Doreen French at the Husthwaite Applefest in September with a barn owl from the Birds of Prey display
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Dates for your Diary

Oct 2 Book Exchange 10.30-12.30 in VH
Oct 2 Orchard Club lunch from 12pm onwards in VH
Oct. 5th Reading Group 2pm Orchard Inn
Oct 6 Auction of Promises 7.30pm in VH
Oct. 10 “The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands”. Play in VH by North Country Theatre. 7.30. Tickets are £9 from shop or tel. 868130
Oct 13 Harvest Hoe-Down in VH - see pg 8
Oct 15 Neighbourhood Watch Meeting in VH. 7.30 pm
Oct 16th Book Exchange 10.30-12.30
Oct 18 Local history talk: “The worm-eaten waistcoat.” 7.00 in VH. £5
Oct 19 Scottish Country Dancing 8pm in VH
Oct 25 Village Hall Committee AGM. 7pm in VH
Nov 2 Reading Group 2pm Orchard Inn
Nov. 6th Book Exchange
Nov. 6 Orchard Club
Nov 13 Christmas shoe box packing in Methodist Chapel from 9.30
Nov 18 Husthwaite Winter Market 10-2 in the VH.
Nov 20 Book Exchange
Dec 4 Book Exchange
Dec 4 Orchard Club
Dec 8-16th (weekends) Shandy Hall by Candlelight. See pg. 3
Dec 18th Carol Singing in the village
EASINGWOLD AND DISTRICT STROKE CLUB

The Stroke Club was launched in January 2009 and provides an informal setting where people who have survived a stroke, their carers and friends can meet others in a happy and relaxed atmosphere thereby improving their quality of life.

The Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at Springhill Court, Easingwold, from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Refreshments are served on arrival which is then followed by a guest speaker and the topic for each month is greatly varied.

If you would like to come along please telephone Pauline Woodham on 01347 824134 (answerphone available) - we would love to see you.

Shandy Hall by Candlelight

Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th, Saturday 15th, Sunday 16th December

Experience what Christmas is like in an 18th century parsonage, with candlelit rooms, log fires and traditional decorations. The curator will give a lively tour of the house sharing with you the history of the Hall and its many inhabitants over 600 years. The tour will include a chance to see a hidden 15th century wall painting not normally on public display and if you are feeling brave you can venture into Sterne's old cellar. This small vaulted room was built in the 18th century as a wine cellar and is not normally open.

After the tour you are welcome to join us by the fire for a complimentary glass of mulled wine and mince pie in the Old Kitchen.

Tickets £15.00

Book early - last year the tours all sold out. Limited numbers.

Booking essential - online www.laurencesternetrust.org.uk or by phone 01347 868465

If you shop online....

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Husthwaite Reading Group

Meeting the first Friday of every month in the village pub at 2.00pm
(£3 for tea and cake)

Please let Lesley Seaman know (868653 or erik.seaman@tiscali.co.uk) if you are interested so the right amount of cake can be provided by the Wednesday before Friday’s reading group.

The Reading Group has now drawn up a list of books to be read and discussed on the first Friday of each month.

BOOKS for the next 3 months:

- October 5th ‘That Woman’ Anna Sebba
- November 2nd ‘The Book Thief’ Marcus Zusak
- December 7th ‘The Dressmaker’ Beryl Bainbridge

Husthwaite Local History Society

Everyone is welcome to come to the next talk on Thursday 18th October 7.30 in the village hall. Tickets £5 (incl. a glass of wine) at the door.

"The Worm-Eaten Waistcoat"
by Alison Backhouse. The talk will be based on her book of the same title, about a York pawnbrokers shop. Several of Alison’s ancestors, the Tebb family, once lived and worked in the village.

