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Dates for your Diary

December

- 2 1.30 pm Primary School Christmas Fair in School
- 5 12-2pm Apple Tree Cafe & Book Exchange in VH
- 6 OVC Christmas Party (off site)
- 8 7.30pm Gardening Club in VH
- 10 6.30pm Village Christmas Party in VH
- 19 6.30pm Carol Singing around Husthwaite
- 22 7.30pm Film Club
- 30 7pm Big Fat Christmas Quiz



January

- 1 10.30am Village Football Game
- 6 7.30pm Pop up Pub in VH
- 9 7.30pm Village Hall Meeting
- 10 12noon OVC in VH
- 17 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting in VH
- 26 7.30pm Film Club in VH



February

- 6 12-2pm Apple Tree Cafe and Book Exchange in VH
- 11 Burns Supper in VH

For details of regular weekly events at the Village Hall please see page 14

HUSTHWAITE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME NEWSLETTER

Exclusive 10% Co-op Insurance offer for Neighbourhood Watch members

All Neighbourhood Watch members will get an exclusive 10% off a home insurance policy for the first year. They will need to take out a policy direct on the phone by 31st December and policies have to start by 31st January 2017. (This offer cannot be used with any other discount codes and applies to new customers who purchase Buildings or Contents insurance or where Buildings and Contents insurance are purchased together)." "To get a quote, simply call the Co-op contact centre on 0800 781 1390 and quote code NHW10, (terms and conditions apply)."

Take Five – It pays to stop and think – Avoid financial fraud

Never disclose security details, such as your PIN or full password - it's never okay to reveal these details.

Don't assume an email request or caller is genuine - people aren't always who they say they are.

Don't be rushed – a genuine bank or organisation won't mind waiting to give you time to stop and think.

Listen to your instincts – if something feels wrong then it is usually right to pause and question it.

Stay in control – have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for information.

Top tips for reducing fire risks in the home

Don't leave appliances charging unsupervised for long periods of time.

Use official/original chargers and electrical cables.

Buy electrical items from a reputable source and check it has a British or European safety mark when buying it.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions on the device.

Don't charge a battery that looks like it could have been damaged or dropped.

Don't cover items when charging them as they emit heat.

Don't leave large household appliances e.g. washing machine or tumble dryers on overnight or when you leave the house.

Don't overload extension cables with multiple appliances, it's advised to use one plug per socket.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm fitted in the home and regularly check it to make sure it works.

Buy the Neighbourhood Watch Patlock at our exclusive discounted rate of £42.50* (including VAT and delivery) at www.ourwatch.org.uk



Apple Tree Café



Thank you to everyone that has supported the Apple Tree Café during 2016. I hope we can continue to rely on your support at the next café on December 5th and throughout 2017.

As you may be aware we were facing the possibility that the café would have to close due to lack of support from the local community. Thankfully, this is not now the case as numbers have improved and we may even need to put out an extra table or two! If you have any comments, good or bad, please feel free to contact me or catch me at the next café.

The November cafe was a particular success. Not only due to the amount of support we received, but by the fantastically warm and friendly atmosphere that this created within the heart of our community. Even from the kitchen it was a joy to hear the banter and laughter being enjoyed over lunch.

A special thank you to all of the volunteers who make this community service possible. The fantastic bakers who provide a wonderful array of cakes, the helpers in the kitchen and those overseeing the Book Exchange. You know who you are, ladies and Craig!

Next café - Monday 5th December, 12 till 2.

No café in January 2017.

February café - Monday 6th February 2017, 12 till 2.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Lynn Colton

Christmas Shoeboxes

A very big "Thank you" to all those who contributed, with toys, knitted gloves, scarves, hats etc. Also for the donations towards travel costs. We packed a total of 137 shoeboxes to go to children who are not as fortunate as our children and grandchildren.

We could not achieve this without the help of all the lovely ladies who came to pack the boxes on 8th November, so a big "Thank you" to them. Hope we can do the same in 2017.



