

HUSTHWAITE Village Hall AGM 24th October 2016-Chairmans Report.

The Village hall is in trust for the Parish of Husthwaite by elected members known as Trustees without distinction of Political, Religious and other opinions including for use for meetings, lectures and classes and for other forms of recreation and leisure with the object of improving the conditions for the said inhabitants.

The hall has hosted many different activities over the course of the last twelve months. The following is a list of the activities. (apologies if I have accidentally overlooked any) Primetime, The Apple tree Café, Quarterly markets, Orchard Village Club, Youth Club, Book exchange, Quiz evenings, Film Club, Local History Society, Gardening Club, I.T. Lessons, Bowls Club, Zumba, Treasure Hunt, Burns Supper, Pop Up Pub evenings, Sporting Memories, EU Referendum Polling Station, Mamma Mia Evening, Anya Falls Quartet band, First Responders medical course, Gift of Stones (North Country Theatre), Equestrian Sale, Yoga, Snake Davis band, Dementia Awareness Course, Orpheus play with Starring Phil Grainger and David Jarman, European Football Tournament on the Big Screen, HM The Queens 90th Birthday Party with The Dishforth Military Wives Choir.

For all our events planning and execution I would like to thank in no particular order, Debbie Lewis-Green, Annabel Kennedy, Gavin Kennedy, Mark Kingston, Maxine Templeman, Carol Fenwick, Will Mowatt, Sheila Mowatt, Callum Mowatt, Lawrie Hill, Mary Hill, Jill Allanson, Robin Walton, Richard Wood, Husthwaite School, Zoe Cooper, Brian Watt, Mike Wells, Breda Wells, John Ovenston, Angela Ovenston, Gila Robinson, Linda Davison, Margaret Wride, Malcolm Wride, Jeremy Walker, Andrew Coulthard, Jan Coulthard, Juliet MacDougal, Christine Clark, Malcolm French, Doreen French, Oliver Pickstone, Nick Barker, Mike Barker.

Although the hall is only Three years old we have continued to improve the facilities and user comfort. * A Heat Recovery Ventilation System has been installed in the main hall. * New comfortable Chairs have been procured and have been met with universal approval, * A Hand Wash Basin installed in the kitchen which helps us towards Hallmark 2 accreditation. * Landscaping of the grounds have taken place. * A remarkable new State of the Art film projection system has been installed. * Windows 10 has been updated onto our six computers.

We have had a number of Maintenance issues which we are indebted to John Ovenston for so expertly and professionally overseeing and dealing with. He has gone beyond the call of duty and I know I speak for us all when I wish him a speedy recovery from his forthcoming operation.

Debbie Lewis – Green has indicated she does not wish to stand for re-election to the committee this year. We cannot thank her for all the funding openings she has so professionally secured enabling us to be The Best Village Hall in North Yorkshire! Also We thank her for all the other things she has been instrumental in overseeing and organising especially working with the Big Lottery and Awards for All and other funders for gaining their support.

Philip Hewitson stated last year he intended to stand down at this year's AGM. Again it is true to say for all sorts of reasons that his input has been enormous especially his expertise with finance and dealing with project professionals i.e. Builders, Architects etc. We cannot thank him enough.

Angie Sibley has overseen the hall finances as Treasurer and has done a splendid job.

Sheila Mowatt has overseen Hall bookings and communications policy. She has also kept updating us on Events and Investment planning and Budget projection.

Lynn Colton assisted by Craig has done sterling work with the Apple tree Café and Bar support serving, monitoring and stocking up supplies and at the Markets.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the committee for their unqualified support and it is true to say we have had a Very Happy Year.

The Members of the Events Committee make our job on the Village hall committee so much easier and all the events they plan and organise make Husthwaite the Bench mark and Envy of many similar organisations. I cannot thank you all enough.

The Husthwaite Parish Council must be thanked for their huge show of confidence they show to us and I hope to think we show in them. We congratulate them on being awarded the Hambleton PARISH COUNCIL of THE YEAR for 2015.

This year Husthwaite Village Hall has been nominated as A Club as the Hub and is leading projects such as Age and Dementia awareness with the support of North Yorkshire Sport. This is an ongoing project.

Looking forward to the coming year one issue particularly concentrates our mind. That is how to provide more onsite storage for all the equipment we and other hall users need to store at the hall going forward.

I mentioned earlier the contribution the events committee give to us. Indeed, we know it is vital that all of us continue to support and give thanks for all the many events they plan and undertake for the benefit of all in the Village and Parish and beyond.

A further improvement is planned to the film experience at the hall with the proposed purchase of Blue Raye technology.

The Husthwaite website has been vital not only in advertising our events but I know in bringing new members of our community in deciding that Husthwaite is a great place to live in. Also the Newsletter and The Link magazines have been very supportive. Thank you to Lawrie Hill and Jan Coulthard respectively.

Lastly can I thank everyone who supports our events be it once a week, once a year or when you can. Without you we would not be confidently looking forward to the future. Remember we all give our time to events and working behind the scenes for no financial reward and do it because believe we are making our community better in this little part of Great Britain which we are so lucky to live in and call home.

Stephen Barker,

Chairman, Husthwaite Village Hall.