Village Hall Drop-In Day

On the centre pages of this Newsletter Elaine Smith and Roy Leverton outline the work of the New Village Hall Steering Committee and present the choices which, in their opinion, face the village.

Sunday 12th January 10.00am - 4.00pm
Drop in to the Village Hall to inspect plans for the new Hall. Discuss your concerns with Committee members in informal surroundings.
Make your choice.

There will be a voting box on your way out.
In the meantime, feel free to contact any member of the Steering Committee (phone numbers below) or the Newsletter Editor, Richard Wood.

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Village Hall Fair

Dont miss the Village Hall Fair on 6th December. Queen Sophie opens the occasion at 7.00pm. This will be the last of Sophies duties in her exciting 6 months as Jubilee Queen. She and her attendant, Frances Skinner, have represented the village with charm and beauty.

Father Christmas and his elves will arrive at the Fair to the sound of carols sung by the Phoenix Choir. There will be a Christmas tree. Mulled wine will be on sale, a favourite from previous years.

It's an occasion for all the family from toddlers to ancients. The youngsters will enjoy the Christmas card factory - make your own cards, kids, with skilled help from Katie Whenman. The more mature will appreciate the stalls: crafts, cakes and Christmas gifts, including a bargain offer on the millennium book.

A lot of interest has already been shown, says Angela Whernman. Weve had to print extra tickets for the Name the Harrods Bear competition. Weve been door-to-door with the Draw tickets. First prize is 100, and Nestle are donating a hamper. The draw will be at 8pm.

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Residents are encouraged to attend the Drop-In Day on Sunday 12th January. They will have the opportunity to talk informally with people in the know.

The Newsletter can become a regular feature, updating the village on happenings of all kinds. Make it yours please. Email the Editor, Richard Wood, with your ideas and opinions.
Local History Society
Work Begins on Husthwaite Archive

Following the successful launch of Husthwaite Then and Now, the villages millennium book, the Local History Society has decided to carry out a new long-term project.

We intend to compile an archive for future generations, said the Societys Chairman, David Wilkinson. It will include documents and photographs of the village and its inhabitants. We will start with some oral histories of residents, tapping and transcribing them as permanent records of their lives and their association with Husthwaite. We are also making a video of life in Husthwaite.

The most famous son of Husthwaite is William Peckitt, who revived the art of stained glass painting in Britain during the 18th century. His life and work are described in detail by Hazel Wilkinson in another Husthwaite Local History Society publication, the popular Coxwoldshire.

Fred Pickstone of Prospect Cottages attended a recent Society meeting with the suggestion that a plaque recording the birth of Peckitt should be erected in the village. Fred has undertaken to make preliminary enquiries with English Heritage as to their attitude to his suggestion.

William Peckitt was born at Husthwaite in 1731 in a house now demolished. His work can be seen in York Minster, the Guildhall and in many important buildings up and down the country.

The Society would like to erect a plaque commemorating his life and work, said David Wilkinson. We believe this would cost around £500. The money we are considering holding a public lecture by an expert on the subject of Peckitt and Stained Glass. We hope this will be during 2003.

Every village household has been presented a copy of Husthwaite Then and Now. Now is the time for your friends and family, a lovely Christmas present.

The book will be on sale at the village Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December, with a remarkable offer of 2 for the price of one (9.95). The last few remaining copies of Coxwoldshire will also be available.

The Local History Society welcomes new members. Contact David Wilkinson (01439 789033) or Hugh Richardson (01347 868005). The next meeting is at Swales Garth at 8pm on 9th January 2003.

The Gardening Club
Listening to the Pictures

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club continues to flourish, even though winter is well and truly upon us. Between 35 and 40 members have met three times since September, reports Linda Davison, the Clubs Secretary.

Weve enjoyed talks on different relevant issues. Our November speaker, Doug Stewart, set us many challenges, as he outlined autumn jobs to be completed before the garden had a rest for winter.

Decembers meeting should have a more relaxing outcome. We will meet for seasonal refreshments then look forward to entertainment from Allan Green under the title Listen to the Pictures.

In 2003 the Club meets in January, February and March (always the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall). In April it is the plant sale. In the following months, members embark on a series of visits, including a whole day outing in June to David Austin Roses and Wightwick Manor.

We have already planned an interesting and varied programme for 2003/4, says Linda. New members are always welcome. For information ring Linda Davison on 868449.

Husthwaite Methodist Church
COFFEE AND CHRISTMAS CHAT

Have you been to Coffee and Chat yet? If you have, you will be able to tell your friends how enjoyable these morning are. If not, why not come and find out what you have been missing?

The day is the third Saturday of each month. The Time: 10.30am to 12 noon. The venue: the Methodist Church. The Chat topics: whatever you bring, from what youve just heard whispered in Dowsons shop to the fate of Sunderland Football Club.

The next session is Saturday 21st December. Relax for a while in a warm, pleasant, comfortable setting away from all your Christmas preparations.

Christmas Services

Then dont forget the Village Christmas Service on Sunday 22nd December in the Chapel at 6.30pm. Its an ideal opportunity to enjoy Christmas carols and readings.

Services in the Methodist Church are at 10.30am each Sunday. Details are displayed on the Chapel gatepost. You will be made welcome at any of these services.

Use this space to advertise your bike for sale your lost kitten your blockbusting business brainwave
In the beginning

For 5 years a Village Hall sub-committee has been working on a project that would solve several problems in the village while fulfilling present and future needs, as identified in the 1998 Village Survey. The Parish Council instigated the survey to assess the structural condition of the hall, conducted with the help of the Land Commissions regional priorities now are urban rather than rural. The decision is yours to continue the present project, or to develop a Village Design Statement (VDS). In this scheme we make a Parish Plan to meet the pressing needs of the village. The Parish Council accepts the present project, or to develop a Village Design Statement (VDS). The decision is yours to continue the present project, or to develop a Village Design Statement (VDS).