Husthwaite Newsletter

December 2014 / January 2015  Edition No.74

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All our Readers
Dates for your Diary

December
1 /8/15/22 Dec 7-9pm Short Mat Bowls
2/9/16 Dec 9.15-10.30am Yoga in VH
4/11/18 Dec 9.15-10.15am Zumba in VH
6/12 Dec 10-12 am Prime Time in VH
1 Dec 12.30-3pm Book Exchange and Apple Tree Cafe
1 Dec Little Pippins Music 11am in VH
2 Dec 12pm Orchard Village Club Christmas Party
11 Dec 7.15pm Gardening Club
14 Dec 10am Table Tennis
17 Dec 7.30pm Film Club in VH
21 Dec 7pm Quiz Night

January
5/12/19/25 7-9pm Jan Short Mat Bowls
6/13/20/27 9.15am Jan Yoga in VH
8/15/22/29 Jan 9.15am Zumba in VH
9/16/23/30 Jan 10-12am Prime Time in VH
5 Jan 11am Little Pippins Music
5 Jan 12.30-3pm Book Exchange and Apple Tree Cafe
6 Jan 12pm Orchard Village Club
8 Jan 7.15pm Gardening Club
11 January 7pm Quiz Night
15 Jan 7.30pm Film Club
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Please send articles for the Feb/March 2015 edition to me by Jan 20 (this is the final date!) via email: newslink@husthwaitevillage.com

or by post to Aletheia House, High Street, Husthwaite YO61 4PX or tel. 01347 868130.

Friends and family at home and abroad can receive this Newsletter if they have email and can download a pdf file. Let me know their email address and I will put them on the list! We now have many readers and contributors at home and abroad. Past and present Newsletters are available on the village website at husthwaitevillage.com

The Husthwaite Newsletter is now sponsored by Orchards of Husthwaite, our local cider and juice-making community venture, as well as the Parish Council. We are very grateful for their support.

As well, we get one third of our income from advertising, and the occasional personal sponsorship from individual readers. This enables us to keep going, despite rising costs, and to produce what we hope is a valuable asset to the community which keeps people in touch with what is going on.

We are pleased that so many different people send in material, and yet we would like more articles and comments from those who don’t usually write in.

We have a new email to which all correspondence to the Newsletter should be sent. This is:

newslink@husthwaitevillage.com
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DECEMBER

QUIZ: THE CHRISTMAS ONE! Wednesday 10th
This Year’s charity is CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS
START: 8.00 pm ENTRY £7.50 Per Team Member = Teams of 4 + The Scrummy Christmas Supper!

MAMBO JAMBO Friday 5th 8.30pm Acoustic Roots duo

LEATHERO Saturday 13th Gypsy Folk & Celtic ballads 8.30pm

ROSIE AND THE BOYS Saturday 20th 9.00pm Six Piece Blues Rock Band
Christmas gift of music from us to you: All the way from London, superb band.

CHRISTMAS EVE
HOUNDS MEET York & Ainsty Hunt Christmas Stirrup Cup 10.30 AM
CRIB SERVICE at the church 6.00pm following with CAROL SINGING mulled wine & mince pies before Rudolf eats them all, plus a special seasonal guest appearance!

CHRISTMAS DAY
Open for drinks and nibbles from 11.00 am until the Bird’s cooked!

BOXING DAY BUFFET 12.Noon 3.00pm 6.00pm
After a good walk, family sports or a quick tidy round the home. Traditional farmhouse buffet.

NEW YEARS EVE with HOLY MOLY & THE CRACKERS
£10 entry: * Band * Bubbly * Party Cannons * Breakfast *
£40 = 2 people: Gourmet Sharing Party Platter Reservations only!

JANUARY 2015

NEW YEARS DAY Breakfast all day! From 12.noon
BURNS NIGHT Saturday 24th Recitals an singing, clatter an banter an the piping O tha wee haggis.

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BUS SERVICES - UPDATE

The good news is that Stephensons are "pleased to confirm that all.....services will continue to operate as per the existing timetables" For how long? In fact the current timetables on routes 31 and 59 will operate until at least 31 January 2015. There continues to be great uncertainty about what will happen then as services are being reviewed yet again. Most journeys through the village are financially supported by the County Council.

