

Husthwaite Newsletter

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Anne, Margaret and Malcolm enjoying the ride on the recent
Orchard Village Club trip to Newby Hall.



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Dates for your Diary

August

6 11-3pm Sports Activity Day Husthwaite MUGA

11 7.30pm Film Club in VH

Alternative Mondays Short Mat Bowls

September

5 7.30pm Short Mat Bowls then every Monday thereafter

5 9.30am Zumba then every Tuesday

6 5pm Yoga in VH

7 7pm Youth Club then alternate Wednesdays

8 7.30pm Gardening Club then every Thursday

9 10-12 Primetime in VH and every Friday thereafter

10 7.30 Pop Up Pub

11 11-3 Husthwaite Market in VH

14 12.00 OVC in VH

16 7.30 Anya Faull in VH

15 7.30 Film Club in VH

20 7.30 Parish Council Meeting in VH

October

4 12-2pm Book Exchange and Appletree Cafe

You couldn't make it up...

As I compose this edition of the Husthwaite Newsletter, I wonder if, like me, you are feeling bemused by the events both at home and abroad in the last month?

Usually I have to admit this little magazine is by its nature somewhat parochial. I felt however that even here, as I commonly describe us, “in the middle of nowhere,” we can hardly be immune from such events.

At home, since the last Newsletter, we have voted to leave the EU, with goodness knows what consequences, good or bad; we have a new Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and some very disappointed ex-ministers; a fight for leadership in the Labour Party; the Scottish Nationalists threatening another referendum if we leave the EU; worried ex-nationals in Britain and on the continent wondering if they will be sent home to their respective countries; worries about the future of minorities and those who have won hard-fought working rights over the years. Does anyone have a good plan?

Abroad we have seen dreadful massacres in France, Germany and elsewhere, black v white conflict in the USA and an attempted coup in Turkey (or was it?) Plus the possibility of a Trump presidency!! (The last item deserves a double exclamation mark.) Is it just me but nothing seems to make a lot of sense any more?

My serious hope is that if things ever settle down, people will reflect on some of the rhetoric that has been used to distance themselves from others, to provoke dislike and even hatred , to divide us from those with opposing views, different languages, different coloured skins, different abilities and life chances. Whatever we may wish, we are all in it together, and will sink or swim depending on whether we act humanely and communally or in our own individual interests. I hope for the best but we await developments...

If you would like to make comments on these or other events or my comments— please email me and we could have a discussion page in the next edition!



The Editor

The Curtain Room

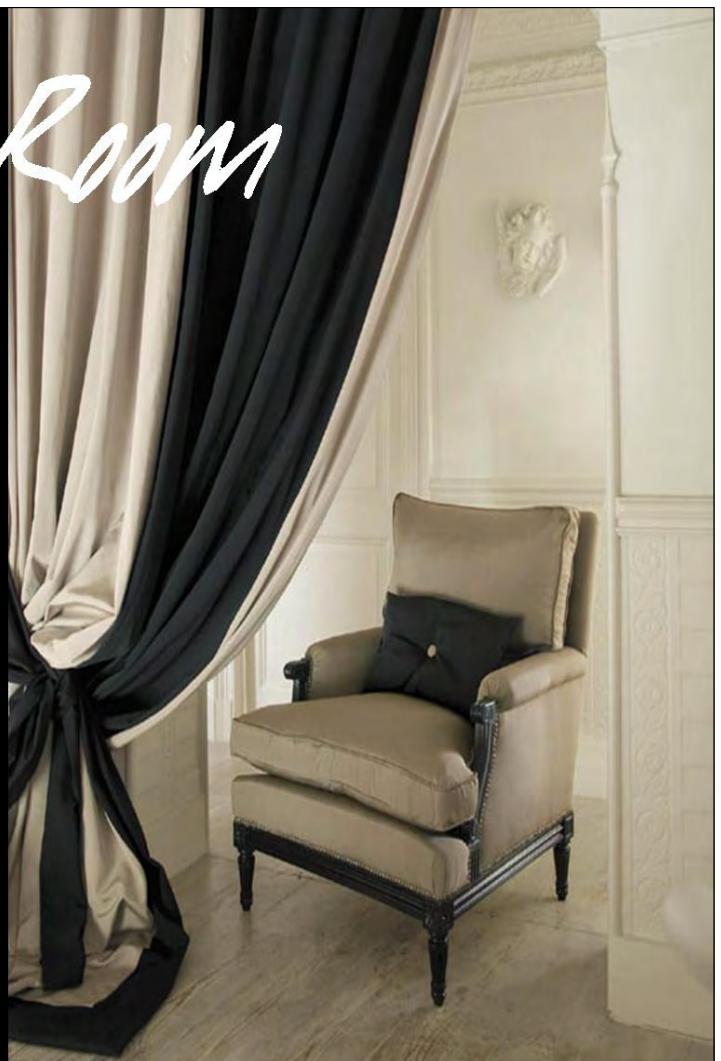
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Women in North Yorkshire urged to have their smear tests as one in five do not attend

