

# HUDSWELL & DISTRICT MESSENGER



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**Editor:** Claire Swainston, Parish Clerk  
*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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.*



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## **HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

**Chairman:** Barry Brack Tel: 01748 821643

**Councillors:** John Dixon Tel: 01748 824631  
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Beverley Phillips Tel: 01748 824038  
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Pat Whelan Tel: 01748 824331

**Parish Clerk:** Claire Swainston Tel: 01748 826989  
[claire.swainston@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.swainston@btinternet.com)

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 websites:

[www.parishconnect.co.uk](http://www.parishconnect.co.uk)

[www.richmondshire.gov.uk](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk)  
under *Council and Democracy*  
then *Parish/Town Councils*

## **MAY ELECTIONS**

Have you ever fancied becoming a Parish Councillor? Now is your chance! 'Nomination Paper' and 'Consent to Nomination' need to be submitted to Richmondshire District Council by 4pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Further details are available on the village notice boards in Hudswell, Stainton and Downholme.

## **THE LITTLE SHOP, HUDSWELL**

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE***

More volunteers are needed to help at The Little Shop. If you are able to spare a couple of hours a week please contact John Walton (Tel: 850884).

**The Little Shop is open 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm weekdays;  
9am to 4pm Saturdays and 11am-1pm on Sundays.**

## **HUDSWELL PLAY PARK UPDATE**

Have you seen the new bench in the play park, have you sat on it? Hudswell & District Parish Council were able to purchase the bench with the help of a grant of £342 from the Upper Dales Area Partnership. A **huge** thank you to Councillor Barry Brack for applying for the grant and for actually installing the bench personally, *its rite comfy!*



## HUDSWELL GARDENING CLUB

Meet in Hudswell Village Hall at 7.30pm on last Wednesday of the month. Visitors and new members always welcome. Enquiries to John Walton on 850884.

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|----------------------------|--|
| 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | Pollinating Insects in the Garden – Tanya St-Pierre<br>Plus <u>Daffodil Show</u> |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April     | Welcoming the Wildings Home – Helen Hayes  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May       | Wildflower Quest – David Smith   |
| June (TBC)                 | Visit to Thornton Hall Gardens   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June      | ROSE Show and Social<br>Plus <u>Potato Competition</u>                           |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July      | Hudswell Gardens – a leisurely stroll round some members gardens                 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> August    | NO meeting   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September | A Year in My Allotment – Peter Williams  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> October   | Autumn in Hudswell Woods – Seb Mankelow  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | Flowers in the Wilderness – Annie Sumner   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Meal   |

## HUDSWELL ALLOTMENTS *(behind the George & Dragon)*

If you would like to be considered for a plot when the next one becomes vacant, please contact John Walton (Tel: 850884).

## RICHMOND FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB

Meet in Hudswell Village Hall at 10.15am on first Wednesday of each month, except January and August. Coffee served from 9.30am. Visitors and new members always welcome. Enquiries to Judy Farrar on 824514.

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> April     | 21 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Lunch         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> May       | Demonstration by Wendy Smith               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June      | Demonstration by Lucy Hutton-Smith         |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July      | Annual outing to Wallington Hall & Gardens |
| August                    | No meeting                                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September | Demonstration by Valerie Guest             |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> October   | Demonstration by Charlotte Vayro           |

## HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

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| <b>Art Club</b>               | Thursdays 7pm – 9pm every week<br>Enquiries to Liz Maxwell 822252  |
| <b>Badminton</b>              | Mondays 7.30pm – 9.30pm (3 <sup>rd</sup> November until end March) £2 for a night out and a chance to stay fit throughout the long dark winter months!<br>Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 850447 |
| <b>Coffee and a Chat</b>      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, 10am – 12noon. FREE!! All welcome.  |
| <b>Flower Arranging Club</b>  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month 10.15am<br>(except Aug & Jan)   |
| <b>Gardening Club</b>         | Last Wednesday each month 7.30pm   |
| <b>Hudswell Ukulele Group</b> | Saturdays 3.30pm - 6pm alternate weeks<br>Enquiries to Tanya 519771  |

**Scrabble Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month 7.30pm  
Enquiries to Lorna Chapman 823909

**Zumba**

Wednesdays 6pm – 7pm.

**COMING SOON:**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Clothes and Fabric Recycling Day (9am – 11.30am)** - Bring along any unwanted clothes, fabrics, curtains, bedding to be weighed in to recycle and all proceeds will go to the Village Hall funds.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Spring Domino Drive** commencing 7.30pm – Usual £2 entry free to play, including light refreshments. Good prizes to be won!

