



Hunshelf Chat

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Deadline for the next Hunshelf Chat is 25 May 2014

Jenny is cutting 'hedge'

by Helen Williams, Barnsley Chronicle Town Reporter, Wednesday 20 November 2013

A teenager from Green Moor has proved she is a natural at an ancient country art.

Jenny Watts, 18, of Well Hill cottages, won the novice section of the Yorkshire Hedge Laying Society competition in Ripon.

Hedge laying is the old country skill of 'cutting and folding over' hedges to make a neat looking 'fence' to keep animals in their fields or paddocks.

Former Penistone Grammar School pupil Jenny said: "It's an old tradition they're bringing back because people realised metal fencing isn't as economical and doesn't look as interesting."

Jenny, who is studying environmental conservation on an apprenticeship in Stocksbridge as part of the Steel Valley project, was the youngest person in the competition and beat off 12 other contenders.

She said: "I learned hedge laying on a course one day at work but the first day I tried it the course leader asked me to go and work for him."

Her ambition now is to start her own hedge laying company, looking after her local countryside and then around the UK.



Jenny Watts, winner of the novice section, Yorkshire Hedge Laying Society competition

Alan and Joan - 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 Joan 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.

Joan 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 Joan are celebrating their anniversary with close friends with an open house.

Photograph by John Kerr





Green Moor Sports Club

We just have 6 weeks to go to the start of a new season. After a very wet winter we now have some lovely sunny weather to dry things out. The wicket has already had its first trim and the machinery has been serviced ready for action. We hope to give the field its first clip this weekend. The winter nets are still ongoing and have been well attended so far. If any one in the village would like to join us just turn up at the nets at PGS on a Tuesday night 8-9pm

or in the field when the light nights appear.

The league had their annual dinner and presentation night at Cedar Court Wakefield on 7 March. Julian Bates won the premier league wicket keeping award along with the award for most victims over all the whole league. Harry Howlett won the premier league batting award. Green Moor also won the trophy for the most improved ground so plenty of silverware for us to collect on the night.

We have two fund raising events coming up 23 March we are doing refreshments at the Community centre for Wyllan's antique fair and again on 6 April for the charity bonanza. Perhaps you will come and join us for a coffee/cake/light lunch.

Hopefully I will have more news next time when the season will have got under way.

Ann Matthewman, Secretary

The future of our libraries

Radio Sheffield found out about our phone box being used as a Village 'Library' and on a wet Friday morning, Dan Green, their outside roving reporter, made the journey from Sheffield to see it. Radio Sheffield had previously been in touch with me on another issue and as a contact for them asked if I would be there to meet him.

It has to be the smallest and most intimate space from which Dan has ever conducted an interview and after recovering from my giggling fit he proceeded to broadcast our conversation, live, to Rony Robinson back in the Radio Sheffield studio.

Dan was interested to know why we had decided to use it as a library/book swap space and how much the telephone box had cost. He read out with interest the adverts about the new Baby and Toddler Group, Thursday mornings, in the

Providence room, the Green Moor Oil Co-op, the walking leaflets for the Green Moor and the cycling information relating to the Tour de France. It wasn't an easy task with the two of us in there for him to look at the Gary Rhodes cookery book on the bottom shelf but he was a lovely chap and I can think of worse people to be in a phone box with!!!

Just before we went on air someone had phoned the Rony Chat show and said he lived/had lived in Green Moor and if he wanted to get a signal on his mobile he would actually stand in the phone box for this and that he enjoyed the DVDs which he found in the phone box. This was news to me. I have never seen a DVD in there so they must fly off the shelves as quick as they are put in.

Dan was then off to Stainton (between Tickhill and Doncaster) to look at their phone box/library. I am reliably informed they use their box to swap not only books, but garden produce such as apples have been left in it for others to pick up and use. They also have solar panels on the roof which powers an internal light in the box. So a library and a fruit and vegetable shop. The possibilities for its use are endless! Any suggestions for other uses ?