Last year NYCC consulted on proposals to slash over £1 million from its countywide support for public transport in 2014/15. Looking at the cuts then being proposed for services 31 and 59, local organisations and several individuals submitted comments and objections. It was easy to complain about the likely inconvenience of having fewer buses but more difficult to prove actual hardship arising from awkward timings or loss of essential journeys to get to hospital, doctor, work or education. So it was a very welcome surprise when it proved possible to continue with a reasonable timetable. There were even some minor service improvements introduced in April 2014. Thanks are due to Stephensons for this.

Perhaps that was the easy bit. The April 2014 timetable was launched with an expectation that September would bring further review because, it is understood, NYCC had been unable to agree a satisfactory package of costs and service patterns with Stephensons before the start of the new financial year. Fares went up in September but no detailed review took place. Apparently NYCC was in the process of arranging to terminate its contract with Stephensons from 1 November 2014 while opening up a new tendering process for the provision of bus services in this area. The latest news is that this has resulted in Stephensons keeping the contract for the time being and NYCC confirming that services will stay as they are until the end of January 2015. This is very short term and could still mean changes and possible bus service reductions thereafter.

A sting in the tail is that NYCC is currently putting operation of all the County's bus services out to tender yet again, prior to awarding new contracts to run up to March 2016. The quest for financial savings continues - so uncertainty prevails and there is still a real possibility of cuts. It would be unrealistic to expect Stephensons (or whoever wins the contract) to run many unsubsidised, fully commercial, bus services through Husthwaite. Last time that cuts were proposed some communities in the Wensleydale, Scarborough and other areas spoke up strongly and made their presence felt at County Hall but our local County Councillor said that she received few stirrings from Husthwaite. Will it need to be different next time?

October 2014

Phil Lawson
A lively Husthwaite Ho Down

Candlelighters- the children’s charity in Leeds- was chosen by St Nicholas and the Methodist Chapel as their harvest charity this year. The new village hall looked very attractive with the tables laid and decorated. Plenty of laughter and conversation accompanied the meal which was followed by a lively round of dancing, expertly called by Brian Watt. A busy bar and raffle contributed towards £722 being raised for Candlelighters. Many thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to this very happy event.

Juliet McDougall

FOOD BANK NEEDS

St Nicholas Church – open every day - Food box in front of Organ

- UHT Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Tinned Ready Meals
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Potatoes
- Packets of Custard
- Jams and Marmalade
- Small bags of Sugar
- Individual packets of cereal
- Toilet rolls
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes

Audrey Raper  01347 868688
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:
Office: 01347 868196
Mobile: 07777 663766
E-mail: will@mowattfp.co.uk
Parish Council meeting held in Husthwaite Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 18th November 2014

Present were Carol Fenwick, Paul Escreet, Barney Smith and Caroline Patmore

Apologies from Peter Fox, Elaine Smith and Alison Gambles.

Having only received back a dozen or so completed Article 4 Direction questionnaires the Parish Council announced that a decision on whether to strengthen the Conservation Area could not be made so it was agreed to extend the response time until Christmas. Please return your completed flyer (it only involves ticking one of two boxes!) to one of your Parish Councillors, or to the shop before Christmas!

Orchards of Husthwaite has kindly offered to fund half of the Defibrillator Cabinet in which the village Defibrillator will be placed, the Parish council will be making up the difference. This will be positioned somewhere centrally within the village and will be available for anyone to use should the need arise (hopefully it will not!) Barney Smith will be talking with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to arrange for the Defibrillator and Cabinet to be fitted.

The Parish Council is aware that drains in Prospect cottages and Elphin View are STILL blocked, Caroline Patmore will chase!

Hambleton has assessed our street name signs and will repair/ replace as necessary in the new financial year!

The volleyball ground sockets have been installed by Chris Slater; however we all agreed that it would be better to erect the posts and net in the spring rather than have it up over the winter when no one will use it.

The new Dog Warden is prowling the area so BE AWARE! The Parish Council have also requested a dog waste bin to be installed somewhere between the cemetery and the bridge near the stream down at Baxby, as dog waste has always been an issue here and was even before the campsite was built.

Paul Escreet is still working on setting up a mobile phone hotspot network within Husthwaite; this will give users good 3G coverage, at present only Vodafone are offering this but this may change.

Parking wardens will be visiting the school during drop off and pick up times and any parent/guardian found to be parked illegally during these times will be issued with an on the spot fine or ticket! This includes double parking, blocking footpaths and driveways - so BE AWARE!
Seats around the village will be repainted in the Spring.

The water leak on Kays Bank HAS FINALLY BEEN FIXED!!

The leak was in fact Yorkshire Waters responsibility as it was coming from a large cast iron mains water pipe, it was not sewage which they had previously tried to convince us it was!

