HUSTHWAITHE NEWSLETTER
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Firemen at the Baptism!
Find out why on page 21
Kendrew Green and Wildlife

The management strategy implemented over this season and last is working, the removal of the grass cuttings greatly reducing the amount of growth and allowing wildflowers to thrive. The establishment of the semi-parasitic plant Yellow Rattle, which feeds on the roots of grasses, will aid this management.

White-letter Hairstreak butterflies have been seen again in the canopy of the Elms in recent weeks while other butterflies are starting to colonise the area; in particular, those whose caterpillars feed on the grasses of hay meadows such as the Meadow Brown and Ringlet, which goes to show how quickly wildlife will move into an area with sympathetic management.

I would just like to say thank you to the Parish Council and the villagers for your interest and support, and to the PC, NYCC and AONB volunteers.

Keith Gittens

Above: Yellow Rattle

Below: Meadow Brown on Knapweed

Photos taken on Kendrew Green
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EDITOR: Jan Coulthard

Please send articles for the October/November edition to me by Sept 20th (this is the final date!) via email: jancoulthard@hotmail.co.uk or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 868130.

Dates for your Diary

August
6  1.30-4.30pm Sports Afternoon for children on MUGA
8  OVC Garden Party -Please see pg 10
24 7.30pm Film Club in VH

September
1  7.30pm Pop Up Pub in VH
12 12-2pm OVC lunch and AGM in Husthwaite VH
14 7.30pm Gardening Club in VH
17 11-3pm Husthwaite Autumn Market in VH
19 7pm Parish Council Meeting in VH
23 7.30pm Race Night in VH
28 7.30pm Film Club in VH

October
2  12-2pm Apple Tree cafe and Book Exchange in VH
2  12-2pm Sporting Memories in VH
17 7.30pm North Country Theatre presents 2 “Nightmares in Norfolk” in VH

NB

For regular village hall events please see page 14 to check dates

Weekly regular clubs and some monthly events take a break in August
Oh No It’s Not .... Oh Yes It Is!

Yes, you heard it correctly; there are rumours of another Husthwaite pantomime. It is about time we raised its roof with merriment as Husthwaite folk show their hidden talents, parading in front of appreciative neighbours as villains, dames, horses or princes. Men dressed as women, women dressed as boys, all singing along to some well-known tunes under the direction of Husthwaite’s very own Mr Pantomime, Richard Wood.

The first rehearsals will be in November this year, stopping over the Christmas period. Resuming in January, we will spend the long winter nights perfecting the show, building scenery, collecting props, designing the lighting, choosing the costumes. Then we will perform to eager audiences at the end of February.

Richard is currently checking scripts and sounding out people’s thoughts on being involved. We already have a musical director, sound and lighting technicians, but please come forward if you would like to be involved, either acting, back-stage, or as a musician.

Phone Richard on 868247 or email rw.tykescript@btinternet.com
Sports Afternoon at the MUGA on Sunday 6th August 2017
1.30pm to 4.30pm

For any child/young person in the Husthwaite area or who attends Husthwaite School (Flexible)
Juice and biscuits will be provided throughout the afternoon.

Activities will include:
- Activity Trail
- Relay race up and down the tarmac road
- Netball shooting
- Beat the goalie
- Egg and spoon race
- Rounders

Day will end with a short run for those who wish to take part. This is suitable for any age and ability. You can walk it if you wish.

Activities suitable for all ages (toddler to teenager).
Children may be attend the day without parents as long as they can be contacted. However, parents/guardians are welcome to stay and take part with their children.

Activities are organised and will be supervised by: Catherine Skinner and Will Mowatt. There will be other helpers on the day.

To help with planning it would be most appreciated if parents could phone Catherine (01347 868673) or Will (01347 868196) to let them know names/ages of children/young people who are planning to attend.

There will be an informal prize giving Ceremony at the end of the afternoon (including medal for all children taking part in the mini run).

There is no cost.

Thanks to Husthwaite Village Trust for funding this event.
Sunday 18th June dawned bright, sunny and unusually hot for Husthwaite’s Great Get Together in memory of MP Jo Cox, along with many other communities throughout the country. It was Jan Coulthard’s idea for the village to take part in the celebration and Lawrie Hill who suggested a whole village photograph, (see back cover) followed by a Bake Off in the village hall - a big thank you to both of you for a superb afternoon. The event also supported a charity-the Dragonfly Trust for street children, run by a couple of teachers from Yearsley (see page 8).

