

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 2019.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

... it's coming to Hudswell & Downholme!



Community Speed Watch is a scheme designed to support local communities to improve road safety by allowing residents to address speed concerns in their community with the support of North Yorkshire Police. This is achieved by enabling Community Residents to report to the Police the details of speeding vehicles in specific areas where speed is of concern. These speed monitoring reports enable the police to:

- Send advisory letters to the registered owners with the aim of informing them of their speed in excess of the limit
- Support Community Residents in delivering schemes where speeding is of a specific concern to the community

The scheme is not designed to catch as many speeders as possible. It is to reduce speeds and community fears, making drivers aware that excessive speed within posted limits is socially unacceptable.



If you wish to be added to our list of volunteers (currently 8) then please contact the Parish Clerk. Training to be provided.

This Newsletter is published by:

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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*

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!

VILLAGE “WHATSAPP”

If you would like to be included in the **Hudswell Lift** app, bringing together people who require a lift with people who can provide a lift, then please contact Cllr Anna Boyce.

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 (No.529602)

Grant Application for the Academic Year 2018-2019: Small grants are available to young people in Hudswell under the age of 20, attending full-time further education or a recognised Apprenticeship.

For details contact John Horseman, Echlinville, Hudswell (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, £2 per meeting. Enquiries to John Walton on 850884.

24 th April	“Garden Friends and Enemies”, Tony Sergeant.
29 th May	“Garden Ponds – making and maintaining”, Peter Kirkland.
26 th June	Potato Competition, Rose Show and Social Evening.
31 st July	Outdoor Meeting. Visit to Lowbridge House Gardens, Dalton. (6.30 pm Hudswell, 7 pm at venue) Members and friends only.
28 th August	No meeting.
25 th September	“The History of The Himalayan Garden”, Phil Cormie. Followed by a daytime visit to the Garden in October, date to be confirmed (dependant on weather)
30 th October	“Persian Jewels - an Odyssey in search of Alpines”, Pat Craven
27 th November	“The Big Garden Bird Watch”, Suzanne Welch.
4 th December	Christmas meal (date, venue and time to be confirmed).
29 th January (2020)	AGM, Quiz and Social Evening.

HUDSWELL ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY ORCHARD

If you are interested in an allotment please contact John Walton (Tel: 850884).

RICHMOND FLOWER ARRANGING CLUB

Richmond Flower Club meet on the 1st Wednesday morning of each month (except January and August) in the Village Hall. Coffee served from 9.30am with the demonstration/speaker commencing at 10.15am. Visitors and new members always welcome. Contact Judy on 824514 for more details.

1 st May	Demonstration by Wendy Smith "Something old, Something New"
5 th June	Demonstration by Kathleen Gibson "The Splendour of nature"
3 rd July	Outing to Belsay Hall, Northumberland. If you would like to come on this outing please contact Judy to see if there are places available.
August	No meeting.
4 th September	Demonstration by Ann Simpson "Willow, Wood, Wine"
2 nd October	"Ready, Steady, Arrange"

HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Badminton	Mondays 7.30pm (winter/spring months only) Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 01748 850447
Coffee and a Chat	1 st Thursday of every month, 10am – 12noon FREE!! All welcome (the cakes are VERY good)
Flower Arranging Club	1 st Wednesday each month 10.15am (except Aug & Jan)

- Gardening Club** Last Wednesday each month 7.30pm
- Pilates** Monday every week 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Contemporary Flowology Pilates
Come along to a session or ring Rebbie on 07840 136096
- Radio Club** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm
Contact Dave Lutman 07745 290943
- Scrabble Club** 2nd Tuesday each month 7.30pm
All abilities welcome, non-competitive, just good fun
Enquiries to Judy Farrar 824514
- Sewing Group** 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm
Contact Bev Hughes 07888 720060
- Yoga** Tuesdays 10.30am -11.30am
Contact Val Worley 07791 776438

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, so please could residents be mindful of events taking place and park in their own driveways whenever possible. Thank you for your support.

Hudswell Village Hall is available for hire for parties, anniversaries, weddings, clubs and meetings. To make a booking contact Sue or Chris Shaw on 01748 825084 or 07544 239752.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There are 3 **Neighbourhood Watch** officers in Hudswell, please contact one of them if you have any problems.

Beverley Phillips	01748 824514
Judy Farrar	01748 824514
Neil Private	01748 449723

BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The competition is running again this year (June/July) and Hudswell have entered. Let's beat our 16th place from 2018.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ... ???

Would you like to be next, all anonymous! Write an article and have it published here! All contributions welcomed.

