

Husthwaite Newsletter

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On Tuesday March 23rd, a group of excited children from Husthwaite school were filmed by Tyne Tees TV watching Cameron Smith , founder of our Orchard Project, demonstrating how he makes apple juice from the village apples. Everyone was given a taste of the delicious juice.



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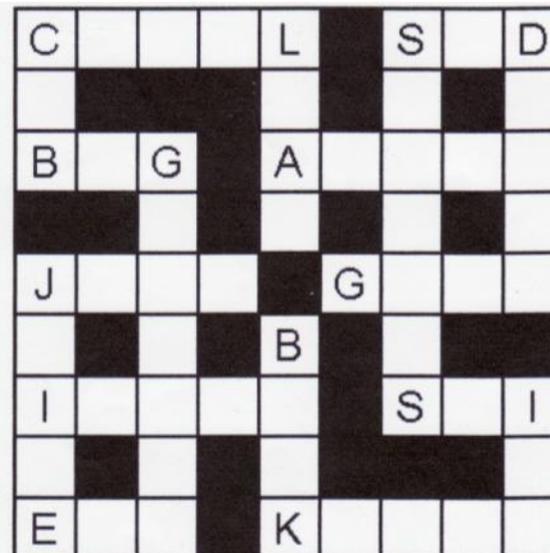
Please send contributions for the June edition by to me by May 16th via email:(jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Hustwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 01347 868130. Comments and articles are always welcome. Local businesses can advertise in this Newsletter.

Could I put in a plea for sponsorship at this point in the financial year as costs rise beyond our funding? Any contributions should go to Vikki Nixon, our treasurer, at Sleepy Hollow, High Street. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CROSSWORD

The first letter of each answer appears next to its clue, in alphabetical order. All the first letters have been entered into the grid. Can you complete the puzzle? (The answers are on page 24)

Thanks to Ursula Duncan for providing the puzzle.



- A. Fruit of the oak tree (5)
- B. Something to read (4)
- B. Insect (3)
- C. Taxi (3)
- C. Desert animal (5)
- D. Sand hills (5)
- E. The night before (3)
- G. Type of antelope (7)
- G. Precious stones (4)

- I. Ice hut (5)
- I. Writing fluid (3)
- J. Type of music (4)
- J. Fruit drink (5)
- K. Tap on a door (5)
- L. Jump (4)
- S. Unhappy (3)
- S. Brief periods of rain (7)
- S. Snow runner (3)

Dates for your Diary

- 8 April 7.30 Gardening Club "The Good Life" in village hall
23 Apr. "Brush up your English Skills" 9.30-11.30 course starts V.H.
24 April 7.30 Plant Sale starts at 10.00 in village hall
30 April 7.30 Easingwold Town Band. Methodist Church, Husthwaite
15 May Elphin Drift 7.00 in village hall
30 May 11.00–5.00 Husthwaite Open Gardens
6 June "Wind In The Willows" 3.00pm Village Hall
12 & 13 June "Made in Husthwaite" Show, in village hall
27 June Village Football Tournament..watch this space

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

Plant Sale

Husthwaite

Village Hall

Saturday

24th April 2010

Starting 10 a.m.

50p entry includes refreshments



Husthwaite Help Haiti Coffee Morning



Feb. 6th and a raw, damp morning unless you were settled in the chapel, enjoying coffee and a delicious array of scones. There was a lively buzz of chatter and greetings whilst purchases were made at the bring and buy stall- a last minute addition to the morning. We were delighted with the result. The morning was in aid of the people of Haiti following the disastrous earthquake in January, and we have been able to send in excess of £1070, to the D.E.C.- the umbrella organisation administering the efforts of the charities involved. Many thanks to all who supported this by washing up, baking scones, selling on the stall or in other ways, but most of all to those who came and made such generous donations.

Juliet McDougall

A good idea?

Now that the snow has disappeared, it is noticeable that a lot of litter has collected on grass verges and in hedges. In order to keep Husthwaite and the surrounding area looking tidy, a commendable suggestion from one family is that when villagers go for a walk, they take a plastic bag to collect such offending items.

Shall we give it a try?

Peter Davison

Interested in Brass bands?

Come and listen to Easingwold Town Band who are giving a concert in Hushwaite Methodist Church on Friday, 30th April at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets (£5, to include refreshments) are available from Margaret Duffield, Arch Croft (868192), Jackie Earley, Victoria Cottage (868504), Linda Davison, Meadow Rise (8684490 or the Village Shop. Any profits from the evening will be sent to the Choma Orphans Fund in Zambia. This is an organisation which gives practical support to 150 children who have been orphaned through AIDS. All money raised goes directly to the administrator of the fund, who works unpaid. Do come along - it should be an entertaining evening.

