

HUSTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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Mervyn Duffield sent in this lovely picture “of a fieldfare who spent two whole days gorging on the last two of our fallen apples during the last snowy weather.”



Photo by Jane Cluley of the village green as it appeared on many February and March days this year, thanks to “The Beast from the East”. Roll on Spring!



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Dates for your Diary (in Husthwaite VH unless stated otherwise)

April

- 6 8pm Pop Up Pub**
- 9 12-2 Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange**
- 10 12-2 Orchard Village Club**
- 11 7.30pm A night of Comedy**
- 12 7.30pm Gardening Club**
- 19 7.30pm H. Local History Society Talk on Newburgh Priory**
- 26 7.30pm Film Club**
- 29 5am Dawn Chorus Walk**

May

- 4 8pm Pop Up Pub**
- 8 12-2 OVC visit to Strikes Garden Centre Stokesley**
- 14 12-2 Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange**
- 15 7pm May PC Meeting**
- 20 Charity Plant Sale by Gardening Club (Time TBA)**
- 24 7.30pm Film Club**
- 26 7.30pm Nightjar Expedition**

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Husthwaite Burns Supper

Saturday evening 27 January saw the twelfth Husthwaite Burns Supper at the village hall, which was suitably decked out for the occasion, with flags, elaborate lighting and exquisite table decorations.

The traditional programme for the evening had a number of clever modern variations. The haggis was piped in and Will Mowatt gave a resounding and animated recital of the Address to the Haggis, followed by Brian Watt who gave the Selkirk Grace and proposed the Loyal Toast. Malt whisky was available at the bar and this superbly complemented the haggis, mashed neeps and tatties (prepared by Elaine Watt and the Plum and Partridge) that were served as an opening course to an impressive buffet (co-ordinated by Sheila Mowatt) and seemed to help the non-Scots among us follow the more difficult passages in the Address to the Haggis.

After the meal, Brian Watt gave an ingenious and humorous address in proposing the toast to the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns by linking his works to various modern personalities, popular culture and current affairs, which included Meghan Markle, 'Bake Off' and inevitably, Brexit.

The Toast to the Lassies was proposed by Stuart Thrower, while Jo Thrower proposed the Reply on behalf of the Lassies. Stuart gave an interesting and entertaining insight into the Thrower household, which seemed to be dominated by 'stuff', notably cushions and candles; he seemed quite bewildered by all this. Jo, in her reply, described the declining expectations women have of men as they get older. This hilarious account including hair loss, memory lapses, dwindling imagination and growing inattention and would have been all the funnier if some of the anecdotes hadn't had an uncomfortable ring of truth.

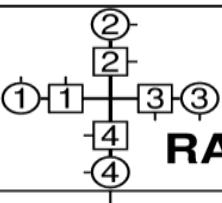
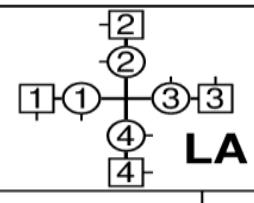
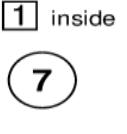
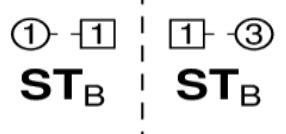
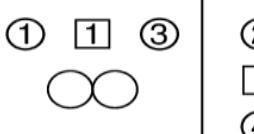
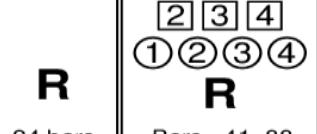
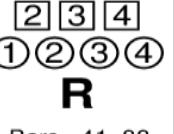
The dancing after the speeches seemed to run quite smoothly and demonstrated - one might almost say – skill! Even the Eightsome Reel (see diagram below) went relatively well and without serious injury.

As the evening ended at midnight, Brian Watt, who 'called' the dances

EIGHTSOME REEL

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			 24 bars 88	Introduction  Bars 41-88

during the evening was heard to remark that he might include some more complex routines next time!

Thanks are due to Jan Janiurek, official photographer; Sarah and David Aspinall, who together with Nicola and Nick Cuthbert set up and cleared the hall. Particular thanks to Sheila and Will Mowatt and Elaine and Brian Watt for organising such an excellent evening.

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Football photo Deja Vu!

The sharp-eyed among you might have noticed something odd about the cover of the last (Feb/March) Husthwaite Newsletter, with the photo of the January 1st Football match teams.

Especially those who thought they had been playing but weren't in the photo!

Well, an abject apology from Will Mowatt, who sent the editor (not an aficionado of the beautiful game) the photo from the year before! I couldn't tell the difference so put it in!

