

HUSTHWAITE NEWSLETTER

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Husthwaite Remembers 100 years on

The Village Bonfire on Beacon Banks on Nov.11th commemorated 100 years since the end of World War 1 (See pg 23)





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Dates for your Diary

December

- 3 12-2 Apple Tree Cafe & Book Exchange**
- 6 10am Rural Arts Cafe**
- 7 2.30pm Husthwaite School Christmas Fair**
- 7 8pm Pop up Pub**
- 13 7.30pm Gardening Club**
- 15 7pm Husthwaite Village Party**
- 16 4.30pm Carol Service Methodist Chapel**
- 18 6.30pm Carol Singing around Husthwaite**
- 21 7.30 Film Club Special**
- 28 7pm Big Fat Christmas Quiz**

January

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- 7 12-2 Apple Tree Cafe & Book Exchange**
- 10 10am Rural Arts Cafe**
- 24 7.30pm Film Club**
- 26 Burns Night**

For regular weekly events see page 14



Art Café at the Village Hall

Are you over 60 and interested in art? Would you like to get involved in the **FREE** Art Café which we are running in the hall ?

In conjunction with Rural Arts, we have been running enjoyable morning workshops introducing a range of creative crafts, encouraging the more senior members of our community to become involved in art. Whether you are a total beginner or have some prior experience you would be most welcome and can bring along a carer if needed.

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HARVEST HO-DOWN

On 22nd September in the Village Hall we enjoyed a wonderful village evening, sharing a delicious harvest supper followed by country dancing led by Brian Watt. Those not dancing marvelled at the skills of the children and the antics of the adults. All the food and raffle prizes were donated and people were incredibly generous. We all had such a good time and raised £657 for Farm Community Network.



An enormous thank-you to all who took part and helped in so many ways.

Liz Crawshaw

Whisky Tasting Evening

On Friday 19th October we held our first Whisky Tasting evening in Husthwaite Village Hall. An idea that had been brewing (or distilling!) for quite some time by the Whisky hardliners in the village. Namely; Brian Watt, Will Mowatt, Simon Eedle and Craig Colton. Their idea was to celebrate the amber nectar that is Scottish Whisky and show just how much single malt Scotch Whisky is as wonderfully diverse as the terroir



in the country it comes from. Over thirty people joined the event. Some chose not to taste, but simply enjoy the "story" and smell of each Malt selected for the evening. One of our youngest attendees, **Kerry Barker**, kindly shared her thoughts on the evening;

"Other than probably quite a bad headache the next day I wasn't really sure what to expect upon arriving at the Village Hall on a cold Friday evening for whisky tasting.

The evening began with an introduction as to how whisky was made and even a mini science lesson too thanks to Brian Watt!

There were 5 different whiskies to taste and with each one we were taken to a different place in Scotland and given a brief history of how it was made and how it was different from the previous whisky.

At the end a 'mystery' whisky was handed out and we had to make our own tasting notes using the knowledge we had learnt throughout the evening, the one with the most accurate answers won a prize - well done Ewan and Liz!

A big thank you to all the organisers for a very fun yet informative evening as clearly a great deal of thought and effort was put in.... maybe gin for the next one?"

Thank you to Brian, Will, Simon and Will for a most enjoyable evening, they are already hatching a plan for another whisky based event! A big thank you to Kerry for sharing her thoughts and to all who came.

Sheila Mowatt

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Husthwaite Village Hall AGM

23rd October 2018

Co-Chair Report

The Village Hall is a charity in trust for the Parish of Husthwaite by its elected members. The hall is used for meetings, clubs, social events and other forms of recreation and leisure activities. Our purpose is solely to provide a facility where people can come together and improve the conditions for our rural community.

This year, once again, the Village Hall has played host to a wide variety of events, clubs and social activities. The Events Team have excelled themselves this year, organising an events program that has been both varied and creative; from ongoing favourites such as the Burns Supper, Movie Sing-A-Long and Wine Tasting to some new ventures; Comedy, Pottery, Arts & Crafts and of course, many thanks to Richard Wood, for the revival of the Village Panto. Events, together with the quarterly markets, ATC, Film Club and Pop Up Pub, continue to be a key driver of funds for the hall. These funds are essential for covering the cost and maintenance of our beautiful facility. However, raising sufficient funds also plays another and more important role, which is to enable us to provide activities and events that are subsidised or free to all. The free summer and Christmas parties are examples of this, as are subsidised hall hire for new start up clubs and charity activities. We are always open to new ideas for activities, which may have either wide or limited appeal. If it provides further inclusion of a broader community, then we believe it is very worthwhile.

The village hall committee recognises the need to become better connected with other community groups in our village; this was a strong part of our ethos and commitment at the beginning of this year. As such, we are very happy to announce our partnership with the Parish Church and the launch of the 100 Club. This connection with other groups is something we will continue to work on in the coming year.

Of course, none of the many events and activities would happen if it were not for all our volunteers. There are far too many to mention but they all know who they are and the involvement of new volunteers is key to the continued success of the hall. From members of the committee, those providing home baked goods for markets and cafes, to those giving their time to the upkeep of the hall and its surrounding area.

