

## Newsletter Snapshots

Mixing with the



Never seen Jill Pike (left) looking so humble? Thats because shes Perkins, the maid at the Maltravers family dinner. She was keeping posh but murderous company. (Story on an inside page.)  
Photo: David Pike

### Plants for Sale

Plants are on sale again this year in aid of St Nicholas Fabric Fund at Sunnybank, Low Street, Husthwaite. If anyone has spare plants they would be happy to donate for sale Id be very grateful.

*Frances Petty*

### Easingwold Taxis

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## Parish Plan Shapes Husthwaites Future

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I don't know how you can see the White Horse - two of the comments from Husthwaite Primary School children at Saturdays launch of the Parish Plan.

Milkman John and butcher Andrew were shown to be village favourites, along with the shop and the mobile library.

A hundred people, including young children and teenagers, attended the launch in the Village Hall. We are overwhelmed by the high level of support, said Peter Davison, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee. The committee distributed fifty single-use cameras, which resulted in around 800 photographs of the village. Photos were divided into features people liked about Husthwaite and those they disliked. There were also snaps illustrating aspects of other villages people would like to see here.

The meeting was addressed by Jo Buffey, Development Officer of Yorkshire Rural Community Council. Eighty five villages in North Yorkshire and hundreds throughout the country have developed parish plans, Jo explained. This is a response to the huge changes which have taken place in the countryside, including the social mix, car ownership and shopping habits. Nowadays people also want to walk and to cycle. They are interested in the appearance of their villages. There is no knowing what impact will be made on the countryside by the coming increases in petrol prices and by global warming.

National government directives and guidelines reflect all this change, Jo said. They have charged local government with getting communities involved in their own development.

Peter Davison thanked the Yorkshire Rural Community Council for its contribution of 2,550 in support of Husthwaites creation of a parish plan. He congratulated Ian Yapp, headteacher of Husthwaite School, and his colleagues, for their participation in the launch. Peter drew attention to the quality of the childrens thinking, the sharpness of their observations, and their radical ideas for the future.

It was not all self-congratulation by Husthwaite folk. See the centre pages of this Newsletter for a flavour of the criticisms and constructive suggestions.

Deadline for your material in the next Newsletter: Sunday 16th July

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No Need To Tread on Each Others Toes  
Deadline for your writing: Sunday 16th July

The Village Halls presentation of a Murder Mystery Evening was the generous contribution of David and Jill Pike to last years Auction of Promises. The evening was a wonderful success. Next months Open Gardens promises to be another memorable Husthwaite do. Both these occasions however, have suffered unnecessary clashes with other events, clashes which might have been avoided if better use had been made of this *Newsletter*. Ten people who expressed an interest in the Murder Mystery evening missed it because they were performing with the Easingwold Singers. Our Open Gardens afternoon occupies the same slot as Oulston Open Gardens. *Husthwaite Newsletter* now wishes to propose to all village organisations that we publish an ongoing list of event dates. The *Darlington & Stockton Times* refers to these as Claiming Dates.

Let us use the same system in order to avoid the unfortunate situation where village organisations tread on each others toes. We are an active, lively, energetic and talented community. Lets back each other up. In future, please, at committee planning stage, consult the *Newsletters* Claiming Dates and do your best to steer wide of dates already claimed. If you belong to a neighbouring villages community organisation, please feel free to claim dates through Husthwaites Newsletter.

Please note that this suggestion is for voluntary participation. By claiming a date an organisation is merely requesting other groups to bear it in mind when they organise their own events.

## Husthwaite Open Gardens

Sunday 18th June  
1.00-5.00pm

## Be Safe in Your Garden Andy Colbourne

The Neighbourhood Watch would like to wish the Open Gardens day every success. To make the day enjoyable for all, we would like to remind everyone of a few basic precautions.

- \*Lock all outbuildings and keep an eye on garden furniture.
- \*Lock cars and remove items of value.
- \*Lock unattended doors and windows around the house.
- \*Remove items of value from window sills, or draw the curtains.
- \*Move any ladders that may be on show.
- \*Keep an eye out for any strange behaviour and report it to your NW coordinator.

## Health Information Afternoon

But most of all please have a lovely day in aid of a very good cause.  
District Councillor Percy Featherstone

The Coxwold surgery is planning a health information event jointly with Ampleforth surgery on Wednesday 6th September 2006 at Coxwold Village Hall, 1.00-3.00pm

This will be open to all patients of both surgeries, along with members of the public from all the surrounding villages.

Would you be interested in taking part in this event to promote your services? If so, please contact Dawn Bainbridge, practice manager at Coxwold Surgery - telephone 01347 868426 email dawn.bainbridge@gp-b82617.nhs.uk

## Grass Verge Litter - a Growing Concern Peter Davison

Although it is relatively easy to identify this problem, measures to address it are less straightforward. As such rubbish detracts from the visual tone of the village and its environs, the challenge for us all should not be ignored.

Does anyone have any bright ideas for tackling this issue? If so, please pass them on for consideration by the Parish Council.

## Photo Treasure Hunt On Foot Stephen Barker

The fourth annual Treasure Hunt takes place on Sunday 25th June. We start at the Village Hall at 1.00pm, concluding with a barbecue on East View Green. A warm, sunny day is guaranteed! (All our previous treasure hunts have taken place on perfect summer days.) This year the clues will be in the form of photographs. A trophy will be awarded to the winner, and a good afternoon for all the family is certain. So that we have an idea of how many people to cater for, please phone me (868259) or Angela (868373) as soon as possible and not later than Friday 16th June.

