A Great Spotted Woodpecker.
Taken at 7-30am Friday 27th June on the apple tree in the back garden by Joan Duffield
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Comments and articles are always welcome. Local businesses can advertise in this Newsletter. Local sponsorship for the Newsletter would be welcome! Friends and family at home and abroad can receive this Newsletter if they have email and can download a pdf file. Let me know their email address and I will put them on the list! We now have many readers and contributors at home and abroad. Past and present Newsletters are available on the village website at husthwaitevillage.com

**Dates for your Diary at the Village Hall**

**Special Events**
- Autumn Market - 14th September 11am to 3pm
- Jeromes - 3rd October 7pm
- Local History Talk - 22 October 7.30
- North Country Theatre “A Month In The Country” 7 October 7.30pm

**Monthly Regulars**
- Orchard Village Club - 5th August & 2nd September 12pm
- Book Exchange & Apple Tree Café - Not in August, 1st September 12.30pm
- Little Pippins Music Club - 11am 4th Aug & 11th Sept
- Film Club - 7.30pm 20th Aug & 17th Sept
- Gardening Club - 7.15pm Sept 11th
- Quiz Night - 7pm (Not in August, Sept 14th)

**Weekly classes**
- Short Mat Bowls - Monday 7pm-9pm (Aug 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Sept 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th)
- Yoga - Tuesday 9.15am to 10.30am (No Aug Dates, Sept 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
- Ballroom & Latin Dancing - Tuesday 7.15pm to 8.45pm (No Aug dates, Sept 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)
- Zumba - Thursday 9.15am to 10.15am (Aug 14th, 28th, Sept 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)
- Fitness Class - Sunday 10am-11am (Aug 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, Sept tba)

**At The Hideaway**
- 13th September Evening Barbecue at the Hideaway
LATERLIFE CHALLENGE
Have you done something new since you retired? Started a new hobby or interest, joined a club or planned an event or trip? The Laterlife Challenge is looking for entries from the over 60s to demonstrate how people are making the most of their retirement years. There are some great prizes and also the knowledge that your story may help inspire others who are finding their senior years lonely or difficult. Chief judge is Blue Peter’s Valerie Singleton.

Find out more by visiting: www.laterlife.com/challenge

Coffee Morning

A big ‘Thank you’ to all who came to the coffee morning on July 1st and all who helped in so many ways to make it a such a rewarding occasion. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people, both then and in subsequent days. The result is a staggering total of £1320 which I have been able to forward to the British Heart Foundation to help in their research. Words cannot adequately express how grateful all the family are. The result is beyond our wildest dreams. Thank you all so much.

Linda Davison.

Short Mat Bowls takes it up a level

Husthwaite are now officially in the Third Division of the Kyle Valley Short Mat Bowling League. The team is still very much in its infancy and we need new members to keep the numbers up. Don’t be shy, no skill needed, just some enthusiasm and willingness to take part for a bit of fun. There will be plenty of opportunity for practice and coaching before any game. For more details, contact June Baker on jbaker@btinternet.com
CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING IN HUSTHWAITE

Christian Aid is an organisation set up by Christians to help people of ALL faiths and NONE throughout the world. 90% of all money raised by Christian Aid goes directly to people needing support and this year our coffee morning raised £712. Thank you.

Thanks, Juliet.

Experience chilled out camping and glamping in the heart of North Yorkshire.

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www.thehideawayatbaxbymanor.co.uk
'Thank you' for your continued support of The Hideaway@Baxby Manor and 'Sorry' if you have been disturbed by music from Weddings taking place this year at The Hideaway.

Initially we were blown away by the number of wedding enquiries we received for The Hideaway for 2014, especially as this was something that we did not anticipate doing when the Hideaway concept was born so when the enquires started coming in we thought - what a great idea (helps to pay off the rather large bank loan a lot quicker!), so we took ten bookings for 2014.

The remaining weddings this year are taking place on the 9th, the 16th and the 29th (Friday) of August and the last one on the 5th (Friday) of September.

We hope you can bear with us for these remaining four weddings and be rest-assured that there will not be so many in 2015! We understand that patience wears thin and we do not want to upset anyone.

If you visit our website - www.thehideawayatbaxbymanor.co.uk you will find under the 'Weddings@The Hideaway' section the dates in 2015 that we have weddings booked in.

On a similar note....and we're pushing our luck here a little...

September 13th is our annual BaxbyFest!

To this you're all invited and for those that can’t make it; do not worry all music is acoustic so it wont be heard in the village (and beyond!).