Linda Davison

A Quaker Grocer

30 people gathered in the Village Hall on Thursday 18th March to hear Chris Scaife from High Kilburn give a fascinating account of the life and times of his grandfather and father who ran a corner grocer's shop in York from the early 1900s until the 1950s. There was laughter and sighs and nods of recognition as we remembered the shopping ways of our childhoods.

Remember when the shops closed at 5.30 pm? And half-day closing on Wednesdays? Or when you could go to the corner shop and buy an egg? Chris's father ran the shop for 46 years, changing with the times, through the 20s, when he had a special delivery vehicle, the thirties when groceries were delivered by bicycles and then through wartime rationing.

Chris remembered when everything was bought in bulk and had to be weighed into different coloured paper bags by his family before being put on the shelves. There were tales about exploding tins, spillages of vinegar when transported to the shop on his bicycle, wax melting all over the place from candles left in the window, the care taken in roasting his special blend of coffee (you could almost smell the aroma as he was speaking!) He recalled how over the years people came to his father in the shop for advice and information as well as half a pound of sugar or two ounces of tea. And when his father was one of the first small shops in York to install a freezer, people said no one would want to eat food that had been frozen!

Many thanks to the History Society and Chris for a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Ursula Duncan

A poem on the lighter side from our poet laureate, as bathroom scales reveal the havoc wreaked by the indulgencies of the festive season and winter comfort food.

SLIM HOPES

I'm on a quick crash diet
No bread, no booze, no bun.
I've persevered two weeks now,
Low cal, low fat, no fun.
I'm browned off with green salad,
A tub of cottage cheese,
Raw carrot and a celery stick—
My dinner if you please.

But what is this I see here
A-beckoning from the shelf?
A tray of gorgeous cream cakes,
I must control myself.
They call to me and tempt me
Like sirens on a rock,
Those crispy sugary pastries
Just laugh at me and mock.

My eyes are focussed on them,
I cannot tear away,
I've tasted nothing like them
For a fortnight and a day.
I'll summon all my will power
Not one shall pass my lips.
But I must hurry home now,
Tonight it's fish and chips.



Brenda Board

Husthwaite Open Gardens

To paraphrase the words of Oliver Pritchett 'One of the most pleasing sounds of spring to be heard all over the country is the contented cooing of osteopaths as Man picks up his garden spade bursting to shake off the winter blues'. Not so in Husthwaite where Audrey Raper, Annie and Hugh Richardson, Liz and Euan Crawshaw and Betty and John Sutton have been preparing their gardens for the '**Diggers & Dibbers Delights' Open Gardens Day in the village on Sunday, May 30th , 2010 from 11am -5pm , in aid of the St. Nicholas Churchyard Fund.**

Audrey's garden at the 'White House' is a popular and well visited venue for garden lovers from across the country and has helped raise many thousands of pounds for charity. The house overlooks a crafted panorama of flower beds separated by neatly mown lawns and paths wending their way past exotic shrubs and borders bursting with colour and originality.

The Richardsons have transformed their garden at 'Swales Garth from a tip into a magical 2 acres of hidden surprises with a collection of 100 trees including 30 varieties of Sambucus and Fastigiates plus 30 varieties of Buddleia. Annie's particular speciality is a formal garden of some 300 medicinal herb plants. To add surprise to any visit is the unexpected appearance of Miniature Ouessant black sheep which provide a continuous and appreciated supply of manure whilst pet geese Augusta and Hedwig add a vocal commentary for every visitor.

Liz and Euan Crawshaw have progressively developed the garden at the 'Old School' over nineteen years working to transform what was originally the school kitchen garden into one with family in mind. Central to their plan is a wildlife pond teeming with newts and frogs and a number of seating areas where the garden can be viewed from a variety of aspects. It is a garden to be lived in and enjoyed.

Throughout the day homemade lunches, coffee and teas will be available.

Roy Leverton

Stop Press

During the "Call My Bluff Wine -Tasting" on 27 March, Brian Watt announced that the Burns Night earlier this year had once again made a profit . As a result, they had decided to donate £500 to the village hall funds and a cheque was handed over to Richard Wood, who said a heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and promised it would be put to very good use.



