



*Merry Christmas*

# Hunshelf Chat

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**Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 25 February 2013**



Cool but lovely  
February 2013

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## Footpath Closure Fight

There is a campaign to re-open a Thurgoland footpath which ran from Cote Lane (by the Methodist Church) to Churchfields, by having it adopted by Barnsley Council. The path was originally intended as a Permissive Path, but no restrictions were ever placed on access

so, legally, it can be considered a Public Footpath. You may have used this small path to visit the Churchfields estate, take children to Thurgoland Primary School or cut the corner of the crossroads on a walk.

We would like to hear from anyone who used it before it was blocked in 2009,

and who would be willing to submit a form to this effect.

**Please contact Ella Jones (0114 28882494) or Barry Tylee (0114 2830056) for further information.**



# Green Moor Sports Club

As we are now in the second half of November the cricket season is well and truly over. The past season will of course be remembered for the opening of our newly extended and refurbished pavilion. The official opening was on 21 September and the honours being

done by Mr Rex Roebuck who has lived in Green Moor all his life. He was a cricket club member for nearly all that time as well as being secretary and chairman and player. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

We had our Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening at Cubley Hall on 16 November. This is the last event of the season on our calendar. Mr John Bradley - a former player, club member and second team scorer presented the awards. Trophy winners were:

	1st team	2nd team	U17s
<b>Batting</b>	H Howlett	A Howe	J Goddard
<b>Bowling</b>	S Askey	J Goddard /J Haigh	G Howe
<b>Catching</b>	N Dowkes/S Askey	A Howe	J Goddard
<b>M.O.M</b>	H Howlett	A Howe	G Watts

<b>Young player of the year</b>	J Goddard	
<b>Wooden spoon</b>	M Spreadbury	
<b>Jean Fieldsend Trophy for club effort</b>	Julian Bates	

We would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a happy healthy 2014.

Ann Matthewman

## Nature Table

### Invasion of the Tree Bee (bombus hypnorum)

After noticing some major Bee activity around one of our nest boxes we decided to get my Collins Field Guide to insects book out (1977) and attempt to identify the species taking up residence. After failing to find the Bee in my search we then moved to the Internet where I trawled through a number of images and was eventually rewarded with a real surprise.

This medium sized Bee which has an orange/ginger thorax, black abdomen and white tail was identified as a "Tree Bee" and it is not surprising that it wasn't found in the 1977 field guide as it was "new to the UK in 2001". It has been making its way North over the last 12 years and had reached Northumberland by 2009. I must say that I had no idea it existed until this find in Green Moor. It is easy to spot and no other British Bee looks anything like it

but if you wish to have a closer look give me a call.

It is not an aggressive Bee and will peacefully nest in holes in trees or old nest boxes, hence that's where it gets its name. The photos below include an image of the workers guarding the bird box nest hole from foreign insects out to get a free meal of honey. The workers do have stings so it is better to leave them alone and avoid getting too close to the nest.

You have probably heard that a number of British Bees are threatened with extinction in this country so it is comforting that a new species is doing well. It is not thought that this Bee has any negative impact on any other species. For further information send me an email to [pete.garrity@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.garrity@btinternet.com) or ring me on 07703 107890 (Images © Peter Garrity).



## Hunshelf Parish Birds - (Part 2)

### TITS...

We have all the common ones and a little beauty, the Willow Tit, which is now 'Red Status' and threatened in the UK, with around a 50% reduction in numbers over the last 25 years.

The Willow Tit (right) can be confused primarily with the Marsh Tit (much rarer and not present in the immediate Sheffield area) and also the Coal Tit (far right) however note the regular brown back, wings and tail, with buff/creamy under parts, extensive white cheeks and distinctive black crown which extends all the way down to its back. It also has a small black bib unlike the Coal Tit which has a large black bib, black crown and white patch on the back of its head. The Coal Tit also has a slaty grey back, wings and tail and pale tips to certain wing feathers that appear as fine 'bars'.

Other common Tits are shown to the right (L-R, Long-tailed Tit, Great Tit, Blue Tit).



