

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 25 November 2013

Message from your local Police Officer

We aware that there have been some individuals attempting to sell solar panels. These people have then gained access to houses and have in that time, taken possessions and belongings from the house owner.

Other individuals are offering to re-render buildings charging extortionate prices.

Please be wary of anyone cold calling and don't allow them access in to your homes.

WE NEED YOUR HELP – AGAIN!

Whirlwind UK has filed a Planning Application No 2013/0784 with Barnsley MBC for a single wind turbine 79m (260ft) high at Sheepphouse.

In late 2009 BMBC rejected a proposal to erect 5 turbines 125m (410ft) high, so we ask what has changed? In our opinion, nothing has changed - the need to protect this area is as strong as ever and we ask for the help of local communities to do it.

One 79m (260ft) turbine could easily lead to 5 or more substantially larger turbines, it is only necessary to look at Royd Moor near Millhouse Green to picture the impact. The southern fringes of Penistone bordering the Peak Park could easily look the same, with Penistone literally surrounded by giant turbines and which could run all along the ridge from Flouch to Sheffield

NO public consultation has been carried out by the Developer, so we are providing information to the local community by all means available. The fact that the application was filed in the school holiday period when most of us are away has been a particular disadvantage, in that the time for response is shortened.

Objections to the proposals have already been lodged by Hunshelf PC, Langsett PC, Oxspring PC, Penistone TC. Confirmation of an objection is awaited from Stocksbridge TC and Bradfield PC have yet to consider their position. Latest news is that CPRE/Friends of the Peak District have also objected.

What can you do to help?

- Join our group as a supporter
- Send a letter of objection as soon as possible to BMBC Planning Department at the address given on our **website www.stopem.co.uk** or
- Email info@protectsheepphouseheights.co.uk
- Some of the reasons for objection are also given on the website, from where you may select the ones which you feel are the most appropriate.





Green Moor Sports Club

The 2013 season is almost over - only two more Sunday games left at the time of writing - how time flies! In contrast to last season only two games have been lost because of the weather - almost half were called off last season. The juniors have been finished a while now - Joe Goddard has won the award for best all rounder in the U'15 league. He will collect his trophy on Thursday of this week. Well done Joe. The highlight of the season for the U'11's was their trip to Headingley to the Test match in May when they were invited onto the pitch at lunch time to play kwik-cricket.

It has been the first season in our newly extended and refurbished pavilion - a vast improvement. It has given us changing rooms up to ECB standards, a large communal area where players can sit comfortably to eat their teas. We have a kitchen area where we have room to work and watch cricket when we are washing up. We also have disabled access and facilities. Umpires now have a separate room to change in and secure their belongings. The score box - with amazing views - along with the electronic scoreboard are a huge asset. We acquired a license to sell alcohol at the end of June which makes drinks available on match days meaning after match analysis can take place "on the spot". All we have to do now is save up for some heating - easier said than done! We have also acquired a strip of land "over the wall" for a new access - something we have been wanting for years. The field will be much safer to play on as the ruts caused by vehicles

continually driving up and down particularly in wet weather will disappear.

Hopefully you received an invitation to our official opening on 21 September. Mr Rex Roebuck has accepted our invitation - health permitting - to do the honours and cut the ribbon. Rex is the only person still alive of the 5 people who purchased the land in 1950 which is now our cricket field. He was also responsible for building of the pavilion we have just extended in 1986/7. This was done by manpower services and was organised by Rex. He has lived in Green Moor all his life and been a great servant for the club retiring as chairman after he saw the previous pavilion finished. We hope you will be able to come along and see our facilities.

Ann Matthewman

Its looking green



Green Moor Village Garden

The Green Moor Village

Garden, formerly the Peace Garden (at the side of the telephone box) had a 'weed over' a few weeks ago and is now starting to look green with plants rather than weeds. The nettles were high, the brambles prickly and the goose grass was sticking to everything. On a really hot day a few volunteers hoed, and weeded and planted and attempted to restore some semblance of order to the area. Plants were put in to try to add more ground cover in an effort to stop weeds proliferating. It's looking good and it would be great if we could keep it that way. There is always a need to keep weeding so please feel free to do so and pull out a few, or if you have any cuttings please plant them or if you are not sure where these should be drop them off at School House and I will ensure they are put to good use.