It starts around 7.30pm @The Hideaway. Please bring something to sit on, some BBQ food to cook on the campfire, some marshmallows, something to drink (Husthwaite cider will be available), a musical instrument if you play one and anything else you can think of to enjoy a laid-back informal campfire sing-a-long!

If you don't fancy BBQ'ing Gorgeous Greek George will also be here cooking up a mouth-watering Greek banquet!! The tzatziki is to die for!

Many thanks for your understanding and we hope to see you down at The Hideaway on Saturday the 13th of September.

Barney, Holly & Felix
Husthwaite Community First Responders - NCR 180 is now LIVE!!

After a particularly intensive training weekend in our new village hall Husthwaite now has eight qualified, acting, (and VERY nervous!) Community First Responders. Congratulations to Sheila Mowatt, Sue Houlston, Annabel Kennedy, Lynn Colton, Jeremy Walker, Maxine Templeman and David Smith who in the New Year answered pleas to join me in becoming CFR's for Husthwaite.

These people have not only given up a weekend of their time to be trained and assessed but now have to provide at least 100 hours per month to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and to YOU the people of Husthwaite and the surrounding area by taking it in turns to be 'on-call' should someone call an ambulance in this area.

When a 999 call is received in Yorkshire Ambulance Service’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), an ambulance response is dispatched. At the same time the CFR on-call in the Husthwaite can be alerted (but not always as it depends on the type of emergency, CFR’s will not attend trauma cases for example) and be asked to assist at the incident to ensure assistance reaches the patient as quickly as possible. This can be anything from breathing difficulties, a diabetic emergency, an unconscious patient, someone suffering from breathing difficulties or having seizure. As volunteers are based within the community, they may only be a minute or two away from a medical emergency and very often their role is to simply provide vital reassurance to patients and their families until ambulance clinicians arrive. However, in extreme cases, such as a heart attack, they can perform CPR or use their defibrillator to restart someone’s heart, which can save someone’s life.

We have all been trained in the following

- Introduction to Community First Responding
- Automated External Defibrillation and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
- Including the use of all associated equipment
• **Oxygen Therapy**

• **Treatment of Medical Conditions**

• **Responder Safety and Risk Assessment including:**
  
  ◦ **Communicating with Patients**
  
  ◦ **Health and Safety, Infection Control**
  
  ◦ **Completion of Paperwork - Patient Report Form**

Each unit requires the completion of a written and practical assessment, which then must be updated every six months.

So as you can see these people have given up a lot for our community so next time you see one of them just give them a pat on the back and say 'thank-you'.

I can guarantee that they are all extremely nervous about that first call, myself included!!

**Barney Smith**

**The Hideaway @ Baxby Manor**
A review of:

The Goultons of Highthorne
A Husthwaite family through two centuries
by Stuart Marriott

Prof. Marriott has charted the progress of the Goulton family from 1620-1815 in this beautifully produced and illustrated little publication, which details their connection with Highthorne in Husthwaite.

The painstaking research shines through, especially when it is revealed that in those days sons were forenamed after fathers and grandfathers; this made it difficult to decipher which Christopher, for instance, figured in the documents confronting the researcher. This he did, thus usefully sorting out the sequence of events for future researchers. Old names for areas in and around the village also needed to be placed in their modern geography, so that an idea of the extent of estates and ownership of land could be assessed. In the 17th century manorial custom still ruled as is shown on court rolls and agreements.

As they moved from yeomanry to merchant class, the family acquired property, including Highthorne, before moving on in later years to Hull and Lincolnshire. The author also looked at Highthorne, the Goulton family home, a grand house officially listed as “of special architectural or historical interest”. He questions the tradition that parts date back to the Elizabethan era (more likely the next century), pointing out that though many interesting early features remain, the house has endured so many additions through the centuries, demolition, rebuilding after fire and remodelling in a traditional style that it would take a professional surveyor to work out exactly what was what!

Stuart Marriott has added, through his detailed research, to the study of the history of our village, and produced an interesting resource and example of scholarship for local historians; it is also of interest to families who wish to delve into the past and recover our village history.

The book is available for £3 from Husthwaite village shop, or from Stuart at Rose Cottage, Carlton Husthwaite. Postage £1.50 extra.

Jan Coulthard
Husthwaite Hat Trick!

Did you know that the last 3 consecutive Head Boys & Girls at Easingwold Secondary were educated at the Husthwaite Village School?