The trees on East View cannot be pruned as suggested as this will have a detrimental effect on the appearance and shape of the trees, but if this continues to be an issue for some residents the PC will look into the issue again and try to find another solution.

The PC has sent a letter to the Director of Environmental and Planning Services regarding the proposed new housing at Prospect Cottages. Although many concerns about the proposed new housing were raised, the PC identified access as being the most problematic and the issue most residents raised. The PC has also invited the planners to visit the site before any decision is made, to see for themselves the serious safety issues that already surround this junction.

NYCC Grass cutting will be reduced next year to include only areas such as junctions and blind bends. Most areas in Husthwaite are already serviced by Burn Brothers and this will continue to be the case; this is what some of the money you pay in your Council Tax goes towards.

Bus service 31X has been re-tendered to Stephensons until January 2015 at which point new contracts will be issued.

Tractors driving through the village without due care and diligence was discussed. Although the PC have no jurisdiction over traffic within the Parish it was decided that the PC would speak to its police contact about this on-going matter.

Tractor activity on the roads and though the village is limited to certain times of the year however parishioners should report any incident of concern to the local police.

A quick conversation on the pub was had; Tom Rennolds the MasterChef Chef is no longer coming to Husthwaite, in fact he no longer works for Skelwith!

Having spoken with Paul Ellis we have been informed that Skelwith are in talks with another high profile chef who is very interested in running the Curious Plum on a leasehold agreement….we are not savvy as to who this will be so we will have to wait and see!

All planning applications and decisions on past applications can be found on the
The Library Service

The county council has launched a consultation on libraries in North Yorkshire. With the council’s budget significantly reduced over the next few years, including the budget for the library service, we have been considering the changes that we will need to make to the service.

As a result, we are about to begin a three month public consultation on our proposals for the changes to the service which will start on 3rd November and will run until 8th February 2015. All the information, including the survey, is available online, with a series of events being held in libraries across North Yorkshire. Full details are available on the council website, www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraryconsultation

If you would like any further information please contact library.secretaries@northyorks.gov.uk or contact us on 01609 533826.
New Year’s Day Football

The fourth New Years’ Day match will take place at 10.30am on New Year’s Day (venue to be confirmed).

It’s a great opportunity to get out and have a run around and start the New Year on the right (or left!) foot.

In previous years the winners have been:
2012 - High Street Select
2013 - Born in an Even Year Select
2014 - Youth Select

Team criteria have still to be decided for 2015; all suggestions welcome. Everyone is welcome to participate, spectate or just get out for a refreshing walk. If you are interested in taking part please contact Will Mowatt (868196) or Jeremy Walker (868167).
The Market Organisers would like to take this opportunity to explain why and how the markets have come to be and why they are managed in the way they are.

As part of the commitment made to The Lottery in return for the new hall, we are expected to continue, improve and develop programmes and services for the village and wider community and the markets; that started in the old hall; filled many of the Lottery requirements. Not least, as a socially inclusive event, supportive of small local businesses and a fundraiser for the hall upkeep and development of events.

These contractual requirements meant that we, as market organisers needed to do more research, to ensure the markets run safely and effectively, that we comply with insurance and legal requirements. We needed to generate interest from a wider stallholder base to offer a range of interesting stalls for shoppers; source outdoor stalls and additional tables so that we could utilise all the space available; set up an administrative process such that we can run well organised, fun events; invest time and effort into advertising each event.

We wanted Husthwaite Village Markets to be a respected flagship for our village hall and our community.

In less than a year this has been achieved. Some stallholders booked and paid up front for all 4 markets and others quickly booked return spaces. We now have a growing waiting list for spaces and are gaining a good reputation with stallholders and shoppers alike, enabling us to viably increase the number of spaces for full capacity. Our last market boasted over 26 stalls and welcomed over 350 shoppers.

So what is the criteria? Well, we have to ensure that

- what is sold is relevant at a family frequented craft and produce market
- that stallholders contact us for availability and a booking form
- that stallholders are as local as possible
- that stalls are as diverse as possible i.e. not all selling the same things
- that we can pick from our waiting list whenever we have a free space
- that who we pick from the waiting list replaces like for like or is something different

For fairness, we work on a ‘first come’ basis and as long as the above criteria is met, bookings are accepted where spaces are available.