A big thank you to all. Volunteers are always widely appreciated and welcomed, as a whole array of skills are required for the hall to continue to be run well.

I mentioned the Village panto earlier, revived after four years by Richard Wood. It proved to be a huge success, in spite of the intervention of the worst snow many of us could remember. The panto is a great example of volunteers working together, selflessly and in harmony. Over forty volunteers gave up their time both in front and back of stage to make the panto the community success it was. It has also served to fuel interest in creating a broader programme of local drama activities, so watch this space!

Our thanks also to Husthwaite Parish Council for its continued support of both the hall and the village as a whole. Keeping us updated on all issues from the emptying of bins to proposed building sites and issues such as Emergency Planning. Thanks also to the Village Trust for supporting some of our subsidised events with the welcome of additional funds.

Both the web site, Newsletter and The Link continue to keep us up to date with what's going on in our village. Both Lawrie Hill and Jan Coulthard respectively, have our thanks for continuing to spread the word about what's happening in Husthwaite and what a great place it is to live.

So, to the forthcoming year. Our focus continues to be the needs of the community and how the hall can contribute to this. By keeping the hall in good repair we enable the provision of a good place for groups and individuals to meet. This also plays a large part in the hall attracting groups outside the village to use our facility for their own needs for which we have seen some success this year. Replacement of the fascia boards was a key example of where we need to ensure the fabric of the building is continually assessed, planned and funded on an ongoing basis. In addition, we are currently working on an assessment of our storage needs. Growth of the number of clubs and activities has meant storage is very tight. We hope to find a solution for this over the coming year. Which brings me to one further thank you. For this ongoing assessment of our maintenance needs, we must thank John Ovenston for giving his time and expertise.

Both Lynn and myself would like to thank our colleagues on the Village hall committee for their continued support. Thanks also to the members of the Events committee who continue to make sure that the appeal of the village hall and indeed the village of Husthwaite meets our website tag line of "The

best village in Yorkshire!"

A final thank you to everyone who supports our hall, not only by volunteering, but by attending and supporting our varied events. Without that support we would be unable to plan for the future, not only of the hall, but of the well-being of the village itself and the individuals that have chosen to live here and in our surrounding community.

Thank you.

Lynn Colton and Sheila Mowatt

Co Chairpersons

Husthwaite Village Hall

Husthwaite Open Gardens 2019

The dates are set, the planning has started and we are all looking forward to another hot summer.

Yes, Husthwaite will be showing off some of its best gardens next summer. Put these dates in your diary now: **Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th June 2019.**

Our lovely village will be welcoming visitors in an Open Gardens event to accompany our summer village market on both days. As before, the Apple Tree Café will provide tempting refreshments and our visitors can take a little bit of Husthwaite home by visiting the popular plant stall.

We will need a small army of helpers to provide cakes for the café, plants for the plant stall, to direct the traffic, collect money, set-up road signs, organise the publicity etc. If you would like to offer your garden, or to get involved in any way, please contact Mike and Breda Wells on 01347 868398 or by email at hillcrestwells@btinternet.com



Mike Wells

Badapple Theatre Company

Thankful Village

Husthwaite worked hard to remember the Great War. We recreated one of the summer parties that took place all around Britain after war ended in 1918 and had a remarkable short play in the middle of it. The end of fighting was celebrated with a glorious firework display on Beacon Banks and a party afterwards.

At the end of October, Badapple Theatre Company from Green Hammerton brought their play “Thankful Village” to Husthwaite.

Three village women, played by Sarah Raine, Zoe Land (pictured) and Frances Tither, told us the story of their lives after the men had gone to war. And occasionally they portrayed the men, away in the trenches.

The hall was completely full and you could hear a pin drop. We became completely involved in the hope and tragedy of that conflict. All the men came back. One of the three women became a volunteer nurse, described what she saw graphically....and died in service.

The music really surprised us. The women played instruments and sang in wonderful poignant harmony. Such a good night. They have a new play in preparation for Spring 2019. We'll try to get them back.

Andrew Coulthard



Blame it on the Kaiser

'On with the motley!' bawled the Sergeant Master of Ceremonies at the beginning of the Easingwold Players production of **Blame it on the Kaiser**.

And we poured on stage, the whole cast, to sing and to dance to 'Oh it's a Lovely War'.

You know that when the Players put on a show directed by David Goodwin you are going to witness something special.

Known throughout North Yorkshire and beyond for his professional performances, David added a powerful community ingredient this time. He took the risk that we, his 'motley' crew, would deliver his daring and ambitious vision ... a revue marking the end of WWI.

David had appealed for first hand information about the war.

The community - Easingwold and the surrounding villages - responded with diaries, letters, photos and newspaper clippings. He had enough to create a script based on material provided by local families.

Directed by the ever patient Jessa Liversidge we sang a full range of songs from the front line of the trenches –

If your sleeping place is damp

Never Mind

If you wake up with a cramp

Never mind

The women protested -

There'd be no war today

If mothers all would say

I didn't raise my boy to be a soldier

The Husthwaite WI somewhat reluctantly joined Mrs Pankhurst in demanding votes for women.

