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Coffee Morning
You are invited to a coffee morning on Saturday 18 March at "Nooking Bank", Highthorne Lane from 10.30am
Proceeds will be in aid of St Nicholas Church.

Sue Leverton

Primetime, OVC and Sporting Memories

Primetime resumes on Fridays 10-12noon until half term-break in the village hall. There will be no Primetime on 24th February.

OVC continues on 2nd Tuesday each month, 12noon-2.30pm.

Sporting Memories Network group precedes Apple Tree Cafe at 11.30 am on Monday February 6th and on the 1st Monday of the month thereafter.

Everyone welcome.

Robin Walton

Apple Tree Cafe

Just a quick reminder that The Apple Tree Café in the village hall will be opening its doors again on Monday 6th February and Monday 6th March following the Christmas break.

As usual we will be offering soups, a selection of sandwiches, sweet treats and cakes along with hot and cold drinks. We look forward to welcoming you to Husthwaite Village Hall between 12 and 2 o’clock.

All ages welcome!
Two years ago nine Husthwaite gardens opened to the public. Despite disappointing weather we had over 250 visitors and raised £1,200 for the village hall fund. This has helped to pay for the hall’s ventilation system and the landscaping. But it wasn’t just about making money. It was a wonderful example of Husthwaite folk pulling together with real community spirit. In fact around seventy people helped in one way or another and we finished the day with a celebration drink and food in one of the gardens.

After a rest in 2016, plans are afoot for Husthwaite Open Gardens 2017 on Sunday 2nd July, thus avoiding the cold wet spring which caused problems last time. We shall be sharing all the profits between the village hall and St. Nicholas’ Church.

Once again, the organisers are hoping you would like to help in any way possible, not just by opening your garden. We will also need people to provide cakes for the café, plants for the plant stall, to direct the traffic, collect money, set-up road signs, organise the publicity etc. Perhaps you enjoy gardening and could help others to prepare their garden by weeding or planting out bedding plants. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact either Philip Hewitson, phone 868570 or Breda Wells on 868398 as soon as possible.

Please put 2nd July in your diary now and let’s have another Husthwaite community event.
Husthwaite Village

Spring Market

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Pick up an Easter present too! Sweet treats, arts and crafts, cards, beauty products, jewellery, candles, artwork and books. The Apple Tree Café will be serving up delicious home-made hot and cold food and beverages.

Free entry. All ages welcome. Wheelchair accessible.
**Murder in Husthwaite!**

Will you be the one to unravel the mystery as to whom, when and why?

When ‘Lucky’ Len Cassidy returns to his birth place, after making his fortune in the meat industry and benefitting from a big win on the lottery, not everything is quite as it seems!

Len, generous to a fault, is keen to make a donation which will benefit the community. However at his ‘welcome home’ supper, it becomes apparent that there is unrest between family and friends! Will this lead to a **deadly** outcome?

Come along and join us for a night of intrigue, clues, murder, mystery, suspense and a lot of fun! Along with a 3 course supper, with drinks available from the bar.

*Prize for the winner!*

Written by Husthwaite’s very own

*David Pike!*

Husthwaite Village Hall, Saturday 25th March. Bar opens at 7pm.

Food at 7.30pm. Cost (including food) £12 per person.

Family ticket £30.

Tickets available from Lynn on 01347 868092 or e mail [the.coltons@hotmail.com](mailto:the.coltons@hotmail.com)

Please confirm dietary requirements by e mail as above. Tickets available in advance only. Limited numbers, first come, first served!

The Rules: Trust no one, betray anyone and win whatever the cost!
Mr Phil Thomas, a church architectural expert, will be coming to talk on the historical architecture of St Nicholas Church with a walk-about of the building and exterior followed by refreshments.

All welcome.

Full details and tickets available later.

Doreen French
In December.... children enjoyed a visit from the Pantomime - oh no they didn't – oh yes they did!!

Children have arrived back in school after their Christmas break full of enthusiasm for learning as we start the Spring Term.