For the last three years, Husthwaite School has been the primary education establishment for Easingwold Head Boys in 2012 & 2013 and most recently, Head Girl for 2014.

Matthew Batten (2012), Calum Mowatt (2013) & Polly Cuthbert (2014) all grew up in and around Husthwaite and attended the local school. For such a small community school this is an amazing achievement for which the school and parents should be very proud. Achieving Head Boy/Head Girl status at Easingwold is no easy task. The position is fiercely sought after and expectations of the candidates are high. The candidates go through a process of formal application, interviews and short listing before they can be successfully appointed.

Calum & Polly recently helped at the retirement party of one of their former primary teachers, Sally Gall. A great photo opportunity indeed!

When asked about memories of the school, Polly said “I look back at my primary
school years and I am hugely grateful for the constant support from teachers. Especially Mrs Gall & Mrs Wilson. I don’t think I would even consider doing Theatre at University without their encouragement. I’m actually surprised they put up with me for that long!”

Calum also added his thoughts, “I thoroughly enjoyed my time at Husthwaite. I believe that both the entertaining and educational aspects of the school provided me with an ideal foundation for life as a student at Easingwold and the future!”

Matthew is currently travelling, having taken a year out. Later in the year he plans to go to Newcastle University to study Biomedical Science, Calum hopes to go to Edinburgh University also this year to study Philosophy, and Polly will remain at Easingwold to complete her final year in 6th Form as Head Girl.

Husthwaite School celebrates its 40th Birthday this year. Clearly its high standards and expectations from both students and teachers pays off, 3 Head Students in a row is a Hat Trick not many small local schools can claim. Sheila Mowatt

WEA North Yorkshire

Adult Education Classes in Easingwold Area are now enrolling and include:

Women and Writing

Women authors, their writing and the society in which they lived, from the early C.19th to the present.

Thursdays 7-9pm in Easingwold band room for 11 weeks starting 25/09/14. For any queries on this course please tel. 01347 868130.

History of Easingwold area

Tuesdays 7pm for 7 sessions in Easingwold starting 03/02/15

Bombs, Beveridge and New Beginnings

Mondays 7.15 for 7 sessions in Crayke starting 22/09/14

To see other courses and enrol online go to: enrolonline.wea.org.uk/online/coursesearch.aspx or contact your local WEA organiser
Woman Knocks Over Glass in Village Hall!!

Our first stand-up comedy event opened in Husthwaite on the 11th July with James Acaster. Just back from New Zealand, where he won “Best International Show” award at the comedy festival and twice nominated “Best Show” at the Edinburgh Comedy Fringe in 2012 & 2013, James was previewing his new show for 2014.

The tension started building very early in the evening when James, having misjudged the drive time from London to Husthwaite, texted to say he “may be late”.....! Those who arrived early to take advantage of the balmy evening and open bar, were somewhat surprised to be asked if they “knew any good jokes” they could share!!

Fortunately, no stand in was required as James and his warm up act, Stuart Laws, arrived just in time. With barely time to assess the layout, ambience or tastes of the audience (apparently that’s what they do) Stuart was thrown on to the stage. He started strong, warming up the audience in the style of picking on likely suspects to poke gentle fun at, lost a few in the middle during his rendition of his dislike of spiders, and was genuinely disappointed that no one in the audience had a “favourite volcano”. A worthy effort from a very likeable comedian.

Following a short break, James came on in style. Loud music and panache brought abruptly to a stop when the audio failed. When Calum Mowatt pointed out he hadn’t switched the microphone on, he responded that he was sorry for “coming up here with his big London ideas”; he had assumed that sort of thing would have been done for him!!

James clearly soon got the measure of Husthwaite, as noted when someone in the audience knocked a glass over he was quick to point out that this would “likely make headlines in the next newsletter!”

James delivered his set, cleverly weaving his story where he confessed to being an undercover cop pretending to be a comedian pretending to be an undercover cop or was it a comedian pretending to be....... A hilarious interlude was facilitated by Mark Gambles, “discreetly” going to the men’s room through the back door and across some very noisy gravel!!

All in all a very different and enjoyable evening!

Sheila Mowatt
Pathway to Success!

You will have noticed that in the last few weeks some of the final touches have been added to our new community Hall; the rendering has been completed (although some thought the pre-rendered wall was rather nice and rustic!), a 3.5m screen that even Hollywood would be proud of has been installed, very tasteful blackout curtains & blinds in position (supplied by Mel from the Curtain-room) and the long awaited Pathway to Success is proudly in place! Many thanks to Jeremy and Mike for laying the path in their “spare time” and Jeremy’s attention to detail to make sure family names and messages were displayed appropriately, not an easy task! This I can vouch for, having walked by on many occasions during the paths “creation” whilst at the same time carefully keeping the dog out of the wet cement, sand or freshly laid turf!!

