



Hunshelf Chat

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Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 25 November 2012

A Day on the Isle of Skye



People often say 'lucky you' when I tell them I am heading to the Isle of Skye. I suspect they imagine that I am off on a Society funded jaunt to the West Coast of Scotland rather than to Hunshelf near Barnsley. They are right about 'lucky me' though, it being a great pleasure and privilege to represent the Society when duty calls.

Sunday 17 June was one of those special days as I travelled up to Barnsley to take part in the celebration of many years of hard work for the people of Hunshelf. I can only summarise their remarkable efforts and the details of two intertwined stories in the space available. Story one starts with G H B Ward, who played a major part in the Society's history, and money bequeathed on his death in 1957. It was a complex bequest and the Society only received the money in 2007, when I was Vice Chair.

Story two starts in 2006 when nine remarkable 'Friends of the Isle of Skye' purchased the land, using personal savings, to ensure it remained a wild and tranquil place. The selfless act by the 'nine' provided the breathing space for the Parish Council to raise the £33,000 necessary to purchase the land for the local community and all walkers who wish to tread this lovely spot.

In 2008 I received a letter from David Horsfall, Clerk to the Parish Council, requesting a meeting with the Society. This was my first year as Chairman and it was clear that this was no ordinary request.

David Horsfall and his wife Wyllan made an impressive presentation to the gathering of Trustees and Officers, aimed at seeking funding to assist with the purchase of the land by the Parish Council. They had spent three years fund raising and were £6,000 short of the required sum. More meetings, phone calls and hard work, mainly on the part of Adrian Littleton, led to the grant of £6,000 by the Society from the Ward legacy, and in 2009 I travelled with Adrian to hand over the cheque to David and Wyllan. Much has happened since 2009, lottery funding of £50,000 has rebuilt dry stone walls and made other improvements to this wonderful open space.

Which brings me back to 17 June 2012, when I met Gillian Davies, daughter of Ted and Nellie Spencer, Ted was an executor to the Ward Estate. David Wadsworth, Peter Kidd and the Fretwell brothers, who built the dry stone walls were there. Proceeding were led by Kathryn Austin, Chairman of Hunshelf Parish Council and the tape was cut by Councillor Dorothy Higginbottom, Mayor of Barnsley. David and Wyllan, are by now old friends, they never miss an opportunity to promote the Society. A recent article, in the Barnsley Chronicle, carried a picture of David standing next to SP425 footpath sign following praise from David Cameron for the efforts of the Parish Council.

Clarke Rogerson, Peak and Northern Footpath Society





Green Moor Sports Club

As we look back over the season the most memorable fact is the rain. Out of 22 league games for the season 9 were abandoned because of the wet weather. The juniors fared even worse because their season ends early August - the drier weather came after this time. Highlights of the season were Harry Howlett scoring 135 not out at Denby Dale - his personal best and probably the clubs highest score - certainly for a long time. Mark Elsworth

put in some great bowling displays making him the highest wicket taker in the Premier league. He had 37 wickets to his name. Julian Bates has - once again - won the league stumping award with a total of 20 victims. Well done. The junior presentation evening will be held at Thurgoland Village Hall on Saturday 20 October. 7pm for a 7.30pm start. This will include a sports quiz and a faith supper. Our annual dinner and presentation evening will be held at

Cubley Hall on Saturday 17 November at 7.30pm. Other events we have are manning the kitchen for the Charity Bonanza at Penistone community Centre on Sunday 14 October 10am - 2pm and the same again on Saturday 27 October 10am 4pm for Wyllan's antique fair. We are also having an antiques night at Thurgoland village hall on Friday 30 November hosted by David Dowkes. Tickets for this will be £6 including supper.

All being well work should commence on our pavilion extension and refurbishment within the next few weeks which will give us proper size changing rooms and cater for the disabled and hopefully we will have space to work in the kitchen!

Ann Matthewman

Green Moor School Football Team 1922



The photograph was sent to us by John Wade of Old Mill Lane, Thurgoland. Does it bring memories for anyone?

The names below are from left to right

Back Row: Billy Hill, Norman Crawshaw, Jack Beet

Centre Row: George Bingley, Frank Rogers, Eric Murphy, Frank Smith, W V Walker (Headmaster)

Front Row: Ted Dronfield, Wilfred Beet, Clarence Beet, Frank Hill, Jim Crossland

Foul Play On The Cricket Field

You may have recently seen extra notices about dog fouling, or received a leaflet through your door from Barnsley Council's Environmental Regulatory Unit. This

arose because of a number of complaints to Barnsley Council of dog excrement on the cricket pitch - not pleasant for those watching cricket and walking through, and certainly not nice for those playing!