Contacts via the websites Two living members of the Hildred family have written articles about their ancestors which may now be found on www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk (publications/articles). Trevor Gale (linked by marriage to the Hildred family) has sent more details of his family, available on request from Angela Ovenston (aovenston@btinternet.com). Wendy Price, from Kingston, Massachusetts USA, who is the gt gt gt granddaughter of George and Rebecca Frank, who with their large family were once tenants of Aletheia House, has written her story, below, and this may also be found on the website. Alan Hutton, son of Joseph Alan and Lilly Hutton who once lived in Carlbury (then called Hazledean) Low Street, now living in Scotland has also been in touch.
The Frank(s) Family of Husthwaite

By Wendy Price (USA) August 2012

In 2006, I decided to investigate my father’s side of the family tree. My dad’s name was Aaron Alexander Franks (born May 3rd, 1921) and he died July 17th, 1988 just after my daughter was born. He was a very successful Building Commissioner in the large city in Ontario, Canada where I grew up. While he was alive, he told me proudly of his Yorkshire roots and how beautiful the north of England was. Every Sunday he made roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and whenever he had a few drinks in him, he would revert back to some old Yorkshire sayings and his accent became thicker. We were living in Canada, where he had emigrated in the late 1950s but I always knew how proud he was to be from the north of England. He told us little of his family back in England, although I did know his father’s name (David) and his mother’s maiden name (Margaret Hannah Robinson). I also knew that he came from a large family and each of his aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents etc also came from huge families. So with very little to go on, I started my search. Six years later, I have learned that the lovely village of Husthwaite played a large part in my ancestry.

The Frank family lived in Yorkshire (Ottringham) and my research tells me that my great, great, great grandfather Charles Frank married a girl there named Frances Marshill on February 18th, 1805. Six months later (on August 23rd) my 2x great grandfather George was born. It’s unclear where the family lived or when exactly the move to Husthwaite happened. But, the next we hear from George he is grown up and marries a girl from nearby Helmsley. Her name was Rebecca Bowes and they got married on June 16th, 1832. George was 26 years old and Rebecca was 19 years old. Around this time they had their first child, a son named William. In 1833 they had a daughter named Ann, in 1835 a son Benjamin was born, in 1838 daughter Sarah was born and in 1841 they had another daughter named Jane.

When the first official census was recorded in 1841, George and Rebecca were listed as living in Husthwaite with their 5 children. According to the Husthwaite House Plots*, they were renting the house now known as Aletheia House on High Street (which was owned by Thomas Moncaster). Also, in 1841, the garden at the back of what is now called Broom House, a few houses further along the road, was jointly let to George and his friend Charles Bosonworth. The census lists George’s trade as a farm labourer. George was born at Oulston, a village 2 miles from Husthwaite and his wife at Carlton 2 miles north of Helmsley.

In 1843, George and Rebecca had their 6th child, a son named George. Three years later (in 1847) they had a daughter they named Margaret, followed by a son named Charles in 1849. My research also showed that the boy Benjamin (who was born in 1835) must have died because in 1851, the census lists George and Rebecca as having had another son they named Benjamin. I am told this “double naming” was a common practice in those days.

On October 29th, 1852 my great grandfather David was born in Husthwaite. In the 1861 census, the family is still living in Husthwaite and had been for at least 20 years. Their address is now listed as Highthorne, Husthwaite and the Ecclesiastical District is cited as St.
Peter’s of York. The only children still living at home were Charles (age 12), Benjamin (age 10) and my great grandfather David (age 7). All three boys are listed as “scholars” so, presumably, they were enrolled in the local school. Sometime after the 1861 census, the family left Husthwaite.

They apparently moved north to Durham, perhaps so George could find work in a coal mine. Their son George (b. 1843) had already moved to Durham and was working in the mines so it is feasible that George, Rebecca and the children followed the younger George to Durham. Records show that George Senior was working as a Hewer in the Esh Colliery in the 1860s. Sadly, on the 25th of September, 1867 he was killed in a mining accident. The death certificate lists his age as 59 years and the cause of death was as follows, “Accidentally struck on the head by the cage and jammed against the bunting. Death instantaneous.” Information received from Thomas Dean, Coroner for Darlington Ward. Inquest held 27th of September, 1867.” George Franks’ name is listed in the Memorium section of the Mining Museum’s web page. After his death, Rebecca continued to live with George Jr and his wife and kids.