The finished path is indeed a success, another reminder of the community spirit that has gone into the entire build and a legacy for generations to come.

Sheila Mowatt

Jeromes

Jeromes are a 6-piece band of soulful jazzy funksters from York, playing an eclectic mix of blues, funk, soul, jazz and swing. They will be playing at Husthwaite Village Hall on Friday 3rd October at 7pm. For more details or to reserve tickets, please contact Gila or any member of the VH Committee. Tickets will go on sale in September. In the meantime to find out more, visit their website jeromes.org.uk
**August 20th Grand Budapest Hotel**

A light-hearted comedy with an all-star cast........

*Grand Budapest Hotel* recounts the adventures of Gustave H, legendary concierge at a famous European hotel between the wars, and Zero Moustafa, the lobby boy and his most trusted friend. The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune.

Stars Ralph Fiennes, Bill Murray, Harvey Kietel, Tom Wilkinson and many other well-known faces!

“A meticulously stylish and deadpan movie that walks the fine line between masterpiece and folly” - *Empire*

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**September 17th Dallas Buyers Club**

A 2013 biographical drama film which won Oscars for Best Actor & Best Supporting Actor. *Matthew McConaughey* stars as the real-life AIDS patient *Ron Woodroof*, who smuggled unapproved pharmaceutical drugs into Texas when he found them effective at improving his symptoms, and distributed them to fellow sufferers by establishing the "Dallas Buyers Club" while facing opposition from the *Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*.


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Film Club takes place in Husthwaite Village Hall the 3rd Wednesday of the month on our NEW Mega Size Screen.

Film Starts at 7.30pm, bar open from 7pm.
Husthwaite Village Hall Very Grand Opening

On a glorious sunny day, the official opening of the new Husthwaite Village Hall was celebrated in style!

The old village hall had served the village well for almost 100 years but thanks to the energy and determination of many locals, a successful bid resulting in generous funding from the “Big Lottery” set plans for the new hall on its way.

The progress of the demolition and build has been eagerly watched throughout the seasons. The completed facility is a state-of-the-art contemporary design finished to a very high specification with natural wood and locally sourced bricks. With its own rainwater harvesting unit, ground source heating and “green roof” it also meets the high level of environmental standards the village wanted. On July 12th its official opening was marked with a champagne & canapé reception.

The celebrations began outside in the sunshine. Will Mowatt, Village Hall Committee Chair thanked all of the fundraisers who supported the build, the professional teams, the Village Hall Committee and most importantly, the local community for their continued commitment & enthusiasm, without which none of the new hall would have been possible. The ribbon cutting was aptly carried out by John Willamson MBE. John was awarded his MBE for his own tireless service to the community as the local Milkman for 45 years, never missing a delivery! A very fitting local candidate that embodied the day’s proceedings. John gave a heartfelt speech which was met with warm applause from an outstanding community turnout. **(See photos below and right)**

Once inside the hall, the champagne went down very well, local musical talents Gila Robinson, Linda Davison and Katie Pickstone entertained as friends old and new celebrated the many memories of the old hall and toasted the success of the new!!
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Celebrating Husthwaite Village Hall by Gila Robinson

I feel that I am most fortunate to have arrived in Husthwaite a year ago, just as the fabulous new village hall was being built. I now find myself ensconced in activities that I could never have imagined that I would be - The Apple Tree Cafe, being a member of the village hall committee, taking part in Drovers' Road and being involved in putting the events calendar together for the hall. My own personal experience of throwing myself into village life in this way is that I find myself feeling a part of a community in a way that I have not encountered before. Having lived in Lancaster for 23 years I was worried about missing my friends who I have left behind but immersing myself so thoroughly here I am making new friends and having a lot of fun working creatively with very talented people.

I am so impressed at the variety of skills of the people within this small community. It must have taken a huge amount of dedication, skill and commitment to produce a venue of this calibre; everyone involved in this project should feel hugely proud. A few months ago I brought Simon Thackray of "The Shed" fame to have a look at the hall. He promotes events and gigs in village halls regularly and he said that it was the best village hall that he had ever seen!

He then said that it was important that we had a programme of events here that reflected the quality of the venue.