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Midsummers Village Dance** – watch out for notices giving details of this summer event.

Please be aware that the Village Hall Car Park is no longer managed by Richmondshire District Council and is now the responsibility of the Village Hall. The Car Park is vital when we are hiring the hall for events, please could residents be mindful of events taking place and park in their own driveways whenever possible.

Hudswell Village Hall is available for hire for parties, anniversaries, clubs and meetings (£10 per hour and regular meetings £7 per hour). To make a booking contact Sue Shaw, Orana, Hudswell on 825084.

**HUDSWELL SCHOOL CHARITY**

Are you about to take a residential course at College or University and live in Hudswell? If so you may be eligible for a grant. For details contact John Horseman Tel: 826216.

**DOWNHOLME SIGNAGE**

Hudswell & District Parish Council have recently managed (after much cajoling) to get the road signs re-erected in Downholme. The original request included the replacement of the road signs on the stone plinth on the main Leyburn to Richmond road, and the sign on the stone plinth at the cattle grid on Downholme Moor. The National Park responded:

*“Could I start by making a plea for the retention and repair of the two wall-mounted village name plates please. They are rare survivals of signage of the early days of motor touring – the alluminium plaques with clear projecting lettering and glass ball reflectors, set low down in relation to the road level, could date from the 1930s and continued to be made into the ‘50s. While not listable they have increasing heritage significance as they are features of the early days of motoring and survive often only in rural areas.”*



Needless to say negotiations are ongoing and we’re currently trying to find funding for the repairs.

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However, the sign that was at the cattle grid has disappeared – **DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?** Please, if you have found it, could you return it as soon as possible?

## **DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE VILLAGE**

Hudswell & District Parish Council have applied for a grant to cover the cost of a defibrillator to be installed in the village of Hudswell. If you would like to attend a course on how to use this equipment please can you complete the Return Slip towards the back of this "Messenger".

## **PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR ...**

- Worked with RDC for 3 new pieces of equipment for play park upgrade (thank you to Cllr Jef Robinson)
- Notice boards in Stainton and Downholme
- New gate at cattle grid into Downholme
- New wicket gate and side fence at cattle grid into Downholme
- Dog waste bins
- Speed gates into Hudswell
- Integration of the villages of Downholme, Stainton and Walburn into Hudswell & District Parish Council
- Transfer of deeds and ownership of the village hall playing field
- Started an anti speeding campaign in Hudswell
- Waste bin for Downholme
- Underground electricity cables through Hudswell village
- Extension of 30 mph zone at the end of Hudswell Lane with Richmond to Brokes Road
- Anti fly tipping fence in Brokes Lane (*Tarn Lane!*)
- Village name plaques at either end of Brokes
- Investigation into carriageway repairs near Downholme Church

### **NEW ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- New bench in the Hudswell play park
- Repairs to Downholme road signs

*If you can think of anymore lets add them to the list and be proud of what our small community can do.*

*Plenty of space for more!*

## **NEWS FROM THE WOODS – SPRING 2015**

There's plenty of mud about but aside from the odd day of snow it seems like we have had a reasonably dry winter. At least that's what we have found in parts of Hag Wood where we have way-marked a new permissive route through the wood. The path follows a steep diagonal line to Scarcote/Kirkgate Wood before looping around to the NE corner of our boundary, and from there it's just 50 yards east along the Richmond-Reeth road (A6108) to the Public Rights of Way across Underbank. Access to the top of Hag Wood is provided by the Hudswell-Downholme Permissive Path. Hag Wood is different to much of Hudswell Woods; birch and oak dominate above the crags and paths are little more than deer tracks. Much of Hag Wood is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, mainly because of its invertebrates and bryophytes (mosses and liverworts). Ground-nesting migrant warblers also use the woods and we ask that dogs be kept on leads between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July to avoid disturbance.

In Calfhall Wood our woodland management work has continued this winter, you may have noticed the creation of a woodland clearing to benefit oak and wych elm regeneration, as well as the flush of woodland flowers, and associated insects that will benefit from increased light levels.

We have also had activity on the grassland this winter. In the absence of cattle grazing the riverside meadows we have had the very welcome assistance of three Shetland ponies. Grazing and ground disturbance is an important part of the meadow restoration process, many of the coarser tussock forming grasses have now been eaten back and the pony's hooves have created areas of bare ground and trodden in flower seed that was spread at the back end of last summer. We intend to take the ponies out between the middle of April and early June to allow the flowers to bloom and set seed. Although the transformation will take time it may well be worth walking down in May to see how the restoration process is doing and which wildflowers have benefitted from the winter grazing.

