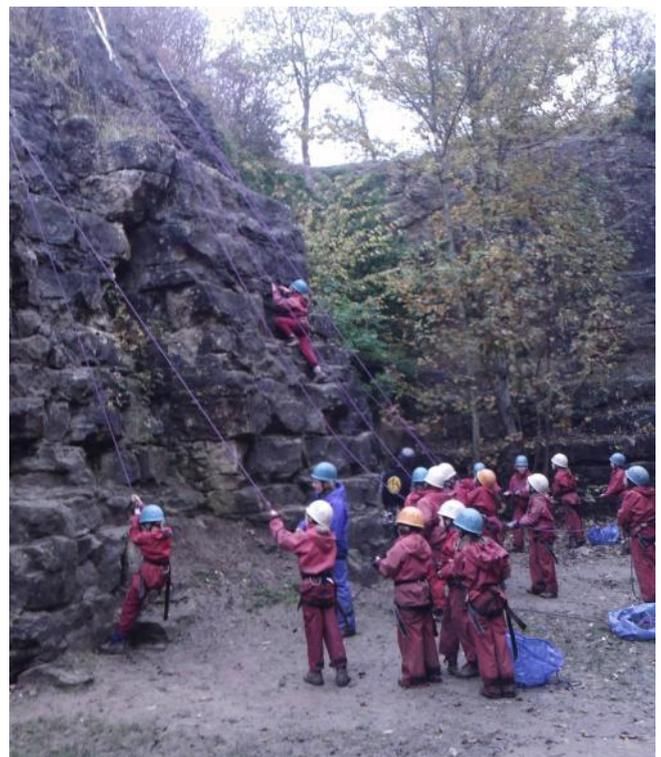
Pupils in years 5 and 6 enjoyed a week's residential visit to East Barnby on the Yorkshire Coast north of Whitby during the last week of the first half term. In spite of foggy weather they were still able to participate in a full itinerary of outdoor activities including canoeing, rock climbing raft building, orienteering and pond-dipping on the beach. Mr Edwards, Mrs Gall and Mrs Dunn accompanied the children and were pleased to report a successful trip that saw the children successfully completing new challenges and enjoying the opportunities being offered to them. Everyone was pleased that the following week was half-term and they could fully recuperate from their activities.

Children from KS2 have been competing in various sporting cluster events this term



which have included a netball and football tournament. So far, the netball team have won one game and lost two whilst the footballers won two and lost one game. The teams will continue to practice in preparation for the next tournaments in March.

Year 6 children have successfully completed their Bikeability Course – a two day training programme making children aware of road safety and how to keep safe when cycling. Along with Year 5 they also attended Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming on 23<sup>rd</sup> November – a training event organised by North Yorkshire Police which focuses on safety issues for young children.



The school recently held its second Toddler Day this academic year. The pupils in the Foundation Stage enjoy toddlers joining them in their classroom activities and love showing off the school's amazing indoor soft play that they all get to play on. The Toddler Taster Days are a great way for both children and adults to be introduced to school life and get to know a bit more about us. The next Toddler Taster session is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January from 1.15-3.00 pm. Come along and join in the fun.

Unfortunately the Thursday weekly toddler sessions have now closed.

Some villagers may have taken a double look at children arriving at school in their nightwear on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November when everyone was asked to dress in pyjamas to raise funds for Children in Need! Children were also served a 'Children in Need' themed lunch on that day with spotty bear biscuits being served as a pudding. Cont.

## **Community News**

Members of the community were invited to school join the children for a harvest lunch at the end of October. Mrs Houlston cooked a delicious meal of roast chicken and all the trimmings followed by apple crumble and custard. The meal was very well received by those who attended and it is hoped to hold another community next term.

Once again the school has participated in the Village's Love in a Box Appeal organised by Linda Davidson and Bunny Wentworth. Children enjoy collecting items and filling up their shoe boxes ready to be distributed to children at Christmas across Eastern Europe.

Christmas is fast looming upon us and children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 are already well underway with the rehearsals for their Jesus' Christmas Party production. The dress rehearsal will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am and all members of the community are invited to come along and watch the children perform. Our Christmas Carols Community Service will take place on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at St Nicholas Church, Husthwaite at 9.30 am. Once again, everyone is invited to join us for our festive service.

## **Fund-raising**

Parents have resurrected FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School) as part of their commitment to the school's fund-raising efforts. As a result the school's '100 Club' has been re-launched. A draw will take place each quarter beginning in December 2012 and prizes money will be given in proportion to the amount of numbers sold for a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize. If anyone would like to participate in the 100 club draw please contact the school. The annual cost is £12.00 and application forms are available from the school office.