Here at last is the right one for this year. As you can see, some faces are the same, only a year older! Nice to see youngsters being involved too.

Thanks Will

Jan Coulthard

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Husthwaite Local History Society Thursday 19th April, 7.30pm

An Early Landscape Garden: An exploration of Newburgh Priory's 18th century designed landscape.

Using evidence from 17th & 18th century maps & documents, Moira Fulton from Coxwold will discuss how the gardens at Newburgh evolved in the period 1700 - 1760. This talk will be preceded by an enquiry into the last resting place of Oliver Cromwell's body. His head is in Cambridge so where is the body? Everyone welcome, Entry at door £5 to include a glass of wine/fruit juice.

Note - Why not follow this up with a trip to Newburgh Hall grounds open from April 1st to June 27th, 2-6pm Weds and Suns.

Angela Ovenston



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OPERATION OWL

Be our eyes and ears



Operation Owl - be our eyes and ears

We're urging visitors to North Yorkshire's countryside to get involved with Operation Owl - a new initiative to reduce the number of illegal attacks on birds of prey in the county.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act it is an offence to intentionally kill, injure or take wild birds. Nevertheless birds of prey (raptors) are still shot, poisoned and trapped – especially in areas where the land is managed for driven grouse shooting.

North Yorkshire has more confirmed incidents of raptor persecution than any other county in England – a situation that North Yorkshire Police is determined to tackle.



Launched on 17 February 2018, Operation Owl is a joint initiative by North Yorkshire Police, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the RSPCA, together with the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

As part of the Operation, police will carry out surveillance checks on known raptor persecution hot-spots at random times to disrupt offender activity, and work with local landowners to make them aware of the legal position on raptor persecution. National Park volunteers will be trained to spot poisoned bait and illegal traps across

the parks and the police are also calling on the public to be the eyes and ears of the police when out in the countryside.

North Yorkshire Police's Chief Constable, Dave Jones, is the national lead on wildlife and rural crime, and the force has what is believed to be the largest dedicated rural taskforce in the country.

Sergeant Kevin Kelly is part of that rural taskforce. He said: "Our wonderful countryside is host to many specially-protected birds of prey such as peregrine falcons, red kites, buzzards and owls. It is absolutely unacceptable that people think they can ignore the law and subject these birds to poisonings, shootings, nest destruction and the illegal use of spring traps without consequence. We will be doing everything in our power to catch these offenders, supported by our colleagues in the RSPB and the volunteers in the national parks. But the area is huge, so the more eyes and ears we have on the ground the better. That's why we're asking the public to help."



In particular, the police are asking the public to spot pole traps. Sergeant Kelly explains: "Trappers are using spring-loaded traps on top of posts to capture birds of prey that land on top of the post. The bird can struggle for many hours before the trapper returns to kill them. These pole traps, as they are called, are illegal. We want the public to help us find these traps. We're advising that anyone who sees a pole trap should "spring" it if they can do so safely, note the location, take a photo, and call the police on 101 to report it. Our wildlife officers will take it from there."

Operation Owl will run for the next year, and North Yorkshire Police is hoping that the initiative will become a blueprint for other police forces where there is a high incidence of raptor persecution.



Said Sergeant Kelly: "Like other forms of rural crime, raptor persecution is not a problem that the police can tackle alone. We need everyone involved. The weather will soon start to improve and more people will head out to the countryside. If everyone keeps their eyes open for illegal traps and poisoned bait, it will be a massive boost to our surveillance operation. This is a real opportunity to reduce the number of wild birds that suffer and die unnecessarily, and send a clear message to offenders that we will not tolerate this crime in our countryside."

(North Yorkshire Police Bulletin)



★★★ *Introductory Sessions* ★★★

Week 1; 'Dinosaurs'. Week 2; 'Loose parts' Week 3; 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'

Sessions are thoughtfully prepared keeping the focus child centred. At the heart of 'Mucky pups' my aim would be to encourage all types of creativity. There will be activities in each session where anyone involved will get 'mucky' so please be advised to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty! There will also be an opportunity for games, singing, dancing, depending on the age group and weekly theme.

To book please contact muckypups3@yahoo.com or call/text Hannah 07709302341 -

To be made as a block booking of 3 sessions at £19.50. Siblings £15. I would recommend coming to the older child's session if bringing siblings, as classes are tailored to age group.

Babies under 3 months of age will be FREE of charge.

PLACES ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ALLOCATED ON theme.