We are blessed to have regular help from long term residents Stephen Barker and David Pike at ‘front of house’, Chris Clarke, Gill Allanson and friends run The Apple Tree Café (set up by Gila Robinson). Additional volunteers both long term and ‘new’ to the village help when they can. And as volunteers, we do not charge for
our time or petrol and all proceeds go directly to the village hall fund.

As Organisers, Lynn, Annabel and I work on the markets throughout the year, in between raising families, health issues and/or running businesses. Both Lynn and Annabel have husbands and children who are happy to help with setting up and closure of event, running errands and manning Olivia’s Artisan Bread stall, profits of which goes to the Village Hall Fund.

Both Lynn and Annabel recently put in the extra effort to host a table top sale, giving an opportunity to those stalls we could not fit in the market. Thank you to the few who did support it, but sadly this was very poorly attended and will not be repeated. Husthwaite has a reputation as a very active, friendly, social place with a lot going on. A community can only get that reputation where the people in it work together with enthusiasm and a generosity of spirit.

We do wish a big THANKS to all who regularly visit and support the markets. We look forward to seeing you again and if you have not been yet, please join us at the next market; you will be in for a treat.

Please contact either Annabel, Lynn or myself should you would like to know more about the markets or visit www.husthwaitevillage.com for further details.  

Debbie Lewis-Green

Husthwaite Market 11am to 3pm

Sunday 30th November. Another great opportunity to get those unique gifts for Christmas; a variety of foods, chocolates, cards and lots, lots more to choose from. The Apple Tree Café will be serving delicious homemade hot and cold food as usual!
**Mink?**

**From Dede Scott Brown**

“Spotted a large (bigger than a ferret) black mink running across the road between Husthwaite and Carlton Husthwaite Thursday afternoon. Looked just like the one on the internet. Beautiful lustre on the coat in the sunshine.”

*Has anyone else seen it? Picture taken from the internet to help in case you do.*

![Mink Image]

*Just to help with identification, the mink is usually black, up to almost 17” in length and can weigh up to 1.7 kilos. They run along river beds and can survive well in the wild, though they may have originally been escapees from a farm. They are easily mistaken for polecats, pine martens or otters when seen at a glance, particularly when wet fur disguises the true colour. They can devastate chickens in runs and sheds as they are agile enough to get in through small holes!*

**Orchards of Husthwaite** sell their fruit juice and cider on the first Saturday of every month on Hovingham farmers’ market, from 10-2pm. We could do with a few more volunteer sellers if anyone wishes to help. Sales raise money for our own village projects, including this newsletter. Working on the market stall is interesting and you meet lots of people, as well as having a chance to shop there yourself for good food, plants, gifts etc. **If you want to help please contact Jane Maloney on 868235.**
Weekly Regulars
Short Mat Bowls: Monday’s 7.00-9.00pm until 22nd Dec then starts 5th January 2015
Yoga: Tuesday’s 9.15-10.30am until 16th Dec then starts 6th January 2015
Zumba: Thursday’s 9.15-10.15am until 18th Dec then starts 8th January 2015
Prime Time: Friday’s 10.00am-12.00pm until Dec 12th then starts 9th January 2015

Monthly Usuals
Orchard Village Club: December 2nd Christmas Party, & Tuesday 6th January at 12.00pm
Book Exchange & Apple Tree Café: Monday 1st December & 5th January 12.30-2.30pm
Little Pippins Music: Monday 1st December 1st & 5th January 11.00am - 12.00pm
Quiz Night: Sunday 21st December & 11th January 7.00-9.00pm
Film Club: Wednesday 17th December & Thursday 15th January 7.30pm
Gardening Club: Thursday 11th December & 8th January 7.15pm
Table Tennis: Sunday 14th December 10.00am, January tba

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Wednesday December 17th at 7.30pm. “Love Actually”, the ultimate romantic Christmas comedy. Christmas special: Complementary mulled wine and mince pies. £2 entry. Free to members.

Thursday January 15th “Inside Llewyn Davis”. Follow a week in the life of a young folk singer as he navigates the Greenwich Village folk scene of 1961. Guitar in tow, huddled against the unforgiving New York winter, he is struggling to make it as a musician against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, some of them of his own making.

“Wildly accomplished; moving, rich, funny and exhilarating in a way that leaves you prickling from toes to scalp” The Telegraph

Husthwaite Village Hall at 7.30
HUSTHWAITE AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB MEETINGS

2014/2015 AT HUSTHWAITE VILLAGE HALL

Everyone is most welcome as a member of this friendly, fun and knowledgeable Gardening Club. You can join us anytime throughout the year!