Nature Table

LITTLE BROWN JOB (Hunshelf Parish Birds - Part 1)

No, believe it or not, I am not referring to the issues we have with the odd irresponsible dog owner on the Delf! 'Little Brown Job' or 'LBJ' is widely used in ornithological terms to describe a small brown coloured bird that is frustratingly difficult to identify. We have our fair share of LBJs in Green Moor and although I have been asked to write a short piece about birds generally, I also hope to cover a few of those smaller species that often get mis-identified as they disappear over a wall or flick through to the back of a dense bush.

I am a lifelong 'birder' and have been recording sightings at Green Moor and the surrounding area for the last nine years and reporting these into the Sheffield Bird Study Group (SBSG), for whom I am currently a committee member. The SBSG produce an annual bird report and have a very user-friendly and informative website www.sbsg.org which is well renowned nationally. If you are interested in knowing what species are around the city at any time then log on and look at the 'recent news' page.

Anyway... back to birds at Green Moor; during the last few years I have been taking photographs of birds on the

Delf and occasionally you might notice a camouflage hide on our back garden with a large camera lens poking out of it! "Geek!", you might think, and to some extent my wife might agree, but here are a few results which might surprise you!

SPARROWS...



Tree Sparrow

Tree Sparrows (above) have in recent years dramatically declined in the UK due partly to changes in farming methods. Green Moor and the surrounding area have a very important breeding population and often up to a dozen birds have visited my garden. Not to be confused with the relatively more



House Sparrow

common House Sparrow (above, which incidentally are also declining), the Tree Sparrow is a slightly smaller bird, has a brown cap and a distinctive white cheek with a black spot. Both sexes have the

same plumage, therefore this differs from the House Sparrow whose female is fairly drab and can be confused with the Dunnock (otherwise known as the Hedge Sparrow). The Dunnock is not actually a Sparrow, it's an 'Accentor' and you can see in the photograph



Dunnock

(left) it is very different from the two Sparrows with a narrow delicate beak, brown streaks on the breast and flanks and a pale grey throat and neck without any cap or bib markings. It has a wide distribution in the UK and we have quite a number here.

The juvenile/female House Sparrow (right) is much like the male but has a drab brown head and slightly paler bill.



Juvenile/Female House Sparrow

I have only touched the surface of the bird species found in the Hunshelf Parish, there are many more including, Tits, Finches, Owls, Warblers, Thrushes, Woodpeckers, Pipits, Crows, etc.

Further instalments will follow but in the meantime if anyone has any questions or would like advice on where to see a particular species of bird then email me on pete.garrity@btinternet.com or call me on 07703 107890.

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Extremely Rare Insect found at Green Moor

A large Hornet Mimic Sawfly, Latin name "Cimbex luteus" was found on a rear garden at Delph Mews on the 29th June by Pete Garrity. This find has been reported to the Yorkshire Naturalist Union and posted on the Natural History Museum blog with feedback commenting this is a "fantastic" find, a "MEGA" insect, and apparently only the second record for Yorkshire, the last record being at Thorne Moor approx 50 years ago. This species is known to lay eggs on Willow Trees which may explain why it was found close to the Delf.

Outstanding Learning and Work

Congratulations to Jenny Watts who works with the Steel Valley Project (SVP) – an environmental group based in Stocksbridge. Jenny was presented with the award at a recent celebration of Sheffield Apprentices in recognition of her outstanding learning and work. She was also recently in the press for her work, together with Kate Edwards, on events planned in celebration of 25 years of SVP. Jenny took a shared lead in the “Birds and Bats” evening and helped Kate with a “Hedgerow Harvest” event. Recently she helped with a “Hands on for Habitat Heroes” giving people advice about bats, other mammals and pollinators at an event at Spring Vale Community Garden Penistone. Penistone was one of only 6 venues across the north-east of England to host a “Habitat Heroes” event. We are lucky to have such an environmentally aware young woman in our Parish.