The school's annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-3.00 pm. In addition to the usual tombola, raffle, Santa's grotto there will also be stalls of interest for both adults and children. We shall also be selling our popular hessian shopping bags in aid of school funds. Everyone is welcome to our Fair and entry is free.

## **Diary Dates:**

Friday 7 Dec – Christmas Fair

Monday 17 Dec – Jesus Christmas Party dress rehearsal

Friday 21 Dec - 9.30 am Christmas Carols Community Service St Nicholas Church

2.45 pm school closes for holidays

Monday 7 Jan – staff training day

Tuesday 8 Jan – school opens for Spring Term

Thursday 10 Jan – 1.15-3.00 pm Toddler Taster Session



**Sarah Dixon**

## Sport of the Month

We have now had 2 sports events at the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), Tennis and Basketball with Football planned for the 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

We have been lucky with weather so far and have had some good competitive games. The basketball ended up as a draw.....

The next planned events are:

### January

Table Tennis on the 6th of January in the village hall. Meet at 10.30 am.

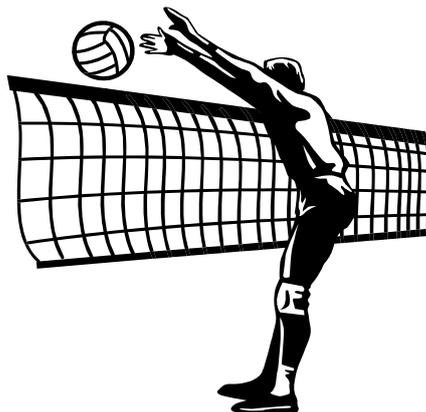
We will have two tables available as well as bats and balls.

### February

Netball at the MUGA at 10.30 am or if the weather is unsuitable we will try an indoor sport.

Once we get into Spring and hopefully warmer weather, we intend to have Rounders and Volleyball as sports.

For more information or if you want to confirm your participation please contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).





## **St.Nicholas**

After a gap of just 10 months we are to have a new Priest-in-Charge.

The Rev Liz Hassall will take up her post here at St Nicholas' Church (and with the 6 other churches of our Double-Benefice) from January 2013. Her induction will be at Coxwold Church on the 30th January at 7:30pm - more on that nearer the time.

Liz is currently serving as Curate with the rural Headland Benefice on the East Yorkshire coast near Bridlington. We all

look forward to welcoming her, with her husband and young family, as she starts her ministry here early next year.

## **In the next issue of the Newsletter...**

### **Goodbye to our old hall**

I would like to put together some reminiscences, pictures and records of past events at the old village hall. I already have some good material on Scottish Dancing (thanks Brian), but would like to hear from anyone on events, drama, dances, festivals, talks, clubs etc that they remember and enjoyed.

Please share your memories with others. Photos are particularly welcome. **Please send them to Aletheia House, or email me at**

**[jancoulthard.co.uk](http://jancoulthard.co.uk), or tel. 868130.** I can come and pick up material if you can't get here.

Thank you

**Jan Coulthard**

### **Police Commissioner Elections**

You will know of the low turn-out in North Yorkshire for the P and CC election. The Conservative-backed candidate was elected--and there were 6000 spoilt ballot papers.

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## All Glue and Glitter

The village hall was literally sparkling from floor to ceiling on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, when it held its annual 'Glue and Glitter event'.

It was a hive of busy activity where local families from Husthwaite and surrounding villages, were able to socialise while making those very special glittery cards. Seeing families creating together made the day so rewarding. Everyone appeared to be enjoying themselves and there was a really good community spirit. There were approximately 50 attendees, partaking in tea, juices and the odd homemade cake and we were able to raise over £120.00 for the St Nicholas Church Fabric fund.

A big thankyou to all those who came to support the event, the card cutters and the cake makers and to Annabel Kennedy and Lindsey Walker who were an invaluable support on the day. Mary Whitwell (a very keen card designer) was also on hand to show the children how to personalise their cards and how to create 3D effects.

I am personally looking forward to next year's event , if we aren't already banned from the new building!

If you have any cards after Christmas which I could recycle for next year's event I am more than happy to collect them.

Thankyou

**Alison Gambles 01347 869004**



HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Would like to invite you to the

**Last Ever Christmas Party at the Hall**



**Entry is ticket only, but tickets are FREE!**

**All we ask is a contribution to the buffet.**

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**Families welcome**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

**Contact: Vikki 868740 or [vnixon@btconnect.com](mailto:vnixon@btconnect.com)**