In researching my family tree, I stumbled upon your beautiful village. I am proud that my ancestors lived in Husthwaite for an extended period of time. I have been in contact with both Jan Coulthard (who currently lives in the same house George and Rebecca started out in, ie Aletheia House) and Angela Ovenston. They have both been gracious and accommodating with my search and I have no doubt, whenever I make it back to England for a visit, the village of Husthwaite will be the star of the itinerary!

* With grateful thanks to Prof. Stuart Marriott for information about occupancy of the plots at Aletheia House and Broom House from Houses of Husthwaite (Village dwelling sites from the early Seventeenth Century to 1841) downloaded from www.husthwaitehistory.co.uk.

Husthwaite Neighbourhood Watch

The next committee meeting will be held at 7pm on Oct. 15th at the village hall; all are welcome. If you have any views on the question of establishing a NO COLD CALLING ZONE in the village please let your co-ordinator know. Please visit the HNW section of the website for up-to-date information.

Jill Galloway
Mowatt Financial Planning

Help and advice in the following areas:

- Holistic financial planning
- Retirement planning
- Pensions and Investments
- Individual Savings Accounts
- Life Insurance
- Long Term Care funding

Contact Will Mowatt for an initial meeting to discuss your needs:

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HARVEST HO-DOWN

SATURDAY 13TH OCTOBER

You are warmly invited to the Harvest Ho-Down in aid of Martin House Children’s Hospice on Saturday 13th October. Come and join the fun, harvest supper followed by simple country dancing led by Brian Watt. The hall will be open at 7.0, supper at 7.30 prompt.

Tickets available from Sue Leverton (8684390) or members of St. Nicholas Church.

Adults £6.50, children under 16 £2.50. All ages welcome

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A busy start ……

We bid a fond farewell to our Y6 leavers at the end of the summer term and at the start of the new school year we extend a warm welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children as well as other children who have moved into the area over summer. We also welcome a new staff member, Mrs Price, who joins our support staff team. We very much look forward to working with them all and hope they enjoy their time with us.

The start of a new school year is always very busy settling into new routines and preparing for the year ahead. The start of this year was particularly busy as we were subject to a SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) Inspection. This took place on 11th September and we are pleased to report that the school has been graded as ‘Good’. Further details once the official report has been received will be given in the next Newsletter.

Plans are in place for various exciting activities over the coming year and this half term the school is focusing on its creative flair. Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 pupils will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield and children in Years 4-6 are involved in the North York Moors ‘Ice and Lime Project’. Children will be exploring their local landscape and heritage through local walks followed by time in the classroom with an artist. We look forward to displays of their work around school in the not too distant future.

Swimming lessons are once again offered to Years 3 and 4 this term as part of the curriculum. Years 5 and 6 will enjoy their residential visit to East Barnby on the coast just outside Whitby at the end of this half term. Residential visits help children to develop their independence skills and form an important part of a child’s personal development at school; children will often recall this visit at the highlight of their primary school years!

A wide and varying choice of extra-curricular clubs are once again on offer to all children at school. Some of these clubs will enable pupils to participate in cluster school competitions such as netball, football, tag rugby and cross country.

Power Down Pete will be making a return visit to the school to talk to and work with children about reducing carbon, how to save energy, the impact on the environment and what they can do in school to help.

Each Friday the school holds a ‘sharing assembly’ whereby children’s successes are celebrated. This year parents are being invited to share in their child’s successes by
participating in such assemblies.

**Community Events**

For the third consecutive year the school has played host to the Village Apple Fair. A popular event, it has granted us an opportunity to raise funds for our school through the provision and sale of refreshments. This year we raised £540.00; thank you to everyone who helped and supported us at this event.

Our first community service of the school year is on Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} October at 9.30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend and coffee will be served afterwards. We shall also be holding a cake/home produce stall.