Keep your eyes on our village notice board if you wish to find out about future events organised by SVP. **Well done, Jenny.**

Doris Stubbs

Biodiversity in Schools Project Seeking Volunteers



The Barnsley Biodiversity Trust is seeking volunteers to help schools improve their school grounds for wildlife and help children learn about their natural environment.

Age and gender are unimportant and for those without previous knowledge and experience, you will always be assisted by a team leader to carry out daytime

activities, working together with teachers and children in their school grounds. Your help is valued even if you can only spare as little as an occasional few hours. However, you may wish to get involved with just some, or all, of the following activities where training will be provided as required:

If you are interested please contact Monica Ward at the address below or telephone Colin Graham on **01226 791020**.

Monica Ward, Secretary
The Barnsley Biodiversity Trust
'Mayfield' 31 Thurlstone Road,
Penistone S36 9EF
Email: barnsleybiodiversitytrust@gmail.com

www.barnsleybiodiversity.org.uk

Dog Poo Progress!

Chapel Lane has been clear of dog poo for many weeks now. Thank you to those dog owners who regularly clear up after their animals. Unfortunately a walk around the Delf and the Isle of Skye is still being spoilt by thoughtless dog owners who allow their animals to toilet on the footpaths there. It is especially inconsiderate when faeces are left near the seats. Please, please dog owners, remember your poo bags. It would be lovely to be able walk in these beautiful places without meeting any dog mess.

Thank you, **Doris Stubbs**



Oils well with the co-op

The oil buying coop is growing. In August we placed an order for 21,000 litres of home heating oil. This involved 25 households at a combined expenditure of almost £12,000!

For the first time two tanker loads were required to complete the order.

The savings are good – we all saved around 5 p per litre this time, so £50 total if you had 1000 litres delivered. At School House we reckon we will have saved around £200 on our annual oil bill (yes our old house does need a lot of heating).

And although burning oil is not very green, the good news for the environment is that instead of 25 trips between the depot (Chesterfield this time) and Green Moor we had just two. That could be 10 tanker trips rather than 125 over a full year.

Membership is free for all in or near to Hunshelf Parish – just contact **Graeme Johnson (0114 288 5510)** or email me on graemej@waitrose.com to find out more.



Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome

Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome have obtained

EPIP funding to develop 'Le Tour a Pied', instructions for a 14.5 mile walk which approximately follows the route of the 2014 Tour de France from Langsett to High Bradfield as it skirts Stocksbridge. A .pdf download is currently available from their website and a professional designer is currently working on a glossy leaflet which we will make widely available in the New Year.

www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/Walks/LeTour.html

It surely can't be that time of year again?

Maybe some of you haven't had your annual holiday yet but we are beginning to think about preparations for our annual Hunshelf Carol Sing.

Our last two years have been extremely successful and we are keen to carry on such a wonderful tradition. We will begin rehearsing early November and plan as usual to sing around the Parish late December. Information will be given out nearer the time with regard to rehearsal dates, Parish tour and how to invite us into your home to sing, or indeed to sing outside.

Last year we had a core of perhaps a dozen people who attended the rehearsals on a regular basis and this swelled to 25 on the actual carol singing evening. To reassure those of you who are saying 'But I can't sing', this is not a choir, just a group of enthusiasts who enjoy singing. We of course welcome past participants but also those of you who are new to Green Moor are especially welcome.

We hope to be able to provide CD recordings of the main carols we sing so you can take them home and practice in the bath! Rehearsals will take place in the Providence room, next to Green Moor Chapel, Chapel Lane

If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact any of the following:

Chris Johnson, 0114 2885510
Angela Fox 0114 2883581
Doris Stubbs 07960 306539
Kathryn Austin 0114 2885888

Wood to Spare

The attached photo shows trees at the side of a railway line in Switzerland's Bernese Oberland. The stumps are about 2 metres high which on the face of it suggests a waste of timber, especially when so many people in the area burn wood as a fuel for heating and cooking.

