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Dates for your Diary (all at VH unless stated otherwise)

April

- 3 12-2pm Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange**
- 5/7/9 Coxwold Tennis Club Open Sessions see pg 13**
- 7 7.30pm Pop up Pub**
- 11 12.00 Orchard Village Club**
- 13 7.30pm Gardening Club**
- 27 7.30pm Film Club**
- 29 7.30pm Grease Singalong**

May

- 5 7.30pm Pop up Pub**
- 8 12-2 pm Appletree Cafe And Book Exchange**
- 9 12.00 Orchard Village Club**
- 10 7.30pm An Evening of Comedy**
- 23 7pm Husthwaite PC Meeting**
- 25 7.30pm Film Club**

June

- 3 7.30pm Happy Jack (Play)**
- 14 7pm Talk at St Nicholas Church**
- 24 10.30-4pm Coxwold & Husthwaite Local History Exhibition**

July

- 2 11-5pm Husthwaite Open Gardens**

Summary of Minutes of the meeting of Husthwaite Parish Council

7.30pm on Tuesday 21st March 2017 in Husthwaite Village Hall

1. **Present:** C. Fenwick(Chair), P.Escreet, E.Smith, B.Smith, A.Gamble, P.Fox, Cllr Caroline Patmore, J.Coulthard(Clerk), Keith Gittens. Apologies from Craig Colton.

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Matters arising :**

a) **Parish Plan Actions Review.** This is carried over to the next meeting.

b) **Enforcement of Planning Laws.:** i) A further application by Bye Green Holdings was made following the approval of the last application. Husthwaite PC has no objection to an agricultural extension and awaits a planning decision.

ii) After the rejection of the last Sunley Woods application concerning caravan and shed storage on their land, it appears there has been an increase in their number rather than removal of these. On 15th March the NYCC Planning Officer reported that the owner, Mr Duffield, has a new agent with whom they are negotiating, and has given the owner until mid-April to comply with planning orders.

c) **Commons Act 2006 Registered Land – Kendrew Green:** PF reported that it appears that NYCC own Kendrew Green, having bought it from the Wailes family in 1943 (we now have the documentation.) Commons registration therefore cannot succeed, as it is not a common, and this application for registration will now be withdrawn. This leaves the rights and duties of maintenance in some doubt, so PF suggested agreeing to a suggestion from Mr Bowe (NYCC) that it is licensed to Husthwaite PC who can then manage the land in the interests of the village. This was agreed providing the cost of any licence is funded by NYCC, and the issue of tree conservation on Kendrew Green (and costs entailed) is dealt with first.

Kendrew Green Grass Cutting and Trees: PF Keith Gittens pointed out that the trees should be dealt with as recommended by NYCC arboriculturalists, in the light of trying to preserve the rare butterfly population dependent on them. There is an obligation on parish and county authorities to maintain rare species habitat where possible. Grass cutting and removal of cuttings also enables biodiversity if done correctly. AONB have volunteered to do this to maintain biodiversity. There was an attempt last year by the PC to do this method of cutting, somewhat thwarted by the weather. Some villagers appreciated this attempt to help rare species, but there were also a few complaints about sightlines for drivers being obscured by grass on Kendrew Green. It was therefore decided to inform the villagers about the situation in more detail by means of a flyer to households.

d) **Fracking in North Yorkshire:** PF reported that on 7th March an Executive Meeting of NYCC put forward their draft plan on fracking in the NYCC area. PF regretted that the work of all the local PC representatives including himself on a response to the fracking plan, was ignored. PF said the local

villages paper had detailed a 4 point plan to ameliorate the worst effects of fracking on inhabitants, property, roads and the environment, but none of their recommendations were acknowledged or included. The PC notes this with regret. There is possibly to be a further consultation before a Government Inspector will examine proposals in the summer, and PF hopes that the recommendations and concerns of our local villages will be allowed an airing before the Government Inspector. PF will try to find out how to attend the Inspection meeting.

