

# Husthwaite Newsletter

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Spring has brought the Alpaca Farm two babies. These newborn “crias” , as the babies are called, one white and one fawn, are called Cosmo and Christo and are doing well, reports Jacki Barlow from her farm.



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## **Dates for your Diary**

**3 April Book Exchange and refreshments 10.30-12.30 in VH**

**3 April Orchard Village Club meet at 12.00 in VH**

**11, 13 and 14 April 7.30 Play: "It Runs In the Family" in VH see back page.**

**Tickets £8 adult/ £3 child available from village shop or tel.868667**

**12 April Gardening Club**

**17 April Book Exchange and refreshments 10.30-12.30 in VH**

**28 April Plant Sale in VH starts at 10.00. 50p incl. refreshments**

**1 May Book Exchange and refreshments 10.30-12.30 in VH**

**1 May Orchard Village Club meet at 12.00 in VH**

**4 May Reading group 2-3.00 in village pub.**

**15 May Book Exchange and refreshments in VH 10.30-12.30**

**18 May Kate Howden and Paul Jones : folk musicians and more**

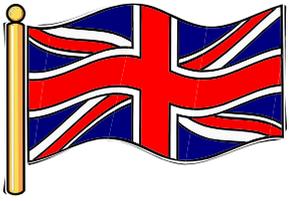
**20 May Final date for Poet Laureate entries. See pg 8**

**21 May Oil Order goes in**

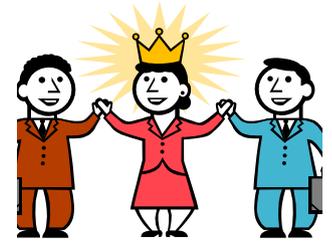
**21 May Neighbourhood Watch AGM at 7pm in VH**

**1,2,3 and 4 June Jubilee Events See pages 10 and 11**

**5 June Book Exchange and refreshments in VH 10.30-12.30**



# Children's Poetry Competition



**First Prize £30 book token**

If you want to enter, please write a poem about  
**THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE.**

It should be not more than 20 lines long.

Please put your name and email or phone number as well as your age on the back of the paper. You can hand it in to your teacher, or send an email including the same information to :

Newsletter Editor at [jancoulthard.co.uk](http://jancoulthard.co.uk) by MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>.

The winning poem will be printed in the Husthwaite Newsletter in June.

## **4 May St Michael's Church Coxwold 7.30pm 'Hope Shortens all Journies'**

Coope, Boyes and Simpson will perform a selection of songs traditional and contemporary, set against the story of Laurence Sterne's relationship with Eliza Draper. 'Hope Shortens all Journies' tells the story of an affair of the heart, a series of intimate letters, a locket and a sea voyage from England to India in 1767. This collaboration between the Laurence Sterne Trust, Georgina Boyes and the group continues an exploration into music and text that resulted in 'Songs of Freedom and Oppression'.

The exhibition, Eliza Draper : Absent Presence will be open in the gallery at Shandy Hall before the concert.

Concert begins at 7.30pm (unreserved seating). Tickets £10.00 per person in advance. Book: 01347 868465 or online [www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk/shop](http://www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk/shop)

# NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL



The spring term has proved to be a very busy one and the hard work done by pupils in planting the bulbs during the autumn term has rewarded us with some wonderful spring plants in full bloom around our grounds.

## School Activities

Children have taken part in many and various activities which have included World Book Day where they dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Parents were also invited into school to read their book with them and staff also read passages from their own favourites to the children and parents during an assembly.



Children enjoying reading their favourite books with parents



Pupils in class 1 and Mrs Collins dressed as their favourite book character

The highlight for class 2 this term was their visit to Jaipur Spice as part of their topic on Asia where they sampled the delights of Indian food.



The whole school also participated in an Indian Dance Workshop with Davika Rao where they were subjected to Bollywood style dancing lessons. Pupils were shown the complexities associated with Indian Dance which included ballet style movements and how the wearing of bangles and bells add to the sound of the dance. Another highlight was Davika's instructions on how to wear a sari.



She showed the intricate way in which several metres of cloth are wrapped, tied and pleated to make a serene, sophisticated, flowing garment.

As this newsletter is being written, Mrs Gall is busy making final preparations for the school's 'Easter Experience' being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The whole school will participate in events based on the Easter Story in and around St Nicholas Church, which involves members of the Church and local community. A report will follow in the next Village Newsletter.

The school's topic for the next half term will focus on Greece as a way of introducing the Olympic Games to the children which of course take place this year in London. Next term we shall also be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and after the success of our Royal Wedding street party last year, we shall hold a similar event again this year and invite the community to join us in our celebrations (further details listed below).

### **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.

### **Bags2School**

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 24<sup>th</sup> April. 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 24<sup>th</sup> April. 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 26<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Toddler Days**

Our weekly Toddlers @ Husthwaite sessions continue each Thursday morning, 9.15-11.15 am at the school and have proved to be popular. It is an ideal opportunity for parents that are new to the area, (or simply new parents) to meet and chat with others in a sociable environment that is ideally suited to both parent and child alike. All children of pre-school age are welcome and the cost is just £1.00 per child to include refreshments for both toddler and accompanying adult. The sessions are run by Mrs Gall (a teacher) and different activities are set each week in addition to the usual toys and play equipment being available. Future events will also include information sessions for parents organised by the Children's Centre at Thirsk.



