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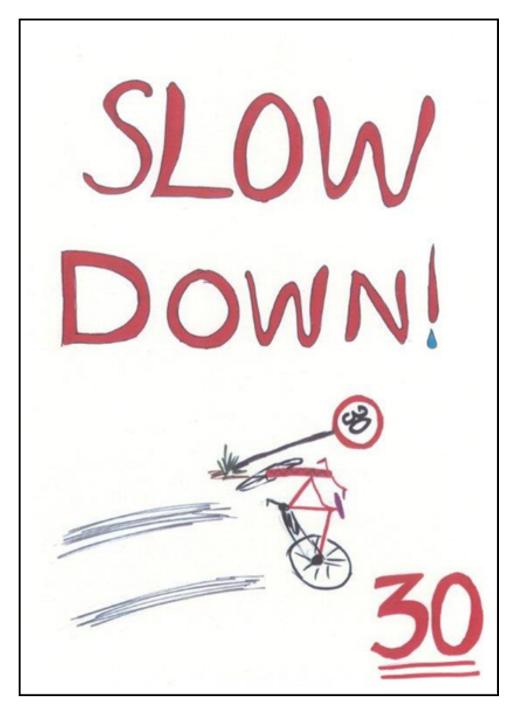




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Editor: Claire Swainston, Parish Clerk Thank you for all your contributions; the information contained is only as good as that supplied so please keep it coming! Deadline for the next issue is 1st September 2017.

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Did you know that "Operation Spartan" exists?

"We are appealing to members of the public to come forward and share the instances of poor driving and anti-social behaviour that they have witnessed, to assist us in taking the necessary steps to increase the safety of North Yorkshire's roads."

Simply search for "Operation Spartan" and complete the online form and let's tackle our speeding problem head on.

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www.parishconnect.co.uk 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 GRASS CUTTING INITIATIVE

The parish is now responsible for its own roadside verge grass cutting within the village boundary. The Parish Council would like to assist those unable to manage their own grass cutting due to illness for disability. If you would like assistance with your frontage please contact the Parish Clerk.

Likewise, if you are willing to volunteer to cut somebody else's grass and provide a valuable service please contact the Parish Clerk and she will endeavour to pair you up!

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).

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 April "More Flowers in the Wilderness", Annie Sumner

31st May "Water in the Garden", Jonathan Davis

28th June Rose Show, Potato Competition and social evening

26th July Visit of Manor House Gardens, Skeeby

30th August No meeting

27th September "Bugs and Buzzers", Jill Cunningham

25th October "More National Trust Gardens", Peter Williams 29th November "The Hudswell Bee Project", Ron Lightfoot

8th December Christmas meal 31st January (2018) AGM and quiz

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.

3rd May Demonstration by Susan Fairhurst "The Tool Box"

6th May Coffee morning in Richmond Town Hall

7th June Demonstration by Bob Forbes "Those Lazy, Hazy Days of

Summer"

5th July Annual outing to Leighton Hall

August No meeting

6th September Demonstration by Jan Faulkner "Just for You"

4th October Demonstration by Nichola Davies Munray "Twigs & Twine"

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Art Club Thursdays 7pm – 9pm every week

Enquiries to Liz Maxwell 822252

Badminton Mondays 7.30pm (winter months only)

Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 850447

Coffee and a Chat 1st Thursday of every month, 10am – 12noon.

FREE!! All welcome (the cakes are **VERY** good)

Flower Arranging Club 1st Wednesday each month 10.15am (except Aug & Jan)

Gardening Club Last Wednesday each month 7.30pm

Pilates Monday (beginners), Tuesday or Friday 6pm – 7pm every week

Come along to a session or ring Rebbie on 07840 136096

Scrabble Club 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm

All abilities welcome, non-competitive, just good fun

Enquiries to Judy Farrar 824514

Yoga Tuesday evenings 7.15pm – 8.15pm

Contact Nichole on 07710 506250

Coming Soon:

6th May **Jumble Sale – 2 pm start**

Any jumble to be dropped at the hall during Art times on Thursdays.

Contact Sue Shaw 07544 239752 if you have any questions.

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.