Our informal meetings take place the second Thursday of every month from September till April. We go on exciting outings to see magnificent gardens during the summer. Your membership comes together with a fantastic itinerary COVERING THE WHOLE YEAR’S EVENTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT!

The yearly subscription fee per person of only £7.00 includes refreshments. Every month you have a chance of winning the most useful and desirable garden prize for just £1.00 Raffle Tickets. We invite you to our talk on: “DISCOVERING COLOMBIA” Thursday 11th December at 7:30 pm.

Advance notices: No January 2015 meeting.

Thursday 12th February 2015 Talk by Joe Maiden on: “Grow with Joe”

An Evening With Ian Sherwood

Canadian singer-song writer and story teller

Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 7pm

Coxwold Village Hall

Ian Sherwood is an award winning musician, story teller and constant creator who has penned tunes for many other artists as well as theatre, film and television. His upcoming show in Coxwold is part of Rural Arts’ #CREATEtour2015 and he will be working with a group of young people to develop a musical curtain raiser for the show.

Come along for what will be a fantastic evening of Canadian folk music and storytelling! Tickets include nibbles and there will be a cash bar in the hall on the night.

To get your tickets:

Contact Anne Le Gassicke on 01347 868837,
email coxwoldvillagehall@gmail.com or
go to www.ruralarts.org/products/ian-sherwood

Adults £7
Under 18s £3
HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY NEWS

Each year the school has carried out a Remembrance Day Service and held a roll of honour for those pupils whose relatives who gave their lives. This year, as part of the 100th Anniversary of WW1, we held an extra special Remembrance Service in St Nicholas Church and the whole school participated in an Activity Day. The sombreness of the morning’s services was lightened by Mrs McCallum who decorated the hall to tie in with the street party lunch theme which she had prepared. Prior to the meal being served children listened to radio broadcasts by Winston Churchill and Dame Vera Lynn and songs such as ‘it’s a long way to Tipperary’ and ‘White Cliffs of Dover’ were played whilst children ate their meals. Children (and staff) enjoyed dressing up in clothes of WW1 era. Following on from the activity day children were then given an extended writing task based on their experiences of the activity day.

Rehearsals are busy underway for children in Y4/5/6 as they prepare to take part in Young Voices - a national event that is staged in 5 different arenas - we shall be travelling to the Motorpoint Arena in Sheffield on 21st January. Last year 120,000 school children took part in this singing event where children are able to experience singing at an event with the support of a live band, backing vocals and led by a professional conductor. An exciting opportunity for the children to experience and participate in a professional concert.

Eight children were successful in getting through to the district level cross country competition and one pupil, Jayden Carter, has qualified for the County level competition.

A weather station has been installed to record temperatures, wind and rainfall as part of this term’s weather topic.

Classes 1 and 2 are starting rehearsals for their nativity, ‘Prickly Hay’

Swimming lessons have been taking place throughout the autumn term for children in Years 2/3/4

Y5/6 have attended Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming

A Christmas Tree decoration competition is being held in school

Our local community police officer is holding a ‘techno chances’ assembly for KS2 children focussing on e-safety.

Miss Goodchild has started working on some level 6 SATS papers with some Y6 children. Have a go at the examples below which are being done by 10 and 11 year olds without calculators. Answers at bottom of this report.
a) \[ a + b + c = 30 \]
\[ a + b = 24 \]
\[ b + c = 14 \]

What are the values \( a, b \) and \( c \)?

b) \[ \frac{160}{160} = 0.1 \]
\[ 160 = 0.2 \]

Write in the missing numbers

**Diary Dates:**

Fri 5 Dec: School Christmas Fair 1.30-3.00pm
Mon 8 Dec: Toddler morning 9-11 am
Mon 15 Dec: Nativity dress rehearsal
Thu 18 Dec: 9.30am - Christmas Carols at St Nicholas Church
Fri 19 Dec: 2.45pm school closes for Christmas
Mon 5 Jan: Staff training day
Tue 6 Jan: 8.50am School opens - Spring Term 2015
Thu 15 Jan: Toddler morning 9-11 am

Answers: a) \( a = 16, \ b = 8 \) and \( c = 6 \)             b) 16 and 800

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

Some photographs of our WW1 Activity Day — more photos overleaf
Children from Husthwaite School involved in WW1 Activity Day
Come and ride the White Horse!

This is who we are

Would you like to contribute to a website telling the world about life in Thirsk and the surrounding villages?

