

Newsletter Snapshot Competition

Enter your favourite Husthwaite photograph for this competition.

PRIZE: the honour of seeing your photo published in the
Newsletter!

Heres one I prepared earlier. It shows the man we couldnt do without, Charles Pearson, at work on a Husthwaite home.
Entries to the Editor by 24th February.



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Husthwaite Newsletter

Reports on topics of interest to the village
Reflects the full range of concerns and opinions in the village.

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Majority Signals Go-Ahead for New Hall

The all-day Drop-In session organised by the Village Hall Committee produced a majority vote for continuing with work on the new hall project.

Organised by Elaine Smith, Chairman of the Steering Committee, which has worked for 5 years on this idea, the occasion attracted 47% of the voting-age population of the village. Many brought their children, and many stayed for at least an hour. They pored over Elaine's information display boards, and they took the opportunity to quiz Elaine, William Skinner and Roy Leverton, who represented the Steering Committee.

There was good feed-back and appreciation of the format adopted, says Elaine. Interesting suggestions were made, with comments homing-in on cost, security, drainage, design, changing rooms/toilets and the matter of viability once a new hall is up and running.

Many of these comments were made in writing and will be studied as part of the decisions now to be made. Armed with up-to-date information on the project, people voted. There were 48 in favour of continuing with work on the new hall; 28 said attention should be transferred back to the present site on the Nookin Bank. Thirteen were keen for work to continue regardless of which site was used.

Steering Committee Wound Up

In spite of the majority support offered by village voters for their work, the New Village Hall Steering Committee has been wound up. Key members, Elaine Smith and William Skinner, are drained after their five years committee work, and understandably think it is someone else's turn to get to grips with the job. Elaine and William are looking forward to having time to devote to other interests. Dr David Wilkinson has left Husthwaite, and Andrew James plans to do so soon.

John Goddard has resigned as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

Village Hall

Husthwaite at its Best for Christmas Fair

Jubilee Queen Sophie brought her reign to an end when she opened the Christmas Fair in the Village Hall.

It was a very successful occasion, reports Adrienne Newton, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Husthwaite was on top form again. The village gave us a lot of support in the form of raffle and tombola prizes and by turning up in large numbers. We had plenty of helpers getting the occasion set up, and there was a lovely Christmas atmosphere.

Jennie Sheepy and Anne Dowson ran the kitchen. Mulled wine was served by John and Rose Lawrance and Charlie Whenman. There was a good variety of Christmas stalls manned by village organisations. Katy Whenman and Sophie Lawrance occupied the young ones with a card-making stall. The Whenman family blushed when the Name-the-Teddy Bear was won by their son Adam. The main raffle prize of 100 was won by Lara Williamson, grand daughter of John and Joan and Roy and Sue Levertons. When the Phoenix Choir arrived, beautifully singing their carols, they brought Father Christmas in with them. He had a fine time Ho-hoing and passing out sweets. Husthwaite's party was the best I've been to this Christmas, he said.



Jenny Price meets Father Christmas
Toddlers Group

Lynn Collins reports that the Toddlers Group, who have used the Village Hall for many years are taking a break.

We have had lots of children attending over the years, says Lynn, but now numbers have fallen, and I am sorry it has to cease. I would like to thank everyone who has supported and helped us to raise funds to buy new toys, baked cakes and painted the Village Hall. If anyone is interested in attending again, get in touch.

Lynn has been associated with the group for a number of years, taking over from Sue Benn. Contact her on 868655.

Young Peoples Page

Millennium Volunteers in Hambleton

Keeley Metcalfe

Project Fieldworker for Millennium Volunteers in Hambleton

Are you aged 16-24? Do you enjoy meeting people and trying new things? Would you like to gain new skills, experience and confidence while having fun?

Millennium Volunteers is a national initiative to provide opportunities for 16-24 year olds to volunteer their time for the benefit of others. There is a vast range of activities to take part in to suit your own interests and it will offer the opportunity to develop new skills. This is an ideal way to enhance your experiences and prove yourself, especially if you are applying for college/ university or thinking about a career change.

MV has been running in Northallerton for the past three years and has recently expanded to cover the whole of the Hambleton District. In the past MVs based

in Northallerton have been involved in: sports coaching, conservation, fundraising activities for charity e.g. village events or sponsored activities, amateur dramatic groups, musical bands, Guide, Brownie and Scout

leaders and much more!

The aim is for you to complete either 100 hours, which will gain an Award of Merit, or 200 hours, which will achieve an Award of Excellence signed by the

Secretary of State for Education and Skills, in the period of 12 months.