We have welcomed three new members of staff into school this term – Mr Chapman joins Class 2 as their teacher; Mrs Fielding and Mrs Gale join the
school as teaching assistants and are a great asset to our staff team.

This half term our topic is ‘to infinity and beyond’ looking at space exploration. Hands-on experiences have been arranged to help children better understand the context of space and therefore aid their learning. Y4/5/6 are travelling to the Imax Theatre in Bradford to experience a 3-d film on space travel where they will feel as if they are actually travelling through space themselves. Classes 1 and 2 will take a magical trip into the night sky in the mobile Star Dome and Planetarium to find the star patterns, or constellations. They will discover the myths and legends of the heroes and villains of Ancient Greece through the night sky and learn how to find the Plough, North Star and Orion in the company of a professional astronomer. This really is an exciting opportunity for children to gain an understanding of the greater universe and really bring our topic on space alive.

Years 4/5/6 will also visit a Mosque in Bradford as part of their RE curriculum looking at other Faiths. Y6 will once again participate in the Youth Trust Awards. The Award is organised by the York Diocese and enables young people to help make a difference in their local community and gain an understanding of others’ needs.

Other activities planned for this term include:
- Cluster sports – indoor athletics, multi-skills, quick sticks hockey, x-country finals
- School Council talent show
- Chinese New Year lunch family lunch
- World book day
- York Minster visit
- Class 2 Easter production
- Easter Service

Children in Year 6 have started their booster lessons in preparation for their SATs tests in May. This practice will help pupils to become confident in both their knowledge and expectations of the tests themselves. Here is an example of some of our Y6 mastery maths work – the second question is mastery in depth – have a go!

a) Two numbers have a difference of 2·38. The smaller number is 3·12. What is the bigger number?

b) Two numbers have a difference of 2·38. What could the numbers be if: the two numbers add up to 6? One of the numbers is three times as big as the other number?

Our outdoor classroom funded by the Big Lottery has been built and looks
fabulous. Some classes have already been taught in there and we look forward to fully utilising this facility as the term progresses. We are hoping to hold a big opening event – details will be revealed once fully finalised.

Our Monthly drop-in Toddler Days continue to be popular with pre-school age children (including babies) and their parents/carers. Please do feel free to come along and take part – everyone is more than welcome and it is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to meet other people. If you would like a list of all the toddler day dates, please contact the school for a copy of the dates or look on our website.

**Diary Dates:**
7th Feb – Toddler morning
17th Feb – school closes for half term
27th Feb – school opens
16th Mar – Toddler morning
30th Mar – Class 2 Easter production
6th Apr – Easter service
7th Apr – school closes

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 on www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

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Zumba: Tuesdays at 9.30-10.30am

Yoga: Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesdays 14th Feb & 14th March at 12.00pm

Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange: Mon. 6th Feb & 6th Mar. 12pm

Film Club: Thursdays 23rd Feb & 23rd March at 7.30pm

Feb 23rd “Little Miss Sunshine” 7.30pm.
A family determined to get their young daughter into the finals of a beauty pageant take a cross-country trip in their VW bus. Funny, heart-warming must see 2006 film.

March 23rd “I Daniel Blake” 7.30pm.
From Ken Loach, a 59 year old carpenter recovering from a heart attack, befriends a single mum and her two kids as they navigate their way through the impersonal benefits system. With equal amounts of humour, warmth and despair.

Pop Up Pub: Friday 3rd Feb & 3rd March at 7.30pm

Gardening Club: Thursdays 9th Feb & 9th March at 7.30pm
Upcoming Events

The Husthwaite Burns Supper on Saturday 11th Feb at 7.00pm
Only a few tickets remain for the 11th Annual Husthwaite Burns Supper, one of the most anticipated events of the Year. A traditional black tie event, with haggis, neeps and tatties, contribution buffet, toasts to the lads & lassies and ceilidh dancing into the wee small hours! Contact Sheila on 868196 for more details.

Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday 25th March
Details on page 8

Did you know Husthwaite Village Hall is for Hire at very competitive rates; kids parties, business meetings, clubs for anything from 10 to 100 people. This beautiful contemporary building is fully equipped with wi-fi, projector and screen, and fully equipped kitchen. For details and quote contact Sheila on 868196

Husthwaite Village Hall Christmas Party
The tradition of holding a FREE village Christmas Party was resurrected by the Village Hall Events Team in 2015. Once again this year, on 16th December the Christmas party brought a wide cross section of our community together for food, a few drinks, a catch up with friends and neighbours and a dance to “A Bit of a Gamble”.

As ever, the contribution buffet, provided by everyone that came was incredible. Tables groaning with a selection of homemade quiche, salads and puddings. No one left hungry that’s for sure!

Many thanks to all the volunteers that made the party a success again, particularly the members of “A Bit of a Gamble” who give up their time and energy all free of charge! And to Alun Nixon who stepped in at the last minute to support the band due the bands vocalist, Mark Gambles, being ill. And to all those who came and supported this community event, thank you!

We aim to try to appeal to as many people as possible for all our events, and the Christmas Party in particular. Whether you were there or not, we welcome any feedback to make this bigger and better each year, please contact any member of the Events Team and let us know.

Sheila Mowatt
“Some Like it Hot” at Christmas!

This classic Billy Wilder movie was the Film Club Christmas choice to mark the end of another successful film club year.

Almost 50, prohibition -thirsty movie goers joined us in “The Husthwaite Speak Easy”, as it was known for the evening, for a selection of bourbon based cocktails, live music and a great movie!

The evening started a little fraught for the organisers due to a technical issue, however, an unhampered audience in high spirits (bourbon based!), were happy to continue drinking while the crack team (thank you John & Mike by phone!) resolved the issue quickly. At the start and interval, Gila entertained the audience with a selection of piano music from the 30’s movie era which was fabulous. It certainly added to the ambience of the evening and set the tone for some of the classics we were to hear later.

Our three cocktails on offer; Manhattan, Old Fashioned and Whisky Sour were all very well received, with the Whisky Sour just edging ahead in the popularity stakes!

A good night had by all, many thanks again to John & Mike for their technical support, Michael for the photo’s and Gila for making the evening musically special.

Film Club is back in 2017 with another varied selection of films. We aim to bring a mix of mainstream, foreign language, documentary and independent films to our audience. Our programme for 2017 starts with “Carol” on 26th January, followed by “Little Miss Sunshine” on 23rd February and “I Daniel Blake” on 23rd March. We will also be repeating our Short Film Festival in June and of course another December Christmas special.

Film club membership is £12 per calendar year, starting January (concession £10 U16 and O65), Family membership £25. Non Members £3 per screening.

NOTE: For 2017, Film Club meets the 4th Thursday of each month.

Thank you for your support as always.

Sheila & Will Mowatt
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Big Fat Christmas Quiz. Maybe it was the offer of complimentary mince pies or the (inevitable) challenge of Stephen Barker’s local knowledge questions that brought over 50 of you to the village hall to test your knowledge on erm.....pretty much everything!

Teams agreed upon, some more tactical than others, we settled down to an evening of questions from our 9 volunteer question setters; Craig Colton started with Christmas music classics, a nice warm up round (who said this was going to be a hard quiz....), followed by Nick Walker with a very professional power point on Science and local inventors, a little more difficult. Then Sport from David Aspinall, now it’s starting to heat up! Sport was followed by Literature from Erik Seaman, a perfect round with a perfect average score of 5, winning Erik a bottle of wine! During the interval we were introduced to a picture round of “Dearly Departed” from Brian Watt, the number of celebrity deaths in 2016 seems to have been unprecedented, many well-known and much loved characters. Unfortunately not many of the well-known, much loved made Brian’s list!!