The latest statistics from the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC)^[1] has alarmingly revealed that more than **one in five** (21%) of women aged 25-64 in North Yorkshire are not

booking in and turning up to a smear test. The data also finds that women in the older age group (50-64) are less likely to attend, as 81.1% attended in 2014 dropping to 80.9% in 2015. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across North Yorkshire are urging all women to pick up the phone when they receive an appointment letter and book their smear test in – **it could save their life.**

As part of the NHS Cervical Screening Programme, women aged 25-49 are invited to attend cervical screening (or a smear test) at their GP practice every three years, and women aged 50-64 are invited to attend every five years. Cervical screening isn't a test for cancer; it's a test to check the health of the cells of the cervix (the entrance to the womb). Most women's test results show that everything is normal, but for around 1 in 20 women the test shows some abnormal changes in the cells of the cervix.

The symptoms of cervical cancer aren't always obvious, and it may not cause any symptoms at all until it's reached an advanced stage. This is why it's very important for women to attend all of their cervical screening appointments.

For more information about the Cervical Screening Programme visit [www.nhs.uk/
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Isla McLanachan (11 years old)



Isla and her family were thrilled to receive the news that she was picked to represent the North Yorkshire Schools Athletics Association Cross Country Teams at Belvoir Castle in Leicestershire on Saturday 19th March.

Unfortunately Isla's mum was unable to go with her on the day due to picking the short straw and having to stay at home to look after the sheep. This was equally important as it was lambing time. Isla's dad proudly took her instead and was even more proud of her achievements on the day.

In a little interview with Isla she told me that she had been selected for this event after

competing in seven races in the North of England organised through her school. Isla told me that she was one of ten girls on the day. The North were also represented by a team of ten boys.

Isla says there were other teams from counties all over England making up a total of about sixty children. Isla explained the day involved a Cross Country race with a distance of 2,600 metres, or she thought approximately one and a half miles.

Isla says she really enjoyed her race and came 26th out of 58 children. Isla and her mum told me she does not follow any formal training schedule as they do not have time for that. Isla just helps to run after the sheep and that keeps her fit.

Well done Isla and keep running.

(Interview with Catherine Skinner on Friday 13th May 2016)



Sports Activity Day

at the MUGA
on Saturday 6th August 2016
11am to 3pm (approx)



For any child/young person in the Husthwaite area or who attends Husthwaite School (Flexible).

Bring a pack lunch

Juice and biscuits will be provided throughout the day.

Activities will include:

Activity Trail

Relay race up and down the tarmac road

Netball shooting

Beat the goalie

3 leg race

Rounders



The day will end with a 1 mile run around the village for those who wish to take part. This is suitable for any age and ability. You can walk it if you wish.

There will be activities suitable for all ages.

Children may attend the day without parents as long as they can be contacted. However, parents/guardians are welcome to stay and take part with their children. Activities are organised and will be supervised by:

Catherine Skinner (01347 86863) and Will Mowatt (01347 868196).