In addition to the weekly Toddlers@ Husthwaite sessions, Miss Goodchild hosts a toddler day in Class 1 each month; the next one being held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

These sessions are a styled on a 'drop-in' format whereby parents can call into school anytime between 9.00-11.00 am or 1.00-2.45 pm to sample life in our Foundation Class. Children are given the opportunity to join in the class activities and parents can ask Miss Goodchild any questions they have about children joining our nursery unit.

### **Queen's Diamond Jubilee/Community Service**



The school will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a Community Service at the school to commemorate the occasion on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11.00am. All members of the community are invited to attend and stay on afterwards to join the school in a Community Lunch and Street Party – bring along your own picnic and join your family and friends in the celebrations. After lunch there will be some fun children's games and activities as well as a few fund-raising stalls organised by Year 5 and 6 pupils selling various crafts, Husthwaite School tea towels and bags as well as a cake stall and tombola.

### **Diary Dates**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Staff training day

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – school opens

- Toddlers in Class 1

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Toddlers @ Husthwaite

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Bags2School collection

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April - Toddlers @ Husthwaite

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> May - Toddlers @ Husthwaite

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Toddlers in Class 1 song and story session 2.45-3.15 pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Community Service and Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

– 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) or visit our website [www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk](http://www.husthwaiteschool.co.uk)

### **Newsletter Delivery Help**

Thanks to all those kind folks who emailed or phoned after my last request for help, we now have a group of community minded folk to post the newsletter through all the doors in the village.

Thank you all!

Jan Coulthard

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We are looking for a new

## Poet Laureate of Husthwaite

This year, we are hoping someone from the village will take the trophy, as for the last 2 years it has gone to people outside the village, in Northallerton and Thirsk. Come on, Husthwaite!

If you want to enter, please write a poem of any length (within reason!) based on the subject “60 years”. There is scope there for those who want to write about the Jubilee, but if not you can perhaps find your muse considering what has gone on in the last 6 decades, or think more widely around the subject. You should be over 16 to enter, no upper limit!

The final date for entry is May 20th, and the winner will be presented with the Squirrel Trophy carved by our own Squirrelman. The winning poem will be printed in an edition of the Newsletter.

Please email entries to the Editor ( [jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk)) or post them to Jan Coulthard, Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite by May 20th.



## **DOG 'POO' in the Recreation Area**

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, a mother with two young children drew attention, quite rightly, to a pile of dog 'poo' just inside the entrance gate to the Recreation Area. It was cleaned up immediately by a member of the Parish Council as the potential risk to health, particularly of children, is well understood (or is it?)

The rules at present concerning dogs in this area indicate that they should be kept on a lead at all times. Fortunately, most dog owners observe this precaution. This recent offence would appear to be the first of its kind.

In discussing this issue at the recent meeting of the Parish Council, it was agreed that a firm stand was absolutely necessary. Therefore, a final warning must now be given that, if there is a recurrence, all dogs will be banned from the Recreation Area, with immediate effect.

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# Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Weekend

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

### The Orchard Inn

5pm - 8pm Great British Fish & Chips Deal – 2 for £15

9pm 'Queen for the Weekend' competition

(Men only entrants – no swimwear)



## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### Multi Use Games Area

10.30am Husthwaite Hobble (Primary children 4-11 years) \*\*

An activity trail using the new outdoor equipment.

Children will be encouraged to try all the equipment on the trail, but this is not compulsory. Children can complete the trail as many times as they wish but may choose to take a rest between circuits.

11.30am Road Relay (Accompanied toddlers and older children) \*\*

Children will be arranged into small groups of mixed ages to run / walk / toddle / hop / skip / jump in a relay up and down the tarmac road. The winning team will be the one completing the most relays in 20 minutes.

12 noon Rounders

All children who take part will receive a Commemorative Jubilee Medal.

\*\* To help with planning these activities, or if your children would like to take part, please contact Catherine Skinner on 01347 868673. All activities will be supervised but spectators are welcome to cheer the children on. In the event of very wet weather, a decision will be made on the safety of the equipment but the event will not be cancelled unless absolutely necessary. Juice will be provided throughout.

### The Orchard Inn

12 noon BBQ (weather permitting)

1pm Welly Throwing competition (Toddler - 12 years, 13 years - adult)

2pm Mini Marathon (Women – Amplecarr – Highthorne – Nookin)

(Men – Amplecarr – Highthorne – Gibbet Hill – East View)

3pm Tug of War (High Street V Low<sub>1</sub> Street)

8pm Live Music

# Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

## St Nicholas' Church

10.30am Service of Celebration jointly organised by Parish Church and Methodist Church

## The Orchard Inn

12 noon Children's Treasure Hunt

Sunday Lunch Meal Deal – 2 courses for £12.50

5pm 'Yard of Ale' competition

7.30pm Jubilee Quiz

# Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June

## The Orchard Inn

2pm - 4pm Street Party (red, white and blue theme)

Tickets available from The Orchard Inn and The Village Shop

Adults £6 Children £4

All tickets must be purchased before 31<sup>st</sup> May

'Children's Fancy Dress' competition

to be judged by the 'Queen for a Weekend'.