The play's focus constantly shifted, so that the audience laughed, then shed tears, then fell silent. From Blackadder to a 16 year-old boy winning the VC for his bravery at the Battle of Jutland (played by Will Duffield, aged 14).

Husthwaite's lady knitters smugly put down their rivals from Huby (30 pairs of socks for the soldiers) and Easingwold (91 pairs of socks) with a stunning one hundred pairs of socks. Only to be put down themselves by one of the laugh lines of the night - a plea from the Western Front: '**PLEASE, no more socks!**'

As ever, Husthwaite community drama group contributed to this fine play. We all had several parts; it was that kind of production. Here are some of them.

Robin Walton, keen to be involved and give support, came straight from her chorus work in York Opera's *Carmen* to join the singing.

Mary Hill rallied the men of Easingwold (including those in the audience) to join the army or be ashamed of themselves.

Linda Smith had the grim task of assuring the raw recruits that if they died they would be the happy ones - returning '*to the primeval clay and the primeval earth.*'

John Law, recently an Ugly Sister in our *Cinderella*, sang a beautiful duet with Delia Madgwick: 'If you were the only girl in the world'. An emotional moment for him when the audience joined in.

In the audiences were families of soldiers with frightful stories to tell.

Cameron Smith was Arthur Abel, a local man, a survivor of the Somme, who described how he and his mates on a long march were allowed to bathe in a river. The audience began to giggle. Cameron controlled them with the depth of his emotion as he described sharing a memorable moment 'just me with this most magnificent fish'.

Lawrie Hill was a Helperby man. Ernest Moorey survived a shell attack by jamming his balaclava helmet into his wounded shoulder to stop the flow of blood.

The relatives of local man Blythe Wiles came to the play. He went over the top, saw friends wiped out and had both legs damaged beyond repair. I was the bored medical officer who coldly informed him that the artificial limbs I was supplying were 'the property of the ministry' and he would have to pay for any loss or damage.

Lawrie had pivotal roles, too, in scenes of comic relief. First he was Blackadder's cook, Baldrick, with his trademark 'cunning plan'. Then he was hissed and boo-ed in his role of evil Squire with his plan to seduce and abandon an innocent maiden. That was in a contemporary melodrama, *A Trouble Shared*. It ended with Squire Lawrie brought to the floor in slow motion combat with Two Heroes. Cheers and applause from the audience.

The men had almost won their war. Mary, playing the suffragette Millicent Fawcett, was passionate about that other war. She appealed to the nation's women: prepare for the vote!

One last violent song for the 'motley'-

'Hush, here comes a whizzbang

And it's making straight for you.

*You'll see all the wonders of no-man's-land
if a whizzbang hits you*

Then on to *Jerusalem* accompanied by the Easingwold Brass Band, a rousing finale.

Richard Wood

**Husthwaiters in “Blame it on the Kaiser” at the Galtres Centre were:
John Law, Cameron Smith, Linda Smith, Mary Hill, Lawrie Hill, Robin
Walton and Richard Wood**



The Dragonfly Schools Foundation Dance and Promise Auction



The Dance and Promise Auction held at Husthwaite Village Hall on 26th October, by The Dragonfly Schools Foundation, proved a thoroughly enjoyable evening as well as a great success. The event raised £3,300 in aid of the charity's provision of education and vocational training for children in Rajasthan, Northern India, and a brilliant evening was enjoyed by all.

Great skill, showmanship and high energy were in plentiful supply, as Pink Cadillac played two amazing sets and filled the dance floor, while auctioneer Angus Ashton, of Ryedale Auctioneers, entertained, amazed and encouraged everyone to bid so generously for all of our promises. We wish to convey our sincere thanks to all involved in the running and supervision of this wonderful village hall – such a perfect venue in every sense. Your help, advice and assistance with planning and hosting our event, had an enormous impact upon its success. Not only did you waive the rental fee for the hall, as we are a charity, but you also organised and ran the bar for us, so professionally and congenially, set up and put away the stage, no doubt returned the hall to its original spotless condition afterwards and even gave us a donation from the bar takings.

Thank you so much for your generosity, hard work, kindness and support. We are deeply grateful to you all.

Sue and Ian Bretherton

What's ON!

Husthwaite Village Hall
For full details see:
www.husthwaitevillage.com

December &
January



Weekly Regulars

Primetime: Fridays 10.00am-12.00pm

Youth Club: Alternate Tuesdays 7.00-9.00pm

Zumba: Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am

Yoga: Tuesdays 5.00-6.15pm

Monthly Usuals

Apple Tree Café & Book Exchange: Monday 3rd December and 7th January, 12 to 2pm (100 Club Draw)

Film Club: Friday 21st December and Thursday 24th January 7.30pm

Pop Up Pub: Friday 7th December from 8.00pm & 4th January

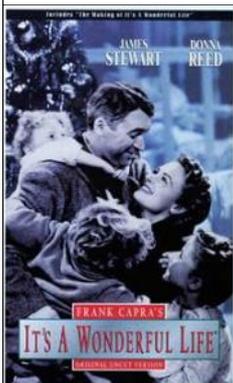
Gardening Club: Thursday 13th December 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Rural Arts Café: Thursday 6th December and 10th January from 10am

Special Events



Husthwaite Village Christmas Party is on Saturday 15th December from 7.00pm. All invited to come along to the village Christmas party. The bar will be open from 7.00pm serving a range of drinks. Some light nibbles will be provided and entertainment in the form of our very own local band "A Bit of a Gamble". This is a **FREE** event, an opportunity to chat to friends, family and neighbours and celebrate the end of another busy year of community events and activities.