There will be other helpers on the day.

To help with planning it would be most appreciated if parents could phone Catherine or Will to let them know names of children/young people who are planning to attend.

There will be small prizes during the day and a medal for all children taking part in the 1 mile run. There is no cost.

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In 1948, Les and Geoff Hutchinson (my father) set up a partnership called Hutchinson Bros in the beautiful village of Husthwaite. They had previously worked with their father Harold at his garage (set up in the 1920s) and then served in the Royal Air Force and the Army respectively during World War Two. The business had two strands - coach hire and then car sales, maintenance and petrol supplies. Geoff purchased his father's Bedford 20 seater coach and Les bought a similar vehicle from a dealer in Bradford. Acquiring the Coxwold 237 telephone line was an early break and the local M.P. intervened on their behalf as ex-servicemen.

There was a strong community in Husthwaite and the surrounding villages and initial coach hire came from many sources: The Methodist and Anglican Churches - (the Reverend Harry Broughton of Coxwold was nicknamed the "Transport Vicar."); The Salvation Army; the Red Cross; the political parties; the British Legion; the Scout and Guiding groups; a plethora of sports teams - such as Crayke F.C. and Sutton Ladies Cricket and many pubs as well.

Villages organised Summer "outings" to the coast for children. At Christmas, Geoff's wife Dorothy - who took over all the accounts and administration - set up trips to the pantomimes at York and Leeds and there was also a circus at Leeds. The Futurist (The Black and White Minstrel Show) and the Floral Hall at Scarborough did summer concerts and also the old Open Air Theatre at Peasholm Park played Rodgers and Hammerstein Musicals. Bingo at Clifton, York ran for many years.

Maintaining their father's Thirsk and Easingwold Stage Services, the brothers added on the Helmsley to York Stage Service which collected passengers at all the villages en route from Helmsley to Husthwaite. Public service was a strong ethic throughout and this harmonised nicely with the foundation of the welfare state and new work opportunities such as "The Welfare Bus" - picking up young mothers and their babies for the clinic at Coxwold to receive free milk, cod liver oil and orange juice. Claypenny Hospital at Easingwold was another regular contract.

Of course, it was the expansion of education that gave the biggest drive. Already working for the old Easingwold Grammar School, it was a smooth transition for the firm when the "big school" opened with lots of young children to transport - universal secondary education was here at last. Ampleforth College¹⁰ students were added too when the old

Thirsk to Malton Branch line closed. A new Ryedale School became another great source of education work. The "Swimming Bus" was a regular round all the villages and with the school runs it meant that lots of young people travelled on a "Hutchy Bus."

Full employment created works contracts: the Frozen Chicken Factory; the Glider makers; the car parts production in York and even the construction workers for the defence of our New World from Nuclear attack and the Civil Defence College at The Hawkhill. The most exciting coach hire took place in the summer as sub-contractors to the West Yorkshire Road Car Company and Wallace Arnold. Here the expanded coach fleet - eventually twelve coaches in all and with 57 seats each by the 1970s - ferried people to a holiday at all the coastal resorts. Bedford and Ford coaches and in the 1960s, Commer coaches with Duple or Plaxton coachwork mainly, were the mainstay vehicles. However, the odd Leyland and A.E.C graced the fleet - even Bristol and Daimler chassis too. It was a 1950s Daimler that was the best worker of them all while one beautiful Burlingham Seagull bodied Leyland coach passed into preservation in the 1970s.

The private-hire season started at Easter Bank Holiday and climaxed at Blackpool "Lights" in October. Beaches, amusements, ice cream and fish and chips proved a popular cocktail of fun and delight. The Lake District was another popular destination. Continental Travel may have featured on the coach sign-writing - but London was usually the furthest distance. Dorothy fondly remembers a very early excursion to see the Elizabethan Coronation Flowers on Display.