New Village Web Site Goes Live

When Luis Ponte left the village I agreed with the Parish Council to take on his job of running the village website.

I decided to begin from afresh with the hope that the new design & build would become a community website in the real sense. It was, therefore, developed with that in mind. The site is designed to allow volunteer editors to work on it.

Therefore, as the project has neared completion in the past month, a diverse range of people have become involved. Richard Wood, as well as being hugely supportive, has populated the village hall section. John Ovenston has added albums to the photograph gallery and is maintaining the St Nicholas Church Section. The Rev. Ruth Duck is looking after the Methodist Church, Kerry Barker the Youth Club, Roy Leverton contributing to the news and so on. There are more but I only mention these to highlight the fact that this is a community venture.

What's on the site? Well, the best way is to look for yourself, but to give you an initial idea, it has a calendar which has, hopefully, every key date ranging from the school, church, and village hall to the gardening club. All organisations have access to enter dates and events. It has a 'Showcase Section' containing a photograph Gallery with images from a diverse range of folk & activities.

The '*What's Rocking Husthwaite*' section is a mini 'Desert Island Discs' where every couple of weeks a different villager will select five tracks of music which are important to them. Their comments, list of musical choices and the facility to listen to them will be on that page. The first guest is Kerry Barker. Visit the site and see her selection. The Rev Ian Kitchen follows her. The aim is to have 'everyone' in the village represented on the site in the next four years. This will be a terrific archive of a whole village's taste in music.

Contact me when you're ready for your turn!

Additionally, on the site you can download past issues of Jan's Husthwaite Newsletter, see the latest village news, read about the latest village hall events, see the PC minutes and see a 'Made in Husthwaite' section which celebrates the diversity of talent and enthusiasm present in our village!

Whatever your views, get in touch with any ideas of what could be included in the site or, more important, what you would like to edit on the site!

The web site address is www.husthwaitevillage.com

With your views, requests or to get involved, contact Lawrie Hill.

Email: admin@husthwaitevillage.com

Tel: 1347 868667.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Lawrie Hill

NB. from The Newsletter Editor

Many thanks are due to Lawrie for his efforts and hours of work involved in setting up our new website, and in making it look so professional. Well done , Lawrie!

Mother's Day Service

On Sunday 14th March St. Nicholas and Chapel came together in church on mother's day to celebrate mothers and motherhood.

The lively family service was led by Rev. Ian Kitchen who reminded us that Mothering Sunday used to be the day when daughters and sons working away from home came home to visit their mother. They often enjoyed a special rich cake too and Ian produced a delicious one that he had made and which we all shared with coffee following the service.

Alan McDougal

The Big Lottery-funded Rural Voice project has provided a specialist Rural Network Officer in our area. They will be offering a FREE advisory service to help groups access support for their training and service needs. They will also be listening to your views and passing them on to policy makers to ensure that voluntary and community groups in Hambleton are represented both locally and regionally. To find out more contact your Rural Network Officer Kathryn Chapman on 01609 780458 kathryn.chapman@ndvsa.co.uk.

Husthwaite Local History Society

More about the Peacocks in and around Husthwaite

Since writing about the family of George Nathaniel Peacock, station-master at Husthwaite Gate station in the Newsletter for April 2008, more has come to light about his ancestors from genealogical data available on line. Peacock is a common name in this area and it is interesting to note the progression of this particular line of Peacocks from rural areas in the East Riding of Yorkshire to Husthwaite in the North Riding. Fortunately, early non-conformist Quaker weddings, burials etc are well documented, so providing much useful information pre census records.

Ancestors of George Nathaniel Peacock (hereafter referred to as GNP!)

GNP's great great grandfather was a Quaker. John Peacock, yeoman, was born about 1716 at the village of Wassand near Hornsea. He had a son Jonathan, also born in the Hornsea area, who on April 12th 1776 married Mabel Robinson at a Quaker wedding in Scarborough. At that time Jonathan was a mercer [originally this meant a dealer in any kind of goods or wares] and draper. By 1788, his father died aged 72, being given a Quaker burial at Hornsea, as was his wife Ruth aged 78, 5 years later. Both lived to see the birth of their grandson, William.

In 1786, William, son of Jonathan and Mabel, was born at Scarborough. By 1841, William now married to Ellen, was farming at Middle Farm, Langton, (a village near Kennythorpe a few miles south of Malton). They had six children, their third child being Nathaniel, GNP's father, born about 1821. By 1851, Nathaniel now married to Ann, was himself farming 114 acres at Field House, Flaxton. Their three children were born there, the youngest being George Nathaniel born 1843.