Under **The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996**, it is an offence for a person in charge of a dog not to clean up immediately after their dog fouls any designated land. Designated land includes any land which is open to the air and to which the public have

access. This includes the cricket field and all paths through the Isle of Sky and Delph. It is the policy for Barnsley Council to always fine and/or prosecute miscreants. It is also not necessary for their officers to see the 'doggie' offence, as the public can also send them evidence; easy now with video on camera phones.

Any information can be got from the Regulatory Field Officer, Chris Platt (01226 772468 or 07872002653).

Parish Matters



The Isle of Skye

The Isle of Skye finally opened on 17 June by the Mayor of Barnsley, Cllr Dorothy Higginbottom. Some funds remain in a sustainability grant to allow us to advertise the area and to maintain it in the future. Plans are afoot for walking groups to visit and for two members of the group to undertake training in maintenance machinery, ie. grass trimmer and chain saw.

The Hunshelf Amble fell race ran across the Paddock on the Isle of Skye this year and this might become a feature of future races. T-shirts were provided for all who helped. These were designed by Alison Roberts of New Houses

One job does remain; that of erecting the signpost provided by The Bridge Community Shop Stocksbridge. This will happen soon.

One of our local borough councillors was so impressed with the efforts of Hunshelf Parish that he wrote to David Cameron at 10 Downing Street, and he sent back words of encouragement! No money, of course, just encouragement!

Museum Building

Many residents will already know that the parish council has sold the museum building. Some will regret this action which was forced upon us by changes in both grant regulations and building requirements. The space was not really big enough for any realistic use, and the building was deteriorating to such an extent that it was becoming a liability rather than an asset.

Christmas Tea

For the last few years we have been very fortunate that the Green Moor Sports Club in the guise of Debbie Bates and Ann Matthewman have provided the Christmas Tea for our senior citizens. Regrettably, they are no longer able to do this, so we would like to thank them and all the other helpers (especially the young people who gave their

time to serve) for everything they have done for us all.

Sarah Mann from Thurgoland is providing the Christmas Tea this year. Some of you may know her as she also does the luncheon club there.

Invitations to the Christmas Tea will go out in November. Anyone who has reached the golden age (this now is equal to the official retirement age for ladies) is asked to contact the Clerk who will then arrange for an invitation to be sent out.

STOR Development

Barnsley MBC has rejected a planning application to build a compound for 97 diesel engine generators to be located next to the power station on Tofts Lane. The intention of these engines was to provide a short term boost to electricity supplies when demand increases. However, it is still possible that the firm will appeal against this rejection.

Sports Club

A thank you to Green Moor Sports Club for all the help they provided for the fell race and the opening of the Isle of Skye. Due to the wet weather, we all tried to avoid using the field for cars, but some damage was caused and for this we apologise.



Pump House

Shepherd Homes has offered to the parish council some small strips of land adjacent to the Pump House on the old Rock Inn site (now "Stoneway Mews"). The parish council has agreed to accept these as it will make the boundary between the Pump House and the development more clear and hopefully avoid any future boundary disputes with residents.

Income

The parish council seldom gets a lot of income. This last two months has seen income from the sale of the museum, the EPIP grant repayment for the marker stones and the grant repayment for the Community Spaces Grant for sustainability. The total was just over £5,000.

Electronic Payments by Parishes

At the moment it is illegal for parish councils to pay bills electronically. This is likely to change soon as the government has recognised that savings could be made and bills paid sooner to the advantage of the economy.

Code of Conduct

All parish councils must adopt a new code of conduct. Also, all members of parish councils must now sign a new registration of interest form which is then stored by Barnsley MBC. I am pleased to say that Hunshelf has not been found wanting and has both adopted and registered.

Conditional Audit

The auditor has made a conditional report on our books for 2011/12. Please see another article for details

Jubilee Gifts

One or two gifts for young people are still available if anyone in the parish did not get one in June. Please see the Clerk.