Although the passenger base tended to be mainly the opposite ends of the age spectrum, there genuinely were lots of varied people on the coaches and involved with the garage which was a hive of activity. There was great camaraderie and community singing was common on the village outings. Retired people acted as "Attendants" on the school buses and the drivers were young and not so young. Quite a lot were teachers working part-time (Les called them school bosses) and some were great amateur entertainers and very popular and famed for their good looks. There was only one lady driver at the time. A lot of un-sung heroes in the villages generated coach loads. Life may have been hard and work very physical for many, but everyone would always help one-another and engage in life in all its variety. These were the true backbone of Yorkshire folk. The brothers were very proud to serve the community and sought to





further that as much as they could - for example, supporting many outings and events like Husthwaite Show. They were most proud of all with their safety record.

"The Garage" in the village was quite a hub for all sorts of vehicles too - just as coach life was thriving nationally, a business opportunity came from our love affair with "the car" - (ultimately to hit the coach business badly but not in the brother's life-time). In the 1950s and 1960s, it was an amazing time for British Car Makers - Morris; Austin; Wolseley; Riley; M.G.; Triumph; Standard; Ford; Vauxhall and others were making affordable cars and many more expensive car makers were equally having a heyday. Husthwaite boasted the odd Bentley, Jaguar and even an Armstrong Siddeley Sapphire. French cars were around too but there was also a striking 1920s red Alfa Romeo.

The brothers were supplying new and second hand cars to people and offering some driving instruction, credit and insurance services too - another business opportunity created by their clever home-spun book-keeper. Around thirty village people and a similar number from outside, regularly supported the garage and maintained a monthly petrol and servicing account. The garage repaired tractors, lorries and combine harvesters on a sporadic basis. There was an ex-Army 1950s Morris Commercial Recovery Truck - utilising the red and white "trade plate" - 190 PY. Two petrol and one diesel pump were centred at the bottom of the yard and a huge 3000-gallon whale of a storage tank was sunk underneath the main concrete with three air pipes sticking out like giant snorkels. There were some off sales of cigarettes and in the summer there would be passing trade for petrol.

The big car break was two-fold. First of all, the business acquired M.O.T. Testing Station Authority from the outset of the test (1962) and this was a great source of work from outside as well as inside the village. Cars were actually road tested then with a Tapley Brake Meter placed on the car floor during an emergency brake test somewhere around the lower cemetery roadside. The small workshop had a very deep hand dug shaft to house an amazing hydraulic car lift powered by a very loud and cissing compressor. Both Les and Geoff kept their MOT Test Engineer Status and facilities were upgraded with a "rolling road" in the 1970s and modern four poster electric lift.

The other great moment was acquiring an agency to sell Hillman Cars (which included other Rootes Group names like Singer, Commer and Humber.) The Hillman Minx and Hunters were solid and dependable but the innovative rear-engine mounted Imp - although a good seller, bit back on unreliability. The large bus garage was given a very

small “showroom” at the front with the proud “Hillman” sign hanging aloft. This was also “The Office” and where you would find Les every day - as Geoff later mentioned - “Work was his hobby.”

There was a lot of give and take amongst the community and besides the regular patronage of both sides of the business from so many villagers, the noise and smoke and the on-street coach parking was kindly tolerated. Indeed, gratitude is owed to so many of the great family names in Husthwaite for their loyal support and steadfastness. It was always a family affair too with wives, brothers, sisters, siblings and cousins all joining in or assisting with the work. Harold and his wife Jesse kept a watchful eye over the brothers - the former still driving a minibus now and again and often urging a make do and mend and saving approach amongst what he saw as the waste and extravagance of modern consumerism.

The brothers enjoyed the fruits of their labour overall, having endured a fairly tough time in their youth during the thirties and forties. As likely lads they were bonded like impact adhesive. There was mainly good humour and many proud memories. It was a way of life - enriched with many great Husthwaite characters adding to the playlist. What a setting too - an absolute privilege to live and work in such an idyllic and great little village. When Les died quite young and with the changes taking place in passenger transport - strict and potentially business ending regulation on the one hand from the Traffic Commissioners and privatisation of services from the Government on the other hand, so it became hard to carry on. The business was sold as a going concern in 1986 and a number of head-teachers praised the record of the firm on Geoff’s retirement. It had occupied a neat niche in the history of transport at the local level and hopefully enhanced the life of many others in its transitory and short space of time.