'Coronation Cupcake' competition

to be judged by Mr Malcolm Wride (our well-known local chef)

All entries will be donated to the Street Party

5pm Family Disco

11pm Fireworks



## Hustwaite Village Hall

Hustwaite Local History Society will be holding a Diamond Jubilee exhibition in Hustwaite Village Hall over the Jubilee

<sup>11</sup>  
weekend.

# **‘AWARDS FOR ALL’ in Husthwaite**



**LOTTERY FUNDED**

The phased development of recreation facilities in Husthwaite has moved further ahead in the last few days with the award of a massive National Lottery grant of £10,000 from the ‘Awards for All’ scheme. This will be used to build a much-needed Pavilion and Store during the next few months.

A small pavilion is planned to accommodate sports items used by such groups as Ladies’ Tennis and Netball which meet regularly. It will also provide short-term shelter in the event of rain showers and give a focus for social activities to be arranged from time to time.

On-site storage of tools and equipment, needed for regular maintenance, will hopefully prove to be an added incentive for wider community involvement in site management.

The Recreation Area Committee and the Parish Council are both delighted with this award and Carol Fenwick, Chair of Husthwaite Parish Council, claims that ‘This project will provide the finishing touch to the development of this leisure facility to which there is open and free access to residents in Husthwaite as well as visitors’.

The funding award allows for the construction of the building in brick, with a tiled, pitched roof, together with high quality doors and windows. Very generous contributions by three local companies - David Armitage (York Handmade Brick Company), Graham Douthwaite (Builder) and Mervyn Duffield (doors, guttering & windows) have helped to make this project possible. To them all we are truly grateful

**Peter Davison**



A small group of the committee members staking out the location of the new sports pavilion

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

With the prospect of summer days almost upon us, we at Coxwold Tennis Club are offering an invitation to anyone interested in enjoying social tennis or developing their racket skills to come along to the Club . In order to give an introduction to what's on offer, there is an open invitation to Club Night on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, (6.30 - 9.00 p.m.) to 'have a knock' and meet some of the members.



We are a friendly, informal Club and you can be assured of a warm welcome.

For further details, ring **John Stanton (Chairman) on 824644.**

We look forward to seeing you.

# The Orchard Inn presents...

**31st March 2012...**Monthly Country & Western nights, the last Saturday of the month, live music with John Berriman includes Country & Western, 60's and Instrumental Shadows etc, £5 entry includes supper, dancing and a really good night to be had by all.

**6th April ...**Good Fryday special! Fish & Chips plus homemade mushy peas, 2 for £15 to eat in or 2 for £12 to takeaway, served at lunchtime 12.00 until 2.30pm and then 5.00pm until 8.30pm

**7th April** Easter Saturday...BBQ (weather permitting), Easter Egg Hunt, Card Making, Live Music from 8pm

**8th April** Easter Sunday... Sunday lunch meal deal 2 courses for £12.50 adults, £9.95 children. Sunday night quiz from 7pm, £2 entry inc supper, win a gallon of beer.

**9th April** Easter Monday...Open for BH Monday

**11th April** Quiz Night (fortnightly)

**14th April** Family Disco (to be confirmed, watch out for posters )

**19th April** Folk Night, welcome to our new fortnightly open mic acoustic folk nights, why not come along to this informal gathering :enjoy live music, in a laid back atmosphere where people just go with the flow....

**21st April** Queen's Birthday, celebrate with a right Royal Tea in aid of Marie Curie, one of our nominated charities. from 2pm enjoy homemade cakes and tea or coffee in the conservatory, all proceeds to Marie Curie, why not spend an hour or 2 with family or friends here .

**25th April 2012** Quiz Night , fortnightly £2 to enter includes supper, win a gallon of beer, why not come along and test your skills!!

**28th April** Monthly Country & Western nights, the last Saturday of the month, live music with John Berriman includes Country & Western, 60's and Instrumental Shadows etc, £5 entry includes supper, dancing and a really good night to be had by all.

**3rd May** Folk Night, welcome to our new fortnightly open mic acoustic

folk nights.

**5th May** Family Disco / live Music (to be confirmed, please watch for details)

**6th May** Bank Holiday Quiz, Sunday night quiz from 7pm, £2 entry inc supper, win a gallon of beer.

**7th May** Please note we will not be open for this Bank Holiday

**9th May** Quiz Night fortnightly £2 to enter includes supper, win a gallon of beer, why not come along and test your skills!!

**12th May** Holistic Day (to be confirmed, please watch for details)

**17th May** Folk Night, welcome to our new fortnightly open mic acoustic folk nights, why not come along to this informal gathering .

