At the opening of the MUGA by Councillor Featherstone, excited Husthwaite schoolchildren charge in to explore the new area.
A NEW ERA FOR SPORT AND RECREATION IN HUSTHWAITHE
The official opening of the Multi-use Games Area took place during the afternoon of Friday, 10th July in a celebratory atmosphere. After many years of waiting, recreation provision in Husthwaite has become a reality, taking only 7 months from the ITV’s People’s Millions Award to completion by the contractors, Cleveland Land Services. Many in the village have been surprised at both the size and the quality of this provision.
Carol Fenwick, Chair of the Parish Council, began the occasion by welcoming everyone and expressing appreciation to those who had contributed to this development. Councillor Percy Featherstone, who has given much support and encouragement throughout, reflected on events leading up to completion and acknowledged the contribution of the people of Husthwaite, the Parish Council, the Big Lottery Fund, the contractors and Hambleton District Council, who have leased the field to the village.
Children from the Primary School were present along with about 35 adults from the village. Excited chatter and balloons festooning the entrance to the MUGA provided a carnival atmosphere to this special occasion. A most memorable sight followed the ‘cutting of the tape’ by Councillor Featherstone, when the children surged through the gate, providing a torrent-like flow of red jumpers as the newly-created space was explored.
This occasion was also enhanced by the presence of Janet Thompson, representing The Big Lottery Fund and Claire Montgomery, the Tyne Tees Border Television presenter, with her camera. Finally, but by no means least, the finishing touches consisted of refreshments, kindly provided for the adults by ladies of the two Churches in the village and for the children, donated by Carol Fenwick.

The Parish Council is keen to promote wide use of this area by both children and adults and hopes that many will take up the opportunities, now being arranged, to improve their fitness, enhance their skills in football, netball/basketball and tennis and generally enjoy this new amenity.

NOT ONLY FOR CHILDREN!

Now that the Multi-Use Games Area is ready for use, the Parish Council would like to stress that it is freely available to everyone in the village, including visitors.

The MUGA represents an investment of around £60,000 and, therefore, we would like to see it fully used by individuals, families and other groups.

The Parish Council is keen to encourage groups to meet on a regular basis to participate in a particular sport.

For example:

- Having seen children off to school, a group of mums may wish to play tennis on a regular basis, perhaps weekly or monthly.
- A group of men and young people with an interest in football could be drawn towards an evening booking of the MUGA during summer months and a weekend slot during the winter.
- Similarly, those who are retired might like to get together at regular intervals or the village Youth Group may wish to engage in sporting activities.
- Any other groups?

As most people now know, the MUGA will accommodate football, netball/basketball and tennis.

If anyone is interested in being part of a group, please give me a ring on 868449. The Parish Council is happy to co-ordinate the setting up of such groups, after which it is hoped that those who become involved will be able to function independently.

Please don’t hesitate - think about the possibilities and give me a ring.

Peter Davison
OPPORTUNITIES TO USE OUR NEW MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

The Parish Council has arranged a programme of sporting activities which will take place over the schools’ summer holidays, and hopes many people will join in.

A specific activity has been organised for each of the 6 weeks. In each case, a start will be made on the Monday morning with coaching from 10.00 a.m. This will be followed by organised competitive play up to 12 noon. The remainder of the week will be available for informal play.

Week 2  27th July  NETBALL/BASKETBALL
          (Coach - Vikki Nixon)

Week 3  3rd Aug.  TENNIS
          (Coaches - Howard & Pauline Brown)

Week 4  10th Aug.  FOOTBALL

Week 5  17th Aug.  NETBALL/BASKETBALL

Week 6  24th Aug.  TENNIS

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to the coaches who have agreed to undertake these duties.

A few points to ensure smooth running:
- these activities are offered free of charge
- please come in soft-soled sports shoes/trainers
- all balls will be provided
- please bring own tennis racquets
- it may be useful to bring a drink, but please take all litter home

Footnote: The first session on July 20th concerned with Football got off to a superb start, led by Will Mowatt. A total of 16 took part with ages ranging from 6 to 14 - they all had a wonderful time!

Peter Davison

Footpaths

The Parish Council has noticed an increased incidence of hedges and other plants overgrowing the pavements in the village. This makes it difficult if not dangerous for pedestrians, particularly the less agile. Please ensure all growth is cut back sufficiently to allow passage, without stepping on the road, for people with pushchairs/prams/wheelchairs as well as pedestrians.

