

Hunshelf Chat

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Stories throughout this newsletter are written by residents of the parish of Hunshelf. Anyone who would like to contribute articles, information, events or photographs, please contact the Editor, Claire Derrick, on 0114 288 7903 or email claire.derrick@virgin.net

Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 10 September 2014

Spring into Summer



Willow Warbler - Peter Garritty

Mist in the Valley - John Kerr





Green Moor Sports Club

At the time of writing we have just had four consecutive cricket matches and a six a side tournament washed out. Everyone involved with the club are very frustrated with this continual wet weather. Luckily we were able to hold our junior training night on 20 May when Dale Kerruish and his prozone training team came. They brought lots of junior

coaching equipment with them doing at least six different disciplines. The event was very well attended with over fifty youngsters plus many parents in the field.

Our schools kwik-cricket tournament is due to take place on Monday 9 June with four schools competing.

We are planning a fun weekend on

4/5 July when the Tour de France will be taking place. On Friday evening 4 July we have a live band to entertain us - food will be served. On Saturday 5 July we will have a BBQ, Silkstone band will be here along with other events throughout the day. Hopefully some of you will get to join us.

Rwanyana Village Water Project



the Churches Together in Stocksbridge (CTSD), which provided 50% of the £2000 cost of the project. This was raised by the provision and serving of Lent Lunches in St John's Church Deepcar and supported by all the churches in CTSD. Green Moor Church is part of this group.

A huge thank you is also due to the Bus Pass Buskers and Bolsterstone Village Hall Committee for with-holding their fees to enable the highly successful Fund Raising Concert, together with individual donations and money from Table Top sales , to raise the rest of the money needed.

Thank you again to all who supported our efforts and enabled the project to be completed in such an unbelievably short

time. The provision of this tank will make life so much easier for the inhabitants of the village.

The Rwanyana Village Community Project Committee, consisting of Grace and David Bevan, Doris Stubbs and Steve Lake are continuing to work to improve life for the inhabitants of the Village. The next projects are to build an extension to the nursery school, already provided by the Bevan family, and to buy some chickens to improve the diet of the children who, besides being educated, are fed twice daily at the school. If you wish to help with this in any way please contact Doris on dgreenmoor@yahoo.co.uk or **07960 306 539**

I would like to thank all in our community who have helped us to complete this project so quickly.

Rwanyana Village now has a 500,000 litre capacity water tank which was officially opened on 31 May! The speed at which the tank has been completed is amazing.

The first money was transferred from Stocksbridge to this village, 2000metres (6000feet) up a steep mountain in Yuganda on 8 May. By 24 May, the circular tank, having a height of 8ft and diameter of 14ft, was sufficiently near completion to enable water to be collected.

The tank was finally completed, and ready for its official opening, on 31 May!

A huge thank you is extended to



Nature Table

Hunshelf Parish Birds (Part 4)

WARBLERS

Frustratingly difficult to distinguish, and not to mention the different family groups (*phylloscopid*, *sylviid*, *acrocephalid*, etc), the key to locating and identifying Warbler species is by song. For those who are not familiar with bird song I will attempt, with the aid of photographs, to describe the more common species that can be found in the Parish.

If you have an Apple Iphone an App is available from Birdguides which covers British and European Birds and includes pictures, calls and songs of each species. This type of technology is invaluable when distinguishing between species in the field. Believe it or not there is even an App that will listen to birdsong and identify the bird for you (I have not tested this yet but I expect it is limited by the volume of the song and therefore reliant on good weather, little interference and proximity of the bird). Alternatives include the various CDs that are available from various outlets, try Amazon or Google; and then these can be transferred to a mobile device or smart phone.

Back to Warblers in the parish -

Chiffchaff - probably the most common of the UK warblers, and a number stay all year round. Their song is in the name and in the spring and summer they can be heard singing in most wooded areas of



the parish, a repetitive "chiff chaff" "chiff chaff".

About the size of a blue tit, they have brownish-green upper parts and buff underparts. They have a dark eye

stripe through the eye, a pale eyebrow and a thin pale eye ring. Very similar to the Willow Warbler but with less yellow plumage and darker, almost black legs.

Willow Warbler - found in similar habitat to Chiffchaff, this warbler is most easily distinguished by its song which is a long repetitive melodious tune with a decreasing volume towards the end. More greenish-yellow plumage, long eyebrow, pale fleshy coloured legs and slightly longer wings are the clearest ID features by sight when comparing it with the Chiffchaff. Both of these Warblers can be found on the Delph.



