

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.*

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**COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

***APPLES***

***available in the Little Shop***

***New Opening Hours:***

***Monday to Friday: 9 am – 12 noon  
4.30 pm – 5.30 pm***

***Saturday: 9 am – 4 pm***

***Sunday: 11 am – 1 pm***

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A huge “thank you” to Pat Whelan who has stood down as Councillor after many years. Her dogged determination and commitment to the community has been inspiring.

This newsletter has recently received a boost thanks to a £750 grant (“*Hudswell Calling Project*”) from the North Yorkshire County Councillor Locality Budgets. The money is going towards printing costs to keep the Hudswell & District Messenger in circulation and available to all in the parish, some of the grant is also being used to replace the village noticeboard outside Hudswell Village Hall, the Parish and Village Hall Committee each contributing 50% towards the replacement cost.

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*

## **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-12noon and 4.30pm-5.30pm weekdays;  
9am to 4pm Saturdays and 11am-1pm on Sundays.**

## **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).

## **PROTECTING DOWNHOLME FOR THE FUTURE**

A draft plan is being put together, led by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in collaboration with Richmondshire District Council, with a view to creating a conservation area to protect Downholme from future development. Please look out for further information and be part of your village's future, work starts in October 2016.

## **HUDSWELL HISTORY PROJECT**

We need your help? Do you recognise this photograph, or anything about it, its location for example. Please can you contact Stella Birch (Tel: 826271) with any information that you may have. Thank you.



## **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.

26th October	"Celebration of Fungi", David Smith
30th November	"Soft Fruits;-The Usual and Unusual", Hilary Dodson
TBA December	Christmas meal, date and venue to be confirmed. <a href="#">Members only</a> .
25th January 2017	AGM, Quiz & Social Evening.

## **HUDSWELL ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

- The community orchard is producing! Look out for apples in the Little Shop.
- If you are interested in an allotment 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.

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Demonstration by Kath Gibson
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Christmas workshop – tutor Denise Marmont
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Demonstration by Lucy Hutton-Smith from Hudswell
1 <sup>st</sup> February	Club workshop with a springtime theme
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Annual meeting followed by “Read, Steady, Arrange”

## **HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS**

<b>Art Club</b>	Thursdays 7pm – 9pm every week Enquiries to Liz Maxwell 822252
<b>Badminton</b>	Mondays 7.30pm (winter months only) 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 (except Aug & Jan)
<b>Gardening Club</b>	Last Wednesday each month 7.30pm
<b>Pilates</b>	Monday (beginners), Tuesday or Friday 6pm – 7pm every week Come along to a session or ring Rebbie on 07840 136096
<b>Scrabble Club</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month 7.30pm All abilities welcome, non-competitive, just good fun Enquiries to Judy Farrar 824514

## **Coming Soon:**

2<sup>nd</sup> November

### **Village Hall AGM**

The Village Hall Committee will be holding the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 at 7.00pm. All welcome – we seek to elect new committee members and also propose to have a list of associate members who are willing to help with individual events over the year. Please do come along on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November to register your interest, or speak to one of the committee members if you are willing to help out on occasions.

2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Christmas Domino Drive** 7.30pm. Admission £2. Donations of prizes please to Paul Chapman or any committee member.

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. To make a booking contact Sue Shaw on 01748 825084 or 07544 239752.

## **MUSIC EVENINGS AT THE GEORGE AND DRAGON, HUDSWELL**

On the **First Monday** of each month there is a Country, Blues, Folk, 60s etc night from 8pm – 11pm. It is an acoustic informal session and anyone wanting to listen, play or watch is most welcome with audience numbers generally between 10 - 15 and all abilities encouraged.

On the **Second Sunday** of each month we have an Acoustic Singaround from 7.30pm - 10.30pm when again all types of music are welcomed - Folk, Blues, 60s, Country, etc. You can listen, watch, sing or play and all abilities are encouraged to come to our evenings which normally attract an audience of between 12 - 20. It is a singaround format where we go around the room with individuals/duos performing in turn and often asking the audience to join in the choruses and sometimes the guitar accompaniment.

