Curtain Opens on Husthwaites Aladdin

Richard Wood

For all of you have come knocking at my door (26 at the last count), its good news. The Pantomime will be going ahead and it will be Aladdin. Remember how we slipped the story of Albert and the Lion into Jack and the Beanstalk and all our youngest children did their fabulous dance to the Blackpool Belle? Well play a similar trick this time, and our Aladdin will give the chance for the young ones, anywhere from age 3 to 103, to have a great part.

Grown-ups: it isn’t cool for the kids to read this Newsletter, so please be sure your brood know the dates. I’d like them to be there for the reading at 6.30pm on Monday 15th October. We’ll do the tiny peoples parts first so that you can whisk them off home as early as you like. So the first date for your diary is:

Monday 15th October at 6.30pm.

After the reading, we’ll make sure everybody has a part they like. Then it will be rehearsal time in November. Mondays at 6.30pm at the Hall.

12th, 19th and 26th November at 6.30pm

You can have December off to enjoy Christmas and the New Year. Then it’s down to business again, starting on Monday 7th January.

every Monday from 7th January to 10th March

The week beginning 10th March is the performance week, and you will be needed nearly every night from 6.00pm.

Monday 10th Technical Rehearsal
Tuesday 11th Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 12th First Night
Thursday 13th Rest Night - catch up on your sleep!
Friday 14th 2nd Night
Saturday 15th at 2.00pm Matinee and at 6.00pm the Last Night.

For those of you who have not done this before, it’s a tough world but incredibly good fun. And on performance nights the applause will make you feel 10 feet high.

Aladdin - with Widow Twankey and Abanazar the wicked magician (hiss, boo!).

We are offering two apprenticeships in sound and lighting. This terrific opportunity is open to Husthwaites GCSE and A Level students first. Phone me for more details - 868247.

Spotted Fly Catcher
Andy Colbourne
Dear Editor,

May I use your Newsletter to convey to the Village Hall Committee a story which I hope will raise their morale in the face of the enormous efforts they have made this year and in previous years to preserve and improve the Village Hall for all those who use and value it.

The speaker at the Gardening Club Meeting on Thursday 13th September began his speech with a tribute to our Village Hall. He told of how he had always thought of Husthwaite as one of the nicest villages of all those he visited on his travels, speaking to many groups around Yorkshire as a whole. He continued, I asked the way to the Village Hall tonight and when I saw the outside I thought. . . . not what I expected. . . . and then. . . . I came inside and saw it . . . . and I thought . . . . what a treasure. . . . I hope someone is looking after it !! It is a treat!

And a beaming smile came over his face as he spoke. Keep up the good work,

Village Hall Trustees

Ursula Duncan, Low Street

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The Balmoral

Low Street

Husthwaite

family run traditional pub

specialising in

Ladies that Lunch

Children that Lunch

Early Bird for families

Traditional Sunday lunch

All families welcome

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**Tai Chi Classes**
Village Hall
October/November
Interested?
Contact Audrey
868688

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**Husthwaite Village Hall Committee**

**Annual General Meeting**
Wednesday 10th October 2007
7.30pm
Village Hall
all residents warmly invited

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**Village Hall Committee**

**Sponsored Walk**
Sunday 30th September

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**Hustwaite Parish Council**

**Parked Cars Block Footpaths**

Barrie Ward

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints about the regular obstruction of footpaths in the village. The principal causes are parked vehicles and overgrown hedges.
The incidence of cars parked on the footpath is increasing. Such inconsiderate parking causes pedestrians, particularly wheelchair/mobility scooter users and those with a pram, to walk on the road to get by. This is a danger to themselves and to motorists. It would be much appreciated if those responsible would park considerately on the road. If the problem persists then individuals will be approached and if this fails the police will become involved.
If your hedge is not cut back far enough and to a height of 6ft or more it can cause a similar problem. Please consider others who are, perhaps, less mobile than yourself and make sure that you leave the footpath wide enough for access. None of us wish to see an injury or fatality as a result of a lack of consideration for others.

