

# 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> March 2020.*

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



The Community Speed Watch team have deployed 21 times and observed 353 vehicles passing the selected venue. Of those 11 were caught speeding in excess of the upper limit and North Yorkshire Police were informed and took action.

That equates to a 3% “capture” rate. Certain areas of the village have been highlighted as “black spots” by the volunteers and their efforts continue.

**Remember, 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 and comes with consequences.**

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

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## **HUDSWELL & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

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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](http://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!

## **THE LITTLE SHOP, HUDSWELL**

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

More volunteers are needed to help at The Little Shop. If you can 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 Applications for the Academic Year 2019-2020:** Small grants are available to young people living in or working 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.

30 <sup>th</sup> October	“Persian Jewels - an Odyssey in search of Alpines”, Pat Craven
27 <sup>th</sup> November	“The Big Garden Bird Watch”, Suzanne Welch.
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas meal (date, venue and time to be confirmed).
29 <sup>th</sup> January (2020)	AGM, Quiz and Social Evening.

## **HUDSWELL “SUPER GARDENERS”**

Over three weekends in June a group of us tackled and tidied up the memorial garden. (Helped on with Jen's bacon and sausage butties, tea and coffee).



Purely by chance on the day after we had finished a nephew of Leslie Farrell, one of the airmen, and two of his cousins from Australia, visited Hudswell in order to leave flowers at the memorial. They visited the village hall to see the feature on the plane crash then went to pay their respects at the memorial. They commented on how immaculate and cared for the garden looked.

So a huge thanks to Anna Boyce, Jean Close, Brian Kassell, Sue and Chris Shaw and Jen and John Jones, all of whom worked hard and tirelessly to make the garden a lovely part of the village. Brian not only worked on clearing the garden but kindly removed a few skips full of the rubbish which saved all of us many trips to the tip - thanks Brian!!

It was really lovely to receive such positive comments from visitors to Hudswell so hopefully the whole village can be proud of the garden and what it represents.

## 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.

2 <sup>nd</sup> October	"Ready, Steady, Arrange"
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Festive Workshop; Wire & Bead Christmas Wreath
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Demonstration by Susan Hall 'Christmas Magic' followed by buffet lunch provided by members
Jan 2020	No meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Workshop; Easter Bonnets
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Annual Meeting followed by talk on Nepal & the Khumbu Valley
1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Spring Demonstration.

## HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

<b>Badminton</b>	Mondays 7.30pm (winter/spring months only) Enquiries to Steve Hustwick 01748 850447
<b>Coffee and a Chat</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, 10am – 12noon FREE!! All welcome (the homemade cakes are <b>VERY</b> good) <b>Citizens Advice Bureau</b> mobile van is usually in attendance on these mornings.
<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 every week 6.15pm – 7.15pm Contemporary Flowology Pilates Come along to a session or ring Rebbie on 07840 136096
<b>Radio Club</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm Contact Dave Lutman 07745 290943
<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
<b>Sewing Group</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm Contact Bev Hughes 07888 720060
<b>Yoga</b>	Tuesdays 10.30am -11.30am Contact Val Worley 07791 776438

Also, instead of the Domino Drive:

**FESTIVE QUIZ** **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** in the Village Hall. Raffle & light refreshments. See posters for more details.

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 telephone 07544 239752.

## **DRU YOGA AT HUDSWELL VILLAGE HALL**

This 60-minute mixed ability class on Tuesday mornings (10.30 - 11.30) is ideal for everyone and we are a small, friendly group. Each session is a balanced programme of gentle postures and sequences focussing on the breath. A typical class consists of a short activation, usually to music, to get the circulation flowing, followed by an Energy Block Release sequence - a series of beautiful flowing movements designed to release tension from the muscles and joints. Each session finishes with a guided relaxation.

Dru Yoga increases energy levels, eases back pain, reduces stress and calms the mind. With regular attendance people experience an overall improvement in their fitness and wellbeing.