Garden Warbler - we have at least two pairs on the Delph and no doubt more in the Parish. A grey/brown inconspicuous warbler and very hard to get close to. It has a fairly obvious pale eye-ring and is slightly larger than the Willow Warbler. Song can be confused with the Blackcap but I think the best way to describe it is a hard working, long and laborious repetitive song that annoys me when I hear it because I can't get close enough



to photograph it! Scratchy notes with little variation in the song distinguish it from the more flutey version produced by the Blackcap.

Blackcap - At least three pairs on the Delph and quite widespread, this bird is very similar in size and colour as

the Garden Warbler but has predominantly grey plumage and the signature black coloured cap for males with brown cap for females. Song

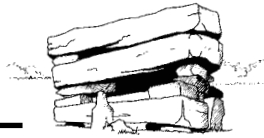
is loud with some scratchy notes but a fair amount of variation ending with flutey tones. Blackcaps can be seen throughout the year, a number of birds overwintering, but generally only sing in spring and summer.

Whitethroat - Have occurred on the Delph but prefer scrubby, more open areas with gorse, broom and brambles. Song is a short scratchy and varied tune and they often fly up in the air and "Parachute" back down whilst singing. Reddish-brown upper parts, pale underparts, a grey head with whitish throat are the key identification features. Not as common as other Warblers in the parish but can be found on the Delph and other upland areas such as the Isle of Skye Quarry.



There are quite a few Warblers in the UK which I haven't mentioned but these are unlikely to be seen in the Parish due to constraints of the habitat available. If you need any advice or would like me to help you identify a particular species then give me a call (07703107890), email me call or pop into 3 Delph Mews.

Parish Matters



Delf Field

The Delf field has been, well perhaps the word best used is "fettled". Nick our environment landscaper has trimmed back the vegetation with a vengeance to reveal a much bigger field than previously. He has also uncovered some very large boulders at the village end. We would welcome any suggestions as to what to do with them. Barry Tylee and Gordon Hodgson from Stoneway Mews cleared away all the brashing and other debris ready for the grass to be close cropped. Once we have had chance to study the result, we might undertake some more work to make the field more level and welcoming.

Delf Paths

The paths have been scraped clear of mud. The Delf was bought some 50 years ago. The late Neville Roebuck was instrumental in the purchase. In that time the mud, leaves and other debris had built and hidden the paths which, as one might expect in a quarry, were and are stone. At the moment, the paths are being left to settle down, then further work might be needed.

Delf Wall

If one goes into the Delf from New Houses, at the top of the steps into the central space there is a footpath off to the right. At the end of this footpath is a dry-stone wall. It has been waiting an opportunity to be repaired for some time. Peter McLeod with the assistance of Graeme Johnston of School House, has rebuilt this wall making it safe and attractive. We have a lot of dry-stone walls in this parish, it could take a while to get them all repaired to the same standard!

Audit

The accounts for the parish for the year 2013/14 were presented to the parish council on the 15 May; they have also been audited by our internal auditor Mr J Bennett. If any parishioner wishes to enquire about any aspect of the accounts, they are invited to contact the Clerk on 0114 288 3684 to make arrangements to see the books etc.

Concessionary Travel Passes

SYPTÉ announced in May that "People who are entitled to an older persons concessionary pass will be able to additionally travel on trains within South Yorkshire for a half fare (single or day return journeys) between 9.30am and 11 pm Monday to Friday and at any time at weekends and on Bank Holidays. Currently they are not entitled to concessionary travel on trains at any time.

The arrangements for older people on buses and trams will remain unchanged meaning travel will remain free between 9.30am and 11pm Monday to Friday and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays. Pass holders can continue to travel free on buses across England, between the same hours.

Within South Yorkshire, disabled persons will be able to travel free at all times on bus and tram, and by train. Additionally they can travel free from a South Yorkshire train station into West Yorkshire on Northern Rail services. When a disabled person's pass permits they can travel similarly with their carer".

Parish DVD

This project moves on. A substantial number of photographs has been assembled and the sorting and selecting process has begun.

Parish Plan

The long process of analysing the information on the parish plan questionnaires has begun, anyone who has not yet returned their survey is invited to do so as quickly as possible to any parish councillor.

Tin Mill Archaeological Survey

This has now moved on to the next stage and funds are being sought to pay for the initial surveys. Anyone interested should contact Barry Tylee for further information.

Wortley Top Forge

There was a digger in the Dam! An excavator has been working in the water supply for the Wortley Top Forge. The plan is to safeguard the water supply for the machines in the museum there.