AGE	0-18 Months (or, confidently toddling)	18 months – 4 year olds.	4-7 year olds
<u>WEDS</u> 9.5.18 16.5.18 23.5.18	9.30-10.15am	11am-12pm	
<u>FRIDAY</u> 11.5.18 18.5.18 25.5.18	2.30-3.15pm	1-2pm	
<u>SATURDAY</u> 12.5.18	2-2.45pm Tea/coffees will be available to buy.	3-4pm Tea/coffees will be available to buy.	4.30-5.30pm Tea/coffees will be available to buy.
<u>SATURDAY</u> 19.5.18 26.5.18	9.30-10.15am Sausage/bacon butties, tea/coffees will be available to buy.	10.45-11.45am 12 Sausage/bacon butties, tea/coffees will be available to buy.	12.30-1.30pm Sausage/bacon butties, tea/coffees will be available to buy.

Mark Scarce

Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who sent their kind expressions of condolence, cards, letters, messages, flowers and offers of help and support following the loss of Mark. Thank you also to all those who attended the funeral. We have all been touched at the love and kindness received at this sad time.

Margaret Scarce

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- Short Mat Bowls:** Mondays 7.00-9.00pm
Primetime: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm
Youth Club: Alternate Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm
Zumba: Tuesdays at 9.30-10.30am
Yoga: Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 10th April & 8th May (to Strikes GC, Stokesley), 12pm-2pm

Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange: Monday 9th April & 14th May, 12 to 2pm

Film Club: Thursday 26th April Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: Friday 6th April & 4th May at 8.00pm

Gardening Club: April at 7.30pm and

Sunday 20th May – Charity Plant Sale (Time TBA)

Upcoming Events



A Night Of Comedy - Wednesday 11th April at 7.30pm
Due to popular demand, he is back! Silky White and another selection of guest comedy talent. Where else does an audience with dozing Asparagus Farmers and Sheperdess's provide Silky with its own comedy material? Don't miss it! Bar open from 7pm.

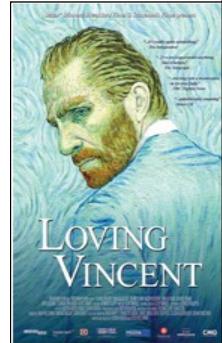
NEW: Mucky Pups, Creative workshops for Children from 1-7ys. Each session is thoughtfully prepared keeping the focus child centred. At the heart of 'Mucky pups' the aim is to encourage all types of creativity, including games, singing, dancing, depending on the age group and weekly theme. See posters or contact Hannah for more details at muckypups3@yahoo.com or call/text Hannah; 07709302341 (See page 12.)



FILM CLUB

26th April "Loving Vincent"(Cert 12).

In a story depicted in oil painted animation, a young man comes to the last hometown of painter Vincent van Gogh to deliver the troubled artist's final letter and ends up investigating his final days there.



24th May "The Zookeeper's Wife" (Cert 12A) Based on a true account of keepers of the Warsaw Zoo, Antonina and Jan Zabinski, who helped save hundreds of people and animals during the German invasion of Poland in 1939.



Calling All Ornithologists!

(Or anyone who just enjoys an early morning stroll listening to the birds!)

Following the success of last year's bird walks, we have decided to do them all over again! Thankfully, Keith has offered to run them but has put in a request for better weather! I'll do my best!!

The Dawn Chorus walk will set off from the village hall at **5am on Sunday 29th April**, returning for a well-deserved cuppa and bacon butty, or vegetarian equivalent, at around 8am. Cost £5 per person.

The nightjar expedition will take place on the evening of **Saturday 26th May at 7.30pm**. As last year, it will be a short car journey from the village, this will depend on the best viewing opportunities at the time. We will combine this with food at the hall prior to our departure. Lifts can be arranged. Cost £10 per person.

Both trips will be run by local naturalist Keith Gittens, who will give commentary on all aspects of the birds, their activity and habitats. 27 species were spotted around the village during last year's Dawn Chorus walk!

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Husthwaite Church during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s

On Sunday 20th May 1990, a service to commemorate the late Reverend H.G. Tyler quoted the motto: "Born not only for ourselves, but for the whole world." This great message guided the vicar in his wonderful ministry and it was likewise followed by many of his flock while he and they served Husthwaite church, the community in the village and beyond. It was a profound privilege to be a witness to this and the experience became an everlasting legacy and testament to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Husthwaite church was then and is now a marvellous place and one surrounded by historic Christian mission. From vantage points in Husthwaite, you can see the simple but unmistakable architecture of a classic village church. The tower is a focal point and from its top, the views are magnificent. The whole building looks serene and has a great sense of permanence. The weathered honey and grey hue of the stones attract onlookers' and the position adjacent to the village green adds to the sense of awe and humbling power felt by many from Saxon and Norman times to the present day.