Internet Speeds

Barry Tylee and David Horsfall went to listen to a BT executive explain why we get only 2 or 3 megabits a sec broadband in Green Moor. The move to get really high speed broadband (20 to 40 megabits) to Barnsley seems to have hit a brick wall and it will not arrive in our parish anytime soon. However

My internet connection went down and the BT engineer who fixed it (the BT cables had rotted away!) suggested that as my wife and I used a cordless phone, we did not need any extensions, nor did we need a third wire that rings a bell (and no, I did not fully understand that either) He removed both and he left me with an internet access that rose from a sluggish 2.3 whatsits per second to 4.3. It appears startlingly fast. However,

My computer could not handle the extra power and the internet adapter (apparently some bit of electronic hardware in the machine) "fried" as the engineer said. However

Ian and Kathryn Austin's son, Duncan mended it for me. Thanks Duncan.

David Horsfall

Calling Team Hunshelf GB...

Dear Jenny, May, Faye, Joanna, Jamie, Justine, Alexander, Hannah, Mark, Alresh, Morgan, Nikki, Melissa, Byron, Clara, Harry, Rachel, Sara, Ellie, Alicia, Lewis, Alex and Chris

As our parish teenagers (or soon to be), we want you to be involved in helping serve the Christmas buffet food to the really old parishioners at the Senior Citizens' Tea.

This is a once in a year opportunity to give something to your local community and find out who lives in this beautiful part of 'God's own country' alongside you.

In return, if you are adding community activities to a Scout or Guide Award; Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme; school credits or merely wanting to boost your Record of Achievement or Curriculum Vitae (CV), then we will make sure that you receive the right acknowledgement towards these. It might be a certificate of completion; a letter or a photographic record to prove you were there and doing the business. Let us know what you need and we will supply it. (Note: gold medals are in very short supply as there's been a run on them.)

Our 'old folks' really do appreciate having 'young folks' around them and each year are so grateful to those who come and help with coats and seating, serve the buffet, clear plates, top up drinks – even washing up!

So when will you be needed?

Saturday, 8 December, 2012 from 5.30 to 7.00pm.

After that, you can leave or settle back to listen to the concert; wash up! or prepare and serve the tea, coffee and mince pies from 8.45 to 9.15 ish.

If you are up for joining Team Hunshelf GB contact:
Claire Derrick on 0114 288 7903 or claire.derrick@virgin.net
Kathryn Austin on 0114 288 5888 or kathryn@rockhousefarm.co.uk

Get in touch **fast**, as fast as Jessica Ennis, Mo Farah, Ellie Simmonds, Usain Bolt, **faster!**



Welcome to a Magical Mystery Tour. We're coming to take you away...

Take you away...

The Beatles may have conjured a yellow submarine, Lewis Carol may have created a Mad Hatter and a Wonderland, JK Rowling may have made Harry fly, CS Lewis may have opened a wardrobe to an icy world and the Gruffalo may have met his match with a mouse. Salman Rushdie's story for his son conjures up an ocean with Plentimaw Fish in the Sea, Khatam Shud as evil as evil can be, shackling people who wish to be free, a Water Genie plumber and a Sea Gardener, Mali, and a travelling Hoopoo bird who loses his brain, and a speeding bus driver who must be insane.

There's a battle between the pages of books and the Chupwala soldiers with sewn up lips, where a shadow can walk free from its bodily host and an ugly princess who can be loved as the most beautiful thing in a prince's life, despite her nose, her teeth and her horrible voice

Pure wishwater can change the planets in their course if a boy who is lost makes the right choice. It tells how a sad city drenched by rain can possibly be happy when Haroun wins his prize - mum and dad together again - true stories are not lies. What's the use of stories that aren't even true - You can't tell a story if you've lost your heart.

Salman Rushdie told this story to his son during a time of great difficulty for him. In his recent published autobiography he highlights the importance of 'Haroun and the Sea of Stories.' It is both a light hearted adventure and a way of coping with the nightmare in which he was placed after the fatwa was placed on his life for publishing the Satanic Verses. Most importantly, however, it is the story of his love for his son and belief in the healing power of that love. The play touches on important themes: pollution; freedom of speech; fanaticism; power; sexual equality; fantasy and reality. There is, however, a light touch to all these matters because the first intention is to create a wonderful phantasmagorical roller-coaster adventure.

Steel Valley Beacon Arts is proud to present this adaptation of the original book. We hope it gives you great pleasure and some food for thought. In a world so easily divided by assumptions about different cultures, religions and ways of being it is easy to forget that all humans share fundamental truths. We all need family, food, companionship, health and mutual respect. We also need to share and realise our dreams together lest fears of what we don't understand will distort them into destruction.

Choir anyone? It's nearly that time of year again

Once again we are hoping to have a Hunshel Parish carol sing. We would like to start our rehearsals early this year with to ensure all singers feel confident that they know the tunes and the harmonies to the carols. Our first rehearsal will be Monday 29 October and then every Monday for the next 7 weeks, eight rehearsals in all.