e) **Emergency Planning:** Meetings will continue between CC, JC and Mark Gambles.

f) **Parish Council Notice board:** Andrew Coulthard has completed the restoration of the PC notice board. The total cost of materials was under £150 and the board will shortly be erected back in place, and should last many more years. The councillors thanked Andrew warmly for this voluntary work.

g) **Battle 's Over – A Nation 's Tribute:** PF checked on areas of Beacon Banks as a site for a beacon in 2018 to commemorate the ending of WW1. He suggested that there was a likely fire hazard because of bracken and undergrowth. CF will check with Richard Duffield, who has volunteered a place on his land.

h) **MUGA Surface:** A quote was received from Tennis Courts, Yorkshire for cleaning and repainting the MUGA surface. Further quotes have been requested and Cllr Patmore suggested asking Hambleton DC for the name of companies who undertake this kind of work in the area.

4. **Matters that have arisen between meetings.**

a) **Damage to the north-east corner of the Village Green.** The village green was damaged by a lorry belonging to a transport company from Cheshire, and they have paid for the restoration of the green to its original condition. The cheapest of 3 quotes, £90 + VAT, from Alasdair Downie of Land and Farm Services, was accepted by the transport company, and the work has been completed.

It was agreed to ask Alasdair Downie to give us a quote to deal with dead wood on the Lime tree on the Green, which Mr Downie noticed as he repaired the Green.

b) JC introduced the idea for **The Great Get Together**, a nationwide tribute on June 17th or 18th inspired by the memory of MP Jo Cox, who was killed by a right wing extremist on June 16th a year ago. The idea is to have an inclusive community get together of some kind, on the principle that there is more that unites us all rather than divides us, a principle by which Jo lived her life. The PC supported the idea, and it will be raised at the Village Hall Events Committee meeting.

c) CF reported that the repairs to **pothole damage** on Highthorne Lane were entirely inadequate, and that a complaint should be made to the Highways Department.

d) There is a broadband scheme rolling out where people with very poor coverage get subsidised connections. (Go to basicbroadbandchecker.culture.gov.uk to find out about the scheme.)

5. **Planning matters.** Please refer to Husthwaite⁵ PC on the village website

6. Financial report and payments to be made. Please refer to website

7 Reports from Council 's representatives on other organisations:

a) **Parish Liaison Meeting 18th May 2017** The PC awaits the agenda.

b) **Easingwold Villages Forum.** PF reported that there will be a conference at Hawkhill, Easingwold to raise the idea of boosting businesses in market towns: Hambleton Business Conference - Vibrant Market Towns Cost £7 19th May 2017 at 10:00 - 13:30 Speakers, networking and masterclasses.

c) **YLCA.** ES could not attend the last meeting

8 Report from the County / District Councillor.

Cllr Patmore reported:

Easingwold Library has 150 volunteers and they are being trained with support from NYCC.

Parking problems are occurring with more frequency in Easingwold and villages, and will continue as the number of new houses increases. She suggested that developers should make more allowance for off street parking in their planning submissions.

The Forget-me-not Club for dementia sufferers is closing down in Easingwold.

Dog fouling is a problem common to all villages. People should collect and dispose of dog faeces properly.

There is a NYCC footpath questionnaire coming to Parish Councils, with the purpose of deciding whether the footfall on any particular footpath is enough to warrant its upkeep.

People are reminded to book into the new Green Bin system, which begins in April. They can apply on line, by phone or in writing, to pay for green bin emptying. These bins will not be emptied unless they have the appropriate tag attached to show they have paid.

Also, recycling bins should be kept clean, and particular care should be taken to remove any food or other waste from objects in the recycling bin. Culprits will be warned!

Northallerton Prison is now half demolished, and plans are in progress to redevelop the site with housing and amenities.

NYCC has one of the lowest council taxes in the country, and Hambleton DC has the lowest tax of any district council.