The next First Monday will be 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the Second Sunday will be 9<sup>th</sup> October. Further details contact Paul Cullen by 01748824150 , [paul.cullen410@clara.co.uk](mailto:paul.cullen410@clara.co.uk), see me in person or just turn up on either night when you will be made very welcome.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME**

There are 3 Neighbourhood Watch officers in the village. Beverley Phillips is the co-ordinator for the west end and she is assisted by Judy Farrar at the east end, with Neil Private responsible for the centre of the village. If you have any matters you wish to be investigated please contact one of them as follows:

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## **HUDSWELL OLD QUARRY**

Please can we ask everyone to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity at the Old Quarry in Brokes Lane, Hudswell. Unfortunately there has been some fly tipping recently and this needs to be stopped. Richmondshire District Council are aware of the perpetrator and covert camera are likely to be installed in an attempt to curtail this anti-social behaviour.

## **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2016**

Unfortunately we didn't improve on last year's 10<sup>th</sup> place as you will from the listing below. Things might have been slightly better had one of our Hudswell residents not been rude to the judges. Still ... we weren't last!

1	Moulton	94%
2	Middleton Tyas	91%
3	Skeeby	90%
4	Caldwell	89%
5	West Burton	87%
5	Carperby	87%
6	Bellerby	84%
7	Eppleby	82%
8	Ellerton on Swale	80%
9	Scorton	77%
10	Grinton	74%
11	Cleasby	73%
12	Hudswell	68%
13	Stapleton	67%

## **THOMPSON FIELD – PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

As most villagers will be aware, Hudswell Community Charity has well developed plans to provide three new homes for rent, to be built on the Thompson Field, towards the east end of the village. Since the planning approval was secured for the development in March the trustees have been working to amend the terms of the planning consent and our architect has been drawing up detailed specifications to put a contract out to tender to local builders.

### **Local residency criteria**

The alterations to the planning permission that was being sought did not concern the design of the development, which remains as set out in our March newsletter, but to the local residency criteria that the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority impose on all new housing built in the National Park, in order to ensure that they will be occupied by local residents in housing need. The YDNPA local residency criteria were largely consistent with the Charity's own allocations policy, but they differed in one important respect. In addition providing housing to current or recent residents of Hudswell, the Charity also wanted to be able to offer its accommodation to the immediate relatives of current Hudswell residents. The Charity asked YDNPA Planning Committee to add the following

clause to the Local Residency Criteria to be used for this development. Housing can be let to:

*'A person in housing need who has an immediate relative who is a resident of the relevant parish and who would benefit significantly from the support and assistance that this relative would be able to provide through close proximity.'*

This request was agreed by the planning committee at their meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, thus the Charity is able to continue to use its current allocations policy to select tenants for the new houses, as had been promised at the two public meetings.

### **Detailed specifications**

In order to let a building contract very detailed specifications have to be provided for builders to tender for the work. This is because they will be asked to provide a fixed price for the completed construction, so we have to specify everything down to the design and number of plug sockets in each property. The specifications also include clauses about how the project will be managed, including some protections requested by the immediate neighbours to the site regarding fencing being erected early for example. It is anticipated that this work will be concluded shortly and that a contract will be let within a couple of months which will allow building to begin early in the new year.

### **Community Led Housing**

Hudswell Community Charity and its predecessors have been providing low cost housing for Hudswell residents for the past 70 years or more, nevertheless it seems that we are part of a new movement, called "community led housing". This has led to the Charity's plans being featured in local news items on Radio York, which presented interviews with one of our current tenants, our architect and directors and on Star Radio through an interview with a director. This is because local communities who seek to develop their own local housing schemes to meet local needs are being heralded as part of the solution to the current national shortage of affordable housing. We are the only community led housing project in North Yorkshire, so it seems that once again, as with Hudswell Community Pub, Hudswell is leading where others may follow.