Members of the community are invited to take lunch with the children on Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} October. The meal on offer will be a Harvest Lunch – roast chicken, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, carrots and cabbage followed by apple crumble and custard. A vegetarian option of vegetable crunch crumble is also on offer. The cost is £2.76 per adult and orders need to be placed at school before Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} October.

The school has been working in liaison with the WEA who have been running a short Helping In School course which has been well supported by parents and the wider community. This course has offered an insight as to how schools work to give parents a better perspective of how they can support both their child and the school.

**Fund-raising**

Parents have resurrected FOHS (Friends of Husthwaite School) as part of their commitment to the school’s fund-raising efforts. As a result the school’s ‘100 Club’ has been re-launched. A draw will take place each quarter beginning in December 2012 and prizes money will be given in proportion to the amount of numbers sold for a 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} prize. If anyone would like to participate in the 100 club draw please contact the school. The annual cost is £12.00.

The next collection of ‘Bags2School’ will take place on Tuesday 9 October. Any second hand clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags can be accepted – we get paid on the weight of the goods collected. If you would like to use this recycling facility which also raises funds for our school, bags of goods for the collection can be brought to school from Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} October. Black bin bags can be used for goods a quantity of the company’s own bags are available for this purpose from the school office.

Each year the school has a ‘book fair’. Children are able to choose and buy books for themselves like they would in any book shop. If any members of the community would like to come along to visit our book f\textsuperscript{a}ir and enjoy a coffee they are more than
welcome to do so between 9.15 and 10.00 am on Monday 8th October. It's a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping!

**Toddlers @ Husthwaite**

Toddlers @ Husthwaite continues to meet each Thursday but at the new time of 1.00-3.00 pm. All children under school age are welcome accompanied by an adult. Cost is £1.00 per child to include refreshments for both child and adult. A full list of activities on offer each week is available from the school website.

**Toddlers in Foundation Stage**

Miss Goodchild is continuing her links with toddlers and welcomes parents and toddlers for taster sessions each month in our successful Foundation Stage classroom (dates are available on the school website). This is an ideal opportunity for young children to get to know the school and for parents to find out a little bit more about what starting school or nursery actually entails.

Please feel free to drop-in any time to any of the toddler sessions on offer.

**Diary Dates:**

- Thu 4 Oct: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Mon 8 Oct: Book Fair and coffee 9.15-10.00 am
- Tue 9 Oct: Bags2School collection 9.00 am
- Tue 9 Oct: Toddlers in Foundation Stage 1.15-3.00 pm
- Thu 11 Oct: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Thu 18 Oct: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Fri 19 Oct: Harvest Festival 9.30 am
- Thu 25 Oct: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Thu 25 Oct: Community Harvest lunch at school
- Fri 26 Oct: School closes for half term
- Mon 5 Nov: Staff training day
- Tue 6 Nov: School re-opens
- Thu 8 Nov: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Thu 15 Nov: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Thu 22 Nov: Toddlers in Foundation Stage 9-11.15 am
- Thu 29 Nov: Toddlers @ Husthwaite 1-3 pm
- Fri 7 Dec: Christmas Fair

Visits to the school in general are always welcome – please phone the office to make an appointment.
Applefest

The third village Applefest took place on Sunday 16th of September, and despite the unfavourable weather many children and adults turned up to sample the amusements, stalls and music, and had a good day out, winning prizes, having rides, buying from the stalls, stroking the animals or eating some of the delicious food on offer.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the day. The event more or less broke even financially, which was good given that visitor numbers were slightly down, and that the costs of the attractions, as always, used up most of the entrance charges. Also, from this income the Orchard project has acquired 2 event marquees, which can be used in future in village events. To see a breakdown of the income and costs of putting on this event, please go to the Orchards section of the village website.

