

Husthwaite Newsletter

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After the Treasure Hunt

Rebecca Skinner, Kerry and Michael Barker make it back to the village hall, after walking up Beacon Banks, through Coxwold, past Angram Hall and back past the old station at Husthwaite Gate. “We set off in sunshine, got soaked to the skin halfway round and came back to a brilliant barbecue and a game of French cricket.”

Hustwaite Village Newsletter is free, delivered to each house in the village and is available on line.

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Jan Coulthard

Dates for your diary

August and September

Karate every Saturday 1.00-2.30 and every other Wednesday 7.00-8.00 in the Village hall. Contact Grahame Hunter 07962 256826

Starting Tuesday 16 September 9.15-10.30am **Yoga**, new for September, in the Village Hall.

11 September; Hustwaite and District **Gardening Club** meeting 7.30pm

18 September **Local History Group** Illustrated talk, Village Hall, Archaeologist Steve Moorhouse "Mediaeval and local pottery " Entry £4.00 at door, glass of wine included.

20 September Hustwaite **Neighbourhood Watch** have arranged with North Yorkshire Police to mark cycles and other property at the Village Hall from 10.00 to 12 noon. Coffee will be available—and so will Neil Willis, the cycle

expert from M.E. Willis of Easingwold, to offer safety advice.

21 Sept. **Shandy Hall Gallery**, Coxwold. Tom Phillips RA will be at the opening of the exhibition of his work, The Elsinore Library. The artist will be creating new work especially for the exhibition. 6th form pupils from Easingwold and Fulford schools will be involved. Information about the artist can be found at www.tomphillips.co.uk and all are welcome to attend.

9 October: **Gardening Club** meeting.

Saturday October 11: **Village Harvest Supper** in the Village Hall. Everyone very welcome! More details later.

Tuesday 14 October. **Parish Plan special meeting**. Village Hall 7.00 pm. All parishioners are invited to come along and contribute to discussions.

Advance Notice Saturday 15 November 1.00-4.00 **“Glue. Glitter and No Clearing Up!”**

YOGA in Husthwaite Village Hall

New for September....Tuesdays 9.15-10.30am from 16 September



Total novices and returners to yoga are all welcome. Postures, breathing and relaxation can help relieve stress, backache, anxiety and lack of flexibility, and improve overall well-being. Try 2 sessions for £9; autumn term £45. Qualified and experienced tutor.

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Village Hall News

At the end of June we had the Bumper Weekend. The Hall was in use non-stop from Friday evening's Scottish Dancing to Sunday's afternoon's post-Treasure Hunt barbecue and French cricket.

The Open Microphone Evenings have acquired a cult status we never expected. Alun Nixon is the driving force. He performs his own songs and has rehearsed with talented musicians from the village, Easingwold and beyond. This time he found us a wonderful folk singer, Rachel Dawick, from New Zealand. 'The next time you hear her,' says Alun, 'it will be on *Later with Jools Holland*'.

A satisfying aspect of the evenings is the involvement of young talent from the village. The pantomime has always unearthed a wealth of girl performers. It's the young men who have dominated the music evenings. In particular, Jamie Green and Callum Watt played splendid guitar duets. Having said that, the youngest player this time was Raili Nixon on her clarinet. The next Open Mic is Friday 10th October at 7.30pm. Audience £3 on the door.

The Treasure Hunt took us across Beacons Banks to Coxwold and home by Angram Grange. The prize went to the Wise Family of Flower o' May. There was a fine turn-out of traditional village folk.

You will have noticed that we have pruned the trees behind the Hall. This work went out to tender and was done by M J Young Tree Services of Helmsley for £400. We have spent £2,200 on repair work to the Billiard Room floor. There's a major change you will notice at your next visit. The billiard table, a fixture of everybody's Hushwaite lifetime, has gone. A Liverpool family bought it on eBay for £450. Having had the table professionally valued, we were pleased to get this price. We now have a valuable new room in which to base the Youth Group which starts in September. We shall also build a new storage area there, a place for all our resources including Jill Pike's panto costumes.

Our autumn programme includes the return of Yoga classes: 9.15 to 10.30am on Tuesdays. We're running a series of talks by interesting people on topics with a local connection. In October we shall have 'The Brontes; a family of writers' by the eminent Bronte scholar, Brian Wilks. More details of this and other talks in the next Newsletter.

It's the Book Fair in November, so please start saving your unwanted books for us to sell.