The rehearsals will again take place in the Providence room (at the side of the Chapel), 7-9pm. We had a really good turnout last year and want to encourage everyone to join us. Don't think you can't sing because there is a voice in all of us.

Our carol singing tour of the parish will take place on Friday 21 December and we will hopefully again try and raise money for a local Charity. If singing is really not for you perhaps you would like to invite us to come to your house and sing, inside or outside, your choice. We will be in touch nearer the time to remind you about this. If you would like to chat to us about this and feel you would like to know more please contact Angela Fox 0114 2883581, Doris Stubbs 07960 306539 or Chris Johnson 0114 2885510.

The French Connections

Oh to be a Farmer's Garçon!

Love them or loathe them, the French influence our lives at every stage. We know that their language is a major part of ours, that their influence in Europe is designed to give us a bad time, but they do some things in a logical and systematic way.

If you should wish to be a farmer in France, or an agriculteur, as it is usually known, you need to have access to land. As in the UK, you do not need to actually own

the land, you can rent or lease it, but you need a stipulated amount. To be recognised as an "agriculteur" you must have 9 and half hectares of land "pondaré". A hectare, as most of our farming neighbours will know, is approx 2.5 acres, so the farmer must have access to something like 23 acres. Many French farmers have much more than this of course, but we are talking at the bottom end.

Now the "hectare pondaré" is a weighting system. If you have only rough pasture land, say for sheep, then you multiply the hectares you have by 0.2. Thus you would need 47.5 hectares to be recognised. If, on the other hand you have a field of strawberries, then you multiply by a factor of 7, thus

reducing the hectares you need to about 1.4. A strawberry patch of almost a hectare and a half is a fair size task to manage. Gardens weigh with a factor of 1, as does chestnut woodland.

There must be some tax advantages in being designated an "agriculteur", possibly being able to claim petrol as part of the business? Once established as one of the farmers, it is unusual for the state to come back and check to see if you are still farming strawberries or chestnuts or sheep, but the banks, they do come and check on how you have spent the money they lend you. Nothing different there then?



Hunshelf Amble and Fun Run 17 June 2012



Winner, John Heneghen came in at 48 minutes 25 seconds



Oil Buying Cooperative

Would you be interested in saving around 10% on your heating oil bills? It is possible if a number of residents in one community come together to purchase their oil in one single order to achieve significant savings. It is called an oil buying cooperative and this is how it works.

1. The heating oil supplier will offer a lower price because they can send one tanker on one trip to provide oil to several homes in the same community. I have been told to expect a saving of at least 5p per litre or around 10 -12% cheaper than a single order for say 500 litres.
2. All members of the coop pay the same price per litre regardless of the size of their order. So you can order for example 500, 1000 or 1,500 litres each time an order is made.
3. Orders can be submitted as frequently as needed but normal practice is for an order to be placed every two or three months. Everyone does not have to order each time, but you would need to estimate if you can wait up to six months if you did decide to miss an order. However you can still order oil independently - simply arrange that yourself if you found you could not wait until the next ordering date.
4. A cooperative coordinator would after consultation agree the frequency of planned dates of ordering. They would then publicise the next ordering date and request what quantities each home required. So members of the coop would then simply advise the coordinator by phone or email of the volume of oil they needed. The coordinator would then phone around suppliers for the best price and would place the order with the cheapest.
5. The oil would then be delivered to each home on the agreed date. The supplier leaves or sends each person an invoice for their own quantity of oil which is payable within two weeks by cheque or credit/debit card. The coordinator does not handle any money. Each member of the cooperative is responsible for their own bills.

It's as simple as that! The scheme depends on several people committing to order their oil via the cooperative and on a volunteer coordinator. I would like to make this saving – at School House we would have saved £75 on our most recent oil purchase! Consequently I am willing to do the coordinator tasks to get it started. But if anyone else is interested please let me know.

This will only work if we get a minimum number of homes participating – typically at least 20. So the first step is for you to let me know if you are interested. I have a pack of information from Rural Action Yorkshire, an organisation promoting the idea so there is a source of good information and experience. If there is some interest we would have a meeting to go through any questions that you might have.

My contact details are:

Graeme Johnson, School House, phone 0114 288 5510 or via email: graemej@waitrose.com

Mea Culpa - The Parish Clerk

'Twas on a Monday Morning that the auditor gave me a call
 "Your books are in a mess" said she, "and that won't do at all"
 "I'll only charge you a hundred pounds to tell you how to go
 To get them right and up to date for the public all to show"

Well, thanks for that luv, but no ta!