Linda and Bunny

Husthwaite Local History Society

Dr David Wilkinson sadly died on 16th October 2016 after a long illness. He will always be remembered for putting together "Coxwoldshire" and establishing Husthwaite Local History Society. He was actively involved in the millennium publication "Husthwaite Then and Now". Once he retired from working at York District Hospital, he was also known for his interest in horse racing for which he obtained an M.A. He privately published an expanded version of his dissertation "Early Horse Racing in Yorkshire and the Origins of the Thoroughbred" which soon sold out (Old Bald Peg Publications, Old Byland, York; 2003). Once he had left Husthwaite he maintained a lively interest in the village and its history.

The farming family history behind a broken gravestone

In the churchyard behind the war memorial can be found a broken gravestone, (now laid horizontally for safety reasons). With the help of a monumental inscription survey done about 100 years ago, the words on it with some corrections to dates were –

"Sacred to the memory of George Hicks. Who died March 3rd 1861. Aged 74 years. Also of Frances Hicks, of Marton Cum Grafton, wife of George Hicks. Who departed this life Aug 31st 1857. Aged 61 years. Also two sons and one daughter who died in infancy."



Who were the Hicks family from Husthwaite who left the village to farm in Marton cum Grafton and came back to be buried in Husthwaite?

According to Stuart Marriott's research, there was a family called Hick in the early

17th C at Carlton Husthwaite, from whom the Husthwaite Hicks family may have descended. A John Hick was there in 1604. Hearth Tax records show that Hick(e)(s) families were living in villages in Ryedale in 1673 e.g. Ampleforth and Stonegrave. There were also Hicks at Sheriff Hutton, Terrington etc. The name appears in Husthwaite much later. Here, in 1785 John Hicks (1761-1811) a farmer from Husthwaite married Elizabeth Pipes from Alne (1750-1827). They had children Ellen(or), George, Jane and John all baptised in Husthwaite between 1786 and 1798. John (senior) was church warden at St Nicholas' church for many years and when he died his son George took over up to 1825, before he left to farm at Grafton, near Gt Ouseburn; his brother John also became a church warden in 1826.

In 1814 Ellen/Eleanor Hicks, married John Taylor (1790-1842) from Husthwaite. John was a cordwainer (shoemaker), from Cote House, licensee of the Black Bull pub (1823-1841) and owned several cottages and land in the village and also a cottage at Carlton Husthwaite. They had a son William Taylor, born 1821, who in 1849 married Sarah Sadler (1816-1904) from Gueldable near Borrowby who produced three children between 1850 and 1854 - John, Ellen and Thomas (who died aged five in 1859). In 1879 Ellen married William Cass (1853-1912) a farmer from Aldwark, where their three children, Frances, William and Ellen were born. However, by 1901 the whole family had moved back to Husthwaite to live with Ellen's widowed mother Sarah Taylor at the Black Bull Inn (with 10 rooms) and her unmarried son John who was then both innkeeper and shoemaker. Frances Cass was now a boarding school teacher aged 20, William aged 16 a solicitor's clerk and Ellen aged 14 was at school. By 1911 at the Black Bull, Sarah had died, John remained single and was both innkeeper and farmer, his sister Ellen was the housekeeper, her husband William Cass was a farm labourer and their daughter Frances was unmarried and a "mother's help".

George Hicks, second child of John and Elizabeth, married Frances Batty from Coxwold in 1817. They had seven children between 1819 and 1829, all baptised at Husthwaite except for the youngest, when the family had moved to Marton cum Grafton around **1828**. By 1851 George farmed 140 acres there. Grafton is about 15 miles from Husthwaite and maybe the family had connections which led to this move.

Both George and his wife Frances were buried in St Nicholas' churchyard, Husthwaite. Along with them were buried "two sons and a daughter who died in infancy". Sadly, George and Elizabeth's second daughter Elizabeth born 1821, and their son John born 1825 both died within days. From the gravestone, it seems that they had another son who also died in infancy, but his name has not been identified.

However, George and Frances's other children fared better and continued in the farming tradition. Their oldest child Frances Hicks (1819-1872) was baptised in Husthwaite and died in the district of Gt Ouseburn. She married John Horsman in 1845 at Knaresborough. They farmed at Croft Farm at Grafton and in 1861 lived next to John's parents (John Horsman, originally a butcher, now a "landed proprietor")

aged 81 and his wife Sarah, 73). Between 1848 and 1860, Frances and John Horsman produced five daughters and one son, John, (who also became a farmer). Their son George Hicks, (1827-1888) was born in Husthwaite, but spent his life in the Gt. Ouseburn area, where he died. In 1861 he was a farmer of 112 acres in the village Street at Marton cum Grafton. In 1870 he married Jane Ann Bellhouse from Minskip and lived close to the Horsman families. They had three sons born in Grafton between 1872 and 1876.