The “Applefest” is an attempt to promote Community involvement, to bring residents of Husthwaite together socially and to forge links with the village Primary School, giving priority to children’s activities. This has been achieved each year, though mostly through the efforts of Cameron Smith, the organiser, a small team of helpers and the parents and teachers from the school who helped with catering. It goes without saying that the event would not happen also without a huge number of people supporting it such as the Village House Band. We could, however, definitely do with some fit volunteer helpers, particularly to set up and take down stalls etc, so would more younger men in the village step forward to help? The future of large events like the Applefest depends on younger people coming forward to assist, as the over 60 age group at present are finding some of the physical work rather challenging!

The School raised a total of £540 from their various activities on the day, including the excellent catering. Once again, thank you all.

Erik Seaman

Mark Gambles and Callum Watt take a break from music making at the Applefest
CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX APPEAL

Last year, we were able to send an amazing total of 149 filled shoe-boxes to deprived children in Eastern Europe. We invite everyone to be involved in this year’s appeal. The day for packing shoe-boxes will be TUESDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, in Husthwaite Methodist Chapel, from 9.30 a.m. onwards.

These are some of the ways you can help:

* save medium-sized shoe-boxes with detachable lids and, if possible, cover them with Christmas wrapping paper;
* donate money towards transport costs - the suggested amount is £2.50 per box, but any contribution is welcome towards the total;
* supply any of the gifts on the following list:
  - **TOYS** - bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, small musical instrument, trucks, cars, dolls (small), clip-on earrings, tennis ball etc.
  - **EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES** - felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers etc.
  - **HYGIENE ITEMS** - toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb. hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc.
* **OTHER ITEMS** - sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of the following year but no chocolate), gloves, hats, scarves, sunglasses, bangles, necklaces.

**WE CANNOT INCLUDE** - medicines, war-related items (guns, toy soldiers, knives), fragile items, liquids, scissors, books, anything of a political nature, nor HAND-KNITTED STUFFED TOYS, ANY CLOTHING OTHER THAN HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES.

Please do not feel you have to supply one of each item in every category - whatever you send will be used.

Husthwaite Village Shop will have many of these items in stock, so you don’t need to go far for your shopping. Packing day is always exciting and very rewarding. We are always amazed at the generosity of the people of Husthwaite and the surrounding villages. If you can spare the time, do come and join in, then come with us to the drop-off point in Thirsk and recover over a light lunch at the Garden Centre.

If you have any queries about anything, please ring either Bunny Wentworth (868377) or Linda Davison (868449).
The next Book Exchange is on Tuesday 2 October
10.30-12.30
Come along for a cuppa and a chat, as well as choosing some books from our amazing collection. Would anyone else like to volunteer to help on our rota? Occasionally there are times when none of the team of 4 is available! The Book Exchange opens on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Jan Coulthard (868130)

CAROL SINGING
After many years of organising the village Christmas Carol Singing, Peter and Linda Davison have decided to stand down and become singers rather than organisers. They are both to be thanked for their hard work and enthusiasm.

This year the evening Carol Singing around the village will take place on Tuesday December 18th assembling at "The Green" at 7pm finishing at 9 pm.

Please come and join us.

For information call either David Pike (868560) or Sue Leverton on 868439

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Jan Coulthard (868130)
Husthwaite & District Gardening Club

At our first indoor meeting in September our chairman, Breda Wells outlined the forthcoming 2012-2013 programme, pointing out that the AGM has moved from February to April after recent postponements due to bad weather. Our club dinner will be at the White Swan, Ampleforth on 22nd November.

Our speaker for the evening was Ray Creek from Scunthorpe, a grower of orchids since the early 1970’s. He brought a display of twenty plants with five varieties. Although Britain has fifty species of wild orchids, the total number of species in the world is 20,000. They are present on all continents, including ones that live on trees and rocks, relying on just dew and rain for their water. Mr Creek demonstrated the structure of a root. The true root is just a filament surrounded by water-storing cells. Some orchids store water in strap like leaves, others in pseudo bulbs or in a thickened stem.