Enquiries suggested that the stumps were left so high to "stabilise the land" so

that by the time the stumps have rotted away, then new trees should have grown to keep the slope stable. Personally, I think that the need to hold back snow is another reason for the height of the stumps

The felling cut is a "step cut", the use of which has puzzled all the tree fellers I know. It is used in the UK only for small trees, not for mature ones like these

David Horsfall



Parent/Toddler/Baby Group

We are hoping to start a Parent/Toddler/Baby Group in the Providence Room, Green Moor Church.

The Green Moor Baby and Toddler Group got off to a good start. There were 11 parents, 1 grandparent and 16 children.

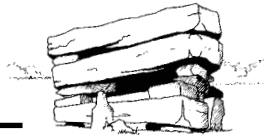
Thanks go to all the wonderful folk who have given their time and toys to help make this happen. A special thanks to Mr Steve Dixon who worked hard to get the Group a large cupboard to store the toys, Mr David Horsfall for the magnificent flier he produced, Mrs Kate Goddard for all her help in getting so many toys and making the bedding etc. for the prams and bunk beds, Mrs Mal Garrity for helping take out the fliers and

to the three officers, Mrs. Louise Coldwell (Treasurer), Mrs Elmie Moore (Secretary) and Mrs Clare Stansfield (Chairperson). Thanks also to the wonderful team who have come forward to help run the Group, Mrs Angela Fox, Mrs. Christine Johnson, Mrs Kate Goddard, Mrs Mal Garrity, Mrs Brenda Mangham and to those who have offered occasional help.

Thanks also to Green Moor Church for providing the use of the room. Spread the word please, we look forward to welcoming more Children from our Community and beyond.

Brenda Mangham

Parish Matters



Planning Applications

Two planning applications were considered recently. One in Snowden Hill for an agricultural building was agreed as "no comments". The second, an application for a large wind turbine on Sheephouse Heights led to a long discussion and it was agreed to object on the grounds of inaccuracies in the application and because of the impact on the environment.

Dry Stone Walls

A wall on Well Hill has been repaired to discourage stone theft as well as keeping the environment attractive. More walls on Well Hill and in the Delf and on the Isle of Skye are due to be repaired during the winter, weather permitting.

Environment Group

Now that the nesting season is almost over, the Environment Group is to undertake some work on the trees and shrubs on Well Hill and Dean Head Lane. The working days will be advertised on the notice board, but anyone interested in taking part in joining the group is welcome. An email to david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk will get you on the list

One of the trained members of the group is to trim the paths in the Delf and two of our younger members of the parish have agreed to re-plant one of the oaks in the Delf. Sadly one of the two original trees died in the long dry spring of 2012.

Christmas Entertainment and Tea

The Christmas Entertainment and Tea is to be held on Saturday 7th December in the Providence Room of Green Moor Church. Any parishioner over the age of 63 is eligible to attend and invitations will be sent out in mid-November. Anyone who has recently reached this age should let the Clerk know so that he or she can be invited.

Walling Talk

Tickets for the talk on walling "Yorkshire Walls and Walling – the Dry Details" by Peter McLeod with a Pie and Pea Supper can be bought at £5 each from Wyllan Horsfall on 0114 288 3684.. Places are limited to 35 so please phone early to buy your ticket.

Highways

BMBC's pothole repair system seems to be working well. A pothole reported one day was filled in the day after. If you note a hole, please ring Barnsley Council on 01226 770770 and report it.

The Parish Council has noted concerns about the road outside Stoneway Mews and has asked for a site meeting with an officer from BMBC Highways section. Councillor Robert Barnard has promised to expedite a response from BMBC.

Parish Council Audit

The audit papers have gone to the national auditors for scrutiny. The auditors have asked about the process used to sell

the old museum building, but now they seem to be happy about how we went about the process.