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**dog fouling**

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The Parish Council is again receiving complaints about dog fouling on the footpaths around the area. Indeed, far from diminishing, it seems to be on the increase.
May we remind you that the Dog Fouling Regulations apply not only to the pavements in the village but to ALL public footpaths. That includes the path that runs at the side of the beck from the recycling centre to Hithorne Lane. The problem has been brought to the attention of the Dog Warden and he will be visiting the area at intervals to ensure compliance. If caught you will face prosecution.
*Please, help to keep our village a pleasant place, and clean it up!*

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Barrie Ward is Clerk of Husthwaite Parish Council
To That Other Husthwaite
another in our series of walks and bike rides starting and finishing in the village
by Explorer

There's great variety and historic interest in this two hours or so gentle ramble that inspires you to find out more about what you never really see from the car.

From the Parish Church, cross the road and take the signed public footpath through gardens to a well-used streamside path, where you turn right and go down the fields. Bordering is the mostly intact centuries-old hedge complete with wild plum, damson and hops. Soon you reach the recycling bins and the road, which you cross to follow the unmade, poplar-lined way to ancient Baxby Manor, going round to the left and then to the right down to the bridge over Elphin Beck, continuing along Ings Lane (signed) past the old railway and Baxby Aero Club. The lane then veers to the right and continues through fields and New Manor Farm.

Parish Planners Focus on Recreation Field
Luis Ponte

It has been a busy last few months for the Parish Council with our focus on delivering the actions from the Parish Plan. It is vital that not only the community but also District and County Council as well as other relevant bodies and agencies are aware and see that the Parish Plan is being implemented and not just left on the shelf. The implementation process will inevitably assist with future funding for projects which in turn will result in greater and more varied amenities being made available to the village and its community. Regular updates are now being forwarded on progress by the Parish Council to the Newsletter with this edition seeing the Implementation Up-Date 2 being published (centre pages).

One of the major projects for the Parish Council is that of the Recreational Field Facility. Alun Nixon and I have taken on this challenge and an update can be found in the Implementation Up-Date 2. We are only too aware of the water that has passed under this particular bridge and are preparing the basis for options papers to be produced.

This has meant direct meetings with various District Councillors and departments to establish what they feel would be achievable, deliverable, maintainable and fit for purpose now and in to the future. The meetings with councillors have so far been positive and progressive and we are moving as quickly as possible on this project as we all agree that the lack of these types of facilities within our village is an area which must be addressed sooner rather than later. It is hoped that we will be able to update the community with some good news in the near future, as although the project will undoubtedly be a long one, a phased implementation of it should ensure that some facilities become available within a reasonable time scale and start to form the basis of what should be a great facility for all the people of Husthwaite for many years to come.

A joint meeting was held in September with the Village Hall Committee. The meeting was to discuss how the Village Hall could best service the Parish Plan, not only now but also in the years to come. As I'm sure you will all be aware, the Village Hall Committee have been working hard on your behalf to secure funding in order to carry out some of the items raised in the Parish Plan and indeed have been successful in raising a considerable sum to date.
Passionate debate took place with many ideas being put forward by all parties in relation to the Village Halls potential and what its future role within the Parish Plan could be.

Finally, as a Parish Council, we are acutely aware that our work is and should be led by our parishioners, as was the Parish Plan. With that in mind and as part of our constant efforts to ensure we do what’s best for the people of our village, it is our intention to put ourselves on show for all the world to see. Quite literally. It is hoped that we will be able to put photographs of all councillors with a brief resume, on to our web site to ensure everyone, whether new to the village or not, knows who we are and a little bit about us. It is also hoped that we will be able to place an Ask the Council section on to the website. The purpose of this would be to further open up access to the Parish Council with any questions asked, dealt with at the following Parish Council meeting and replied to. Coupled with the minutes of each meeting being made available via the website, we hope these additions will encourage you all to take an active interest in issues that affect you and your community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we look forward to any feedback.