Chris Johnson



Chris Johnson and Dan Green from Radio Sheffield, on the telephone library trail

Nature Table

Hunshelf Parish Birds - (Part 3)

FINCHES/etc...

A number of finches or other seed eating birds are found in and around the village and often visit garden feeders. They are normally very easy to distinguish between except during the breeding season when some juvenile birds can be a little confusing. Female birds can also be a little tricky for certain species particularly Siskin & Lesser Redpoll. Chaffinch, Greenfinch and Goldfinch are the most common in Green Moor but we also get Bullfinch, Yellowhammer and the smaller Siskin, Lesser Redpoll and Linnet. The Linnet very rarely visits the village gardens and is normally confined to the upper reaches of the Delf and is certainly easily found on Hunshelf Bank. Occasionally during the winter we have a 'Chaffinch lookalike' called the Brambling visiting the garden but these are generally few and far between. I had three birds visit this year and you can see a picture of male and female below taken at Old Moor.

The male Brambling above (L) is very different from the male Chaffinch below (L), easily distinguished by its black head, back and iridescent orange breast, flanks and shoulders. The female Brambling (R)



Male Brambling



Female Brambling



Male Chaffinch

is more difficult as you can see but still has orange flanks to some extent, pale under-parts, and a fine orange wing bar. Both male and female Bramblings have white rumps whereas Chaffinches do not, so it is fairly obvious which is which when in flight.

I'm sure that most people will recognise the Yellowhammer, in particular the male who is obviously yellow with a 'Belisha Beacon' bright head and pink rump, a bit like a large Canary. We have at least one pair nesting on the Delf and you will often hear the male singing from a prominent position. Other birds with bright yellow should not be confused with the Yellowhammer as for example the Greenfinch only has yellow on the wings and tail whilst the male Siskin is much smaller and has a black cap and bib and prominent black wing bars.

(Below L-R, Male Greenfinch, Male Siskin, Male Yellowhammer).

This spring we decided to put out a Niger seed feeder resulting in lots of Goldfinches fighting for a perch along with an unusual influx of Lesser Redpoll as they prepared for a pre-breeding feed. Some of the birds had rings on their legs which when zooming in on photos could be read, which identified one 'foreigner', all the way from Belgium! (Below left the Belgian bird and in the middle a nice male with red crown and breast, on the right an adult Goldfinch)



Male Greenfinch



Male Siskin



Male Yellowhammer



Belgian bird



Male (red crown and breast)



Adult Goldfinch

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Parish Matters



Sad News

It is with sadness that we report the passing of two of our parishioners. Diana Thorp from Far Blackmoor and Alf Helliwell of High Rocher Farm died recently.

Bus Passes

First of all the good news! Everything is now possible on line! If your national bus pass (sorry, those over 63 only!) is due for renewal, then you can do it on line at no cost as long as your photo is recognisable. Go to travelsouthyorkshire.com and follow the links.

However, there is some not so good news! As from 31 March 2014, South Yorkshire travel concession passes will revert to the lower National Standard. Bus passes will only be valid from 9:30 a.m. on weekdays (until 23:00). Weekend travel is unaffected.

Also withdrawn is the facility of travelling on trains. The reason is that money for local government is tight, and the four boroughs in South Yorkshire have been subsidising the rail travel and the extra half hour in the mornings.

So, if you have any train travel planned, get it in before the end of March.

Waste Collections

The rest of Barnsley has had a new system of waste collection in place since the beginning of March. The dwellers in the rural areas are still waiting for their new system to be introduced. But, the parish council hears from our borough councillors that sinister moves are afoot to stop collections in certain places. At risk are such places as New Houses (a long reverse for the collection lorry!), Pond Farm (private land) and a couple of properties in Snowden Hill. These proposed changes have met with much criticism from the

parish council and strong representation to the borough councillors. As we go to press, the situation is unresolved, but the proposals are totally unacceptable. Watch this space.