Eleanor Hicks, the youngest daughter of George and Frances Hicks was born in Grafton c1829 and in 1856 married another farmer, Joseph Milthorp, born 1816, from Arkendale, (a village a few miles from Marton cum Grafton). They produced four children.

(This research stemmed from a visitor from Leeds who was interested in knowing more about his Husthwaite ancestors. For many old photos and burial details at Marton cum Grafton see www.martoncumgraftonhistory.com). **Angela Ovenston**

Joint Exhibition of Husthwaite and Coxwold Local History societies 2017

Husthwaite will be combining with Coxwold Local History Society to hold an exhibition on **Saturday 24th June 2017** in Husthwaite Village Hall.

Plans so far for Husthwaite are to show early photographs, memorabilia and examples of local family histories, also to 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 may include their local historic buildings, the railway 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)**

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Review - Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour

At the beginning of this play at Husthwaite Village Hall on bonfire night there was a brief two minute period, while Sherlock Holmes gave his opening monologue, when the audience started to settle back in their seats to watch a worthy Victorian melodrama unfold. However, the mood suddenly changed dramatically when a very panicky Watson burst through the backdrop curtain to announce that all the stage sets and the rest of the cast were still in Hull rather than in Husthwaite.

The hilarious consequences of a lack of actors and scenery played out for the rest of the performance. It was now down to Holmes and Watson to take on the roles of the Prime Minister, a floozy and a lighthouse keeper as well as themselves, which became something of a feat when all the characters were on the stage together. Fortunately, there was a child's teddy bear on hand to help with some of the more complex character combinations.

Inevitably, the humorous bickering between the two about who should play what part ended up with Watson playing most of the other roles as well as handling the 'scene changes'. Thus, variously with a large fake moustache, a feather boa and a pink hat that gradually disintegrated as the action became more frenetic, Watson charted his way through these transformations to great comedic effect and had the audience in stitches.

The performance was enhanced by the creative use of props in the absence of the stage sets. Particularly effective was the transformation of a shade- less standard lamp into a magnificent lighthouse.

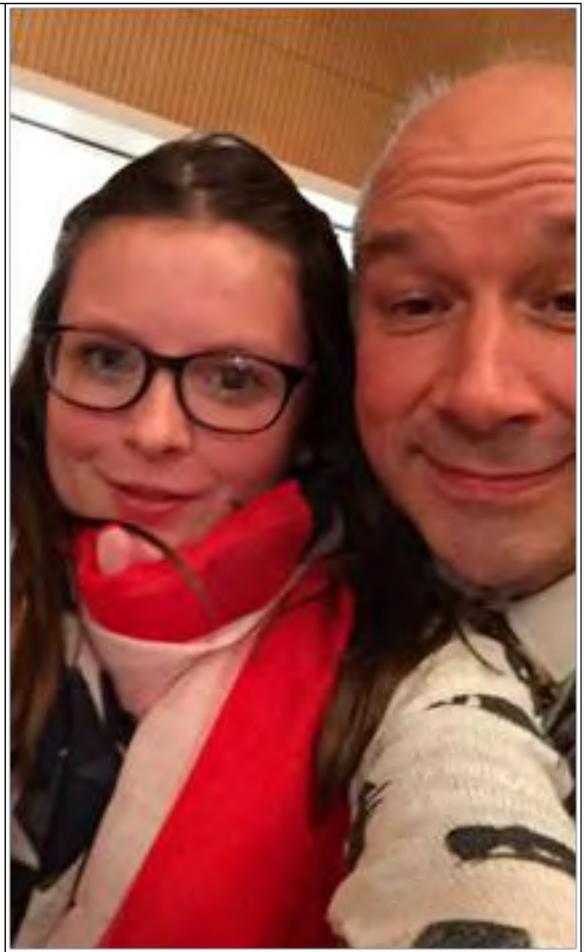
Shortly before the interval, Holmes discovered that the fabled Satsuma Stone, stolen from the crown of William of Orange and only recently discovered in a midden in Maastricht, had disappeared during the performance. The stone had been entrusted to him by the Queen for safe passage to the Tower of London. This immediately threw every member of the audience under suspicion and gave Watson the excuse to watch over the audience during the interval and try to prevent them from leaving the room. The hysterical dialogue with Jackie Barlow as she tried to make her way to the ladies was an unexpected high point. The second act was slightly more serious than the first and much of the action took place against the backdrop of the Reichenbach Falls (three kitchen chairs). There was a neat twist at the end, which put a completely different and original perspective on the fate of Moriarty after his fight with Holmes at the Falls.