It won't be long now before migrant warblers return from Africa and southern Europe. The first chiffchaff is truly a sign that spring is underway. If you are down by the riverside it's also worth watching out for (or listening for the chatter of) sand martins as they make their way up the Swale to their regular nesting sites. We are running a bird song walk from Round Howe car park on the 17<sup>th</sup> May if anyone is interested in brushing up on their bird song identification through the woodland. If you have ever wondered what the birds are that are singing around Hudswell then do let me know if you are interested in an early morning walk around the village, I would be happy to organise that this spring. Other events this spring include an Easter Egg hunt on the 4<sup>th</sup> April and an introduction to geocaching (a kind of treasure hunt with a GPS) on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, look out for the posters for more information.

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries 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>

**Seb Mankelow**

**Ranger, National Trust Yorkshire Dales**

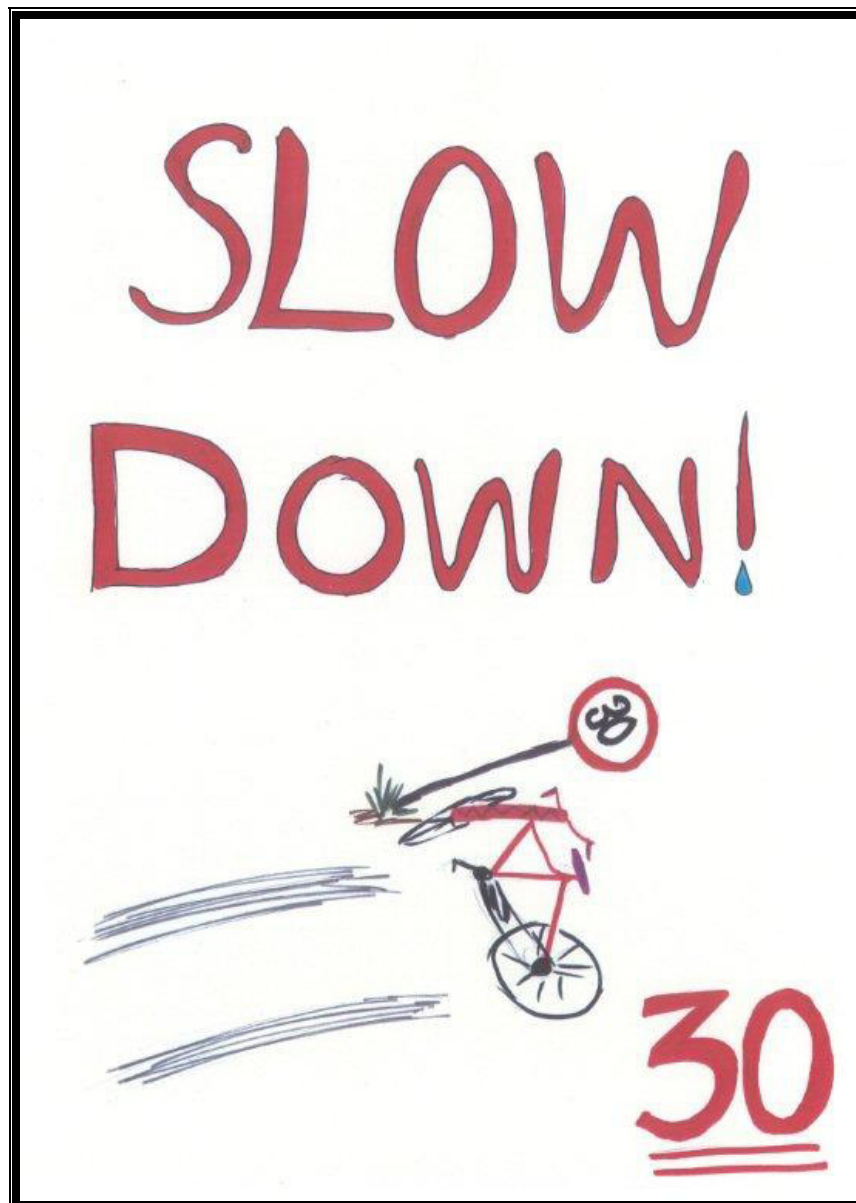
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## SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Vehicles speeding into and out of Hudswell remain a concern of the Parish Council. 30mph is the MAXIMUM permitted speed in the village NOT THE MINIMUM. The Parish Council has tried several ways to get vehicles to keep below 30 mph without much success.