Another part of the work has been to repair the weir upstream from Sharp Ford Bridge (Cote Lane/Forge Lane) and to replace the sluice gate on the mill race or goyt.

Grass Verges

Much attention has been focused on the erosion of the verges in Green Moor. Presently, the parish councillors are searching for ways to overcome the problem. Any suggestions will be welcome, but we are told by Barnsley MBC, who actually own the verges, that placing obstructions on the verges is not acceptable and could lead to prosecution. Any other ideas very welcome.



Wall in Green Moor

The collapse of the retaining wall in Green Moor, opposite Chapel View, has been reported to Barnsley MBC. Walls holding up roads are the responsibility of the borough council; all other walls are the responsibility of the landowner. We are hopeful that this wall will be repaired soon.

Chairman of the Parish Council

In line with long established custom and practice, the chairmanship of the Hunshelf Parish Council is on a rota basis of all the councillors. This year, the Chairman is Barry Tylee and John Kerr is Vice Chairman. If you have any concerns, feel free to approach any of the councillors. The other three are Richard Popplewell, Kathryn Austin and Kathryn Battye. Otherwise, you can always contact the Clerk on 0114 288 3684, or by email on david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk

David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Mud Larks

You may have noticed a lot of activity down by Top Forge, and wondered what was going on. The mill pond (dam) and feed goit had become very silted up, and when the water wheels were run the water quickly ran out, if the river level is low. Also, the weir feeding the system needed repair. You might think that the rectification sounds straightforward. However, it is complicated by the fact that the Forge is grade 1 listed, including the weir, goits and of course the sludge! Whatever happens to the sludge needs to be agreed with the Environment Agency and English Heritage, as any

removal from site would need testing for chemical contamination. All that could be done, was then to rearrange the sludge in-situ. The digger was delivered into the site, and proceeded to try to push the very liquid sludge uphill (photo 2). After some days of this, fairly large amounts of hardcore had to be dropped in to enable the digger to escape. The new verges will be seeded to try to stabilise them. We hope that the rearranged sludge doesn't now run back and we are back to where we started!



East Peaks Outdoors Festival: 15 - 21 June

A WALKING FESTIVAL in Denby Dale, Kirkburton, Penistone and North Sheffield

East Peak Innovation Partnership welcomes you to the second East Peak Outdoors Festival which is a programme of led walks taking place over seven days. For general information about all the festival walks contact:

Karen Dennis, East Peak Innovation Partnership, 12 St Mary's Street, Penistone S36 6DT

Tel: 01226 763201 - Mobile: 07891 582338 - or visit www.epip.org.uk/other/downloads.php to download walks

If you want to keep it local, see details below:

Saturday 21 June, Green Moor and the Upper Don Valley

Led by: Dave Pickersgill and Elaine Smith (Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome)

Distance: 6 miles

Meet: 10.30am at Finkle Street TPT car park. Grid Ref: SK 299 994

A moderate walk from Finkle Street TPT car park to Green Moor, Rumtickle Viaduct and Huthwaite Hall. An undulating circular walk that passes sites of historical interest including quarries, mills, railways and old houses.

Parking available. No public toilets on route.

Contact: Dave Pickersgill and Elaine Smith. Tel: 07795 644 899. Email: dpickersgill1@googlemail.com



Photograph by John Kerr

My apologies to Alan and Jean. It appears I re-named Jean to Joan in the last issue throughout the entire article. So, here's a reprint with amends. **The Editor**

Alan and Jean - Still pulling together

The secret of a long and happy marriage is, according to Alan Johnson, pulling the same way. It must be true because Alan and Jean have reached their diamond wedding anniversary - that's 60 years if you're trying to work that one out.

They were married at St Mary's Church, Ecclesfield on 27 March 1954 and originally lived in Hillsborough, both having been born and bred in Sheffield. They have lived in Green Moor for 34 years.

Jean retired 18 years ago after working at the University of Sheffield in the finance department. Alan retired 23 years ago, having worked as a traffic inspector for South Yorkshire Transport.

Alan and Jean celebrated their anniversary with close friends with an open house.

Le Tour de France 2014 6 July 2014

This should be one for the memory banks and one to celebrate. The Tour de France is the world's largest annual sporting event and is expected to bring in millions of pounds in to the local economy.