Holmes was played by Julian Finnigan and Watson by Dominic Goodwin (regular village hall patrons will remember Dominic's appearance in 'The Lost World', which was the first live theatre production - and the first event ever- in the new village hall on 14th January 2014). Both actors played their parts with energy, skill and real enthusiasm with superb comic timing, which made for a very enjoyable and memorable evening.

Philip Hewitson



Photos from the Holmes and Watson Farewell Tour at the village hall in November, of Dominic Goodwin with Julian Finnigan and Issey Kennedy



Husthwaite Village Christmas Party



The Village Christmas Party is on **Saturday 10th December from 6.30pm**. Over 80 people attended last year's event, coming together to eat, chat, listen to music and dance. This year we will be hosting another **FREE** Christmas party for local villagers & family. Having listened to the feedback from last year we have made a few changes. The party is designed to suit everyone in the village, all ages. With a contribution buffet supper, the earlier part of the evening will be relaxed and quiet to allow people to chat and catch up, with Christmassy background music only. Much later in the evening our very own "Bit of a Gamble" will be playing all their popular tunes for those who want to stay a bit later and dance the night away. This will be a **TICKET ONLY** event. To reserve your ticket, please contact Sheila on 868196 or email **Sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com**.

Film Club Christmas Special – Some Like It Hot!

On Thursday 22nd December we will be running our Christmas special film screening of “**Some Like It Hot**”, together with **live jazz music** and **Chicago cocktails!** This is a comedy classic, and if you haven't seen it you are in for a real treat. **Some Like It Hot** is a 1959 American romantic comedy film set in 1929, directed and produced by Billy Wilder, starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, and Jack Lemmon. The film is about two musicians who dress in drag in order to escape from mafia gangsters whom they witnessed commit the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre. The film was voted the all-time best comedy by the USA Film Board.

We will be transforming the village hall into a 30's jazz club for the evening, with live jazz music, usual bar with Chicago cocktails. Come along for a fun evening and watch a great classic, and of course, you can choose to dress for the occasion, or just casual or drag is fine.



Bar open from 6.45pm.

The Hushwaite Burns Supper

One of the most talked about and anticipated events of the year is back on **February 11th 2017**, the Hushwaite Burns Supper. A Scottish tradition, held every year across the world. The event commemorates the death of the famous Scottish Poet, Robert Burns, and has been celebrated in Hushwaite for the past 11 years since its inauguration by the locals from “Scotch Corner” (Watt's & Mowatt's!). With traditional format; Piper, Toast's to the Lads and Lassies, Haggis & Neep supper and finishing with some Scottish Country Dancing, makes for a fantastic black tie evening.

This will be a **TICKET ONLY** event so book early (to avoid disappointment).

Email **Sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com**.



Wine Tasting comes to Husthwaite

On Friday 18th November, Yorkshire Vintners were busy setting up for the first wine tasting event in the new village hall. It turned out to be a very funny, informative evening, one which we hope will become an annual event.

Six wines were tasted by over 40 attendees, all eager for knowledge, or maybe just more wine in some cases! For each wine we were given 3 possible descriptions by Mark Ryan of Yorkshire Vintners, ably assisted by Craig Colton; who knew we had such a linguist in the village!

The 'Call My Bluff' style competition was won by village newcomers, Ian, Marion, Steve and Susan. Congratulations to them on their victory!

Thank you to all who attended for making it such a successful evening!

Lynn Colton

What's ON!