A good number of villagers braved the heat and stood squinting up into the hot afternoon sun, while Jan Januriek took several photographs of young and old together. Some villagers may have moved on since the Millennium photograph but it was lovely to see families, new to the village since then, turn up to join in and create a moment in village life that will go down through history. Then it was up to the village hall for the eagerly anticipated Bake Off!

On entering the hall we were all impressed by the quantity and lavishness of the cakes and bread spread out on cheerful gingham table cloths. Husthwaite’s very own ‘bread lady’, Ashley Welsh and partner Jack Amos faced the daunting task of judging the
produce before them. After many, 'oh that's delicious' and, 'that's really well cooked', Euan Crawshaw was declared winner of the best cake with Maddie Kennedy a close runner up, while winner of the bread was Michael Simpson, with Susan Broughton runner up and a special commendation to June Gitten.

Judging was followed by tea, cake and bread all round and I must admit that choosing winners must have been extremely hard for Ashley and Jack as all the cakes and bread tasted by our table were absolutely delicious.

The afternoon was generally agreed to be a great success by everyone there and I would like to thank all who were involved in organising it, especially Jan Januriek, Sheila and Will Mowatt, Lynn Colton and her team of helpers, Ashley and Jack, Annabel Kennedy and all those who very kindly made the cakes and bread and were brave enough to put themselves up for scrutiny. Thanks to the Village Hall Committee and Husthwaite Village Trust for funding the event and last but not least the whole community for supporting such a marvellous event.

Lesley Seaman
Thank you from The Dragonfly Schools Foundation

We wish to say a big thank you to the good people of Husthwaite for the generous support given to our charity, The Dragonfly Schools Foundation, on Sunday 18th June, when Husthwaite residents, like those in many towns and villages nationwide, gathered for their Great Get Together, in honour of the late Jo Cox MP. We are most grateful to everyone who approached us and showed such interest in the work of The Dragonfly Schools Foundation, a fledgling charity which we established in 2016 to provide free education and vocational training to transform the lives of some of India’s most forgotten children. Living vulnerable lives in the streets, markets and railway stations, often begging or carrying out hard or dangerous work for very little reward, these children are caught in a cycle of poverty and neglect.

On this most enjoyable day, your collection raised a wonderful £300 in support of our work in Rajasthan, North West India. We currently provide teaching resources and pay the salaries of two teachers at a small free school for the children from the desert camps around the town of Pushkar in central Rajasthan.

This year will see the launch of our first apprenticeships and mobile ‘pop-up’ schools in Pushkar and the nearby city of Ajmer. In the meantime, our plans for a free school in Ajmer are moving forward apace. We have now located some available premises in Ajmer, which are just perfect for a school and, in September, when we return to Rajasthan, we are meeting with the owners to negotiate its rental. If all goes well, we would hope to open our doors in the Spring of 2018.

With schools, both here and in India, offering their help and support, we hope our charity will bring children living very different lives, in very different communities and cultures, closer together.

Thank you, Husthwaite, for your kind support. For more information or to follow our progress, go to www.thedragonflyschoolsfoundation.com

Ian and Sue Bretherton
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The Orchard Village Club Welcomes Guests to our

Forthcoming Summer Events, 2017

Tuesday 8th August, 12noon-2.00pm
Garden Party c/o Mike and Breda Wells
Guests welcome

Tuesday 12th September, 12noon-2.00pm
Luncheon in Husthwaite Village Hall
Followed by OVC AGM

Visitors welcome: New ideas, volunteers and members are all needed to ensure the continuing success of Husthwaite's award-winning community activity.

RSVP: At least one week prior to each event, to allow us to cater for you, please.

WHEELS 2 WORK

Problems travelling to work, training or education? We have the answer – Wheels 2 Work (a not for profit charity) has a fleet of mopeds for loan. Since its launch in 2001 hundreds of local people have benefitted from the scheme.