Barrie Ward
Shandy Hall

Yorick’s Progress by Martin Rowson (8 specially commissioned drawings showing the latter years of the life of Rev. Laurence Sterne) continues until 21 August. Original drawings from Rowson’s Illustrated Tristram Shandy are also on view.

Sept. 5–Oct 31 The Black Page
An exhibition to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the black page in volume 1 of Tristram Shandy. 73 artists and writers have been invited to make new black pages for the gallery. Contributors include: JM Coetzee, Rachael Whiteread, Graham Swift, Lemony Snicket, Michael Nyman. A new sculptural work by Peter Coates can be seen in Coxwold churchyard as a temporary installation.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Despite a number of previous calls for volunteers the Parish council has been operating with a vacancy for nearly two years now. From the end of this month there will be a second vacancy as Luis Ponte is leaving the village for pastures new. This will mean the Parish Council operating with two vacancies out of seven. With the work towards fulfilling the Parish Plan and the ongoing work on the recreation area these are busy times for the Council and we would like to get more of you involved.

We are therefore calling for expressions of interest so that we can co-opt members to get back to full strength. If you feel you have something to offer, and I’m sure you have, please drop me a line or call me on 868146.

NB Since our recent plea in the newsletter the incidence of dog fouling has noticeably decreased. On behalf of the village the Parish Council would like to thank dog owners for the improvement. Keep up the good work.

Barrie Ward

Spring/Summer clean up at the Village Hall Jill Pike
Thanks to all the volunteers (including the youngsters who turned up to help) who rallied to the call to spend two Sundays in July washing and scrubbing the interior of the Village Hall, a difficult job because of the rafters which gather the dirt so badly (see over). Many thanks to Michael Barker who loaned the scaffolding and erected it for us, without which we couldn’t have managed. The difference is amazing, and all that effort has paid off, yet again showing that spirit of Husthwaite so many people admire and envy. Well done folks and many thanks.
The Curtain Room needs your help.

It’s been a very busy year so far and we are quickly outgrowing our current studio. Both Paul and I really like the village and would love to continue with The Curtain Room as a Husthwaite based business for as long as possible.

This is where you may be able to help us. Do you have an outbuilding, barn or other place that would be suitable for us to use as a studio? Basically we need somewhere that is weatherproof and ideally around the size of a double garage, ground floor or loft, it doesn’t really matter. We are able and prepared to roll up our sleeves and clean, decorate, renovate and wire if work is required.

If you think you may be able to help us, please call us 01347 868874 or 01845 440161

Mel Casling
The Orchard Project - Summary at July 2009

The orders are now collated for trees to be planted in November and at present 188 trees will be planted, with that total likely to increase with a few more orders yet to be included. This is on top of the 72 trees planted already this year which have all survived so far; a number of apple and pear trees have produced fruit this year despite the late planting. The most popular varieties ordered have been Victoria plums - 26 trees, Bramley cookers 13 trees, Conference pears 11 trees and Stella cherries 11 trees. The trees are planned to be delivered on Friday November the 6th and will be bare rooted so that people can pick them up on the Friday and Saturday to get them planted a.s.a.p. after collection. A planting guide will be available when they are collected.

Plans are under way to obtain a grant to continue the project beyond the initial research, book production and tree planting with the following aims and objectives:

- To establish a co-operative that would eventually create a surplus through the sale of products which would be re-invested in village based projects

- To develop a range of products branded ‘Fruits of Husthwaite’ to include fruit juice, cider, preserves and chutneys produced in the village and sold locally.

- To establish a grafting programme to preserve the old existing varieties of fruit in the village and set up a nursery for young trees so we are self sufficient in the replanting of the village orchards as trees come to the end of their life.

- To create a rare and vintage tree orchard within the school with a noticeboard and tree descriptions. This would include the 16 recognised apple varieties originating from Yorkshire as well as a number of locally grown varieties. We have agreement in principle to run workshops with pupils at the school on how to manage the trees through an “adopt a tree” approach with the school pupils.

- Agreement in principle to plant a 100+ tree orchard of relevant varieties of apples to make the co-operative self-sufficient for fruit after 5 years

- To prune and restore a number of historic orchards in the village in partnership with the Thirsk Woodland trust, Helmsley Walled Garden and the Northern Fruit Group.

Cameron Smith
When We Are Married
By
JB Priestley
At 7.30 on 17, 18 and 19 Sept in the Village Hall
£6 adults, £4 under 18s

This Edwardian comedy, set in the fictional Yorkshire town of Clecklewyke, tells the story of three mill-owning couples who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries. The play also features a well-oiled photographer, a cheeky maid, a typical Yorkshire charlady and several other “characters”.