Hustwaite Village Hall
For full details see:
www.hustwaitevillage.com

December & January

Weekly Regulars

Short Mat Bowls: Mondays 7.00-9.00pm (no meeting 26th Dec or 2nd Jan)

Primetime: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm (no meeting 23rd or 30th Dec)

Youth Club: Alternate Wednesdays at 7.00pm (14th Dec, 11th & 25th Jan)

Zumba: Recommences 10th Jan

Yoga: Tuesdays at 5.00-6.15pm to 6th Dec, recommences 10th Jan.

Monthly Usuals

Orchard Village Club: Tuesday 6th Dec (Xmas Party offsite) & 10th January at 12.00pm

Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange: Monday 5th December at 12.00pm (break during Jan 2017)

Film Club: Thursday 22nd December & 26th January at 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: Friday 6th January at 7.30pm

Gardening Club: Thursday 8th December & 12th January at 7.30pm

Upcoming Events

The Village Christmas Party is on Saturday 10th December from 6.30pm. Due to last year's huge popularity, we will be hosting another **FREE** Christmas party for local villagers & family this year.

See Page 11 for details.



Next Pop Up Pub Night is Friday 6th January from 7.30 with Guest Beer, a selection of red and white wine, gin and tonic and soft drinks. A popular & relaxed evening.

New Year's Day Football 10.30am

A great opportunity to get out and start the New Year on the right (or left!) foot. All ages, genders and levels welcome. After the game the village hall will be open for refreshments & bacon rolls.



Big Fat Christmas Quiz is back Friday 30 December 7pm.

Test your knowledge on events that happened in 2016 and all things Christmassy or vaguely Christmassy....come in a team or join one on the evening. Entry is £3 including a festive Mince Pie. We will be serving warming glasses of Mulled Wine as well as our usual Bar, open from 6.45pm.



FILM CLUB 7.30pm

Dec 22nd "Some Like it Hot" cert 15

A classic for our popular Christmas special. Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon star in this comedy. With live jazz music on the evening, prosecco and "Chicago" cocktails. See pg 11.

Jan 26th "Carol" cert 15

CAROL follows two women from very different backgrounds who find themselves in an unexpected love affair in 1950s New York. This Oscar nominee is labelled "A gorgeous movie".

With Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara.



The Husthwaite Burns ' Supper in Husthwaite

Feb 11th in Village Hall



With traditional format; Piper, Toasts to the Lads and Lassies, Haggis & Neep supper and finishing with some Scottish Country Dancing, it makes for a fantastic black tie evening. This will be a **TICKET ONLY** event so book early to avoid disappointment.

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NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL & APPLE TREE NURSERY

What a busy autumn term we have had! It seems a long time since we started the new academic year when we welcomed 12 new pupils to our school, which also started with some fantastic news. The school



has been awarded the Achievements for All Award (AfA) which is a national accolade for quality which acknowledges our work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of its pupils. The Quality Mark Award recognises the impressive work being done by us to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, particularly

those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities and for improving the outcomes for children and families.



We have also been awarded the Gold Sports Mark Award for the second consecutive year in recognition of our commitment to encouraging a healthy lifestyle and giving sporting opportunities for all.

And finally, we received news that we have been successful in gaining a Big Lottery Funding grant for the provision of an outdoor classroom and garden area.



This will help us to develop and enhance the learning opportunities pupils currently enjoy in our extensive school grounds. Plans will include a community garden to help us further expand our continuing links with the Village Orchard Club and provide new opportunities for working with other organisations in the local community.

Other major news for the school is that we are now officially federated with Sessay Primary School. The two schools have been working successfully in a partnership for the past two years and the federation formalises this arrangement. We look forward to further collaborated working that will benefit all pupils across both schools.

Our open day back in September was a success with some new faces coming to look around our school. The application process for children starting school in September 2017 has now opened. Full details of how to apply are available on the NYCC website (all applications are now made online. If you would like to arrange a visit to see our school, please call the school office on 01347 868371.



Events this term have included:

Winnie the Pooh party to launch our book week.

Y2/3/4 have had weekly swimming sessions at Thirsk.

Y5/6 enjoyed their residential visit to East Barnby.

