

HUDSWELL & DISTRICT MESSENGER



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Thank you for all your contributions; the information contained is only as good as that supplied so please keep it coming! Deadline for the next issue is 1st September 2023.



The Speed Watch volunteer team recently observed a driver speeding at 43 mph. This is the fastest recorded so far within the 30 mph speed limit through the village.

Unfortunately, the statics do not make pleasant reading, especially for pedestrians and children:

Year	Deployments	Vehicles Observed	Vehicles Speeding	Speeders
2019	27	493	14	3%
2020	11	248	14	6%
2021	17	395	25	6%
2022	14	288	17	6%
2023	3	75	7	9%

On only 20 deployments out of 72 were no cars observed speeding. That means on 73% of our deployments we observed speeders.

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Minutes of meetings can be found displayed on the main parish notice board (in Hudswell), the parish information folder in the library at the *George and Dragon* and on the following website:

www.richmondshire.gov.uk

under *Council and Democracy*, then *Parish/Town Councils*

THE LITTLE SHOP, HUDSWELL

Probably the smallest community shop in Britain

Monday to Friday	9.00am – 12 noon & 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Wednesday	<i>CLOSED ALL DAY</i>
Saturday	9.00am – 12 noon
Sunday	11.00am – 12 noon

MOBILE SKIP: Save the Date

North Yorkshire Council provides a mobile household waste recycling service (HWRC) to residents in areas of the county who are not adequately covered by a permanent HWRC. **Hudswell – 20th May 2023 (11.30 am – 1.00 pm) opposite Ashley House, DL11 6BH.**

HUDSWELL COMMUNITY CHARITY

Are you in full time or part time education, leading to a technical, professional or academic qualification? Are you aged between 16 and 21? Then you could apply for a grant. Contact the Secretary [martinbooth1@hotmail.com] for an application form.

HUDSWELL ALERT

If you would like to be added to the **Hudswell Alert** list, providing residents with local information, then please email the parish clerk.

(Over 75 email addresses have already signed up.)

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL – Events and News

- Badminton** Mondays 7.00 pm -9.00 pm (October-April only)
Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 01748 850447
- Bridge Club** – Weekly Fridays 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Training session prior to games from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm
Enquiries to John Taylor 07983 869420
- Pilates** – Weekly Thursdays 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm
Enquiries to Joanna Gibson 07572 539213
- Yoga** – Weekly Tuesdays 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
Enquiries to Val Worley 07791 776438
- Thursdays 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm
Enquiries to Mike Buckle 07982 104144
- Radio Club** 3rd Wednesday each month 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
- FREE Coffee Morning** 1st Thursday each month – 10.00 am – 12.00 noon, all welcome

Hudswell Village Hall is **available for hire** for parties, anniversaries, clubs and meetings. To make a booking or for other enquiries contact Sue Rowley – telephone: 07544 239752.

PLEASE HELP ...

The hall is run by volunteers who live in the village; we meet 3 times per year to review the state of the building and action any points which keep the hall in good repair and functioning for the use of hirers, both within the village and further afield. Whilst we have a few committed committee members to keep things going, we'd love more help.

Think you could give an occasional helping hand? Speak to someone at our free villagers' coffee morning on the first Thursday each month 10.00 am – 12.00 noon or, you can contact Sue Rowley on the number above.

We really hope to hear from you 😊
Hudswell Village Hall Committee

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

An extract from the HUDSWELL NEWSLETTER NO 26 – SEPTEMBER 1999

“MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA

Your District Councillor has received complaints regarding an increase in the number and loudness of explosions from the training Area. A meeting is being arranged at which the MOD will give an update on matters which affect Hudswell and other local villages and it will be held in Hudswell Village Hall. When the date is finalised a note will be sent around the Parish inviting you to attend.”

SECOND SUNDAY SINGAROUNDS

Please note the next Hudswell George and Dragon Second Sunday Singarounds are as follows:

When: Sunday 14 May 2023 / 11 June 2023
Time: 8 pm to 10.30pm
Where: George and Dragon, Hudswell

As usual all types of Acoustic Music Genres most welcome ie, Blues, Country, Traditional/Contemporary Folk, Pop, Rock, Self-penned, 60s, 50s, 40s etc as well as acapella/spoken/poetry/instrumentals.

Singaround Beginners, Experienced Performers and Pure Listeners all most welcome.

These are ideal welcoming evenings with a good atmosphere for singaround "beginners" or those who need to gain a little more confidence.

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT OPEN MIKE NIGHTS BUT TRADITIONAL ACOUSTIC SINGAROUND EVENINGS THAT WELCOMES THE WHOLE RANGE OF PERFORMERS.

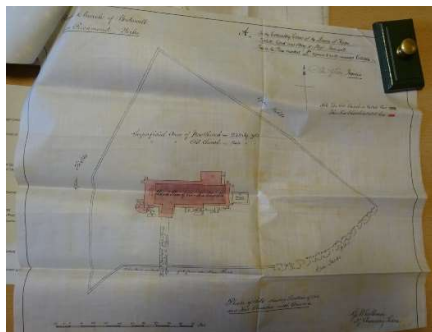
I look forward to meeting some of you on each of the second Sundays for an enjoyable singaround.

