After a long winter and cold spring, it’s delightful to see the beautiful apple blossom appear throughout our orchard village. Let’s hope the bees appear too, to give us fruit this year!
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Comments and articles are always welcome. Local businesses can advertise in this Newsletter. Local sponsorship for the Newsletter would be welcome!

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**Dates for your Diary**

2 June Chapel Anniversary service 10.30 am.

6 June Reading Group at Audrey Raper’s house 2-3pm

9 June Quiz Night at the pub. 7pm.

9 June Rounders at the MUGA 10.30am

11 June Book Exchange 2-4 Husthwaite School Nursery

15 June Live Music at the Orchard Inn from 8.30

16 June Husthwaite Ramblers walk. Details: Mark Gambles 869004

19 June Film Club 7.30 in Husthwaite School

4 July Reading Group at Lesley Seaman’s House 2-3pm

6 July 10.30-1.00 Coffee at the Cranes

9 July AGM Recreation Area Committee 7.30 Methodist Chapel

14 July Quiz night at the pub.

14 July Cycle ride to Ampleforth 10.30am

21 June Songs of Praise St. Nicholas Church 3pm.

23 July School closes for summer

28 July Husthwaite Ramblers walk. Details: Mark Gambles 869004
Chapel Anniversary
You are invited to join in a united service to celebrate the Chapel Anniversary on Sunday, June 2nd at 10.30am.
This will be followed by coffee and cake to remember the Coronation Diamond Anniversary of the Queen.

Songs and strawberries
On Sunday, July 21st at 3pm there will be a short informal 'Songs of Praise' service in St. Nicholas' Church followed by strawberries and cream.

We would like as many musicians as possible, no matter how old or young, to take part and provide musical support to what will be an enjoyable celebration. If you are prepared to participate either as part of a group or as an individual please contact Linda Davison (868449) or Sue Leverton (868439). Husthwaite has a fine musical tradition and such activity helps to bring everybody together in an atmosphere of celebration and fun.

Roy Leverton

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NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

A successful fundraising evening was held on Wednesday 24th April. The event included a cookery demonstration with the audience being treated to a tasting session for a particularly delicious chicken curry and strawberry trifle. Thank you to everyone who supported this event which raised just over £350.00.

With spring comes lambs and other baby animals. The school was treated to a visit by the McClanachan lambs and the Arrowsmith’s lambs and goslings. Class 2 also visited the Arrowsmith’s small holding and had a wonderful morning feeding the animals and finding out about their habitats.

As with all schools across England focus for the first half term has centred around the annual SATs tests which children at the end of each Key Stage sit. This year a new SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) test was introduced for Year 6 children.

Children from Year 2 participated in the cluster schools fun run at the start of term finishing mid-table. A great introduction and start to their running careers. At the time of going to press preparations and practice are underway for a cluster Kwik Cricket tournament. In July the annual cluster athletics event will be held at the secondary school – pupils from Years 3-6 will represent the school and events will include sprint, relay, skipping, and throwing a ball running. Training is going well but would be even better if practice wasn’t continually interrupted by the rain!! The village recreation area has also been used for PE lessons, much to the children’s delight.

After last year’s success, Miss Goodchild will once again be organising a whole school sports week commencing on Monday 24 June and culminating on Friday 28 June when we shall be holding a skipping day in aid of the British Heart Foundation. A whole range of sporting activities will take place giving children the opportunity to compete individually and in teams as well as trying out new and different sporting disciplines. Sports day will also be held during this week.

Next term Classes 2, 3 and 4 will be treated to a visit by a theatre group and the nursery and reception classes are attending a ‘woodland explorers’ morning which will involve following a woodland trail, a bug hunt and painting with natural paints. As part of the twinning project organised by the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Class 4 will continue their links with their twin school, travelling to Hull to spend a day with them.

A Father’s Day lunch will be held on Wednesday 12th June where children are able to invite their father or male representative to join them for a special lunch.

Auditions for the KS2 play, Wind in the Willows, are currently taking place and rehearsals are due to start imminently. For the first time we are using a digital ‘back
drop’ for the play so it will be interesting to see how it works out. The dress rehearsal will take place on Wednesday 3rd July at 9.30 am and members of the community are invited to watch. Please phone the school office to book your place.