Finally, there's a new Village Hall website and you can now access it at www.hushwaitevillagehall.co.uk

Richard Wood

Village Hall Bumper weekend - Eyewitness report

June 27th, 28th & 29th 2008. They don't immediately stand out as days in history. Not straight away. These were the days of the bouncing floor joists, the throbbing roof; and the days when the walls of the old place echoed to the sound of laughter.

That was just the Scottish Dancing. Friday 27th June. Brian (Watt) says, "This one's easy".... "I'll slow this one down to start with". "The Reel of the 51st Division it's called". More like The Advance of the Panzer Division; Rommel would have been proud of us. Nothing stops the fun when we get rolling. To quote the great lyricist and orator of our time, David Aspinall, "..And then Brian, says if ye' gonna dance like that, they should make you an exhibit at the zoo". We will be back again and again, one Friday per month, and an extravaganza for Burns Night in February.

Saturday 28th - 13:00hrs.

Bow, you are entering a Dojo, a place where Karate is practised and perfected (eventually, we hope). Grahame Hunter becomes Sensei Grahame, and he is your Master. Do as he says and you will be alright. We learn to stretch, punch, block, kick and make unholy noises. I am introduced to discipline. We will soon be flying.

Saturday 28th - 19:30hrs

The second organised Open Mic. Evening. Mike Wells wires the joint so that every sound is captured; and musicians, singers and reciters alike supply the sound - and plenty of it. The anticipation of how we will fit forty songs and two recitations into 3 hours, is gently released as we do just that. Performers who have travelled 50 yards, 4 miles, one who spanned the globe - via a two-year refreshment stop in Glasgow. A good do, unless you know otherwise? Look out for the next one in October, with TWO Special Guests appearing alongside the "local music for local people".

Sunday 29th - 13:00

Annual Treasure Hunt. Last year's weather makes a brief appearance, but not until most people are at the farthest point from the village - no turning back now. We hack our way through nettles and brambles, trudge through marshy swamps, scale up and slide down treacherous escarpments. Well, not me actually. I was one of the volunteers in the Catering Corps, cooking burgers and sausages for the barbecue that greeted the survivors who filed back to the Village Hall for a feast and a game of French cricket (yeah...what do they call it in France?) We didn't quite manage to eat all the meat, or drink all the lager, but it's better by far to eat drink and be merry, than to run out and be a grumpy git!

Alun Nixon

War Memorial to be restored

After discussions with a qualified monumental mason, St Nicholas PCC and the



Parish Council have agreed to fund cleaning and restoration of our village War Memorial. A quote of £2,085 from the West Yorks firm RAM Masonry has been accepted. We have obtained a 50% grant from the War Memorials Trust and will fund the remaining costs between us.

As part of the restoration, the verses cut into the base of the memorial - and invisible from the road - will be re-cut into the coping stones of the wall immediately in front of the memorial. Concerns about the memorial's tilt have been allayed by annual measurement showing no further movement, though this will continue to be monitored.

We expect completion in time for Remembrance Day this year.

John Ovenston

Petals, Pots and Pansies

Very many thanks to all the people who visited our open gardens on 25th May. Despite the long cold spring, the gardens at The White House, Goulton Garth and Swale's Garth were in magnificent condition and all had managed to make interesting and amusing features around the theme of petals, pots and pansies.

We were pleased that no fewer than 455 visitors came and we raised the sum of £3738.25. The final total may be better even than that when we add in late donations and tax reclaimed through Gift Aid.

The money raised will be paid into the Endowment Trust fund, the income from which helps to maintain the churchyard of St Nicholas in perpetuity. It should help us make sure that such a prominent feature of our village is always tidy and well kept.

Hugh Richardson

Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

The summer months are when the club gets out and visits gardens. This year we were luckier with the weather than last.

In May we visited Rye Hill, a small but immaculate garden in Helmsley. Every corner was filled with plants; it is a good example of what can be achieved if you get the “gardening bug.” This garden has been opening to the public for many years and the owners, Dr. and Mrs Briske have raised thousands of pounds for charity by doing so.

The June meeting was at a secluded hillside garden in Thirlby. Cleaves House nestles on the hillside in the shadow of the North York Moors. It is a two acre garden, lovingly tended by Mr and Mrs May, who admitted they often spend up to twelve hours working in their garden on peak days!