Dateline 1937  
**Village Hall a Scene of Carnage**  
**Violent Night Rocks Royal Guests**  
by a *Newsletter* reporter

**It should have been a night of joy and triumph, one of the great social occasions celebrating the coronation of our dear King George VI. Instead, Husthwaite Village Hall was the scene of two fatalities, the brutal stabbing of Sir Geoffrey Maltravers and the poisoning of his 15 year-old daughter, Maybelle**

It was the night for the great decision. Which of our local young ladies should represent us at the coronation and become a member of the new queens household? Scarcely had Sir Geoffrey announced, with understandable pride, that the vote had gone to Maybelle when the young lady collapsed.

My first impression was that she had swooned with the excitement of the announcement, said visiting medical practitioner, Dr Jane Maloney. A close-up view soon told me otherwise. She had taken a fatal poison.

Dinner was served from the VHs cuisine by North Yorkshires own high class caterers, Debbie Taylor and her daughter, Ann-Marie (Taylor Made Catering 868576). Then shocked guests were summoned to witness the bloody corpse of mine host himself, Sir Geoffrey.

I could have sworn I saw him breathing, commented Lady Bunny Wentworth, but I saw the blood and was convinced that Sir G was not for this life.

Many of the forty guests, who had paid 20 on the black market for their highly-prized tickets - all proceeds to a worthy local charity, the Village Institutes chaise and baroque park - had interesting theories on on the who and the why of the murders. Police experts were most impressed by the detective work of the Husthwaite CID. They thought the ideas of the Wise Foxes were cute. It emerged this was one undercover organisation operating under two names.

Last word goes to Perkins, one of the below stairs staff: The evening was so much fun, Ive heard the Family say theyll do it again next year and charge more for the tickets.

**Claiming Dates 2006**

7th June	VH Committee meeting Village Hall (or Angelas)
7.30pm	
18th June	Open Gardens (Pippa 868629) 1.00-3.00pm
25th June	Treasure Hunt (Stephen 868259) 2.00pm
18th July	Parish Council - Village Hall 7.30pm
6th September	Health Information Afternoon Coxwold Village Hall 1-3pm
10th September	Sponsored Walk
19th September	Parish Council - Village Hall 7.30pm

**Next Roasted Pepper Quiz Night: Sunday 9th July - book in advance**

**Robin 868007**

**Kendrew Green Dominates Parish Council AGM**  
Ursula Duncan

Twelve members of the public attended the Parish Council AGM on Tuesday 16th May, and contributed to lively discussion on some urgent local issues: local bus services, the need for bus shelters; the recreation field difficulties; the needs of the Village Hall; and Kendrew Green.

The Parish Council is divided on whether or not to respond to Hambleton District Councils Bio diversity Action Plan and encourage the species of flora emerging there. The majority of the Council (5 : 2) are in favour of cutting it short all year round like a suburban lawn, whilst the village seems to be more evenly divided: 45 votes for conservation versus 48 votes for cutting down. So town tidiness or bio diversity? Village and countryside environment or suburban environment? What is it to be? This is what the Parish Council will decide on behalf of Husthwaite.

Last year the grass was cut neither to the conservation plan, nor the short cut all year round plan, and thus some confusion arose.

To help it make a long term decision, it was agreed to ask an officer from Hambleton to put the District Councils case for the development of roadside verges and unimproved grassland, like Kendrew, as habitats for diverse species, which include various grasses, spearwort, violets, eyebright, cowslips, pignut, knapweed, and vetches. This plantlife contributes to insect and small mammal preservation and to wildlife corridors.

It was further agreed to ask Highways Department for their view on whether there might be implications for traffic safety.

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n the meantime the Parish Council will ask the contractors to cut Kendrew  
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reen grass and its flora short as soon as can arranged.

***Rights of Way***  
***Nesting Season***

The birds nesting season is 31st March to 31st July. Dogs roaming loose on and off our parish footpaths can have devastating consequences. Even your well-behaved, friendly dog may scare birds away from their nests. This means that the eggs and chicks may become cold and could die or become vulnerable to attack by predators. To help wild life, please keep your dog on a short lead, ideally less than 2 metres.

# Launching the Parish Plan

## A Sample of Opinions

### We Like These

- \* recycling centre on Ample Carr
- \* the interior of the Village Hall
- \* a variety of beautiful footpaths
- \* public telephone box
- \* few cars parked on lovely streets



### We Can Do Better

- \* unsightly bins outside cemetery
- \* Village Halls outward appearance
- \* pylons in the fields
- \* dirty poles and overhead wires
- \* potholes and dog mess



### We Admire These

- \* the village halls at Carlton and Coxwold
- \* the recreation area at Alne

The next stage, Peter Davison told the Parish Plan launch meeting, is for the Steering Committee to analyse the information gathered today. Then we will send a questionnaire round the village. To be taken seriously by local government we need a 75% response.

Summarising, Peter told the meeting, We cant stop change. We want to influence it rather than have it imposed on us. He quoted a participant in the day who wrote: Husthwaite is a lovely village. It is a pleasure to live here. Just a little tender loving care is needed to ensure that it continues to be the place we want it to be.



**Photos: John Ovenston**

*Clockwise from top left - (i) one of the Primary School models, a suggested design for a village playground; (ii) Ian Harper (left) and John Lawrance study the photograph display; (iii) one of the display boards, this one showing a less satisfactory side of the village; (iv) a mix of generations at work on the village map*