Now it has been suggested that VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) Matrix signs could be tried. However, this is expensive at a cost of £9,000 for 2 Matrix on a four year contract. To meet this cost the parish precept, part of the Council Tax, would have to be increased by 200 per cent for the four years. ***Please indicate your preference by returning the slip on the next page to the Parish Clerk.***

The simple solution is PLEASE, PLEASE KEEP YOUR SPEED BELOW 30 MPH FOR THE SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN.





**RETURN SLIP:**

*(Please complete and return to the Parish Clerk, 'Lynloe', Hudswell, by 31<sup>st</sup> April 2015, thank you)*

**Vehicle Activated Speed Matrix Signs:**

Please indicate below your preference for 2 Matrix signs, the resulting outcome will be indicative of the majority vote.

I **agree** to an increase in the parish precept to fund 2 Matrix signs for 4 years.

I **do not agree** to an increase in the parish precept to fund 2 Matrix signs for 4 years.

**Defibrillator Training:**

I would like to take part in the defibrillator training:

I would prefer morning.

I would prefer afternoon.

I would prefer evening.

Please contact me with details of the training:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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| Name:   |  |
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**STEP by STEP** Over 18s only **NEW**

**Lifestyle Service to support Richmondshire residents**

We want to help you improve your health by making more positive lifestyle choices

If you have any of these conditions you may meet the criteria:

- overweight
- long term conditions
- post physiotherapy
- mild to moderate mental health condition
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- osteoporosis
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Please speak to your GP or Health Professional who can refer you to the Step by Step Team

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A new local community website for Richmondshire [Streetlife](http://www.streetlife.com), the local social network, has a simple aim: to help people make the most of where they live by connecting with their neighbours.

The website provides a free and easy place to share local news, views, recommendations and resources, enabling people with busy routines or reduced mobility to keep in touch with their community.

Conversations started on [Streetlife](http://www.streetlife.com) have helped unite lost pets with owners, expose doorstep scammers, save threatened public services and recall local history. The site is also encouraging real-world friendships, with neighbours sharing gardening equipment, IT advice and dentist recommendations, organising craft groups, street parties and book clubs.

Streetlife has just launched across Richmondshire, and everyone – residents, groups, local government representatives and businesses – is invited to share their knowledge, discuss the local issues they care about, and help build a stronger, better connected community.

**Get involved!**

- Sign up at [www.streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com) with your postcode and email address
- You'll automatically be linked to the people and conversations where you live
- You can post messages, events, polls and pictures, and locals will be able to respond
- You can customise your account so you control how often you receive local updates

Sign up and join the local conversation on [streetlife.com](http://www.streetlife.com).

**Richmondshire Carers Respite Sitting Service**

**Would you benefit from our service?**

- Do you or someone you know care for a dependant relative or friend?
- Do you find it difficult to get time to go out to shop, meet friends or just have some time for yourself?

If yes then maybe the Carers Respite Sitting Service can help by sending a friendly volunteer to sit with the person you care for so you can have some time for yourself. There is a small (subsidised) charge for the scheme of £2.00 per hour.

Please use the contact details below, if you would like to find out more about this service:

Contact: Michelle Cardwell  
Outreach Services Manager  
St John's Community Centre  
United Board Church  
Shute Road  
Catterick Garrison  
DL9 4AF  
Phone: 01748 832271  
Email: [info@stjohnscc.org.uk](mailto:info@stjohnscc.org.uk)  
Website: [www.stjohnscc.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscc.org.uk)

This project is funded by:  
North Yorkshire County Council  
Healthcare, Rehabilitation and Ability Clinical Commissioning Group  
The Cabinet Office Carers Social Action Support Fund

## **LOCAL SERVICES**

**Branching Out:** Creative design in flowers. Professional Floristry Service. Weddings, events, parties, demos & workshops.  
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**Mobile Hairdressing:** Fully qualified with over 10 year's experience.  
Tel: Stacy Nicol 07716 458833

**NYCC Home Library Delivery Service** The Mobile Library Service has now ceased to operate. If you would like books delivered to you at your home, fortnightly on a Thursday, please contact Pat Whelan, West Cottage, Tel: 01748 824331

**Piano/Organ/Keyboard/Theory Lessons:** All ages & stages. Freelance organist, composer. Tel: Fionagh Bennet 01748 823866 [www.fionagh-bennett-music.co.uk](http://www.fionagh-bennett-music.co.uk)

**Reiki Therapy:** Tension & Stress Tel: Susan 01748 823866

**Rights of Way** – Footpaths, Bridleways etc. – any problems, local contact: Pat Whelan, West Cottage, Tel: 01748 824331 – Member of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum & North Yorkshire Access Forum.

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