Interestingly, by 1861, GNP's parents and their children had moved on to Front Street, Melbourne (a few miles south of Pocklington and about 12 miles from Flaxton). Nathaniel, now aged 40 had apparently given up farming and become a grocer! Ten years later, George Nathaniel and his sister Sarah Ellen, returned to Flaxton to live at Rice Hill as a

farm servant and general servant respectively. Farming may not have been in the blood since by 1881, GNP has moved on to be a railway porter at York, boarding with William Stamp, an engine fitter and his family, at 7 Rosary Terrace, Mickelgate.

By 1889, aged 45, he has moved onwards and upwards and becomes station master at Husthwaite Gate and by 1891 is living with his wife Margaret, children William (8), Ethel Ann (4) (who sadly died the following year), George (2) and his father, a widower (70). They had three more children and by 1911, census data records that GNP and Margaret then lived at the station house with their children George, a railway clerk (22), Frank, a railway clerk (17), Grace Mary (13) and Henry (10), the last three all having been born in Husthwaite.

Further details about the life of this well known and well respected stationmaster and his family were given in the Newsletter of April 2008. George Nathaniel died in 1916, soon after retirement and is buried in Husthwaite cemetery. His wife died two years later and is buried alongside him. As yet, no relation between him and Alfred Peacock the butcher in the village has been found. More about his ancestors another time!

Angela Ovenston

WHERE TO TURN WHEN YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline free and anonymously on

0808 800 5000 or help@nspcc.org.uk.

In 2008/09 the Helpline counselled 29,346 callers with worries about a child's safety or wellbeing. The NSPCC Helpline is an important source of information for local children's services teams. They estimate that one in three serious referrals they make to local authorities are about children they didn't already know about.

The NSPCC Helpline provides a service for everyone, no matter their background or ability. Some Advisors on the Helpline speak multiple languages, while others speak Welsh.

Deaf and hard of Deaf and hard of hearing can email help@nspcc.org.uk, or use the British Sign Video service on 020 8463 1148.

News from Husthwaite School



At last we are seeing some signs of spring around the school grounds with snowdrops and crocus in bloom. This term has once again been busy and the children have achieved so much.

Pupil Voice

All children from Y1-Y6 have been allocated to one of five groups led by an adult. These groups are: School Improvement, School Council, Eco-Warriors, Fair Trade and Healthy Schools. The groups will meet approximately once a month and contribute to the school's continuing success enabling children to play an active role in helping make decisions. Already the School Council have hosted a talent show and arranged for everyone to participate in Sport Relief's mile challenge by plotting a route around the school grounds. Eco Warriors are monitoring the use of paper in school, encouraging its re-use and promoting recycling as well as ensuring all taps are switched off when people have finished using them. They are aiming to apply for their Bronze Eco-School Award quite soon. School Improvement are looking at way to enhance our school grounds which will include growing vegetables and flowers. Healthy Schools are continuing to work towards the Healthy Schools Mark and encourage everyone to adopt healthy lifestyles. The Fair Trade group are discussing local and global sustainability and how we can become a Fair Trade School.

Visits and Activities

As a York Diocesan School, children from years 5 and 6 were invited to take part in an educational visit to York Minster on 5th February. Children were given a tour of the Minster and participated in various hands on activities including the opportunity of dressing in vestments worn by the clergy. Children in Year 2 have participated in a Cluster Multi-Sports event held at Easingwold School and Y3 and 4 children competed in a quickstix hockey afternoon at the Galtres Centre with other local schools.

Pupils in Y4 have been invited to participate in an architect design workshop at the end of April with other Y4 children from the cluster schools. They will be working on the theme of millennium bridges and it is a fantastic opportunity to have the chance to work with experts and other similar aged pupils.

Village Orchard

The remaining trees that form our vintage apple orchard have now been planted. Cameron Smith spent a morning working with the children showing how to graft the trees, why it is important and how it can increase a tree's yield and ensure continuation of a plant's species. The school is pleased to have played a part in the village's orchard project.

Vouchers for Schools schemes

Once again the school is collecting Vouchers for Schools from both Tesco and Sainsburys. In the past these tokens have 'bought' some really worthwhile resources for the school including digital cameras, laser printers, gardening tools, sports equipment and a video recorder. If anyone would like to donate their vouchers to school we would more than happy to accept them and thank you for your support. These tokens can be brought to the school office or posted through the school's letter box.