Film Club Christmas Special Friday 21st December

That Christmas classic "It's a Wonderful Life" with James Stewart and Donna Reed. Bar open from 7pm.

To get you in the mood for a proper family Christmas, we will be serving a movie themed cocktail as well as a range of other drinks from the bar.

Bar open from 7pm, screening at 7.30pm. All welcome, members **FREE**, non-members only £3

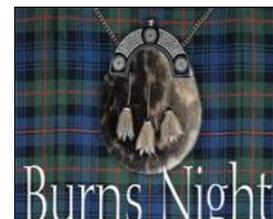
Big Fat Christmas Quiz

Is on Wednesday 28th December. With our usual range of eclectic and vaguely Christmassy themed questions, and a chance to win the coveted Christmas Quiz trophy! Bar open from 7pm.



Burns Night on Saturday 26th January

One of the most anticipated events in the Village Hall social calendar. Make sure you book your ticket early. Haggis, neeps and tatties starter, buffet dinner, toast to the lads and lassies and dancing until the wee sma' hours. It's a fantastic night out.



Tickets £15, available from Sheila on 868196 or email Sheila_mowatt@btinternet.com.

Film Club

24th Jan "The Wife". A wife questions her life choices as she travels to Stockholm with her husband, where he is slated to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.



100 Club Winners

October Winners; 1st Bunny Wentworth, 2nd Thomas Raper

November Winners; 1st Nikki Hollinrake, 2nd Carol Ryland

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone who has joined so far.

If you wish to join the Husthwaite 100 Club, contact Sheila on 868196.

50% of the funds raised will go to the winners and 50% to the upkeep of our beautiful Husthwaite Parish Church grounds.

Wine Appreciation Course at Husthwaite Village Hall

Register your interest

Steve Broughton is looking at the viability of holding a wine appreciation course in the village. The course is aimed at providing a broad understanding and appreciation of wine as well as (the main benefit) tasting some fine wines along the way

We need 12-24 people to make this viable. If it's something that interests you, please contact Steve via email ste.broughton@fiscali.co.uk and we'll get you signed up.

The costs would be £40 up front to build up some reserves and cover admin costs. It would then be £5-£10 per person each week depending on the topic and hence price of the wine. This course is not run as a commercial venture so funds will be invested in drinking the best wines.



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Husthwaite and District Gardening Club

Winter approaches and with it the short days, frost laden ground and, all too often, drab and dreary gardens. But it is a good time for gardeners to plan for the spring whilst warming their toes in front of the fire. Or to contemplate the borders whilst the green is stripped away and assess the structure of those plants and shrubs that act as foils for all that springs up anew come the warmer weather. A good time too to finish off the bulb planting and pruning, the tidying of leaves and of tool sheds, the cleaning and sharpening of tools and the putting to bed of those plants that need protection from the frosts.



It is also a good time to join with fellow gardeners to share the successes (and maybe the failures) of the year gone by. For the Gardening Club it has been a very successful year with the annual plant sale reinstated, putting the club back on a sound financial footing; a rise in the number of members (particularly pleasing to see more Husthwaite residents joining in); the successful hosting of the Annual Area Gardening Club Meeting with more than twenty clubs represented from afar afield as Leeds and Scarborough; and presentations from several excellent speakers who have entertained and enthused our members.

And speaking of entertaining speakers, in December (13th) the club departs a little from focussing on the garden to hearing from Robin Arundale, Barn Owl ecologist and ethologist who will be sharing his knowledge of these silent hunters and how we can help create and maintain suitable habitats to retain their presence in the area. Details from Simon - sj.eedle@yahoo.co.uk

As this will be our last meeting before Christmas (I know it is weeks away but this is the December/January issue) we are asking members to bring a plate of food to share (drinks will be provided) to make this an even more sociable occasion than usual. Do join us, all are welcome.

And remember, there is no meeting in January.

Simon Eedle

NEWS FROM HUSTHWAITE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY



It has been wonderful to have had occasions this term when we have been able to invite the wider community to join us for some school events and we hope to strengthen these even further. Some recent key events in school have included:

The school's Harvest Festival Service was held in the Methodist Church with a collection in aid of The Dragonfly Foundation – a charity which raises money for a school in India. The Church was at bursting point, every child contributed and it was enjoyed by all.

A successful and highly informative reading and phonics information evening for parents was held by Mr Barwick. Parents were shown how we teach reading in school so that they can support their child at home.

To mark the centenary of the end of WWI children made a waterfall of 100 poppies which was displayed in the school hall. A Remembrance Service for parents and villagers was held at school with a roll of honour being read out in memory of pupils' and staffs' relatives who lost their lives in conflict.