Much detailed guidance was given regarding the growing medium (a free draining substance, not soil), watering, light and position, potting on and feeding. Having good light is very important for good flowering. Water your orchids every three or four weeks, putting a balanced fertiliser in the water and potting on when the root ball is proud of the pot.

Our next meeting will be in Husthwaite Village Hall on Thursday 11th October, when members will receive their competition bulbs. Our speaker will be Brian Hutchinson, talking about his gardening life, including his time at Castle Howard.

Mike Wells
Scottish Country Dancing

We are planning some Scottish Country Dancing practice nights now that the nights are drawing in.
If you have never been, then come along and give it a try. If you have been before, come along and get some practice in. We have 3 nights planned building up to a Burns Supper in January.

Dates are as follows:

Friday October 19th at 8pm
Friday November 16th at 8pm
Sunday December 16th at 2pm

Burns Supper January 19th from 7pm

On the evening, the dances will be called by Brian Watt. Basically, Brian explains the dance to us; walks us through it and then cajoles us into doing it all to music. Simple. The session lasts about two hours. We ask for £1 to cover the costs of hall hire.

Bring your own refreshments and comfortable shoes.

If you want to know more call Will Mowatt on 868196.

A FREE, YES FREE HOME INSULATION SERVICE

Yorkshire Energy Partnership are currently working with Hambleton District Council to deliver a free insulation scheme. The money to fund the work is provided by the main energy suppliers, who have an obligation to cut carbon emissions. The local authority have also put some money into the pot so that the grants are not based on any personal criteria ie they are not means tested.

The funding covers loft and cavity wall insulation using a mineral fibre material, and as long as the property is suitable there should be no cost involved. Under the scheme a survey will need to be carried out first of all just to check that the work can be done – the installer will just be looking at things like the size of the property, access, suitability and current (if any) levels of insulation. As long as the loft has less than 6” of insulation currently it will qualify for a top up to the recommended level of 10.5”. This funding is limited and only available until the end of the year, so if you are interested please phone Yorkshire Energy Partnership on 01904 554 406. They will confirm all of the necessary details with you and put you forward for a survey. If you prefer you can email them on advice@energypartnership.org.uk or fill in our online form at www.yorkshireenergypartnership.org.uk/advice.
J.S. Fletcher’s **The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands**

Adapted for the stage by Nobby Dimon

**HUSTHWAITE Village Hall**

Wednesday 10th October 2012 7.30pm

Tickets £9 01347 868130

Tickets from the Village Shop or tel. 868130
Lighthouse in Husthwaite!

Strange tales were told of Shivering Sands - of keepers gone mad, mermaids and sea monsters, disappearances and haunttings, even a plague of rats. None of that scared Mordechai Chiddock, but had he known that Jezreel Cornish was one of the keepers he’d never have set foot on that cursed rock! And now the supply boat would not be back for a month and Chiddock knew that either he or Cornish would be dead long before then.

North Country Theatre from Richmond is back in Husthwaite! This time it’s a sinister tale of sun, sea and strangulation. This is their fourth visit to the village hall and each time, it’s been a wonderful, really memorable evening of brilliant theatre.

After previous performances, people said

“….tickets for North Country Theatre’s latest offering should be available on prescription” (Darlington and Stockton Times) and

“the unique set proved a superb feature …. used to stunning effect. Wonderfully entertaining.” (Craven Herald).

It’s all happening at Husthwaite Village Hall for one night only at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October. Tickets are £9 and you can get them from the village shop or by ringing 01347 868130. Bar and refreshments... Don’t miss it, book early!

Husthwaite Oil Buying Group

The final group order for heating oil in 2012 will be on Monday 26th November for delivery over the following couple of weeks or so. Let me know by Saturday 24th November if you want any that time round. For those of you who are not on my e-mail list, it would be immensely helpful if you could link up with someone who does use e-mail, and ask them to if they would act as a contact point for you.

Orders for the first part of 2013 will be on 14th January, 4th March, and 13th May (all Mondays).

Membership is open to all— if you live in or around Husthwaite and want to know more about the Cooperative, do give me a call.