Fund-raising

Throughout the year we hold various events which raises money for our School Funds. The School Fund is used to advance the education of the pupils by providing or assisting in the provision of additional educational and recreational activities that are offered to the children. This takes in the form of various sporting events, educational visits and visits from theatres and other visiting artists.

Already this academic year our fundraising events have included various non-uniform days, cake stalls and the Christmas Fair. Our next big event will be the Summer Fair due to be held on Friday 2nd July - full details will be posted in the next newsletter.

One of our established fundraising events is 'Bags2School'. A company called Bags2School collects second hand clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags paying the school on the weight of the goods collected. We have arranged for the next collection to take place on Tuesday 25th May. If anyone in the village would like to use this recycling facility which also raises funds for our school, they are more than welcome to bring their bags of goods for inclusion in the collection on the morning of 25th May. Black bin bags can be used for goods to be collected or a quantity of the company's own bags will be available to use from the school office week commencing 17th May.

Like everyone else we were all touched by the Haiti Earthquake disaster and the children participated in a non-uniform day at the end of January raising £220 towards this worthwhile cause.

Music Demos

Children are offered the chance to learn a musical instrument in school through the County Music service. This service has proved to be very popular and in order to help children decide which instrument they would like to play, woodwind and brass music demonstrations have recently taken place to help with that decision. The Y3/Y4 children are continuing with their involvement this year with the Wider Opportunity Scheme where each child is learning to play a musical instrument.

Diary Dates

Monday 19th April – Staff training day

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Cont. from overleaf

Tuesday 20th April - school opens

Thursday 29th April - toddler day

Friday 21st May - toddler day

Tuesday 25th May - bags2school collection

Thursday 27th May - Community Service at School 2.00 pm

Friday 28th May - school closes for half term

Visits to the school are always welcome, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact us (01347 868371).

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

With Spring just around the corner, whoever said “Winter is a quiet time in the garden?” In our talk, Preparing for Spring on 11th March, this statement was well and truly corrected.



According to Mike Kinnis, at this time of year we should be busy pruning, planting, sowing, lifting and dividing, feeding, mulching, cleansing our water butts and greenhouses! It was a talk packed full of useful tips and common sense gardening which reminded and informed our members of the many tasks to be done now in the garden.

The next meeting of Husthwaite and District Gardening Club will be on 8th April at 7:30pm, in Husthwaite Village Hall. The subject: “The Good Life” by Maureen Sutcliffe.

Another date for your diary is Saturday 24th April, when our annual plant sale will start at 10:00am in the village hall. Entrance will be 50p and includes refreshments. Anyone donating plants to the sale should bring them to the hall between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 23rd, or deliver them in advance to a committee member.

Mike Wells 01347 868398

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& ADDING NUTRIENTS BACK
INTO THE SOIL**

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or **07974 740791**



Husthwaite Village Hall

A proposal has been made for a “Grand Costume Masked Ball” to be held in the Village hall in the autumn. Before we take the planning for this further, we would like feedback from members of the community and surrounding areas to gauge the likely success of such an event. Jill Pike has a large selection of theatrical costumes in storage, and is willing to assist with some outfits. We also plan if there are enough numbers to ask a dance teacher to come along for a few weeks prior to the event and teach a few useful steps. To make the evening go with a swing ideally about 60 people would attend the ball. Please let me or any V.H. Committee member know if you are interested by Saturday April 17th so we can take it to our next committee meeting. Look forward to hearing from you.



Stephen Barker 01347 868259

Helping in Schools Course

Hello my name is Polly . I am a single mother of four children between 5 and 10 years old who attend Thirsk Primary School. I am a qualified nurse but I am a full time Mum at present.



The Helping in Schools group in the Husthwaite Village Hall

On one of the weekly newsletters from the school I saw an advertisement for a WEA course which was titled “Volunteer Helpers in Schools.” I thought to myself as all my children were at school now that I would like to be able to give a little of my time to help out and therefore signed up for the course. On a very cold and snowy Wednesday in January I ventured to Husthwaite Village Hall to start my 12 weeks course. I was surprised to open the door and find 14 other people sat at desks of varying ages and experiences. Most of the candidates are parents of children and are volunteering within the schools their children attend; these are in the village of Husthwaite, Strensall, Snape, Boroughbridge, Alne, Crayke, Tholthorpe, Sessay, Fulford, and Easingwold. I had no idea of what the course entailed, but now in my final week I can tell you. The course is a NCFE Level 2 Award in Developing Skills for Supporting Teachers and Learners in Schools, run by the WEA (Workers Educational Association) It is total free of charge course open to all. The course is designed to educate about helping out in schools, from the different roles and jobs within the school to how the

children are taught in Primary School and how pupils have different learning styles. This is assessed by the completion of 10 written tasks, written placement journals and at least 20 hours voluntary help within a school.