The School Council organised a crazy non-uniform with fun activities day in aid of Children in Need – lots of fun raised for a good cause.

The Friends of Husthwaite School held a Smartie Tube Challenge – children had to fill Smartie tubes with 20p in return for doing a good deed or small job for family/friends/relatives.

The class who raised the most money will be rewarded with a prize.

Children were encouraged to wear odd socks to school in recognition of Anti-Bullying week. Odd socks represented children being able to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and recognise what makes us all unique.

The school hall was turned in a restaurant as parents and relatives joined children for a family school lunch.

Class 3 enjoyed their termly visit to PrimeTime at Husthwaite village hall to join in games of Boccia and Kurling.

Mrs Bucknole, the school cook, cooked a delicious roast dinner for the Orchard Village Club this month which was very well received by the club's members.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us once more which means there is lots going on in school. The School's Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 7th December – 2.30-5.00pm. There will be the usual grand Christmas Hamper raffle, tombola, children's games stalls as well as hot Christmas sandwiches, mulled apple juice and mince pies and stalls including jewellery, stationery and crafts. This year the choir will be carol singing by candlelight outside. Everyone is welcome so please do come along and support our school.

WEEKLY TODDLER DAYS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Please remember if you have a toddler or would like to join us for a social cuppa, our weekly 9am 'Stay and Play' session and 'Unfrazzle' is every Friday in the school hall. 'Stay and Play' is a free toddler session open to all pre-school children from 9-10am.

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

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2019

The application process for children starting reception class in September 2019 is now open. Parents need to apply online by 15th January on the North Yorkshire County Council website. We welcome visits to our school. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Sarah Dixon for further details on 01347 868371.

Diary dates:

Fri 7th Dec – school Christmas Fair

Tue 11th Dec – dress rehearsal KS1 nativity

Wed 19th – 9.30am Christingle Service at St Nicholas Church – please join us

Fri 21st Dec – school closes for holidays

Mon 7th Jan – staff training day

A waterfall of poppies

Tue 8th Jan – school opens for spring term

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Harvest festival in the Methodist Church



Family lunch at school



Some crazy non-uniforms in aid of Children in Need

HUSTHWAITE SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS FAIR

FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER

2.30-5.00pm



Santa's
Grotto

Tombola

Grand Raffle including
Christmas Hamper



Gift Stalls

Children's Games

Mince Pies & hot
mulled apple juice



Hot Christmas
sandwiches

Cake/produce
Stall



Christmas Carols

Candlelit lanterns

Everyone welcome—Please come along and support our school

All funds raised go to the School Fund

Husthwaite Remembers 100 years on

We can truly say that Husthwaite was the place to be on 11 November. The respect, celebration and community spirit shown were awe inspiring.

We started the day with the traditional remembrance service at the church which despite the weather was a moving ceremony for those that worked so hard to make our lives what they have turned out to be. Lives filled with joy and freedom, that many who strove so hard to achieve were never able to see. Their challenges and efforts must always be remembered and inspire us.

The evening's events followed.

The bells of the church were rung by John Ovenston. Around 100 villagers congregated around the huge (and I mean HUGE) bonfire on Richard Duffield's field a top Beacon Banks. The fire was started at 7pm prompt and with the relatively warm but strong southerly winds it burned strong and bright as can be seen in this picture on the cover.

The "Beacon" could be seen for miles around. As the fire slowed slightly we followed with a lovely firework display.

When the events on Beacon Banks were over, it was time for Pie and Peas at the village hall. An incredible job was done by all the volunteers in the hall, led by Lynn Colton, where 130 people gathered and had a great time eating their supper and talking to neighbours and friends. Councillor Peter Fox rounded off events with his witty thanks to all those who had contributed to making the event happen.

It was a great night for Husthwaite and showed us all how good it was to live in such a fabulous community. Wow.

I would like to thank everyone for coming along and enjoying themselves, all the volunteers and contributors who supported the events and the Parish Council for organising the event. Please let us build on this momentum and make sure we come along to more of the fantastic events the Village Hall put on for us to enjoy.

Craig Colton

Summary of the Minutes of Husthwaite PC Meeting 20th Nov

Present: C.Fenwick (Chair), J.Don, P.Fox, J.Law, B.Smith, E.Smith, C.Colton, HDC Cllr C. Patmore, J.Coulthard (Clerk)

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Fracking: P.Fox said there was no report back from the Government Inspector and it may be next summer before it arrives. PF met with the Government Shale Gas Commissioner and pointed out the adverse impact it would have on our parish, and these points were noted. Hambleton DC was asked to respond to the government's Permitted Development plan (as NYCC and Ryedale DC have) but they have yet to respond. The PC clerk is to resend the letter asking them to act.

Emergency Planning: C. Fenwick had designed an Emergency Planning flyer for local distribution. A larger more detailed plan by C. Colton will go to the NYCC Emergency Planning Officer.

Battle's Over-A Nation's Tribute: This was deemed a very great success, with congratulations and thanks from everyone to those involved in the planning and co-ordination between the churches, Parish Council and Village Hall Committee, as well as donors. It was an example of the whole village coming together, in celebration and remembrance of the end of WW1.