It's a dreadful thing one's books to fail the Scrutiny of Fate
 But, hang on a bit; let's have another look old mate
 What do you mean the assets list is not quite as it should?
 We put down on that list amounts that we thought good

I reported to you right away the variations clear
 And told you that we had looked again at replacement costs this year
 That heritage telephone box was listed, valued at a pound
 To me, and others here, that price did not look sound

To replace it, if it went away, would cost many times as much
 And that would mean our reserves dropping down a touch
 So silly me, in all good faith, suggested that it should
 Be valued at a thousand pounds exactly where it stood

The auditor in tones of grief, said "No you are a fool
 The box must stay at just one pound, and that is our audit rule"
 So I got a reprimand, a comment rather stern,
 That Clerks must obey the rules: another lesson learned!

The parish council was in error by trying to revalue the telephone box at £1,000 (its approx., value for insurance) however, the rules have changed and asset values must now be constant year on year unless there is a sale or acquisition

The poetic licence above is not really fair on our auditor, a very pleasant and helpful young lady who tried her best to sort it out at no cost to the parish council. A correction to the accounts would have meant a charge, not very much, but a charge non-the less. A "conditional" report on the accounts, while an anathema to me personally, comes without charge...

**David Horsfall
 Clerk, Hunshelf Parish Council**

What's on

Penistone Paramount

CINEMA

To Rome with Love

19, 20, 21, 22, 23 October 2012, 7.30
24 October, 2pm & 7.30pm
25 October, 7.30

Madagascar 3

26 October, 4.30pm, 7.30pm
28 October, 7.30pm
29, 30, 31 October, 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.30pm
1 November, 2pm, 4.30pm, 7.30pm
2 November, 12pm
3 November 2pm
4 November, 2pm

Its a Wonderful Life

9, 12 December, 2pm

LIVE EVENTS

Rolling back the Years 2012

18 October, 2.30pm, 7.30pm

Last Laugh Comedy Club

27 October, 8pm

Re Take That

2 November, 7.30pm

Venna Festival Ballet present Coppelia

23 November, 7pm

The ELO Experience

24 November, 8pm

Footloose

28 November to 1 December, 7.15pm

Grand Christmas Concert 2012

8 December, 7.15pm

Christmas with Bubl  - The Take 2 Big Band featuring Craig Williams

15 December, 7.30pm

Church Events

Sunday School - every Sunday 9.45 am except the third Sunday when we have Family Service at 10am.

Sunday Service - 11 am except as above.

Evening Craft and Chat - Wednesday 6.30 to 8.30pm

Pilates - Thursday 6.45 to 7.45pm.

FORTHCOMING

Churches Together in Stocksbridge and District - 20 October from 10am to 1.30 pm look at different ways of praying.

Free Community Breakfast followed by Puppet Show by Saints Alive - 21 October, 9.30 am at 10.30 am approx.

Circuit Hunger Lunch - 21 October

New Sheffield Circuit Mission Day in the Victoria Hall Sheffield - 27 October, 2.00 to 4.30pm.

Sunday School Trip to Cannon Hall, 4 November

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat trip at the Lyceum Sheffield - 23 November, 5pm. Tickets special rate, £15 from Doris 07960306539.

Holly Fayre - 1 December

Christingle Service - 2 December 3.30pm

Nativity Play by Sunday School Children - 16 December, 10am

Children Carol Sing around the Village - 18 December

Community Carol Singers sing around the Parish - 21 December

Local Carol Service - 23 December 6pm

ORGAN EVENTS

Nigel Ogden

10 November, 2.30pm

A Compton Christmas Cracker

8 December, 2.30pm

The Venue

Steel Valley Beacon Arts presents Haroun and the Sea of Stories

25, 26, 27 October 7.30pm £8, Matinee, 26, 27 October 1.30pm £5. For tickets phone 0114 2884391.

Halloween Family Disco - FREE Event

27 October, 6 - 10pm

Boot Sale, 10 November – Book now to avoid disappointment. Stalls from £8.

...and also

Wortley Hall Christmas House Tour -

24 December 11am

Antique and Collectors Fair, Community Centre Penistone - Saturday October 27th 10am - 4pm. Admission 50p. Refreshments. Proceeds for Green Moor Sports Club

A feat of engineering? The floating chimney