HUDSWELL COMMUNITY PUB - THE GEORGE AND DRAGON 2018 IN A NUTSHELL

Hudswell's multi-award-winning pub has had a busy and rewarding 2018 with several new projects coming to fruition over the year.

The staff, under Stuart and Melissa Miller, have had their hard work rewarded by achieving the accolade of the 2018 Yorkshire Pub of the Year Award for the third year running. This just goes to show how hard work, community support and continuing high standards are appreciated not just by the village it serves but also by the county and country beyond.

The shareholders' Board of Directors have authorised three major new projects over the past year which can be summed up as Bees, Trees and Wees! In reverse order, a major investment has been made in improving Disabled Access and Toilets plus better storage and seating on the back patio, means that in the very near future more customers will be able to access and enjoy the pub's stunning views over Swaledale. Many thanks to contractor Rob Petcher for his sensitive, first class build which should be finished early this Spring.

Four directors are involved in caring for HCP bee hives: there are now 5 beehives! With help from The National Park, the hives have been sited in the pub grounds to the north of the community allotments. In February 2019, the hives were moved into the lower field, where we hope they will continue in our production of award-winning bee products. In only our second year, our honey crop provided The Little Shop with honey sales of c£350 profit! And first prize in the Richmond Bee-keepers' Association Annual Show for our light, clear honey!



Finally, you may have noticed that access to and from the pub to the Richmond/Downholme path has altered quite significantly. The stile has been replaced with steps and the footpath moved to the field's western perimeter, to protect everyone from our active bee colony. The nearby field has been planted with nearly 200 deciduous saplings to form a small plantation which, it is planned, will be coppiced to provide timber for garden use and, possibly, charcoal production. The HCP thanks Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and The Woodland Trust for

financial help and technical advice on this project. The added biodiversity benefit and selection of species as bee food has been taken into account. The project was completed with significant help from Richmond's Just the Job Task Force, whose team (including 6 refugees living locally) cleared the field prior to planting. Several shareholders pitched in to help with this onerous task: they will hopefully be rewarded with the multifarious fruits of their labours in the future!

All in all, another great year in the annals of The George and Dragon, Yorkshire's first community pub! Come along and see what we are up to.

National Trust Yorkshire Dales

NEWS FROM THE WOODS – SPRING 2019

Apart from the last few weeks we have had a very dry winter, and even now one doesn't have to dig down far to find dry soil. This dry weather has also been enjoyed by some of our local wildlife, especially barn owls which struggle to hunt in very wet conditions. There have been several sightings locally around Hudswell village and up on Downholme Moor, and many more sightings across the Dales. I have easily seen more barn owls in the last six months than I have in the last six years. Quite often people have stopped driving and pulled over to watch these birds. It's always enjoyable to see barn owls and it's also good to see that many people are prepared to stop whatever they are doing and take 5 minutes to appreciate these wonderful birds.

Closer to home we've had 8 Belted Galloways on the grassland around Round Howe and on the riverside. The cattle have done an excellent job over winter helping us progress our grassland restoration. The sward has been grazed quite closely in places and it'll be interesting to see which flowers take advantage now that some of the coarse grass has been eaten off. At the same time however we are keen to keep some areas of tussock, thistle and bramble. These are the areas that are, amongst other things, great for insects and small mammals to overwinter. I've said it before in this update but nature loves all those bits that we think are messy, so we are not overly concerned about our conservation work being neat and tidy.

On that note we are also very pleased that one hedgerow on the top field has been left uncut. The idea is to encourage a slightly taller and wider hedge to grow, and we know from existing research that this supports a greater number and variety of birds. Cutting hedges over a three year rotation in sections has also been shown to have significant benefits, doubling hawthorn and blackthorn flower (and the resulting crop of haws and sloes in the winter). These little things all help our pollinators which are in drastic decline. This decline can be difficult to visualise, however, when we are guiding walks or leading groups we have found, for a certain generation, a simple question helps people realise the growing absence of flying insects: when was the last time you had to clear dead insects from the front of your car? 30 or 40 years ago you couldn't do a motorway journey without amassing a huge collection of dead insects on the number plate, lights and bonnet, now this is rarely experienced, which even if you like a clean car is difficult to accept as a good thing!

Well, the blackthorn is in flower and signs of spring are everywhere. The first warblers are returning from Africa and oystercatcher, lapwing, curlew and skylark are moving apace back to their breeding grounds. Skeins of whooper swan have also been seen flying north. As a keen birder I'm quite excited by what the next few months hold. I'll often be out at dawn in May and June undertaking bird surveys in the Dales. It is well worth making time to get out and behold spring in all its glory.

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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