Inside, the unspoilt walls are capped by a superb ship-like structured solid oak roof. The glorious colour and texture of the oak is repeated in the decorations and furnishings which set up the church for worship. The entrance from the nave to the chancel is wide and amply vaulted in stone. The chancel is small and full of reverence. The brass cross is simple and striking while the Mother's Union banner decorates the background in a dignified way. The stained glass above the altar is straight to the point with Christ's passion and glorious resurrection. There is indeed a great sense of comfort to be derived from this simple and rugged church which has been frequented by many of our ancestors.

The Reverend Tyler followed a rich ministry in Husthwaite: The Reverends Gill, Buffey, Sutton and Jones. The liturgy was the traditional Book of Common Prayer. The Reverend Tyler preached in a charismatic way – always giving meaning to the complex words and images - drawing upon his experience from extensive travels – including the Holy Land - while serving as a Padre. He always advocated faith over religion and enhanced links to the Chapel. Services were sometimes ably led by the Reverend William Youngman from Wass and the Reverend Jim Thom from Coxwold.

The Reverend Tyler was assisted by beautiful music from the organist Miss Avena Norfor who was indefatigably sweet and melodic in her entire nature. Mr William Penrose likewise played the organ in a distinguished and accomplished manner. Sterling members of the choir were Miss Joyce Wise, Mrs Violet Kay, Mrs Margot Cottington, Mrs Mildred Finch, Miss Ruth Hedger and Miss Dorothy Bagley. In the early 1960s they were joined by youngsters like Miss Gillian Hutchinson, Miss Pauline Fenwick and Miss Christine Bowman. Meanwhile, Mrs Minnie Sellars and Mrs Dorothy Hutchinson inspired other younger people as they led the Sunday School and organised parties at Christmas with book prizes and a summer outing to Scarborough.

There were a number of retired military personnel who served the church in worship and in practical ways such as preserving the building: Brigadier and Mrs. Claude Edwards; Major and Mrs John Parfect; Colonel and Mrs Faber and her sister Mollie; Squadron Leader and Mrs Arthur Finch and Colonel and Mrs David Shallow.

The farming families also played their part in worship and the community: for instance, representatives from the Barker, Buffey, Clark, Dennis, Smith, Wentworth – including Mrs Bunnie Wentworth - and the Wise families – including Mrs Mary Wise along with Mrs Bessie Fox, wife of local builder Raymond. Mr John Wise was a sidesman along with Mr John Clark. Mrs Freda Smith from Baxby Manor was a Church Warden and her husband Jack, a sidesman. Miss Kath Clark and Mrs Phyllis Clark followed in Mrs Muriel Clark's footsteps when they made the traditional simnel cake for the Mother's Day. Miss Judith Buffey baked a glorious loaf in the shape of a wheatsheaf for harvest while the fruit, crops and vegetables that decorated the church were truly bountiful. Mr Clem Buffey was another sidesman and his wife Sheila and Mrs Annie Dennis were among other key farming representatives.

From the village in general much great service was given by Verger Harry Pinder and his wife Vera. Mr and Mrs Cyril Bowes and volunteers cared for the internal fabric. The flowers were always magnificent with an active roster of volunteers. Local businesses like the butcher Mr John Thornton, Les and Geoff of Hutchinson Brothers, woodcarver Mr Wilf Hutchinson, shopkeepers Mr and Mrs Ivan Dowson and Mr and Mrs Alf Lumley were all

good supporters of church activities.

Mrs Adamson, Headmistress of the church primary school made sure that Christian values were affirmed among the young people. Likewise, a similar model was set from Easingwold school by Mrs Gill Galloway and the Reverend Roger Kirk. Mrs Kathleen Tyler added a drama dimension to the village from her teaching experience.

The church had a steady congregation each week and these included some truly inspirational Husthwaitians. Holding pride of seniority - with distinction - were Mrs Julia Buffey, Mrs Marjorie Rowe, Miss Louie Ward and Mr and Mrs Harold Hutchinson. Other stalwarts were Mrs Dora Coughlan, Mrs Gladys Slater, Mrs Brenda Duffield, Dr and Mrs Knight and Mrs. Penrose.

Alongside the Lent, Easter and Harvest celebrations that drew in a large congregation, Christmas Midnight Mass attracted quite a few revellers from The Blacksmith Arms. This service always felt very special and beautifully still and holy. Needless to say, baptisms, weddings and funerals brought in their fair share of local people. Newly-weds were supported outside the gates too – which had to be unlocked for a small donation from the happy couple.