The time and date of the next meeting: Tues 23rd May at 7pm Husthwaite Village Hall

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Joint exhibition with Coxwold Local History Society

Saturday 24th June 10.30 am – 4 pm

Husthwaite Village Hall

Presentations from Coxwold will include Shandy Hall, the railway, houses and businesses, Coxwold pottery and St Michael's Church.

Plans for Husthwaite are to show early photographs, examples of local family histories, a display about WW1 and demonstrate the facilities for local research, including the recently transcribed parish records for births, marriages and deaths. Booklets will be for sale at very reasonable prices.

Presentations from Coxwold will include their local historic buildings, the railway, changing businesses and some family histories. Residents who have any further ideas or would like to be involved should contact **Angela Ovenston** for Husthwaite (01347 868347 or aovenston@btinternet.com) or **John Robinson** for Coxwold (01347 868122 or jdr40130@gmail.com)

The 'Tail' of a Duck.

When times were hard and cash was scarce,
And Christmas fayre was dear,
Mum thought ahead, and planned to have
A special treat next year.

We got two yellow ducklings -
As kids, we thought them fun -
They had a wooden duck house,
And my Dad made them a run.

But one day, in the water bowl,
We found one dead and wet,
So 'Donald, now left all alone
Became our special pet.
He grew into an Aylesbury duck,
So smart, no bird looked finer.
Then one day Donald laid an egg...
So we changed his name to Dinah.

She foraged in the garden
For a worm or slimy treat.
Her speed was quite surprising
With short legs and two webbed feet.
One day she caught a little frog,
Her beak was full of legs!
She obviously enjoyed it,
But it put *me* off boiled eggs.

She'd follow Mother up the street
With a waddle and some hopping,
The village folk were quite amused
To see a duck go shopping.
And when it came to Christmas
Day
With tasty finger licking,
We couldn't roast our Dinah duck,
So we settled for a chicken.

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Burns Night



(Above: Brian Watt attacks the haggis

Photo: Jan Janiurek)

..... the skirl of the bagpipes, the swing of a kilt, a twirl of a tartan sash, the thrust of a knife as the fragrant smells of a haggis rise - are we back at Culloden? No, in fact, a Burn's Night at Husthwaite Village Hall.

As newcomers to the full and varied social calendar in Husthwaite, we were looking forward to another event and it didn't disappoint. On entering the village hall the atmosphere was firmly established with the rousing greeting from the piper, Michael Almond, the fluttering of the red and gold of the Lion Rampant and the blue and white of the Saltires, echoed in the blue and white of the table decor. A seating plan - with the theme this year based on the Scottish comic strips of D C Thomas, allowed us to find our seats for the meal. There was an immediately friendly welcome as we had to race to fill our dance cards, allowing us to introduce ourselves to complete strangers, many of whom had come from villages we had never even heard of - such is the reputation of the event.

Traditions were observed with the solemnity of the piping in of the haggis and the dramatic address to it - a wonderful piece of Scottish theatre, delivered in style by Brain Watt. This was followed by The Selkirk Grace & Loyal Toast by Will Mowatt. We then tucked in to the traditional " haggis and neeps" - prepared and cooked by Elaine Watt and Sheila Mowatt, followed by a wonderful contribution buffet.

There was much anticipation for yet another tradition -a fine one for us ladies- The Toast to the Lasses and The Reply on their behalf. The first was given by Lawrie Hill, and we waited with bated breath to see if ALL the 50 best Middlesbrough players were to be named before we had our praises sung, but no, he gallantly moved on to give us our due, and Mel Casling cleverly fashioned her reply in a poem worthy of the bard himself. When the laughter and clapping had died down and the tables and chairs been efficiently moved, Brian then called the dances for us, firmly but with much needed patience and humour. I personally was thrilled to dance my first Eightsome Reel.

My parents met in Lossiemouth, Morayshire in 1944 over an Eightsome Reel - my mother always claiming she had never seen anything so funny as my English father attempting it. No doubt my attempt would have made her chuckle too!