The cast and backstage crew is almost entirely made up of Husthwaite residents, including three married couples who play key roles. Following 3 successful pantomimes, this is the first attempt at producing a “straight” play in the village in recent years.

Tickets will be available nearer the time from the village shop or David Pike. Watch for further information on posters or in the local press.

David Pike
Letter to the Editor

Dear Jan
Brenda Duffield kindly sent me the June Husthwaite Newsletter which I am enjoying.
Whilst rooting through some old papers I came across a postcard from an old friend, Bill Deedes. His Husthwaite connections were in the house below Louie Ward’s white cottage. Bill was Daily Telegraph Editor and was a very nice man.. You might find room for it in a newsletter?
Best wishes
  Tony Butler

(The postcard to Tony says: Many thanks indeed. Mount House seems in another age. I remember being on leave there when our war in Europe had ended and learning there about the atom bomb on Japan. So, at least, I thought, I shan’t have to go there. I was scything nettles at the time. Mona Pearson was sister of my wife’s solicitor in Helmsley. Long time ago. I am passing it on to Hilary who is at present in Scotland. Thanks and best wishes,
  Bill Deedes )

NB: William Deedes was a government minister from 1962-4, having been a Parliamentary Secretary from 1945-55. He was a journalist and famous editor of The Telegraph for many years.

Local history through early postcards

An illustrated talk by Robin Cook (Swainby History Society)

At 7.30 on Wed. 14th October 2009 Husthwaite Village Hall

£4 to include a glass of wine. Everyone welcome.

Please bring any postcards if you have any.
Hi, I’m Catherine and on Sunday 20th September I am aiming to complete the Great North Run, partly because I thought it would be a bit of fun and partly to raise some money for two good causes. Read on.

I returned to running, or maybe more accurately jogging in May 2008 after an 18 year rest from this sport. This was after seeing an advert displayed by Easingwold Running Club saying they were starting a Beginners Group for lapsed and complete beginners. For the first few months progress was slow and even came to a standstill when I tore a muscle in my right leg whilst Scottish Dancing. Was my body trying to tell me something!

Fortunately, to cut a long story short I made a speedy recovery from the leg injury and decided not to be beat. I got back to jogging with the club and with a great deal of persuasion entered the Tholthorpe 10k in September 2008, (This was the first race for about 20 years). I was really pleased I finished the course, but only with the great support of a patient club coach!

Over winter I kept up attending sessions when I could and with extra training sessions around Husthwaite and area (time allowing!), I started to see some improvement, so much so I decided to enter the Great North Run through the Daily Telegraph newspaper. (My husband saw the ad and suggested I give it a go). I had previously completed this run about 20 years ago and did want to repeat the experience. To my surprise I was notified that I had gained an Independent Place. Basically, this means I am not tied to a particular charity and can choose who I wish to obtain sponsors for.

Initially I was not sure about doing this as a sponsored run, mainly because I am not keen on asking people for sponsorship. However, in early 2009 I became more aware of the work done by the Children’s Hospice, Martin House at Boston Spa near Tadcaster and as a result, felt it was meant to be that I use this as an opportunity to help them. They need £3.5 million per year to run the hospice and I know this is a service that is needed for both ill children and their families. The Fundraising Department at Martin House are aware I am doing this and have provided me with official Sponsor Forms and I will run in one of their official T-Shirts and be part of their big team of runners on the day. I understand there will be around 250 - 300 people running just for them. Best news is they say they have a masseur for their runners at the end!
As a Husthwaite Village person with a family who have all been involved in a variety of activities held at the Village Hall over the years I have decided that I would also like to use this opportunity to raise much needed funds for Husthwaite Village Hall. The Village Hall Committee is aware of this and in full support. No mention of personal masseur though!

In summary, on Sunday 20th September I am aiming to complete this Half-Marathon for two charities, one being Martin House Children’s Hospice and the other Husthwaite Village Hall. I would like to jog/run it in a respectable time of less than two and a half hours, but I am having to be realistic, therefore my main aim on this occasion will simply be to start, finish and enjoy the run and atmosphere in-between.

If anyone reading this article would like to sponsor me for this challenge, I would be very grateful if you could phone myself, or speak to one of my family on 01347 868673 and you will be added you to my sponsor sheet. Alternatively, do call in to see me at Whinmoor, Low Street, Husthwaite to personally add your name to my sponsor sheet. A sponsor form will also be accessible at the village shop.