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Treasure Hunt

Summer just wouldn’t be the same without the annual Husthwaite Treasure Hunt, and we weren’t disappointed by either the weather, Barker’s BBQ or this year’s special Dinosaur - themed hunt (for the children!). The adults were treated to the usual cleverly marked out route with recognisable (mostly) Husthwaite landmarks to follow. How hard could it be.....I’ll come back to that!

Well done to the Simpson family for being first back on the children’s hunt in a record time! Overall winners and trophy went to the Fenwicks (pictured), a valiant effort with every clue solved! The Fenwicks have always been great supporters of this annual event so good to see them duly rewarded. The booby prize would have gone to the Walkers but only if they had found their way back!

Thanks to Matt & Tori Fletcher for a superb Dinosaur themed hunt, to Nick Barker for his BBQ culinary skills and special thanks to Richard Wood and Stephen Barker for making another Husthwaite Hunt a thoroughly enjoyable event.

Sheila Mowatt
Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

While May, June and July may be the months of growth, August and September are months of produce and harvest and our thoughts begin to turn to the clearing of beds, servicing the mechanical tools and ordering seed catalogues so the early winter months can be spent planning next year’s growth and the palettes with which we wish to paint the borders.

September also heralds the Husthwaite and District Gardening Club’s (HDGC) new season of meetings. Founded in 1959 HDGC has experienced many changes. Like a garden it has flourished, blossomed and died back only to flourish again. The interest in planning, growing and maintaining gardens - whether boxes on a windowsill, tubs on a patio, a vegetable plot or an expanse of lawn with colourful borders – in this area with its many wonderful gardens, large and small, set in an agricultural landscape of national (if not international) importance - has surely never been greater. So what better way to develop that interest than to meet with others and share in the pleasure of gardening? It is the Club’s aim to engage with the local community and to offer opportunities for everyone in the area with an interest in gardening.

As I write, the club committee are in the process of planning this season’s meetings which will range from planning a garden to the edible delights of garden produce; from the growth and use of herbs to growing flowers for cutting and arranging. And as schools return after the summer break we hope to develop further the excellent work done with Husthwaite Primary School by our former HDGC chairman, Breda Wells. The Club has great potential for being a resource not just for its members but for the local community and ideas as to how we might develop in this direction are welcomed.

Fundraising is a must for all local clubs and societies and HDGC is no exception. This year’s plant sale was a great success but to get the best speakers and to organise and support trips to gardens and activities throughout the year the preparation for next year’s event – sowing seeds etc - needs to begin soon. The more people involved the merrier!

We want the Club to be a chance for people to exchange ideas, seek answers to questions they have about plants and gardening in general and to offer help to each other, both advisory and practical. Above all we want it to be a place where people from Husthwaite and the area come together to share a common interest and have fun and friendship. Experienced gardener or complete novice (or anywhere in between), the Club would love you to be part of this new and exciting chapter in its history.

Husthwaite and District Gardening Club meets every second Thursday of each month from September to April in Husthwaite Village Hall. Meetings start at 19:30 (7:30 pm). Subscription fees for this year are £20 or £5 per session (capped at £20 in total).

If you would like any further information please contact a member of the committee.

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Husthwaite Village Autumn Market is on Sunday 17th September. 11-3pm
With a huge choice of stalls offering jewellery and gifts for all the family, bread, olive oils and Husthwaite’s own Cider and much, much more. The Apple Tree Café will be open serving delicious homemade food.

The Husthwaite Pop-Up-Pub is back on Friday 1st September at 7.30pm.
With Guest Beer & Whisky, Wine, Prosecco, Gin & Tonic and a selection of soft drinks. Everyone welcome, come along for one or even two! Doors open from 7.30pm to late.

The Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange will be opening its doors again on Monday September 4th. For delicious homemade soup, sandwiches and cakes. A chance to catch up with friends and neighbours in friendly surroundings. Come along, we are open from 12 to 2pm.
August 24th - Lad (Cert 15) Filmed near Settle, Yorkshire, winner of 20 international film festival awards, including Best Film, Best Actor and Best director. When Tom Proctor’s dad dies, his whole world falls apart.

September 28th - Little Miss Sunshine (Cert 15). When 7 year-old Olive Hoover learns that she’s qualified for the little Miss Sunshine contest the entire family sets off in their VW camper van for the trip from Albuquerque to California.