The sense of community was strong. The core messages included: caring and sharing; generosity of heart and thought for others; diligence and honouring everyone's contribution and doing one's utmost to live in Christian ways. The Holy Spirit worked among so many people who were associated with Husthwaite church and community at this time and their memory and example are much cherished.

They are to be gratefully thanked and respectfully remembered. They will inspire hope and be a comfort forever.

Peter Hutchinson

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club



It is the middle of March and as I sit down to write these few notes for the Village News there is snow falling on what is already more than a mere dusting. I had hoped to talk about the wonderful display we have had of spring bulbs; of the blossom about to break on the fruit trees; of the new life bursting from the ground and about preparations for planting out the first vegetables and potting on the bedding plants. Instead, I am reminding myself that stepping out on to the soil, already waterlogged from the previous bought of snow, will do more harm than good. And so, the digging, turning and planting will have to wait – as if the growing season was not short enough in this part of the Northern hemisphere.

But despite the weather, thoughts of the garden are creeping like new growth into the upper reaches of consciousness as the season of eating, drinking and merriment (or for some, the season of coughs, colds, hot lemon and honey and early bedtimes) fades into distant memory and the grey, wet, cold and windy days hopefully draw towards the warmth of Spring. The conscientious among us will have put the long nights in front of the fire to good use planning the planting order and the reshaping and structuring of the garden. They will dutifully have cleaned tools, making sure the mechanical ones are serviced and in good order, and will have sharpened and oiled secateurs, shears, hoes and the indispensable gardening knives. The rest of us will have longed, ever more despondently, for the fair weather that gets us out into the garden and doing.

But amidst it all there is a spot of sunshine and sociability; where tea (or coffee) and a biscuit warm the hands, and tales of Chelsea gold medals, carnivorous plants and garden wildlife, to mention but a few, warm the imagination and where the pleasures of gardening, shared with likeminded folk, warm the soul. So why not take a couple of hours out of one of those Spring(?) evenings, preferably the second Thursday of April, and join others with an interest in gardening at Husthwaite Village Hall for Gardening Club? Our next meeting, and the last of the season, is at 7:30p.m. on **Thursday 12th April** where we will be joined by Paul Turner telling us about growing and using culinary herbs. It will also be our (brief) AGM – a chance to have your say and determine the direction of the Club.

Look out too for the Club's charity **Plant Sale on Sunday 20th May at Husthwaite Village Hall** – lots of plants for your garden, plus refreshments and an opportunity to find out what the Gardening Club is all about.

Simon Eedle

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & APPLE TREE

NURSERY

As ever a very busy spring term with lots of learning and fun activities.



TOPIC

This term's topics have been 'Keen to be Green' and 'Anglo Saxons'. Children learned the importance of recycling, reducing and reusing during their 'keen to be green' topic. Class 3 debated the pros and cons of erecting a wind farm in Husthwaite and used their persuasive writing techniques to justify the need for a bottle bank to be reinstated in a nearby village. Class 2 children took rubbish from the staff room bin and sorted into recycling and land fill to help them understand why it is important to think carefully what we do with our rubbish. Class 1 children investigated different materials and sorted which were



not suitable for recycling. At the end of the topic the whole school participated in a stomp workshop run by Jessa Liversidge; an amazing and fun way to use old containers and tins to make fabulous music.

As part of the Anglo Saxons topic, children have been studying Beowulf (Anglo Saxon poem), looking at the time line and learning about invasions and settlers during this period. Activities have included preparing, tasting and discussing the difference between the foods of that era and today as well making a castle and shields to reflect the settlements at that time.

CHURCH LINKS

This half term the children have been learning and thinking about the Christian values of 'Compassion' through the theme of 'Community' and 'Respect' through the theme of 'Reverence'. All children participated in the Easter Service and it was lovely to have Rev Liz able to lead the service for us.

The Easter production this year, performed by Class 2, was 'The Tale of the Three Trees' - a folktale based on the Easter story.

VISITING ARTISTS

Once again we have been fortunate to have some professional artists come into school to work with the children and provide them with the opportunity to participate in wider curricular activities.

Music for Life, organised by Sowerby Music, visited the school to deliver an afternoon of Ceilidh dancing accompanied by music played on a traditional fiddle. All children were treated to a concert by the 2 professional musicians and Class 2 were lucky enough to participate in a workshop where they learnt some routines to perform a short concert at the end of the day.

World Book Day was celebrated with a dance workshop provided by West End Theatre. Each class had been reading a story book - Class 1 The Troll; Class 2 Where the Wild Things are; Class 3 Alice in Wonderland. The dance workshop brought these stories to life through dance. Children had an amazing time and were really enthusiastic about their own stories and had lots to say about what they enjoyed most.