### **Martin Booth**

**On behalf of the Hudswell Community Charity**

## **WHEELS 2 WORK**

**Problems travelling to work, training or education?** We have the answer – Wheels 2 Work has a fleet of mopeds for loan. Since its launch in 2001 over 1000 young people have benefitted from the scheme. Successful candidates receive a moped, safety equipment, insurance, tax and bike servicing for a small weekly contribution. To be eligible for the scheme you must:

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- Hold a provisional licence

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## **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A ... Working Sprocker**

Every Monday starts full of excitement and anticipation. I watch as the curtains are opened praying for good weather and sometimes we're blessed, sometimes we're not.

Today the fog fills the valley and as we travel out of the village the mist slowly disappears. Slowly the sun's rays break through and by the time we reach the cattle grid the sky is bright blue and the sun is blazing. Just perfect.

After a briefing on the days plan we're set in a beaters trailer, 14 men and women and usually as many dogs (spaniels and Labradors mainly), laughing and joking. We're pulled along by another willing helper (a police traffic cop actually) and we're on top of Grinton Moor.

We're only doing four drives today because the grouse are few in number and the shoot master wants to preserve stocks for next year. The cold spring hasn't been in the shoots favour and many chicks perished.

We sit in the heather, nearly falling asleep, waiting for the signal, a horn blows indicating that the guns are in place and ready. We set off at full pelt, our humans waving flags from the start. 14 of them in a line spanning the moor. I'm captivated by the smells ... rabbit, rabbit, grouse, grouse, rabbit. Finally after 7 years I know what to do. It's not been an easy ride!

The grouse fly in front of us, moving slowly towards the guns. From then on they seem to disappear. A few coveys fly over us, unconcerned by flags, and we move forward unperturbed. It's a sporting shoot, no vast numbers falling from the sky. In fact a pair of binoculars might help on occasion!

BANG, BANG ... the odd grouse falls. The drive is over and the picking up dogs set to work. I can't be trusted with that job as I tend to eat the birds when I get half a chance! I do have a *penchant* for grouse heads.

On to the next drive, a similar scenario, the gun are in place and we're off ... oh a rabbit. I'm going to chase that one ... and another. PEEEEEP, PEEEEEP ... there's Mum calling me back to work. Oh, a bog, I could do with a cool down ... SPLASH! I'm up to my tummy in sticky, smelly peat ... nice!

We stop for lunch after the third drive, it's a warm day and the humans sit chatting and I eat my special biscuits (energy for the last drive as I'm getting tired now). I lie down and rest for half an hour and then we're off again in the trailer, being bounced around and sat on.

The last drive is over. I'm shattered, the humans are tired, chatter is waning. Mum says "cheerio" and I curl up in the car. A hot shower when we get home, tea and then bed. It's a dog's life!



## **National Trust Yorkshire Dales NEWS FROM THE WOODS – AUTUMN 2016**

We've enjoyed some good spells of sunshine this summer, and it's finished with some welcome September warmth, ripening blackberries and encouraging the odd plant – such as meadow cranesbill - to flower for a second time. It's also encouraged another generation of butterflies to emerge with both red admiral and peacock feeding on devil's bit scabious along the woodland margins. Nationally, butterfly numbers were reported to be low this year but we have seen reasonable numbers of skippers and ringlet on the riverside grassland and speckled wood continue to build in numbers, the latter being a species that is benefitting from climate change. Small tortoiseshell however seem to have had a poor year locally and comma numbers also seem low.

Kingfishers on the Swale have put in another tremendous effort, fledging two broods and possibly three when piecing observations together from the regular local walkers that enjoy the riverside loop. Grey wagtail and dipper have also bred on the riverside and in the woods we have again had a successful buzzard nest. Marsh tit also seem to have done well this year and willow warbler decided to stay on the site to breed rather than move on. Pied flycatcher in Hag Wood have again been using the boxes, and in Calfhall Wood at least two pairs of spotted flycatcher claimed territories. Redstart and tree sparrows also bred on the southern edge of the wood. Otter has been seen at Green Bridge and downstream of the Round Howe footbridge.