Willow Tit



Coal Tit



Long-tailed Tit



Great Tit



Blue Tit

### OWLS...

Only two Owl species are common in Green Moor. The Tawny Owl breeds on the Delf and is very active in the area at dusk or during the night. They are also very vocal, mainly during the early months of

the year when they are preparing to pair up, compete for territory and breed. A tell-tale sign of when an Owl is around during the day is when other birds are alarm calling, particularly Blackbirds. I have often followed the noise of hysterical Blackbirds into the Delf woodland and come across Tawny Owls perched nearby. (Photos - Tawny Owl on the Delf (L) & (M), Little Owl near Peck Pond (R))

The only other common Owl seen in the surrounding area is the Little Owl, which also breeds here. It can be seen at any time during the day but it is more likely to be about in the early morning or late evening often perched on top of the walls surrounding the local fields. I have seen these birds along Holly Lane, on the



Tawny Owl



Little Owl

Walls adjacent to Pond Cottage, near Peck Pond and also near Dean Head. For more information contact me at [pete.garrity@btinternet.com](mailto:pete.garrity@btinternet.com) or call me on 07703 107890.

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# Parish Matters



## Delf Paths

It is hoped that the paths in the Delf will be thoroughly cleared of mud, grass and fallen leaves over the next month or so. The overhanging branches etc. will be trimmed. The intention is to clear the main paths to about 1.5 metres or so, and two of the smaller paths to 600 mm. It will entail the use of a machine and some disturbance to users of the Delf. We ask you to bear with us while we carry out this work. Notices will be displayed advising when the work is under way. Dog walkers especially, please be aware of the risk and keep your dog away from the machines.

## Pump House 1

The pump house wall and roof were inadvertently damaged during the construction of the houses on Stoneway Mews. These will be repaired as soon as possible.

## Pump House 2

Shepherd Homes have now gifted the small strips of land around the pump house to the parish council. This gift allows the householders on Stoneway Mews to use the new wall on their side, while keeping the parish pump house safe.

## Parking on Well Hill

Discussions have taken place with Barnsley MBC concerning the new road layout in Green Moor. The parish council and a number of parishioners consider that this change of layout has exacerbated the parking problem in the village. The view of BMBC is that the road is now safer, obviously a vital concern, as it is now a continuous line and of a consistent width. As a parish council we have no control at all over anything to do with Highways.

## K6 Telephone Box

This is the heritage red telephone box in Green Moor. It has a small leak and the door needs attention. Enquiries are in hand to get both faults repaired.

## Bank Account

The parish council has changed its bank account to a "community account". This is more suitable now that the parish council has only a comparatively small amount of

money in the accounts. It has the added bonus that there are no bank charges on this new account, a saving of some £25.00 per annum.

## Planning

Two items recently, one a stable block at the bottom of Well Hill, the other a "Granny Flat" further up the hill. The parish council had no comments on either of them.

## Parish DVD

It has been agreed in principle to prepare a DVD of the parish. At this stage photographs are needed. The parish councillors are looking to source some 200 photographs of the parish and its people over the years up to 1945 so that a selection can be made. If you can help, please contact any member of the parish council or the Clerk on 0114 288 3684.

## Neighbourhood Plan

A neighbourhood plan is actively being prepared. Copies will eventually be circulated to each household in the parish and we hope to even better the 94% return we got with the last such exercise. Watch this space, as they say.

## Dates for Parish Council Meetings 2014

It has been agreed that the parish council will try to meet on the following dates at 7:45 p.m.

Thursday	16 January
Thursday	20 February
Thursday	20 March
Thursday	17 April
Thursday	15 May
Thursday	17 July
Thursday	18 September
Thursday	16 October
Thursday	20 November

Sunday 9 November  
Remembrance Sunday

Saturday 6 December  
Christmas Entertainment and Tea

Anyone wishing to receive copies of the agenda and minutes of the meetings by email can have them if they let the Clerk have their address on david@oberwald.fsnet.co.uk

## Christmas Entertainment and Tea 2014

The parish council has sent out 92 invitations to the Christmas Entertainment and Tea on Saturday 7th December. Anyone over the age of 63 who feels that they have been missed off the list is invited to contact the Clerk on 0114 288 3684.