CYCLO SPORTIVES 2017

Event	Date	Start location	Website
Trilogy Cycle sportive	14/04/2017	Richmond	http://www.triologyevents.co.uk/
West Riding Classic	22/04/2017	Clapham	http://www.theopenwheel.com
Fat Lad at the Back	07/05/2017	Ilkley	https://fatladattheback.com/sportive
Yorkshire Pedathlon	12/05/2017	Masham	http://www.yorkshirepedalthon.co.uk/home/
Syscraper	13/05/2017	Catterick	https://pbmultisportuk.com/skyscraper-sportive/
Etape du dales	14/05/2017	Grassington	http://www.daveraynerfund.co.uk/etapedudales/
The Struggle	21/05/2017	Harrogate	http://www.ridethestruggle.com/
Richmond 5 Dales	27/05/2017	Richmond	http://www.richmondcc.co.uk
Le Petit Depart	04/06/2017	Skipton	http://www.lepetitdepart.co.uk/
Buttertubs Sportive	10/06/2017	Croft	http://velo29events.com/sportives/buttertubs- sportive/
Black Sheep Big Spoon	11/06/2017	Masham	http://www.bigspoonbikeride.co.uk/
Ribble Valley Ride	11/06/2017	Clitheroe	http://www.ribblevalleyride.org/
Ripon Revolution	24/06/2017	Ripon	http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/cycling- weekly-ripon-revolution-sportive/
Coast to Coast in a day	24/06/2017	Ravensglass	http://www.opencycling.com/coast-to-coast-in-a-day/
White Rose Classic	25/06/2017	Ilkley	http://www.whiteroseclassic.co.uk/
Water Cycle Challenge	01/07/2017	Grimwith Res	http://www.watercyclechallenge.com/
Ripon Tour	02/07/2017	Ripon	http://velo29events.com/sportives/ripon-tour- sportive/
Escape to the Dales	16/07/2017	Ingleton	http://www.escapetothedales.com/
Wiggle Yorkshire Tour	19/08/2017	Thirsk	http://www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-the- yorkshire-tour-sportive/

WILL "ROLAND" MAKE A COME BACK?

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in the number of sightings of RATS, please ensure that "Roland" is unable to make a comeback by refraining from feeding wild birds and mammals on the floor.



BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2017

We've entered the competition again for 2017, let's see if we can do better than last year!

BIN COLLECTION DATES

Bin	Next Collection	
Grey Bin	Refuse - Thursday 20 April 2017 then every alternate Thursday.** This Collection is adjusted due to Easter Hols and will now collect on Fri 21 Apr**	
Blue Bag	Recycling - Thursday 13 April 2017 then every alternate Thursday.	
Green Box	Recycling - Thursday 13 April 2017 then every alternate Thursday.	
<u>Green Bin</u>	Garden - Thursday 13 April 2017 then every alternate Thursday.	

THOMPSON FIELD - THE BUILDING WORK BEGINS

The construction of three new homes to be let to Hudswell residents or their close relatives will begin on the 20th March and be completed by the end of the year. The Hudswell Community Charity put the building contract out to tender towards the end of last year and received five tenders from building companies to undertake the work. They chose to appoint local builders Acomb Construction.

Speaking for all the trustees, the Chair of Hudswell Community Charity Don Farrar said "We were really pleased to be able to appoint a local building company and were very impressed with both the quality and price of their tender and with their enthusiasm about undertaking this project. Together with our architect Jason Hurley from Evolve Architectural Services, we will be working closely with the builders over the next eight months to ensure that the construction is delivered on time and that with as little disruption to the village as possible."

The Charity already has a list of seven individuals or families who are interested in renting one of the properties. In order to qualify to rent one of the properties you must be in housing need and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 1) You currently live in Hudswell and have done for the past three years
- 2) You have previously lived in the village for a considerable period of time

- 3) You have a close family member (parents, siblings or children) who lives in Hudswell and will benefit from living in close proximity to your family member.
- 4) You have employment within Hudswell

If you want to register an interest in renting one of the house please contact Martin Booth at Sheep Dip Cottage, e mail martintbooth1@hotmail.com phone 01784 451299 or 07903872635

Martin Booth
On behalf of the Hudswell Community Charity

HUDSWELL HITS THE HEADLINES - AGAIN!

We can all agree that it's incredible! We now live in the village that has the best pub in the country! We have come a long way in seven years! Below is a selection of quotes from the famous and the not so famous featured in extensive media coverage of the George and

Dragon being chosen by CAMRA as the best pub in Britain.

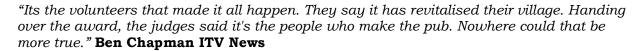
"The pub beat off competition from 52,200 others to clinch the award. CAMRA's judges hailed its "warm and welcoming atmosphere and strong community ethos". **The Guardian**

"It's the pub that has won the award. Not me it's the pub and I could not be more proud" **Stuart**

Miller on BBC News

Interviewer: "do you welcome

visitors?" **Mike Mason** "We love them. Come on in, the doors open, let me show you what we've got." **Interviewer** "and you're in the chair?" **Mike Mason:** "No!"