Luis Ponte is a Husthwaite Parish Councillor

Have You an Eye for Detail?
Elaine Smith

Please give Husthwaite, some of your time not a lot.
We still need more people to help with the various tasks involved in creating the Village Design Statement document many hands make light work - we dont envisage endless meetings so dont be put off if you cant stand committees!
Can you help on an occasional basis or perhaps work independently on a small section, for instance:

* make sketches of architectural details. We intend to include maps photographs and sketches to illustrate the points made in the Parish Plan document, so need help from someone with an eye for detail.
* help to collate and summarise the material we already have from the Village Plan survey, both photographic and from the questionnaire.
If you want to find out more about what’s involved before committing yourself to anything, give me a ring on 868572.

Elaine Smith is a Husthwaite Parish Councillor

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Beanstalk Cast 2006 - Aladdin dates are above you - oh yes they are!

Mondays from 7th January Pantomime Rehearsals VH 6.30pm

7th March
7.00pm

Pantomime Week

Scottish Dancing
8.00pm

26th November
6.30pm
Sue Wins with a Whopper
Mike Wells

So that was summer 2007.
Now the nights are drawing in and the gardening club has moved indoors again. Autumn has arrived. You may be starting to think of November fogs, grey, wet days or even Christmas shopping but we gardeners are looking further ahead to the first snowdrops, drifts of daffodils and tubs of tulips. Yes, our speaker for the September meeting, Stephen Wright, gave a presentation on spring bulbs. At the end of the evening he was doing a brisk trade, so expect Husthwaite to look even more floriferous next Spring.

Talking of bulbs, there was much excitement as members brought in their prize onions. Back in February, everyone was given five onion sets to grow and the winner would be the onion with the largest circumference. After careful measuring by Jackie and Simon Earley, the winners were announced: The runner-up was Hugh Richardson and the first prize went to Sue Leverton. Her onion measured 32.2 cm in circumference. And how did she produce such a whopper? Sue was being very modest and put it down to chance. Or was she keeping the secret to herself for future success? Time will tell.

We will meet again in the Village Hall on 11th October to hear a talk on fruit growing. It will also be time to book your place at the clubs dinner on 1st November.

Husthwaite Village Hall Committee

We Have Landed That Lottery Grant at Last
Richard Wood

The Village Hall Committees term of office ended on a high note when Awards for All England allocated us 10,000. With the AGM coming up, it was perfect timing. When the new Committee examines the books, it will find enough to open discussion with builders for the front of the Hall.
We have received grant support from NYCC, Hambleton District Council, the Police Dispersal of Property Fund and our own Parish Council. People have told me I should reveal figures in the Newsletter. Its your money and I cant negotiate with builders through the Newsletter, can I?
Its been an uphill struggle, and we owe our thanks to the funders, to Caroline Patmore for her support, to the YRCC, the AONB and the Northallerton Voluntary Services Association.

Vital AGM

The Committee has raised a lot of money, and before this is spent we would like you to come and air your views.
As usual, places on the Committee are up for election, and you will be more than welcome to put yourself forward. Its important that you know you have a right to be part of the running of the Hall. So - 7.30pm on 10th October. Lets see you.

Prizes and Surprises on the Sponsored Walk
Alun Nixon

Sunday 30th September sees the timed arrival of the eagerly-awaited Village Sponsored Walk, an event welcome to all Villagers (whatever the village, we may even accept Townies) of any age. The route will take the intrepid rambler down some of the lesser-travelled footpaths and byeways in the neighbourhood; and motor traffic-related activity should be more of a Spot-the-car rather than Dodge-the-car nature. Prizes will be awarded for most sponsor money collected, and also in a few other surprise categories. The first prize, kindly donated by the Proprietor of The Balmoral, (the setting for a few right royal gatherings already) is a meal for two, without whining, at the aforementioned hosteltry. Since it is envisaged that Young Persons will dominate the turnout the favourite parent gets a free meal! The walk will start out from The Village Hall at 1pm; refreshments, sarcastic comments and counselling will be provided along the way by Village Hall Committee members, and events will conclude at The Village Hall with nibbles and music to nibble to. Entering is as easy as taking part: Please contact me on 01347 868740 for a sponsor form, or for any further information.

Sue Leverton and her prize onion
photo: Mike Wells
History Society Invites New Members to Join Village Research Projects

Angela Ovenston

Current projects for the Husthwaite Local History Society include researching the history of the schools in Husthwaite, individual houses, the pubs, field names and the medieval field system.