Race Night on Saturday 23rd September at 7.30pm - A first for Husthwaite, and it is sure to be a fun night out. Fancy your chances at the races? Featuring our very own “made in Husthwaite” wooden horses. Ready, under starters orders then go..... reel them in and the first over the line is the winner! Watch out for posters or contact Margaret on 868570

North Country Theatre 17th October at 7.30 in the Village Hall
“Nightmares in Norfolk”
This always popular theatre group presents 2 plays to haunt you! “Oh Whistle and I’ll come to you” and “The Signalman”. See page 23 for ticket prices and details of how to book.

Husthwaite Village Open Gardens and Market on 2nd July
What an amazing event on such a glorious day! With 350 visitors coming along to look around some of the amazing gardens in Husthwaite and over 400 visitors to the market. This was only possible with a great deal of effort from a huge number of volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who helped out!
Looking forward to seeing you all at the Husthwaite Autumn Market, Sunday 17th September, 11am till 3pm.
Hot Competition for Sports Coaches

The North Yorkshire Sport “Pass On Your Passion” campaign is designed to encourage more women into coaching sport. Husthwaite’s Primetime, an inclusive sports club for people of all ages and abilities, is competing for one of three £50.00 prizes. Prizes will be awarded to the most inspirational coaches, who pass on the ceremonial baton and encourage newcomers to take up the running.

In 2014 Joe McKechnie, Hambleton’s Disability Sport Officer, trained volunteer Chloe Hunt to lead Primetime games. Chloe is now the regular coach for Husthwaite. She is pictured here with community volunteer Sandie as she hands on her ceremonial baton, her passion for sport and her expertise. Relays of volunteers now take it in turn to lead the Primetime games and gain new coaching skills.

If you are inspired to become a Primetime volunteer, clubs in Husthwaite, Topcliffe, Stillington and elsewhere in Hambleton gladly welcome new talent!

Contact Joe McKechnie at hambleton.gov.uk

Joe with Chloe, Sandie and Husthwaite community volunteers.
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Well done the Colton Boys from Husthwaite!

Robert Colton

Alex Colton
Rob loses his locks
A great day was had by all at the Open Gardens and Market but a huge change occurred for Robert Colton who had his hair cut off for charity after growing it for over 2 years!!

Rob follows in Rebecca's footsteps raising money for Ward E39 at Queen’s Medical Centre after their cousin, Amy, was successfully treated for leukaemia at the age of 5.

So far Robert has raised £400 to buy gifts for the children on the ward and has also donated his hair to The Little Princess Trust who provide wigs for children who have lost their own hair. These wigs are produced free of charge when hair is donated.

Rob would also like to raise a further £300 to donate to The Little Princess Trust to fund the making of another wig. If you would like to help him do this, please let me have any donations (Lynn 868092) or visit the following web site to donate.  https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-colton

We are very proud of you Rob, well done! Also a huge thank you to all who have donated and supported this great cause!

Alex is chosen for England
When Alex was asked to represent Easingwold school at triple jump last summer, no one ever dreamt he would win the event and only 13 months later in July this year be representing England at the Schools International Athletics event in Dublin.

Just 8 months after starting training in Leeds Alex is currently North Yorkshire Champion, Yorkshire Champion, English Schools Bronze medal Under 17 Triple Jump. In addition Alex came runner up in the Yorkshire Long Jump and represented Yorkshire in that event against the rest of the UK. All these great achievements culminated with England selection and a 5th place in the weekend’s international event.

Alex has shown amazing dedication and puts great effort in his training and competitions. Keep it up Alex from your very proud family and friends!

The Coltons
Earwig conversations that make the buzz of a crowded pub restaurant and thread them together into a London Underground map.

For the July meeting of Husthwaite’s Orchard Village Club at the Plum and Partridge let us start on the Pub Line. It runs from Lynn who negotiated a special deal with the pub management and hosts the occasion. Here she is chatting with everyone as she visits the tables. Tactfully she reminds club members she wants a fiver from them and a tenner from their visitors.

Next stop on the Pub Line is Gill, a key member of OVC’s catering team. She has worked with Lynn on negotiating the menu. It’s chicken with seasonal veg followed by fruit crumble. As landlord of this very pub in its Blacksmith’s Arms days, her father was a prominent member of the village community.