A wonderful evening-slickly and efficiently organised-thanks to all concerned.

Top Tips for newcomers next year:

- The "haggis and neeps" is just the starter! (save room for the buffet)
- Bring your flat dancing shoes ladies
- Do some serious cardio workout the week before.

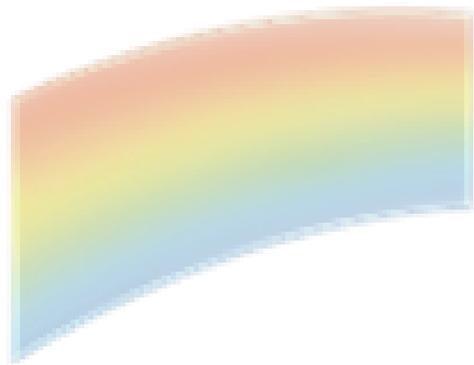
Marion Clark

St Nicholas Church Husthwaite

Wednesday 14th June at 7pm

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 light refreshments. All welcome.

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April
& May



Weekly Regulars

Short Mat Bowls: Alternate Mondays 7.00-9.00pm from 10th April

Primetime: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm

Youth Club: Alternate Wednesdays at 7.00pm from (5th & 26th April, 24th May)

Zumba: Tuesdays at 9.30-10.30am

Yoga: Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 11th April & 9th May at 12.00pm

Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange: Monday 3rd April & 8th May at 12.00pm

Film Club: Thursday 27th April & 25th May at 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: Friday 7th April & 5th May at 7.30pm

Gardening Club: Thursday 13th April (season begins again in Sept)

Upcoming Events



Saturday 29th April is our Grease Sing-A-Long Evening!

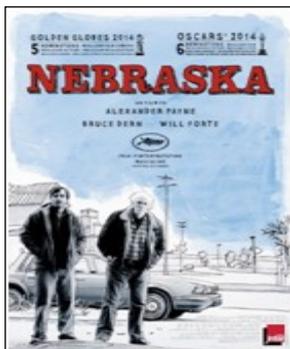
Following the success of last year's Mamma Mia night, we are bringing one of the most popular modern musicals to the Hall. Watch the movie and sing-a-long to all those classics; "You're the one that I want", "Greased Lightnin'", "Sandy" and many, many more.... So get out those leather trousers, twin sets and pearls for a night to remember! For more details, look out for posters coming soon or contact **Sheila on 868196 or Mary on 868667.**



An Evening of Comedy on Wednesday 10th May from

7.30pm (Over 16's only). Starring Paul "Silky" White, comedian and musician from Liverpool who "Since 1994 he has avoided adulthood, wealth and financial security by doing something he loves instead!" Aidan Goatley

billed as “A brilliant raconteur, proper comic gold” and Guests. Just what the midweek needs, a bit of a chortle! Bar will be open as usual, tickets £10. For more details contact **Sheila on 868196** or sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com for tickets.

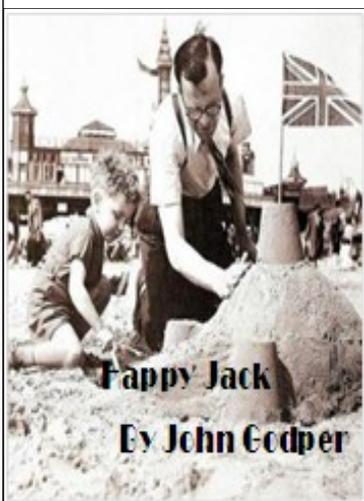


FILM CLUB

April 27th “Nebraska” Cert 15 7.30pm. An aging, booze-addled father makes the trip from Montana to Nebraska with his estranged son in order to claim a million-dollar Mega Sweepstakes Marketing prize.



May 25th “Hunt for the Wilderpeople” Cert PG 7.30pm. A national manhunt is ordered for a rebellious kid and his foster uncle who go missing in the New Zealand bush. A film with equal amounts of comedy, drama and adventure.