Class 3 attended Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming

Classes 1 and 2 participated in a British Values activity day
Harvest festival community service
A remembrance service at Church

Sporting events have included participating in the cluster football and netball tournaments and cross-country. In the Cross Country seven children qualified to run at the district cross country event and Mimi Standeven and Jayden Carter qualified to represent the school at the finals to be held at Dalby Forest next March.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us once more. The School's Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 2nd December – 1.30-3.00pm – please do come along and support it (cakes, crafts, tombola, raffle and Santa's grotto). Our annual Carol service at St Nicholas Church will take place at 9.30am on Thursday 15th December – everyone is welcome to join us.

The monthly toddler drop-in sessions continue to be well supported; all pre-school age children are welcome to join us with their parent/carer for a morning of craft activities and fun play. It is also a great opportunity to talk and meet with other parents. The next one will be held on Wednesday 7th December (9-11am) – please do come and join us.

Diary dates:

Fri 2nd Dec – School Christmas Fair

Wed 7th Dec – Toddler morning

Tue 13th Dec – Dress rehearsal KS1 nativity – members of the community are welcome, Please call the school for further details.

Thu 15th Dec – 9.30am Christmas Carols at St Nicholas Church

Fri 16th Dec – School closes for holidays

Tue 3rd Jan – Staff training day

Wed 4th Jan – School opens for spring term

Fri 13th Jan – Toddler morning

For further details please visit our website: www.husthwaite.n-yorks.sch.uk

Photos from our Y5/6 residential visit to East Barnby



Husthwaite Village Carol Singing

We will once again be singing carols around the village on

Monday 19 December. All are welcome to join us, from the young to the not so young, no singing experience required, only enthusiasm.



We will be meeting at the Village Green at 6.30, although you are welcome to join us later - just follow the music.

For further information please contact **Jacqui Ramsden** on 868554.

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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Summary of Draft Minutes of Husthwaite Parish Meeting November 15th 2016

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

Apologies: P. Escreet (working). **Declarations of interest:** NONE.

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

Matters Arising:

Parish Plan Actions Review: PC councillors have visited the OVC and Youth Club to talk about the work of the PC and receive ideas about future projects. The Youth Club suggested a bike trail and it was agreed to check out possible sites, costs and funding.

Lights and a toilet at the MUGA were suggested. Problems of the cost of toilet maintenance and monitoring were brought up, but ES suggested a composting toilet might be the answer and agreed to investigate cost and viability.

The OVC recommended more lighting on the Nookin. CF pointed out there are already 6 lights on the Nookin (until midnight), working, and they are as frequently spaced as anywhere in the village.

CF and BS are to visit the school as the next part of the Parish Plan.

Enforcement of Planning Laws: Bye Green Holdings have withdrawn their latest planning application. Re planning enforcement on the existing developments: the PC will await the consultation stage and respond accordingly. The Sunley Woods 2nd planning application is in and a decision is awaited from the planning authority.

Commons Act 2006 Registered Land - Kendrew Green: The future ownership of Kendrew Green (at present owned by NYCC) is still under review. The PC will ask Councillor Patmore about the progress of our request at NYCC.

Fracking in North Yorkshire: At a public meeting in Galtres Centre in Easingwold, those attending heard from pro and anti-fracking speakers.

Also, PF reported that The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan Group have published this month a document suggesting how the fracking companies might ameliorate some of the effects on the communities if fracking takes place. The plan suggested that access for shale gas traffic should be from A or B roads, **directly or indirectly**. As this affects minor roads, the local Shale Gas Advisory Group attended by PF have included in their draft critique of the plan that these words be reconsidered. PF suggested that one recommendation he would endorse was that, instead of 400mtrs from any development, the fracking well should be 500 mtrs from any isolated property, or 1.5 km from any group development, or further depending on elevation. This critique will eventually go to NYCC and all local PCs. Husthwaite PC are to send in their endorsement by 21st December.

Kendrew Green Grass Cutting & Trees: ²⁰As there has been no decision on the

ownership of Kendrew Green, discussions regarding the grass cutting regime and works to the Wych Elm tree will be put on hold until next year.

Emergency Planning: Work is continuing on this.

Local Plan - Call for Sites: Meetings for the local PCs and the public will take place on 22nd November in Easingwold, to view proposals for future commercial and housing developments in Easingwold and surrounding villages up to 2035. Husthwaite Councillors will attend, and it is hoped numbers of Husthwaite villagers will also go.