MUGA: The drainage problem should be dealt with and completed before next March by Revely and Son.

Bus service 31X: Despite numerous communications to the Transdev bus company, no response was received. The clerk was asked to write once more to them asking for the late afternoon bus to be restored from Easingwold to Husthwaite. Also a request will be put in to the Morse bus company who do the school run, asking if they could run a short additional service from Easingwold to Husthwaite. Workers, York College students, shoppers and those without personal transport or the elderly are very disadvantaged by the later bus removal.

Cemetery Gates and Yew Trees: C. Fenwick is to write a specification for the work to be undertaken, to send to potential contractors.

25 year Environmental Plan: J. Law offered a draft plan for Husthwaite, a summary of DEFRA's 2018 25 year plan, focussing on 4 possible projects for the PC to consider. Cllr Patmore pointed out that we are on the edge of the AONB, who could offer valuable advice. JL will contact Paul Jackson from AONB.

The Village Green Tree: Tree surgeons seem unwilling to give advice on the likely safety and survival of this Lime tree because of insurance liability problems. The clerk is to contact the arboricultural expert at NYCC for advice.

Other Matters

The Husthwaite Christmas Carol Service takes place at the Methodist Chapel on Dec 16th. Carol Fenwick was invited to choose a carol, and suggested "Join the Celebration" as a reminder of the way the village has celebrated²⁸ the centenary of the end of WW1 this year.

A suggestion from the **Gardening Club**, on their 60th anniversary, to purchase 3 planters to place at entrances to the village was taken up by the PC who will purchase the planters. The club will maintain and plant them up. B. Smith is to liaise with Simon Eedle over the design and placing of the planters.

The Easingwold and Villages Forum meeting: There was little to report except that when the NYCC Transport Officer was queried in the meeting about the lack of buses in villages like ours there was no positive response.

The next **HDC liaison Meeting** is early next year.

Neighbourhood Watch reported that the new Police Chief Constable of North Yorkshire is Lisa Winward.

There is to be a talk by Trading Standards for Primetime, about **Cybercrime**. C.Fenwick is to discuss with the VH committee if a similar talk open to the general public could be arranged.

Public Footpaths: The Kissing gate next to the woodcarver's is broken and the footpath up from the Nookin still not repaired despite 3 requests to NYCC from the PC for maintenance. The clerk will write again, since public safety is involved.

Recreation Area: A new sign -"Children Playing"- has been erected.

Village Hall: A new village hall committee is in place, with co-chairs Sheila Mowatt and Lynn Colton leading the team: Steve Broughton (Treasurer), Simon Eedle, Annabel Kennedy, Gill Allanson, and Liz Walton. The next meeting is on Tuesday 27th November.

YLCA : Craig reported on a meeting (small because of warnings about lack of heating) but little was reported apart from information from a new Highways Communication Officer, apologising for the time last summer when 2 highway activities at once caused problems in the village. Contractors for utilities doing work on the highways will now have to get permits to avoid a repeat of this. The next Hambleton Branch meeting of YCLA is 20th Feb. at the Galtres Centre.

Councillor Patmore's Report: The NYCC have been given a one-off Government grant of £7.7 million to repair potholes, and a one-off Social Care grant of £6+ million for elderly and disabled people.

54% of roads in winter are treated during snowy and icy weather under the maintenance budget.

Unofficial road and advertising signs on verges, which belong to Highways, will be removed and only returned if a fine is paid .

Waste disposal: Green bin waste is made into compost for re-sale. If you have paid for a green bin, you can recycle your Christmas tree so long as it is cut up if necessary and fits in the bin.

The next Parish Council Meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th January.

(Planning matters and Financial reports are displayed in full on the Parish Council section of the Hushwaite Village website).

Remembrance Day Guard of Honour at the Cenotaph in London

Heather Baker

Heather Baker from Husthwaite has been a volunteer with St. John Ambulance for six years and has treated over 200 patients from minors to cardiac arrest and septic shock; mainly at York Races.

This year, she was fortunate to be one of two people from over 800 volunteers in the North Region to be selected to be a part of the Civilian Services Contingency Guard of Honour around the Whitehall Cenotaph. This involved a 5am start, and a two hour drill practice at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office followed by an Inspection by a member of the Cabinet Office.

The over 200-strong Contingency (including the Police, Fire, Prison Service, Ambulance and Voluntary Aid Organisations) then marched into position next to the to the Military Contingencies- and opposite The Queen- for the Service of Remembrance and Veterans March Past.

In total, they stood easy for about seven hours! The occasion was of course very significant this year as it marked the Armistice Centenary and it added an extra depth of poignancy to the day. It was painful, cold and emotional, but an experience to be proud of.

(The photos show Heather in her ceremonial and operational uniforms)



Husthwaite Local History Society

The Caisley family



Caisley's shop c1900

In 2009 Fred and Laura Pickstone by chance met Mrs Valerie Hill from Menston, Leeds in the pub, then "The Balmoral" – she was particularly interested in her Caisley ancestors from Husthwaite and later sent photos and details. Jonathan, her great grandfather had once owned the shop in Low Street, (now the private home "The Old Stores"). Following a letter in a recent Dalesman regarding a Caisley family bible, more is now known about them, who they

were, where they came from and where they went.