There is a fixed period when parishioners are offered the chance to look at the books, but, as always, any parishioner who wants to have a look or to have something explained, please contact the Clerk.

Wortley Top Forge

There is progress on the safeguarding of the water supply to the Forge and the fishing dams on Forge Lane. Work is scheduled to start in the autumn on re-building the sluice and dredging the goyt. At the same time, the weir is due to be repaired.

AAA

Elsewhere there is an article about Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms. All men over 65 are invited to get scanned to see if they are at risk. It seems a very good idea, as early warning leads to successful outcomes, delay can be very serious.

Mr Hunshelf

The auditor called me on the phone to ask for some more information. A slip of the tongue and he called me Mr Hunshelf! Now in my wildest dreams, when I am elevated to the peerage, I want to be known as Lord Horsfall of Hunshelf, most unlikely, but perhaps this is the first stage in the process!

David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council



Stoneway Mews down the well

The new residents of Stoneway Mews descended the depths when the Green Moor pump was opened for them recently. Many were surprised (hopefully pleasantly) at this unusual structure on their doorstep. Sheppard Homes have now completed the transfer of the small piece of land behind the pump house to the parish. Their last job is to finish off the steps leading down to the pump house door. Hopefully then we can tidy up the site and walls, to improve the appearance of the area.

Hoofin' it



Every so often, it's good to remind ourselves – and to inform newcomers to these parts – of some parish *modus operandi*. For those with horses at heart, it was agreed many years ago now that part of the Delph would be accessible to horses as well as walkers.

Those who are on horseback or leading out, are able to use the left hand track leading from the telephone box up the Delph and around the circular track with the bird sanctuary hill in the middle. This leads back via the same exit.

Although it is designated as public footpath, as its original use was purpose-built quarry track along which horse drawn wagons would cart the quarried blocks of stone: perfect for heavy hoofs it was decided to allow horse riders to use this. Every so often leaf mould and soil builds up and the track needs scraping to keep it clear of mud for walkers. This maintenance job is on the list 'to do'..

The Parish Council manages the Delph according to an environmental survey carried out a few years ago. Environmental activity days will be advertised in *The Chat* for those interested in volunteering to keep the vegetation in check and to make it safe for walkers and riders.

Selective access for horses and riders leaves the soft top soil of the Delph playing field and other small paths, leading from New Houses, free of horse droppings and hoof mire for the exclusive use of those on foot and prevents the erosion of the narrower paths which do not have a suitable surface for the use of horses.

Trot on...

AAA

In July the Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust launched a health-screening programme for men aged 65 and over to reduce the number of men dying from Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms (AAAs).

Since the launch, over 600 men have referred themselves for the ultrasound scan that examines the aorta in the abdominal area, to check for a swollen artery. But the NHS is still urging men to take advantage of the free scan.

In England and Wales, an estimated 80,000 men aged between 65 and 74 are affected by AAAs, which are caused when the main blood vessel in the abdomen – the aorta – weakens and starts to expand. If undetected, the aorta can rupture – a medical emergency that is usually fatal. Around 6,000 people die every year from ruptured AAAs.

Vascular surgeon Mr Ray Cuschieri, clinical lead for the NHS AAA Screening Programme in South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw and Deputy Medical Director

of Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals, said: "The AAA screening programme is extremely important as men who have an AAA do not generally know they have the condition until it is too late, which is why screening is so important.

"The screening test is simple, painless, non-invasive and usually takes less than 10 minutes. Early detection of AAAs through screening enables us to offer monitoring or treatment, helping to reduce the number of deaths caused by the condition.

Men over 65 who have not previously been screened can make an appointment by contacting the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw AAA Screening Programme on **01709 321189** or by emailing dbh-tr.dbhaaa@nhs.net.



Orchids on our roof

Flat roofs are a mixed blessing. They are prone to leaks and need more maintenance than a peaked one, especially if the flat roof is covered with some form of tar. Our garage roof was in good condition, but mindful of the need in the future to replace it, we decided to put on a "green roof" and ensure that our need to maintain the roof would be reduced.