Husthwaite Girls in Easingwold Play
We'd like to hear from you if you are already volunteering or if you are interested in joining MV. If you have any questions please contact either Mary or Keeley on 01609 773340 Ext 229 or email us at: millvol@northallertoncoll.org.uk

April's production by the Easingwold Players will cast two Husthwaite girls.
The Crucible by Arthur Miller tells the story of the Salem witches. The girls of an American village worked themselves into mass hysteria which only died down when 20 respectable community members had been hanged.

Katy Whenman as Betty Parris and Molly Hill as Mercy Lewis are in the action from the beginning. Both girls appeared in the stunning Christmas production of *The Wind in the Willows*. *The Crucible* is a GCSE set text this summer, giving an opportunity for Year 11s to do most their exam preparation..

Young People of Husthwaite

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Make them buzz.

Parish Council
 Help Keep the Burglars Away
John the

The first John Williamson they of it was when the newspapers



small
 place in Husthwaite. Encouraging people organised to approach to through a special one for the whole of most of all for our ever-vigilant in this I watch, despite the fact that such whole length of Johns 500-house judges way to Hambleton Community has to make men local crime strategies. time in the area. With this in mind they in. Im absolutely delighted that they Neighbourhood Watch Association, is gesture for me members of established Neighbourhood the Evening Press, the Yorkshire as interviewed on Sky News. role of coordinator for the Husthwaite really suit either somebody who works person, though these are not essential times a week in Husthwaite, walking a for more information. do have a bit of a rest on Sundays.

torry Society
 was received my invitation 18 He told me what to wear and how stained glass painting, and his work is country, including York Minster. 31. It is not known which was his house, even if it still exists, so the Society is negotiating with the PCC and with Hambleton DC to fix the plaque to the church wall. It will have to be an acceptable colour and comply with bye-laws. The original estimate for this work was 500, but the Society is looking now at a revised estimate of 170 from Leander Architectural of Buxton. Examples of their work are on display in Boroughbridge, Knaresborough and Scarborough. For further information about Peckitt, consult Husthwaite Local District Societys book, *Coxwoldshire*, which contains an article by Hazel Wilkinson. The next meeting of the Society is at the Roasted Pepper, 730pm 20th February. You are welcome to attend.

Town to Village
 From Dark Satanic Mills to Sunsets and Stars
MBE
 G.I. Fred Pickson

For a long time he didnt know whose idea it was to propose him for this prestigious honour.

Husthwaite! I exclaimed. Where the Hellifield is Husthwaite? I asked my son, who was coming, with his family, to live in the village. Soon after he I expect somebody will tell me soon, he told the newsmen. moved from the industrial West Riding, we came to stay for a few days at a time. He was right, wasnt he? But what an achievement by the Coxwoldshire community, all those villages, 500 houses at which he delivers! Nobody ago. Give the game away in advance, even though so many supporting signatures had been collected. From a land of dark satanic mills, where I had lived for over 70 years, except for going away to university and nearly four years modestly helping to defeat signatures had been collected. It was hardly odd of his news letter and the changed of the bag, nearly 60,000 inhabitants for a village of 400. What are your impressions of the change?

organiser was. I had a lot of help, says Julie McDougall (photo) R hairdresser come to the house, the Sunday papers are del have never met (name still unknown) and the daily news who worked a year for John. It was she who told us through the letterbox by 7am at the latest. Its a joy to ma much more to him than the smiling, chatting man or take the days news at an early hour. In summer we hear saw him chopping sticks for elderly people on the High Street while sat drinking the tea and reading the r not the best start to the day to be roused by a farmer and somebody guesses. For some people he is the only w during the week. The black is the point that he was o hthly completely relaxed. Whatever the weather, and once have been a woman appearing days! John has always been there. No a single person declined to sign, John had universal acclaim.



The minutes are, obviously, missing friends of 40 years or more, not meeting acquaintances whilst shopping and having to travel some distance to the bank, post office and specialist shops. Not to mention the number of car washes you need, and having to get used to the healthy pongs of the Yorkshire. Only 20% of applications are successful, and at every stage we have been told to prepare ourselves for disappointment. But we had four strong supporting letters: from Rev Roger Long, Dr Sen Gilr Percy Featherstone and Sir George Wombwell.

The prizes include the less hectic pace of life, the cleaner air, the probability of being able to drive on less congested roads, possibly until one is older, and the opportunity of an active watercourse in the easy reach. We had someone collecting signatures in each village. You can imagine how joyful it was by the news that we had succeeded. However, we did the right thing to come to Husthwaite. We have been made very welcome and people have been most helpful. We dont miss the town, but we do miss the people. P.S. Hellifield is a village on to Skipton via Settle to Carlisle railway line, as Im sure you knew.