## Green Moor Carols

The practices are going well for the singers of Hunshelf!. The tour of the parish is due on Monday 23 December and if you would like the singers to call at your home, please contact Chris Johnson on 0114 288 5510 as soon as possible.

## Remembrance Service

The service was well attended. The Ivy Millennium Green is a lovely place for such a solemn occasion.

## "Lord Hunshelf"

Readers of the last edition of The Chat might remember that I wrote about my pipe dream of becoming "Lord Horsfall of Hunshelf". As I said then, it is most unlikely.

However, a further step along the line! My internet provider has written to me as "Sir David!" Unhappily, I can only blame myself for this error as I picked the wrong box when I signed up.

**David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council**





## Evenin' All...

### Neighbourhood Watch across Hunshelf Parish

**You may be aware that the police are on high alert regarding an unprecedented increase in crime lately, not only across South Yorkshire but here in Hunshelf.**

We have seen crime rise from one of the least active places to hear weekly of someone having tools stolen and diesel taken from vehicle fuel tanks, by cutting the fuel pipe, with several potentially dangerous consequences. The police have increased their tours of the area.

Meanwhile, Neighbourhood Watch schemes across Barnsley have decreased in number with less people wanting to be actively involved. Here, in Hunshelf, we asked new representatives to come forward to cover a wider area across the parish and to be the receivers of alert messages for their cluster of neighbours from the central Neighbourhood Watch system which is located with South Yorkshire Police.

Only one new recruit came forward (thanks to Tony) which made us reflect on the way we approach NHW in our area. Being a large, lowly populated parish with easy access from the motorway link roads to Manchester and beyond, it made sense to find a more rapid way of informing people of crime in the area.

Representatives of the parish council met with John Hallows, the co-ordinator of Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch, to consider other approaches.

#### We had a breakthrough!

A new 'Confirmer' messaging system has been installed by South Yorkshire Police which we can use at no charge. We have asked for a specific call indicator for the Hunshelf area which will help to focus any messages relating specifically to our area. We should be able to do this in several ways: by text messaging, mobile phone or landline and email. It will also be useful for the parish council to pass on other information regarding local weather alerts, for example.

We are concerned to make sure that Data Protection is in place and that this system only has very specific use. The Home Office's system, which South Yorkshire Police are using, has high specifications.

For those people who do not use email or mobile phones and prefer to receive alert updates in person from their neighbour representative, this will still be in place where we have them.

#### Neighbourhood Watch representatives include:

- David and Wyllan Horsfall for the lower part of Well Hill area
- Barry and Margaret Tylee for the upper part of Well Hill area
- Claire Derrick and John Kerr from the Chapel to the end of the village
- Brenda Mangham for Delph Edge
- Richard Popplewell for Chapel Lane
- Kathryn and Iain Austin for New Houses
- Tony Oakley for Snowden Hill area

If you are interested in being a NHW person for your cluster of neighbours or have any queries or suggestions regarding the new approach, please ask **David Horsfall 2883684** or **Kathryn Austin 2885888**.

Included with this article is a form which will need to be completed and signed in order to be lodged with the parish's NHW Confirmer messaging system. It will be collected by one of the parish councillors or Neighbourhood Watch team.

#### Did you also know?

- NHW Barnsley have a camera available on two weeks' loan to be installed where a household is concerned about nuisance behaviour.
- If you are concerned about nuisance behaviour, ring 101 rather than 999. Your call will be followed up by the Safer Neighbourhood Team from Penistone Police.

#### PROFILE: Tony Oakley - Neighbourhood Watch representative for Snowden Hill

Apparently I have volunteered for the Hunshelf area Neighbourhood Watch scheme. It must have slipped my memory. All I know is the Parish Council were looking for a volunteer to look after Snowden Hill area. They sent the heavy mob round to our house in the guise of the two Katherines. Fortunately I was out minding my own business & all was well with the world. The heavies spoke to my wife Doreen who readily volunteered my services when the threat of my broken limbs was mentioned. I reckon the Katherines must be descendants of the press gangs when Nelson was short of sailors. So for better or worse it looks as though I am Snowden Hill's representative. How do women do this? The task will no doubt involve computer work. As someone who doesn't know a megabyte from a floppy disc I can see fun ahead. Never mind, if I'm seriously stuck I'm sure one of my grandkid's will help me out.