"The George & Dragon is a great example of how a pub has been resurrected as a true community asset. To go from closed doors to winning national pub of the year in just a few short years is a fantastic achievement for any pub – and all the more impressive for one that is cooperatively owned." Paul Ainsworth, CAMA's coordinator for pub of the year finalist

"At the George and Dragon, mother and daughter duo Margaret and Jackie Stubbs were the first to take up the mantle as landladies under the new ownership, and brought the pub back to life with their friendly and community-spirited outlook.... they attracted the attention of ITV's The Dales, presented by Ade Edmondson, and the George and Dragon featured in an early series of the popular show. Despite the success, sadly in 2014 the women decided it was time for them to step down from the job due to ill-health. **Ashely Barnard in the Northern Echo**



"Stuart Miller, who realised his lifelong dream by taking over the pub in July 2014 and is now helped by members of his family, said he and the community were thrilled to have received such a prestigious award. "It shows that hard work, good beer and the support of the community can help you achieve goals that seemed impossible only a short while ago. Since we took over the George & Dragon in 2014 we've strived to achieve our vision for the pub ... To be appreciated for these goals by our customers and CAMRA is extremely satisfying and makes all the hard work worthwhile." **The Guardian**

"From the outside the George and Dragon looks like any other stone-built Dales pub. What makes it special and why it received this national accolade is the surrounding community which, when bankruptcy forced its closure in 2008, refused to let it die" **Rishi Sunak MP** for **Richmond**

"I'm a regular visitor to the George and Dragon when walking in the dales and I was there at the opening ceremony back in 2010. I think it's a great little pub. Well done to Stuart Miller and to the whole village of Hudswell. The award was richly deserved." **Andy McDonald MP for Middlesbrough**

"Congratulation on your success. If Stuart Miller's next venture is to open a brewery in Hudswell, then I'm happy to come up and open that too. I don't think I've ever opened a brewery" Lord William Hague on his visit to the G and D 11/03/2017

"The pub has more gongs than a musical instrument shop." **Tom Ough in the Sunday Telegraph**

Martin Booth
On behalf of the Hudswell Community Pub

HUDSWELL COMMUNITY BEE PROJECT (2016)

Did you see more honey bees in your garden last summer? If so then your garden may have been hosting foraging bees from the new Hudswell Community Beehive.

Honey bees are incredibly important. As well as providing us with a valuable foodstuff, bees are central to the food chain and necessary for the pollination of many of our food crops. However, it is generally reported that honey bee numbers are in decline. With such issues in mind the Board of Hudswell Community Pub Ltd decided it would be a useful community based project to set up and manage a honey bee colony on the unused land below the allotments behind the George and Dragon pub. It was hoped that we could contribute to the pollinating insect population whilst also providing delicious honey to be sold through The Little Shop.

So, at the end of May, John Walton and I went on an Introduction to Beekeeping Course run by the Richmond and District Bee Keepers Association (RDBKA) at nearby Foxglove Covert nature reserve. The introductory course gave us a basic understanding of the natural history of the honey bee, their life cycle, colony organisation and hierarchy. Did you know that the British honey bee, or Black Bee, is called Apis Mellifera Mellifera, a group of beehives is called an Apiary and the beekeeper is an Apiarist! Did you also know that a bee colony is led by a single queen, with female worker bees and male drones all living together as a superorganism, each with a specific function within the colony? The course also introduced us to the various bits of equipment needed to keep bees and even

provided an opportunity for some real hands on practice. Oh, and what to do if you get stung!!

Armed with this basic understanding and after reading lots of books on beekeeping we were exited to get started with the project. Peter Williams and Martin Booth also joined us as volunteer beekeepers. However, one unexpected twist in this story was the discovery of

an active badger sett close to where we planned to site the hive. It was therefore thought prudent to build a strong fenced compound at the site to ensure nosy badgers would not upset the hive or steal our honey. Once the site was secured we bought a National Standard beehive, bee – suits, smoker and hive tools and started looking for some bees for our newly established apiary. We had joined RDBKA so we asked around the membership for anyone who could provide us with our own colony of bees. A honey bee colony will often expand and split through swarming



in Spring – early Summer and the beekeeper will utilise and control this to increase the number of hives he manages. We were therefore hopeful of a quick entry into the project. Surely an RDBKA member would have a swarm surplus to their requirements? As it turned out we had to wait until late June before we got some bees. It is just as well that a beekeeping trait is one of patience and calmness. We were "Apiarists" at last!

Our bees settled into their new location very quickly and after a few orientation flights they were soon off foraging. We have guessed that, with all the sources within the Hudswell environs, our bees do not need to fly far. As well as garden flowers throughout the village, wildflowers are abundant within the surrounding meadows and along the River Swale. Observing the flight path to and from the apiary we have also noticed that Hudswell Woods are a favourite destination.

Throughout the remainder of the summer our colony expanded. Inevitably a lot of their efforts were taken up with building wax comb cells to make the new hive habitable for the growing colony and for storage of nectar and pollen to feed the brood. Only by late summer were we able to put a second chamber onto the hive. This second chamber is known as a "super" and is used by the bees to store excess nectar which they then convert into honey. It is from this "honey super" that the beekeeper can rob his bees to harvest a crop of honey. By late September the nectar flow had all but dried up, the queen's egg laying was waning and the colony's cycle turned towards contraction in preparation for winter.