To take into account everyone’s preferences I have decided to have three columns on my sponsor form:

1) Sponsors solely for Martin House (sponsors will go on their official sponsor sheet).

2) Sponsors solely for Husthwaite Village Hall

3) Joint sponsorship i.e. sponsor money to be split 50/50. (Both charities are aware of this. Sponsors for 2 and 3 will be recorded on a form I have created)

If you do sponsor me can you state your preference. 1, 2 or 3.

(PLEASE NOTE: EVERY PENNY/POUND OF SPONSORSHIP WILL BE APPRECIATED)

As a final note can I add that I am performing in the village play ‘When We Are Married’ the week before the run. The challenges are well and truly on for September!! Thank you.

Catherine Skinner
**Husthwaite Village Hall**  
**Youth Club**
The village Youth Club has moved into the facilities we have developed in the hall thanks to the generous grant from the Community Foundation/Grassroots project.

During the spring we ran 7 sessions on Wednesday evenings. The average attendance of young people was 12, and we have the support of 7 adults. We have developed our contact with Yorkshire Youth and twice during the summer holidays they will run sessions with our members. The first will on Wednesday 29th July when the group will be working together to paint a Husthwaite Youth Club banner. The NYFVO are embarking on a training scheme for adults involved in youth work and we have completed their questionnaire identifying our training requirements.

In the Community Room the young people have set up two full-size table tennis tables. They have access, too, to the main hall, where they can play a variety of soft ball games. Sport has been the choice of our members so far, but next term we will widen the range of activities to include cookery, drama and other ideas coming from the young people themselves. One Youth Club member, Claudia Smart, chaired a discussion to identify our longer-term interests and ambitions, and the group drew up their own rulebook.

We have formal procedures for membership, signing-in and payment. The young people have taken responsibility for running a tuck shop and we will help them keep the books and develop plans for spending any profits that emerge from this small business venture. The adults have been busy, too. Seven of us have been CRB checked by the Cleveland Youth Service. We will soon ask for the involvement of more of the parents of the Youth Club members. Then we will be able to shape a rota, which spreads the responsibilities for this exciting venture.

**Husthwaite Youth Club** is open to all young people in the village. Come along to any session, complete the application procedures and join in!

**Adult Education Classes**  
Two adult education classes start at the Village Hall in the autumn. These are **free** classes put on by the Workers Education Association.
(WEA) and run by their trained tutors.

‘Making Your Experience Count’ is a 7-week course from 9.30am to 11.30am on Wednesdays, beginning 23rd September. This course is for parents and carers thinking of returning to education, training or work.

‘Practical Parents Helpers’ is 5-week course from 1.00pm to 3.00pm on Tuesdays, starting on 3rd November. The course aims to raise confidence, help parents support their children’s learning and encourage them to help in the school classroom.

To book on one of these courses, contact Jan Coulthard on 868130.

Richard Wood

YOGA IN HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL
9.15-10.30am Tuesdays starting 22 September

Total beginners and returners to yoga are all welcome. Postures, breathing and relaxation
Relieve stress, backache, anxiety, lack of flexibility and improve your well being.
Why not come and try it! Qualified and experienced tutor.
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Upon reading Andrew Coulthard’s ‘call to arms’ inviting villagers to participate in the inaugural ‘Made in Husthwaite’ there were two interested newcomers to the village. Mel and I were in the throes of getting her new business venture off the ground. Almost certainly not getting the point of Andrew’s brainchild, we saw ‘Made in Husthwaite’ as a useful marketing opportunity; we both agreed that this would be a great chance to bring in some so called ‘new blood’.

I am pleased to say that ‘Made in Husthwaite’ rightly proved to be so much more than we expected and showed us a lot of things that make this particular community really special. The Saturday preparations were hectic to say the least; Mel had ambitiously tasked me with assembling a vast array of samples and produce from her portfolio (and a large proportion of the fixtures and fittings of Little Worsall). I dutifully and ambitiously complied.

To my mind, I couldn’t sum up my opinion of the Husthwaite community in any better way than what happened next; I was regarding our corner of the village hall wondering how on earth I was going to create ‘Mel’s vision’ with not a window or a curtain pole in sight, especially in such ‘hallowed’ surroundings. What happened next I do not exactly recall. However, with a tone of incredulity in my voice I remember questioning yet another helpful stranger I had just met (Richard, I recall) ‘I can actually use my cordless drill to put screws in these walls?!?’ An amount of feverish construction activity then ensued that I would have expected to have gained approval for via the committee, through hours of debate and justification eventually being signed off in triplicate. This flexible accommodation enabled us to create a wonderful display with which we were very pleased.