**19th May** Fund raising event for The Air Ambulance, details to be confirmed but will include a talk from The Air Ambulance team and a chance to win a VIP trip to the Air Ambulance at Leeds Bradford and fish & chips at Murgatroyds Fish Restaurant

**23rd May** Quiz Night fortnightly £2 to enter includes supper, win a gallon of beer, why not come along and test your skills!!

**26th May** Monthly Country & Western nights, the last Saturday of the month, live music with John Berriman includes Country & Western, 60's and Instrumental Shadows etc, £5 entry includes supper, dancing and a really good night to be had by all.

**27th May** Bank Holiday Sunday night quiz from 7pm, £2 entry includes supper; win a gallon of beer.

**28th May** Bank Holiday ...we will be closed for this Bank Holiday

**The Jubilee Weekend.....see pages 11 and 12 for all the details.**

Also don't forget the **village play in April, It Runs in the Family**, where we are offering a pre-theatre meal deal of 2 courses for £10, so why not come along and have your tea before having a night out at the Village Hall, making full use of the facilities this village has to offer!

# Village Hall News

Much time was taken up in the past two months by the Lottery bid... more about that later.

Meanwhile good use is made of the hall. The play “**It Runs In The Family**” is almost ready, with many hours spent on the rehearsals and in producing a wonderful set. Tickets are on sale now at the shop and via the village website. Get yours early before they sell out!

“**Elphin Drift**” was a great success again on 3 March. Good live music at affordable prices gets harder to find but this has become a wonderful, regular feature of our village life. The range of artists continues to get wider and brings in performers from all over the country.

The **Orchard Village Club** continues to meet monthly and provides a really good lunch and excellent company in the way the Evergreen Club did in the village for many years. The good work done by the team of volunteers is much appreciated.

The **Book Exchange** has met fortnightly, continues to lend out many books each week from a growing stock and provides a good opportunity for a coffee and chat. The organisers were very pleased to learn recently that the Book Exchange has been awarded a grant of £430.00 by Broadacres Housing Trust’s Community Fund, to help with development and running costs...many thanks to Emily Thomas at Broadacres.

For your diary... well worth noting is the evening of Friday 18 May. Kate Howden and Paul Jones are amazing musicians and sing beautifully. We booked **HowdenJones** some time ago after going to Dishforth to hear them sing and play guitars, mandolin and violin. It was a brilliant evening...have a look at the HowdenJones website to get a flavour of what they do.

Some bits in brief

- We have an **A3 printer** now, thanks to the generosity of the Orchards of Hushwaite
- Because we needed to for the Lottery bid and it made sense, we’ve confirmed ownership of the village hall land with the **Land Registry** and updated the constitution (the **Trust Deed**) to meet current charity law. We’re grateful to the ProHelp charity and Harrowells for the legal work involved.

Finally, the **Lottery bid** for money to build a new village hall: we have until 19 July to get our building and business plans to the Lottery as our Stage 3 bid. The work involved in doing that is enormous but we’re on target so far. We’ve had very helpful support and a visit from

the Lottery Grant Officers. Our architects, Native of York, have drawn up a first concept plan in response to what the village has said it would like. There's still a lot of work to be done on that but whatever results will be on display for comment in early April and goes to Planning later that month.

The Open Days we had on 25 February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March (see photo below) was set up to create an opportunity for people to comment on design ideas which had been gathered in the village so far and to meet the architects. The response was really strong and the hall filled to capacity during the morning. All the ideas and comments were logged, from the Q and A session through individual comments to the questionnaire responses and all passed on to the architects.

About the Lottery bid: thanks to Debbie Lewis-Green for volunteering to do the hard work of additional fundraising from grant-giving bodies, to Phil Lawson for agreeing to keep an eye on how well we get through this process and do a report and to Sarah Aspinall for being willing to project manage the bid process and keep us on target. Thanks also to all the groups who are working now on bits of the business plan and to all those who have put in ideas and suggestions. AC



# Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

This has not been a bad winter, compared with the past two, but one of the few icy days coincided with our planned Annual General Meeting in February, so we postponed it to March. After hearing the chairman's and treasurer's reports, members voted for the new committee. There were no new nominations, so the previous committee were re-elected under the chairmanship of Breda Wells. The annual subscription remains at £5.00, but members decided to move the AGM to April from 2013 onwards, to avoid potential bad weather.

Following the AGM Breda mentioned that chutneys, jams and cakes would be welcome at the Plant Sale on 28<sup>th</sup> April. The hyacinth competition was judged on photographs, the winner being Gerald Crane.

Our speaker for the evening was Mrs Pam Towler who spoke on the 'History of Medicinal Plants'. She and her husband trained as pharmacists and ran the chemists shop in Kirkbymoorside for thirty years. Her wide ranging & most informative presentation began in the time of Hippocrates, then touched on the influence of astrology and superstition, the plant discoveries in the New World and the knowledge collected in herbals such as 'Culpeper's Complete Herbal' of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century.