"My favourite bit was when the pirates took what they thought was the treasure chest but really it had the Troll in it!" (Isla, Class 1)

"It was amazing and fun. We got to dance and act out our book. We even pretended to be the king!" (Ripley, Class 2)

"My favourite part of our Alice in Wonderland dance workshop was the 'freeze frames' because we then all came to life! "(Roxy, Class 3) (see photos at end)

CLUBS AND SPORT

Class 3 once again paid a visit to the Village Prime Time Club. Children enjoy spending a morning of intergenerational sport and just generally chatting with the older generation. Another visit will be booked next term.

Year 2 travelled to Easingwold School to participate in a cluster 'multi-skills' afternoon. This is a great opportunity for our children to experience a sporting event in a different location and to participate with other schools.

We are thrilled to offer yoga as an after school club which has proved to be very popular. We feel it is important for children to have the opportunity to understand the importance of mental health and wellbeing and experience it in an enjoyable form.

FUND-RAISING

This term fund-raising activities in school have included a film and pizza night,

school disco, sale of gifts for Mothering Sunday and an Easter egg competition. Thank you to members of the community for also supporting our fund-raising efforts.

TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

Our weekly stay and play toddler sessions continue to take place every Friday morning from 9-10am. Recent activities have included toddler gymnastics, playing musical instruments, painting pictures, soft play and of course, just generally having a lovely time. All pre-school age children are welcome to attend these free sessions and parents/carers are welcome to stay and enjoy refreshments whilst their child enjoys interacting with other children. Please just come along - no need to book.

THANK YOU

It was with great sadness that we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Jane Dunn at the end of the term as she left to start her retirement. Mrs Dunn has been an invaluable member of staff for 17.5 years and has not just only worked with just about every child that has attended Husthwaite in that time, but has also had close links with the village as well as working tirelessly in helping to fund raise for the school. A coffee morning was held on the last day of term to say goodbye to Mrs Dunn and she was presented with leaving gifts as a token of our appreciation for her work at school.

Miss Goodchild wanted to say a huge thank you to Mr Phil Taylor and Mr Jeremy Walker for their tremendous work in helping us to repair our memorial garden. The children are looking forward to restoring this garden and if anyone is able to offer us some new quality top soil, we would be very grateful. Please contact school.

For further details of our school please visit our website:

www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk or phone the office 01347 868371. Diary dates are listed on the school website.

Children enjoying "Freeze Frames"





Local democracy involves hearing your views and having enough people to serve the village on the Parish Council; in this small village we are allowed 7 PC members. At the moment we have just 5 willing volunteers to make decisions about all the things like potholes, planning, fracking, traffic, lighting, events, playgrounds, our environment and local matters brought to the Council's attention by villagers.

Being a councillor is not onerous. The meetings are only every 2 months on one evening, are very informal and friendly, and interesting to anyone who lives in and cares about our village and its surroundings.

If you are over 18 you can join. Please come forward asap and contact the Clerk, Jan Coulthard, on husthwaitepc@hotmail.co.uk
Or come to a meeting to see what happens!

On Behalf of Husthwaite Parish Council

Husthwaite 'SPRING' Market?

Well that's what it said on the flyer! Who would have thought that the snow would be back again to cause a little more havoc in Husthwaite.

However, in true Yorkshire style, we made the decision to battle on. Yes, we had a few stalls that couldn't make it, and visitor numbers were down but we had a really enjoyable and successful day. With hot drinks a plenty, bacon rolls and soup, what more could you want to keep you warm on a cold day, oh, of course the fantastic array of cakes as usual!! Thanks to our great bakers!

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us and all the volunteers who work so hard behind the scenes to make it work so well on the day.

Please join us for the summer market (hopefully no snow) on **Sunday 24th of June**, 11am till 3pm.

Thank you,

Lynn, Debbie and Annabel

Emergency Planning

Given the recent bad weather the Parish Council has secured a "Household Emergency Plan" leaflet for all households, which is included with this newsletter.

Please have a read and think if you are adequately prepared for an emergency or need to be more prepared. The emergency could take several forms be it bad weather, blocked roads from a major accident, a major fire locally etc.



The Parish Council would also like to know from any individuals, who would like to be put onto the **priority list** for support and help in the case of an emergency. This may be because of ability to get out in poor weather, lack of support from people locally, remoteness or a medical need. The Parish Council are not concerned with why people are on the list, they just want to ensure that those who may need a bit of extra help in an emergency are actively thought about if something happens.

If you think you want to be on the priority list please call on **868092** and let us know.

Brief summary of the Minutes of Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting 20th March 2018

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Fox (PF), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), Jan Coulthard (Clerk), Cllr C Patmore, Mr T Carter.