Mince pies gone, drinks refreshed, we settled into the second half with scores showing it was all to play for.... Margaret Wride opened with a challenging round on the Queen, undaunted, everyone had a go. Then next, the inevitable, local knowledge from Stephen, very tough questions as always, only this year, topped by the even more difficult scoring criteria! More points apparently if you had lived in the village for less than 2 years, but only if you got more than 4 of the 6 names on the sign post on the green, then what about the teams with some new people and those that had been here more than two years.......I think you get the idea! Next was Jan Coulthard with Snow & Ice, a creative mix of water themed questions, and finally some light relief in the form of “Four Legged Friends” from Lawrie Hill, all the while encouraging the audience to sing some of the horse themed tunes, thank you David Pike! The winners of this eclectic mix was team Strolling Fluids (a mix of Walkers & Gallons....get it?); Lindsay, Jeremy & Nick Walker, Teena & Martin Gallon.

Well done.

Sheila Mowatt
Meet Your New Village Hall Committee (VHC)

For 2017, we have a new team in place, eager to make Husthwaite Village Hall live up to its reputation of being the most active Village Hall in the area!

With a wide variety of skills, ideas and backgrounds, all our committee members are volunteers. Our role is to ensure the Village Hall meets its constitutional requirements of course, the most important part of which is that it meets the needs and desires of our community.

For some of this year’s members it’s their first time on the committee, others have been on for a couple of years, and others, for a very long time! It’s this mix of new and not so new that keeps the committee fresh, creative and fun. We have been blessed with many volunteers willing to give up their time for this job and we are grateful to all of them, past and present. In addition, for the last few years we have actively encouraged and supported youth membership, to get a younger person’s perspective in the community. Kerry Barker was our first youth volunteer committee member in 2013, followed by Victoria Black and this year, Rebecca Colton joins the team.

Meet the team

*From the Left: Stephen Barker, Sandie Davison, Rebecca Colton (Minutes Secretary), Lynn Colton (Co-Chair), Angie Sibley (Treasurer), Carol Fenwick (PC Member), Jeremy Walker. Front: Sheila Mowatt (Co-Chair), Annabel Kennedy.*
In addition, the VHC is very ably supported by John Ovenston (Buildings Manager), John makes sure the hall runs smoothly both technically and structurally, his contribution, time and energy is outstanding!

John Ovenston (Building Manager)

And finally, if you were ever wondering who comes up with the wide selection of activities we put on, the Events Team, a concept founded by Will Mowatt in 2014. It allows a wider group of people to get involved in the more creative side of the Village Hall without having to be a formal committee member. The Events Team meet once a month to review previous events and discuss the programme for the following months, coming up with all sorts of ideas! The current Events Team is made up of Will & Sheila Mowatt, Lynn Colton, Margaret & Philip Hewitson, Richard Wood, Annabel Kennedy, Oliver Pickstone and Gila Robinson with additional support from Mike Wells (Sound) & Lawrie Hill (Website & Support).

Anyone is welcome to come along to either a VHC Meeting or join the Events Team, you and any thoughts you may have to make Husthwaite Village Hall the best it can be, will be most welcome.

**Husthwaite Village Hall Team**

**Husthwaite Village Hall Stalls For Hire**

Are you planning an event and need a few stalls with canopies? If so, we may be able to help you!!

We have 10 stalls, approximately 6’ X 4’, comprising 16 interlocking metal sections, they are supplied with wooden table tops, heavy duty striped canopies, canopy clips and table weights for those blustery days. Hire costs starting from as little as £10 per stall. All sections are labelled making assembly/dismantle quite simple and can be achieved in under 10 minutes, but does require 2 people for health and safety reasons. We do suggest a light-weight mallet to tap in the sections if needed.

Please note: Stall rental does not include delivery, set up/dismantle or return. Deposit required.

For further details please contact: Lynn Colton, 01347 868092.
Summary of Draft Minutes of Husthwaite Parish Council
Meeting held at 7.30pm on 17th January 2017

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Escreet (PE), P. Fox (PF), A. Gambles (AG), B. Smith (BS), J. Coulthard (Clerk).