The Royal Literary Fund has commissioned local author Jonathan Tulloch to help rural communities of the White Horse share the story of what it’s like to live in this beautiful area.

The aim is to provide a sort of A - Z of Thirsk and the region, and in order to hear from you, Jonathan will be hoping to visit as many village halls, community centres and public spaces as possible.

So what will Jonathan be hoping that he and local people can create for the website?

Anything and everything: from memories, to beautiful crafts; from art work of special landscapes and people, to poetry; from cakes to gardens; from apple trees to jams; from your encounters with wildlife to favourite roadside meadows; from photographs to quilts; from interesting surnames to Viking placenames; from farm implements to fossils; from history to James Herriot. In fact, everything that helps us and the rest of the world see the White Horse and her villages in fresh, new ways.

The A-Z might be ...

F.... is for the FORD at Thirlby- painted on a spring day.
L .... is for the legend of Lake Gormire- retold in a poem or story.
O... is for your favourite oak tree-your spoken words recorded.
S.... is for the swallows that nest in Thirsk-recorded for a ‘soundscape’.
W... is the White Horse of Kilburn- captured on a quilt, cake or photo.

If you or your group are interested contact Jonathan Tulloch jonathantulloch@btinternet.com
At the Village Hall Committee’s AGM on 13th October I presented the draft accounts for the financial year ending 30th September 2014. While these are still subject to independent examination and certification before submission to the Charity Commission, the Committee felt that it would be helpful for those villagers unable to attend the AGM to hear about some of the headlines.

Although there are still some bills to pay, the full cost of the build (£494,248) has been covered with sufficient funds left over to fully equip the hall. 83% of the funding has come from the Big Lottery Fund and to supplement this we have had a very successful fundraising effort, which over the last two and a half years has raised over £107,000.

As in previous years, people have been very generous in making donations during 2013/14. In total, we received just over £30,000 in donations to the village hall during the course of the year; many of these were from individuals, but we also received donations from the Beckwith Trust, Rural Action Yorkshire, Big Lottery Awards for All, the Co-op Community Fund, Two Ridings Community Foundation, Orchards of Husthwaite and Hambleton District Council’s Communities Fund.

There were an impressive number of events and activities over the first 9 months of operation, which contributed nearly £3,700 to village hall funds. The schedule of activity and event income attached to the accounts showed an eclectic mix of activity and creativity and its growing use as a community venue.

In terms of costs, unfortunately (and perhaps inevitably) these are higher than those incurred in running the old hall. For example, utility costs in the first nine months of operation were more than double those of the old hall during its last full year of operation. Insurance costs are 40% higher and the new hall is being professionally cleaned once a month as are the windows, something that was unheard of with the old hall. The intention is to try and cover the hall’s overhead costs with the income from hire charges and while this was not quite achieved during 2013/14, we have been able to reduce permanently electricity and water charges over recent months and the income from hire charges should be sufficient to cover overheads over the next twelve month period without any increase.

The other significant change from the old hall is the value of furniture and
fittings. Approaching £30,000 has been spent on staging, lighting, window blinds, curtaining, kitchen fittings and sundry fixtures/equipment. Replacing all the fixtures and fittings in the hall would cost £42,000 at today’s prices. Within the accounts is a charge for depreciation of £5,867 to create a sinking fund for the replacement of items as they reach the end of their useful life.

Overall, the Hall has had a successful year and has sustained itself financially in spite of the pressures on our reserves with the new build. This has been due to the enormous effort of the Village Hall Committee and many villagers and helpers putting in time and effort to deliver some really excellent events and in helping with the running of the new village hall.

Philip Hewitson

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**Jeromes Gig 3rd October 2014**

Well, we really had the Village Hall rocking on this Friday night last month to the sound of York band Jeromes. They entertained us with their eclectic mix of jazz, rock, funk and blues. Experienced musicians playing a wide range of old favourites with a sprinkling of their own songs, fronted by the lovely Lisa on vocals. Those who were lucky enough to be there listened with smiles on their faces, tapped their feet, sang along or danced the night away. A fabulous event which will be repeated next year, date to be confirmed. Jeromes complemented us on the Hall’s acoustics and amenities and are keen to play for us again so watch out for the date and grab your tickets quickly as they will be snapped up for what promises to be a brilliant repeat performance.

**Calling All Creative Natives of Husthwaite**

The Village Hall Committee needs your help. We are looking for a logo to use on all the documentation, adverts etc we have for the Hall. Over the festive period perhaps you can get your creative juices flowing and come up with some ideas.