So how much honey did we get? Well in this first very short season the Hudswell Community Bee Project collected only a small quantity of honey – just 4 jars! Certainly, not enough to stock the shop. But we have learned a lot from our experience and three of us are now undertaking a more intensive training course with RDBKA. We have plans to install at least one more hive so we hope and expect a bigger harvest next year, the ground work now having been done. Oh, and that's another trait of the beekeeper – abundant optimism!

Ron Lightfoot On behalf of the Hudswell Community Bee Project

National Trust Yorkshire Dales NEWS FROM THE WOODS – SPRING 2017

Despite a few muddy weeks in February it's been quite a dry winter with more frost than in recent years. However, our winter cold spells were short lived; several days of frost being followed by a jump in temperature to a mild and often damp 8 or 9 degrees. These warmer conditions can favour invasive species and tree pests although the greatest challenge for woodland wildlife is the fluctuation from cold to warm and back to cold. This temperature rollercoaster is especially difficult for species that hibernate; warmer conditions disrupt animals in hibernation and force them to consume valuable fat stores that cannot be replenished. Bats are especially vulnerable in early spring when conditions are warm enough for them to come out of winter torpor but too cold for much insect life on which they depend for food.

Despite the dry conditions our winter at Hudswell Woods has not been as successful as in recent years. We worked hard to organise 6 dexter cows from an external grazier to continue our grassland restoration work, but due to one thing and another they didn't arrive. After much promise from the two previous winters' of conservation grazing it was very disappointing indeed to see nothing other than rabbits eating our riverside pasture. Our efforts now are focused on securing cattle for this September onwards and already we have local interest and high hopes of getting a suitable hardy breed on site. We hope that the flower species we recorded last summer for the first time will not disappear in the meantime.

Over the last six months our woodland management work has been more computer based than in the woods, but we now have a ten-year woodland management plan approved by the Forestry Commission and Natural England. Our work will continue as it has done over the last five years. Selective felling of a small number of trees will encourage natural regeneration. Breaking up even aged woodland and creating small openings to allow in more light will promote seed germination and a healthier diversity of species, age and woodland structure. Unfortunately ash dieback is now present on the site and in areas of woodland that are dominated by ash we are intending to improve the diversity of tree species through appropriate planting.

Birdsong has signalled the arrival of Spring along with flowering lesser celandine and primrose. The first chiffchaffs –olive drab migrant warblers from North Africa – arrived around March 14th. Our events will be starting soon with our regular Easter Trail on April 15th. Local professional photographer Ian Short is giving an illustrated fundraising talk entitled 'Thinking about Photography' at Hudswell Village Hall on April 21st. Ian is also running two Photography Workshops in the woods on June 4th & Oct 22nd, so if there are any budding photographers out there that wish to improve their skills then please do come along and support us, all proceeds go to funding our conservation work, details will be on the Hudswell noticeboard.

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

TREE SPARROW PROJECT IN THE YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK

With funding from the National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are running a Tree Sparrow Project to discover where tree sparrows are in (and close to) the National Park and to help safeguard their populations which have declined to historically low levels.

Tree sparrows are a red listed species in the UK meaning they are 'of conservation concern'; their numbers have fallen sharply since the 1970s. They are similar to house sparrows in size but they are different in appearance, both male and female tree sparrows have a brown chocolate coloured cap and a black cheek spot.

We are lucky to have tree sparrows resident in our local area; if you look closely you may find they are using your gardens! Tree sparrows enjoy the field margins and rural environment around Hudswell and Downholme, often coming to bird feeders to supplement their winter food intake. You can help by putting out a 'finch mix' in your bird feeders (a feed mix rich in oily seed such as millet, sunflower and oil seed rape) and by

putting up groups of two or three nest boxes on trees or buildings. Like house sparrows tree sparrows will often nest in communities.

If you are interested in seeing these birds then they can often be found in the trees and hedgerows at either end of Hudswell Village. They also use groups of nest boxes in the National Trust field opposite the turning to North Brokes Farm. If you go to watch these please respect the nesting birds, it's best to use binoculars and keep your distance.



For more information on the Tree Sparrow Project or to get involved in

helping safeguard and hopefully expand the local tree sparrow population please contact Mark Hewitt at the National Park <mark.hewitt@yorkshiredales.org.uk>. Mark is also interested in recording tree sparrow sightings and any photographs you might be willing to share of tree sparrows using your garden. If you are interested in a 'guided' visit to see the tree sparrows nesting in the National Trust field, or you want to discuss positioning communal bird boxes but you are not sure how to go about it please contact National Trust Ranger, Seb Mankelow <seb.mankelow@nationaltrust.org.uk>.

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