Apologies: E. Smith (Family Commitments), Cllr. C. Patmore (Crayke PC meeting)

Declarations of interest: NONE.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings: Approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:

Parish Plan Actions Review: Visits by members of the PC to Husthwaite School are to be planned. Estimates for Recreation Area floodlights (as suggested by the Youth club) are well beyond the present means of the PC, and electricity would also have to be taken to the site. With those and other reasons it was thought unlikely the PC will pursue this, and CC will contact the Youth Club accordingly.

Enforcement of Planning Laws: Bye Green Holdings application for a change of use has been approved and an application for the extension is expected in the near future. Sunley Woods Farm application for a change of use was refused and it was agreed that the PC should ask Mark Harbottle for HDC proposals to clear the site.

Commons Act 2006 Registered Land – Kendrew Green: PF reported that NYCC want a mutually satisfactory solution to the ownership and maintenance of Kendrew Green, though seem unwilling to allow it to be registered as a common. NYCC have suggested licensing the Green to the PC, but clarification of maintenance and insurance liability is still needed. PF will continue negotiations with NYCC.

Fracking in North Yorkshire: PF reported that the PC will shortly receive a registered number to appear at the Statutory Meeting on Fracking before the government inspector later in 2017, to make our representations about the NYCC’s plans for fracking. PF will be our representative.

Kendrew Green Grass Cutting & Trees: Keith Gittens informed the PC that the AONB had offered to cut the grass on Kendrew Green in May (after the flowering of the spring flowers) and again in August (after the flowering of the summer species). But, as there has been no decision on the ownership of Kendrew Green, it was agreed to defer a decision on the grass cutting regime and works to the Wych Elm tree until the March meeting.

Emergency Planning: CC is to meet Mark Gambles to continue planning.

Local Plan – Call for Sites: The Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation
meeting confirmed that neither site offered for future housing development in Husthwaite was considered suitable by HDC. Therefore, although we will probably be allocated some housing in windfall sites, at present Husthwaite has no housing allocation in the new Local Plan.

**Bier House Guttering:** John Heighton has completed the guttering replacement on the Bier House.

**Parish Council Noticeboard:** There was a report from Andrew Coulthard that the noticeboard restoration is almost completed.

**Matters that have arisen between meetings:**

**Removal of Public Payphones:** BT have informed the PC of their intention to remove the public payphone on The Nookin which has been identified as unnecessary and no longer viable.

**Settlement Character Assessments:** The consultation was completed by the PC with a suggestion to include the view from Beacon Banks to the north and the Recreation Area as a designated local green space. In addition the PC requested that the present Development Limits were retained to safeguard the character and form of the village.

**Battle’s Over – A Nation’s Tribute:** On 7th November 2018 a chain of nationwide beacons is planned, to commemorate the ending of WW1. The PC are investigating the possibility of getting landowner’s permission to have one on Beacon Banks, and obtaining an estimate for the cost of a metal fire basket.

**Planning Matters and Finance Report will be found on the PC website.**

**Reports from Council’s Representatives:**

**Village Hall:** The new Joint Chairs for the Village Hall Committee are Lynn Colton and Sheila Mowatt.

**Easingwold & Villages Forum:** No report. The next meeting will be held in the Galtres Centre on 23rd February.

**Highways:** CF has reported the state of Hiththorne Lane to NYCC Highways because of the numerous potholes.

**Street Lighting:** All street lights are working.

**MUGA:** On the recent inspection of the Recreation Area it was noted that the MUGA surface was extremely slippery and had moss growing on it. Therefore it was agreed to obtain a quote for cleaning the surface and treatment with moss killer.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.
Phyllis Clark is still in touch with a member of the Hicks family who farmed for nearly 80 years at Baldrence farm (1918-1987). This farm is near North Moor Rd outside Easingwold but still within the parish of Husthwaite and is situated South of Throstlenest (which been farmed by the Clark family from 1939). The Hicks family were linked by marriage to the Pick family from Brickyard Farm off Crankley Lane South of Easingwold.