We all had our own personal reasons why we undertook the course. Some people used the course to get back into education and others used it as experience to put on a CV to help support applications for Assistant Jobs. But the main reason I felt is I wanted to give something back to school. At the start of the course that was my reasoning, I just wanted to help. I have thoroughly enjoyed the course and have learnt a wide variety of knowledge regarding schools and teaching and I am now pursuing a total career change and hoping to gain my Post Graduate Certificate in Education and hopefully become a Primary School Teacher.

Polly Pallatina

The group and tutor wish to thank Rebecca Bainbridge , Head of Husthwaite School, for her great help in lending school equipment

If you're inspired by Polly's experience, there's another WEA course starting in the village soon.....here are the details:

Brush up your English Skills!

Would you like to improve your skills and confidence?

Would you like to improve your writing ability, compose articles or job applications, improve your spelling, communicate more clearly, and work towards a national level 1 or 2 qualification? Sessions will be informal, fun and relevant to individual needs.

**Starting Friday 23th April from 9.30–11.30,
10 week FREE course in the Village Hall,
Husthwaite, led by an experienced WEA tutor.**

**Please contact Julia Thompson on 01757
638789 to book a place or ask for details**





Education Sunday in St. Nicholas' Church

A full church celebrated Education Sunday on 31st January when people from all 7 of the Combined Benefice churches gathered under the ancient roof of St Nicholas' church to hear readings, interviews and music on the theme.

In the service conducted by Rev. Ian Kitchen, the head of Crayke Primary School Andrew Graham outlined his philosophy for his pupils, and Victoria Fletcher(formerly Tory Richardson) spoke of her science teaching at secondary level. Children played various instruments – teasing out reluctant notes from some very cold brass, and the congregation joined in hymn-singing lustily before Rev. Nigel Chapman's prayers brought us all to coffee and cakes.

Mmmmemorable!

Jill Galloway

Elphin Drift

On 15th May we will be once again filling the Village Hall with music, and variety is once again a feature. As well as the locals, we have special guests coming from all directions.

Hopefully it will be fourth time lucky for Hang On, the world

music ensemble from Pocklington. After trying to synchronise with them all last year, we finally succeeded in arranging their Hushwaite debut for the February event. This was thwarted at the last minute due to illness, but Mo Burrows, one of the band's members who came to that event, is really enthusiastic about performing in May.

I am delighted to say that Andrew Huggan will be travelling down from Clackmannanshire for the third time to bring us his uplifting mix of traditional Scottish, Irish, and Transatlantic songs, as well as his original materials. I did get an update from him last night reporting that he was midway through writing a new song, and 15th May could be its first public performance. Andrew has recently appeared as the opening act for Celtic rock band Coast, during their Winter Erosion tour of Scotland.

We are also privileged to welcome Joe Solo for a return visit after his performance here in November. Joe has just released a new CD "Forward is just backwards in reverse" - a collection of self-penned and cover versions, all done in Joe's unique style. One look at his gig schedule is enough to show that we are lucky that he can fit us in. Fiddler of Helperby will be paying us a long-overdue return visit, I think it is two years since we last saw them at Elphin Drift. Their brand of English Folk tunes, together with the banter between Band members, went down a storm last time. Their music is not just for listening to; it is enough to cause the tapping of feet, and possibly the odd dance step here and there.

We will, of course, be treated to the latest offerings from the younger folk of the village, and I am trying to organise a couple of tunes which involve a bit of mix & match - watch this space, or better still be there and keep your eyes and ears on the stage.

The usual suspects AKA The House Band, will be opening proceedings, and will make an appearance later on with guest singers, and possibly the odd surprise. The sound and lights will be provided by Mike Wells, the resident expert, without whom none of this would be audible.

The music starts at or just after seven, and finishes at 11pm Hushwaite Time. Adults and children alike are welcomed. There is a bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks. Entry fee £3. If you would like to receive email updates please send your details to

asnixon@btconnect.com Hope to see you all there.