Following his advice we have been putting together a wide variety of events. For 2015 we have Howden Jones blues duo returning by popular demand, Snake Davis Band - brilliant sax player and his top class musicians, Avanti and Artizani - a family fun show spectacular and much more!

That’s all quite far away but in the Autumn there are some great events too; the ever popular Husthwaite Autumn Market on Sunday 14th September then on Friday 3rd October a fantastic band from York called Jazz@Jeromes - they are a six piece band playing an eclectic mix of blues, funk, soul, jazz and swing, followed by a World music disco with Atul. On Tuesday 7th October North Country Theatre return to the village hall with "A Month In the Country», so do put these dates in your diaries.

If you would like to be more involved with any aspect of the village hall and particularly around helping with events please do get in touch. Here are some of the activities we would love some support with:

Preparing the hall for events/private bookings - i.e. moving tables, chairs and help with the stage marketing, publicity and distributing posters and flyers

Back up for regular events

Help at events - on the door, refreshments, bar, baking, running cafe, helping clear up

General upkeep and care of the hall.

We would so appreciate some help in the running of the hall and the great programme of events that is emerging!

I must emphasis that you would only be involved to the extent that you are comfortable with and no pressure will be placed on anyone to do more than they wish. Come along, join in and have fun!

Please call Gila on 868216 or contact any of the committee members
Summer Wildlife.

With doors and windows open wide
All sorts of creatures come inside.
They flap and buzz and give no peace,
All desperate for a quick release.

The best device I’ve found so far
Is a piece of card and plastic jar,
Kept on the kitchen window sill,
I scoop them up with care and skill.
So bees and wasps and butterflies
Return to blue and sunny skies.

I fail, however hard I try
To pit my wits against a fly.
These little beasts I really hate,
Especially near my dinner plate.
Those dirty feet, as black as ink...
Where have they been? I hate to think.

I bought a swatter - yes I did,
It only cost about a quid.
With one swift smack across the bottom
Thy didn’t even know what got ‘em.
That really puts them in their place,
And puts a smile upon my face.

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decorative items
children’s stall
women’s accessories, costume jewellery etc
books
and
more

Please bring your own carrier bags
(there will be bubble wrap and some packaging)

COXWOLD VILLAGE HALL
Sunday 26th October 2014
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AUGUST
YORKSHIRE DAY
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TAPAS NIGHT
Wednesday 13th with flamenco guitarist Jonny Greenwood Tickets £15

“WITHIN THIS LANDSCAPE”
Sat.23rd Sun.24th Bank Holiday Monday 25th

An audio journey written & performed by Hannah Davies, Installations by Jessica Watson–Cainer.
This is such an imaginative and original idea; collect your audio and map, set off listening to the play as it unfolds a story of goblins and myths. Mapped circular route back to the Fauconberg. A family walk with a difference!

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Those of you who have been to the hall in the past few weeks will have seen its latest transformation. Blinds and pelmets in the Committee Room have softened the look and allow a black out situation for anyone using the space during daylight hours for meeting and training purposes.

The solar powered and remotely operated blinds at high level and roof windows in the Main Hall, effectively shut out the light in seconds. A boon for Film Club!

So a big thank you to Mel and her associates at The Curtain Room, who, with generous support from Hambleton District Council have helped the Committee make the Hall a viable venue for even more events, including private hire for corporate training days and meetings, where ‘Dimming the Lights’ is a must.

Any business or private party interested in using the hall for meetings etc., please visit WWW.husthwaitevillage.com for available dates and booking details.
HUSTHWAITE AND DISTRICT
GARDENING CLUB MEETINGS
2014/2015

Everyone is most welcome to become a member

of this friendly, fun and knowledgeable Gardening Club.

Our meetings take place the second Thursday of every month from September till April. We go on exciting outings to see magnificent gardens during May, June and July.

The Gardening Club Committee members invite you to come along to the first meeting on Thursday 11th September at 7:30 pm to discover our fantastic itinerary. AT HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL.

The yearly subscription fee per person is only £7.00 Every month you have a chance of winning the most useful and desirable garden prize for just £1.00 Raffle Tickets.
Between 2009 and 2013 a group of volunteers carried out an archaeological survey in Gilling Park and Yearsley Moor, as part of the National Park's 'Lime and Ice' project. They confirmed the presence of many significant features including Bronze Age burial mounds, 'Bell Pit' mines and dams, lakes, temples and carriageways associated with the 18th century landscaping.