Peter Hutchinson



Peter sent this article from his home in Welwyn, after visiting Husthwaite and kindly being shown around his old home by Jeremy Walker. The photos he sent are of him with his mum and dad, one of the buses and his recently restored Morris van with his old family bus sign-writing reproduced!

What's ON!

Husthwaite Village Hall

For full details see:

www.husthwaitevillage.com

August/Sept



Weekly Regulars

Short Mat Bowls: Alternate Mondays in August then every Monday in September 7.30-9.30pm

Primetime: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm commencing 9th September

Youth Club: Alternate Wednesdays at 7.00pm commencing 7th September

Zumba: Tuesdays at 9.30-10.30am commencing 6th September

Yoga: Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm commencing 6th September

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 14th September

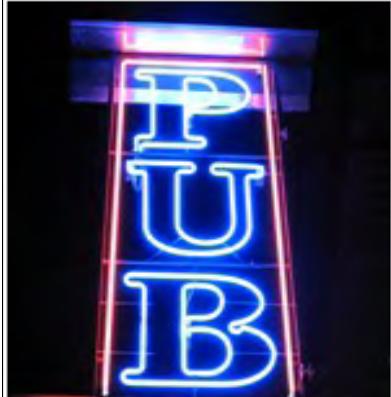
Book Exchange & “Internet” Apple Tree Café: Monday 4th October at 12.00pm (NB Closed Aug and Sept)

Film Club: Thursday 11th August & 15th September at 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: 9th September at 7.30pm

Gardening Club: Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm

Upcoming Events



Pop Up Pub Night on Friday 9th September (break for August)

With growing popularity, an evening of catching up with friends & neighbours. Guest Beer, wine and soft drinks at very appealing Village Hall rates, soft lighting and background music to suit all. Bar open from 7.30pm until late.....



Husthwaite Olympics!

Fun Family Day on Aug 6th 11am to 3pm. A great day out for all the family, all ages welcome! Join us for some fun sporting activities and fun run finale! A **FREE** event, prizes, juice & biscuits provided.



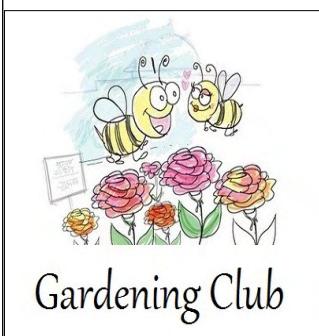
Anya Faull - 16th Sept at 7.30pm

Back in Husthwaite by popular demand! Don't miss the beautiful voice and music from Anya and her talented band. See posters for details on tickets and more information.



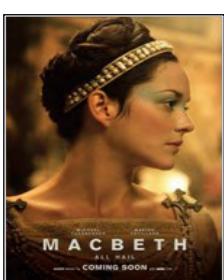
Husthwaite Autumn Market Sunday 11th Sept 11am to 3pm

- Choose from a huge range of stalls selling jewellery, cards, preserves, olive oil, and much more. The Apple Tree Café will be open for hot & cold refreshments!



Husthwaite & District Gardening Club opens its doors for a new season on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm. For gardeners and non-gardeners alike, everyone welcome to join us for a talk on "Choosing and planting spring bulbs". We meet every Thursday from Sept to April, annual subscription is only £10 or £2 if you just want to join for an evening. Annual membership will get you discount at Braithwaites and Castle Howard Garden Centers! For more details contact Jean Stuble on 01347 869063

Film Club



Aug 11th – “Slow West” cert 15

Set in 1870 in the American Wild West. A young man from Scotland travels through the US in search of his love, Rose Ross. An acclaimed directorial debut for a young Scottish director, John Maclean. Stars Michael Fassbender.