The Pub Line comes back to the sunshine for a quick call at station Charlie. Here’s the lad himself, dapper in his P+P waiter’s outfit, as he nips about the room. He’s polite, he’s attentive, he has an eye for detail. He’s happy in his work. No doubt he’s on his way, as bright young folk are, to uni or world travel. Treasure him while he’s with us.

Change here for the green line - the Hollinrake Line. Mind the gap. This line begins in Russia …. with our own Malcolm no less, as he counts in Russian to the delight of Tattyana. She’s visiting the Hollinrakes on an annual school trip and is struggling in the babble of English voices. Malcolm has made her day.

Two more Hollinrake Line stops. Nicky has a busy life but she keeps an eye on the OVC and on Primetime. She is delighted that her mother, Christine - formerly landlady of Crake’s Durham Ox - is a happy Primetime regular.

Change here for the Old Timers Line. Christine is among friends, starting with Phyllis, who has returned to the OVC after her 3-month stay in hospital. Let’s hope her poorly leg has been well enough mended to get her about again. What a relief to be with her lifetime friends Bessie and Sheila!

John has arrived too, favouring us at the expense of one of his annual 3-day
visits to the Great Yorkshire. Good decision, John; it’s pouring with rain all day in Harrogate. For a bonus the lady at his table is Barbara. Robin asks if they know each other, a polite enquiry greeted with a shout of laughter. Know each other! He delivered milk to her house in Prospect Cottages for more years than they’ll bother counting today.

And so we arrive at Dot, back on the Pub Line. She has looked forward to this occasion. Her father in law, Frank Edward Moncaster, was licensee of the Blacksmith’s Arms from 1937, and Dot gazes around in wonder, trying her hardest to make sense of her old haunt’s new layout.

Richard Wood

A Memorable Baptism Service!

Freddie Taylor’s baptism service was drawing to a close on Sunday 9th July when one of the 83 strong congregation smelt fumes coming from the organ blower motor in the Vestry. Rev. Liz immediately initiated our evacuation procedure and within 3 minutes everyone was congregating on the village green for the remaining part of the service and then watching as 2 fire engines and other vehicles arrived to attend what was feared to be a potentially disastrous fire.

Fortunately, although very hot (130°C), the motor did not burst into flames and with the power off was allowed to cool under the watchful eyes of North Yorkshire’s Fire Service to whom we are grateful for their very professional assistance. Thanks are also due to the baptism guest seated nearest the Vestry who quickly located the fuse box and deprived the motor of power.

For the immediate future our friends at the Methodist Church have kindly loaned us their harmonium which was pressed into use at last Sunday’s service by Ian Dysan, one of our regular organ players. The PCC will now be considering the options open to us for future musical support for services.

John Ovenston

Tea and Scones!

Jackie Earley would like to say a big thank you to all who supported Tea and Scones in the Garden.

We raised the amazing total of £736 for Mesothelioma Research.
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North Country Theatre...October 17th at 7.30pm

I remember being frightened out of my wits by a grainy black and white BBC play. It was a version of “Oh whistle and I’ll come to you”, M R James’ Victorian ghost story. Michael Hordern was a professor, worn out by work and recovering on the Norfolk coast. He walks the empty beach in the evening and comes across a whistle amongst the pebbles. He can just make out some wording under the grime, blows the whistle...and nothing happens. At least not then. Later dreadful things come to pass.

North Country Theatre are coming to Husthwaite, on the 17th October, with two of the best Victorian ghost stories ever. As well as the M R James classic, there’s also Charles Dickens’s “The Signalman”. The setting is an isolated signal box, in a deep cutting next to a tunnel entrance. The only contact with the outside world comes through the signal bells. But they are behaving oddly and seem to be warning the signalman.

It’s a treat for autumn and one to put on your calendar now. I’m handling ticket sales. They will be available from late August. £10 for an adult, £6 for a child or £25 for a family ticket. Give me a call on 01347 868130 and I’ll deliver them.

Andrew Coulthard
Summary of Draft Minutes of Husthwaite Parish Council Meeting 11th July 2017

Present: C. Fenwick (Chair), C. Colton (CC), P. Fox (PF), B. Smith (BS), E. Smith (ES), J. Coulthard (JC. Clerk) M. Graham.