Watch out for the next Newsletter where more details and a deadline will be announced before we choose which one of the many ideas, I am sure you will come up with, will be selected for use.

Zoe Lodge
Short Mat Bowlers Win at Last  by Richard Wood

When it came at last victory was sweet.

The village short mat bowling squad has philosophically accepted defeat week after week in the Kyle Valley Bowls league division 3. (There isn’t a division 4.) ‘We’ll win one day – next season, perhaps.’ We’ve come home from Boroughbridge saying that, and from Great Ouseburn and from …

Regular sporting defeat gets a bit wearing, not least when you have to learn that the deadliest opponents are the 95 year-old ladies who can’t bend their backs. Tennis champions have to swallow their pride and accept that serving the wood overhead doesn’t work. Retired cricketers have to shrug when their wood flies off the mat. Don’t mention footballers.

Yes, a ball in bowls is called a ‘wood’. One side of it is ‘biased’. The wood closest to the ‘jack’ at any time in an ‘end’ is called ‘shot wood’. And those are just a few of dozens of technical terms newcomers have to get to grips with.

And the rules! Oh, my word, whatever you do, don’t walk down the mat to see how close all the woods are grouped to the jack. You’ll be deafened by the protests. I know; I tried it … once.

The longed-for victory? It came on Monday evening 17th November 2014. The team was Will Mowatt, Mervyn Duffield and Paul Johnson, better known as Louie the taxidriver. They were supported by Margaret and Joan Duffield and Cameron Smith.

We have six other regular players, and that makes a club healthy enough to compete in the league.
Time to chat?

Do you have an hour of two to spare once a week or a fortnight? Thirsk Community Care Association are urgently looking for volunteers to help support their Befriending and Carers Sitting services. There are many people in our community who are socially isolated because of their special needs. The service aims to improve health and reduce loneliness.

I have a busy diary filled with family commitments, community involvement and a good social life, on the other hand the lady I visit once a week for an hour has a blank calendar with my name being the only marked occasion, apart from doctor’s appointments.

During my visit we sew, paint, chat go out for a walk. Sometimes we share a cup of tea and other times we are so busy chatting we forget to have a drink!

The time commitment required is not significant and to be honest I prefer spending an hour bringing a bit of happiness to someone rather than vacuuming or ironing! I look forward to my visits.

If you are interested please email gill.burn@tscca.org.uk or jane.wilson@tscca.org.uk or call the office on 01845 52311
ANTHONY HALSALL WAILES by Martha Wailes
1923 - 2014

My father Anthony Wailes was the youngest of four, and the son of Francis (Frank) Wailes who had lived in Husthwaite for most of his early life, partly at Beacon Banks and also at Tenter Close. By the time my father was born in 1923 the family had moved to the Scottish borders and shortly after that my grandfather set up a school just outside Dunfermline where he lived for the rest of his life.

My father often visited Husthwaite as a child, staying with his grandmother in Husthwaite as well as his grandparents in Easingwold. He was a great fan of the outdoors, and would have spent many happy hours with his elder brother in particular, roaming the countryside at Lodge Farm and around Beacon Banks.

In 1953 he brought my mother, who was American, to Husthwaite before they were married, in a tour which aimed to show her the prettiest parts of Britain and to entice her to marry him, both of which endeavours were successful.

They spent most of their working lives in Africa with a gap from the mid 1960s to the late 1970s, and at that time made frequently fortnightly journeys from our house in Cheshire over to spend time with Auntie Marjorie (Rowe) at Rose Cottage as well as our three great aunts from the Easingwold/Segar side of the family who lived in York. We loved coming to Husthwaite, adored Auntie Marjorie, and my brother Dick and I played happily in her garden in an old revolving summer house which had come from Beacon Banks. We remember well her friends Julia Buffey and Dorothy Faber, and the Dowson family who were the kindest of neighbours.

Dad enjoyed snippets of news from the Husthwaite Newsletter and was intrigued and delighted by the fact that Angela Ovenston was engaged in researching the Wailes family's links with Husthwaite. He was also pleased to hear that my husband and I are contemplating a return to the area when we make the move from London. He always disagreed with my mother as to whose custom it was to have cheese with apple pie - she said New England, he said Yorkshire - and perhaps they were both right!