Jonathan's father Charles Caisley (1814-1870) was born in Westow (now in the south of Ryedale) and became a gamekeeper; in 1861 he lived at Park House, Newburgh where he was "Park Keeper" for the Newburgh Priory estate. Valerie remembers *"Whilst walking the grounds at Newburgh, we bumped into Lady Wombwell who said she remembered being told of a gamekeeper called Caisley who cycled down from Helmsley - he was my great great grandfather Charles who is buried at the back of the church in Harome, his cottage is still intact, "Rose Cottage" on the road beyond the village pond in front of the "Pheasant Hotel"*. Charles's first wife Elizabeth Bell, born in Malton, produced two children and died soon afterwards; he later married Hannah Taylor who produced 13 children of whom their 7th child Jonathan (1861-1931) was the first one to be born at Park House and became a grocer



Kathleen Mary Caisley (later Lancaster)



Mary Caisley (later Bowler), when village postmistress



My Great-grandfather – Jonathon Caisley

Third from left standing holding his brown dog (white moustache and pipe)

living at Low St, Husthwaite. He and his wife Sarah (née Britton) were buried in Husthwaite cemetery. Valerie noted "I was also told that Jonathon was a lay preacher, apparently he fell out with one church and moved to the other".

Jonathan and Sarah had three children born in Husthwaite (Ruth, John Charles and Mary). Ruth (born 1892), in 1915 married chauffeur George Robinson who in 1911 was a coachman resident in the stables at Hightorne. He served in WWI, being discharged in 1919. Valerie's notes add "They later moved to Slingsby and from there they moved to Hungerford in Berkshire where he and great aunt Ruth took over the "Royal

Exchange" pub on the edge of Newbury Common, a lovely spot".

John Charles 1894-1970 who married Annie Auton in 1918 took over the grocer's shop. He was also buried in the cemetery. Mary Caisley born 1895 was a servant living at Aldborough when she married Harry Bowler, a shoemaker from Knaresborough at Dunsforth in 1916. Their children Kathleen Mary, Leonard, Stanley and Joan were born there. Valerie states: "They lived in Lower Dunsforth where my mum was born. My grandfather's name appears on the war memorial outside the church along with his two brothers who lost their lives... I feel the war and the loss of his brothers must have had a terrible effect on him...they separated and my grandmother Mary moved back to Husthwaite, when my mum Kathleen Mary was around 7 years old... My mum lived on the Nookin in the cottage now known as Badgerdub.

Mum loved her life in Husthwaite and talked endlessly of her life there. It was with great regret that she left with her mum and siblings at the age of 16 to come to Leeds as her parents were reconciled and grandfather had found work making shoes at Simpsons. Unfortunately the reconciliation wasn't to last and my grandmother was left alone with four children in a city which she hated. She longed to return to Husthwaite but she had no funds therefore she lived a hard lonely life taking in nurses from St James' Hospital in order to make a living. When she died she was buried in Husthwaite so she finally returned home."

Kathleen Bowler's younger brothers and sister all married and remained in the Leeds area. Stanley who married Hilda Brogan in 1945 was once a cinema film repairer; he was also particularly attached to Husthwaite and was buried here in 2000. They had 5 children, all born in Leeds. Both Stanley and Kathleen returned to Husthwaite to attend the reunion of old scholars in 1990.

Valerie also recalls visits to Wilf Hutchinson "Wilf Hutchinson, the wood carver, was very friendly with great uncle John who lived on Prospect Terrace, Kays Bank with his wife Annie. When I was a young girl on a visit with my mum, Uncle John took me to meet Wilf who had just started up on his own having trained with Robert Thompson, "The Mouseman" of Kilburn. On a visit to Mr Hutchinson a few years ago, with my mum's cousin George, the son of Ruth, he showed us some of Uncle John's farming implements which were given to him and obviously treasures them. On a later visit he told of a pistol which John had, which had been given to his father or possibly his grandfather by one of the Wombwells as they were gamekeepers at Newburgh Priory."

Mum and dad always visited the village; when he got his first car it seemed to find its own way there. Mum did return to the reunion with her youngest brother Stanley and thoroughly enjoyed meeting old friends. Sadly, Mum died in 1999 and Stanley in 2000 (he is buried in Hushwaite). Now it is my car that finds its own way back.... "

If anyone is in contact with the existing family or would like to know more about their Caisley ancestors please contact **Angela Ovenston** (01347868347), aovenston@btinternet.com)

New book by Prof Stuart Marriott from Carlton Hushwaite

The Grand Agitator

Published by Carlton Letterworks, £8

January 1664, York Assizes: the national press was following in close detail charges of treason brought against thirty-one men from the West and North Ridings. Twenty-two were found guilty and within a few days most of these were hanged, drawn, and quartered. Prominent among them was a certain George Denham, a former cavalry officer who lived at Woolpotts in Baxby.