Quinine extracted from plants has been used in the prevention of malaria since 1812, but was not synthesised until 1944. We heard of the sources of curare, opium and aspirin and the present day uses of derivatives from yew, yams and snowdrops. Many of our effective treatments have evolved since the 1960s, but over 40 herbal remedies remain in use to-day.

The next meeting, on **12<sup>th</sup> April** in the village hall, will be about gardening for wild-life. All are welcome. The ever-popular Plant Sale follows on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

**Mike Wells**

## Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Instead of the annual red envelope house to house collection, this year everyone is invited to a coffee morning at The Old Stores, home of the McDougalls.

**Date: Saturday 19th May**

**Time: 10.30-12.30**

Refreshments and raffle.

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# Biodiversity Matters...

## The Cornfield Project in Husthwaite

In the autumn last year Tom Normandale of the Cornfield project brought me seeds of several types of now rare wild flowers to plant.

Red Hemp Nettle, Shepherds needle and night-flowing catchfly to name but a few had been grown and seed collected by enthusiasts who want to bring these species back from the brink, after being lost in our region.

I planted them and I am now eagerly watching for signs of life in the little area I set aside for them. I already had corn marigold and field pansies flowering here so I collected their seed to replant this year.

The endangered wild flowers are mostly tiny, pretty or insignificant compared to the showy garden flowers we have but the bees love them and we need to save both to keep our countryside diverse. Here's hoping they grow and I can spread the seed to other organic growers.

**Jacki Barlow**

## Otters in our beck?



A sad little tale. Andrew Coulthard found a dead otter between here and Coxwold, probably hit by a car. He notified the Environment Agency as one should, as these are rare

creatures and the Agency want to keep a watch on them. It could mean that the Elphin Beck, which it was near, is pretty clean and pollution free enough for otters to live there, which is the good news.

The recent dry weather and sunshine has brought out Spring flowers very early, so the hedgerows and gardens look a picture as I write. However, the exceedingly dry last 18 months has meant water tables are low, and it might be an idea to invest in a water barrel or two in case there are watering restrictions on gardens. If you have a south or south west garden, plants which survive the worst of the dry weather tend to be Mediterranean, such as marjoram, lavender, thyme and rosemary, even

Cameron Smith took this photo of ladybirds sunning themselves on a dead sunflower head. This warm early spring has meant masses of ladybirds have appeared in gardens .



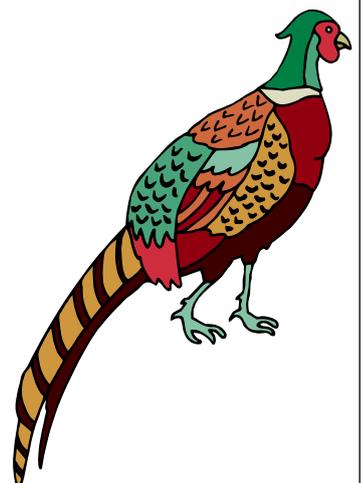
sage, and these also provide rich pickings for bees and butterflies. Of course, they add a lot to the cook's range of dishes, much better than dried herbs! If you can grow bee friendly plants in your gardens, it would be a boon for the beekeepers in the village. Often the farm crops, monocultural and sprayed, are not the best things for bees or the honey they produce.

Frogspawn arrived early in our little pond this year, and open bluebells have been seen in Yearsley, a month at least ahead of normal.

Finally, you may ,like us, be playing host to a pheasant and his mate, who come to our garden, seemingly unafraid of people or our cats. Though not native to the English countryside, having been introduced long ago as a game bird from Georgia , pheasants have become feral as well as managed, and are really beautiful when you see them close to.

**If you have any nature news or views on how we can promote bio-diversity in the village please write to the Editor!**

**Jan Coulthard**





Happy Springtime to all!

I thought it was about time to update you on what's been happening down here at Baxby over the last few months.

Firstly; we have a new updated website -[www.thehideawayatbaxbymanor.co.uk](http://www.thehideawayatbaxbymanor.co.uk)

There is a blog on the site which is updated on a (almost!) weekly basis with lots of pictures and info on what has been happening as well as lots of info on what to expect once the site is open. Please take a look and if you're into your social networking please follow us on Twitter and 'Like' us on Facebook! Buttons are

on the home page!



In January the foundations arrived for the main amenity building. These are very eco-friendly plinth foundations, as they use one fifth of the amount of concrete that standard concrete foundations use.



Once the foundation had been dug in and levelled we were able to start on the floor structure ready for the arrival of the building from Finland. (I hope that by the time you are reading this the building will have arrived!) This was ordered through Martin Gallon of The Old Station House in Husthwaite; many thanks Martin and for your time spent on the project thus far. We WILL get you a flight in a Microlight!

Last week the sewage system was installed; a massive 40,000 gallon tank; the theory is that you can

drink the water that comes out of it...think I'll let someone else test that one!!

Orchards of Hushwaite kindly donated some vintage apple trees last month and these have been planted on the campsite so in a few years there will be a vintage apple orchard down here! There are some good varieties of apple. The apples will of course be donated back to the village for cider!