These investigations continue and they will be excavating the 'watermill' site again in Sept/Oct so should have some new material to report. The illustrated talk lasts about 40 mins and there will be various artefacts and maps to look at afterwards. Everybody is welcome. £5 entrance at the door includes a glass of wine.

A curious old postcard of Pilgrim Street (The Nookin) from 1903.

Juliet McDougall recently found this old postcard at Whitby. It is very similar to one held in Brenda Duffield’s collection, shown on the next page. However, this photograph was taken in the winter and didn’t have any children standing in front of Spring Cottage. The card appears to be a print taken from a photo, with outlines of the buildings accentuated and a clearly wrong version of the church tower! Has anyone come across any similar cards?

More can be revealed about the recipient, Miss Bland.
Regarding the recipient Miss Bland - there was a widow aged 54 in 1891 called Laura Jane Bland living in Husthwaite. In 1881, Laura Jane was married to Rev. Albert Cockshott Bland the curate at Husthwaite, Carlton and Birdforth from 1877 until he died in 1887. They had one daughter called Mary Alice Bland born at Sessay in 1878 who by 1903 would be about 25 years old, so it is likely that the pc was sent to her. After Albert’s death, in 1901, Laura and her daughter Mary were still living in Hus. Laura died in January 1903, so her daughter may have moved out of the village that year. Annie Gibson had no children of her own, and may have been good friends of Laura Jane and possibly become a mother-figure to Mary when her mother had died. Who knows...By 1911, Mary Alice, aged 33 was an elementary school teacher at School House, Yafforth, Northallerton. She remained unmarried and died aged 85 in 1963; her death was registered in Pontefract in the West Riding but her ashes were interred the following year with an inscription being added to her parents’ gravestone.

The card is addressed c/o John Barley. John Barley was born in Coxwold, farmed at Thornton Hill in 1871 and 1881 censuses, and by 1891 the “farmer and miller” had moved to Mill Farm South Otterington with his family. He and his wife Sarah had four daughters and a son about the same age as Mary Bland all born at Coxwold so it is likely that the families knew each other and she was staying with these old friends when the card was written.

Angela Ovenston
Husthwaite Village Markets

Join us at

Husthwaite Village Hall

14th September and

30th November

11am till 3pm

For a selection of

Bread, honey, cider, preserves, chocolatiers, rare breed meats, olive oils, arts and crafts, cards, books, jewellery and café serving home-made hot and cold food and beverages.
The Big Butterfly Count-school hols fun for children!

The **big butterfly count** is a nationwide survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies. Over 46,000 people took part in 2013, counting 830,000 individual butterflies and day-flying moths across the UK.

**big butterfly count 2014** will take place from Saturday 19 July – Sunday 10 August 2014.

**Why count butterflies?**

Butterflies react very quickly to change in their environment which makes them excellent biodiversity indicators. Butterfly declines are an early warning for other wildlife losses.

That’s why counting butterflies can be described as taking the pulse of nature.

The count will also assist us in identifying trends in species that will help us plan how to protect butterflies from extinction, as well as understand the effect of climate change on wildlife.

**How to take part**

Simply count butterflies for **15 minutes** during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the **big butterfly count**. We have chosen this time of year because most butterflies are at the adult stage of their lifecycle, so more likely to be seen. Records are welcome from anywhere: from parks, school grounds and gardens, to fields and forests.

If you are counting from a fixed position in your garden, count the maximum number of each species that you can see at a single time. For example, if you see three Red Admirals together on a buddleia bush then record it as 3, but if you only see one at a time then record it as 1 (even if you saw one on several occasions) – this is so that you don’t count the same butterfly more than once. If you are doing your count on a walk, then simply total up the number of each butterfly species that you see during the 15 minutes.

**See the handy identification chart** on our NL back page to help you work out which butterflies you have seen, or go to the website below.

You can submit separate records for different dates, and for different places that you visit. Remember that your count is useful even if you do not see any butterflies or moths.

You can send in your sightings online at [www.bigbutterflycount.org](http://www.bigbutterflycount.org) or by using our FREE **big butterfly count** smartphone apps available for **iOS** and **Android**.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any counts sent in on paper or by email, text or phone. The website will be open to receive records throughout July and August.
The Big Butterfly Count has an identification chart like this, only with many more to choose from. See previous page for website details of how to join in with the official count.

Here from top left going in a clockwise direction we have the following butterflies: Peacock; Painted Lady; Small Tortoiseshell; Brimstone; Comma; Red Admiral. Check in your garden!