The gravel on the top of the roof was removed (this is there to keep the roof damp so that it will not crack in the sun of the occasional summer when it gets hot). The roof was covered in a new rubber type material that is supposed to last at least 25 years. Then baulks of timber were set at each end to hold back the growing medium, and these were fastened to each other for stability. A sheet of "egg boxes" but smaller was then laid, followed by a layer of filter material. The fun part was when the growing medium arrived with a tractor and crane to get it in position. Everything spread out to look nice, and then seeds were broadcast over the entire place.

A lot of stuff grew surprisingly well. We have to weed out tree seedlings in case they damage the membranes, but on the whole, it looks green all year, it certainly holds rainwater so that it does not flood the river valley. The biggest surprise was this year when we discovered "Common Spotted Orchids" growing and flowering on the roof. The inside of the garage is cool, as it is insulated from the heat of the sun. It is also very cold in winter as there is no heating installed

D & W Horsfall



Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa
29 September - 3 October, 7.30pm

Diane
4 October

LIVE EVENTS

Penistone Theatre Group - Are You Being Served?
26 - 28 September, 7.15pm

Penistone Mayor's Charity Night
11 October 7pm

Vienna Festival Ballet presents Snow White
16 October 7pm

Timeless Theatre Productions present: Memories are made of this
7 November 2.30am, 7.30am

The ELO Experience
23 November, 7.30pm

A Swinging Christmas with the Take Two Big Band
7 December, 7.30pm

Last Laugh Comedy Club
13 December, 8pm

ORGAN EVENTS

Robert Wolfe
12 October 2.30pm

Nigel Ogden
9 November, 2.30pm

A Crompton Christmas Cracker
14 December, 2.30pm

Church Events

Please see right hand column for details.

The Venue

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

Indoor Carboot
12 October, 10am

Wortley Hall

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

Wedding Fair
20 October, 11am - 4pm

Halloween Charity Ghost Walk and BBQ
31 October, 6.30pm

Traditional Christmas Market
3 November, 10am - 4pm

Santa Carvery
8 December, from 12 noon.

Christmas Choir and Carvery
10 December, from 6pm

Miscellaneous

Penistone Farmers Market
Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

Holmfirth Farmer's Market
Third Saturday of every month.

Your Church

Green Moor Church is part of Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District and follows the Methodist Tradition of worship Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 9.45am except on the third Sunday of the month when we have a Family Service at 10am. Morning Worship is at 11am - again except when we have a Family Service.

During the next few months we have some special services as listed below.

On 29 September our new Pastoral Minister, the Reverend Judith Jessop will be leading a **Communion Service** at 11am.

13 October is our **Harvest Festival** at 11am.

10 November we meet in Church at 10.30am for a short time before walking down to Ivy Millennium Green in time for the 2 minutes silence traditionally held during **Remembrance Sunday Services**.

Lunch bites will be served in the Providence Room attached to our Church. All are welcome to join us there after the Remembrance Service.

17 November at 9.30am you are invited to join us for a **Family Breakfast** after which at approximately 10.30am our **Family Service** will be led by the Saints Alive Puppet Team.

1 December **Christingle Service** at 3.30pm.

15 December at 10am **Children's Nativity**.

22 December at 6pm is our **Local Carols Service**. For those of you new to our area there has been a tradition of Carol Singing here for well over 100 years. If any of you wish to join us please contact **Chris 01142885510, Doris 07960306539, Kathryn 01142885888 or Angela 2883581**. More information will be generally distributed later.

Every Wednesday from 6.30 to 8.30pm a group meet in the Providence Room for **craft, chat and jig saw puzzling**. This is an informal group. Contact **Doris on 07960 306 539** for further information or just turn up.)

On Thursday a **Pilates Group** meets in the Providence Room from 6.30 to 7.45pm. For more details contact **Nina Jolley 07796851066**.

Check the event websites for further information