Alison at the pub has very kindly offered to provide an exclusive menu to people staying at The Hideaway to encourage visitors to use the pub, and to encourage people to stay at the campsite! Andrew Thornton has agreed to provide BBQ packs to happy campers. This will all go to helping our local economy.

If you believe your business could benefit somehow please do not hesitate to get in touch. We all have to support one another!

If you are interested in having a nosey please feel free to pop down at any time, there will always be someone about and if you time it right the kettle may even be on!

We have a new opening date of the 1<sup>st</sup> of June; it is later than originally planned but as is always the case with projects like these things don't always go according to plan!

We DEFINITELY have to be open by the 1<sup>st</sup> though as we have bookings! In the



meantime there is LOTS still to do. On a different but serious note could I kindly remind people walking their dogs down at Baxby to please keep them under control, i.e. keep them on the lane and prevent them from tearing around the fields, and to clear up after them, (you know who you are!) There is an increasing amount of dog poo

appearing along the lane sides AND ON OUR FRONT LAWN!

Thank you.

## **York Remembered 70 years on**

In the early hours of my seventh birthday, 29th April 1942, I vividly remember seeing from my bedroom window at Husthwaite the red glow in the sky where York was a raging inferno.

It was the night of a sustained air attack on the city by German bombers. Within a matter of days an appeal was launched for the York Air Raid Distress Fund.

My 10 year old sister Freda and I responded by gathering bunches of primroses, violets and bluebells which grew in profusion around the village. These we gave as a “thankyou” for any donations we received as we made a door to door collection around the village.

My father, Viner Salton, took Freda by train from Husthwaite Gate to York, where they went to the Mansion House to deliver the proceeds of our collection, £1.14s.6d. We received a letter of appreciation bearing the city crest from the Lady Mayoress, which is treasured to this day.

**Brenda Board**

*PS In modern terms that amount of money is roughly equivalent to £138!*

**With effect from 4th June 2012 Easingwold Library will be open as follows:**

|                  |                      |
|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>10.00 - 5.00</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>2.00 - 5.00</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Closed</b>        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>1.00 - 6.00</b>   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>9.30 - 5.00</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>10.00 - 12.30</b> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Closed</b>        |

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# My Hewison Family from Husthwaite.

I recently looked online to find out about Husthwaite and read the Newsletter. I then wrote to Jan Coulthard who kindly put me in touch with Angela Ovenston who has been very helpful giving me information.

I was born 1942 in Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, Northumberland (before they changed it to Tyne & Wear). I was Christened Patricia, daughter of Florence and Ernest Stanley Hewison. My dad was born in Sunderland and I assumed that all his family were from that area. It was in 2002 when I started doing Family History that I discovered that my grandfather was born in Husthwaite in 1867. He was Thomas William son of George and Harriet Hewison (née Smith). My Great Grandfather was born 1836 in Borrowby and his wife was born 1839, in Oxford.

He was a cordwainer [shoe maker who makes fine soft leather shoes] and in 1851 was apprenticed to Thomas Dennis in Thormanby. The 1861 Census shows him to be living at the Black Bull Inn, Husthwaite, as a servant/cordwainer. He married Harriet on 4<sup>th</sup> April 1863 at St. Nicholas' Church and the Curate J. Winter performed the Ceremony. I am guessing that they lived in Pilgrim Street [now The Nookin, in part of the terraced house now called Pilgrim Cottage] all their married lives and died there, as did their son Ernest who was married to Ruth Violet.

The only relative I knew of was my Grandfather's sister Elizabeth Harriet. She was born in Husthwaite in 1865. I wasn't sure where Great Aunt Lizzie lived but remember her visiting us occasionally in Whitley Bay. She seemed very old, wore a fox fur and was stone deaf! My Mother used to "talk" to her by writing things down on a slate - all very amusing to a young child! (It later turned out that her deafness was caused by an accident when she lived in Canada). Around 1891-1901 she worked as a Cook Housekeeper in Norton (close to Stockton on Tees) for William P. Balmer, manager of a brass foundry.

I never knew she had a husband until I checked the records and found she had married James Frowan Hay in 1902 at Husthwaite Parish Church. They had a daughter Kathleen Elizabeth born 1905 in Husthwaite. From the 1911 census, she was living in Pilgrim Street with her daughter.

Since there was no mention of her husband James Frowan HAY I assumed he must be in Canada which fitted in with my being told she had once lived there. I then found her together with her daughter Kathleen on a passenger list for the "Empress of Britain" sailing to Quebec in September 1911. I have found nothing more on Kathleen so maybe she died in Canada. My aunt eventually returned to England and died as a widow in Whitley Bay in 1950. Her late husband was

recorded as a ships steward, which might explain trips to and from Canada. Further records show J. F. Hay to be a passenger on a ship arriving in Alaska in 1927 and two years later his death was recorded in Vancouver in November 1929.

Another sister Sarah Jane born 1869 had two daughters Annie born 1887 and Nora born 1900. Through the Ancestry website I traced the grandson of Nora who told me both girls went to live in Scotland where Annie had worked at Floors Castle as a cook and later was confidante to the Duchess.