As the end of the school year approaches we will be bidding a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and wishing them well in their next phase of their educational journey. The annual leaver’s service will be held at St Nicholas’ Church on Tuesday 23rd July at 9.30 am. The community is invited to join us on this occasion.

The school continues to support village events by hosting some of those normally held in the village hall. A cake stall in aid of Christian Aid has also recently been held on behalf of the village raising £33.70

*The second 100 club draw took place at the end of March. Winning numbers were:*

1<sup>st</sup> Mr G Crane – No 13
2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs A Gambles – No 88
3<sup>rd</sup> Mrs D Lockett – No 14

*The next draw will take place Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June.*

**Diary Dates:**

3<sup>rd</sup> June School opens
12<sup>th</sup> June Father’s Day lunch
12<sup>th</sup> June Toddler Day 9.00-11.15 am
21<sup>st</sup> June 100 Club draw
25<sup>th</sup> June Sports Day
3<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 am Wind in the Willows dress rehearsal
10<sup>th</sup> July School closed – staff training day
23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.30 am Leaver’s Service St Nicholas Church
23<sup>rd</sup> July School closes for summer
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Staff training day
3<sup>rd</sup> Sept School opens autumn term

Visits to the school are always welcome, or if you would like more information please feel free to contact us (01347 868371).

Visit our website on www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

Sarah Dixon
St Nicholas’ Church - Porch Door Appeal
COFFEE at the CRANES

We have now raised over £4500 for our new porch doors and this event is aimed at completing the appeal before they are installed during the next two months. Our new doors are being made of solid oak with glazed panels and are designed to keep the Church building warm and secure, to look good and to last for 100 years or more. They are being made by our own village woodworker, Trevor Hutchinson. The cost of the doors at £6000 reflects the stringent conditions stipulated by the Diocesan building permission for our Grade 2* listed Church.

Saturday 6th July – 10.30am to 1.00pm

Coffee and Refreshments
Cake and Biscuit stall
Tombola and Raffle
Garden open and Plants for sale

Entry Free but Donations invited
Paradise Day Centre

Are you, or is someone you know, feeling isolated or a bit down due, perhaps, to decreased mobility or other age related problems?

We could provide a day out in company, a few games, occasional outings and a few laughs to brighten up your week.

Feel free to call in for a visit to see what we do (we could help arrange transport if that’s a problem)

or give us a ring on 01347 821665
(we are on Crabmill Lane, behind the Easingwold Health Centre)

At Paradise Day Centre, trained and experienced staff, supported by a group of volunteers, give members a warm welcome and offer companionship for those who may be feeling lonely or isolated. A nutritious two course lunch is provided and various activities (discussion groups, bingo, cards, quizzes, crafts, fundraising) are organised during the day as well as visits and trips out during the better weather. A programme of activities is currently being drawn up and it is hoped that this will provide an interesting new dimension for members, new and old.

If you feel that a member of your family or someone you know would benefit from the care offered at the Day Centre, then contact Anne or Margaret on 01347 821665 for more information. All enquiries will be treated in confidence and without obligation.

The Day Centre is open Monday to Friday so why not pop in to see what’s on offer – you’ll find us on Crabmill Lane, behind the Health Centre. The cost per day is £18.85 to include lunch and refreshments.
The next Book Exchange

The next Book Exchange will be on Tuesday 11th June from 2-4 in Husthwaite School.

This will be the last Book Exchange until the new village hall is open as the school needs the nursery clear to prepare for the autumn term. Come along to get your summer reading!

If anyone is willing to store a cardboard box of books in their house would you please get in touch with me on 868130. If lots of people have a small box each, it is less of a storage problem. It would be a pity to get rid of the good books we have and then have to collect lots of paperbacks when we re-open. As it is, we will need to do that for the remaining bookshelf in store, so, if you can, please keep any good quality paperbacks for us until the hall reopens.

Thank you for your support.

Jan and Jacki

New Village Notice Board

A new village notice board is being made to replace one of the two on High Street near the church. The Parish Council have agreed to its replacement, which has been kindly funded by Orchards of Husthwaite, from the funds made by the sale of cider and juice. It is hoped that it will enhance the experience of tourists and visitors to the village.