Smoke Alarms

The South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (we no longer have a Fire Brigade, pity, but that is progress) will happily supply you for free with a smoke alarm. They will also come along and fit it for free as well. Fitting a smoke alarm is a really good idea; it might save your life.

Carbon monoxide (CO2) alarms are not too expensive, and if you do not have one of these, our advice is to get one as soon as you can. CO2 is an insidious killer.

Hunshelf Hedging

A grant has been applied for to cut back the hedges on Well Hill and Dean Head Lane. The intention is to have them cut, rather than flailed. However, cutting the hedges leaves a lot of small branches lying around. So, a working party was organised to clear up the mess afterwards. The preference for having the hedges cut is because the finished look is much better. Flailing is cheaper as the bits of shrubs left are too small to worry about and can be left in the hedge.

Delf Paths

Mr Andrew Jarvis has been contracted to scrape clear the paths on the Delf as soon as the weather improves enough to allow vehicles on the Delf. Please keep away from the Delf while he is working, he will be using complex machinery and, although there will be a banksman, caution is indicated. Walkers with dogs are especially asked to keep them out of the way of the workers.

Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Plan Survey

Everyone should have a copy of both the new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, and the Parish Plan. It would be much appreciated if everybody could complete both forms and return them to a member of the parish council. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme offers advantages to the entire parish and the Parish Plan allows you to comment on the way the parish should develop.

Pump House

The Fretwell brothers are going to finish the work round the pump house. The first job is to repair some damage caused when the development at Stoneway Mews was underway. This inadvertent damage involves some of the stone slates and the wall in front of the building.

The next task is to close the gap left by Shepherd Homes. Fortunately Steve and Carl can source some old stone gate posts. These will be placed on either side of the gap and a new wall built to close off the space. Finally, the rest of the walls, the ones belonging to the parish, will be made good. Total cost in the region of £ 1,000, of which Shepherd Homes will pay a third, the parish council a third and the Area Ward Alliance of Barnsley MBC will find the balance.

When it is completed, the area round the pump house should look a great deal better.

Surveyors

PG Surveyors of the Wirral is the company responsible for ensuring that Stoneway Mews was built according to the rules and regulations. The parish council has expressed concern about the high retaining wall between this development and the pump house access. At present we are waiting for a reply to our letter.

David Horsfall, Clerk to Hunshelf Parish Council

Dumping

A quick check showed that the old problem of garden waste being thrown over the wall opposite the end of Chapel Lane still persists despite requests not to do this. Garden waste can be extremely harmful to animals: it can kill them!

Will you please, please not dump anything over the wall, it is a farmer's field and his livelihood and your food supply is at risk.

D B Horsfall, Clerk to the Parish Council



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Dear Sir / Madam,

Tour de France 2014 – Langsett/Penistone

As you may be aware our borough has been selected to host a section of Stage 2 of the Tour de France Grand Depart on Sunday 6 July.

Work is underway to safely manage the event. A robust traffic management plan is being developed alongside the overall event delivery plan to ensure disruption to businesses and residents is minimised wherever possible.

Emergency services and health and social care organisations are closely involved in the planning for the Tour de France, to make sure people still receive the help and support they need. Your care provider will inform you of any changes to arrangements nearer the event date.

We would however like to hear from residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the race route on the A628/A616 who may require additional consideration during the planning process, for example:

- On call professionals (such as doctors, nurses, surgeons, fire officers, police officers).
- Expectant mothers.
- Persons with planned weddings / christenings
- Are you flying to or from Manchester Airport on the 5/6 July?
- Businesses requiring access / shift workers

Please email any specific details to TourdeFrance@barnsley.gov.uk or call 01226 775746.