Hopefully I will visit Husthwaite one day to see where the Hewisons lived.

**Pat Fawcett (née Hewison)**

**Whitley Bay, March 2012**

[A more detailed article and photos of the Hewison family will be found on [www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk](http://www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk) before long]

## **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Exhibition**

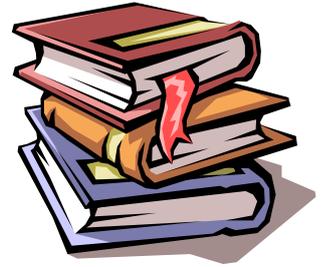
Husthwaite History Society are planning an exhibition covering events and changes in the village over the last six decades coupled with events in the Queen's reign. We would particularly like to borrow photos covering general village events over the period of the 70s and 80s (not houses, weddings or school photos or any previously used in Reminiscences booklets). Photos need to be dated and of very good quality in order to be blown up to A4 or A5 size. If you have any please get in touch with **Angela Ovenston (868347)** or preferably send scans by email to [aovenston@btinternet.com](mailto:aovenston@btinternet.com).

## **If you shop online....**

You can raise money for the village hall at no cost to yourself by going to [husthwaitevillage.com](http://husthwaitevillage.com) and following links to your retailer (eg Amazon) who puts 3-5% of the purchase value into village hall funds. Don't forget!

## The Reading Group

The Group meets the first Friday of every month (except for Good Friday; that meeting has been brought forward to 30th March). For each month a book is chosen some time ahead, for people to obtain and read ahead, or for the library service to provide some copies for the group if we order in time. **The next meeting is Friday 4th May. It doesn't matter if you can't read the set book in time. Just come along.** The meeting takes place from 2-3pm in the Orchard Inn, where cakes and drinks are provided for a small charge. Anyone who likes reading is welcome to join in. As well as the "Book of the Month" we also discuss other favourite or recent reading, so a wide variety of books can be discussed.



## The Book Exchange in the Village Hall 10.30-12.30

**The next Book Exchange sessions are Tuesday 3rd and 17th April, and Tuesday 1st and 15th May.**

We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, for a chance to borrow books, have a chat and refreshments. We have over a thousand books now, and provide a service for anyone who can't get to the Easingwold library, as well as a chance to meet others. Anyone can choose books for themselves, and their relatives and friends who are unable to come along in person.

Other areas are interested in what we are doing! We have had requests for information on the Book Exchange from the Leeds and Ripon Diocese, who want to copy the plan in some of their church buildings, and a group from Glaisdale are dropping in soon to see if this is an idea they can use in their area.

## Allan Green Presents

The Methodist Chapel was full to capacity on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March for a most enjoyable evening of audio/visual presentation by Allan Green.

From beautiful North Yorkshire and the Lake District to Sutcliffe's Whitby, from trees and flowers, down Memory Lane, to the humour of the cartoons of Horace and Doris, to the magnificence of York Minster and so much more - the evening had it all. The audience sat in rapt attention and the spontaneous laughter and genuine applause showed how much they enjoyed the whole experience.

Refreshments were served in the interval and the proceeds from the evening have been shared between Church funds and the Choma Orphans Project in Zambia.

Our grateful thanks are extended, particularly to Allan, but also to everyone who came along to support the event.

**Linda Davison**

## Stephensons Buses (New Timetable)

### 59 Thirsk-Oulston-Husthwaite circular.

|                         |      |      |      |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|
| Thirsk Market Place     | 1000 | 1200 | 1400 |
| Bagby Greyhound Inn     | 1008 | 1228 | 1408 |
| Balk Manor Farm         | 1010 | 1230 | 1410 |
| Kilburn Forresters Arms | 1012 | 1232 | 1412 |
| Coxwold Fauconberg      | 1020 | 1240 | 1420 |
| Oulston Hall            | 1028 | 1248 | 1428 |
| Husthwaite, The Green   | 1035 | 1255 | 1435 |
| Coxwold Fauconberg      | 1040 | 1300 | 1440 |
| Kilburn Forresters Arms | 1048 | 1308 | 1448 |
| Balk Manor Farm         | 1050 | 1310 | 1450 |
| Bagby Greyhound Inn     | 1052 | 1312 | 1452 |
| Thirsk Market Place     | 1100 | 1320 | 1500 |

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Husthwaite and District  
Gardening Club

# Plant Sale

Husthwaite Village Hall

Saturday 28th April 2012  
starting at 10:00am

50p entry includes refreshments



## Welcome to the village...

Caroline and Ian Hodgson are moving into Oakfield on High Street. They are coming from Shipton so know the area already. As well as doing some extending and renovating of the house, they are interested in gardening, and plan to plant a small orchard of local apple trees obtained from Orchards of Husthwaite. The first village event they intend to attend is the forthcoming play, "It runs in the family". We are sure everyone will make them feel welcome to the village.

## Orchards of Husthwaite

We are offering to **donate cash to the new village hall fund** (the village will have to raise £50,000 towards the new hall) for the apples you bring to be pressed in the summer and autumn.