The autumn term starts on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

If you would like to join us or for more information, please contact Val Worley on 07791 776438 or send an email to: [corevalueyoga@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:corevalueyoga@yahoo.co.uk)



## **RESULTS OF THE 2019 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

1	Moulton	99.0%	10	Downholme	81.1%
2	Bellerby	94.7%	11	Skeeby	80.0%
3	Reeth	93.0%	12	Scorton	78.0%
4	West Burton	92.0%	13	Cleasby	72.0%
5	Caldwell	91.4%	13	Hudswell	72.0%
6	West Scafton	91.0%	14	Stapleton	71.4%
7	Eppleby	90.6%	15	Middleton Tyas	70.0%
8	Melsonby	83.5%	16	Fremington	68.7%
9	Healaugh	82.0%			

A huge well done to Downholme who beat Hudswell!!!

# **A Yorkshire Gentleman**

**AUTHOR ... an interested "Hudswellite"**

I have heard people talk about Bill, how kind he was, never spoke a bad word about anyone, generous, very honest, helpful and totally unselfish. How many people can we describe in that way?

He was born on The Green, Richmond, on 10th November 1926. Bill attended the National School in Richmond and Sunday School at the local Anglican Green Mission Church in Richmond. When Bill left school he became an apprentice at Waring's Gardens in Cravengate, Richmond. During the war he was sent to County Durham to serve as a Bevan Boy at Bowburn Colliery. He wasn't too keen on this experience as he loved the outdoor life. Bill was generally brought up in hard times, worked hard but never looked down on anyone. After the war he returned to his job at Waring's as a florist and nurseryman. In 1957 a new "Saturday boy" came to work at Waring's; he was called Ron. He and Bill became lifelong pals.

Bill's cousins, Nev and Ray, and a friend Brian, found old silver coins (washed down from the castle) in the crevasses in the riverbed after flooding. They sold these coins to Bill for 2/6d each. Nev said that he and his mates were "made up" with that amount!! Bill later sold some of these coins to help fund the deposit for Gibson's nursery, with Ron, where they worked 6 and a half day weeks for 35 years, with 10 staff and two shops, one in Rosemary Lane and one in Queen's road. They regularly entered competitions for floral art at Southport flower show and elsewhere, winning many prizes. In 1979 Bill and his friends revived the "Old Hoss" ritual which hadn't been seen for some years.

Bill was described as an honest and dedicated hard worker who looked after his staff and always put his staff and friends before himself. He had a few social outings where he took out a local lady for a meal or two. He never married however but loved children and enjoyed a very good family life with his friends Ron and Diane. He was always part of their family celebrations. When help was needed, Bill would be there without question. Later in life Bill passed his driving test, drove for a couple of years but didn't like it. As Nev put it "he chucked it in"!!

Bill started by painting with numbers and never had a lesson in art. In those early years he exhibited in the Town Hall Richmond in exhibitions organised by Roy and Pam Cross, proceeds going to the Friend of the Friary Hospital. This was probably the first time the local community was aware of Bill's potential. When he retired in 1992 he taught himself to paint with oils and this it seems was when the standard of his work was raised to new levels. As yet I haven't come across one of his paintings with a date on. I find it inspiring, considering how he started, that he managed to achieve such a high standard.

Bill first exhibited at Ilkley in September 1989 and was recommended by the British Society of Painters, a fact that highly delighted him. Subsequently he was a prize winner and presented with the "Old Masters" award. He also had the great honour of being awarded a "Fellowship of the British Society of Painters". Along the way he attained the position of number two in their top ten.

Charlie, a local farmer, and Bill were always good friends and, as Charlie said, "At school we were underpants because we couldn't afford them!" Charlie used to take Bill and his paintings to the British Society of Painters exhibitions at Lister Street Ilkley. He would help him set up his paintings at the exhibition then drive him back home to Richmond. He would take Bill back a week later to collect anything unsold. In recognition of his help, Bill would

pay Charlie with a painting. Charlie said, “he was very fond of painting my sheep and once exhibited alongside the great David Shepherd”. Charlie described Bill’s paintings using Keats’ “A thing of beauty is a joy forever”.