Alun Nixon

The Hushwaite Orchard Project

On Feb. 20th, Barry Potter, an expert on the maintenance and restoration of old orchards, gave a talk and demonstration on fruit tree grafting. Barry is a retired lecturer at Askham Bryan, and a consultant to FWAG, a government agency managing old orchards and woodlands. His talk and slide show included many tips and solutions to common problems, including tying milk bottles or other weights to branches to encourage them to grow more horizontally (see photo). “Why do that?” you may ask. It fools the tree into creating fruit buds when branches point sideways, rather than growth buds from vertical branches.

Robin Walton’s milk bottle tree!



In April, the apple juicing production unit will be finished, and the equipment moved in. The trial batches of cider will be bottled in May as the winter weather slowed fermentation. We are working with Simon Cross, the TV gardener, to plan a big event early in October. Please could people who are willing and interested in helping either in picking apples or working at the production unit contact me.

Cameron Smith

Climate Change - It's Time to Get Active

How big is your ecological footprint? This was the opening question at the WEA's climate change workshop in Easingwold's Band Room this week.

The size of your ecological footprint tells what you personally are contributing to the disastrous over-consumption of the world's non-renewable resources. To answer the question for yourself go to www.ecologicalfootprint.com where you'll find a simple calculator. On the one hand it's scary. On the other, it's good to know that you can do something to help the planet survive and give your kids and grandchildren a future.

Before I started the calculation I thought I was doing reasonably well. After all, I ride a bike, share a car, rarely get on a plane, re-cycle till my green bin and blue box are spilling into the street. Blah-di-blah. The result? I'm consuming slightly more than twice my fair share of the world's resources. And this over-consumption leads to climate change, which in turn leads to well, what do you imagine?

There are fifteen of us at the workshop - farmers, engineers, scientists, teachers, house wives. We're almost all retired. Climate change figures strongly in the modern school curriculum. So are the 30s-50s doing their own thing? I hope so. After all, you guys have the physical strength and the mental energy. You also have the kids right there in your home. What sort of world do you want them to inherit?

The title of our workshop is Get Active. And that's the challenge. 'Every little helps' is the well-known slogan borrowed from Tesco. Unfortunately, every little only helps a little. A heat pump in your garden? A windmill? Solar panels? Double-glazing? Growing your own vegetables? Well done, you. You've reduced your footprint pretty well. But it's when people get together that things really happen. After all, we know this in Hushwaite - a wonderful new community web site, church and chapel activities, the orchard project, the village hall, the MUGA, the Gardening Club, the History Society, these are all examples of get-together activity.

So imagine this - an energy reduction plan for Hushwaite! It would be a giant leap to make this a post-carbon village. A community with a sustainable future.

Don't say it can't be done.

Richard Wood

THE WAITING GAME

A combination of prolonged snow and frosty conditions have not encouraged many to visit the Recreation Area during the last few months. Even so, on occasions, a few hardy and dedicated sportspeople have been spotted playing in the Games Area. Behind the wintry scenes, however, a great deal has been happening. The Recreation Area Committee has been looking ahead and planning for the extension of future amenities.

An update of where we stand at present may be summarised as follows:

FUNDING BIDS

* LEADER Programme

A bid for funds to develop the area which lies north of the access track was submitted in mid-March. This is a very comprehensive application which supplements the initial project outline, approved in Jan. 2010. The outcome should be known in May and, if successful, work on site will be carried out during May and June.

The resulting new provision will include a Grass Play Area, adjacent to the MUGA, and a fenced area in which there will be various items of equipment suitable for Young Children's Play. Hopefully, this extended provision will be available from July onwards.

* Community Spaces

A Stage 1 application was submitted in February and the outcome should be known at some point in April. If support is forthcoming we will be invited to develop fully detailed proposals which form stage 2 of the application. The timescale operated by Community Spaces suggests the final outcome will be known around August 2010. Proposals include the Adventure Play Area and Fitness Trail for older children and adults, located to the south of the access track.

• Seating Provision

A start has been made to this less expensive but important aspect of the Recreation Area. Following the very kind offer from a couple in the village to provide a seat, a grant application has been submitted to the Broadacres Community Development Fund for 2 further seats and a litter bin. The result should be known by the end of March/ beginning of April.

CHOOSING A CONTRACTOR

A great deal of time has been spent by the Recreation Area Committee in selecting a contractor for the next development stage. This process consists of:

- *inviting 4 local contractors to submit tenders
- *evaluating their proposals against a set of criteria
- * seeking references from previous clients
- * inspecting sites recently completed

This has proved to be a fascinating and enlightening experience for everyone, made difficult by the realisation that all 4 contenders would produce a first-class job. A decision has been made and if the LEADER bid is successful, Playscheme of Elvington will undertake the necessary work. The ball has moved from our court, as it were, and we hope for developments.