Apologies: NONE

Declarations of interest: NONE.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Co-option of Parish Councillors: Hambleton District Council has informed us that they have received insufficient requests from eligible electors for an election to fill the most recent casual vacancy. Therefore the PC has now been authorised to co-opt a duly qualified person and as no expressions of interest have been received since the last meeting it was agreed to place another notice requesting applications from eligible persons who wish to be considered for co-option on the PC Noticeboard and in the newsletter.

Enforcement of Planning Laws:

Sunley Woods Farm: HDC have granted an extension to the enforcement notice because of the recent bad weather but all units should be removed from the site by 9th April 2018.

Bye Green Holdings hours of working: Helen Conti has informed the PC that, due to lack of evidence, the investigation into alleged breach of working hours conditions has been closed.

A complaint was received from the school about vehicles from the local businesses above operating near school gates at school opening or closing times. These have been passed on to those involved, and the clerk has written to the school concerning the situation, also asking the school to convey to parents the necessity of parking further away from the school entrance and narrow bend in the road, to avoid accidents to children and themselves.

Fracking in North Yorkshire: There has been a public examination by a government appointed inspector of the current plans for fracking in N. Yorkshire by the Ineos group. PF attended, as a member of the South Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group, who prepared detailed evidence for the enquiry, as did NYCC and others. PF and Cllr Caroline Patmore who also attended were dismayed that the prospect of real industrialisation of the countryside received less attention than was warranted. PF felt the inquiry was biased towards the industry, with objectors' evidence and views ignored. In particular, concerns about industrial traffic access, proximity of fracking to houses and other property, buffer zones for the AONB, number of well pads allowed and the restoration of drilling sites after the industry departed, were ignored or decided in favour of the drillers.

PF and his group may make a formal complaint about the neglect of evidence given by other than the industry, and the lack of coverage of specific important aspects of concern (eg effects on tourism), the whole meeting being a general and cursory examination. The next meeting with the inspector which PF will attend would be a "wash up" session on Friday 23rd March, but it was not expected to cover concerns in more depth.

Emergency Planning: CC has prepared an Emergency Plan, draft copies of which will be sent to other PC members. Every house will get a copy of the NYCC Household Emergency Plan with their Husthwaite Newsletter.

Battle's Over - A Nation's Tribute: Came & Company have confirmed that they will not charge an additional premium for any WW1 Beacons as long as a detailed risk assessment is completed before the event and certain conditions are considered.

MUGA Surface: Farm & Land Services have completed the mossicide treatment of the MUGA surface and swept off the excess moss. The PC has received a quote for £1400 + VAT from Mark Fairweather to put a drain in the grass area to the north of the MUGA to stop water flowing out of the school field onto the the court.

Parish Portal: The Clerk has registered Husthwaite Parish Council on the Parish Portal and councillors will now report highways and street lighting problems online.

General Data Protection Regulation: The clerk will attend training in Data Protection when more training places become available. Members will receive a simplified version of the 60+ page NALC document to familiarise themselves with what is needed to ensure data is protected.

Bus Services 31X and 59: Following the cessation of bus services by Stephensons, service 31X has been taken over by Coastliner and service 59 by NYCC.

Asset of Community Value: The Asset of Community Value registration for the Plum & Partridge has now expired and it was agreed to complete a new nomination form for the property.

Planning Matters and Finance Report: See full information on the village website.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF attended the last meeting, at which Dementia was a topic. Help with Dementia is available in the Easingwold area, advertised through 5 Roadshows in April, and through leaflets which are now available. Hambleton Community Safety Hub regretted the loss of yet another bank in Easingwold - HSBC. The Area Partnership Satisfaction Survey will provide feedback to the Forum from local Parish Councils.

HDC Parish Liaison Meeting: The next meeting is on Thursday 17th May 2018 at 7pm at Stone Cross.CC and CF to attend.

Highways: Comments and complaints about the state of the roads can go on the NYCC website. Bin men have complained they cannot drive up Woolpots Lane because of the road condition. Highthorne Lane is also still in an appalling state. Cllr Patmore has contacted NYCC Highways about this.

Street Lighting: All street lights in the village are currently working.

Village Hall: The chair trolley is now in use and makes the chairs much easier to move. The new 100 club will be launched after Easter. Coming events include Film Club on 22nd March, Pop Up Pub on 6th April, Comedy Evening on 11th April and Dawn Chorus Walk on 29th April.

YLCA: The last meeting on 28th February was cancelled due to bad weather.