There will be disruptions however. Below information you may find useful. For further and updated information go to: <http://letour.yorkshire.com>

Road Closures

- The Route will be closed to non-Race traffic
- Anticipated closures have changed, now approximately 11 hours, but may be subject to change
- Midhopestones to High Bradfield 7am – 6.30pm
- High Bradfield to A61 Penistone Road (Grenoside) 7.30am – 6.30pm
- A61 Penistone Road (Grenoside) to Barrow Road / Meadowhall Road 9am – 7pm
- A61 Penistone Road North (Leppings Lane roundabout) to A61 Penistone Road (Grenoside) 11am – 7pm
- Jenkin Road from Tyler Street to Newman Road 7.30am – 7pm

- Meadowhall Road between Meadowhall Way 9am – 7pm
- Meadowhall Way to Motorpoint Arena 11am – 7pm

On Street Parking

- No parking on the Race route
- Intention to keep adjacent roads available for parking, Le Tour Makers and Stewards will assist
- Limited on street parking, particularly from Midhopestones to Grenoside
- Lots of on street parking from Grenoside to the Race finish area
- Period after the race has passed before the roads are reopened – Please be patient, if you are near a Spectator Hub see what's going on
- Advice is: to plan, get there early, be prepared to walk a short distance, delay your journey home to avoid delays

Traffic Management Plans

- Supertram to operate an enhanced service providing a frequent link to the lower Don Valley and Meadowhall area.
- Tram feeder services from Malin Bridge and Middlewood tram termini to Low Bradfield and Oughtibridge c.10,000 parking spaces in the city centre to then use the tram and tram feeder services.

- Northern Rail service to provide additional capacity and some increased frequency on the Yorkshire and connecting network
- 35 South Yorkshire bus services affected mainly in Sheffield
- Some cross city bus services split in the city centre to reduce impact on the communities not near the race
- Suspension of rural services in Bradfield/Dungworth/Langsett Early morning services provided before 7.30am for Worrall and Grenoside
- Early morning services provided before 9am for Wincobank
- Disruption to all bus services north of the city centre with limited to no service provided after 1pm
- Bus routes to resume between 7pm and 8pm
- Journey planner will be updated to allow people to plan – intended to be available by early June.

Key messages:

- Use journey planner and other PTE information points to plan your journey
- plan for longer journey times
- plan for a longer walk to stops in areas around the route
- north of Sheffield will have little or no public transport after 1pm

Billy Stansfield - Welcome to the World



Billy just after being born

Claire, Andy and Jack of Maple Corner would like to welcome home their new baby, Billy. He was born on 17 January, 12 weeks early. Not being due to arrive until the 9 April he came as quite a surprise. He was born weighing just 2lb 1oz and was admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit of Jessops women's hospital. Over the following weeks he had four lots of phototherapy, three blood transfusions, two infections and an operation. He finally came home after 13 weeks on the 16 April.

The care Billy received whilst in hospital (and continues to receive) was second to none and we feel extremely grateful to all the staff involved. Andy has decided to try and raise money for the unit to thank them. It would be nice to think in some small way he was making the journey a little easier for the premature new borns of tomorrow. He has set himself a number of challenges to complete over the summer. He has

already completed a duathlon, mid-May he will cycle the 215 mile trans Pennine trail, followed by two triathlons and finally Chester marathon in October.

If anyone would like to sponsor Andy you can do so by either going to justgiving.com/billy-rainforth or by texting **BIL166** followed by £2/£5 etc, eg. BIL166 £5 to donate £5. Any contribution would be gratefully received no matter how small.

Claire Stansfield



Andy after his first event



On day of discharge (in bobble hat bought by Brenda and Harry of Delph edge)

When you hear Big Ben!

Yes it is one of the iconic sights and sounds of London, and yes I do know it is the bell that is Ben, not the tower.

Why we have this piece of our heritage is tied up with the Bank of England. Before 1854 the Bank, never the most active

adopter of new technology such as pound notes or quill pens, used an antique method of recording money loaned to the Bank.

This was the tally stick. A length of wood marked with a system to show just how much money was loaned (would you believe that £1 was the width of a swollen barleycorn!) then the stick was split down the middle, the Bank got one, the customer got the other. To say it was dated is an understatement!

The customer got the bit called the stock! He was therefore the stockholder. From this came the stocks and shares

we have today. The bank kept the other bit called the foil which was laid on the counter. Thus this receipt was the counterfoil. Ok so far?

In 1854, even the Bank needed to get up to date, so they scrapped all the stocks and foils. To ensure data protection(?) it was decided to burn them in a stove under the then Palace of Westminster. Yes, it got out of hand and the resulting fire destroyed the whole of the Houses of Parliament thus leading to a nice new clock tower and bell.