DRAMA

Saturday 3rd June – “Happy Jack” a play by John Godber, performed by Leeds Library Theatre. ‘Happy Jack’ is a funny and touching play about the lives of Jack and Liz. Set in a Yorkshire mining village, the play is inspired by John Godber's own grandparents and follows the couple's sixty year marriage through good times and bad. Balancing humour with some tougher realities, the play highlights the lives of working miners and the terrible legacies that many of them were left with long after leaving the pits. Contact **Sheila on 868196** for details.

EXHIBITION

**Joint exhibition of Coxwold and Husthwaite History Societies
Saturday 24 June, 10.30 am - 4 pm.**

Find out what goes on behind the scenes. The two local groups combine to give an exhibition in Husthwaite VH covering a broad spectrum of our activities which will be suitable for all ages. Details will follow in the June issue.

Primetime Does It Again!

Once again this month we acted out the amazing flexibility of Primetime. Miss Goodchild brought twenty-six Husthwaite Primary School Year 5/6 pupils to the Village Hall and they joined in with our regulars, including visitors from Springhill Court and Primetime's energetic team of support volunteers.

With a turnout of this kind, comprising forty people, the games were divided into three sections; Boccia, led by Hambleton District Council's Sports Officer, Joe Mckechnie; bean-bag challenges led by Chloe our Paralympic gymnast coach; and Kurling, headed up by Miss Goodchild.

The Village Hall's acoustics were well tested by shouts of encouragement, laughter and competitive zeal.

To those Newsletter readers who have hesitated to sample Primetime, be assured that a warm welcome awaits you. There's no obligation: just give it a go and leave it at that, if you find it's not for you. Nobody so far in Primetime's two years has declined to come again... but, absolutely no pressure.

If you'd like to talk it over contact Robin on 868 247... or just turn up on any Friday morning in term-time, at 10 o'clock.



Photo: Craig Colton.

Richard watches Primetime founder member Phyllis with her grandson, engaged in NYSports Primetime activities. March 2017

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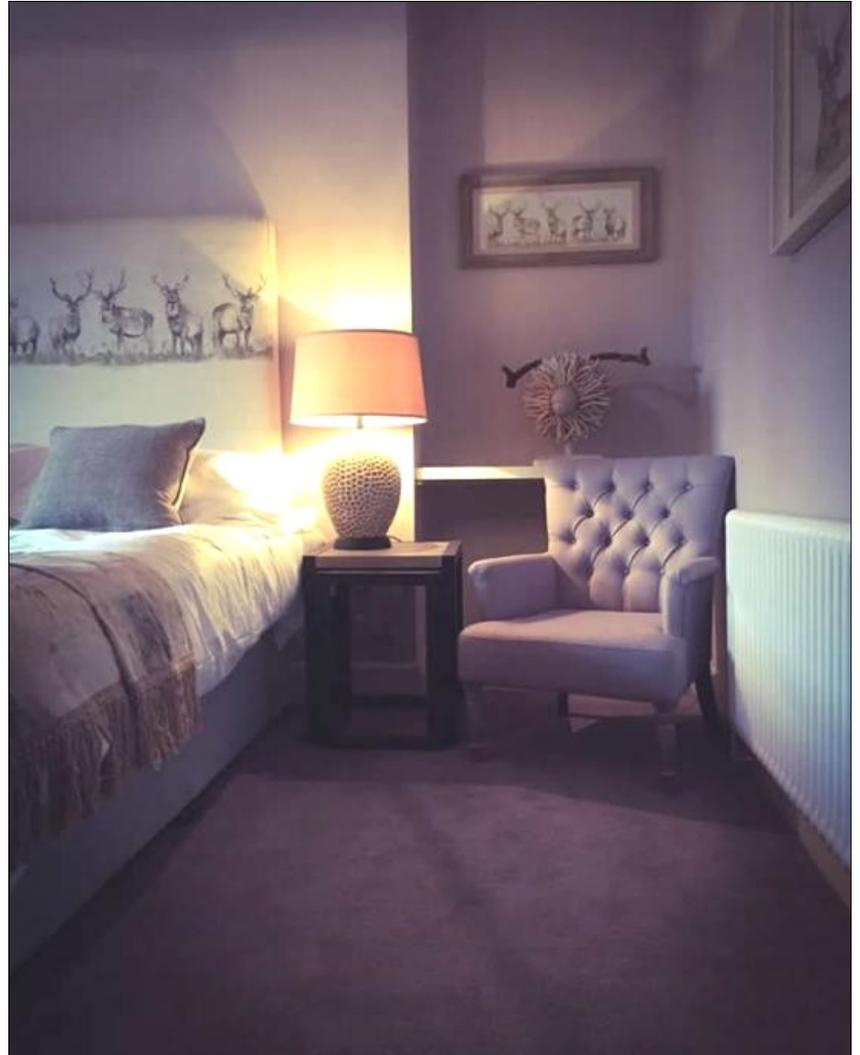
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After its many incarnations, such as The Blacksmith's Arms, The Roasted Pepper, The Balmoral, The Orchard Inn and The Curious Plum, the village pub is rising Phoenix -like, newly and beautifully refurbished, and extended, and opens officially as The Plum and Partridge. We will soon have a pub!