Sept 15th – “Macbeth” cert 15

Across a war torn and unforgiving Scottish landscape, fearless warrior and inspiring leader Macbeth returns home. Spurred on by his beautiful but impatient wife, their ambition and thirst for power soon leads to murder, bloodshed and madness.

Funding Success for Husthwaite Film Club!



Awarding funds from
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Film Forever

Husthwaite Film Club has been awarded a brand new high quality projector (5200 Lumen) from the **British Film Institute (BFI) Neighbourhood Cinema** initiative, worth over £3,000!

The Neighbourhood Cinema initiative forms part of the BFI's **Film Forever** plan, focused on supporting small community cinema's across the UK, through equipment funding or general advice and mentoring on running a local cinema.

To be eligible, we had to show that we provide a community service, have a steady and regular number of attendees and include British and Specialised films in our programme. Our recent short film feature was of particular interest to the funders and following a rigorous process, (including short interview!), we were duly awarded our new projector.

The projector is designed to give a better quality cinema experience and is planned to be installed ready for our **11th August showing of "Slow West"** - set in the 1870's with some beautiful scenery from the American Wild West.

Thanks to all the Husthwaite Film Club members and regular attendees for your ongoing support that have made this possible. Special thanks to **Mike Wells** for his technical support in the selection process and to **John Ovenston** who, along with Mike, will oversee the projectors installation in the hall. Oh....and to **Margaret Hewitson** for the tipoff on the BFI funding opportunity in the first place, many months ago...THANKYOU!

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Antibiotic prescriptions reduced by 13% across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) can confirm a 13% overall reduction in the number of antibiotics prescribed in primary care for the year 2015/16 compared to 2014/15.

Some of the initiatives that the CCG have done to reduce antibiotic prescriptions this last year include:

- **Encouraging all GP practices to reduce antibiotic prescribing.**
- **Educating GPs relating to antibiotic usage.**
- **Reviewing/ updating North Yorkshire antibiotic guidelines which were re-launched to GPs in October 2015.**

Dr Charles Parker, local GP and Clinical Chair of the CCG said:

"The CCG is impressed by efforts across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby to reduce these prescriptions. It ensures that when antibiotics are required, they are effective.

"The more we use antibiotics, the greater the chance bacteria will become resistant to them and they can no longer be used to treat infections – this is an international concern.

"Although antibiotics are important medicines for treating bacterial infections, they are not always the answer to treating illness. They do not treat viral illnesses which are often the cause of common coughs and colds.

"The CCG is therefore launching the 'Your Health' campaign in partnership with local GPs to help our patients identify the most appropriate methods of treatment and care."

This is the second consecutive year of reduction which takes the CCG from a rate that was similar to national, to 10% below the national rate during 2015/16. The CCG used the same measuring method as the national NHS Improvement, O'Neill Review on Antimicrobial Resistance.

More information on the Your Health campaign can be found on the campaign website:
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Small Grant Scheme



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Husthwaite Village Hall Committee, the Market Organisers, Sellers and Buyers wish to thank Hambleton District Council for their generous funding from The Small Grant Scheme, enabling the purchase of 10 canopied market stalls.

The Village holds 4 markets a year, hosting over 25 indoor and outdoor traders, selling art, crafts, jewellery, home and beauty products, plus artisan and local produce. The events are well attended and much appreciated by sellers and shoppers alike.

‘Having our own stalls will allow us to continue to run the markets with the maximum number of traders selling a wide range of products,’ said market organisers. ‘It also gives greater flexibility over the set up and layout, plus the added benefit of sharing our good fortune by renting stalls for use in other communities.’

Any groups interested in renting our equipment can pop along to the next market on Sunday 11th September 11am-3pm or email H.V.Markets@mail.com and of course, we are always interested in hearing from traders who would like to attend our markets.

So a very big thank you again for the Small Grant Scheme, your support will benefit many in Husthwaite and the wider community.