Finally, in July we visited the garden of our chairman, Simon Chalton, in High Kilburn. In a typically modest way Simon said his garden wasn't worthy of a whole afternoon, so he persuaded two neighbours to also open their gardens. Consequently the sleepy hamlet appeared busy as members trotted across the village green between gardens and then back to the Chaltons where Linda had organised a delicious cream tea. Yummy, yummy!

Three lovely outings and not a drop of rain. I can't believe it! We return to the Village Hall for the next meeting on 11th September when Chris Small will be talking about “Autumn Colour.”

Mike Wells

Dates for your diary

Gardening Club Meetings for 2008/9

.....all meetings start at 7.30pm

2008

11 September
9 October
13 November
11 December

2009

8 January
12 February
12 March
9 April

Local History Group

"Husthwaite Reminiscences 1970s - 2000" is well underway and grateful thanks are given to those who have already contributed many excellent photos. Further written or oral contributions are still needed, particularly covering stories of people who were brought up in the village and may still live here. Contributions about changes in farming methods (and accompanying diversification) and millennium events would also be welcomed - please ring me or send a message to aovenston@aol.com. For those who have already promised to give contributions, I would be very grateful if they could reach me before the end of August.

Is anyone interested in attending a Day School at Helmsley Arts Centre on Sunday 5 October (10 am to 5 pm, costing £10) on The Archeology of the North York Moors (A celebration of the local history and archeology of the region) please ask me for further details. It is sponsored by the North York Moors National Park Authority and Helmsley Archaeological Society and will have many speakers covering a wide range of topics.

The Old School Project; anyone who attended the old school (including evacuees from Hull and elsewhere) will be invited to take part in a group photo outside the old school house. If possible, this will happen in early October and will be followed by refreshments and a display of photos of pupils over the years. It is hoped to put the photo on the front cover of the forthcoming booklet currently in progress.

Date for your diary

On Thursday 18 September, Steve Moorhouse a young Archaeologist is coming to give us an illustrated talk about mediaeval pottery and pottery found in our area. Please support him and bring along any bits of ancient pottery found locally. Entry will be £4.00 at the door, to include a glass of wine

Angela Ovenston (868 347)

New bus timetable

There is a revised bus timetable for the village. Until NYCC see fit to provide bus stops, the Parish Council will endeavour to post details of the revised timetable around the village and copies will be made available at the shop.

Barrie Ward, Clerk to the Parish Council

All the Fun of the Summer Fayre

Some village occasions are successful for the large support they attract. Other times we community volunteers have to settle for having a good time in spite of the low turn-out. A great thing about our village hall is that its atmosphere can be adapted to a wide variety of occasions, and the people who attend always have a good time.

And that's how it was with last Saturday's Summer Fayre. Lynn Collins and Ruth Woodhead invited 8 stall holders. They set up a wonderful display of clothes, accessories, jewellery and books. The hall looked a picture.

There were 24 of us volunteers for the evening, including children of the committee members. We outnumbered the 'punters' by 2 to 1. Apparently this do was not what the community wanted.

Many thanks to all those of you who contributed to the tombola. There were some wonderfully generous prizes. Thanks also to the stallholders. You were tolerant and great fun.

Richard Wood



Hannah Crane (left) and Sarah Aspinall enjoying the Summer Fayre

New Village Website

Luis Ponte is making a new website for the village, to replace the one managed by Frances Petty.

He would be very pleased to have suggestions about the look of the site and what should be on it. Contact him on luis@ponte.myzen.co.uk

Meanwhile, you can see the new website under construction at www.husthwaitevillage.com

PARISH PLAN - UPDATE (7)

PUSH ON DEVELOPING RECREATION AREA

At the seventh special meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 17th June, 2008, particular attention was given to issues relating to the development of the Recreation Area. Many will be aware that this was perhaps the key issue to emerge from the Parish Plan. Sadly, on this occasion, no parishioners were present. Issues discussed may be summarised as follows:

Interest/Focus Groups

Details were given of those who had offered their services in response to the appeal in the previous Hushwaite Newsletter. It was decided to supplement this small group, if possible, by making a direct appeal to those who have worked so hard to establish the Woodland/Wildlife area.