Its sample menu ranges from classic bar nibbles and sandwiches, via home comforts like fish and chips, sausage and mash and shepherd's pie for example, to main courses like lamb or beef fillet, east coast crab or braised ham hock. With desserts including a strawberry and mint garden (!) there is something for all who wish to eat out, plus of course a wide range of beverages.

Do go along to offer support and have a look at what is on offer.

The new general manager has sent a message to Hustwaiters:

The Plum and Partridge is proud to be opening our doors very soon in the beautiful North Yorkshire village of Hustwaite. We can't wait to be part of your local community and welcome you in.

Our fantastic chef Jonathon Westwick has set out to impress you with fine dining cuisine but traditional home cooked food will always have a firm place on our menu. We pride ourselves that all our produce is locally sourced and seasonal. Local cask ales and an exquisite fine wine list offer something for everyone!

We also have 9 amazing bedrooms and a cosy meeting room.

For all news, offers and official photos, please follow our new Facebook page **@plumandpartridge**. We will soon announce our new website and opening date. Please follow the page. We look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Jacek Sliwinski General Manager



Husthwaite Local History Society

Some past residents of Husthwaite

Betty Ballard

Many people will remember Mrs Isabel Ballard (known as Betty), past resident of Victoria Cottage who wrote an article about the history of this old house for the book Coxwoldshire. She is now rather frail at the age of 97 and lives in Saxmundham in Suffolk but still maintains a lively interest in Husthwaite and its history. Her daughter Sylvia reads the local history books to her which she enjoys and sent this photo of "Betty meeting Prince Michael of Kent at the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Betty is a Battle of Britain veteran having been the radar operator who picked up the first wave of 100+ enemy aircraft that began the battle. She now very proudly has a medal!"