I first saw a painting of Bill’s in Mary’s house and was captivated by the snowy scene, the fine detail and skill shown by the artist. It was an amazing painting. I was hooked!!! Bill wanted to exhibit Mary’s painting at Ilkley but, to make sure that this painting wasn’t re-sold, Mary went to Ilkley to ensure this was the case. The painting had many admirers on the day but the “N.F.S.” sticker and Mary telling people “that’s mine!” kept further buyers at bay.!!

Bill painted many beautiful paintings. His snowy scenes usually included Swaledale sheep. In the Town Hall there is a wonderful one of the “Owd Hoss” ... please go and see for yourselves if you haven’t seen it already. He also had the time and patience to encourage others to paint and was always pleased to share his skills. He gave a lot of his paintings to friends and usually refused to paint a piece for commission. He also painted a Nativity scene which he presented to Richmond Methodist Church. In this he used artistic licence just like L.S. Lowry and added a Swaledale sheep and a shadow of Richmond in the background!! Bill never stopped painting. When he died on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at the grand age of 86 years, there were still two completed paintings in his house awaiting delivery, one of a bull and one of a dog. Bill’s brother Charles was given a watch during the war by a German pilot. Charles later gave the watch to Bill who wore it until he died. Curiously, like the grandfather’s clock in the song, the watch immediately stopped!

Everyone I have spoken to about Bill, Charlie S, John D, Nev B, Von B, Darren B, Mary, Mavis and many more, have all praised his skill for painting, but above all they have emphasised that he was a lovely man. He treated people the way he wanted to be treated, with respect, kindness and honesty. He always approached people in a polite way and never belittled anyone. He was a reliable hard-working man who always gave his best, never let anyone down and what I think is very important ... he knew his own mind but never imposed his views on other people. Many people have said it was a privilege to have known him. People of Richmond have described him as a man of peace, concerned about the increase in violence, greed and conflict in society and the wider world and a man who never stopped trying to better himself. At his funeral service the vicar said that “we will remember him with a smile on our lips as well as with a tear in our eye”.

**William Arthur George Ward, (Bill) a true Yorkshire Gentleman.**

## **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY 2019**

The Parish Council is compiling a Community Plan to inform the discussions and decision making at parish meetings and when responding to consultations for planning applications. Your answers to the questions in this feedback survey will help us establish our local priorities and will form the basis of the Community Plan.

Please keep an eye on your letter box and return your survey in good time.

Closing date for all responses: **Monday 4 November 2019.**



## A NEW LIFE FOR ST MICHAELS CHURCH



Hudswell Community Charity is making good progress with our proposals to develop our former parish church for a new use that will benefit the community in Hudswell. During the last couple of months we have;

- Delivered a newsletter to the village summarising the results of the survey conducted in May. We had several helpful responses to this newsletter, including offer to help with project
- Whilst not ruling out other options we have decided to concentrate our efforts on plans to redevelop the church as a bunk barn/hostel proving good quality, low cost accommodation combined with meeting/conference space
- Evolve Architectural Services have produced (at no cost) some designs looking at how the building could be reused for the above purpose.
- We have met with the Rev Mike Croft who has considerable experience of adapting church buildings for alternative uses. He had a number of useful suggestions both about possible uses and also about contacts who could help us. He continues to advise us.
- We have applied to Heritage Lottery Fund for £9,900 to cover the costs of detailed design work and feasibility work. We will hear the outcome of application this within a few weeks.
- We have met with our local councillor, who is also a member of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and he has advised us about support and grant aid from both of these authorities.