The notice board is being designed and made by Andrew Coulthard in oak.
Mowatt Financial Planning

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Husthwaite Village Hall Update

As you will likely have seen, the old village hall has now disappeared.

A sub-team from the Village Hall (Debbie Green, Philip Hewitson, Vikki Nixon and John Ovenston, ) are working closely with the professional teams to track progress and fine tune the detail of the plan.

There are even more photos on the village website and we will continue to update on progress via the village newsletter and website.

As well as the usual activities, we are planning new activities in the new hall. In the village survey a number of activities were mentioned frequently. These include exercise classes, indoor bowls, and table tennis club. We are having a meeting on the 10th of June to start planning some of these activities. If you are interested in coming along to this meeting or getting involved in organising any of these please contact Will Mowatt (w_mowatt@yahoo.co.uk or 868196).

Fund raising

The paver army will be out and about over the next few weeks to collect applications for your engraved paver. They will have a supply with them should you have misplaced yours. There is also a supply at the village shop along with the drop box for your completed forms. Thank you all for your support.

Upcoming events

Quiz Night

In conjunction with Camille and Micha at the Orchard Inn we now have a monthly quiz on the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next dates are the 9th of June and 14th of July.

Film Club

The Film Club has moved to the school and is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
Monthly Sports
We had a lively game of netball in May and have planned the following activities for the next few months. Start time is 10.30am for both.

9th of June
Rounders

14th of July
Cycle ride to Ampleforth.

If you are interested in taking part in either of these or would like more details please contact Vikki Nixon (Rounders) or Jeremy Walker (Cycle ride).

Treasure Hunt
We are planning a Treasure Hunt at the end of June or in early July.

Please note that we have decided to cancel the market planned for June.

Will Mowatt

Husthwaite Film Club
The film club meets at the school on the 3rd Wednesday of every month starting at 7.30pm.

Membership of the club is by donation and a yearly donation is £12 for adults, £5 for over 65s and unemployed or £2 per film.

The next film will be on the 19th of June. We are having a vote for the June film from the following films suggested by Film Club members:

Pan’s Labyrinth
Lincoln
Midnight in Paris
One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest
Skyfall

If you would like to know which film gets the most votes and will be shown in June, you can visit the Film Club page on the village website or please contact Calum Mowatt on 868196.
The Big Soup Off

Back in April the Orchard Inn hosted the Big Soup Off. There were 4 chefs and 4 soups. Some of the chefs willingly entered the competition, others felt that they had been duped into taking part. The 4 chefs were Liz Crawshaw, Lawrie Hill, Cath Jones and Richard Wood, a rich blend of experience and wisdom.

The soups on offer were: Chorizo, Lentil & Chickpea (Liz); Cream of Cauliflower with Parmesan Croutons (Lawrie); Spiced Red Lentil (Cath); Yorkshire Ham and Lentil (Richard). The recipes will hopefully feature in a forthcoming village recipe book.

Many villagers were on hand to taste the soups and the general consensus was that the soups were all excellent and standards were high. The judges (Camille, Malcolm and Margaret) carefully scored the soups and decided that the winner was Liz Crawshaw who received a bottle of champagne.
and an especially commissioned wooden spoon for her efforts. Well done Liz!

Thanks to all the chefs for taking part. Thanks also to Gill, Chris and Tina for bringing order and organisation to what might otherwise have been chaos. Feedback from this competition showed an appetite for further events. The plan is to have a baking event in July and a curry one in October. Details to follow.

Will Mowatt

The Reading Group

We meet the second Thursday of each month at different houses, from 2-3pm. Anyone is welcome to join in. The last book we read was “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce, which we all enjoyed and would recommend.

The next books we are reading are below. For further information please contact Lesley Seaman on 868653.