The Hicks family at Baldreance Farm

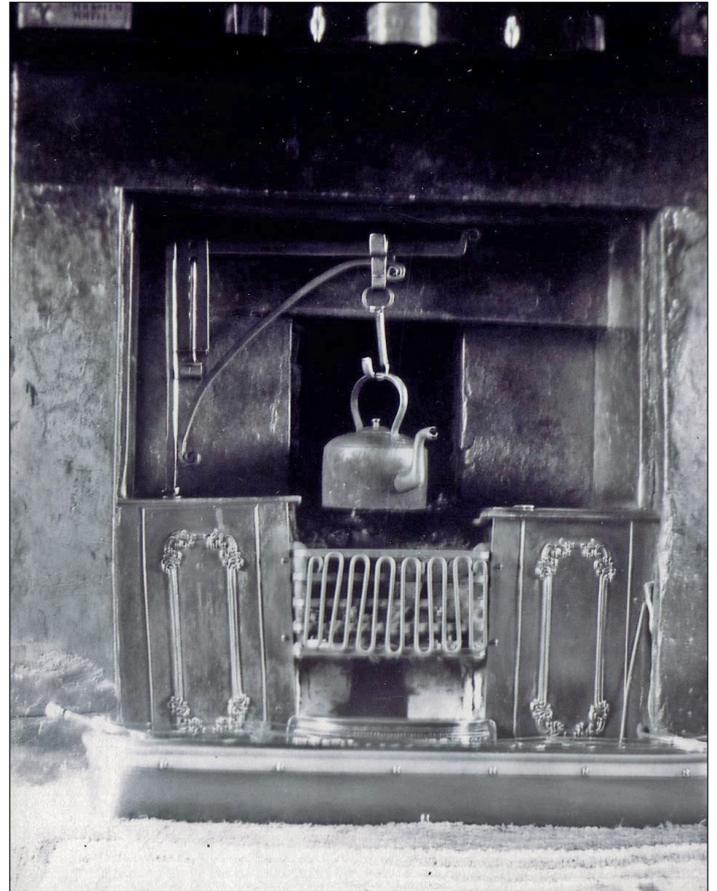
John and Lily Hicks first farmed at Wilton Town End Farm, Redcar, where their children Susan Isabella, Thomas Henry (Harry), George and John were born between 1909 and 1916. In 1918 the family moved to Baldreance where Samuel was born in 1918 and Ruth in 1923.



Baldrence, c1927,
John Hicks with sons
Harry, George, John
and Sam



T.H.Hicks 1955



The old range mid 1950s

Photos kindly supplied by Andrew Corner

Angela Ovenston

Husthwaite Open Gardens

Plans are well underway for the **Husthwaite Open Gardens 2017 on Sunday 2nd July**. Around ten village gardens will open to the public from 11.00am to 5.00pm with all the profits being shared between the village hall and St. Nicholas' Church. It will be a busy day in Husthwaite with our ever popular market taking place too.

If you would like to help in any way, please contact either Philip Hewitson or Breda Wells. We particularly need people to welcome visitors at each garden and to collect their money. Before the day however, if you have any plants to sell at the plant stall, please speak to Breda or drop them off at Hillcrest House, Elphin View. Perhaps you are splitting some of your perennials, or have a surplus of seedlings. Maybe you see a good offer at a garden centre and decide to donate a plant. If you don't have any empty plant pots, Breda can probably help out. With several hundred visitors expected, we will need a lot of good quality plants if the stall is to last for six hours!

Phone Philip Hewitson on 868570 or Breda Wells on 868398.

The Apple Tree Cafe.....

.....goes from strength to strength!

Thank you to all of you who have responded to recent articles regarding much needed customer/volunteer support for The Apple Tree Cafe.

It has been lovely to see so many new faces coming along to meet friends for a spot of lunch or a cuppa and a cake! To catch up with friends, old and new, find out about upcoming events in and around the village and of course visit the Book Exchange.



Please join us for homemade hot and cold food and drinks with a choice of cakes and goodies! The Apple Tree Cafe would like to welcome you between 12 and 2pm on:

**Monday 3rd April and
Monday 8th May (slightly later than usual to avoid the Bank Holiday).**

As usual, a huge thank you to all of our volunteers both on the day and those providing cakes. We would not be able to continue to open without all of you.

**Best regards,
Lynn Colton and the team.**



HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & APPLE TREE NURSERY NEWS

This term the whole school topic has been explorers, volcanoes and rainforests. Work on the topic has included mountains and volcanoes in the Peruvian Andes; the human and physical geography of South America as well as its climates and weather patterns.

Sporting events that the school has been involved in this term include:

Year 2 visited Easingwold secondary school to join other cluster schools for an afternoon of multi-skills

Jayden Carter and Araminta Standeven represented the school in the cross country county finals at Dalby Forest

Years 3 & 4 played in the quicksticks cluster hockey tournament

We look forward to the summer term when there is a lot of sporting events happening at school and with cluster schools.