Michael Graham
868216 or husthwaiteoil@gmail.com
Village Hall News

Coming up....... 

The next year is going to be one of the most important in the life of the village hall. 

We’re waiting for the formal decision of the Lottery committee, to tell us if we have the money to build a new hall. If it goes in our favour, there will be a year of intense activity. It won’t just be all the work to do with getting the new hall built. As much time will have to go into planning what we do with the new building, the things that will help us to develop as a community. 

*We’re going to need as much help as we can get. If you would like to help in some way...get in touch with someone from the village hall committee. We’ll be really glad to hear from you.* 

Meanwhile...there’s lots happening..a new course to report and there’s news of events coming up at the hall, throughout this Newsletter.

New course for parents about school

The Village Hall, the WEA and Husthwaite school have put on a short course for parents and carers of primary school children, explaining the new ways that Maths and English are taught, so that they can help their children learn. It goes on into October, but is already proving a great success. We hope the enthusiastic and experienced tutor, Judith Jennings, will repeat this course for next year’s intake and perhaps offer a follow up course this year for interested parents.
Raising money...we’re getting there

To help meet the cost of the new hall, we need to raise **£55,000**. We’ve made a good start with very generous contributions from Orchards of Husthwaite, Deb Lewis-Green and the Bernard Sunley Foundation...total so far... **£18,000**.

We’ve got bids in to the LEADER fund, Howardian Hills AONB, Comic Relief and lots more funding bodies.

But we need to contribute ourselves too, so there are three fundraising schemes coming up in the village

- **Auction of Promises 6 October**...an amazing range of promises to bid for ...full details page 22

- **Pathway To Success**...buy a brick paver and have a name inscribed on it, to celebrate an important family member or event, or simply to record your donation. Become part of the fabric of your village hall and be remembered for your support by future generations. Details out soon.......

- And we’re working on the idea of a **Pledge Party** for later in the year, to raise extra funds for the things we can’t afford in the basic budget

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**Annual General Meeting**

7.30pm Thursday 25 October...all welcome

To hear the report of what’s gone on this year, the decision about our Lottery bid and to elect committee members for the coming year. **Come if you can**...next year will be a vital one for the hall and the village. **There will be drinks and nibbles after the meeting for everyone who comes along**
Husthwaite Village Hall

AUCTION
OF PROMISES

To raise funds for the village hall
SATURDAY 6 OCTOBER 7.30pm

Promises include........

Glider flight voucher, Fly fishing session, Original painting of Husthwaite Village Green, Ride in a vintage car, Set of fruit trees, Guided tour of Ampleforth Abbey for 2, Meal for 2 at the Carlton Inn, Pair of curtains made to measure by Curtain Room, Load of horse manure, Galtres Cider, A music group for your event, Babysitting, Wine, Gardening or ironing help........in all more than 60 promises!

The bar will be open all evening and there will be entertainment and nibbles at half time

Come along and bid !

(Is there a promise you could offer?)

For up-to-date information or if you want to donate a promise, please contact Will on 868196 or Malcolm on 868779
Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust

Each year, the Trust organises an event to raise money, which is used for the preservation of churches in the County of Yorkshire. The aim is for participants to visit as many churches as possible - either on foot, horseback or by bike - and the money raised is then shared equally between the YHCT and a church nominated by the participant. Churches can apply to the Trust for a grant to assist with a particular project: the repointing of a tower, for instance.

I have taken part in this event every year since 1996, and over that period have been to many parts of the County. This year, I went to look at churches in Wharfedale, in an area bounded by Pool-in-Wharfedale and Bolton Abbey: my ride started and finished at Pool bridge. I cycled 55 miles and went to 14 churches; photographs of the churches and a map of the route taken are displayed in the church porch. The total amount this year was £700, of which half goes to the fabric fund of St.Nicholas Church.

My sincere thanks to the many people who supported me (again!).