Thursday 6th June
The Lifeboat by Charlotte Rogan
at Audrey’s house

Thursday 4th July
The Kashmir Shawl by Rosie Thomas
at Lesley’s house

Thursday 1st August
Good Behaviour by Molly Keane
at Jan’s house
Husthwaite Local History Society
By Angela Ovenston

Family history research - Baptisms

Baptism information from the church registers will be available in June from the local history website www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk (go to publications/family history). With the help of Rev Liz Hassall, advice from the diocese and the Borthwick Institute has been obtained and we are able to publish on-line any records from the beginning of the register in 1854 up until 100 years ago. The reason for the restriction on more recent records being published is that some people still alive may not wish their baptismal status to be easily accessed. The same time limit is placed on individual census records. More limited birth, marriage and death information is available to up to 30 years ago from family history websites such as www.thegenealogist.co.uk. People who wish to see the original details of a particular baptism may ask for a register search, for which there is a small fee due to the PCC. All the baptism information to date has been recorded and transcribed, greatly facilitating the speed of searches; the history society will be happy to help do this for individuals genuinely seeking information about their ancestors.

Apart from the names of the parents, child and person performing the ceremony, after 1873, the date of birth was recorded in addition to the date of baptism. The father’s occupation and, after 1990, the occupation of the mother are also included. Addresses are also given in more detail after about 1955. These records provide an interesting insight into changing professions and size of family. Up to 1913 about 910 baptisms are recorded for Husthwaite and Carlton Husthwaite (over 15 p.a.) whilst over the last 100 years there are about 580, reflecting the large decrease in birth rates and to some extent, fewer babies being christened, with an average of below 6 baptisms p.a.

Records of monumental inscriptions in St Nicholas’ churchyard and burials in the cemetery after c 1900 are already available on the history website. A future major task is to transcribe information about marriages, currently held at the Borthwick Institute at York University. If anyone would like to help with this, please contact us (via Angela Ovenston 01347 868 347 or aovenston@btinternet.com). All BMD records will eventually come on line but usually being transcribed by people with no knowledge of a local area these often contain errors,
eg misspelt places and surnames such as Moncaster being transcribed as Manchester!

**History Society visit to Ampleforth Abbey  March 2013**

We spent an interesting time looking round the exhibition in the visitors centre, followed by a visit to the shop and a delicious soup and sandwich lunch in the café and finished with a comprehensive tour of the abbey church with Father Prior, with a little bit of impromptu organ music thrown in. It was a very enjoyable day in peaceful surroundings with the snow swirling round outside.
Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch
Co-ordinators Meeting 22/05/2013

The meeting opened with the co-ordinators unanimously wishing to record their thanks to Andy Colbourne for all his hard work over the years and to offer to Carol their condolences for her sad loss.

The secretary reported that grants are available from the Police and Crime Commissioner from £500 up to £20,000 for any ideas that would make our area safer eg. street cameras. So that residents would know who to contact, a map showing which area of the village N.W.co-ordinators cover will be printed in the Newsletter soon.

The chairman reported that the local authority are considering turning off the street lights from midnight to 5am. On the 22 May Red Cross charity collectors went round the village,. These were not local authority approved, and do not work directly for the Red Cross. A door to door seller also was recently reported selling cleaning equipment but behaving aggressively when turned away.

It was suggested asking people with burglar alarms to tell co-ordinators who can disable them in the case of a false alarm.

Funds for the local N.W. stand at £125.15.

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There’s a hole where the hall used to be
What will replace it, we think that we know
They’ll lay the foundations, but what will it show?
In that hole where the hall used to be

There’s a hole where the hall used to be
But if we are patient and please don’t be glum
In a very short time we’ll again share some fun
In a hall where the hole used to be.

Debbie Green

If you shop online....

You can raise money for the village hall at no cost to yourself by going to husthwaitevillage.com and following links to your retailer (eg Amazon) who puts a percentage of the purchase value into our village hall funds.

Don’t forget!
ALL WORK - NO PLAY!

(One evening on May)

The Annual Maintenance Blitz on the Recreation Area was arranged for the evening of Wednesday, 15\textsuperscript{th} May. In spite of unsettled and cold weather plus a threatening forecast, 9 suitably-clad volunteers turned up to tackle tasks which will help to keep this much-appreciated provision looking ‘spick and span’.

The challenges were varied - washing seats and parts of the equipment in the young children’s play area, cleaning pavilion windows, moving rubble, trimming back grass and overhanging branches plus moss treatment on surfaces likely to become slippery.