David Horsfall

What's on

Penistone Paramount

For details contact 01226 767532
www.penistoneparamount.co.uk

CINEMA

How to train your dragon 2 (2D)

4 July

Grace of Monaco

4-10 July

The Jersey Boys

20 June - 3 July

Mrs Brown's Boys, D'Movie

11-17 July

The Nut Job

1 August

LIVE EVENTS

By Satellite - Andre Rieu Tenth Anniversary Concert

19 July

ORGAN EVENTS

Jean Martyn

12 July, 2.30pm

The Venue

For details contact 0114 283 8692
www.thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk

Fox and Moon Vintage Antique Fair

Sunday 22 June, 10am - 4pm

Stalls £25. Entry £1.50

Band Night At The Venue

Saturday 28 June

Featuring Weekend Offenders, Riptide, Sam and Alyssa, Losing Streak.

Doors open 7.45pm. Tickets £4.50.

Concessions £2.50

For classes through the week contact the Venue (see above)

Wortley Hall

For details contact 0114 288 2100
www.wortleyhall.org.uk

Walk and Dine

24 June; 21 July; 26 August. A guided walk around Wortley Hall's grade II listed Italianate gardens. Arrive 5.30pm for 6.00pm walk. £23.50 pp, deposit of £10 per person required at the time of booking.

Vintage Vehicle Rally

29 June, 12 - 4pm. Organised by the Wortley Rotary Club: www.wortleyrotary.org.uk £3.50 adults, 50p children, car parking free.

South Yorkshire Festival

16 August, 12 noon

Wortley Top Forge

Open Days

4-6 July, for the Tour de France including displays of the entries to the recent photographic competition Entry £3/£2/50p.

Brass Band Event

16 August, from 12pm. Chapeltown Silver Brass Band playing 1.45 to 2.30pm and 3.15 to 4pm Entry £5/£4/£1.

Model Engineers Open Day

7 September. Entry £5/£4/£1 (entry prices to be confirmed)

More details on any of the above from Derek Bayliss (0114 2307693), Gordon Parkinson (0114 2817991) or Ted Young (01226 763896)

Miscellaneous

Holmfirth Farmer's Market

Third Saturday of every month.

Penistone Farmers Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

FOOD BANK UPDATE

In the past Green Moor Church has supported the Food Bank based at Parson Cross but now there is one in Stocksbridge based at The Hub Pentecostal Church and supported by the Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District, it was decided to support this one.

At the back of Green Moor Church is a large plastic bin into which food can be placed or, if there is an activity in the Providence Room or church, it can be left, labelled for Food Bank, in the kitchen. Please see information re. activities under Our Church. I will be in the Providence Room on Tuesday evenings to receive any food donations, or you can take your donations to the Hub. See below for opening times.

Below is an edited letter from Karen Dolby who is managing the scheme at The Hub. Updates will put on the notice outside Church.

From Karen...

Thank you for wanting to work with us on this project, supporting us in that way. It's really fantastic for the churches and the community to work together in this way.

I believe we are making a real difference to people's lives. We provided emergency food parcels, which last 3 days, 18 times in May, including 24 adults and 5 children. Of these parcels 14 went to single people, 2 to couples and 3 to families. I hope this gives you a bit of a picture. The month before we gave out 25 parcels to people in crisis.

Our work is a balance between encouraging and collecting donations, and working with referrers, encouraging them to reach out to people in need. Everyone who comes for help has to be referred by one of the recognised agencies - Housing, Citizens Advice, Community Support Worker, Church Leaders, Schools, GP's and Medical Centres etc. Please encourage your people in Green Moor (Hunshel Parish! My addition DS) to 'gossip' about us - in the best possible way of course!

We are friendly. All volunteers adhere to a strict confidentiality policy and shopping is collected in ordinary supermarket shopping bags. Coming into the Hub coffee shop is easy and the food bank is down the corridor to the right. **Room One, on Tuesday or Thursday mornings, 10 till noon.**

At the moment we urgently need donations of UHT milk, cartons of fruit juice, tins of meat eg corned beef, ham, stewed steak, curries etc, tins of tuna, tins of fruit, sponge puddings and plain rice.

If anyone can help with one or more of these - great. Every can or bag counts!

Karen Dolby

I will be emptying the bin and taking food down to the food bank every week. If you have any difficulty in getting food to Green Moor Church or The Hub please me on 07960306539 or email dgreenmoor@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you Doris Stubbs

Check the event websites for further information