Apologies: A. Gambles (Working), P. Escreet (Working), Cllr C Patmore (Crayke PC meeting).

Minutes of the Previous Meetings were approved and signed as a true record.

Parish Plan Actions Review: It was agreed to contact Husthwaite School to see if they wanted a councillor to give a talk to the children.

Enforcement of Planning Laws:

a) Sunley Woods Farm: After action by Cllr Patmore and a letter from PF, HDC planning had noted that hedges and trees had been planted but that did not comply with the planning requirements. HDC planning are contacting a solicitor about an enforcement notice since the 6 month period for an appeal has now expired.

b) There is no report from Cllr Patmore yet on Bye Green.

Kendrew Green: Keith Gittens has been monitoring the green and writes that the grass is in better condition for wildlife than last year after removal of the cuttings. Keith will look into getting a tree preservation order on the Wych Elms.

Fracking in North Yorkshire: CC attended the Easingwold and Villages Forum at which there was a session on fracking. Everyone agreed to be represented by the Hambleton Shale Gas Advisory Group. PF who is on this group commented that it has been authorised by 33 Parish Councils and Helmsley Town Council to represent them at the public examination of the issues in a review by a Government Inspector later, when the review guidelines have been agreed.

In the Conservative Manifesto, planning matters on fracking were to be taken back under central government control. This possibly may now not happen, since the election, and for the time being NYCC will control this decision. So the Hambleton Group will try to persuade NYCC as well as the Inspector about the concerns of local people. Ineos have announced they propose to apply to drill an exploratory fracking well in the Wigginton area, which would be the closest to Husthwaite yet.

Emergency Planning: CC and JC went to an Emergency Planning meeting in Malton, which was useful in our planning. CC is hoping to run a session with the Village Hall Committee and the PC on the Emergency Plan.

Battle’s Over – A Nation’s Tribute: CF will examine a suitable field for the beacon.

MUGA Surface: A quote has been requested from Soft Surfaces. CF also to contact the grass cutting team to ask if they have a cheaper solution for removing moss.

Village Green Tree: The deadwooding of the lime tree on the Village Green has been completed by Farm & Land Services.

Young Children’s Play Area Swings: Playscheme have confirmed that the rules regarding swings have been revised and it is now possible to have a senior swing adjacent to a baby swing. They have quoted £272 + VAT to replace one of the seats on our swing frame with a cradle swing (using our existing chains). CF to request that work should be undertaken to fit
a baby swing.

Planning Matters and Finance report will be available on the Village Website.

Reports from Council’s Representatives:

Village Hall: PF is to deal with the registration of the Village Hall as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Easingwold & Villages Forum: The AGM was attended by CC (see 3.4). The Chairman resigned (again).

YLCA: ES is unable to attend the next meeting so CF will attend.

Public Footpaths: BS is to report to the Footpaths Officer that the footpath beyond the beck is made impassable because of the potato crop.

Highways: Once again a large pothole has appeared by the bus stop in High Street and fills with water continually, even in dry weather. CF to report this to Highways again.

Street Lighting: All street lights not working were reported to Hambleton District Council last week.

Neighbourhood Watch: Untaxed cars parked on the village streets have been and will be reported to the Police. PF is to investigate reports of a business street-trading in cars from the public highways in the village and report to the appropriate authority.

MUGA: Composting toilets have been costed by ES for siting on the MUGA, but so far the expense seems prohibitive. Also there are questions about the cleaning and monitoring of these.

There are concerns about dog owners leaving dog poo in MUGA bins, or even leaving the plastic bags containing it on the grass where children play. Villagers are requested to report any incidents seen and dog owners to dispose of bags properly.

CF is to ask the Police to monitor the MUGA on summer evenings to stop anyone fouling there (this has been reported) or meeting for drug use etc.

Water from the school land is still affecting the MUGA. CF to obtain a quote for putting in drainage. CF to cost installation of drainage.

Cemetery bins should be used properly in the same way as for domestic use. The green recycling bin for flower waste has contained paper and other rubbish recently, and will be removed by the council in due course. Visitors should use the black bin for all waste from now on.