**Tony Oakley**



## Photographs of Hunshelf

Does anyone have any old photographs of the Parish of Hunshelf; people, buildings, events - anything from this area.

If so, and you're happy to share them, please contact any member of the Parish Council, or the Editor. All photographs will be returned.

We are looking at making a DVD of the area.

**Many thanks, Hunshelf Parish Council**

## Volunteers Needed For Leisure Centre

You may know by now that the Leisure Centre has been saved by the community from demolition, that the Sports Hall is now open for business from existing users and will be fully open on the 2nd January 2014 (the swimming pool is currently closed while its future is considered). The centre is being run by volunteers and new ones are always welcome. You can support the centre at the fund raising Christmas Fair on 1st December, where details of the new membership scheme will be available.



**How does Darth Vader know what Luke Skywalker is getting for Christmas?**

**Because he has felt his presents.**

## 'Hunshelf Singers' Carol Singing Rehearsals - 2013

For over 100 years it has been a tradition for a group to go around the Hunshelf Parish singing local and traditional carols. We would like as many people as possible to join us for this event and we realise some people will need to learn the local tunes. We welcome everyone to come along and help us maintain this old tradition. A special welcome is extended to

all new people who have recently joined us in our community. N.B. You do not have to be a good singer to join in. This is an enthusiastic group who enjoy singing in a group. It isn't a choir. CDs will be available to help you learn the tunes and attending the rehearsals is a good way to improve. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, and want to know any more; or if you

would like us to call at your house and sing for you on 23 December please contact: **Doris Stubbs 07960 306539, Angela Fox 0114 2883581, Chris Johnson on 0114 2885510, 07951 468471 before 14 December.**

Rehearsal and 'performance' dates	Time	Venue
Monday November 11	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday November 18	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday November 25	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday December 2	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday December 9	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Monday December 16	7-9pm	Providence Room, Green Moor
Friday December 20 (not yet confirmed)	TBC	The Bridge Inn, Thurgoland
Monday December 23	TBC	Tour of Parish

Chris Johnson

## Update on Producing a Parish Plan

The Parish Council has set itself the task of producing a parish plan with the following aims :

- To produce a document which describes the current nature of Hunshelf parish.
- To seek information from parishioners on a number of issues which the parish council have to give views on from time to time.
- To guide the parish council in developing services or facilities in the parish.
- To enable expression of Hunshelf's views within the Penistone Area Committee and Ward Alliance mechanisms.

- To produce a document that enables the parish to exert influence on planning decisions which affect Hunshelf.

A number of other local parishes have started on something similar and you may have seen the recent publication of the Penistone Community Led plan. All these have a slightly different approach and there is no right and wrong format for such a plan. What is key is that any plan produced reflects the views of Hunshelf parishioners

To start this off we will be undertaking a survey of parishioners views. A draft

questionnaire has been developed and is being piloted in November. It is likely this will lead to a few changes and a final questionnaire will be distributed to all households in the parish sometime in the New Year. The aim is to get the results analysed and then feed back the views to parishioners probably via a meeting and a further article in the chat.

When the questionnaire arrives please can I encourage you to fill it in so that your views are taken into account.

**Richard Popplewell on behalf of the Parish Council**



**Stocksbridge Walkers are Welcome**

## Stocksbridge Le Tour à pied



[www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/Walks/LeTour.html](http://www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/Walks/LeTour.html)

In celebration of the formal announcement of the route of the Tour de France Grand Départ 2014, the Stocksbridge 'Walkers are Welcome' group have made available an A5, 12 page booklet which describes a 14.5 mile walk which takes you parallel to the route which will be taken by Le Tour as it skirts Hunshelf on Sunday 6 July 2014.