A series of four booklets covering the 20th century in the village is in progress. New members with enthusiasm and new ideas who would like to join the group or a subgroup would be most welcome please contact Annie Richardson on 868005 for further information.

We also help with family tree queries which arise from the use of the village website. Some recent questions have involved the Greenwood family, one of whose ancestors was a joiner who lived at Prospect House (demolished and replaced by Prospect bungalows), and Catherine Faure who once lived at Wilton Croft. If anyone is able to contribute anything about these people please get in touch with me on 868347.

The last speaker at a general meeting was Patrick Wildgust, curator of Shandy Hall who provided a very lively and informative evening about the life and times of its one time famous incumbent Lawrence Sterne vicar of Coxwold 1760 - 1768. Further open meetings are being organized. If anyone knows of good local speakers or can entertain 868005 would be delighted.

Reminiscences of Husthwaite 1900s can contribute further photographic records or cuttings from old newspapers. Copies of the two previous booklets Reminiscences of Husthwaite 1930s to 1950s and Reminiscences of Husthwaite 1950s to 1970s are on sale at the village shop.

A few copies of Coxwoldshire (1992 ISBN 1 85072 110 6) are still available at 6.95 plus p and p and may be ordered of York, Ebor Press.
Planners at Work
Peter Davison

A reply to our letter has been received from Stephen Pimperton, Highways Maintenance Manager. In response to this letter it was arranged that Robin Houlston and I would attend a site meeting with him. This was a productive meeting at which Mr Pimperton explained how priorities are determined for road maintenance, snow clearing and gritting - enormous challenges in such a huge area as North Yorkshire. He was able to confirm that damaged kerb-stones between the village green and the shop will be replaced in October. He also offered to supply grit bins, if requested by the Parish Council, to be located where difficulties are most likely to be encountered in winter. He was able to confirm that the present practice of reporting concerns via Robin Houlston match their working arrangements, especially since Highways Section relies on parish councils to be their eyes and ears. It was clear from discussion that Mr Pimperton is keen to work in partnership and ensure maintenance work of a high quality.

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Passing Places
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In reply to our recent letter, David Chase, Highways Project Manager, has indicated that although this provision is beyond the basic maintenance budget, he is prepared to submit suggestions to NYCC Minor Capital Budget with a view to securing funding for such a project. There will now be liaison with Angram and Carlton Husthwaite regarding passing places on the Carlton road, and Robin Houlston and Carol Fenwick will identify the most suitable places on Malton Street.

Recreation Field

As a pre-requisite to any detailed planning, it is necessary to clarify the leasing terms with HDC. Recent enquiries suggest that in order to access some areas of funding, it will be necessary to establish separate committees, other than the Parish Council. There is to be further correspondence with Highways Section to clarify some matters concerning vehicular access to this area.

School Parking Problems

A reply to our letter has been received from Graham Hinds, Highways Traffic Management and Development Engineer. Whilst he sympathises with the parking problems around the school, it is not possible to support proposals for a car park for the school in the recreation area, as this would not accord with NYCC transport priorities.

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Village Design Statement and Conservation of Rural Setting
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In reply to our recent letter, Glen Robinson, Planning Officer at HDC, offered encouragement but explained that help and funding are not available at this time for development of a Village Design Statement (VDS). As there is a natural overlap between VDS and Conservation of Rural Setting (CRS), it was agreed to merge these two priorities. An appeal for two or three volunteers to work with Elaine Smith and Philip Lawson appears elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter. I will explore a possible source of funding from Community Champions.

Village Hall

A meeting to explore future developments was held on 5th September.

Information Pack

Juliet McDougall and Linda Davison outlined suggested contents for the Welcome to Husthwaite pack. The information will be produced on loose-leaf A5 sheets which will be presented in a folder. Such details will be included on the village website (www.husthwaitevillage.co.uk). Total costs are likely to be in excess of 500 and I will explore a possible source of funding through Community Champions.

Next Meeting

The next special meeting of the Parish Council to progress implementation of the Parish Plan will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st November. All residents are warmly invited to attend.