Peter Davison



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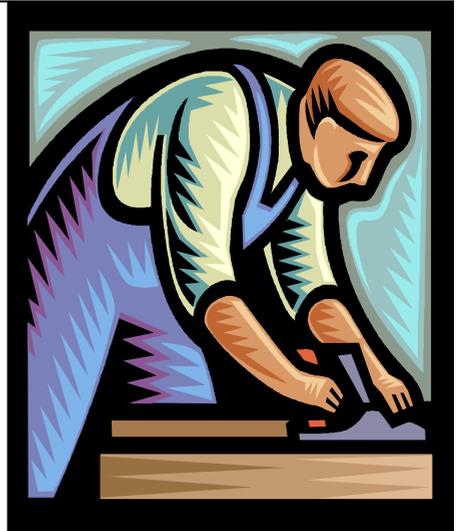
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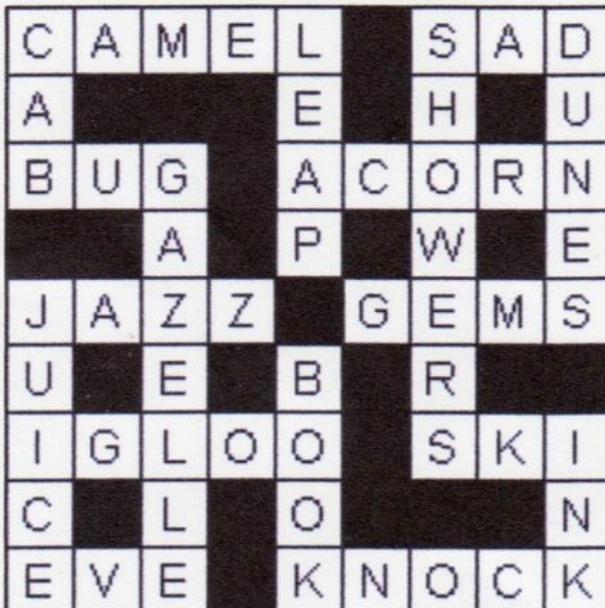
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MADE IN HUSTHWAITE 2010

*This is about two questions. Would you like to take part in **MADE IN HUSTHWAITE** this year and, this time, shall we make it a two day event?*

If you didn't make it last year, here's the background. The idea was to share all the interesting stuff that people in the village do with their spare time. Anyone who made things, repaired or restored things or had an interesting collection was invited to make a display of it in the village hall last June. We asked village businesses as well and village societies. The village hall promised to make wall space and tables available (and space outside), to light it as professionally as we could, and to do the publicity.



Thankfully, lots of exhibitors asked to take part and the standard was excellent. A few examples; there were painters, photographers, needlepoint pictures, woodworkers, a designer of Royal Mail stamps, a maker of quilts, a collector of documents and press cuttings of the village from the 1940's and restored vintage cars, trucks and motorbikes. There were two excellent displays by local businesses. All from the village. We had a comments book and the most common response, apart from pleasure and surprise at the sheer quality of the work on display, was the astonishing variety of things people energy into in their own time. And it earned us some very useful money for the village hall.

We want to do it again this year. So, if you think you might be interested in putting on a display, please let me know. It would be really good to have the people back who made such good displays last year, so that the people who didn't see them (not just from our village) can enjoy what they missed. It would be excellent to have some new displays too. There are almost no rules. Provided there is space, inside or out, and you can make an interesting display, we're happy to have whatever you put your enthusiasm into. How about some displays about growing things, for example, and maybe some live music, something from the school and youth club? I've heard there's a clock restorer in the village, some writers and someone with a passion for old radios.

So please let me know as soon as possible, no later than 30 April (868130 or aletheia@hotmail.co.uk) and when you do, *tell me if you think it should be for two days this time.* The date is 12/13 June.

Andrew Coulthard

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Job done - On a cold day in February a small band of volunteers turned out bearing buckets, sponges and warm soapy water to undertake a spring clean of the fence around the village green. As is always the case more physical effort was required than originally envisaged but despite the odd mild expletive the task was completed and on time. The end result was most satisfactory. The next project will be to perform the same job on the fence around Kendrew Green.

Roy Leverton