Photo taken in 1964 of my father with Auntie Marjorie and myself (I was 4) on a trip they made back from Africa before returning to the UK for good the following year.
This book charts the life of a family who lived in the village for at least four centuries. They first appeared as yeoman farmers in the late 16th century. The last member of the family to live in the village, Marjorie Eteson Rowe (née Wailes), died in 1976. By the mid 18th century they began to diversify into other professions such as law and later engineering and the army, taking some of them away from the area. However, by the 19th century, many of the family had returned to live or visit Husthwaite.

One of the earliest buildings occupied by a Wailes was Lodge Farm which was successively handed on to members of the family, ultimately being farmed by tenants. In the mid 19th century, the family built Beacon Banks in a prominent position above the village. At the turn of the 19th century, this large house was inhabited by other families, all of interesting backgrounds, all from Northumberland - their lives are also described. For hundreds of years the Wailes also occupied or owned many other houses in the village, including those now known as the White House and The Old Stores.

The research for this book was greatly assisted by previous publications by Stuart Marriott into the houses of the village and Annie Richardson’s book about the field systems in the village. Jane Collard provided a timeline for each century highlighting events of both national and local importance.

On sale at £8 in December from the village shop or Angela Ovenston (868 347)

Angela Ovenston

On Sunday 21st December at 7pm, Husthwaite Village Hall presents its unique version of its Christmas Quiz Night.

Eight rounds of Chrismassy themed questions, or things that vaguely relate to Christmas.....!

Mulled Wine available on the night and complimentary mince pies.

Everyone welcome, come along and join us

for a fun filled night! Bar open from 6.45pm.
Husthwaite Youth Club
Saturday 13th December between
12.00-3.00
At Husthwaite Village Hall
We are hoping to run a new and exciting club for those in secondary school (Ages 11-17 years) where you and your friends can meet

Come and join us and tell us what you would like to do and when you want your club to run

Fun, Games, Relaxing, Snacking and
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The club will give you the chance to meet our friendly team members

Only £1.00 admission or £2.00 per family

The club is supported by North Yorkshire Youth and Husthwaite Village Hall Trustees
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Primetime: Paralympic Sports in Husthwaite Village Hall

Anyone living in or near Husthwaite or Hutton Rudby can now have a go at paralympic sports such as boccia and new age kurling.

The sessions are part of Primetime, a joint Hambleton District Council and North Yorkshire Sport initiative. It aims to provide opportunities for socialising and physical activity in rural communities, particularly among older, less mobile and isolated residents.

The intention is to sustain Primetime activities in the new year, after the pilot scheme is complete. Currently we are widening our catchment area to attract participants from neighbouring villages, and inviting younger people to join in. Husthwaite County Primary School is interested in such inter-generational community activity. We need more volunteers to lead the sessions and to serve refreshments.

Fourteen people came along to a recent session, including visitors from
the Community Day Centre at Springhill Court brought by Easingwold & District Community Care Association’s volunteer drivers.

Some were nervous at first but soon everybody got into the swing of the sports, which feature in the Paralympic Games. Village regulars, such as Phyllis Clark, Bessie Fox, Dot Moncaster and Joyce Wise, work up a good competitive spirit.

Boccia (pronounced ‘bot-cha’) is a type of short mat bowls. In new age curling the ‘stones’ are on ball bearings.

Phyllis, who competes from her wheelchair, says, ‘It’s a very good sociable event. I enjoy the games. We get quite competitive.’

‘It’s a social project,’ says David Earl, Hambleton DC’s Health and Wellbeing Development Officer, ‘aimed at lonely, isolated or disabled people encouraging them to get out of the house into a place where they can sit and chat, make new friends and reminisce with older ones. I’m delighted with the start we have made here.’

Three more North Yorkshire venues will be invited to participate if this pilot scheme is successful. Husthwaite was selected via the village website. It shows Husthwaite to be a highly active community, and therefore likely to be motivated to support such an enterprise.

Richard Wood, who regularly attends Primetime, adds, ‘The Big Lottery was convinced we were willing and able to run projects aiming at whole community involvement, and that was a key reason for financing our new hall. I very much hope that our elderly neighbours will be joined by other people from the village. If you think you can beat Phyllis Cark at these games let’s be seeing you. You could be talent spotted by the short mat bowling club at the same time. That’s a warning.’

Primetime takes places at Husthwaite Village Hall on Fridays 10am-12noon. Everyone is welcome, price £2 including refreshments.

**Robin Walton**

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Primetime
Fun sessions open to all including Boccia and New Age Curling

Husthwaite Village Hall
Fridays until December 12
10-11am Boccia 11am-12noon New Age Curling

£1 per hour including refreshments

For more information call David Earl, Development Officer on 01609 767202