Reports from County/District Councillor Caroline Patmore: Northallerton Magistrates Court may close, making the nearest alternatives York or Darlington. There is to be a public consultation.

No result from the Public Consultation about the Fire and Police Services merger has been made public as yet by the Police Commissioner.

Developers have been selected for the site of Northallerton Prison.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 7.00p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.



PLUM & PARTRIDGE
HUSTHWAITE

Dear All

We would like to thank you all again for your continued support of the Plum & Partridge. As you are most probably aware, we are embarking on a new chapter (just in time for our first birthday!) and we are confident that you will notice some positive changes.

We would love to hear some suggestions of beer, wine, spirit and soft drinks you would like to see behind the bar, and would love to know the kind of events you would like to attend here.

We have some events in the pipeline (save the date! We will be holding a birthday party on April 21st - a family day with food, drinks and entertainment) and our usual weekly themed nights will continue.

Finally, we are very pleased that Spring is on its way and we would like to wish the village a great Easter period.

With Best Wishes

Harrison, Ellie & the Plum & Partridge team



Themed Nights

We recommend table bookings to avoid disappointment

Steak Night each Wednesday:

Rump Steak, Hand Cut Chips, House Salad & Tomato just £10.00 from 5 - 9pm

Thank Fish It's Friday:

Theakston's Battered Haddock & Chips just £10.00 from 12 - 9pm each Friday



Job Opportunities

We are expanding our passionate, friendly, close knit team! We are looking for staff members to join us in the next chapter of the Plum & Partridge.

Part Time Housekeeper

Flexible hours to suit applicant

Front of House General Assistant

Part time hours. Must be able to work independently and work evenings and weekends

Kitchen Porter

Part time hours. Must be able to work evenings and weekends

Contact Ellie on 868642 for more information or email CV to info@theplumandpartridge.co.uk to apply

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Cinderella On Ice

When rehearsals really got going after Christmas the pressure began to build. In the final week it seemed at times that we weren't going to be ready, with performers forgetting lines, missing cues and bumping into the scenery.

And the snow!

The show must go on, they say. This one only did because Brian Watt and Jeremy Walker ran Panto Rescue Mission, bringing performers and band up icy roads in their 4X4s.

From curtain-up on the first night, it all came together. Some of the biggest roles were taken by younger members of the cast: Maja Szyszka (Cinderella), Jamie Millan (Prince Charming), Kieren Hardy (Buttons) and Fergus McClanachan (Dandini, the Prince's manservant). They put in marvellous performances. The youngest performers - Imogen Fisher, Gabriella Hollinrake, Roxy McCallum and Isla McClanachan - did great work as singers and dancers. Their acting included two wonderful interludes - *the Assombalonga Tree* and *the Rapping Gran* - which earned warm applause.

The more mature performers included real life married couple Euan and Liz Crawshaw, who made a great comic pair as Baron and Devilia Hardup ("What a woman; she's a tiger when she's roused"). Cameron Smith and John Law caused mayhem as "identical" twin sisters, Beryl and Cheryl. At one point they soaked the audiences with water. Stephen Barker and Anne Dowson provided a comic double act as Snitch and Snatch, brokers men to the gentry - "we'll squeeze you dry and make you pay".

No panto would be complete without its horse, duly provided by Lottie Alexander as Husthwaite Hobbler, purchased by the Baron "from a bloke down the Plum and Wotsit".

Superbly led by producer Mike Wells, the backstage crew provided a wonderful standard of lighting, sound, scenery, props, costumes, make-up and special effects. One of the highlights of the show was the magical transformation of a pumpkin into Cinderella's coach - an amazing achievement for a village hall production. *Cinderella* demonstrated once more the team spirit of the Husthwaite community: the many people who managed the finances, provided 'front-of-house', and, of course, came through the snow to make good-humoured and supportive audiences. Come ugly Ugly Sisters, come horrifying Stepmother, come man-eating spiders , come snowy roads, we were safe in the promise of the benign and charming Fairy Godmother (Breda Wells) that we would have a happy ending. She made it happen.³⁰

The pantomime came to a rousing climax with an almost full house on Saturday afternoon. Cast and audience were at their peak.

John Butcher and Richard Wood

Go tp www.husthwaitevillage.com for another pantomime review and a display of action photos by Jan Januirek
A Byland Media DVD, price £10 is available from
hillcrestwells@btinternet.com

Special thanks to music director, John Butcher from Stillington, and his band from York.

Cinderella and the Prince at the ball



Cheryl, Beryl, Baron Hardup, Hobbler - “lost and all alone in a wood”.

Photos by Jan Januirek- more on back page!



More photos from the Husthwaite Pantomime “Cinderella” - see article inside
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