Other activities this term have included:

World Book day where children dressed up as their favourite book characters – some interesting and very imaginative costumes (from both pupils and staff!) – and enjoyed a game of book bingo!

Class 3 joined the Orchard Village Club for an morning of Boccia and curling

Y5/6 visited York Minster

Class 1 enjoyed a visit to Raskelf farm to see the new born lambs as well as other rare breed farm animals

Class 2 performed 'Roll back the stone' to parents and the community as their Easter production

Ms Lenney and Mrs Dunn invited Mrs Wells from the village's gardening club into school to talk to the children about gardening. Children learned the importance of positioning gardens and whether it is in the shade or full sun. It was then explained to them that some plants like sun and some like shade and this information was needed to help decide which plants are best to grow in these conditions. With the help of Mrs Wells we will be deciding what to grow in our new community garden.

The new garden and outdoor classroom was funded by a grant from the Big Lottery. We will be officially opening our new garden and classroom week commencing Monday 22nd May as part of our inspirational maths week. Please look out on our school website for full details and posters advertising this.

Fund-raising

Fundraising this term has included a Valentine's Disco and a film night with pizza – both very popular and successful.

Our next **Bags2School** collection will take place on **8th June at 9am**. All unwanted items of clothes, handbags, shoes, belts and soft toys can be brought to school in dustbin bags before 9am on 8th June or the day before. This is a great recycling facility that raises funds for school and helps others in need.

We are also collecting **Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers** – if anyone collects these and would like to donate to school please drop them in at the school office. These vouchers are exchanged for sporting equipment.

Apple Tree Nursery

As a North Yorkshire school, we will be offering from the start of the summer term, up to 30 hours of funded childcare to eligible 3 year-olds whose families meet the government's criteria for accessing this funding. This is in addition to the 15 hours of funded childcare which is available to all 3 year olds.

Our nursery is open 5 full days per week offering quality early years education, managed and led by a qualified teacher and supported by a highly trained teaching assistants. We are currently processing applications for both summer and autumn term admissions. If you would like to visit our nursery or put your child's name on our waiting list, please contact Sarah Dixon in the school office.

Our free 'stay and play' toddler sessions continue to take place each month and is open to all pre-age school children to come along and participate in a morning of fun and educational activities. A list of dates is available on the school website.

Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter Service in school on Thursday 6th April at 9.30am followed by refreshments. Please do come and join us if you are able to.

Right: Year 3/4 play hockey



Diary Dates:

- Thu 6 April: School Easter service
- Fri 7 April: School closes for Easter holidays
- Mon 24 April: Staff training day
- Tue 25 April: School opens for summer term
- Fri 28 April: Toddler 'stay and play' 9-11 am (all welcome)
- Mon 22-Fri 26 May: Inspirational maths week and opening of outdoor classroom and garden area
- Fri 26 May: School closes half term
- Mon 5 June: School opens

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**

Sarah Dixon

Below: World Book Day



THE GREAT GET TOGETHER

IN HONOUR OF JO COX

17-18th June 2017

The *Great Get Together* is a nationwide tribute on June 17th or 18th inspired by the memory of MP Jo Cox, who was killed by a right wing extremist on June 16th a year ago. The idea is to have an inclusive community get together of some kind in villages or towns, on the principle that there is more that unites us all rather than divides us, a principle by which Jo lived her life. This non-partisan idea is supported by The Duchess of Cornwall, The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Scouts and Guides, the TUC, the NSPCC, the Women's Institute, the Countryside Alliance and many many more. The Parish Council support the idea. The next decision is to plan an appropriate event (events) which can include as many Husthwaiters as possible. Ideas welcome. More news in the next Husthwaite Newsletter.



Lively revelling at the Burns Night

(Photo: Jan Janiurek)