Their conspiracy against the Restoration government of Charles II is usually known by historians as the Farnley Wood Plot. But a fresh reading of the evidence shows that the intrigues of 1663 included a substantial element that could rightly be called the 'Topcliffe Bridge Plot'. Denham and his associates planned an armed rising to begin with an assembly at Topcliffe, followed by the capture of Northallerton and a march on York. The whole scheme turned out to be a calamitous failure.

This new book seeks to uncover a new episode in our local history. It identifies George Denham and locates him in a context of troubled, even dangerous times. It traces his origins in Birdforth, apprenticeship as a London clothworker, and engagement as a cavalryman early in the civil wars. It charts his return to Hushwaite/Baxby as a landowner and minor gentlemen; then his return to army service and receipt of a commission from the hands of the Speaker of the House of Commons. His religious and political commitments are explored, to explain his final dismissal from the Army and his fatal progress into treasonous protest.

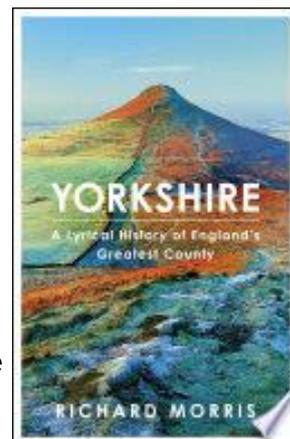
Available from Rose Cottage, Carlton Hushwaite(01845 501490)

or email letterworks@btinternet.com) or some copies available from **Angela Ovenston**.

The excellent well attended talk about WW1 in Hushwaite by Margaret Hewitson raised over £200 for Blind Veterans UK.

“Yorkshire- A Lyrical History “ Talk by the author Prof. Richard Morris

A very well attended talk by Richard Morris on his fascinating book “Yorkshire– a lyrical history” was based around his method of writing– what to include, how to link diverse topics such as geography of the county with trading, local families with emigration and industry, historical artifacts , conscientious objectors, famous Yorkshire folk and his own family links with Skinningrove. Illustrated with slides, the talk moved seamlessly on from one topic to another, and like the book left us with the feeling that here was a polymath, and we were being treated to glimpses of areas of research and study we could pursue ourselves. Yorkshire proves to be a fascinating county - historically, culturally, politically and sociologically, with global links from the distant past to today. All this explained with humour and knowledgeable detail .



Richard has kindly donated the talk's proceeds to The Blackden Trust in Cheshire -a Tudor House (the home of the writer Alan Garner) which is now used for educational purposes. Prof. Morris is Chair of the trustees.

Thanks to Will and Annabel on the bar, Michael Graham for the introduction, and Andrew Coulthard for asking Richard to come and then selling lots of tickets, to make it a successful afternoon.

Jan Coulthard

Thank you from the Editor

At the end of a busy year of events in the village, I would like to thank

the village hall committee for their good work during the year. Lynn and Sheila, committee co-chairs, work tirelessly to put on events and cafes, ably assisted by the rest of the enthusiastic new committee. Thanks also to those who run weekly and monthly groups so successfully. All those others who helped this year by providing talks, funding, ticket sales, advertising and expertise are often unrecognised by the rest of us, who go along to events and enjoy ourselves. Thank you to everyone for making Husthwaite an amazing place to live.

Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year to everyone!



In Husthwaite Village Hall

Raku generally refers to a type of low-firing process that was inspired by traditional Japanese raku firing.

Western-style raku usually involves removing pottery from the kiln while at bright red heat and placing it into containers with combustible materials. Once the materials ignite, the containers are closed. This produces an intense reduction atmosphere that affects the colours in glazes and clay bodies. The drastic thermal shock also produces cracking (known as crackling since it is deliberate). The original Japanese style of raku is an outgrowth from Buddhist influences in life and especially in the tea ceremony. So, David Duckworth, (who spent some time last year studying Raku in Japan under the 15th generation Raku master [Raku Kichizaemon](#)) came to our village hall to introduce us to the process.

With some enthusiastic participants we listened, learned and finally produced three clay pieces. An indication some of Dave's words had been absorbed. This was a tranquil session accompanied by Zen like music.

Our 'creations' were taken away by Dave, biscuit fired and returned for the glazing and this session proved to be combustible and best observed from some distance. **(See photo on back cover)**

For one of the 'reduction' firings several pieces were buried in sawdust and retrieved. Sheila's was not there and she scrutinised everyone's to make sure someone else had not misappropriated hers. Drawing a blank, it would be an understatement to say she was bereft. Urged not to sulk when consolation failed, when the piece was finally found ...well...things were better.

If you happen to visit one of the participants' houses, be sure to remark kindly on the intentionally malformed work proudly displayed.

Dave Duckworth was brilliant, and as a measure of the success of this venture we all are keen to return to this medium.

Lawrie Hill



The RAKU pottery group stand proudly behind their “creations” (thumb pots are harder than you think!)

The pots had been consigned to a very hot kiln, then thrown (gently) into sawdust shavings in a wheelbarrow, (outside) which produced the alarming sparks and fire you see on the left.

This method produces the colour and crackling finish, the glaze typical of Raku ware.

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