During the busy event that Made in Husthwaite became, I took the time to be a visitor to the exhibition as well as an exhibitor; The village hall car park resembled the concourse of a high class motor show with exhibits of beautifully restored classic cars, tractors and motorcycles. I challenge anyone not to stand and admire the classical lines of the magnificent ‘Houlston Autos’ vintage Chevrolet pickup in bright blue taking centre stage.
Visitors were directed to enter the village hall and were met with an Aladdin’s cave of interesting and delightful exhibits, ranging from two resident artists, decoupage and several items of woodwork and hand crafts. Of all the chairs, dumb waiters, chests and other carpentry on display, none could be described as amateurish, even when compared to Trevor Hutchinson’s excellent oak furniture. I am sure that I was amongst many other grown up boys who watched in fascination as the model trains ran along the ‘billiard room mainline’. With family connections in the area dating back to world war 2, I wondered how much my dad would remember of the social history contained in the volumes of Mrs Duffield’s collection of press cuttings relating to the village dating back to the 1950s.

There were surprises in order for the exhibitors too. As an amateur photographer, Angie Sibley rose to the challenge with a comprehensive display of landscape photographs to share her hobby with fellow villagers. Not only did visitors compliment her eye for a good picture, much to Angie’s surprise they bought almost every picture that was on display. Perhaps Husthwaite has a budding ‘David Bailey’ waiting in the wings. It’s really hard to find a way to capture absolutely everything that appeared in the exhibition. There was so much creativity ranging from artists, a stamp designer, a creator of papier-mache, well known photographer Andy Colbourne capturing unbelievable detail, a quilt maker and other needle craft workers. What was consistent throughout the show was the quality of the work or produce, which included the catering! I understand that a total of £430 was raised for village hall funds including admission fees and the sale of teas and absolutely delicious ‘duck egg and yogurt’ buns, to name but one variety.

What occurred to me throughout ‘Made in Husthwaite’ was that this apparently unsurprising village has a very surprising community. Furthermore, it has a surprising community with a soul! It isn’t a stuffy not-in-my-back-yard kind of a place, quite the opposite. Husthwaite is a place where things can happen and individuals are allowed to flourish! Parish Council can stand side by side with the petrol fuelled Harley Davidson counterculture. The Husthwaite community is not an exercise in preserved mediocrity, it is a place that observes tradition and at the same time takes on new ideas and embraces change. In a world of ever increasing conformity and expectations, it’s a place where individuality is celebrated. That, I think is the point of ‘Made in Husthwaite’; it’s not about why people have the hobbies, interests and
lifestyles that they do, it’s simply the fact that they do, and they do them so well. I am now looking forward to next year’s event where I now feel compelled to show one of my very own quirky and individual interests!

Thank you Andrew, how refreshing it is to be part of such an exciting and colourful community; long may it continue.  

Paul Escreet

Made in Husthwaite!

I had my doubts to start with as to whether it would be a day worth spent up at the village hall, but as soon as I walked through the door I knew it would be. All around me people were rushing around making last minute preparations to their exhibits. It also amazed me as to how much they all varied; at one end there was Malcolm playing with his trains, then Trevor with his squirrel furniture; on the stage there were Breda and Mike with their Byland media DVD’s; Mavis with her fantastic tapestries’, Angie with her cards and photos and lots more brilliant paintings and masterpieces. The amazing display of curtains and all kinds of upholstery as you came through the back door really stunned me. Rob and Dan outside with their boys toys (the motorbike sounded awesome!) Brenda’s newspaper clippings scrapbooks of Husthwaite’s history were good to read through and to try to remember those memorable moments. The fantastic baking was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. I never knew there was so much talent in Husthwaite! Thank you to everyone who took part to make this a very successful event. I hope there will be another soon. 

Kerry Barker.

NB. John Ovenston’s lovely colour photos of “Made in Husthwaite” are too numerous to include all in this issue of the newsletter, but will be displayed in the village hall for everyone involved or interested. Do go and see them. Ed.

Above: Beautiful village portraits by Pauline Brown
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Traditional Sunday lunch
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Below: Jackie Earley working on her amazing hand-made quilts at “Made in Husthwaite”
Visitors to Made in Husthwaite chat to exhibitors and admire their work on display in the Village Hall