Alan McDougall

Bolton Abbey
Husthwaite Winter Market

Takes place in the village hall from 10-2.00 on Sunday 18th November

We are trying to raise money towards the £55000 we need to find for our contribution to the new village hall. Please come along and support us; entry is free. You can shop for Christmas presents indoors, out of the cold, and enjoy our range of refreshments.

If you have any offers of Tombola prizes, or can help with the catering, or wish to have a stall, please contact Annabel on belkennedy at btinternet.com or tel.868705
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Sport of the Month

Following the euphoria of the Olympics (Husthwaite version), we thought it would be good fun to get together once a month to do some sport.

The plan is that it's open to anyone who wants to take part and we will adapt according to numbers, age range etc.

The first sport was tennis in September. Other sports are planned for future months: Basketball, table tennis, handball, football, volleyball (need a net), rounders. Suggestions welcome. The next sport is in October and will be basketball. It will take place on the 21st at the MUGA at 10.30am.

The next date will be the 18th of November again at the MUGA at 10.30am, Sport to be decided. We are of course planning another New Year's Day football challenge, more details in the next newsletter.

For more information or if you want to confirm your participation please contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).

Husthwaite Olympics by Jeremy Walker

Now that the football premiership is back centre stage with its frenzied media accompaniment, of goals gossip and bar and bed room antics. It seems a distant memory when athletes competed fairly; where gold medallists were normal people like us and team GB triumphed above the rest of the world in so many events. Where Great Britain proved its people can still lead the world in organization and planning.

It was against this backdrop of sporting ideals and national euphoria that the Husthwaite Olympics were held. Eager village Olympians (aged 4-70 yrs) descended to the school sporting arena to undergo 8 challenges of endurance skill courage and teamwork.

First of all our steely competitors were charged with overcoming Martin Mountain Gallon in a ‘beat the goalie’ penalty shoot-out, it was as if he was still wearing his motorcycle armour as he fended the venom of Husthwaite ball strikers. Eventually after much nerve, power and accuracy Nick Januriek rose above the field to take gold in this event.

Next Lawrie Hill guided us through the frustratingly difficult world of target golf. His own skills rubbed off on the competitors as the painfully low scores were recorded. Throughout history man has pitted himself against beast, from our prehistoric hunter ancestors to the roman gladiators. It is in this world of man versus fish that legendary fictitious yellow pages character J R Hartley and real life Husthwaite legend Mark Fishy Gambles exist. Under Mark’s confident and relaxed coaching the whole village could have surely dined on a huge fish supper. It was young Fergus McLanachan who angled himself the river casting gold prize.

Gold medal in basket ball shooting was taken by a young athlete by the name of Darcey Blenkinsop. Husthwaite’s fastest individuals over 50 metres were Nick Januriek and Sammy Bouchaib.

The course of Husthwaite’s long distance competition was as follows. Round to Baxby, over 5 Lanes End, up the gruelling climb of Hithorne Lane , followed by the back straight sprint which was The Nookin and Low Street .It appears Scottish ancestry and Yorkshire up bringing were the ingredients for gold in this classic event as Calum Mowatt and Isla McLanachan were first home to the Orchard Inn.
To stimulate a competitive element for us all we were divided into two teams, Hambleton and Mowbray. Under these hilly banners the team events were fought, Hambleton winning the walking football, Mowbray getting revenge in the rounder's event. The builder’s ton bag race was great fun, but failed to produce a winner as both teams crossed the line together.

A fun afternoon and some excellent sporting achievement were rounded off by medals and beer at the Orchard Inn. After the individual results were fed into the master computer, Mowbray were declared the overall winners and the team trophy was collected by Mike Barker.

Husthwaite Olympics creator Will Mowatt hopes to incorporate elements of this event into a monthly sporting challenge, so watch this space for future events.
Husthwaite Village Hall

SUNDAY 18th NOVEMBER

10am till 2pm

HUSTHWAITE WINTER MARKET

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Local Crafts and Gifts

Award winning Hovingham Market

Raffle
TOMBOLA
Stupendous Prizes

REFRESHMENTS
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