As we began in bright sunshine, Mervyn Burn was just completing the fortnightly cut of the large grassed areas. We are indeed fortunate in having such a reliable local contractor, based in Wass, who helps to keep everything looking so welcoming.

The working party, inspired by the bright sunshine and Mervyn’s work, tackled their tasks with gusto. After about half an hour, a black cloud approaching from the west bombarded us with hailstones (in May!) This did not deter the workers who pressed on until finally a torrential downpour, endured for about 10-15 minutes brought proceedings to a halt. Nevertheless, by this time, good progress had been made and grateful appreciation is offered to all who came along.

Hopefully, within the next few weeks, work will start on producing an upgraded access track from the road to the entrance gate. This will be funded, in the main, by a £10,000 ‘Awards for All’ grant from the Big Lottery.

Finally, a date for your diaries!

The AGM of the Recreation Area Committee will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9th July. The venue for this meeting will be the Methodist Chapel.

Everyone is invited to come along, hear of progress and give support.

Peter Davison
YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Following recent resignations, the Parish Council is now down to only four councillors out of a complement of seven. There is another resignation in the offing which would take us down to three. Robin Houlston resigned for health reasons and Geoff Jones because he is no longer a resident. As three are required to be quorate there will inevitably be occasions when a meeting cannot be held because of a single absence.

The role is not particularly taxing – we only meet six times a year so it would not take up much of your time, but we do need some new pairs of eyes to refresh things. Without your Parish Council there would not be a recreation area or a grit bin at Elphin View to name just two things.

PLEASE give it some serious thought and commit yourself to helping the village. There does not have to be an election, we can co-opt.

Contact myself, Carol Fenwick, Elaine Smith or Peter Davison if you would like to discuss the role. It doesn’t matter if you are a newcomer or have lived in village forever, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

I feel sure that most of you will agree that the village green is the focal point of the village with its seat for the weary and the view of the church. However, following the ravages of winter, the railings which should be nice and white are looking distinctly grubby. The Parish Council would like to see them cleaned up for the summer (if we get one!) and so we need volunteers for a ‘working party’ to give them a scrub up. The more hands there are the quicker the job will be done. SO if you are free from about 7pm on the evening of Wednesday 12th June, put on your ‘Marigolds’ and bring a bucket of warm water and a scrubbing brush or cloth to the village green. Let’s bring the brightness back to Husthwaite.

Carol Fenwick
2013 marks the 300th anniversary of birth of Laurence Sterne. Shandy Hall will be hosting a series of special events throughout the year. To find out more sign up to the newsletter www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk

Shandy Hall Gardens open daily (except Saturday) 11am - 4.30pm
Shandy Hall open Wednesday 2.00pm - 4.30pm, Sunday 2.30 - 4.30pm

**Stained Glass Workshop**

15th June 13 - 16th June 13
10.30 - 4.30pm Coxwold Village Hall
Ticket: £90.00

In this two-day workshop tutor Helen Whittaker will introduce you to stained glass design and creation using motifs and imagery from St Michael's Church, Coxwold. Under her expert tuition, you will learn how to cut and paint on glass using traditional paints and brushes. Your piece will then be fired overnight, and on the second day you will learn how to lead the piece into a simple stained glass panel.

The workshop will take place at Coxwold Village Hall and will include a tour of St Michael's Church, Coxwold and access to Shandy Hall and Gardens.

Price £90.00 includes all materials and equipment

Please bring packed lunch and an apron - tea and coffee provided

Limited numbers

To book call 01347 868465 or visit www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk

**Good Humour Club exhibition**

Open June 30th

The Good Humour Club project is part of the 300th anniversary celebrations of the birth of Laurence Sterne. A recently identified manuscript in the collection at Shandy Hall will form the centre-piece of an exhibition in the gallery in Coxwold. Later in the year, a period dramatisation (via a podcast) will bring to life a meeting of the Good Humour Club on the night of the publication of Tristram Shandy in 1759.

This project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund

**For more information visit [www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk](http://www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk)**
End of an Era

The old village hall faces its last winter

The interior wood is removed for recycling

The diggers move in and start the demolition

The site is cleared and levelled ready for the new hall

*Photos by Gerald Crane*