Edward Walker Pick, born 1906, married Susan Isabella Hicks (born 1909 to a farming family at Wilton near Guisborough) in 1931. They had a daughter Christine born Gt Ouseburn 1936 and later a son born when they farmed at Easingwold. Susan was the daughter of John and Lily Hicks at Baldrence and there was a lot of farming interaction between the two families. This is beautifully described by Olive Mary Schofield (1919 - 2000) who was a life-long lover of nature, gardening and the Methodist Church. She lived in Farnley near Leeds and wrote extensively about her days in the Women’s Land Army where she worked for the Pick family from 1942 for several years. “Down to Earth, a story of a Land Army Girl during World War II”, tells the story of her adventures, tribulations and joys as a 'Land Girl' in which many visits to Baldrence Farm and the joint efforts throughout the farming year of the Pick and the Hicks families are described and help from a Mr Clark, probably John Clark from Throstlenest, are mentioned. Some short extracts from her book are kindly permitted by her living relative Peter Schofield.

Mary spent a lot of time on a bike..."the far view of the Hambledon Hills with the vague outline of the white horse could be seen on a clear day - vague because of its wartime camouflage. Many and varied are the things I carried up and down the lane on my bike, ranging from broody hens to drain rods and stook lifters...The drain rods I collected from Baldrence Farm one day in early March. As I went along the track, I saw that the ground under the trees was carpeted with hundreds of snowdrops. They were a lovely picture in the spring sunshine."

During calving “sometimes in very bad cases it was necessary to use ropes, and sometimes we had to send for the vet. One night in the winter I dashed off to get Mr. Clark to come and give a hand...”- it ended successfully.

Harvesting oats – “In good time Mr. Hicks and George (his son) arrived from Baldrence, and our two horses and one of theirs were yoked into the binder, and off we all went down the lane to the field of oats. When George had wangled the ungainly machine through the gateway and into position, various adjustments were made and we were ready....All eyes followed the binder as it sailed along. The sun poured down, already
hot for so early in the day, so that everywhere
seemed to be golden. I watched the corn fall as
the knives of the binder cut through the hollow
stems, and listened to the lovely swishing sound
as it met the canvas of the binder and travelled
up the slope. I saw it thrown out the other side,
ties neatly with band into sheaves. But here the
poetry ends - for unfortunately many of them
were not tied! .... all the sheaves the binder
missed had to be tied up by hand. Before long
my arms were scratched and sore from the
rough stalks, and were not helped by dozens of
needle-sharp points from stray thistles.

When the binder was once more sailing round
the field, I was initiated into the art of stooking.
And an art it is. It is much more than just leaning
sheaves against each other to make a stook. The
sheaves themselves must be picked up (one in each arm) so that when
placed together the rounded side of the sheaf will be uppermost, and run
the rain off instead of allowing it to soak into the middle of the sheaf. Then
they must be brought together firmly, and at the right angle - too straight,
and the rain soaks into the grain at the top; too big a slope, and the whole
stook will collapse into the middle. And they must be kept in nice
even lines up the field, with the open ends in the direction of the
prevailing wind for quick drying......

Stacking the sheaves on to the
stack - “which either Mr. Pick or Mr.
Hicks would build. Quite tricky this,
as at first you tend to be always
standing on the sheaf you are
trying to pick up. Practice is again
the only answer. The stack grew
higher, and I was sometimes up on
top, when George would throw the
sheaves up to me, and I would
catch them on my fork or pick
them up, and fork them across to
Mr. Pick as he built the stack. I
remember the first time I did this for
Mr. Hicks. As the stack got higher,
of course it grew narrower, finally
finishing more or less at a point...."
Barley was the one corn crop I really didn't like, because of the long hairs around the heads. These are barbed, and the barbs are so arranged that if they catch on your cuff they 'creep' up inside your sleeve and end up somewhere near your shoulders! ... you feel as if your shirt is some kind of instrument of torture. One day at Baldrence I was picking on the stack with Mr. Hicks. They had an elevator, which carried the barley up and dropped it on the top of the stack. There was a strong wind, and as the barley fell from above our heads we were under a constant rain of bits and pieces - many of them the barbed hairs which break off easily. These got in my clothes, and worked through to my skin, and I was never so uncomfortable in my life!