As a "service village" Husthwaite will be expected to take a share of the new building of houses, and we must put forward our preferred option from what has been presented. Although the PC thinking is that both possible options are not ideally suited to housing, the PC will opt for Area E071002.

Bier House Guttering: John Heighton will replace the guttering on the Bier House in the near future.

Parish Council Noticeboard: This is being restored by Andrew Coulthard, who has obtained original drawings by Wilf Hutchinson, and oak from his son Trevor to complete the task. Hopefully this should take a month now the old noticeboard wood has dried out thoroughly.

Ducting work on Kays Bank: CF has written to the landowner explaining that the PC has no influence over NYCC Highways to repair the damage to his land, and that he should take the matter further himself with them if he wishes.

Highways Maintenance: The clerk wrote on Sept. 22nd to NYCC Highways about the failure to repair parts of the Coxwold-Husthwaite Road and Amplecarr-A19, but there has been no response.

Cemetery Gatepost: The gatepost has been repaired by Mike Barker at no cost to the village.

Parish Liaison Meeting: As there was no items of specific interest on the agenda, it was agreed not to send a representative from the Parish Council.

Planning Matters: Details of all planning matters can be seen on the Parish Council Website

Finance Report: This can be seen in full on the Parish Council website
Reports from Council's Representatives:

Village Hall: The new Village Hall Committee for 2016/17 consists of Stephen Barker (Joint Chair), Jeremy Walker (Joint Chair), Angela Sibley (Treasurer), Lynn Colton, Sheila Mowatt (Bookings Secretary), Annabel Kennedy, Sandie Davison and Rebecca Colton (Secretary). (The Minutes of the 2016 AGM are available in the Husthwaite Newsletter Pg 24-25)

Easingwold & Villages Forum: PF reported items from the 27th October AGM which he attended. The present chair continues in office after being unopposed in the vote. A new constitution was passed. Their next meeting is on 9th December.

Street Lighting: All street lights are working.

Neighbourhood Watch: Thefts of horse boxes and equestrian equipment are on the increase and doorstep sellers have been seen in the area. Please report all incidents to the local police on 101.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Money for village projects?

A light bulb moment.....some of the best things in the village happened because someone suddenly thought, “ I wonder what would happen if.....” and then followed it up.

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So.... if you have the beginnings of a bright idea for something that would benefit our community, let us know. We can help you develop the idea and make a bid for funding. Your idea could be the start of the next really good thing. Contact any of us and make a start.

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Husthwaite Village Hall

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 24th October 2016

Present: Stephen Barker, Trustee (Chair), Philip Hewitson, Trustee (Secretary), Angela Sibley, Trustee (Treasurer), Jeremy Walker, Trustee, Debbie Lewis-Green, Trustee, Lynn Colton, Trustee, Craig Colton, representing Husthwaite Parish Council, Catherine Skinner, Marion Clark, Jane Donne, Liz Walton, Annabel Kennedy, Jane Maloney.

Apologies: Carol Fenwick, Trustee (Parish Council Representative), Sheila Mowatt, Trustee (Booking Secretary), John Ovenston, Gill Allanson.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on Monday 26th October 2015

The minutes were read and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Debbie Lewis-Green, Seconded: Philip Hewitson.

2. Matters arising

Philip reported on the issues raised by Cameron Smith on behalf of the Short Mat Bowling Team at the last AGM:

1. He reported that a refund of £364.70 had been given to the Short Mat Bowling Team, principally in respect of hall hire fees for the initial period when the Team was being established and the Village Hall Committee had agreed to reduce hall hire charges providing 'taster sessions' to help the Team develop; also for days when the Team had not used the hall because of poor attendance although bookings were entered in the bookings diary;
2. He reported that the key collection arrangements for the Team had worked satisfactorily during the year;
3. He noted that equipment had been purchased for the Short Mat Bowling Team during its first year by the Village Hall Committee costing £910 and reported that ownership of this equipment had been transferred to the Team at their request at the beginning of the financial year. The transfer had been agreed at the written down value of the equipment, which at that time was £637.45. This transaction had been reflected in the village hall accounts;
4. In addition to the equipment noted in (3) above, the Short Mat Bowling Team also had approximately £1,000 worth of its own equipment stored in the village hall. The Team was advised that any equipment stored in the village hall needed to be under village hall ownership and included in the hall's asset register for insurance purposes. However, Cameron Smith on behalf of the Short Mat Bowling Team rejected this proposal and the Team has therefore taken responsibility for the storage and insurance of all its equipment.