AOB

Alison Gambles has written to the PC that she has decided to resign as a Parish Councillor because of work commitments. The Council members understood and regretfully accepted her resignation. A letter is to be sent thanking Alison for all her work, particularly on the Parish Plan. Details of the election of a new member will be published on the village notice board in due course.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Husthwaite Village Hall.
In order to commemorate the centenary of the First World War, Husthwaite Local History Society decided to publish a book which would include research into the personal stories of the young men whose names are inscribed on the War Memorial at Husthwaite Church. The stories of the men above, Ernest Victor Batty and John Christopher Hebblethwaite, are included. By September 1915, about 40 men had enlisted in the war.

In addition, about two years ago, access to copies of the Easingwold Advertiser from 100 years ago became available at the British Library in Boston Spa.

This has provided a fascinating account of how the village worked together throughout the war, not only to fundraise, through the Husthwaite Ladies War Working Party who provided “comforts” and Christmas presents for the soldiers and sailors, but also, the establishment of a new Volunteer Training Corps.

*Easingwold Advertiser - March 1917.*

Husthwaite Ladies War Working Party “have during the past month made and distributed among the soldiers and sailors, 18 pairs of socks, 5 bed jackets, besides an assortment of bed socks, mittens and other articles”.

*Easingwold Advertiser - June 1915.*

The newly formed Volunteer Training Corps had their first lesson in military drill on Monday.......The movement seems to have caught on in the village, and many more are likely to join.

The book, costing £8, ‘*Husthwaite – The First World War, 1914-1918*’ is now available from Margaret Hewitson, Greystones. 01347 868570.

Income from sales of the book will go to the Husthwaite Local History Society.
North Yorkshire County Council is seeking the views of residents about how we can help you dispose of hazardous household waste in the future.

At present residents are unable to dispose of hazardous wastes at our 20 Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). Instead the council provides a home collection service, free of charge, for hazardous waste such as white spirit, some paints and paint cleaners; weed killers and pesticide; brake fluid and anti-freeze.

Other hazardous waste includes:

- Automotive wastes (used motor oil, antifreeze, etc.)
- Mercury-containing wastes (thermometers, switches, fluorescent lighting, etc.)
- Electronics (computers, televisions, cell phones)
- Aerosols / Propane cylinders
- Caustics / Cleaning agents
- Refrigerant-containing appliances
- Some specialty batteries (e.g. lithium, nickel cadmium, or button cell batteries)
- Ammunition

We now need to look at other ways of helping residents dispose of hazardous household waste.

We are asking for your views in a consultation starting on 10 July 2017. The consultation asks questions around a number of potential options for future hazardous household waste disposal services, including:

- accepting hazardous household waste at the county’s HWRCs to enable residents to dispose of it at their convenience,
- charging for home collection services for some or all types of hazardous household waste,
- ceasing to provide a home collection service for some or all types of hazardous household waste.

Alternative format versions of the questionnaire are available on request from the County Council’s customer service centre on 01609 780780 or by emailing customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk

Business and Environmental Services
Wow what a busy, busy end to term! As ever, none of us can quite believe how quickly the year has gone. Some highlights from this term include:

Sports week - now in its 5th year and still as popular as ever. Sadly this year the weather put paid to some of our activities including our traditional sports day. However, we still went ahead with the planned team games, heptathlon and, highlight of the week, a very successful circus skills day. This was enormous fun as children tried their hand at juggling - silk scarves to skittles; balancing - peacock feathers on fingertips to spinning plates on sticks; doing acrobatic movements with diablos and poi sticks - a new way to develop core strength, hand eye coordination and expending lots of energy without realising it. A great and innovative way to work out.

Outdoor classroom opening - we were fortunate to secure some lottery funding last year for an outdoor classroom and community garden. It was lovely to see members of the community turn out in very wet weather for a tour of the school grounds by some very pleased pupils who were immensely proud of their gardening skills. This was followed by afternoon tea. The new external classroom will allow outdoor learning to continue each week for all children in all weathers and we certainly needed it that afternoon.

On the same afternoon as the opening of the outdoor classroom, we were due to hold a fundraising event based on a family fitness fun challenge with family rounders and BBQ - needless to say the weather put paid to that idea. An impromptu indoor dance off challenge was arranged instead as a bit of family fun and despite the torrential rain, the BBQ was a sell out and it was lovely to see so many parents/family/friends support us. We managed to raise £350 which will be put towards plans for the refurbishment of the school library.