About this time we went to the Harvest Services at the chapel. This had always been my favourite service, but now it meant so much more. Now I could sing with understanding 'We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land' realising as never before, that it is the united efforts of God and man, working together in cooperation that make the Harvest possible.....

One Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Pick and Christine (her young daughter) took me to Peep O'Day Woods - a lovely name for a lovely spot. The ground was carpeted with primroses, forget-me-nots and violets, and the hedges full of blossom. And to complete it, curlews were flying over the field close by, and as I picked a bunch of the primroses I kept stopping to listen to their long, bubbling song which I think is my favourite of all bird songs.

George Long was the blacksmith, (son of John Long the Blacksmith who once lived in Pilgrim St, baptised Husthwaite 1876). Mary vividly describes the forge “There was always a marvellous assortment of harrows, wheels, ploughshares, and farm tools of every variety lying around waiting to be mended, and the yard outside was always filled with a miscellaneous collection of machines...”

The whole book can be read online and gives a vivid description of farming during WWII - http://schofieldfamily.com/familytree/LandArmy

Members of this Hicks family are buried in Easingwold churchyard. Sadly their son Samuel at Baldrence died at the age of 23; a few months later Susan Pick (his sister) gave birth to another Samuel probably named in his memory. Does anyone have any information about other Land Army Girls working in this area during WWII?

Correction to the earlier Hicks article in Dec 2016 issue – paragraph beginning “Both George and his wife Frances ...”, in the sentence beginning “Sadly, George and Elizabeth’s second…” Elizabeth should be replaced by “Frances”.

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New Year’s Day Football 2017

Our local turf expert, Jeremy Walker, judged the pitch to be in excellent condition. Perfect for slide tackles (as Rob Colton would later demonstrate). The school football goals did the job on the day but are showing signs of significant wear and tear (more later). With 13 fit and willing players ready to take part in one of our Husthwaite traditions, Martin Gallon used his knowledge and football nous to split the 13 into two evenly matched sides - Bibs vs Colours...

With more than half the players made up from three families (the Coltons, Kingstons and Millans), there were some interesting family duels.

**Colton vs Colton**

After skinning Rob more than once, Alex then got the kind of treatment dealt out by Norman Hunter back in the 70s. Not pretty. Father Craig was torn.

**Millan vs Millan**

Two of the three Millans (Jamie and David) formed a formidable force in midfield. Incisive passing from Jamie coupled with David’s terrier-like tenacity locked down the middle of the pitch. If only their dad, Neil, could play as well as his ability to shout instructions the Bibs may have won decisively.

**Kingston vs Kingston**

Sharp shooter Oscar vs goalkeeper Mark. Oscar Kingston, the youngest on the pitch, was not at all intimidated by the lumbering giants around him and scored clinically past his dad.

Despite Martin’s best endeavours the Bibs went 4-1 up after around 20 minutes and a tactical change was required. Mark Kingston swapped from the Bibs to the Colours and scoring became a whole lot harder. With the score much more even at half-time, it was now a question of whether the Bibs would hold on. The final result was 5-5 which meant that the result had to be decided on penalties. As there was one goal keeper, Mark Kingston kept goal for both teams. The final result was 3-1 to the Bibs with some tidy finishing. Josh Sargent showed his usual quality scoring to bring the Colours back into the game and putting his penalty away.

There was a debut from Michael Simpson who showed great energy in the first half but maybe didn’t realise there was a second half. Late night apparently sapped his energy.

Thanks to all for taking part, to Husthwaite School for once again giving us free access to the school pitch and to Sheila and Jill for the bacon sandwiches. Thanks also to Husthwaite Village Trust who have provided us with funding from the Trust to replace the football goals. Credit to referee, Stephen Barker, who let the game flow and kept us within the rules or at least as seen from the 1970s!

Will Mowatt
Frost in Husthwaite on Dec 29th captured in these photos by Fiona McDougall