- We met with a member of the Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust, who own and manage The Station in Richmond to learn from their experience of redeveloping a listed building and they have given us a great deal of information about the potential demand for low cost accommodation, which they gathered for their bid to reuse the former Richmond Grammar School.
- We have formed a sub-committee of the Charity to manage this project, with a view to it eventually becoming a separate legal entity (probably a company limited by guarantee), which is wholly owned by Hudswell Community Charity. The members of this sub-committee are: Ian Whinray, Annie Sumner, Susan Ferns Williams, Rev Martin Fletcher and Martin Booth. We have also invited Andrew Boyle and Paul Hetherington to join as and they have agreed to do so.

Based on the results of the survey and our own research we have settled bunk barn/conference meeting room proposal for the following reasons:

- It will allow public access to the building and therefore enable us to recognise and celebrate the history of the building and its predecessor churches.
- It is a use compatible with a working cemetery which should not be disruptive to the peaceful setting in which the church is set
- It meets a gap in the accommodation that is available in Hudswell as it will provide low cost accommodation that can be booked for one or two nights and its customers will support the pub and Little Shop
- It will provide some local employment
- It preserves the church as community asset
- Any surplus funds generated from the business will be used to further the work of Hudswell Community Charity.



There are still many problems to overcome, including securing access across the land between the church and road, discussing our ideas with the National Park Planning Authority, agreeing a design, obtaining planning permission, writing a business plan, securing funding and much much more. But we are at least moving forward and, at our last meeting, we agreed it was vital to keep the village informed about this project, so we will use the Hudswell Messenger and our own newsletter to do this or, if you want to know just ask one of the committee members named above.

### **The St Michaels Sub-Committee**

# National Trust Yorkshire Dales

## NEWS FROM THE WOODS – AUTUMN 2020

We've had a painted lady summer! Painted lady butterflies have been reported across the UK in large numbers this year. They are a migratory butterfly that over several generations travel from Africa as far north as the Arctic Circle, and then return before the cold weather arrives; a 7,000 mile journey all in a single summer. Looking at the bigger picture it has been a very good summer for many butterfly species, the woodland edges and rough grassland around Round Howe has been alive with speckled wood, ringlet, small skippers, red admiral, peacock, and even now there are comma butterfly to be seen on the devil's bit scabious near Andrew Watson's bench.

From our observations over the summer the riverside pasture continues to improve and the winter grazing has helped spread knapweed, a good source of summer nectar and pollen, across much of the site. We have also noticed an increase in greater burnet, yarrow, lady's bedstraw and the odd field scabious. The latter was boosted by our plug planting six years ago when we planted out several hundred wild flowers grown on from locally sourced seed to kick start the restoration of the grassland. In the coming week we plan to repeat the exercise with volunteers, planting out a variety of species appropriate to the area. Research on meadow and pasture restoration confirms that success is often linked to spreading seed and planting plug plants repeatedly over several years. Wild flower seed is not always viable and plug plants often fail to establish so we need to keep repeating the process to maximise our chances of success.

Hopefully you managed to get out and enjoy the lovely September sunshine. The soft colours are magical at this time of year, spider's webs hanging in morning dew and branches along the woodland edge are bowed with the weight of elderberries, crab apples, rowan berries, hips, haws and sloes. There's a lot of activity in the old hazel boundaries around Round Howe also as grey squirrels search for hazelnuts. Annoyingly they tend to take them before they are ready and in such numbers that in many places across the UK grey squirrels are thought to have an impact on the ability of hazel to self-seed. Saying that we have several naturally occurring hazel saplings along our popular paths near the Round Howe footbridge. I think more than anything these young trees in this particular area benefit from the dogs being walked which in turn keep away the nibbling teeth of deer and rabbits. Deer in particular eat in a similar manner to sheep and saplings can quickly be grazed off completely, hence our preference at Round Howe and on the riverside for cattle which browse in a way that rarely kills off young trees.

Speaking of cattle, the Belted Galloways will be returning this autumn/winter and again we ask that walkers, especially those with dogs, follow the guidance on the signs posted at the gates.

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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