Support from the Royal Dragoon Guards Regiment

Confirmation has been received that 15 soldiers, led by Lieutenant Matthew Howden, will work in the Recreation Area from 9.00 a.m. onwards on Tuesday 1st July, 2008. Their main tasks will be concerned with re-instating a ditch to improve drainage, cutting back scrub areas and generally tidying up the field. The Chair of Hambleton District Council, Cllr. David Webster, together with Cllr. Percy Featherstone, will visit the site during the morning. Discussion centred around provision of spades and other equipment, toilet arrangements and refreshments. The Parish Council is very pleased to have such a significant input of help which will greatly enhance our community provision in Hushwaite.

(It can now be reported that these arrangements worked extremely well and the field is looking much better for the attention given. *See photo (right) with the soldiers and Cllrs Webster and Featherstone.*

The Parish Council is grateful to The Balmoral for supporting this venture by providing a very welcome mid-morning break of coffee and sausage sandwiches.)

Treatment of Resilient Weeds

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase appropriate items to deal with this.

Multi use Games Area (MUGA)

This is a key part of the development and likely to cost the most. Provision of an all-weather surface for football, tennis and netball/basketball will appeal to many in the village as well as visitors. Quotations indicate that costs will be in excess of £50,000.

Grant Applications

A critical element in developing the Recreation Area is to secure outside fund-

ing through grant applications. A successful bid to the Community Grants Scheme, managed by Hambleton District Council, has recently resulted in an award of £5,000 towards young children's play equipment. This is a very encouraging position, following on so closely to the grant for establishing the Woodland Area.

Other funding applications submitted include;

- The People's Millions (publicised through the ITV network)
- North York Moors National Park Authority - the CAN DO Parish Fund for further development of the woodland/wildlife area.
- The 'Welcome to Hushwaite' information pack has been entered into the Village Ventures Awards 2008 Competition. We have been informed that our entry has been shortlisted along with five others. The judges will visit Hushwaite on Monday 30th June, to meet a small delegation and gather further information.

Over the coming weeks, the Parish Council will continue to identify and respond to other funding opportunities that are available.

Next Meeting

The eighth of these special meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 14th October.

All parishioners are warmly invited to come along, hear at first hand what is happening and contribute to discussions.

Peter Davison



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Emergency!

I think every day how very privileged we are to live in such a lovely part of the world.

Even with the current panic about fuel costs, and the rising price of food and utilities, it is surely true that everyone here will manage to survive what seems like a bit of a difficult time by drawing in our horns and helping each other.

However, in parts of the world where the basic commodity prices have risen to astronomically unaffordable levels for the local population, and where drought has caused pastures and crops to fail, the future is very bleak. This is nowhere more the case than in Ethiopia, where there is a real chance of a catastrophe echoing those of the past.

Oxfam and other aid agencies are calling on wealthier nations to help, not just through governments but by individual donations. I know everyone is hard pressed by bills at the moment, but it would be good to help if you are able. Agencies' details for donations are in the media.

Jan Coulthard

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Friday 24th October

Friday 7th November

Friday 14th November

Friday 21st November

Friday 28th November

Friday 12th December

Friday 19th December

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to refresh yourself !

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Date For Your Diary !

Hustwaite Burns Supper 2009

Hustwaite Village Hall

Saturday 17th January 2009



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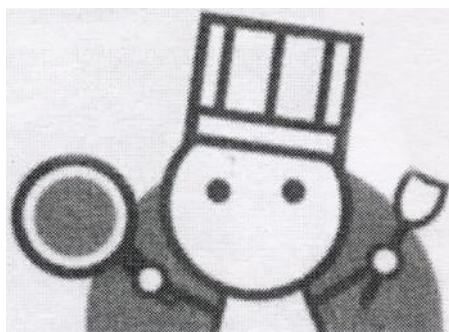
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Helmsley Walled Garden is, for me, one of those places where something about the atmosphere makes you feel better. If you don't know it, it began life as the vegetable garden for Duncombe Park but fell into disuse after the Great War. Alison Ticehurst had the energy and enthusiasm to begin the restoration in 1994. Now a charity offering horticultural therapy to those in need, it has wonderful beds of flowers, fruit trees of every sort and a collection of restored orchid and vine houses. I'm a supporter so I'm biased but it has a tranquillity and sense of purpose like nowhere else. People come to volunteer there from all kinds of background and seem to find such pleasure in this beautiful place. What does it do for me is that it's surrounded by a lovely ancient brick wall, that most of the shrubs and trees are dedicated to friends or relatives and that there's good food in the cafe. If you haven't visited, do go.

Andrew Coulthard