OVC Trip to Newby Hall near Ripon

For their early summer outing the Orchard Village Club went to Newby Hall.

The meal was beautiful, especially the soup in deep bowls.

Some people hardly got further than the fascinating exhibition of dolls' houses. There are more than 60 of all shapes and sizes. The detail in the rooms is amazing, especially those depicting funny scenes.

Other club members wandered through the gardens. There are spectacularly fine trees and a wide variety of plants. You can drop down to the banks of the River Ure. There you come across the miniature railway. Many of our people (some of them pictured on the front cover) couldn't resist re-living their youth with a jolly train ride.

After a long day it was time to ride home in our fleet of shared cars, but some were unwilling to leave and may be there still!

Richard Wood



Summary of Draft Minutes of the Meeting on 19 July 2016 of Husthwaite Parish Council in Husthwaite Village Hall

Present: Carol Fenwick (Chair), Alison Gambles, Peter Fox, Paul Escreet, Craig Colton, Barnaby Smith, HDC Councillor Caroline Patmore, Keith Gittens, Jan Coulthard(Clerk)

Apologies: Elaine Smith

The minutes of the Annual and May PC meetings were approved.

1. The cemetery bench has been relocated to a better position.
2. Keith Gittens reported on the progress of a new planned cutting regime on Kendrew Green. Because of the weather, the grass left uncut was too wet to cut and rake off easily, though some work had been done by Keith and others. In order to maintain the wild flowers needed to support the butterflies which are present, and yet tidy up the Green for appearances and traffic sight-lines safety, the plan agreed is for the contractors to cut the grass for the rest of the year, and to rake off as much as possible of the cut hay. Keith mentioned that the Wych Elm still needed pollarding, so quotes are being sought for that.
3. PF met Mark Harbottle from HDC Planning, to ask about enforcement of planning laws with regard to Bye Green. A decision on enforcement is expected shortly. Also, Husthwaite PC will in future obtain information about planning applications in other parishes bordering our village, as these can affect us (eg. the Solar Farm near the A19).
4. Kendrew Green's registration as a village green has slowed to a halt as the registration officer decided the village did not own it, despite having paid for its upkeep for 70 years! NYCC Highways are the legal owners as it is designated as "highway" at the moment. PF is contacting NYCC, to see if they are willing to register it as a green on our behalf.
5. Fracking licences are being explored soon, according to Counc. Patmore, but planning permission will be needed. It is not clear how near to Husthwaite any intended development plans are sited.

6. The work of spraying and hedge-cutting on the Recreation Area has been completed. The MUGA surface has been treated and will be monitored by the contractors.
7. The Orchard Inn has had a glazed lantern installed. According to the owner, Mr Jackson, the pub should be open for Christmas. CF pointed out that there appeared to be no living accommodation for the pub manager on the plan.
8. An Emergency Plan for the village is being drafted based on the NYCC template. The plan will consider likely risks, and how information can be cascaded in an emergency. Craig Colton and Mark Gambles will work with the VH committee on the plan.
9. A glass display cabinet for the village hall, to contain our community awards, is being purchased by the PC.
10. It seems unlikely that a further solar farm originally planned near the A19 will now go ahead, however Counc. Patmore is to check this.
11. Our request for a safer layout for the junction of the A19 with Amplecarr has been only partially met with a change in signage by NYCC Highways department. Counc. Patmore is to contact them again, to see if more improvements can be done under the 123 Priority Infrastructure Register funding.
12. The Good Councillors' Guide is available on-line and has now been accessed by members of the PC.
13. There were no successful nominations from Husthwaite for the HDC Business Awards.
14. The Bier House guttering contains asbestos and needs replacing and the asbestos safely disposed of. 3 companies were asked for quotes but none responded. JC and BS are to ask others for quotes. Pto.

15. The PC notice-board is in a sorry state, and needs restoration. Andrew Coulthard has volunteered to do this, and the PC will provide the money needed for new materials. It should then match more closely the other one it stands beside.

16. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service asks groups to apply for awards. This has been forwarded to the VH Committee for consideration.

17. A complaint was received about damage caused to verges on Kay's Bank by recent ducting work. It was suggested by the PC that the complainant contacts BT who actually dug the trenches in the verges, rather than NYCC Highways.

18. Financial and Planning matters can be seen in detail on the Parish Council website.

19. The VH committee have agreed to provide the Neighbourhood Watch Committee with free use of the VH.

20.BS is to request from Highways the most recent report on road repairs and inspections in our area.

The public footpath at the rear of houses on the Nookin has been strimmed. The stile on the footpath near the Flower of May is broken and needs repair. This has been reported to NYCC.

21. Councillor Patmore reported:

A levy on green bins will come into force from April 2017. If people do not wish to pay for this, then the green bin will be removed.

The prison in Northallerton, apart from those parts which are listed, is to be demolished, and the site offered to developers.

Devolution of some powers to provincial and local areas is still on the cards, though no firm plans are available yet.

The next meeting of the PC is on Tuesday 20th September at 7.30 in the village hall.

(A full version of the draft minutes will be available on the Parish Council website)

Award winning short films at Husthwaite Film Club

Husthwaite Film Club held its first short film festival on Thursday 16th June in the Village Hall with local guest speakers representing two award winning short films from 2016. A mix of six short films were shown to an enthusiastic audience; all films were carefully selected to give a mix of genres and themes. We were especially pleased to welcome two guests to talk about our main award winning features, both with local Husthwaite connections! **Calum Mowatt** introduced the first of these, "**Russian Dolls**", the first short film made by the Edinburgh based Production Company "Neon Eye". Calum founded Neon Eye in 2015, and spoke of his frustration at the lack of opportunity for young film makers who want to showcase their creative talents. Calum was also the inspiration that started the Husthwaite Film Club before leaving to go to Edinburgh University. **Russian Dolls was the winner of Best Performance in Glasgow's First Act Film awards** earlier this year.

Our second and main feature of the evening was "**Stutterer**", the **Short Film Oscar winner of 2016**. The film was introduced by Guy Armitage, another Husthwaite resident and brother of Serena Armitage, the Producer of the Oscar winner. Guy gave an amusing and inspiring account of the making of the very low budget "*Stutterer*" (by Hollywood standards), funded in part by the Director renting out his room. Guy also gave us a taste of Serena's Oscar ceremony experience including inadvertently turning down a selfie with Mark Ruffalo! A very successful evening and one where the decision to make this an annual event was most definitely agreed! Thanks to Husthwaite Film Club and to Guy and Calum in particular. Over the years, Husthwaite Film Club has developed a healthy membership and meets the 3rd Thursday of every month to watch an eclectic mix of screenings. New members are always welcome! For more details contact Sheila on 868196.





**Tori, Millie and Rory on the
Treasure Hunt**

Treasure Hunting in Husthwaite!

With two young children intent on being first to spot the next route marker (pink string) and finding treasure (cuddly toys), we set off on a short route that took us through a field with a lovely view toward York, down to the back of the Old Lodge before heading up past the Alpacas to the path on Beacon Banks and back down along the road to the Village Hall.

Each of the toys held a letter to piece together and make up a girl's name, adding to the anticipation of guessing what letter would be next and what toy would be holding it – very exciting for under 6's as well as competitive over 30's – and completely taking their minds off a lovely hill walk that would sometimes be accompanied with "are we nearly there yet?"

Having found all the toys and completed the name we headed back to the hall to celebrate with barbecued hot-dogs and burgers and cheer in the other groups as they returned. We had a great afternoon and look forward to the next time – with a dinosaur theme please!

The seniors' Treasure Hunt was won by the McClanachan family. It was a narrow victory over the Fenwicks. The tie-breaker was Isla's discovery of a 4-leaved clover..

Matt Fletcher

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Matt Fletcher with Rory and Millie enjoying the Husthwaite Treasure Hunt