As well, we need volunteers **NOW** on **Tuesdays and/or Fridays** to help us bottle and label fruit juice and cider for our market stalls. Or. if anyone wants to be involved in the selling of juice and cider at the markets, particularly at Hovingham which is a superb country market and good fun to attend, then please let **Cameron Smith** know on **868489**.

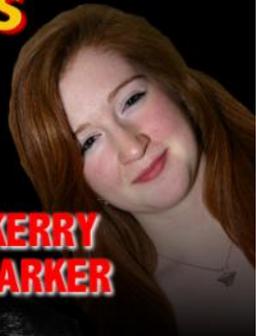
**Easingwold Buy and Sell** is a page on Facebook, which has been set up by Barbara Howe-Midgeley from the village. It is free to advertise on there, to buy, sell or offer to give away items. You just go to Facebook, then find Easingwold Buy and Sell. Barbara vets the site to make sure no unsuitable sales like guns, knives, or ads from puppy farms get onto the page. If you buy and sell, you simply contact the seller/buyer yourself by phone, as you would from a newspaper advert, not online.

Husthwaite Drama Group Presents **RAY COONEY'S**

# IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

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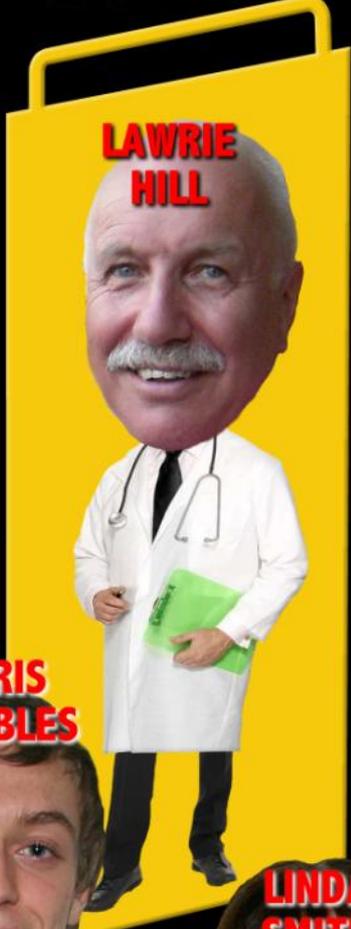
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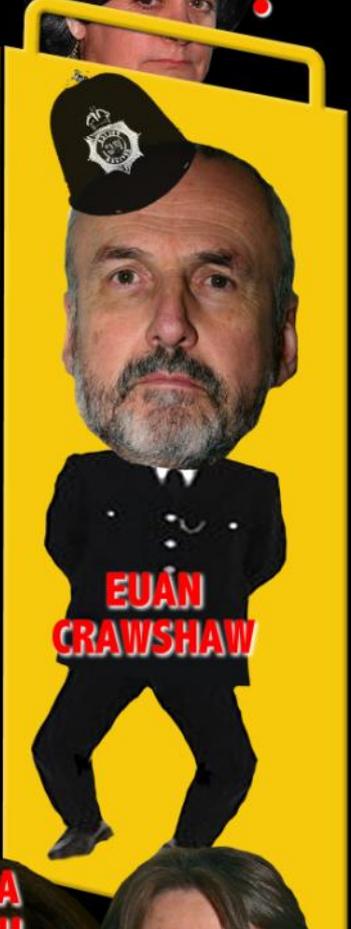
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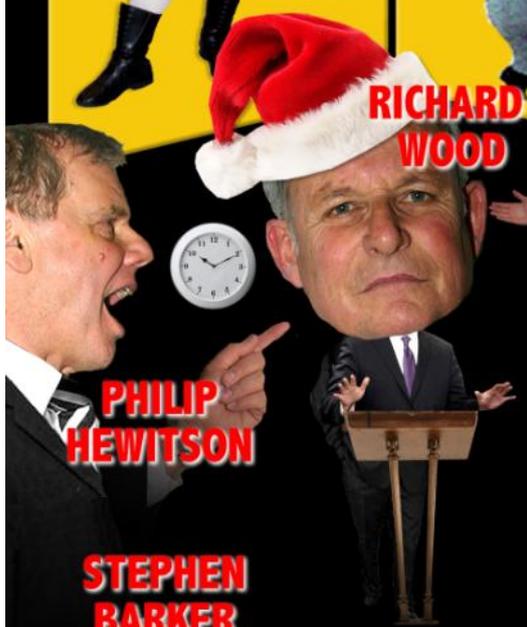
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**RICHARD  
WOOD**



**LINDA  
SMITH**



**LIZ  
CRAWSHAW**



**STEPHEN  
BARKER**

**Husthwaite Village Hall** Wed 11th, Fri 13th & Sat 14th April at 7.30pm

Tickets: £8 adult, £5 Child, £18 Meal Deal (ticket + 2 course meal at Orchard Inn)  
Available from: Village shop, tel: 01347 868667 or [www.husthwaitevillage.com](http://www.husthwaitevillage.com)