Should you require further information at this stage answers to other frequently asked questions and details of the race route are available at www.letour.yorkshire.com and www.visit-barnsley.com/tdf. Alternatively follow us at on twitter @BarnsleyCouncil and Facebook www.facebook.com/BarnsleyCouncil for updates.

You will receive further direct mail updates periodically as the planning process continues.

Yours faithfully,

Barnsley Tour De France Delivery Group

Le Tour de Bunting

The Tour is coming through the Harrogate district on 5 and 6 July 2014 and to celebrate, Harrogate Borough Council's Parks Team has asked knitters of all abilities to knit small jerseys which will be used as bunting across the district.

Patrick Kilburn, the council's Head of Parks and Open Spaces, hopes to have 3000 jerseys for the event.

Kathryn Battye of Snowdon Hill is amongst those who has contributed to the request.

Visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/letourdebunting for details.



Pilates Classes

It's never too late to start that New Year resolution.

A Pilates class takes place in the Providence Room, next to Green Moor Chapel, every Thursday. It starts at 6.40 and lasts for one hour. Pilates can be done at your own pace and level and is extremely good for those with back problems. It is a gentle form of exercise. There is no need to buy special clothes. They just need to be loose and comfortable to allow you to stretch. A mat can be provided for you if necessary. We are a small and friendly class who welcome newcomers. If you are interested just come along or phone Chris on **07951 468471**.



The Eye of the Beholder

Photograph taken by Sara Kerr, aged 13 (at the time) August 2013.

Have you got a photograph you'd like to send to me? If so, email claire.derrick@virgin.net along with your name. The best shot(s) will be included in the next Hunshelf Chat.



The Indispensable Man

Sometimes when you're feeling important
 Sometimes when your ego's in bloom
 Sometimes when you think that you are
 The best qualified man in the room

Sometimes when you think that your absence
 Would leave an unfillable hole
 Just follow these simple instructions
 And see how they humble your soul

Take a bucket and fill it with water
 Put your hand in it up to your wrist
 Then take it back out and the hole that remains
 Is the measure of how you'll be missed

Now you can splash as much as you want to
 You can stir up the water for sure
 Then stop and you see in a moment
 That the water's the same as before

Now the moral to this is quite simple
 You must do the best that you can
 But you'll always be wise to remember
 There is no indispensable man

Saxon White Kessinger

Volunteer Gardeners

The Community Village Garden could do with a bit of clearing. Lots of bulbs appearing but also lots of old, dead foliage needs cutting back. If anyone could help on Saturday morning, April 12, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm please just turn up ready for gardening with your own equipment. If you can help just part of that time it will all be appreciated.

Chris, 07951 468471

Local News in details

Try these websites for news and details on what's happening in the surrounding area.

www.thisispenistone.co.uk/
www.stocksbridgecommunity.org/news
www.thurgoland.org.uk/news

Wind Turbines - A worrying solution

I saw an article in the Metro (right) about a month ago which I found unsettling to say the least. The argument around the merits of wind turbines continues but this one focusses on their safety.

Does the benefit outweigh the safety? Doubt it.

Editor

Wind turbines in Anglesey burst into flame in the gale force winds that hit North Wales.

The flaming turbines were described as "giant Catherine wheels" after catching fire between 6pm and 7pm yesterday near Cemaes.

Emma Shortman, who lives nearby, said: "I was letting the dogs out and saw flickering blue and red sparks coming from the hub of the turbine.

"Then it lit up like a candle."

Mrs Shortman said another turbine caught fire on the other side of her house

20 minutes later.

She said: "I've never seen it happen before. There were sparks coming off the turbines. I was worried they might set the other turbines on fire. After an hour, they seemed to burn themselves out, but were still flickering as if they might start again.

"The hubs of the turbines are all burnt today, but they're still spinning. If the wind picks up and the blades keep spinning, I'm worried they could come off."

The fire service said it was called to three wind turbines on fire in the area, but did not take any action at the scene.