Kind regards,
Paul Cullen

Email contact: paul.cullen0410@gmail.com

ORIGINS OF HUDSWELL PROJECT

The village of Hudswell was mentioned in the Domesday book completed in 1086 for William the Conqueror. The name probably means Hudel's spring from the Old English name of Hudel and the Old English word of Wella meaning spring or stream. It is likely that the village has its origin in the Anglo-Saxon period and the redevelopment of the village church of St Michael and All Angels provides a unique opportunity to investigate the earlier history of the village.



The current church at Hudswell was constructed in 1884 and plans discovered at the West Yorkshire archives office reveal that an earlier church stood on the same location as the current church (Figs.1 and 2). It is possible that this represents the second church to have been built in the village, and there is an even earlier predecessor in the vicinity.

Lidar (laser imaging, detection and ranging) mapping of the area reveals a rectangular structure in the field to the immediate south of the current church and to the north of the beck (Fig.3). This structure does not appear on the first edition Ordnance Survey or subsequent maps indicating it predates the mid-19th century. The structure has the potential to represent either an agricultural building such as a barn, a structure associated with the church demolished during the 19th century, or a much earlier structure, such as an early church.



We are planning to carry out an archaeological investigation to clarify the nature of this building on Sunday the 9th of July. This would involve removal of the topsoil by mechanical excavator over the remains of the structure, followed by hand excavation involving adults and children from the local community. We also plan to excavate a second trench further south, in the field fronting the modern road. The Lidar imaging shows plots fronting the road in this area, which most likely represent Medieval crofts (house plots). An excavation in this area has the potential to reveal a Medieval period house platform and may shed light on the growth and contraction of the village over the years. Both excavations have the potential to reveal the earliest stages of occupation of the area and provide evidence for the origins of Hudswell.

We would like to carry out other activities to assist the local community in researching the history of the church in advance of the excavations. It would be of value to make a visit to the North Yorkshire County Record Office in Northallerton, with interested community members, to view the tithe map of Hudswell which dates to 1842 and is earlier than the Ordnance Survey maps available online. The tithe map may provide more information on the nature of the structures in the field to the south of the church. It would also be very interesting to carry out some research on the three Medieval grave covers displayed in the porch of the church (Fig.4), which may originate from the church replaced during the 19th century, or perhaps a precursor. Detailed comparison with covers researched in other regions would elucidate the meaning of the symbols depicted on the grave covers. Similarly, some research could be carried out on the historic interior features of the church, including the royal coat of arms of King George the second (Fig.5) and the Medieval lancet windows (Fig. 6), stoup and piscina. The findings of this research will be presented on information boards for visitors to the church. Further projects involving local children will involve survey of the graveyard and a simple building survey of the church itself which will take place on Saturday the 10th of June.



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If you are interested in taking part in the excavation or would like to assist with the research, please contact Cath Ross (07745 774157)

HUDSWELL ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

In 1884, a Bazaar was held to raise funds to rebuild Hudswell's St Michael and All Angels Church. We are planning to replicate this event, possibly in August '23, to raise funds for the project to retain and preserve the church. We have some ideas for games, stalls and refreshments but it would be great if our creative and talented villagers could offer some activities. Magician? Musician? Fortune-telling?!!!! The more diverse our offering, the greater its appeal.

Please let any of the committee know if you could be involved:
Susan FW; Martin B; Rev Martin F; Annie S; Heather S; Phil S; Ian W

NEWS FROM THE WOODS – SPRING 2023

Despite the recent snow it's been a relatively dry winter in the woods. Whilst this has resulted in less muddy paths it does heighten the possibility of drought again this spring and summer. As a Ranger team we have recently been planting trees over in Wharfedale and even there, where it is notoriously wet, the ground conditions have been surprisingly dry. Chatting to our tenant farmers, they are already experiencing the impacts of climate change, spring-fed water supplies are becoming less reliable and whilst dry spring weather is good for lambing it can also result in a shortage of new grass coming through.

In the woods locally we have been continuing with our management programme with some targeted felling in tall even aged stands of trees, especially in the western half of Hag Wood, and in Billy Bank. Regular readers will I am sure know by now how this work increases valuable dead wood habitat and creates pockets of light sunny open conditions promoting ground flora and tree regeneration. It's artificial in that we carry out the work with chainsaws but it creates disturbance and stimulates change, replicating natural processes that are otherwise lacking from our woodland due in part to the absence of mega-fauna such as straight tusked elephants. You may think I have lost the plot and I am suddenly writing about more tropical climes but believe it or not our native trees and associated species are still evolved to cope and thrive alongside the disturbance associated with the large herbivores that wandered our countryside between recent ice ages.

Some of our felling work is also a response to ash dieback, which is well established now both locally and nationally. Fortunately, Hudswell Woods is not dominated solely by ash and the level of use by people is relatively low so many of our ash trees can remain. In low-risk areas leaving ash is considered best practice as it allows any trees with a natural resistance to the fungus to be identified. However, in some higher use areas this is not possible. One such location is the Hag Wood roadside, on the south side of the Reeth Road between Underbank and Swaleview Caravan Park. We plan to fell the roadside ash trees here later this year. Again, any felled trees will be left to create dead wood habitat, and we expect to undertake some replanting alongside the natural regeneration of trees that will occur.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions about our work in the woods, or if you have any suggestions or interesting observations. You can also follow our work across the Dales using Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/YorkshireDalesNT>

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