Le Tour travels from Leeds to Harrogate on 5 July, then from York to Sheffield. The 'Stocksbridge loop' is as predicted:

Langsett/ Midhopstones/ Mortimer Road/ Penistone Road/ High Bradfield. The route then passes through Oughtibridge and Grenoside before looping back into the centre of Sheffield. This 200 km stage will challenge the peloton with a blend of iconic and countless, short, sharp climbs. The last hour, each day, is on live TV across Europe – a unrepeatable chance for the area to shine!

The walk picks up the route at Langsett. We then go through Midhopstones, ascend to Barnside and Broomhead Moors and skirt the Canyards before leaving the route of 'Le Tour' at High Bradfield. A .pdf

download is available from:

[www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/](http://www.stocksbridge-walkers.org.uk/) Points of interest include an ex-railway track, a Potter's Well, medieval churches, a turnpike road, WW2 training areas, shooting butts, a stone circle, the site of a 1932 mass trespass, boundary stones, an SSI and milestones.

Production has involved funding from EPIP (East Peak Innovation Partnership). EPIP are members of 'Welcome to Yorkshire, the organisation who brought 'Le Tour' to the UK



**What do you call a girl with a frog on her head?**

Lily

# What's on

## Penistone Paramount

For details contact 01226 767532  
[www.penistoneparamount.co.uk](http://www.penistoneparamount.co.uk)

### CINEMA

#### Frozen

20 December - 2 January

#### The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug

13 December

#### It's a Wonderful Life

15, 16 December

#### The Nightmare Before Christmas

17 December

#### Saving Mr Banks

20 - 26 December

#### Miracle of 34th Street

18 December

### LIVE EVENTS

#### A Swinging Christmas with the Take

#### Two Big Band

7 December, 7.30pm

#### Last Laugh Comedy Club

13 December, 8pm

#### Grand Christmas Concert

14 December, 7.15pm

#### Dick Whittington

30 January through to 8 February. Check website for times.

#### The Blues Band

20 February, 7.30pm

### ORGAN EVENTS

#### A Crompton Christmas Cracker

14 December, 2.30pm

## Church Events

#### Nativity

15 December, 10am

#### Carol Service

22 December

#### Breakfast at Sunday School

5 January, 9.45pm

## The Venue

For details contact 0114 283 8692  
[www.thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk](http://www.thevenuestocksbridge.co.uk)

#### Indoor Car boot

Saturday 7 December, 10 am.

#### Emergency First Aid at Work

Saturday 7 December, 10am - 4pm

Tickets - £35.

#### Pop Up Shot Night

Saturday 7 December. Starts 6pm.

#### Christmas Craft and Food Fayre

Saturday 14 December, 10am - 2pm.

#### Wortley Folk Club

Saturday 16 November, Whyte and Matthews – contact Dave at Wortley Folk Club for tickets.

#### FREE Christmas Family Disco

Friday 20 December, 6pm - 10pm. All welcome. No need for tickets, just turn up.

#### Brass and Carols Concert with Deepcar Brass Band

December 21 starts 7.30pm Tickets £6

## Wortley Hall

For details contact 0114 288 2100  
[www.wortleyhall.org.uk](http://www.wortleyhall.org.uk)

#### Santa Carvery

8, December, 12 noon  
18 December from 5pm  
22 December, from 12 noon

#### Christmas Choir and Carvery

10 December, from 6pm

#### Senior Citizen Lunch

11 and 17 December, 12 noon.

#### Masquerade Night

Friday 13 December, 7.30pm

#### Christmas House Tour

Monday 16 December, 7.30pm

#### Brass Band with Pie and Peas

19 December, from 5pm

#### Festive Party Night

Friday 20 December, 7.30pm

#### New Years Eve

31 December, 7pm

## Miscellaneous

#### Penistone Farmers Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

#### Holmfirth Farmer's Market

Third Saturday of every month.

#### Wortley Top Forge Christmas event

Sunday 8 December. Starts at 11am with traction engines, steam rollers, steam engines, working waterwheels, craft stalls and refreshments. Not forgetting steam train rides to visit Santa in his grotto.

*Small admission charge.*

Merry  
Christmas  
and a  
Happy New  
Year



Check the event websites for further information