Some images of the worrying failures of wind turbines in high winds.

Left - A striking image of a wind turbine in Ardrossan, North Ayrshire, Scotland as it exploded in high winds



What's on

Penistone Paramount

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

CINEMA

The Book Thief

15, 17, 18, 20 March 7.30pm;
16 March 6pm; 19 March 2pm

The Grand Budapest Hotel

21, 24, 25, 27 March 7.30pm;
22, 23 26 March 2pm

Mary Poppins

6 April, 2pm

Escape from Planet Earth

13-17 April, 11am

LIVE EVENTS

All Our Yesterdays

11 April 2.30am, 7.30pm

King Lear

1 May 7pm

Millhouse Green MVC Annual Celebrity Concert plus South Yorkshire Police Band

22 March 7.15pm

TALON - The Acoustic Collection

3 April 7.30pm

Transformations: Film, Music and Steel

4 April 8pm

Swan Lake

31 May 2.30pm

A Small Family Business

12 June 7pm

Reflections

13 June 7.30pm

ORGAN EVENTS

Penistone Cinema Organ Trust present their Anniversary Concert

12 April 2.30pm

Phil Kelsall MBE

10 May 2.30pm

The Venue

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

Fashion Show and Market

2 April, 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (cash only at The Venue Reception) – all proceeds to Stocksbridge Brian Injury Rehabilitation Centre.

Bolsterstone Male Voice Choir

5 April, 7.30pm – In aid of Weston Park and Kidney Research starts 7.30pm

Merry Hell Loving the skin you're in Tour

23 April - St Georges Best of Folk Rock Night. Support from Ferocious Dog Acoustic and Gaz Brookfield.

More information and ticket sales

Phone: 0114 4491491 or 07506 771162

Email and Paypal Address: merryhellgig@hotmail.co.uk

Bon Jovi Uk and support

25 April, 8.30pm. Tickets £10 in advance, or £12 on the door.

The Boggle Children's and Family Show

26 April. Plus workshop event prior to show suitable for ages 6+ further details to follow.

Guns or Roses Doors

6 June. Doors open at 8.15pm. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door.

Wortley Hall

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

Disco Diva Night

22 March. Includes a 2 course meal with live entertainment. £16.95

Mothers Day Carvery

Sunday 30 March, 12pm until 5pm

Three-course carvery lunch. Includes an extra special free gift. Reserve a table.

Farmers, Gift and Craft Market

Sunday 13 April 2014, 10am until 4pm.

A fantastic range of food, gifts and crafts. Starts 10.00am until 4.00pm. Sunday Carvery also available. Free Admission

Wine Tasting Dinner

18 April at 7.30pm for dinner at 8pm. A night of food and wine. Four course meal, each course accompanied by a perfectly matched wine from Le Bon Vin. £34.95 pp

Garden Fair

Monday 26 May. 10am until 4pm. A Spring Gardeners Fair. 10am and 4pm. £2.50 pp

Summer Gift and Craft Market

Sunday 1 June, 10am until 4pm. Crafts, food and gifts, rides and games plus a BBQ and beer tent. Starts 10am until 4pm. Free Admission.

Fathers Day Carvery

15 June, 12 noon. Enjoy a Sunday carvery, followed by dessert. Bookings taken between 12-2.30pm. Normal Carvery rate would apply.

Walk and Dine

24 June, 5.30pm. 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.

Miscellaneous

Wortley Top Forge will be re-opening for the 2014 season on Sunday 20 April 11am -4.30pm. Admission £3 adults, £2 concessions and 50p for children.

Antique and Collectors Fair

Sunday 23 March, 10am - 3pm. Penistone Community Centre S36 6AR. Admission 50p. Homemade refreshments. All proceeds for Green Moor Sports Club.

Holmfirth Farmer's Market

Third Saturday of every month.

Penistone Farmers Market

Penistone Market, second Saturday of every month.

Check the event websites for further information