Our grassland restoration continues to offer encouraging signs. Surveys show a steady improvement in species diversity and abundance. Cowslip and devil's bit scabious have been recorded at new locations and yellow rattle is establishing nicely in the top 'Trust field' off Hudswell Lane. On the riverside grassland we plan to continue with winter conservation grazing; six dexter cattle will be joining us shortly, and again we will be asking dog walkers to please act responsibly. In the near future we hope to also lightly graze around Round Howe and the adjoining slope around Andrew Watson's bench. Light winter grazing (not overgrazing), especially with cattle, helps create and is beneficial to the nectar rich habitats we are trying to promote.

Much of our practical work is scheduled outside of the summer but we have continued slowly to replace stiles for gates along the southern edge of the woods. Stiles can be slippery and it's generally accepted that gates cater for a wider range of walkers. Gates are also easier to get large dogs through. The gates are on springs but please remember to keep them latched.

Summarising our event programme it seems a long time ago now but our Easter egg hunt in March was very successful, as was our geocaching event and bat walk (rescheduled due to rain!). Next year's events will kick off at Easter, but for now lets enjoy the autumn colour and hopefully some proper crisp, not damp, winter days.

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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## **Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority**

### **NEWS FROM THE WOODS – AUTUMN 2016**

It seems an age away now but, as I hope you already know, the restoration of the steps through the woods from Hudswell Village to Lownathwaite, has been completed. They were finished in mid-April with a massive final push from volunteer cadets from Harrogate Army Foundation College. They were participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award so their help counted towards the community volunteering element. The work suited them well and we will be forever in their debt as our own Dales Volunteers were nearly broken! I hope those of you in Hudswell area that use the steps are pleased with them. They are already weathering in well and will hopefully last until the end of my working life!

Our Dales Volunteers are a very varied bunch and tackle many tasks that the staff at the YDNPA put them to. Within the Ranger Service they come out on weekly practical projects to maintain the Public Rights of Way. There are also a few groups of dry-stone wallers who go out every other Tuesday rebuilding walls and squeeze stiles. Others spend their time surveying the condition of all the footpaths and bridleways throughout the park – that's over 2000 km surveyed every year and includes over 18300 pieces of infrastructure and 1000 bridges. They survey buildings at risk, historical sites, wildlife and even recreational users and also lead our guided walks.

The survey data they collect helps us to plan our annual work programme. We aim to keep 95% of our rights of way infrastructure (gates, stiles, way marking and steps etc.) in good condition and usually we are well within that limit. Without the Dales Volunteers' help we wouldn't achieve it though. Each year we manage around 5000 volunteer work days – equivalent to around 21 full time staff.

As you may know the Yorkshire Dales National Park has recently expanded by 24% in to Cumbria and even a slither of Lancashire. As a consequence the Ranger Service has had a slight reshuffle but services in Swaledale will remain unchanged. The new area in Cumbria is north of the Howgill Fells and over onto Orton Scar up towards the A66. I have had two opportunities to visit the area and must say, as a bit of a sceptic at first, how breath-taking a location it is and definitely worth visiting. We have a new base in Orton where there is hospitality at every turn and even its own chocolate factory.

Finally – please may I urge you to support one of our current projects to make repairs to a remote section of the Coast to Coast route; a true asset of our area that needs as much support as it can get. From the end of October it will feature as one of the *Bags of Help* finalists in Catterick and Northallerton Tesco stores. If you are shopping there between 31 October & 13 November you'll receive a token to vote for the project of your choice. If you'd be so kind to vote for our "Restoring the Coast to Coast" project you'd be supporting a much needed project on a route that is truly the victim of its own success.

**Michael Briggs**

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