This time of year is always busy for our Year 6 pupils who are not only preparing themselves for the transition to secondary school, but are also busy rehearsing their leaver’s service and end of year production. This year the production is ‘lights, action, camera’ - once again, we have some talented actors!

SATs SUCCESS
Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have outperformed both National and North Yorkshire performance levels this year in their recent assessment tests. This is a real testament to their hard work and perseverance and a real cause for celebration at Husthwaite.

STAFFING
We are delighted that Mr Chapman, who has been covering Class 2 on a supply basis, will join us as a permanent member of staff in September. Teaching staff in September will be Mr Barwick, Class 1; Miss Goodchild, Class 2; Mr Chapman, Class 3.

NURSERY
There are still some vacant places for nursery from September offering full and part day care from 3 to 30 hours per week. Please enquire at the school office

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB
From September we shall now be offering a before school club allowing children to be dropped off at school from 8.00am.

OPEN DAY
The application process for children starting school in September 2018 opens on 22nd September. We shall be holding an open morning on Saturday 14th October - everyone is welcome to come
along to take a look around our school and talk to the staff. If you are unable to make the open day but are interested in taking a look around our school, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable date/time.

**SAINSBURY’S VOUCHERS**
Thank you to everyone who generously gave school their Sainsbury’s vouchers - these have been spent on some lovely new playground toys.

**BAGS2SCHOOL COLLECTION**
Thank you also to everyone who donated their unwanted clothing for our bags2school collection which raised £76.00 for our school funds. Another bags2school collection will take place at 9am on Wednesday 8th November 2017.

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
With over 140 visitors throughout the day, all the exhibitors and people who kindly volunteered to help with refreshments were kept busy and much interest was shown in the wide variety of things on display. Many thanks to all who contributed to the event. Exhibits included “Farming in the Old Days”, “Husthwaite in WWI”, “Shandy Hall”, “Newburgh Priory”, “Coxwold Railway Station”, “Coxwold Pottery” and “St Michael’s Church”. Both villages had researched “Trades and Businesses” from times past and there was a good display of old postcards covering both villages, together with other memorabilia. Parish Records and chartered Family Histories were available for visitors to read and Husthwaite facilitated computer investigations of family ancestors.

One nice comment came from Pete Hutchinson who came all the way from Welwyn Garden City - “We had a brilliant morning with so much to see and do and some very special friends to meet from quite a few decades ago. Gill, Jules and I enjoyed ourselves immensely and we were sorry we had to leave. The impressive materials/displays/publications are testament to a huge amount of work, enthusiasm, commitment and skill.” Pete has offered to write some more articles about his memories of the village, to follow the one he wrote about Hutchinson Bros. Garage.

Martha Wailes, whose ancestors lived in the village for many centuries, wrote “It was a lovely well thought-out exhibition, so much variety and some lovely images to come away with in my mind. I loved that one of the Dees family at Beacon Banks with the summerhouse in situ [remembered from her childhood]. I thought the exhibition had something for everyone and loved the idea of a quiz too.”

The response to requests for people to bring along sherds from their gardens or fields was excellent and attracted a number of people from other local villages. Roger Inman and Anne Jenner from the Yorkshire Archaeological Trust had a stall in the entrance to the hall, where they displayed Roman and later pottery, some of which was probably made in the Howardian Hills. They looked at the sherds that people brought in from their gardens and plotted the findspot on a large OS map. They were able to give a quick ID and spot date on the day, but took names and addresses so that a more detailed note can be sent to participants at a later date. The majority of the wares were green glazed Brandsby and Ryedale types, though they were happy to look at
everything from green glazed to transfer printed wares. They say “we were thrilled to take over 20 contact details for those who are interested in helping with further work identifying local green glazed wares, and in particular Ryedale wares from the area, and thought the day was a great success and are very much looking forward to the next event”.

Due to popular request from both those who were not able to attend and from many who did not have time to view everything on display, a smaller exhibition from the Husthwaite team will be held in early autumn. Date to be announced.

Angela Ovenston
Village photo taken by Jan Januriek on the Great Get Together Day, June 18th 2017, which honoured Jo Cox and her message that we are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us. This photo linked to a news item is available on the village website with more photos in The Gallery there.