3. Chairman's report

Stephen thanked everyone for their service towards the Village Hall over the past year, highlighting individual roles, the range of activities that had been undertaken and the continuing improvement in facilities and user comfort. Special thanks went to Debbie Lewis-Green for her fundraising efforts, which had been very successful and to John Ovenston for his expert and professional oversight of the building fabric.

He was pleased to report the nomination of the village hall as a "Club as a Hub". This concept is specifically to create a network of venues (Village Halls, Sports Clubs etc.) that will become the focal points and knowledge hubs for the area. North Yorkshire Sport was providing support for this programme. An early project had been 'Age and Dementia Awareness' and the programme was ongoing.

He thanked Husthwaite Parish Council for its support and congratulated the Parish Council on being awarded 'Parish Council of the Year for 2015' by Hambleton District Council.

He outlined some of the developments that were planned and highlighted the growing problem of storage space in the village hall for equipment, which was beginning to create a number of issues concerning access and safety.

Finally, he looked forward with confidence to the future in the belief that all the contributors to the village hall's activities were making our community better and making Husthwaite the benchmark and envy of many others.

4. Treasurer's report

Philip introduced this report and explained that, because of the tight turnaround of information for the AGM at the year-end and because Angie had had particularly heavy family commitments over recent weeks, he had agreed to prepare the accounts using Angie's books, for submission to the Independent Examiner and the Charity Commission. The accounts were still subject to external examination and were therefore only provisional at this stage.

Philip circulated the report and the accounts for the year. During 2015/16 the Village Hall generated a small surplus of £1,215. This surplus reflected the contribution from village hall activities to meet the running costs of the village hall and after meeting the costs of building improvements and the purchase of furniture and equipment that has not been covered by specific grant income during the year.

He explained that during the financial year the Committee had spent over £19,000 on a number of improvements, many of which has only been possible through generous donations received from some major grants and a number of smaller donations.

5. Election of Trustees for 2016/17

Stephen noted that:

- Carol will remain the representative of the Parish Council;
- Debbie Lewis-Green and Philip Hewitson were standing down

The nominations for the Elected Trustees on the Village Hall Committee were:

- **Stephen Barker** Nominated - Philip Hewitson, Debbie Lewis-Green;
- **Jeremy Walker** Nominated - Craig Colton, Stephen Barker;
- **Angela Sibley** Nominated - Annabel Kennedy, Philip Hewitson;
- **Lynn Colton** Nominated - Debbie Lewis-Green, Angela Sibley

All present unanimously supported the four elected trustees.

Stephen asked for expressions of interest in being co-opted onto the Village Hall Committee and Annabel Kennedy confirmed her interest. Philip reported that Sheila Mowatt was willing to continue as a co-opted member and Stephen reported that Sandie Davison was interested in joining the Village Hall Committee. These appointments and any further expressions of interest would be ratified at the next meeting of the new Trustees in November.

6. Any Other Business

Catherine Skinner asked whether the Village Hall Committee had made local authority organisations aware of the meeting facilities at the hall. Lynn explained that there had been attempts to encourage more business use, but this was a very competitive field with local hotels etc. The village hall had had some success with voluntary organisations and community groups, but this required constant advertising in the market place.

Craig Colton suggested that the village pub reopening might have a significant effect on the Pop-up pub. Attendances had been down since the summer break. The recent Anya Faull concert had been poorly attended and the 70s disco had been cancelled because of a lack of advanced bookings. Stephen asked whether there was anything else the Committee should be doing to increase take-up for these events, but Liz Walton said that the events were well advertised and notified to villagers and the surrounding area.

Jane Maloney outlined some information about the new Husthwaite Village Trust. She said the intention was to maintain the trust over a long period into the future and that consideration would be given annually for small grants to clubs using the village hall. She suggested that club leaders (or the Village Hall Committee on their behalf) approach Orchards officially if they had any funding requests.

Closing the meeting, Stephen thanked everybody for their attendance and contributions.

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